



St. John's Messenger

December, 2014

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

SKIPPING CHRISTMAS

For the first time, my family will not have a traditional family Christmas. We plan to decorate the exterior of our house. But that's about it. No Christmas tree adorned with ornaments lovingly collected over the decades. No stockings hung from the fireplace mantel with care. No crèche with Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. The inside of our home will be a Christmas free zone.

More shocking still, our home will be empty of Christmas guests. No children, spouses or accompanying canines camping out in every room and sleeping on every cushioned surface. No brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, in-laws or otherwise, crowding around the dining room table in loud and boisterous holiday celebration. Every night will be silent night, as well as every day.

This year, we are skipping Christmas. On the day after Christmas we will make our way on a long pilgrimage by train, by van, by plane and by taxi to the Pacific coast of Mexico, to southern tip of the Baja Peninsula, to Cabo San Lucas and the Hacienda del Mar. There we will spend seven glorious days in what we hope will be perfectly warm weather in the company of all those family members who normally gather in our home for Christmas.

If I told you I wasn't looking forward to this, I would be lying. My baby sister, Emily, who has a time share with her husband, Gus, cooked up this plan three years ago. Compelling in its lunacy it has attracted family members from Boston to Montana, from Virginia to Chicago. It will be a historic family Christmas.

Of course I will be at St. John's Church for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. How could I miss the 3:30 PM Rite I service with the traditional language and beautiful anthems by Handbell Choir? The 5:00 PM pot luck supper followed by the 6:30 family service with Christmas Pageant never fails to warm me with innocent honesty of what Christmas means to children. The 10:30 PM Festive Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Prelude of Music and Carols and post communion singing of Silent Night to candle light makes me melt just thinking about it. Even the 11:00 AM Christmas Day spoken Rite I Eucharist is a personal tribute to the birth of the King of Heaven.

But outside of that, I wonder what Christmas will be like? Christmas without decorations. Christmas without family. Christmas without gifts. Christmas with only Jesus.

So much of what we do during the weeks of Advent is about making Christmas come to us. It is such an important annual event that we feel the need to do something, a lot of somethings, big somethings, to properly prepare. After all, how could we be worthy to welcome the birth of the son of God unless we too do something spectacular like illuminate our yard with a million lights, or give more gifts than we can even remember? We want to feel equal to the blessings God bestows upon us.

The truth is that we are not. The humbling reality of Christmas is that God is the greatest gift giver of all and even as we follow the example of Christ's gracious generosity, we fall pitifully short. I may skip Christmas. But Christ does not skip me. Christ is always there for all of us. Whatever we do. Wherever we are. We can never take Christ out of Christmas.

John+

THE REV. JENNIFER E. MATTSON

Dear Friends of St. John's,

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude and Thanksgiving. Our wedding day was one of profound joy. Your prayers and warm wishes have meant so much to us. We are so humbled by your love and support; and so very grateful for the many donations to the food pantry! We will look back on our wedding day with great happiness for many years to come.

With love,

Pastor Jennifer and Bradley



SENIOR WARDEN

The Bishop's Election: An Opportunity

It is not news that we are in the midst of a process that will bring a new bishop to our Diocese. We contributed our own Bob Gepert to fill the interim bishop's position and Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer to chair a committee to search for a permanent replacement. Periodic reports, the most recent one from Charlotte at our Annual Parish Meeting, have filled in the major pieces in the narrative about this.

For many of us, however, this process seems remote ô something that is going on "out there." This remoteness is perhaps illustrated by Charlotte's request that we pray for "people that we have never met and do not know," referring to her search committee and their task of narrowing to "five finalists" the group of candidates who have applied for the bishop's position. Of course, we understand the need to have this selection made by a representative few people, but we cannot escape the sense that we are witnessing it from a distance and seem to have little to do with it.

But there is more that can be said. Our Parish will have a voice in this process through delegates that we will send to a Special Convention on March 14th when a vote will be taken to determine which of the "five finalists" will become the next bishop. These delegates (and alternates) will be the same people who represented St. John's at the Annual Convention last June: Marylee Sauder, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer, David Kilp, Mary Ellen Kilp, Aaron Spicher and John Herzog. They were provided with the most recent updates at the Lancaster Convocation, held on November 11th. These people have been in touch with the process on our behalf from early on and will be given the best available information to inform their vote.

But all of St. John's parishioners have the opportunity to inform this vote. On March 2nd, a special meeting will be convened at St. Thomas, open to all who wish to attend, where the "five finalists" will be presented and where the attempt will be made to allow attendees to get to know them as fully as possible. This will be followed at St. John's by a Mini-Meeting on Sunday, March 8th, the purpose of which will be to allow you to share your opinions with our delegates. If significant numbers of St. John's parishioners attend the event at St. Thomas and share in the discussion at the March 8 Mini-Meeting, our delegates will be able to cast their vote at the Special Convention on March 14th with a much deeper sense that they represent the "mind" of St. John's.

You *can* participate in this process. Watch for coming information and announcements about these events and take time to be part of them. And do keep this in your prayers.

Submitted by,

John Herzog
Senior Warden

MDG CHALLENGES FOR DECEMBER

With all the TV and newspaper attention on how and when to most effectively accomplish your Christmas/Holiday shopping, the MDG Committee would like to offer some thoughts and direction to assist you through this hectic month.

MDG Challenge for December 7th

Pearl Harbor Day, 1941

Give the Gift of Peace

A smile, a handshake, a thank-you, a door held open.

A can of soup, some cereal, a donation to the St. John's Food Bank in place of your specialty coffee just one day a week. Its not too late to gift one of God's children living in a distressed area with something that could make all the difference in life for them.

Check your MDG listing of sources from the Gifts That Give Hope brochure in the Parish Hall and then find a way to bring peace.

MDG Challenge for December 14th

Give the children what they really want...

time with family, memories that make them smile.

