



St. John's Messenger

July, 2015

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

“We invite you to prepare for worship by listening quietly to the Prelude.”

Beginning Sunday, July 5th and for all future Sundays, the invitation quoted above will appear in the 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM worship bulletins. The quote will be printed in the order of service just below the Prelude.

This decision comes following extensive discussions by the Liturgy Team and the Worship Committee under the topic, “Worship Norms”. This agenda item addressed a wide range of concerns including: conversations by adults in the congregation during the playing of the prelude and postlude; noise made by children during the worship service; the role of the choir and other liturgical leaders in worship; and the need for children to leave during the service to use the bathroom.

The Worship Committee reached specific conclusions on each of these topics. For children who need to use the bathroom during worship, they should be accompanied by a parent. This is consistent with SafeChurch policy and practice. Those in the choir and in other liturgical roles need to remember that they are leading the congregation in worship. Visiting with each other should be done before and after vesting, and gentle coaching of young acolytes is to be encouraged. Children in the congregation should likewise be assisted by their parents their participation in worship, while we all need to remember worship is for God’s children of every age. Those who wish to listen to the Postlude at the end of the service are welcome to move to the front of the church. However, given that the Postlude follows the Dismissal, most people will choose to exit the sanctuary and greet one another as they do so. By contrast, before beginning the worship service, all are asked to enter the sanctuary quietly and listen respectfully as the music of the Prelude prepares all in the congregation for worship.

While I agree with these norms and hope they will be followed, I don’t believe they should be enforced. I see that part of the reason we are a noisy congregation is that we like each other, we are happy to see each other, we want to talk with each other. Presently, when we come to church the only gathering space is in the church. The natural tendency is then to meet and greet in church. Should we one day have a narthex that replaces the breezeway and offers a space to visit before we enter church, our need for pre-worship noisiness will be abated.

I also believe that worship is not only about God. Worship is also about the way we live together. If we respect one another in worship, if we nurture good spiritual practice by children and adults, if we are thoughtful about those we are worshipping with, we will be a better community in every other way. Graceful worship will flow simply into grace-filled living.

Worship is not about rubrics and rules. Worship is about being gathered in God’s presence to recall and celebrate who we are as God’s people. When this is uppermost in our minds, it will be inmost in our hearts, and evident to all around us.

John+

THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

Collect For the Good Use of Leisure

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is 9 PM and I am out on the deck watering my flowers and potted tomatoes. It has been a long hot day for this time of the year. I watch the water give new life to the wilted plants and quickly remove the dead flower heads before heading inside. I still have a few things to do before calling it a day.

As I turn out the floodlight and the night again turns dark, the most amazing light show appears. The trees everywhere twinkle with fireflies. There must be thousands of them. The sight took my breath away. I close the door behind me, leaving TV and crosswords and last minute chores inside. I lean on the deck railing and watch with an awe that connects me to my childhood when I ran about our back yard catching fireflies.

It was a beauty I might have easily missed!



Now I've heard it said: "With all our modern conveniences and time saving devices, we don't seem to have much leisure." Leisure is defined as "freedom from activity or labor." And technology, modern tools and appliances make our lives convenient and frees up our time. Yet despite the comforts we enjoy, we don't seem to have much leisure.

In a world where night can be turned literally into day, we may lose track of the pace we keep. Ours is a world filled with artificial light. And that's okay. It is great to play miniature golf or hit golf balls long after the sun goes down. It is fun to watch a night game in a lighted stadium.

*Yet, life gets crazier as many of us rise early and late take our rest.**

Summertime always translates as a time for me to change pace, kick back and set aside some of the demands of my life. It is time to reset the clock and enjoy some intentional "down time with God." It is a good time to make time to take time...*to be still and just be.* Yes, there are many responsibilities that we cannot ever ignore. It is an eternal balancing act

We each need time to refresh, rebuild, renew and restore. And when we seek the time...God carves out the time. Take a leisurely walk, relax on the deck or catch some quiet in the garden or back yard. Give ten or fifteen minutes a day. No agenda, no lists, no electronic devices...just delight in the goodness and beauty of God's sacred creation. That is the essence of the Collect for Use of Leisure. That is the message of the fireflies for me and I hope, now for you.

