



St. John's Messenger

April, 2015

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

WHY YOU SHOULD OBSERVE HOLY WEEK

Everybody loves Easter. This is particularly true, I've observed, at St. John's. It is not Christmas which is our most attended worship. It's Easter. Last year our combined Easter Sunday attendance was 450. This number is almost equal to the number of every man, woman and child in the parish. Everyone shows up for Easter.

Easter at St. John's is great. The music is especially spectacular with the additional instrumentation, this year with *Bravura Brass*. The Choir holds nothing back when it comes to anthems and singing hymns. The Flower Guild goes all out decorating window sills, chapel and high altar.

Of course there is the Easter egg hunt with the excitement of children seeking and finding and sometimes hoarding eggs, and the delight of adults watching all the action. And there is the St. John's tradition of the Easter Sunday Parish Breakfast – an exceptional gift for all on an exceptional Sunday.

Easter is the easy part. Holy Week is the challenge.

The Holy Week triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – takes commitment. It means setting aside our valuable but ordinary time and making it more valuable and sacred. It means not just showing up for the Easter Sunday tailgate party but being there through the whole game. It means learning not only God's promise for us in the Easter resurrection of Jesus. Holy Week shows us what we need to get there.

There is a lot to Holy Week and especially at St. John's. Maybe you can't do it all. But maybe you can pick some or even one of the Holy Week observances to attend and experience.

Did you ever have your feet washed by someone else? Try the Maundy Thursday service. It is a pretty awesome feeling, having someone wash your feet. You feel humbled and exalted, awkward but affirmed, and all at the same time.

Have you ever seen a *Live Sculpture*? Come to the early Good Friday service. Our teens take the traditional Stations of the Cross and using their own bodies turn the Way of the Cross into works of art.

We have all heard the Passion Narrative read to us. Imagine what it might sound like to you if you heard it sung in the style of classical music. If that sounds appealing, come to the evening Good Friday service.

St. John's experienced the Great Fire in 1938. But at the Saturday night Great Vigil of Easter Eve service, we begin by igniting a fire ball in the center of the nave of the church and light all our candles from it in the way that for centuries it has been done in Jerusalem in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the tomb of Jesus.

Everybody loves Easter. And so we should. It feels good to shout once again, *Alleluia*. It feels good to remember that Christ is risen. Being part of Holy Week makes that Easter feeling even better.

You really don't want to cheat yourself. You want to treat yourself well. You really don't want to miss out. In the days just before Easter you should give yourself a gift of sacred time and observe Holy Week.

THE REV. JENNIFER E. MATTSON

Two of my children were recently sitting at our kitchen table playing a game when I heard one loudly proclaim "I win! I win!" The other child immediately chimed in "I win too! I win too!" On Saturday, March 14th The Rev. Canon Audrey Cady Scanlan was elected as 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, pending the required consents from a majority of bishops with jurisdiction and standing committees of the Episcopal Church. It was a true "win, win" moment in the life of our diocese- a moment that found its beginning in the hard work of our search committee.

Under the leadership of Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer our diocese committed to a prayerful, intentional search process for our next bishop. We engaged in open and sometimes difficult conversations about who we understood ourselves to be and what we hoped for in our next bishop. A profile was developed that compiled this information and honestly reflected both the challenges and joys of being together in this diocese. The result of this extraordinary work was an extraordinary outcome: three candidates who would all make great bishops. I believe our diocese would have been blessed by the leadership of any of the three candidates presented, but I am particularly excited by the election of The Rev. Canon Audrey Cady Scanlan.

There is much to commend. She was born in New York but lived in Connecticut for the past fifty years. She served her diocese as Canon for Mission Collaboration and Congregational Life in the Diocese of CT. Her ministry included financial counseling and strategic planning for congregations; property discernment and development; building leadership capacities; addressing conflict; walking with parishes in all seasons of their congregational life; encouraging and facilitating Missional Experiments in Connecticut and building networks and Communities of Practice across a diocese of 168 parishes.

