



# *St. John's Messenger*

**February, 2015**

*from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector*

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

When we pray for someone, we do something that is both simple and powerful. To offer, either silently or aloud, a petition to God on behalf of a person we know or who is in need is as easy as a thought. It does not require special words. There is no secret formula. An intercessory prayer is no more than a feeling we have, a desire for the well being of another, that we offer to God with hope and compassion.

What makes our prayers powerful is not our choice of words or where we say our prayers. A prayer said in the hospital or a home is just as sacred as one said in church. A prayer of beautiful language is no better than the prayer that is wordless. What gives our prayers power is that they come from within us and are offered beyond us. Prayer is that which wells up within us which we share with the one who has made us.

This is why prayer is central to our lives as Christians. The first question we are asked in the renewal of our Covenant of Baptism is, "Will you continue in the Apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and *in the prayers.*" It is prayer that transforms any group of people into the Christ's body of the church.

Whenever we gather for worship we are invited, "Let us pray for the church and for the world." We are asked to pray for the leaders of nations and for the servants of the church. We are asked to pray for the care of our planet and all for the peoples of the earth. We are asked to pray for those whom our society has forgotten or neglected and to remember those departed this life. And mostly we are asked to pray for those in any need or distress.

At St. John's our intercessory prayers address the particular needs of three groups of people. The first is those in our continuing prayers. These are those who are in immediate need - members of the parish and other loved ones who have become ill or recently hospitalized and are in need of acute care. They are lifted up by name at our Sunday services and continue in our Sunday prayers for up to a month with the hope of their recovery. And should they receive the blessing of renewed strength, we offer in their name a thanksgiving to God for their continuing recovery.

A second group is those who are in need of more than a month of prayers. They have recently been adopted as an intercessory prayer ministry of the Wednesday healing service congregation. Those at the healing service have committed to "pray without ceasing" for those in need of long term healing and prayer. Each Wednesday they remember by name in prayer those in our continuing Sunday prayers plus another dozen with long term concerns and two dozen more of our homebound parishioners. This is an on-going ministry with no time limits.

Our military service personnel is the third group we at St. John's pray for by name. This is the special ministry of the Sunday 8:00 AM congregation who hold in prayer each Sunday the dozen men and women who serve in harm's way. We are pledged to them in prayer until they are home and discharged from their service.

I invite you to share in these ministries of intercessory prayer on Sunday, Wednesday or anytime you feel moved with concern for someone in need. In prayer, being one with God, we become powerful in love. It is from this simple source that through us the blessing of God's healing flows.

*John+*

## THE REV. JENNIFER E. MATTSON

I love Lent. Even when I feel at my spiritual worst, when my bible remains unopened and conversation with God (prayer!) has yet to happen, even then, especially then, Lent invites me back. Ever the optimist, I look forward to Ash Wednesday as the chance for a new beginning. Like the first day of school, I anticipate wearing shiny new spiritual shoes, in which my worn out old habits are replaced by a new, penitent self: prayer- why, yes! Fasting, but of course! Daily reading of scripture- even if it means waking up long before my children? With my new spiritual self, all things are possible.

Of course this is never true. Which is why I love Lent. Lent inspires the very best of me while acknowledging the reality of my human frailty and sin. I never accomplish or "get right" all that I hope for. Of course this is true of the other liturgical seasons as well. I carry an image of the Christian that I hope to be, long to be, and feel called to be; all while acknowledging that I am very much on a journey in need of God's grace. Which brings me back to Lent. Part of my devotion to all things Lenten is the emphasis on community. Lent is about more than my tendency to sin. It's about more than me as an individual. The grace I find in Lent is that of community. It's not all about me (what a relief!). I find genuine comfort and encouragement in the witness and journeys of those around me.

Spiritual disciplines are so much harder for me these days. Having three children is a pretty big trump card that makes everything else- even important stuff- feel secondary at times. Knowing that others around me struggle in the same way is a comfort. Knowing that others around me are in a different place; faithful in daily prayers, fasting and reading of scripture, is a gift. It is a gift because it reminds me that life is ever changing. There is something about the season of Lent that lifts up all that it means to be human and acknowledges it as real; and not just real, but worth redeeming. Worth loving.

All of which brings me back to St. John's. On **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will explore the first Sunday of Lent with the first ever "**Lenten Event**". Similar to our Advent Event, this special offering will feature a variety of activities and fellowship to bring us closer together in community and worship. Mary Woolson and John Waskowicz will be the featured speakers for the adult forum between services. They will share personal perspectives on the topic of mental and spiritual wellness. A potluck lunch will follow the 10:15 service, followed by a variety of break-out sessions and activities centered on all-things Lent. A labyrinth will be available in the auditorium for quiet prayer as well as stations in the church.