Barbara+

**"It is senseless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, fearing you will starve to death; for God wants his loved ones to get their proper rest." (The Living Bible Translation-Psalm 127:2)*

MDG CHALLENGES FOR JULY, 2015

I Am, We Are.....One World, Here AND There

At St. John's we have technically covered and taught about the MDG Goals over the past years. But being "knowledgeable" doesn't mean our goals have been met. With summer here, let's look at ways we can save our environment and assist in the saving of God's earthly gift to us and to our world - together - One World, Here AND There.

MDG Challenge for July 5th

Quiz - Which supermarket bag is more eco-friendly - paper or plastic?

Neither. Manufacturing and disposal of both paper and plastic harms environment.

Bringing your own reusable bag - saves the environment and saves you money.

Many stores across our country are starting to charge for bags. Get ahead of the curve.

And remember the best, caring place to buy your grocery cards - St. John's!

Feeds you and feeds our community!

MDG Challenge for July 12th

"Thousands have lived without love, not one without water." W. H. Auden

Of all the water present on earth 97.5% of it is not fit to drink.

Only 2.5% of water is consumable, with one third frozen in the form of glaciers and polar ice.

The water left for human use is roughly 1% of the total water present.

Ask yourself - What can I do to be more considerate in my usage of water?

And don't forget, you know how to help with their hunger - Feed St. John's Food Bank!

MDG Challenge for July 19th

"The atmosphere, the earth, the water and the water cycle - those things are good gifts. The ecosystems, the ecosphere, those are good gifts. We have to regard them as gifts because we couldn't make them.

We have to regard them as good gifts because we couldn't live without them." Wendell Berry

Water lawn? Conserve Water? What can I do to save???

Think about this - dishwashers use about 4 gallons of water per load, and even standard machines use only about 6 gallons. Hand washing dishes generally uses about 20 gallons of water each time.

How can I save so everyone has clean water?

MDG Challenge for July 26th

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." Saint Augustine

Saint Augustine

As a responsible Child of God, do what you can to be caring of those with so much less.

What "new" addition could you add to your caring for the earth for all?

Think about it and then act on it!

SAFE CHURCH



Update on Clearance Fees for Volunteers and Staff

On June 10, 2015, Governor Tom Wolf announced that the processing fees for Child Abuse Clearances and PA Criminal Record Checks will be eliminated for volunteers working with children, and cut from \$10 each to \$8 each for employees beginning July 25, 2015.

This action by the governor does not affect the fees charged for FBI fingerprint checks for employees and for volunteers who have not lived in Pennsylvania for 10 years. Those fees are not controlled by the state and will still be in force.

New volunteers must have clearances by July 1, 2015, and current volunteers have until July 1, 2016, to get clearances. For current volunteers who have not yet gotten or updated their clearances, it makes sense to wait until after July 25 to apply for clearances. That way, you save \$20. Even though, by law, current volunteers have until July 1, 2016, to get clearances, St. John's is moving to have all volunteers cleared as soon as possible to align with our Safe Church covenant.

The Safe Church table will be staffed at coffee hour between services. If you have questions or would like to sign up for clearances right there on the spot, please visit the table in the Parish Hall. Thank you to the volunteers who already have applied for clearances or passed on copies of the clearances they received for their work.

As we've mentioned before, if you are a survivor or impacted family member and would like resources or a safe space for talking, please reach out to our clergy. If you are a survivor and are comfortable offering suggestions for how to enhance Safe Church activities, please talk with a committee member - Cynthia Minnich, Cindy Morris, Mary Woolson, or Marylee Sauder.