She described herself in this way: "I am a child of God and a disciple of Jesus Christ. I work to follow the teachings of our Lord and to share his love with others. By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, I am strengthened and encouraged and given a new chance each day to do my part in bringing God's Kingdom to come. I am a diocesan administrator who is passionate about the Church and who has great curiosity and joy in following God faithfully to what will be God's next "new thing." (Isaiah 43:19)

The Rev. Canon Scanlan was elected on the 2nd ballot out of a field of 3 nominees. She received 79 votes of 147 cast in the lay order and 50 of 79 cast in the clergy order. An election on that ballot required 74 in the lay order and 40 in the clergy order. The election was held during the diocese's Electing Convention for the 11th Bishop of Central Pennsylvania held at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Harrisburg, Pa.

Under the canons (III.11.4) of the Episcopal Church, a majority of bishops exercising jurisdiction and diocesan Standing Committees must consent to the bishop-elect's ordination as bishop within 120 days of receiving notice of the election. Pending this approval, The Rev. Canon Scanlan will succeed Bishop Nathan Baxter, who retired last May after serving the Diocese for eight years, and Provisional Bishop Robert Gepert. The consecration is scheduled to take place September 12, 2015, at the Downtown Hilton, Harrisburg, Pa.

Upon hearing the news of The Rev. Canon Scanlan's election, my daughter Anna Gail responded "Cool! A girl bishop!" My son William immediately asked "Can boys be bishops too?"

Jennifer+

Sunday, May 17th, 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 APRIL

MDG Challenge for April 5th

Easter Sunday

**I Am, We Are, One World, One Family,
Hallelujah!**

MDG Challenge for April 12th

Holocaust Remembrance Day April 16th

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.+ Anne Frank

The horror of captivity in our world has unfortunately not ended. It was only 70 years ago that the liberation of Auschwitz took place. Think of so many other places where persecution and captivity are occurring. Hold those places in your prayers, extend your caring to help them.

MDG Challenge for April 19th

Earth Day is April 22nd

We were given this earth to enjoy and share by a loving Father who expects us to do the same.

Look at your present practices and think how you could save the earth - Take your own bags for groceries; start using a reusable bottle for your water consumption as in the US alone, 1.5 million barrels of oil are used to make the plastic bottles; turning off the water when brushing your teeth could save up to 5 gallons a day of clean water; 5 minute showers are ample & caring.

We are the stewards of that which we do not own.

MDG Challenge for April 26th

Pray as though everything depended on God.

Work as though everything depended on you.+

Saint Augustine

Ah! Oh! Everything depends on me?+

People being hungry, safe, happy, secure, could depend on me?

Hum....Guess as a child of God,

I have to pay attention to my brothers and sisters regardless of faith, race, gender, status and know that **together** we could accomplish lots.

SENIOR WARDEN

Coming out of the recent, what seemed to be an endless, cold winter into the anticipated and welcomed signs of early spring, I am reminded again that change is a constant and occurs all around us.

We at St. Johnø are also seeing change. Increasing numbers of women are now in key roles of leadership, and are now in the majority on vestry. Jane Lee, Pam Loose, Sue Heilman, Julie Gittens, Deb Smith and Toni Ehrhart are all stewards of ministries on vestry with Leslie Morgan as Junior Warden. The Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, Audrey Scanlon was chosen by lay delegates and clergy on March 14, 2015.

Newcomers at St Johnø were invited to a welcome brunch on March 22nd. This afforded an opportunity for Vestry and Clergy to learn more about them and for them to learn more about the St. Johnø family. We will continue to anticipate the outcome of the feasibility study when we will learn what physical changes may occur with our church. Our parish faces a major change when Jennifer leaves us in May.

Lent is marked by a time of prayer as we prepare to celebrate Easter and Christø resurrection and the life which we hope for as Christians. It also can be a good time to allow the Holy Spirit to work through all of us as we look forward to the changes, we as the body of Christ, have in front of us. Wishing you Easter Blessings!