I hope you will consider sharing in this Lenten experience. That old expression "it takes a village" is true in so many ways. It really does take a village. Not only in raising children, but also in living in a faithful way, in the way that Jesus calls us.

*Jennifer+*

### **Don't Miss...Evensong**

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m., at St. Martin in the Field**

*The choir of St. John's will travel to St. Martin in the Field, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia to sing with their choir for a service of evensong. This beautiful Lenten experience is not to be missed! Carpools are available for those who wish to attend.*

*Please contact Bradley Mattson at [bradley.l.mattson@gmail.com](mailto:bradley.l.mattson@gmail.com)*

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m., at St. John's**

*The choir of St. Martin in the Field will travel to St. John's to sing with our choir for a service of evensong. A special reception hosted by our stewardship committee will follow.*

## MDG CHALLENGES FOR FEBRUARY

Jesus loves the little children,  
ALL the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in His sight...  
How's YOUR vision? Hopefully you are "color-blind"

### MDG Challenge for February 1st National Freedom Day

In 1865, on February 1st, Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment outlawing slavery. For the eighth consecutive year, Freedom in the World, the oldest, most authoritative report of democracy and human rights, recorded more declines in democracy worldwide than gains. Slavery, trafficking is world-wide and here in Lancaster County. Stay informed, stay positive, stay caring for all, be a positive force in your own way.

### MDG Challenge for February 8th

"Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone -  
We find it with another." Thomas Merton  
We find love caring for others, sharing with others,  
doing unto others what has in love been done for us, unconditionally.  
Find ways to increase your circle of love to ALL God's children.

### MDG Challenge for February 15th Ensure Environmental Sustainability

While we are in a time of being "heart centered", make a pledge to add one change to saving our /your world. Recycle plastic bags, better yet, take your own bags grocery shopping. If you are a soda drinker, don't put your cans in regular trash. Consider taking your own mug to get your coffee, since you will save the environment and often save on the cost of your drink. Grocery cards purchased at St. John's save trips to the ATM and space in your wallets and give to programs that help others, at NO additional cost to you. Buying grocery cards make cents/sense!

### MDG Challenge for February 22nd International World Thinking Day

This is a day celebrated by the Girl Scouts, Girl Guides and others, in bringing attention to giving thanks and appreciation to girls the world over. One of the MDG's goals is to bring attention to gender equality and the empowerment of women.  
Encourage young women not to be princesses but to be powerful and intelligent.  
Hear their voices. See their strength. Let them know.

# *A Journey to Justice*

In follow-up to Bishop Geper's message of January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Diocesan Eliminating Racism Taskforce encourages you to go on-line and register for the February 7<sup>th</sup>

## **THRIVE**

### ***Overcoming Racism: Cultivating Transformation***

which will be held at  
St. Edward's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA.

[www.diocesepa.org](http://www.diocesepa.org)

Registration cost is \$20.00 per person and includes lunch and child care is available.

*Questions?*

**Contact Canon Robyn Szoke Coolidge**

at:

[rszoke@diocesepa.org](mailto:rszoke@diocesepa.org)

or

phone 717-236-5959 ext. 112

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Several people asked me why they received a pledge statement in December. The answer is that last year a number of people indicated that they wanted to fulfill their pledge before the end of the year, but did not know where they stood. The Finance Committee discussed this issue early in the year and decided that extra reports would be the answer. Looking at the contribution numbers, shown below, I believe that this solution was the absolute correct one. Our pledged contributions finished the year at just over 100% of the target budget number. Non-pledged contributions, which had been at the 92% level all year, were also significantly up. The non-pledge contributions ended the year at 98% of the target number. Thank you to everyone that made the extra effort to fulfill their pledge.

In December, the Vestry voted to withdraw funds from the Endowment to pay all outstanding liabilities. While this action took a significant amount of money out of the fund, we were able to begin 2015 without carrying over any old liabilities. We were also able to pay some invoices that we were holding longer than we should, but needed to due to cash flow. Both these actions as well as the excellent contributions were reported to Vestry at the January meeting.