With all of us working together, we are strengthening our parish family at church, and in our everyday lives.

Submitted by,

Marylee Sauder

TREASURER'S REPORT

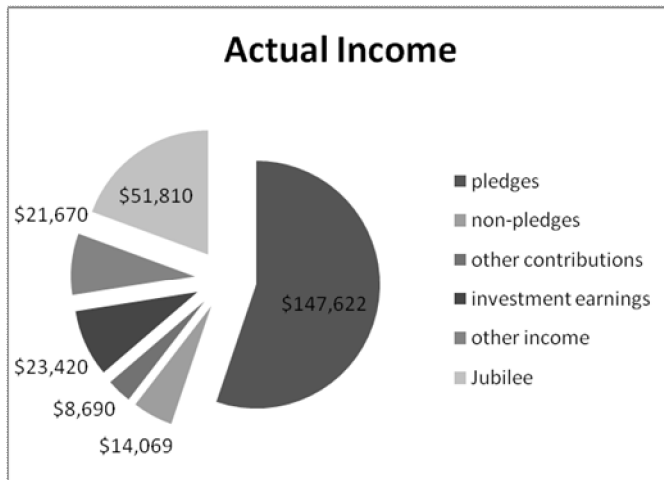
Last month I used a bar graph to illustrate our revenue and expenses. I hope that it was helpful and not too confusing. This month I will show the same basic information, except as a pie chart. As stated last month, my purpose is to find the best way to present the financial information in a clear, understandable format. If you like one way better than the other, please let me know. Silence will be considered approval.

The good news continues this month. Our pledged contributions continue to exceed expectations and our non-pledged contributions did some "catch-up". The net result is that our total contributions were \$9080 better than expected. When we couple the excellent contributions with the diligent effort of our ministries leadership to be good stewards of our sources, we end up showing a positive balance in our revenue and expenses. I have been your Treasurer for 8 years and I have never seen positive net revenue at the end of May.

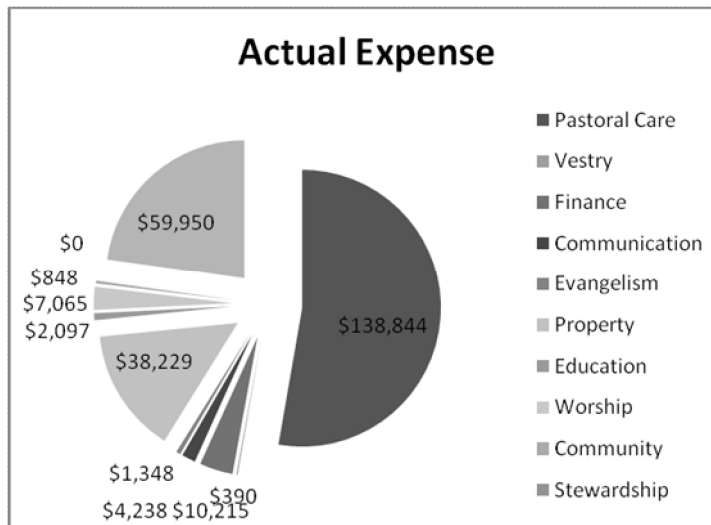
While this news is all good, I must remind everyone that the "summer doldrums" are upon us. I wish everyone a great summer, but please remember that the church still needs your support to pay the bills.

One more piece of good news to share. Last month I told you of the generous gift St. John's received from the estate of Nancy Eckenrode. This month we received another generous gift of \$100,000 from the estate of Peggy and Nelson Craige. The money has been placed in our Unrestricted Endowment Investment account where it will continue to support all of St. John's ministries.