If you have the opportunity to assist with the Community Breakfasts, come be filled with the smiles, the hugs, the energy of the children helping by gifting others with a meal.

Its infectious. The children who helped ask for nothing, they gave - their time, their smiles, their energy, their hearts. What a message from ones so young.

MDG Challenge for December 21st

Today is the shortest day of the year - the shortest amount of sunlight.

EXCEPT- YOU could be the sunlight in our community as you gift someone without family, without food, without a warm coat, sweater or hat.

As you gather with your family and friends this Christmas season, make a commitment to find a way you can care for others in the new year.

Blessings to all of God's children.

MDG Challenge for December 28th

According to Merriam-Webster dictionary, a resolution is...

the act of finding an answer or solution to a conflict, problem, etc., in other words, the act of resolving something.

Not just thinking.....action!

St. John's MDG Committee with YOUR help and support, have been earnestly working toward our education of the needs of God's children in our world and how we can most effectively assist them. We have made progress in varied ways.

In making your New Year's Resolution, make a commitment to some positive action toward assisting your brothers and sisters regardless of location or beliefs.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

Remember Your Loved Ones



DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NAMES FOR CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS IS **DECEMBER 14**

Please complete and return to the church office, along with your check made payable to: ***ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH***. You may also place your donation in the offering plate on any Sunday. Thank you for your contribution.

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REMEMBERING (Names only please, not association): _____

GIVEN BY: _____

AMOUNT: \$ _____ MY CHECK #: _____

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

December 24—Christmas Eve

3:30 p.m.ô Holy Eucharist, Rite I
with St. John's Hand Bell Choir
and Christmas hymns.

6:30 p.m.ô Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Nativity Pageant and
Christmas hymns.

10:30 p.m.ô Festive Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Prelude of Carols with
Lancaster Brass Quintet.
Incense will be used at this service.

December 25ô Christmas Day

11:00 a.m.ô Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*Spoken*)



PARISH REGISTER



Baptized

(November 2, 2014)

Adeline May Bowser

Parents: Michael James and Susan Tahsler Bowser

Sponsors: David Bowser and Martha Tahsler

Graham Abbott Welaish

Parents: Andrew Graham Welaish and Mia Italia Reichardt Welaish

Sponsors: Gianna Sabado and Jeremy Sabado

Christine Renae Cummins

Parents: John Henry Weichel and Helen Lee Marko

Sponsors: Frank Cummins and Cynthia C. Morris



Wedding

(November 23, 2014)

The Rev. Jennifer Elizabeth Looker and Bradley Lodge Mattson

PARISH DIRECTORY REVISIONS

Please make the following revisions in your new 2014-2015 Parish Directory:



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717-872-7540

Birth Date: 3/08

SMITH, DEBBIE

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Parish Meeting. I hope that the information that I presented was both understandable and helpful. For those that were not able to attend allow me to give you a synopsis of the presentation.

We have completed our work of cleaning up the chart of accounts and have received the financial reviews for 2011, 2012 and 2013 from our independent accounts, Trout Ebersole & Groff. With the completion of these tasks, we are in a position to ask the Diocese for permission to incur debt (get a loan for the construction) and then to approach the appropriate financial institution. We are also in a position where we can more easily provide reports to the various ministries. Beginning this month, I am including a balance sheet report to our Vestry. The asset side of the balance sheet report was summarized for the meeting. I can report that the Parish has over \$7.5 million in assets. This report will also be useful as we investigate financing for our construction. Preliminary numbers were shown for the expense side of the 2015 budget. The income side will be set after December 1, when we have received nearly all of the pledges for 2015.

With respect to this year, I am happy to report that our pledged contributions at 97.8% of the expected level. This is better than last year by nearly 5%. Our cash flow continues to be a challenge, but we are meeting all of our bills.

The expenses continue to be managed extremely well. It is a tribute to your Vestry, Property Committee, Property Manager, and our Financial Secretary that we have been able to manage our cash flow so successfully. The monthly numbers are shown below. Please remember that the income includes approximately \$40,000 additional draw from the Endowment earnings.

	October		To Date	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Pledged contributions:	\$24,633	\$27,750	\$271,468	\$333,000
Non-pledged contributions:	\$2,275	\$3,333	\$26,111	\$40,000
All other sources:	\$14,766	\$16,266	\$237,668	\$203,390
Total income:	\$41,674	\$47,349	\$535,691	\$576,390
Total Expenses:	\$52,462	\$55,265	\$490,712	\$663,189

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to Ed Bednar for volunteering to be the Assistant Treasurer.

Please remember that if you have any concerns or questions, you may contact any member of your Vestry or Finance Committee.

Steve Latshaw, Treasurer

PLEDGE CHECKS

In order to assist our weekly volunteer Counters, we're asking that you place only your pledge checks in to the pledge envelopes. Any additional checks that you would be contributing to a specific ministry can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you.

VESTRY ELECTS

At the Parish Meeting on Sunday, November 9th, the following people were elected for a three (3) year term on Vestry, beginning in 2015:

Don Durand, Julie Gittens, Pam Loose, and Deb Smith

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on November 17, 2014:

1. Nominating Committee - Resolved, that the Vestry gives thanks for the fine work of the members of the Nominating Committee ó Bob Kilp, Peter Eaton, Glenn Miller, Bruce Morgan, Debbie Carter, Sue Heilman, Bob Murphy ó Jr. Warden, and John Herzog ó Sr. Warden ó in securing an excellent slate of vestry candidates to stand for election by the parish and in providing to the parish helpful and timely information to assist them in their selection. *This resolution originated in the executive committee. Debbie Carter moved to approve as amended. Motion carried.*
2. Theological Education Fund ó Upon the approval of the Wardens, the Vestry approves the authorized signators for the Theological Education Fund to be the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer. Distribution of the fund will remain under the direction of the Wardens. *This resolution originated in the executive committee. Marylee Sauder moved to approve as amended. The motion carried.*
3. Assistant Treasurer - Resolved: Upon the approval by the Finance committee, the Vestry appoints Ed Bednar to the position of Assistant Treasurer. *This resolution originated in the Executive Committee. Sue Heilman moved to approve the resolution. The motion carried.*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are opportunities for adults from St. John's to assist in facilitating an overnight shelter at the YWCA. The shelter is intended to provide women and children safe overnight accommodations when the Water Street Mission is full.