Peace,

Bob Murphy
Senior Warden

PARISH REGISTER

Transferred In
Barbara Russell

Transferred Out
Barbara Rich

Deaths
Katharine Giering Bush
Paul Merker

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are in the beginning of what will be a very adventurous year. With the support of Vestry, we were able to end 2014 with all of our outstanding financial commitments satisfied. Unlike the past 7 years that I have been your Treasurer, we started the year with a clean slate. Thanks to several parishioners that were able to pay their entire 2015 pledge upfront and to those who were able to complete their 2014 pledges, we started fiscal 2015 in a good cash position. An additional help was the low expenses during the month of January. Coupling these 2 events together allowed me to give Vestry a very positive report at the February meeting.

I was also grateful for the support expressed by Vestry at their annual retreat. During the retreat, the Vestry considered all of the various initiatives that would make our parish stronger and more vibrate. Several of the initiatives identified as being important were financially oriented. Charley Braught, the Vestry Steward for Finance, is organizing all of the initiatives identified as being important under the financial ministry and will present them to the Finance Committee at our next meeting.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to the Vestry and to the parish for the continued support of my ministry as Treasurer. At the last vestry meeting, the Vestry again appointed me to be your Treasurer for another year.

As always, please do not hesitate to bring concerns or questions regarding the finances of the church to any member of your Vestry or Finance Committee.

Submitted by,

Steve Latshaw, Treasurer

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar
- 8:45 p.m. Vigil until after the 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

April 3 - Good Friday

- 7:30 a.m. Youth Good Friday Liturgy with Communion
- 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with Communion
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Choral Liturgy with Communion

April 4 - The Great Vigil of Easter Eve

- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil with Renewal of Baptism Vows (*with Incense*)

April 5 - Easter Day

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 & 11am Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Renewal of Baptismal Vows and *Bravura Brassö*
- 9:30 a.m. Parish Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (*for Toddlers through 3rd grade*)
- 11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Baptism and "*Bravura Brass*"

Nursery care is provided for the 11:00 a.m. service only.



**ALL PARISH
EASTER
BREAKFAST
AT 9:30 AM
IN THE
PARISH HALL
ALL ARE
WELCOME!**



VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on: **March 16, 2015**

1. **ACS On Demand** - Resolved, in support of the continuing effort to make financial information more readily available and to improve transparency of operations, the Vestry approves the purchase and installation of the ACS module On Demand at a one-time cost of \$550 and an on-going cost of \$17 per month (\$204 annually). The expense is to be charged to budget line item 01-5108. *This expense was provided for in the 2015 budget approved by Vestry. This comes from the Finance Committee and has been vetted by the Executive Committee. Bob Murphy called the question. Motion carried.*
2. **Purse** - Resolved, that in celebration for the eight years of priestly service by the Rev. Jennifer E. Mattson to St. John's Church, Lancaster, the Vestry authorizes the invitation to the members of the parish for the collection of a purse to be presented to Pastor Jennifer on May 17th, her last Sunday at St. John's. *This resolution comes from the Executive Committee. Toni Ehrhart called the question. The motion carried.*
3. **Repair of Kitchen Equipment** ó RESOLVED, that the Vestry authorizes the expenditure of \$867.98 to repair one of the kitchen dishwashers, and \$161.98 to repair one of the kitchen automatic coffee makers. The total expenditure of \$1029.96 is to be paid from the ECW restricted investment account. *This resolution was submitted by the ECW. Leslie Morgan called the question. Don Durand seconded. The motion carried.*
4. **Episcopal Election**: RESOLVED, that the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster celebrates the election of The Rev. Canon Audrey Cady Scanlan as the Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and sends to Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer our warmest thanks for her dedicated leadership of the Diocesan Search Committee in assisting our diocese in deeper self-understanding and aiding our discernment of God's calling of our new Bishop.

This comes in coordination with a letter from Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer. This courtesy resolution was written by Father John in recognition of Charlotte's 18 months of gratis work to the diocese, as chair of the Diocesan Search Committee. Father John's motion was seconded by Leslie Morgan. The motion carried.