The following show the total actual Revenue and Expenses as of May 31, 2015:



Submitted by,
Steve Latshaw
Treasurer



VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on: June 15, 2015

1. Personnel Policy ó Resolved, that the vestry approves and accepts the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual Handbook as presented by the Personnel Committee, and thanks the members of the Personnel Committee, especially Bob Lee, Chair, for their thoroughly professional work. *This was presented to the Vestry last month by the Executive Committee, but was tabled at the suggestion of Charley Braught. Leslie Morgan called the question, Toni Ehrhart seconded. The stewards were all in favor with one abstention. The motion carried.*

FOOD PANTRY



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Last year, we served an average of over 10 neighborhood families or individuals per week. So far this year, we have averaged just under 6 families or individuals per week. We hope this decline in demand means that the economic conditions are improving in our neighborhood, but there may be other factors in the decline, and we're not making any assumptions yet. We'll keep watching the trends.

(Near the end of 2014, we began recording names of our guests, and we found that a few people had been coming to get food more often than once per month. Now that we're all informed, everyone is following the same guidelines.)

We began 2015 with a fabulous response to our **Souper Bowl of Caring** fundraiser for the food pantry. Including matching funds, we raised \$2108! In the first four months of 2015, we've spent \$470 to fill the gaps between donations and distributions, so we're in pretty good shape, so far.

And then, early in June, we got another very special gift! Mike Kilhefner won a radio contest (96.1 WSOX), and he gave the prize ó TWO \$250 Giant gift cards ó to our Food Pantry! So we've been taking advantage of some great sales at Giant!



“THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, MIKE!”



Submitted by,

Debbie Carter and Bill Cater

SENIOR WARDEN

By the time this is read, all of the schools will be out for summer vacation. Also many folks are off to the beach, mountains, or other memorable place for rest and relaxation. Before you grab your vacation gear and head out the door, I wanted to let you know that things are happening at St. John's this summer.

Vacation Bible School will take place on July 12-16 using the theme of Camp Edge with a kick-off ice cream social at 5:00 and program from 6:00-8:00. Please contact Karen DiPace for any more information or if you know of a child who would like to attend.

The leadership team for the upcoming Capital Campaign is in the active process of being formed. This group will consist of: Pastor; Campaign Chairpersons; Coordinator; Communications Team; Prayer Team; Advance Commitments Team; Youth and Children Team; Gratitude and Ministry Team; Celebration Team; Connection Team; and Lead Gifts/Generational Gifts Team. Each job or team has specific roles, however are part of the overall network. The intent is that these parishioners reflect a broad base of talent and diversity giving a strong commitment to the future of St. John's. Scott McKenzie, our consultant from Horizons Stewardship, will meet with this Team initially on June 23, 2015. As a parish we should "Save the Date" of August 23rd 2015. This will be the Commissioning of the Capital Campaign leadership team as well as a parish mini-meeting describing events and dates of the upcoming campaign.

As more plans or dates become known, they will be communicated in several forms to keep us all informed. Please check the weekly bulletin, Messenger, website or blog. If you are heading out for some well-deserved time away, don't forget the sunscreen, hats and sunglasses. But for all, please stay cool and comfortable in this time of heat and humidity.

Peace,

Bob Murphy, Senior Warden



LEMONADE TIME!

Volunteers are needed to serve cold lemonade after the second service. The lemonade is premixed in the refrigerator, plastic cups are provided, as are pretzels and usually ice. The only task is to pour the lemonade, set out a munchie (either yours or what's available in the kitchen), remake the lemonade for next week, and wipe off the counter! The sign-up sheet is on the clipboard at the Parish Hall kitchen "window". Please offer to help! See **Sue Martin** with questions. "Thank You!"

PROPERTY CORNER

Greetings Everyone!

Well summer is here and the air-conditioning is running. There were problems with the first time we tried to have the A/C in the church and Bill Gross was busy correcting this issue. We are now faced with a leaking A/C system and freon needed to be replaced. This is a major item for us at St. John's to deal with. As we age so do buildings and all that goes into running a home, church, office... you get the picture. We all know we must keep up with maintenance. The A/C and heating system go hand in hand and they are aging.