St. James has volunteered to find volunteers for two weeks during the winter months. The coordinators are reaching beyond St. James congregation to fill the needed positions. The two weeks are December 1-7 and February 9-15. Most of the spots are filled for the December week, but many spots are still available in February.

There are two levels of volunteer service available. Greeters which arrive at 6:30 and stay until 9. (6 persons are needed each night). Overnight volunteers report at 6:30 and stay until 7:00 the following morning (2 women and two men are needed each night). A training session for volunteers for February is scheduled for Sunday February 8 at St James (11:45AM) in the church parish house.

Wanda Stoltzfus is the February coordinator - wanda.stoltzfus@gmail.com, 717-283-4704. If interested contact Wanda directly. She will provide a link to a training video as well as a sign up link.

STEWARDSHIP

PLEDGE UPDATE: We have now received 123 pledges for 2015, totaling \$318,618 (92% of the way to the Vestry's goal of \$345,000, with an average pledge of \$2590). Nearly half of these represent increases over 2014's pledges, and nine others are from folks who hadn't pledged for 2014. Many thanks to all of you!

Please submit all pledges by December 1, so that our Finance Committee and Vestry can finalize our 2015 operating budget.

If you have misplaced or didn't receive a pledge card, an usher will be happy to give you one, or you may call or e-mail your pledge information to Barb Baker, our Financial Secretary, at 717-299-1188 or through her e-mail at: barb@stjohns-lancaster.org. Please provide the following information:

I/we pledge to the community of St. John's Episcopal Church the following amount to fulfill the mission and ministry of God's work in 2015:

\$ (amount?) _____ per (week, month, or year?) (Total pledged: \$ _____)



MYSTERY PLEDGE?? We have received one pledge with no name for **\$2,400 for the year**; the pledge card included a handwritten note (asking for envelopes for people who give less frequently than weekly). If this is your pledge, please tell Barb Baker, our Financial Secretary. (See Barb's contact information above.)

SURVEY UPDATE: We received 35 surveys, and your responses will allow us to create some new ministries and expand others. Here's just a sampling of the ministries in which people indicated new interests:

New Ministries

EDUCATION / J2A ministries: transport/chaperone, fundraising organizer, special event host, prayer team member, food donor

OUTREACH: Fulton School partnership for meals and other needs

PASTORAL CARE: Prayer group (e-mail), Parish retreat committee, Visit/read to homebound, Provide meals for parishioners in need, Provide rides to worship, Provide rides to appointments, Church friend (ongoing) to homebound, Provide daily check-in calls, Run errands for homebound. (Note: if you're thinking that you'd like to be on the receiving end of some of these ministries, please stay tuned while they're being organized.)

New Volunteers in Current Ministries

COMMUNICATIONS: Office volunteers, Communications Committee, Bulletin board caretaker

EDUCATION: Nursery volunteers, Sunday School substitutes, Picnic helpers, Christmas pageant helpers

FINANCE: Counters

WORSHIP: Hand Bell Choir, Lectors, Steeple Bell Ringers, Ushers (10:15)

It's not too late to fill out a survey! You may pick up a copy in Parish Hall or look for the blue box near the kitchen counter or fill it out online: www.websurveymaster.com/s/StJohns_Ministries_Survey_2014

Submitted by,

Debbie Carter

“ST. NICK’S KNIT SALE!”

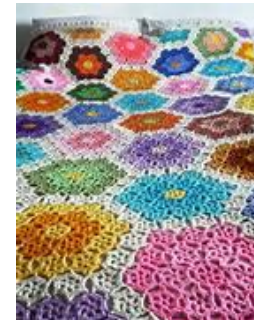


The annual “St. Nick’s Knit Sale” will be here before you know it! Mark your calendar and be sure to visit the members of our Martha’s Ministry in the Parish Hall on either of the following Sundays for their BIG knit sale!

NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 7

The sale will be held after each of the services on those Sundays and all profits will be directed to our Jubilee ministries with a focus on our after-school program, ÷Eagle’s Nestö.

Please help to support our knitters, as they support our many ministries at St. John’s.



FOOD PANTRY STAPLES—ALWAYS WELCOMED!

Peanut butter and jelly, pasta noodles, pasta sauce, canned tuna, Spam, boxed macaroni & cheese, “Helpers” (hamburger, tuna, etc.), rice, boxed rice mixes, canned soup (not packaged such as Ramen), canned vegetables, canned fruit, and cereal.

Cardboard boxes are also needed for the distribution of the food.

Bring your food donations to the rear of the church on any Sunday or to the church office during the week.

“THANK YOU!”

PROPERTY CORNER

There has been much construction activity around our campus. Miller Pipeline is handling the gas lines with UGI and Doug Lamb is reconstructing the corners for handicap use. Fortunately for us, UGI decided to replace the gas main on West Chestnut Street. With hearing of their plans, we inquired about relocating our gas service to the Parish House in order to eliminate about 50 feet of pipe and fittings inside our building prior to the gas shut-off. UGI, understanding the risks associated with such a layout, was very happy to oblige. The new service is closer to our previous meter in the food pantry. The meter and shut-off are now hidden behind the bushes by the west tower, being similar in arrangement to our service for the Becker House.

The construction has presented some issues though, as well. In addition to traffic and parking challenges, neighbors called to report that our curb had been damaged on N. Concord St. It appeared as though a piece of construction equipment may have lifted the steel corner cap to the curb and lifted the entire curb, causing it to break. This damage was reported to UGI/Miller Pipelines and Doug Lamb Construction for remediation.