PASTOR JENNIFER FAREWELL

On Sunday, May 17th we will say, "Good bye" to Pastor Jennifer. To express our thanksgiving for eight years of ministry with us, the Vestry has authorized the collection of a purse to be presented on her last Sunday with us. Gifts will be received via the Sunday morning collection or by mail. If you would like to make a donation to her purse, please make your check payable to St. John's and note on the check, PASTOR JENNIFER.

PROPERTY CORNER



Bill Gross, Property Manager, has asked me if I would take on the "Property Corner" and I so I will.

After much salt, stone and shoveling it looks like we are over the hump of the winter. That means SPRING CLEANUP and we need all hands. Please join us on March 28 at 9 AM to make our beautiful church shine. If it should be inclement weather we have a few areas inside that need cleaning out so wear your work-wear.

Bill was so kind to give several of us a tour of the entire property-3rd floor of Becker House to the boiler room and we have such a wonderful and in some cases underused property. The tour was to help me go forward with better understanding for my Vestry duties but also to enlighten Marylee Sauder, Mary Woolson and Cynthia Minnich for the Safe Church program.

As was mentioned at an earlier time there had been problems with #2 boiler. It is BIG. Sad to say it broke again but now it has been put back to work after new bearings were installed. It was fortunate that the weather had warmed up and now we look forward to continued warmth.

As committees change and their storage needs change we realized on the tour that there seems to be some junk sitting around. If there is "stuff to go" just pack it up and we will try to get rid of it at cleanup. We are considering a Fall clean out too.

There were some issues with the rental properties over the cold spell. Freezing pipes and an outside water spigot not turned off inside might lead to problems with the warm weather coming. This will be monitored and addressed and hopefully no damage will ensue.

Would you consider being part of the Property Committee? If so, we will meet again on Monday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Becker House.

Submitted by,

Deb Smith
Vestry Steward, Property

Your Property Committee

Phil Becker
Peter Eaton
Bill Gross
Janice Henry
Cynthia Minnich
and
Deb Smith

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



SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
APRIL 5	John & Helen Miller	
APRIL 12	Ruth McDivitt	John & Barbara Graeter
APRIL 19	John Marshall	
APRIL 26		
MAY 3	Kilhefner Family	John & Barbara Graeter
MAY 10	Becker Family	Lorraine Nolan
MAY 17	Collier Family	Gross Family
MAY 24	John & Helen Miller	Ricky Smith
MAY 31	Patti Means	
JUNE 7	Charles Alexander	Kilhefner Family
JUNE 14	Qualls Family	
JUNE 21		
JUNE 28	Becker Family	J & L Hartman Trust

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

Thank you to everyone who supported "Pajama Sunday" by donating to Alyssa's Bedtime Stories. We collected several bags full of Pajamas to donate!

All Children are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5th at 10:30 a.m. in the Courtyard (weather permitting!) Take note of the special service times for that day. There will be NO classes.

Sunday April 26th is Earth Sunday. The children will have a special lesson/activity with Pastor Jennifer! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our Nursery or church school program.

Karen Di Pace

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

March was another busy month! Our Senior High youth attended PYE (Province Youth Event) February 27 - March 1. The youth and adults had a great time learning about Grace and enjoying all the activities at North Bay Retreat Center. The Jr. High Youth attended the Middle School Lenten Retreat at Camp Mount Luther and had a fantastic time with some of our Senior High Youth being their small group leaders. Thank you to Karen DiPace, Emily Gross, and James Glazier for attending as chaperones.

Thank you to all who bought chocolate eggs to support the pilgrimage. The J2A class has been discerning on where they will be going on their pilgrimage next summer. Next month we will be making it public.

Thank you to Carol Stigelman for the donation toward the pilgrimage; you are the glue that bonds our youth.

There are a lot of events planned for the diocese and our own youth in the coming year so please mark your calendars now. Please see the youth calendar on the following page í í ...