With guidance from the Financial Committee, we have implemented a few additional procedures which will enhance our ability to manage our cash flow and flag any potential issues before they become a real problem. The December financials are as follows:

	December		Annual	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Pledged Contributions	\$36,343	\$27,750	\$335,475	\$333,000
Non-Pledge Contributions	\$ 9,333	\$ 3,333	\$ 39,422	\$ 40,000
Endowment Draw	\$53,600	\$ 0	\$144,600	\$ 56,000
Total Expense	\$90,759	\$56,048	\$643,371	\$672,573

Again, thank you to everyone for contributing your time, talent and treasurers to enhance all of the ministries of St. John's throughout the year.

Submitted by,

*Steve Latshaw, Treasurer*



**MISSING:** A coffee mug from the Becker House kitchen belonging to Bill Gross. The mug has a picture of his two children (Emily & Brian) when they were very young. If you see this mug, please return it to the Becker House kitchen. Thank You!

# VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

**The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on: January 19, 2015**

1. Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John's approve the expense of approximately \$862 for the installation of a new business phone system, which was generously donated to the church by Drew Dorgan of Howard Miller Associates. This means that St. John's cost only is for the installation, which would be completed by Pennsylvania Telephone Products Co., Inc., of Lemoyne. The estimated cost includes about eight hours at \$89 per hour for installation; a \$75 travel charge; and \$75 in materials to install new cut down blocks for the stations and to rewire the jacks. This is a significant upgrade from the office's current phone system, and the installation costs are inexpensive compared with what it would cost for an entirely new phone system.

2. Resolved, the St John's Episcopal Property Committee respectfully requests the approval of tree pruning/surgery services by Arborist Enterprises for a cost not to exceed \$3,250.00. The scope of the work to be completed is :

Trees Tree Pruning \$3,250.00 Trees along Chestnut Street between Concord and Mulberry streets

Sugar Maple (30" dbh): Crown clean dead branches 1" diameter and larger including declining 6" diameter branch with canker over Chestnut street. Crown raise lightly above Japanese Maple as directed by John Brewer.

Red Oak (30" dbh): Crown clean dead branches 1" diameter and larger and crown raise lightly above street.

Sycamore (36" dbh): Crown clean deadwood 1" diameter and larger, crown thin 5' 10% targeting side of canopy above street and crown reduce as possible and as directed by John to balance canopy and reduce potential for failure.

Red Oak (26" dbh): Crown clean deadwood 1" diameter and larger and crown reduce 2' 4' ft from light pole and 4' 6' ft from church. Crown raise at least 16' ft above street.

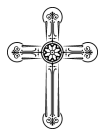
Total clean up and removal of all resulting wood and debris.

\*Please note: Jobsite set-up with traffic control will include sidewalk closure, blocked parking with towing enforcement arranged through city police and lane closure of Chestnut Street to one lane with an arrow panel and flaggers.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Eaton, Chairman, pro tempore Property Committee

3. Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John's approves the conducting of a Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser by the youth of the parish, to benefit St. John's Food Pantry Ministry. This fundraiser will be held on February 1, 2015, and it will be a special focus of Youth / Scout Sunday.

## 2015 ECUMENICAL LUNCHEONS & WORSHIP



**Offering to Benefit:**  
**Lancaster County Council of Churches'**  
**Winter Shelter**



**Luncheon:** 11:15 a.m. (Donation to Host Church: \$5)

**Worship:** 12:15 p.m.

Join us each Friday in Lent as we meet at a different church for lunch and worship. This year's preaching theme is: "Social Justice Superheroes".

February 20 at St. Joseph's R.C. Church with Minister Naomi Leapheart preaching.

February 27 at Wisdom's Table at St. Peter's UCC with Rev. Cathy Shiley preaching.

March 6 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church with Rev. John Morris preaching.



**March 13 at St. John's Episcopal** with Fr. Alexander Goussetis preaching.

March 20 ó To Be Determined

March 27 at Hamilton Park UCC with Fr. Alan Wolfe preaching.

## SHROVE TUESDAY "PANCAKE SUPPER!"

February 17, 2014  
5:30-7:00 p.m.—Parish Hall

\$5.00 Adults \* \$2.00 Children

The supper will be prepared by  
our Journey to Adulthood Youth.



## PROPERTY CORNER

We experienced a break-in on Christmas Saturday involving the Parish House kitchen and the removal of food. Fortunately, one of our neighbors observed this activity and called the police, who apprehended three youth with some food items they obtained from the counter through a window behind the dumpster. The police called and asked to meet with your property manager regarding this matter, after which the broken window was replaced with plastic glazing. Two fifth and one sixth grade boys had taken some cookies, pretzels and clementines. Once again, the cost of the damage was more than the cost of the items stolen. We have recommended removing all such items out of site. Staff members have recommended the use of a curtain or frosted contact paper to still allow use of the counter space for storage. It was decided to use frosted contact paper if this additional counter space is needed for storage.