Much time has been spent evaluating and devising a solution for our underground downspouts. This effort has been particularly challenging on the parking lot side of our church. A recent rain found water overflowing from our downspouts and revealing the erosion around bricks and the foundation of the church. While interested in re-parging the interior walls of the undercroft, it would be prudent to first address the drainage issue. We are evaluating one solution by plugging the underground and connecting a self-deploying chute to the end of the spouting. The other area of concern involves the area around the air handlers below the sanctuary. Thanks to Mike Heider, we have means of quantifying the cracking of the wall on the north side of the sanctuary. While going through the vetting process of the various committees, it was felt such documentation be better done after the Christmas holiday.

With late Fall, comes the freezing temperatures and ice and snow. We make every effort to remove snow and treat our walking surfaces. Please do your part and exercise caution when walking on ice and snow. Also, please use railings and grab-bars where you can.

Submitted by,

Bill Gross
Property Manager

Your Property Committee
*Phil Becker, Pete Eaton, Bob Fields, Bill Gross, Grant Hansel,
Mike Heider, Janice Henry, and Cynthia Minnich*

We hope to see everyone on Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 a.m. for our Fall Clean-Up Day, as we prepare our property for the celebration of Christ's birth. As many hands make for light work for everyone, we hope you can provide some of your time that weekend to make our Church that special place for Christmas. Hope to see you then!

WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

If you'd like to remember a loved one(s) with an altar flower or give thanks for a special occasion, please be sure to stop by the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and add your name to the Flower Chart. Details and donation envelopes will also be available at the chart. A \$30 donation is appreciated and please make a notation on your check. If you are unable to travel to church but are interested in signing up, please contact our Parish Secretary, Patti Means at 717-299-1188.

We would like to receive two (2) remembrances per Sunday and each will appear in both service bulletins. Following is the information we have received for the time-frame between **December, 2014** and **February, 2015**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting this important ministry at St. John's!



SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
DECEMBER 7	Patti Means	Alice Ogowang
DECEMBER 14	Richard & Nancy Brenton	Stephanie McGovern
DECEMBER 21	Richard & Nancy Brenton	Julie Gittens
DECEMBER 28		
JANUARY 4		
JANUARY 11	Richard Farmer	
JANUARY 18	Carroll Family	Cynthia Minnich
JANUARY 25		
FEBRUARY 1	John & Helen Miller	
FEBRUARY 8		
FEBRUARY 15	Ellen Meyer Trust	
FEBRUARY 22	Cindy Morris	Molly Moyer

Attention!

Advent Altar Decorations

During the season of Advent 2014 (November 30th - December 21), we will not be using floral arrangements; instead, we will adorn our altars with greens.

Memorials and thanksgiving dedications are always appropriate and welcomed during every church season.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! Before we know it Christmas will be here!! If you ordered a wreath from the J2A please remember pick up is Sunday, December 7th.

I would like to thank all of our church school families who were able to help out with Pastor Jennifer's wedding, it was greatly appreciated! I also want to thank you for helping with Advent Event, it is always a fun time at St. Johns.

On Sunday, December 21, we will have a rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant during Sunday school. Children will meet in the church by 9:15 a.m.

On Christmas Eve, we will have a family dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Lasagna, salad, bread, and drinks are provided. Bring a dessert to share! Please RSVP to me by December 21 so we can be sure to have enough food! After dinner, we will get the kids ready for the Christmas Pageant, which will take place at the 6:30 p.m. service.

There will be NO Sunday School classes on Sunday December 28th enjoy the holiday! Classes will resume at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 4.

Don't forget to save the date for MLK Day events on January 19 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be some great activities for the children! look for more information next month!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our church school program.

Karen

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

The Journey to Adulthood enjoyed our annual Battle of the Saints game at St. Thomas. We came home with our trophy after a competitive game! Thank you to all who participated!

Some of our youth participated in the planning of the Happening event at St. Mark's Lewistown. It was an enjoyable weekend eating Pork and Sauerkraut with parishioners, sleeping at the church sharing in worship on Sunday morning. The congregation was so welcoming and accommodating to all of us. Thank you to Karen Di Pace for the wonderful meals that she prepared for everyone during the weekend.

Please join us for a night of fun and creativity at the Night Watch December 12-13, 2014. Join other young people from around the Diocese for a night of fun and creativity. This program provides youth with an opportunity to meet other Episcopal young people and explore their spiritual side during Advent. The program includes a Curated Liturgy, Games, Snacks, Breakfast and more... Doors open at 7pm and dismissal is at 12pm the following day. All ages are welcomed!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

What is a Curated Eucharist?

A Curated Eucharist combines the beauty of the Eucharistic Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer, and the creativity and encounter of an interactive art exhibit. The Eucharist follows Rite II, until it comes to the Liturgy of the Word. Here the individual members are invited into explore the unique stations set up throughout the liturgical space. These stations incorporate Scripture, reflection questions and an interactive component (action, art, movement, etc.). After a period of time the young people are invited to come back together and share their thoughts and reflections as the sermon for the community. The Eucharist continues following Rite II. The goal is to allow young people to experience God deeply within the context of a recognizable and familiar worship service.