2015 Youth Calendar

March 28	Parish Clean up
March 29	Rite 13 Coffee Hour
April 3	7:30 -Lock in (Maundy Thursday)
April 4	Good Friday service at 7:30
April 18	Confirmation Retreat (J2A Only)
April 26	Sahd's for recycling project, outdoor activity, Service at St. James, Pizza Party with St. James youth.
April 27	Earth Sunday
April 27	J2A Coffee Hour
May 3	Graduation Sunday
May 9	Confirmation at Mt. Calvary
June 7	Teacher Appreciation
June 14	ALERT
June 26 – 28	Diocesan Summer Conference
July 12 – 16	VBS
August 1	Knoebels CPA family, children, youth, and young adult day.
August 23	Blueberry Festival
August 14-16	Happening planning meeting
October 16, 17, 18	Convention and Happening planning meeting
December 4 – 6	Diocesan Fall Retreat
January 8 – 10	Happening planning meeting
February 18 – 21	Diocesan Happening Event
April 1 -3	Diocesan Jr. High Retreat



JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, APRIL 18**—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.).

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 February gave \$364 to Jubilee. This was another below average month. The awful weather is now behind us so I know that we can do better. **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 **only** 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.

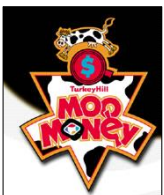
REMEMBER: YOU ARE NOT LOSING ANYTHING. YOU ARE GETTING FULL VALUE FOR YOUR CARD. THE STORE SELLS CARDS TO US AT A 5% DISCOUNT.

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!

Spring, a time for growth! With that in mind, we are in the planning stages of getting some sort of section for the Martha's Ministry on our church website. Our hope is to make what we do readily accessible to lots of folks. We want to include homebound folks, busy people (you know who you are), those of you who watch TV in the evening, those of you sitting in waiting rooms. I myself am a knitting evangelist and knit wherever I might be. Our website info will include simple patterns, needs for items, and current ministry ideas, for example, Seamen's Institute hats and scarves. Those same scarves and hats can also be earmarked for people in our local community, where we see a need. Stay tuned for further developments. Thank you all for your continued support of our mission.



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.**

MDG GOALS UPDATE

The Millennium Development Goals

Eight Goals for 2015

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

Achieve universal primary education

Promote gender equality and empower women

Reduce child mortality

Improve maternal health

Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

Ensure environmental sustainability

Develop a global partnership for development

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul, and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first Commandment.
And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”
--Matthew 22:37-40*

We hear this passage every Sunday. It surprises me sometimes, that I can hear the words over and over, maybe for years and then, ðAh, hah!óí . finally the words connect with our actions.

Spring is finally here, at least officially by the calendar. The Lenten season is concluding and we will be starting the Holy Week events by the time you read this. How will you sum up your intentions from this Lenten season? Did you give something up and/or did you take on something new? How will this season's activities impact you going forward?

Mother Nature interfered with some of the Lenten plans we had for this year with those ðSö and ðIö words (I don't want to hear or say the snow or ice words again for quite a while) but, we made it through and what we did accomplish was very meaningful.

Through the MDG Sunday night programs we heard from Mayor Gray about Gun and violence issues in the City. We heard from Fred Pinguel from CeaseFirePA regarding that organization's efforts against Gun violence in PA. You can learn more about them at www.ceasefirepa.org.

We watched a video presentation by Author/Novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie entitled ðThe Danger of a Single Storyö; made available through TED Global. You can view the video by going to this site, http://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story?language=en.

We heard from Bill Cater regarding his trip to Kenya and the work and efforts of the Kiwanis Club to eliminate the threat of Tetanus, improving the health of women and babies. Bill shared a story, of visiting a village and seeing how simply and humbly the people lived; one room huts where an entire family and their farm animals lived (there were lions to be concerned about). And, he shared a story of the people's talents, their bead craft work, their music, singing and dancing which they were eager to share.

MDG GOALS UPDATE (CONTINUED)

As different as these topics may seem, there were common themes that could be seen throughout these programs. The MDG committee's underlying focus was on getting to know our neighbors near and far and that is an important place to start. We need to do some homework and not just take one story as the absolute fact(s). If you only hear one story about some violence or a shooting in the City and, you hear it over and over again. Well then you may believe "Oh, the City is a violent and unsafe place to be or go. Show a people, as one thing over and over again and that is all they will be known as.