The lift rental company, used for the gutter cleaning accidentally hit the holey wall while they were troubleshooting an issue with the lift. That issue prevented the lift from reaching the courtyard side of the parish house and the installation of the heat tape, as was planned. The lift later made the reach, as the wall was no longer in the way. It was recommended to have the lift company make repairs to the remaining portions of the wall and install a removable gate to permit easy access to the courtyard and increased visibility for security purposes.

Court was cancelled, as charges were dropped regarding our stolen downspouts. The DNA did not match that of the suspect who recycled the copper. A short time later, the database found a match for another individual, with whom a future court date may be set. Klines was in to route our downspout undergrounds and found six of the eight routed blocked. These undergrounds were again capped and will remain so until the gutters have been cleared of leaves and other debris so as not to relog the undergrounds. This effort will be dependent on warmer weather and the ability to secure a lift by Morris Maintenance.

The boilers passed a jurisdictional inspection in January, requiring no additional safety measures or equipment. Last year's maintenance included replacement of pressure relief valves, a flow switch and a fresh air damper to permit the safe operation of our heating plant. Natural gas and carbon monoxide detection were also added to supplement our fire detection in this space, as well.

UGI was out to review the curb damage on N. Concord Street. They will be in contact with the city's Assistant Director of Projects regarding the damage. If hearing nothing back from them, Peter suggested getting Brad Zuke to write a letter on the church's behalf to get resolution prior to submitting a claim.

We continue to review electricity rates for another provider, with hopes of improving our rates. Barb Baker was provided with supplier information for rate comparison and application purposes. We are also pursuing a clarification of insurance coverage as it applies to exclusions in hopes of enhancing our risk management. The contents values for the Becker House were revised, while such is planned for our umbrella coverage.

Drew Dorgan has donated her old phone system to the parish. It will cost the parish the cost of installing the system. We plan to meet with the installer representative to arrange for installation, as approved by Vestry. We again, thank Drew for this and the many other contributions she has made to our church's many ministries.

Stay tuned for our announcement of our Spring Clean-up in preparation for Holy Week, as Lent will soon be upon us!

Submitted by, *Bill Gross*

Your Property Committee:

*Phil Becker, Peter Eaton, Bill Gross, Mike Heider, Janice Henry, and Cynthia Minnich*



## 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 **February, 2015** and **April, 2015**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting this important ministry at St. John's!



SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
FEBRUARY 1	John & Helen Miller	
FEBRUARY 8	John & Barbara Graeter	Burnett Family
FEBRUARY 15	Lynn Hayford	Dale & Barbara Landis
FEBRUARY 22	Cindy Morris	Molly Moyer
MARCH 1	Ellen Meyer Trust	
MARCH 8	Ricky Smith	
MARCH 15	Ricky Smith	
MARCH 22		
MARCH 29		
APRIL 5	John & Helen Miller	
APRIL 12	Ruth McDivitt	John & Barbara Graeter
APRIL 19	John Marshall	
APRIL 26		

### 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!"**

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## *Sunday School News*

*Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director*

We will be celebrating our Youth and Scouts on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a scout please make sure I have their name to add to our scout list, and have them wear their uniform to church!

The Children will be collecting Pajamas for Kids on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please look for more information next month, in the meantime keep an eye out for Pajama sales!!

All classes begin at 9am in the classroom. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month we will meet in the Auditorium for a group lesson! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our Nursery or church school program.

*Karen*

## *Journey to Adulthood*

*Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors*

After the busy holidays our J2A group hosted a weekend of cutting, pasteing, and fellowship at the annual scrapbook fundraiser. Many new friendships were made; there was a lot of fun in sharing ideas and telling our stories with pictures.

Thank you to everyone who supported our group buying wreaths and coming to the scrap event.

Three of our youth have been busy planning the Happening event that will be held February 13-15, 2015 for senior high youth of the Diocese. Happening is a three day weekend retreat for high school students led by high school students. It's a spiritual journey and a time for finding, reconnecting or growing closer to God. This year's theme is "Mountain Top High." If anyone is interested in writing a caritas for our youth that will be attending this event please see Mary Ellen Kilp for details.