The J2A are selling the Christmas greens after each service. So if you did not get your greens this year see one of our youth. Pretzel sandwiches will return after the Holidays.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 5- Night Watch Trinity Williamsport (Friday 7PM till Sat. 12 PM)

December 12 - Night Watch St. John's Lancaster (Friday 7PM till Sat. 12 PM)

December 13 - Rite 13 Coffee Hour

December 15 - Gift Giving with Crispus Attucks 6:00 PM

December 24 - Christmas Pageant

January 9-10 - J2A Scrapbook Event and J2A Lock-In

January 23-25 - Happening Planning Meeting St. Stephen's Cathedral

February 1 - Youth / Scout Sunday

February 13 -15 - Happening (Snow Date is Feb. 20-22)

February 17 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 27- March 1 PYE for Sr. High Youth at North Bay, MD

March TBD - Middle School Retreat

April 2 - 7:30 - Lock-In (Maundy Thursday)

April 3 - Good Friday Service at 7:30 AM

April 18 - Confirmation Retreat (J2A Only) Mandatory

May 3 - Graduation Sunday

Confirmation TBD



POPCORN THEOLOGY

Friday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

No Place on Earth (2012) - While mapping out the largest cave system in Ukraine, explorer and investigator Chris Nicola discovers evidence that five Jewish families spent nearly a year and a half in the pitch-black caves to escape the Nazis. This is the story of the longest uninterrupted underground survival in recorded human history. (PG-13)

Please join us for a movie and popcorn! Bring a friend and stay afterward for the discussion, if you'd like. And we invite you to bring a donation of food for St. John's food pantry. Contact: *Debbie Carter*

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**—A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, cereal, and pastries will be served to the downtown community at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster. Volunteers are often needed to help prepare and serve the breakfast (7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.).

EAGLE'S NEST—(Contact: Sue Martin)

The after school program has gotten off to a fine start with 20 plus 4th and 5th graders from Robert Fulton School happily filling our parish hall on Weds. afternoons. Fourteen of them are the 100% returnees from last year's fourth grade, now growing into leadership positions. This fact signifies the trust and enthusiasm the parents, students, and school personnel have for this program, now entering its 12th year. Welcome to our new Program Director, Ms Rachel Eck, to new volunteers Cindy Morris and Bruce Tahsler, and to all the faithful veteran volunteers. "It takes a village".

FOOD PANTRY - (Contact: Debbie Carter & Bill Cater)

Non-perishable food donations can be delivered to the church office or given to the Ushers on Sunday. Monetary contributions are also welcomed for buying food to fill gaps in food donations. Please write **FOOD PANTRY** in the Memo line on your check. Food bags/boxes are organized for families and single people and are distributed from our church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays to those in need.

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Cynthia Minnich)

Total sales for October gave \$419 to Jubilee. This was a good month, the best since June when we gave \$514 to Jubilee. I would like to see that happen again. **Step up** and buy grocery cards everyone. Show Jubilee that we really care! Our regular buyers and irregular buyers are doing well! Now, the rest of you need to participate. Everyone has to eat something. **Let's** make purchasing grocery cards the **in** thing to do! **Don't** forget: It's easier to use a grocery card at the store than to peel out cash or write a check. Your using one of our cards gives 5% of its value to our Jubilee missions. Remember that a \$100 card can be used as often as it takes to use it up. You **don't** have to spend it all at one time.

AND YOU ARE NOT LOSING ANYTHING. YOU ARE GETTING FULL VALUE FOR YOUR CARD. THE STORE SELLS CARDS TO US AT A 5% DISCOUNT.

Participating Stores: Darrenkamp's, Giant, John Herr's, Oregon Dairy, Stauffer's, & Weis

MARTHA'S MINISTRY (Contact: Jeannie Zeller)

NEEDED: KNITTERS, CROCHETERS, and other crafty folks! Martha's Ministry has a wonderful problem. We are blessed with a treasury of beautiful yarns and patterns. This is an urgent plea for anyone who has any amount of time to change our raw materials of yarn into useable items.

Martha's Ministry has reached a crossroads where we need to decide how to move on and whether you, as our parish, family see a continued need for our ministry. Please consider helping our ministry continue to function by either joining us on Tuesdays or knitting at home!!

Be sure to see our ad on **PAGE 10** of this publication for our annual



“ST. NICK'S KNIT SALE”



MDG GOALS UPDATE

The getting-ready-for-Christmas season is upon us, and I've found myself thinking of a favorite singer/songwriter, Nanci Griffith. Some years ago she introduced her song "Love at the Five and Dime" to a concert audience with a story about passing an old store that sparked memories from her youth, and sparked a desire to run in and fill her basket with unnecessary plastic items. Smile. And I also think of Jesus' story that reminds us that what we do to the least fortunate among us we do to Him, and what we don't do for others we don't do for Him, either. Hmmm... Smile, again.

Along with the store lights and music and hustle and bustle, our senses are flooded with memories of past traditions. This is a good time to think about whether the tradition you want to continue will be one of making this a season of Christmas gift giving, or one of shopping for unnecessary plastic items?

Our Millennium Development Goal committee has searched and investigated and presented gift giving initiatives over the past seven years designed to assist those in need with gifts we can share. These include:

World Bicycle Relief
Solar Cookers, in conjunction with Jewish World Watch
Wells for clean water, provided through Marion Medical Mission
Rafiki Africa
Global Family
ECHO
Heifer International
Soles4Souls
Oxfam
The Hunger Project
Mosquito Nets, provided through the work of Episcopal Relief and Development



In the next couple of months we'll be discussing and listening to your ideas about developing ongoing partnerships with one or several of these organizations. Presently, though, whether you do your getting-ready-for-Christmas shopping at the Gifts That Give Hope fair, or through the brochures we've posted around the church, or online, or in person, consider giving meaningful gifts for folks in need, to your family and friends and folks who will appreciate the gift of helping others.

Submitted by,

Brad Zuke

ATTENTION! ANYONE FROM AGE 9 TO 90!

We are looking to expand the St. John's Altar Guild. We are engaged in caring for the altar and its furnishings and in making our sanctuary ready for worship. We would like you to join us! Please contact Cynthia Minnich at 717-413-7030 if you might be interested and/or have any questions.

CHILD HEALTH: A CALL TO ACTION

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori reminds us,
“The voices of people of faith must be a prophetic impetus for lasting change.”

Sidestep of Federal Act Would Undercut Child Health by Faith D’Urbano

“You give them their food in due season.” (Psalm 104:28)

In 2010, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act boosted the nutrition of everyday school lunches for children across the country. In addition to mandating better food for kids, these changes implicitly have taught and continue to teach children what healthy meals are supposed to look like, which can have a huge impact on their long-term health.