If you only see or hear about poor people in Africa then, when you meet someone from an African country (and yes, there are many countries in the "continent" of Africa), what is your preconceived idea of them? Do you think, that they come from a place of very little food, water or education? What talents could they have? What do we really know about them or, our neighbor right outside our front doors? Why do we need to put so much effort into getting to know our neighbors near and far? Getting to know their needs, their talents and theirs as well as our own potential, individually or together?

It starts where this article began, with Love. Love God first and second, your neighbor as yourself. We as a Country, a State, a County, a City and individuals are different and imperfect and, so are all of our neighbors. To know them and their talents is to first know ourselves and to begin with open hearts. In one of the slides Bill Cater shared was a quote, "I am where I have been". Some of the young people attending the Lent program worked on a project, a Zentangle Heart. Zentangle is the art of creating images from free moving patterns (see www.zentangle.com to learn more). The hearts the kids created were made in this fashion representing, "You, Here and There". Where have you been? What are some of your stories about here? What do we know about there?

As the Easter season begins (and we look forward to whatever it was we gave up) let's continue the journey and the discussion together, to get to know our neighbors near and far. Hopefully, you have seen the World map hanging in the Parish Hall and the information displayed on the tables. "We are not formed by a single story".

Let's do our homework and seek out more than one story and remember we all have potentials just waiting to be realized and shared.

The MDG committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm. Come join us! And in the meantime, please continue to read the MDG challenges and incorporate them into your week! Together, we can make the world a better place!

Submitted by,

Tammy Collier

*"From the rising of the sun to its going down,
let the name of the Lord be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations
and his glory above all the heavens"*

---from Psalm 113

THE JUBILEE SEESAW

*His disciples remembered that it was written,
"Zeal for your house will consume me." John 22:17*

Stop for a minute and think back to elementary school and the playground. Can you picture it? What do you see? I remember the slides, the swings and the seesaws. Now, think back to when you played on the seesaw. Remember, you and a friend both sat down at the same time, you each had both feet on the ground. You were equals, but the minute one of you lifted up your feet, the other person could push you into the air. One of you was on solid ground, the other was up in the air.

The Episcopal Church is on a seesaw regarding our Worship and our Mission. One side is Worship and God driven; the other side is Mission and Christ driven. We have a fear if we're Worship and God driven inside our churches, we'll ignore our Christ driven missions. On the other hand we fear, if we're Christ and Mission driven we'll ignore our Churches and God. So the question we keep asking ourselves is "Do we know we can be both God driven and Christ driven without sacrificing one to do the other?" It's the question we're trying to answer here at St. John's because we're a Jubilee church. Do we still want to be a Jubilee church five years from now?

In the next few months, Fr. John and I are going to be asking all of you your thoughts, ideas and feelings about St. John's Jubilee ministries. Regardless of whether or not you're active in a particular Jubilee ministry or if you just want to learn more about the ones we currently have, everyone is welcomed to join in this. It's going to be like the playground seesaw. Don't worry about which side you're inclined to be on. Rather, simply try and keep the Jubilee seesaw from going too high or too low on either side.

Submitted by, *Julie Gittens*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH WITH REACH!

Mental Health First Aid Training is offered through Mental Health America in Lancaster. This training prepares laypersons to provide initial help to people experiencing mental health problems such as depression, anxiety disorders, psychosis and substances use disorders.

Date: May 8, 2015 (8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
Location: Mental Health America of Lancaster County, 630 Janet Avenue, Lancaster, PA
Cost: \$25 per person.
To Register: Call: 717-397-7461

"We are called to tend to the needs of all the least among us. Our response must be the response of faith... We're often afraid... but it's the human connections, and the realization that we matter to one another, and that if we pull together, this world can indeed be a far more divine place."