We will kick off the month of February with "Youth & Scout Sunday" on February 1<sup>st</sup>. This service will feature music selected by our teens that they experienced at our diocesan events. Our teens and scouts will offer leadership in every part of the service, lecturing, ushering, acolyting and even offering the sermon with a skit about a national program "Souper Bowl of Caring." (Thank you Rite 13 class). Make a point to thank our teens for their leadership that day.

Don't miss the annual "**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper" on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, applesauce and fruit salad. The food is good, the company fantastic and the money raised all benefits the J2A pilgrimage. Join us at 7:00 in the church for Evening Prayer.

Our Senior High Youth will be finishing the busy month of February attending the Province III Youth Event (PYE) at North Bay in Maryland February 27-March 1. This is a time for our youth to meet other youth from the Mid-Atlantic Region, ride on a Zip Line, walk the High Ropes Course, ride the Giant Swing, and climb the Rock Wall all while enjoying singing and experiencing a Mountain Top High!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

# Calendar 2015

February 1 - Youth and Scout Sunday (Scouts Coffee Hour)  
February 13 -15 - Happening (snow date is Feb. 20-22)  
February 17 - Shrove Tuesday  
February 27- March 1 PYE for Sr. High youth at North Bay Md.  
March 8 - PJ Sunday  
March 20-22 - Middle School Retreat (Rite 13 only)  
March 29 - Rite 13 Coffee Hour  
April 2 - 7:30 -Lock in (Maundy Thursday)  
April 3 - Good Friday service at 7:30  
April 18 - Confirmation Retreat (J2A Only)  
April 25 - Sahd's for recycling project, lunch and bike & hiking  
April 26 - Earth Sunday  
April 26 - J2A Coffee Hour  
May 3 - Graduation Sunday  
May 9 - Confirmation at Mt. Calvary (Carlisle)  
June 7 - Teacher Appreciation  
June 14 - ALERT  
July 11 - Blueberry Festival  
July 12 - 16 - VBS



## POPCORN THEOLOGY

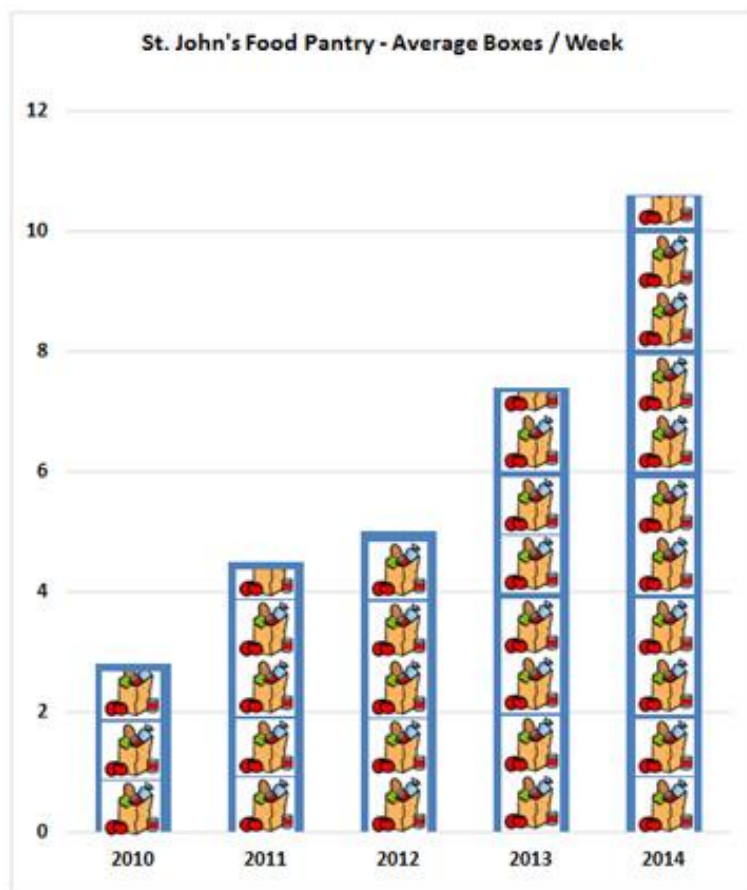
**Friday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

***Dear Frankie*** (2004) In this good-hearted indie drama, Frankie does not know his father because his mother, Lizzie, ran away from the abusive lout when Frankie was just a baby. Instead of telling the truth to her deaf son, she concocts an elaborate lie. But after having responded to her son's numerous letters in the guise of his father, she hires a stranger to pose as his dad when meeting him. (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 our food pantry.