Now, however, a proposal before Congress threatens to weaken the significant nutritional gains advanced by this Act. This proposal, a rider on the pending Agricultural Appropriations Bill, would allow the food standards of the Act to be waived in the case of a school district showing a six-month financial loss in its food program.

While I'm not unsympathetic to district budget concerns, nor to the fiscal relief that "opting out" might provide, I present some practical and ethical dangers of this proposed waiver.

Malnutrition can stem from nutritionally poor foods and poor (or lacking) eating patterns, as well as from eating too little. The primary goal of allocating federal money for food is nullified if nutrition standards for that very food are waived. Physicians, school nurses and teachers all agree that physical and learning impairments result from poor nutrition. These impairments escalate into long-term health problems and decreased productivity.

oMission: Readiness, a non-partisan organization of retired senior military leaders that calls for smart investment in America's children, decries the lack of fitness for military service among 17- to 24-year olds, and warns against retreating from healthier school nutrition.

According to the USDA, one third of U.S. children are overweight or obese, which produces acute and ongoing health problems. In fact, they point to an unprecedented risk that this generation of children will die at an earlier age than their parents.

To counter this trend, the Act limits harmful fats, sugar, sodium and excess calories in favor of whole grains, fruits and vegetables.

The Act was made into law with overwhelming bi-partisan support in 2010, and it was phased in over the past three years. National surveys of school administrators have shown that, despite the initial resistance when faced with the healthier choices, students are now complaining less and they're eating as much as they did before the healthier foods were substituted for less-nutritious offerings. The stories of trash cans overflowing with wasted food are outdated. The Act has been supported by more than 100 science-based organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, AMA, NEA, and the Children's Defense Fund.

The School Nutrition Association (SNA), a group of food service professionals, initially voiced strong support for the Act. However, its members now unabashedly lobby for the waiver. What might have influenced this about-face? Some of their complaints deserve attention: experts have agreed that six cents per meal (the amount reimbursed by the federal government for implementing the changes) is certainly insufficient. The USDA has been responsive to SNA's concerns and is offering grants and technical assistance.

CHILD HEALTH: A CALL TO ACTION (CONTINUED)

However, perhaps more telling is that over half of SNA's total funding is now provided by processed-food industry giants (including soda and frozen pizza companies), who would stand to benefit from reversing the changes. In fact, some of these corporate donors recently doubled their contributions.

In stark contrast, following SNA's rally for passage of the waiver, nineteen of past SNA presidents wrote a letter to the USDA, stringently opposing any waiver of the nutrition standards.

Members of the Appropriations Committee state that the Act represents undue federal reach and intrusion on local districts. Inclusion of the proposed waiver in the pending Agricultural Appropriations Bill would provide an end-run on the food Act. Nancy Brown, CEO of the American Heart Association, warned, "By giving special interests a seat at the school lunch table, some members of Congress are putting politics before the health of our children."

Currently, many school districts choose to underwrite their meal programs that operate at a net loss. If the proposed waiver is approved, nothing would prevent such a district from qualifying for a waiver by simply modifying the way it calculates school meal expenses, thereby denying their students the nutritional benefits of the Act.

And who would immediately and irreparably lose? All students, but especially those who are "food insecure" (those who have "limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally-adequate and safe foods"), a whopping 20 percent of all children in this country.

Students of every income level need nutritious food. However, the need is more critical in districts serving the poor. Blanche Lincoln, former Chair of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, wrote, "For far too many children, the only stable source of food they can count on is what they get at school." Serving a nutritionally-substandard meal poses ethical questions that ought to eat at us.

Throwing our hands in the air and gutting standards for those kids who most need them, in response to hamstrung budgets, is unacceptable. What if a district does not have the money to meet a nutritional food budget? What resources can be utilized to give children the healthy food we as a nation are capable of ensuring?

Can we provide experts to consult on practices to sharpen the budgets of schools struggling with food budget constraints? Can we seek innovative investment by private and public sectors? What other measures can we take so the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act can benefit all?

How can you help? Ask questions. Share ideas. Express your concern about this proposed waiver of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act by signing this petition (<https://www.change.org/p/congress-stop-playing-politics-with-kids-health#SaveSchoolLunch0>) and by directly contacting your elected officials (find contact information here: <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/US-Congress.shtml>). Our legislators decide before the end of 2014, so let's act quickly.

"You give them their food in due season." Lord, this just might be the season.

Note: A portion of this piece was recently submitted to LNP.

Join the **J2A** for their 2nd Annual **24** Hour

"SCRAPBOOK-A-THON!"

Friday, January 9: 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

&

Saturday, January 10: 7:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Join us for hours of cropping, stamping, and scrap booking. Are you new to scrapbooking? No problem, we'll be happy to help you get started on preserving all your precious memories.

Doors open at 6:00 pm Friday evening and light refreshments will be available all evening. Crop until 11:00 pm! Leave all your items where they are and head home. We will open the doors again at 7:30 am Saturday. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 until 9:30. Pretzel sandwiches will be available for sale during lunch and a light supper will be provided Saturday night. Crop until 10:00 pm Saturday.

The cost will be:

Friday only: \$20

Saturday only: \$30

Both days: \$40



Door prizes and raffles will be awarded throughout the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Register early as seating is limited! Registration will close on January 3rd!

All proceeds will go towards the J2A pilgrimage fund.

See next page to Register...

J2A SCRAPBOOK-A-THON REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Let us know if you have a table buddy and we will do our best to seat you together.

You can mail registrations and payment to:



Jenn Hreben
81 Den Mar Drive
Holtwood, PA 17532



Make checks payable to:

St. Johns Episcopal Church with 'J2A' in the memo line.

"Be sure to invite a friend or two!"