Katherine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church
From *The Heartbeat of God: Finding the Sacred in the Middle of Everything*

VOYAGERS



The Voyagers are excited to be traveling to Bangor Church (Est.1722) in Churchtown on Sunday, April 26. Many of us know of this historic church and St. John's connections with it over the years but have never had the opportunity to visit it. If you would care to join us, we plan to gather at St. John's at 8:15 a.m. and leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. Father Mark Scheneman has graciously offered to meet us at 9:30 a.m. to talk to us prior to the service at 10:00 a.m.

We plan to caravan and can provide limited carpooling for those who need transportation. However, we would like to know about how many people would be attending and if transportation is needed. *Also, please let us know if you would be able to provide transportation.* To make arrangements please contact Hilary Becker by April 18 at either: hjb213@comcast.net or 717-560-1532. We hope you'll join us! All are welcome!

Submitted by,

Barbara Graeter



POPCORN THEOLOGY

Friday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Fill the Void (2012) Eighteen-year-old Shira is the youngest daughter of a Hassidic Jewish family and is about to be married off to a very promising young man of the same age. On Purim, her twenty-eight-year-old sister, Esther, dies during childbirth, leaving her husband to care for the child and postponing Shira's promised match. When the girls' mother finds out that Yochay may leave the country with her only grandchild, she proposes a match between Shira and the widower, which leaves Shira to choose between her heart's wish and her family's wish to keep the child with them. (PG, Israel)

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

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES

As some of you know, at the 2014 Diocesan Convention, I was elected to something called the Council of Trustees. To be honest, at the time of the election, I did not know what that meant. For the last six months, under Bishop Gepert's leadership, we have learned how we should make the Council of Trustees an important part of diocesan leadership. I am beginning this series of articles for two reasons. First, so that any future candidates for this position can have an understanding of the commitment they are being asked to make. Second, so that we all have a clearer understanding of why and how this council is important to all of us in Central Pennsylvania. The first two articles will lay the foundation of understanding where the council fits. The next few will discuss how we act in accordance with established committees and ministries. After that I will be reporting and updating on the activities where I am primarily involved. I invite any of you to discuss any of these with me at your leisure.

First let me state that I am not the St. John's representative to the Council of Trustees. I was elected at the Diocesan Convention. As such, though my opinions will be informed by my membership at St. John's and my living in Lancaster, my actions will have to be judged on how they advance the interests of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. At the 2014 convention, the following resolution was passed in support of our Provisional Bishop in his ministry of shepherding God's people through present challenges and opportunities and into God's future.

“We continue to pledge our commitment to reflectively, innovatively and collaboratively implement his recommendations and vision to:

Move forward in a process of mutual formation, addressing the health of ourselves, our parishes, and our diocese as we prepare to welcome our next bishop;

Own the work of healing and community, taking responsibility for our own actions;

Use all available mission and ministry opportunities to reconcile ourselves with God and each other;

Be accountable, transparent, and self-aware to promote healing in our diocese;

Pray the Scriptures with intentionality, co-operate, see the world beyond ourselves, sacrifice for the sake of our ministry, and stay within our roles;

Embrace the work of reform, promoting gospel principles, and living into communal norms.”

Our work is broader than that of a church vestry in certain areas. We are to carry out the work of the Diocesan Convention while it is in recess. Our role is to give some meaning to a phrase that sometimes sounds a bit trite: “We are the diocese.”

Next month, I will write about the promises Council members make to God, our Diocesan Community and each other as Trustee Members.

Note: This article was prepared before the Election convention.

Submitted by,

John Gouveia

PRAYER LIST

For those who we offer our continued prayers:

Ed Bednar
Darlene Bentley
Tom Bond
Carolyn Ching
Vera Clarke
Linda Frederiksen
Julie Gittens
Dyls Glew
Bill & Lois Herzog
Anne Johnson Horn
Betty Juslin-Asplin
Joyce Landis
Wayne LeFevre
Barbara McGraw
Andrew Miller
William Miller
Irene Myers
Eamon Nelson
Jeff & Mary Power
Robert & Joan Power
Randy Reddy
Barbara Russell
Christian Stigelman
Steven Schwartz
Nancy Strasburg
Leeton Thomas
Chris Thompson
Carolyn Weaver
Melissa Williams
Ken Zeller
Bruce