Questions? Contact: *Debbie Carter*

# FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY



## Food Pantry History in Numbers

We shared with you last summer that the need for food among our neighbors had increased quite a bit over the previous year. Recently, when we went back to look at records from the past several years, we realized that this trend began well before last year!

**The graph at the left shows just how dramatically the need has increased over the past 5 years!** The graph's figures are based on the average number of food packages given out each week, but a household may receive no more than one package of food once per month. So we served about 12 households each month in 2010, and in 2014, we served about 46 households each month. In any case, that's a 379% increase over 4 years!

We believe that these figures help to explain the increasing gap between the amount of food donated and the amount that we've distributed. It's not necessarily because food donations are decreasing - it's because the need has increased!

In 2014, we spent \$4522 to bridge that gap. (Can you imagine needing food, making the effort to come to St. John's when the food pantry is usually open, and finding a sign on the door that says, "Sorry - no more food!?" That happened once last year, and we didn't want it to happen ever again!)

We were able to cover these unbudgeted expenses, thanks to your generous donations of money and food, some given on a regular basis and some given for special occasions, like Food Pantry Sunday and the Royal Wedding, with some very careful shopping, mostly at out-of-the-way discount outlets. But the need continues, so please keep it up!

On February 1, you'll have another special opportunity to contribute to our Food Pantry Ministry, and that's described elsewhere in this issue of the *Messenger*.

Submitted by,  
*Debbie Carter and Bill Cater*

## JUBILEE MINISTRIES

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**—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 winter and spring enrichment activities as well as our weekly Wednesday routines are being planned. In January, we enjoyed a tour of the police station. The students and adult volunteers learned a lot and we were so grateful for the time taken by Lt. Smith and Sgt. Lopez for guiding us and answering our many questions. The program runs more smoothly with many adult mentors. Please consider being a volunteer for the remaining three months of this program year.

**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)

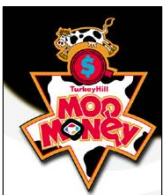
Total sales for December gave \$404 to Jubilee. We have ended the year with an average month. Thank you! Jubilee received good support from us this year. For the year, 2014, we gave \$5500 to Jubilee. We are the major support for our Eagle's Nest ministry. Can we do more??? Our regular buyers and irregular 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.

**REMEMBER:** 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)

Come and join us in the **Parish Hall** at St. John's on **Tuesday afternoons** from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** as we share fellowship and ideas!



**ROBERT FULTON SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP** - If you shop at a Turkey Hill store and purchase any of their milk items, **BE SURE TO SAVE THE "MOO" MONEY BOTTLE CAPS** and bring them to church on Sundays. There is a collection container at the Eagle's Nest area of the Parish Hall. We're also collecting Box Tops for Education, Printer Cartridges, and Campbell Soup Labels.

## JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

### *A Message from Doug Brown*

I would like to personally thank John Gouveia for the outstanding leadership that he has given the Jubilee Ministries over the last few years. During the last Jubilee meeting, I volunteered to try and fill his shoes. This will be a large task and I will do my best to provide a smooth transition moving forward.

One item that I discovered since taking over for John was that there was no job description for his position. With the help of other Jubilee members I hope to craft a document outlining the responsibilities falling on the shoulders of the Jubilee Leader. This information will be vital for the next leader as they step into this role.

Another important item that will be addressed is the updating of the Jubilee Ministries on both the website and the handout. Since our ministries are so dynamic and fluid, they change rapidly. Several ministries from last year are no longer extant while many others have appeared. St. John's has a staggering amount of volunteer work available and this info needs to be available to all newcomers, including an opportunity to help facilitate the overnight shelter at the YWCA. We hope to have both an electronic version and a printed version of the Jubilee Ministries available very shortly.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with the church garden this year. I thought it was a rousing success and hope to build a better garden for next year! We will need to do some tweaking on the varieties and types of vegetables that we are growing.

It has been brought to my attention that not everyone at St. John's knows of the extent of our ministries. I for one did not know what ministries were considered as Jubilee Ministries nor could I name them all. I have some ideas to help increase the visibility of these ministries and I hope to have something implemented in the next few months. Thank you to all of the hard-working Jubilee leaders and volunteers! God's love can be seen in everything you do.

Submitted by,

*Doug Brown*

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



February is calendar calm, but watch out! Our annual early **Spring Plant Sale** will be held on Sunday, March 22nd with orders taken on the two previous Sundays: March 8 and 15. This sale offers primroses and pansy bowls with pre-orders only. Watch for the next Messenger for prices, etc.