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY



Our annual opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for community children is making great progress and will continue through Sunday, December 7. That is the absolute deadline to return gifts! The ornaments will be available in the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 23 and 30. A sign-in is requested for tracking.

This year, the children benefitting from this ministry are from the After School Program at Crispus Attucks, as well as the Eagle's Nest children from Robert Fulton School, and requests from families from within our community. The delivery to Crispus Attucks is on Monday, December 15. Mike Heider will continue to drive Santa's sleigh, loaded with your generous gifts, and the youth groups have been invited to hand out the gifts and enjoy a supper together. The other deliveries are scheduled for Wednesday, December 17.

The ECW thanks YOU for your interest, and thanks Helena & Anne Carroll and Leslie Tahsler for coordinating this successful holiday activity. It's another wonderful example of St. John's reaching into the community.

LANCASTER CHAMBER SINGERS CONCERT

St. John's Episcopal Church
Saturday, December 6th—7:00 p.m.

Celebrate the season with the Lancaster Chamber Singers as they present *Chant de Noël*, a program of beautiful choral works for Advent and Christmas, some accompanied by strings, organ, and harp. Featured will be Saint-Saëns *Christmas Oratorio* and Poulencq's *Four Christmas Motets*, as well as works by Rutter, Berlioz, Duruflé and other carols including an arrangement of *This Is the Truth Sent From Above* by well-known Lancaster musician Dr. Karl Moyer and an arrangement of *Of the Father's Love Begotten* by Dan Liestra-Jones, a member of the Chamber Singers. Another concert will be held at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren on Sunday, December 7th, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from a member of the Lancaster Chamber Singers or by calling 717-330-9025.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATIONS

Our MLK Day celebrations will be held on Sunday, January 18 and Monday, January 19 and will bring us another annual opportunity to provide education for community children about the words and their meaning from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday will reprise the afternoon concert (noted below) and Monday will provide a full day of activities, teaching, and lunch together for grade school children. **Volunteers are in great need to help guide children, provide chili, support the lunch in the kitchen and dining room, and assist in mentoring the teachings planned for the day.** Sign-up sheets will appear during the first week of January. The next planning meeting is on Wednesday, December 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cindy Morris. More details will follow in both the January Messenger and future bulletins.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 18
ST. JOHN'S WILL HOST THE J.P. McCASKEY HIGH SCHOOL "GOSPEL CHOIR"
AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

FROM JULIE GITTENS

Something Else To Do In December (besides shopping)...

Wisdom is good with an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun. Ecclesiastes 7:11

I'm no longer ashamed to say I worked my way through the retail industry (assistant store manager, store manager, area manager and district manager). I slowly climbed the stairs of a business we all love to hate and hate to love. So, I usually see December from a different point of view than most people. Yes, I understand the frustrations of seeing products on sale in Sunday's newspaper only to discover the store has sold out of it by Tuesday morning. But, I also understand the frustration of hearing the same Christmas carols played over and over again.

The one person who helped to relieve myself from this stress was my mother. Whenever I called her to complain about how my stores weren't meeting their sales goals or how some customer had yelled at me, my mother would tell me to sit and watch a Christmas movie. She knew watching some Christmas movies (or TV shows) regardless of how many times I'd seen it would bring on a sense of relief and relaxation.

These are a few Christmas movies I think are great to watch this time of year:

A Christmas Carol ó 1938
The Shop Around The Corner ó 1940
Holiday Inn ó 1942
Christmas in Connecticut ó 1945
It's A Wonderful Life ó 1946
Miracle on 34th Street ó 1947
The Bishop's Wife ó 1947
White Christmas ó 1954
We're No Angels ó 1955
A Charlie Brown Christmas ó 1965
How the Grinch Stole Christmas -- 1966
Home Alone ó 1990
Elf ó 2003
Love Actually ó 2003
Polar Express ó 2004

Now, there's one last movie I have to mention, Die Hard ó 1988. Yes, I know everyone's mouth just dropped open and you all said, "Julie, are you crazy? Die Hard, that's not a Christmas movie." Well, technically, it isn't a Christmas movie like the ones mentioned above. However, Die Hard does take place on Christmas Eve and it's a great story about how one man will do anything to get back the woman he loves.

And love is what we should all be thinking about in December. As frustrating as our jobs will be and as frustrating as shopping will be, we all need to remember the Advent season is the time to prepare for the love of Christmas!

PRAYER LIST

For those who we offer our continued prayers:

Darlene Bentley
 Jean Brown
 Vera Clarke
 The Rev Jonathan Currier
 Howard & Jessie Eckhart
 Linda Frederiksen
 Mary Hartley
 Bill & Lois Herzog
 Anne Johnson Horn
 Wayne LeFevre
 Mary Beth Markovich
 Barbara McGraw
 Andrew Miller
 William Miller
 Jeff & Mary Power
 Robert & Joan Power
 Christian Stigelman
 Leeton Thomas
 Chris Thompson
 Alan Tobie
 Torres Family
 Franklin Walker
 Melissa Williams
 Tyler Zust
 Danielle
 Wil



*...and for our
 Homebound
 Parishioners*

Nelson Craige
 Margaret Crothers
 Faith D'Urbano
 Paul Davis
 Nancy Eckenrode
 Providence Eshelman
 Michael Frantz
 Geoffrey Haskell
 Betty Juslin-Asplin
 Paul Kreider
 Joan Lahr
 Stefan Latshaw
 Fritz Lawrence
 Donna Lawson
 Betty McCaskey
 Barbara McKee
 Paul Merker
 Nancy Nemith
 Peter Plaxa
 Nancy Puffer
 Virginia Rainey
 Barbara Rich
 Gray Sellers
 Helen Souders
 Joanna Sweeney
 Sandra Wengert
 Poppy Youngquist

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please contact the church office and that particular person will be prayed for, for four (4) weeks. Continued prayers for that person necessitates another contact with the church office.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Please remember those who are serving in our armed forces. If you would like to add or delete anyone from this list, please be sure to contact Patti Means in the church office.