*...and for our
Homebound
Parishioners*

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

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*



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the Welcome Center at the rear
of the church.**

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Barton, Ron	15
Beck, Pat	7
Becker, Hilary	18
Brown, Sophia	23
Cuthbert, Angela	13
Dodge, Susan	20
Faust, John	2
Frantz, Michael	15
Gokey, Madeleine	19
Gross, Bill	12
Grove, Sandra	17
Heider, Doreen	6
Henry, Janice	14
Henry, Kevin	7
Herr, Codi	21
Hogg, Robert	25
Humphrey, Ty	27
Lee, Drigan	23
Lee, Maggie	29
LeFevre, Wayne	15
Linton, Ron	22
Looker-Fenn, Thomas	8
Mann, Gwynneth	23
Miller, Glenn	14
Sauder, Maria	3
Scheetz, Aliya Collier	5
Souders, Helen	24
Stank, Michael	12
Suliveras, Gabriella	20
Tahsler, Leslie	26
Thompson, Claire	27
Van Aulen, Beth	18
Van Aulen, Jonathan	6
Waskowicz, Eric	16
Way, April	1
Weaver-Gelzer, Charlotte	18
Wendler, Owen	9
Zimmerman, Katherine	12



Happy Birthday!

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gbur, Mike & Phyllis	04/30/1971
Graeter, John & Barbara	04/12/1958
Gross, Bill & Jill	04/20/1985
Heider, Mike & Doreen	04/20/1985
Kilp, Bob & Mary Ellen	04/22/1989
Ogwang, Alice & Benson	04/12/1972
Springer, Bob & Maggie	04/24/1982
Way, Joe & April	04/19/1997
Zimmerman, Phil & Stevenson, Louise	04/26/1980



Messenger Deadline

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES FOR THE**

APRIL "MESSENGER" IS:

APRIL 20

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

SERVING SCHEDULE – APRIL, 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!"*

APRIL 5 Easter Day	7:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	David Dissinger, Emily Gross, Brad Moyer	David Kilp, Katie Mausolf, Peter Novosel
Lector	Merle Schnee	Bob Kilp	Frank Cummins
Server	Aaron Spicher	Amelia Dissinger	Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	ô	Claire & Ian Thompson	Danielle DiPace, Kylie Stone
Crucifer	ô	Bob Kilp	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3	Team 3
Ushers	Mike Kilhefner, John Miller, Julie Rodriguez, Jim Snyder	Nick DiPace, Sharon Gromis, Bruce Morgan, Brad Zuke	Paul Dorgan, Len Jackson, Bob Kilp, Wayne McKee, Charlie Rahe
Greeter	ô	ô	ô
Coffee Hour	ô	PARISH BREAKFAST	ô
Nursery	ô	ô	Phyllis Gbur

APRIL 12	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	David Dissinger, Emily Gross
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
Lector	Ricky Smith	Paula Wolf
Server	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	ô	Helena Carroll, Sean Cliff
Crucifer	ô	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Emma DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	ô	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	Voyagers & Sunday School Teachers	Voyagers & Sunday School Teachers
Nursery	ô	Anne Gokey

APRIL 19	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Judy Arnold, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	ô
Lector	TBD	Phil Purdy
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Michael Hreben
Torch Bearer	ô	Miriam Lester, Ellie Suliveras
Crucifer	ô	John Waskowicz
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Danielle DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	ô	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	ô	Janelle Stone



APRIL 26	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	Peter Novosel, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
Lector	Laurie Eaton	Jane Lee
Server	ô	Brooks Morgan
Torch Bearer	ô	Nicholas DiPace, Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	ô	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	ô	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	J2A	J2A
Nursery	ô	Leslie Morgan

LOOKING AHEAD TO: MAY, 2015

MAY 3	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Sibyl Seachrist, Katie Mausolf
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Bob Lee	Danielle DiPace
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer	ô	Greyson Way, Natalie Visco
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Tierza Mendez
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Lectors	Lectors
Nursery	ô	Elsbeth Moffatt



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.