**Lenten Luncheon Hosting** will be Friday, March 13th with a planning meeting set for Friday, February 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Welcome Lunch** is scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd. Help for any of these events is greatly appreciated.

**Thank You** to those who volunteered to support Sharon Gromis, Funeral Reception Coordinator.

## VOYAGERS



Voyagers is pleased to welcome back Coleen Kayden for our February 28th meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. A senior pharmacist with William Apothecary, Coleen's topic is one that many of us are interested in: *Engaging Patients & Families in Avoiding Medication Mishaps*.

Please join us and bring a friend to hear this presentation, have your questions answered and enjoy some warm fellowship.

Submitted by, *Dan & Priscilla Farmer*

## LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Calling all Lay Eucharistic Visitors or "Wannabees"! You are invited to gather in the Library of Becker House from 9:00-10:00AM on Sunday, February 1st for fellowship and a time of questions & answers and clarification of thought.

Pastries will be provided, please bring your beverages over with you.

Questions? Contact: *Sue Heilman*



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### *"Help Is Needed!"*

The Women's and Children's Emergency Shelter will be staffed by volunteers representing the Episcopal churches from Lancaster County during the coming week of February 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a need for men to help during the overnight period on Wednesday (February 11), Thursday (February 12), Friday (February 14) and Sunday (February 15).

It is necessary to have two (2) men and two (2) women to stay overnight for its operation. All of the women's spots are filled. Men are needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact the February coordinator: Wanda Stoltzfus at either [wanda.stoltzfus@gmail.com](mailto:wanda.stoltzfus@gmail.com) or 717-283-4704. Wanda will provide a link to a training video, as well as a sign-up link.

Submitted by, *Dave Martin*

## CONTEMPLATING (OR JUST THINKING) DURING LENT

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect. ~ Romans 12:2*

Garrison Keillor once said going to church makes someone a Christian about as much as sitting in a garage makes someone a Chevrolet. I must admit; I agree. Two of the things that make us uniquely Christians are prayer and outreach. The Lenten season is seen as a season of prayer; a season to give up something. Personally, I prefer to do something new and productive during Lent. I find doing something new and productive to be more useful of my time and Jesus's message.

The Lenten season is a perfect time to pray for ways to spread Jesus's words at all times. Or to quote the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry (Bishop of North Carolina), now is a perfect time to learn how to be a Crazy Christian. The Lenten season is a perfect time to not conform but to transform our way of thinking about how we want to present St. John's Church to other people. One way to do this is with evangelism. As a Jubilee parish, we are already quite evangelical, but can we do more? ?

This Lenten season is the perfect time for all of us to think of ways to transform ourselves and St. John's church. I believe confirmation leaves us in the same spot, but transformation will allow us to grow. One of the ways I've chosen to transform this Lenten season is by saying contemplative prayers daily. One of my favorite contemplative prayers is the Jesus Prayer.

### **Practical Steps for the Jesus Prayer**

1. Sit or stand in a dimly lit and quiet place.
2. Recollect yourself.
3. With the help of your imagination find the place of the heart and stay there with attention.
4. Lead the mind from the head into the heart and say, *Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.*
5. Quietly with the lips or mentally, whichever is more convenient; say the prayer slowly and reverently.
6. As much as possible guard the attention of your mind and do not allow any thoughts to enter in.
7. Be patient and peaceful.
8. Be moderate in food, drink, and sleep.
9. Learn to love silence.
10. Read the Scriptures and the writings of the Fathers about prayer.
11. As much as possible avoid distracting occupations.

Reading during this time of year is very important. There are assigned daily readings which can find in the Book of Common Prayer or in a copy of Forward Day by Day. Sue Heilman has also suggested the following books:

Visions of Vocation: Common Grace for the Common Good by Steven Garber

A New Heaven and New Earth: Reclaiming Biblical Eschatology by J. Richard Middleton

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

Evangelical Versus Liturgical? Defying a Dichotomy by Melanie C. Ross

The New Parish: How Neighborhood Churches Are Transforming Mission, Discipleship and Community by Paul Sparks, Tim Soerens and Dwight Friesen

If anyone would like to start a discussion group about one of the books listed, please contact me at [jagwriting66@gmail.com](mailto:jagwriting66@gmail.com) or at 606-9294.