*Michael Briggs, Laurel Hobbins,
 Matthew James, Howard Kane, III,
 Alex Kelly, Kyle Kulka,
 Joseph Lombardo, Nicholas Lombardo,
 Sean McCormick, Jamie Olejniczak,
 John S. Waltz, Joshua Watkins*

*If Your Personal
 Information Changes...*

Please be sure to contact the church office with changes to your personal information:

change of address, telephone, or e-mail.

"Thank you for your cooperation!"

***Patti Means, Parish Secretary
 717-299-1188 or patti@stjohns-lancaster.org***



Copies of the Messenger are in the Welcome Center at the rear of the church.

Copies of the Vestry reports are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Addicott, Sarah	7
Brought, Charley	8
Brenton, Rich	26
Crothers, Jim	25
D'Urbano, Faith	17
Dorgan, Dan	29
Drew, Natalie'	24
Farmer, Richard	17
Gehman, Lin	7
Gipe, Eliana	10
Gross, Jill	9
Grove, Edgar	31
Hayford, Lynn	6
Honaman, Eleanor	8
Honaman, Fred	16
Jackson, Len	19
Kilp, Adam	30
Latshaw, Steve	24
Looker-Fenn, Anna Gail	2
McDivitt, Ruth	7
Meikrantz, Marcia	2
Miller, Bonnie	10
Moyer, Brad	12
Parmer, Shirley	15
Schnee, Donna	25
Stonerook, Kendall	18
Westphal, Shannon	9
Zeller, Jeannie	29

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dissinger, David & Amy	12/17/1995
Grosh, Gary & Ann	12/27/1995
Kilhefner, Michael & Shelby	12/01/1984
Latshaw, Steve & Karen	12/28/1969
Schnee, Merle & Donna	12/26/1960

Please join in a 'surprise' card shower for our oldest parishioner, Ruth McDivitt! She will turn 98 on Sunday, December 7th. Cards can be mailed to:

*Ruth McDivitt
941 Maple Avenue
Lancaster, Pa. 17503*



Messenger Deadline

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES FOR THE**

**JANUARY
"MESSENGER" IS:**

DECEMBER 15

**PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE
ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

SERVING SCHEDULE – DECEMBER, 2014

FOR ALL THOSE SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S: PLEASE NOTE!

If you are unable to fulfill your serving duties, it will be your responsibility to find a replacement. Once you have located a replacement, please be sure to call the Church Office with your name, the name of your replacement, and the date you were scheduled to serve. If you reach our voice mail system, **simply dial "0"** to leave your message. If you call the Church Office after working hours, your call will still be received by a staff member prior to the Sunday service.

Please avoid contacting Aaron Spicher, personally, with this type of information. Aaron will receive your information through the Church Office. *"Thank you for your cooperation!"*

DECEMBER 7	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	Judy Arnold, Katie Mausolf
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	ô
Lector	Laurie Eaton	David Dissinger
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	ô	Kylie Stone, Natalie Visco
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Max Lester
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Property	Property
Nursery	ô	Mary Waskowicz

DECEMBER 14	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	David Kilp, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
Lector	TBD	TBD
Server	ô	Brooks Morgan
Torch Bearer	ô	Kendall Morgan, Michael Thompson
Crucifer	ô	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Lynn Hayford
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	ô	Dave Martin
Coffee Hour	Rite 13	Rite 13
Nursery	ô	Jen Hreben

DECEMBER 21	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Judy Arnold, Emily Gross
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	ô
Lector	Bob Lee	Jane Lee
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Michael Hreben
Torch Bearer	ô	Sean Cliff, Conor Brenton
Crucifer	ô	John Waskowicz
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Garth Alexander
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	ô	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	ô	Tracy Cliff



**Christmas Serving
Schedule
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DECEMBER 28	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton	David Dissinger, Bradley Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	ô
Lector	Ricky Smith	Tom Bond
Server	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	ô	Marla & Max Lester
Crucifer	ô	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Aaron Hasircoglu
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	ô	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	LEVs	LEVs
Nursery	ô	Phyllis Gbur

CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRISTMAS EVE	3:30 PM	6:30 PM	10:30 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee Ricky Smith	Lauren & Eric Waskowicz	David Dissinger, David Kilp Selena Hasircoglu
Lector	TBD	ô	TBD
Server	Aaron Spicher	Michael Hreben	Amelia Dissinger
Crucifer	Glenn Miller	John Waskowicz	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearer	ô	ô	Aaron & Julia Hasircoglu
Thurifer	ô	ô	Judy Arnold
Ushers	John Miller Mike Kilhefner Julie Rodriguez Jim Snyder	Tracy Cliff Nick DiPace Bruce Morgan Bruce Waskowicz	Len Jackson Bob Kilp Charlie Rahe Brad Zuke

CHRISTMAS DAY

CHRISTMAS DAY	10:00 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Aaron Spicher
Lector	Tom Bond
Ushers	Mike Gbur, Bill Gross



INTERESTED IN SERVING?

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S:

For **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Crucifers, or Torch Bearers:** Contact the Church Office
 For **Eucharistic Visitors:** Contact the Church Office
 For **Altar Guild:** Contact Cynthia Minnich
 For **Ushers:** Contact Mike Gbur
 For **Greeters or Coffee Hour Hosts:** Contact Bruce & Mary Waskowicz

- Contact telephone numbers for these people can be found in the Parish Directory and copies are available in the Welcome Center at the rear of the church.

LOOKING AHEAD TO: JANUARY, 2015

JANUARY 4	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	Peter Novosel, Katie Mausolf
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Sue Tobie	Sue Purdy
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer	ô	Danielle DiPace, Natalie Visco
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Brooks Morgan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Sue Martin
Coffee Hour	Lectors	Lectors
Nursery	ô	Anne Gokey