Submitted by, *Julie Gittens*



## PRAYER LIST

*For those who we offer our continued prayers:*

Darlene Bentley  
 Jared Boger  
 Deacon Mary Lou Broucht  
 Kay Bush  
 Vera Clarke  
 Toni Ehrhart  
 Linda Frederiksen  
 Dyls Glew  
 Bill & Lois Herzog  
 Anne Johnson Horn  
 Barbara McGraw  
 Andrew Miller  
 William Miller  
 Lorraine Nolan  
 Jeff & Mary Power  
 Robert & Joan Power  
 Mary Ellen & Jim Smallwood  
 Christian Stigelman  
 Steven Schwartz  
 Joanna Sweeney  
 Leeton Thomas  
 Chris Thompson  
 Alan Tobie  
 Donna Torres & Family  
 Franklin Walker  
 Melissa Williams  
 Ken Zeller  
 Bruce  
 Danielle  
 Jackie  
 Molly & Family  
 Wil



*...and for our  
 Homebound  
 Parishioners*

Jim Breitegan  
 Margaret Crothers  
 Faith D'Urbano  
 Paul Davis  
 Nancy Eckenrode  
 Providence Eshelman  
 Michael Frantz  
 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  
 Majorie Seachrist  
 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.

*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](mailto: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.**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alexander, Garth	1
Brenton, Nancy	12
Burlingame, Susan	18
Carroll, Andy	22
Carroll, Anne	28
Clark, Natalie	23
Cliff, Sean	19
Coverly, Rosemary	4
Di Pace, Emma	21
Donnelly, Ryan	26
Farmer, Daniel	8
Glazier, Mary	19
Glew, Dyls	23
Gordon, Emily	24
Grosh, Kaitlin	10
Kilhefner, Joanie	7
Latshaw, Alexandru	9
Le, Thong	10
Lyon, Bob	9
Maxey, Carolyn	17
Morris, The Rev. John	2
Murphy, Bob	26
Ogwang, Alice	2
Qualls, Scott	12
Rahe, Joan	24
Ross, Glenn	25
Springer, Katherine	24
Stone, Kylie	3
Stonerook, Christopher	24
Sullivan, Teresa	10
Tobie, Alan	12
Way, Greyson	14
Way, Joe	13
Wendler, Callen	12
Wendler, Isabella	14
Wenger, Rylan	24
Woolson, Mary	21
Yackly, Isabell	21
Youngquist, Poppy	14
Zuke, Sue	3



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Davis, Paul & Maggie	02/26/1993
Henry, Kevin & Janice	02/20/1982
Kane, Howard & Edith	02/24/1962
Limroth, David & Jackie	02/15/1958



## Messenger Deadline

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT  
ARTICLES FOR THE**

**MARCH "MESSENGER" IS:**

**FEBRUARY 16**

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

# SERVING SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY, 2015

## 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!"*

FEBRUARY 1	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Laurie Eaton	David Dissinger, Katie Mausolf
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	ô	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman Fred & Eleanor Honaman
<b>Lector</b>	Peter Eaton	Fran Gouveia
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Aidan Cliff
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Sean Cliff, Greyson Way
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	Glenn Miller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Amelia Dissinger
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Brad Zuke
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Scouts	Scouts
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Marla Lester

FEBRUARY 8	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Merle Schnee	Sibyl Freeman, Emily Gross
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Stephanie McGovern	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
<b>Lector</b>	Fred Bush	Frank Cummins
<b>Server</b>	ô	Emma DiPace
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Danielle DiPace, Nicholas DiPace
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	Bob Kilp
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Tierza Mendez
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Leslie Morgan
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	MDG Committee	MDG Committee
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Courtney Rhodes

<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ricky Smith	Judy Arnold, Michael Stank
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	ô	Don Durand, Julie Gittens
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Tobie	Paula Wolf
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Michael Hreben
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Kendall Morgan, Ellie Suliveras
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	Dave Pennell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Max Lester
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team C
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Dave Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Heidi Leitzke



<b>FEBRUARY 22</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Peter Eaton	David Dissinger, Bradley Moyer
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	ô	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
<b>Lector</b>	Laurie Eaton	Bob Kilp
<b>Server</b>	ô	Amelia Dissinger
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Sean Cliff, Ian Thompson
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	John Waskowicz
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Lynn Hayford
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team D
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Ted Loose
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Mary Ellen Kilp

## LOOKING AHEAD TO: MARCH, 2015

MARCH 1	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Merle Schnee	David Kilp, Katie Mausolf
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	ô
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Lee	Fran Gouveia
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Dylan Stone
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Helena Carroll, Kylie Stone
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	Glenn Miller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Garth Alexander
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Bruce Waskowicz
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Stewardship	Stewardship
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Katie Mausolf



## 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.