Smuckers came to assess several drainpipes along the Chestnut Street side of church and we are awaiting what needs to be done to repair pipes that had separated over time. Bill has made some temporary fixes but more needs to be done to get water away from the walls. We are still dealing with dampness in the undercroft. Again, a maintenance issue.

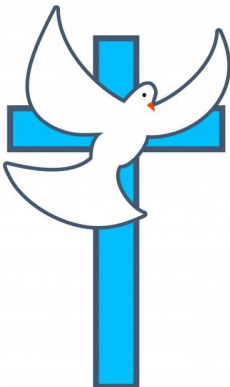
As I have written before, I am cleaning out spaces in the church and will move on to the Becker House. There is a closet in the All Purpose Room that is jammed full of children's books that had been used years ago for the Cookies & Books program. Does anyone have a good spot to make a donation to beside the public libraries? There is also an ancient air conditioner that needs to go away. Any takers?

We would love to have more people involved with the Property Committee. The more time I spend with the members, the more I come to regard this community of people as GREAT! There is an awfully lot to take care of and funding is limited. Please join us to help with the future of St. John's.

Blessings!

Deb Smith,
Vestry Steward for Property

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS



Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness (LIPW) which St. John's is a part of, is holding an Ecumenical Summer Series concerning Racism and Mass Incarceration, called "In Chains We Trust". This will include a book study and a movie in July and August and a TEACH-IN in September, followed by a Worship Celebration. The two books are "*The Cross and the Lynching Tree*" (available at Lancaster Theological Seminary Library), and "*The New Jim Crow*" (at the public library). More details are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and in the Sunday Bulletin. Feel free to contact Sue Heilman with questions or to borrow one of the books.

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



SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
JULY 5	Rev. John Emmert Trust	Dale & Barbara Landis
JULY 12	Mike Higgs	
JULY 19	Robert Baker	Jane Lee
JULY 26		
AUGUST 2		
AUGUST 9	Carol Stigelman	Nelson Lawrence
AUGUST 16		
AUGUST 23		
AUGUST 30	Stephanie McGovern	
SEPTEMBER 6		
SEPTEMBER 13		
SEPTEMBER 20		
SEPTEMBER 27		

FOOD PANTRY STAPLES—ALWAYS WELCOMED!



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

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

July 12th-16th from 6-8pm is Vacation Bible School..... "CAMP E.D.G.E"!!!

Children through grade 5 are invited to join us as campers, older youth are welcome to be helpers. On Sunday, July 12th we will have an Ice Cream social from 5-6. Please arrive no later than 5:45 to prepare for our adventures! Registration forms will be available both online and in the Parish Hall. We will need MANY adults and youth to help. Please contact Karen Di Pace to volunteer. Many donations are needed to help with this event (crafts supplies, snacks, etc). Please see the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall, or contact Karen Di Pace. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated! I hope you are all having a great summer!!

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

Classes have ended for the year, but our youth will be busy over the summer getting together for a swim party, going to Knoebels, planning the Blueberry Festival, and helping with VBS. I would like to thank the wonderful teachers for their commitment to our youth every week. We are so blessed at St. John's for the wonderful youth leadership that they provide. Thank you April & Joe Way, J2A leaders, Emily Gross, James Glazier and Matt Gokey.

A great time was had at our Annual Church Picnic this year. The food was wonderful! Thank you to our cooks Nick DiPace and Bob Kilp. A big thank you to Karen DiPace for all her planning and organization for the picnic.

On June 26 & June 28, we will be having many from St. John's participating in the Diocesan Youth Retreat at Camp Hebron, "Finding God in Nature". Our own Nick DiPace will be sharing his musical talents with us along with Alec Tallman from Williamsport. Our youth will be in good hands for the wonderful staffing that will be at Camp Hebron, Joe & April Way with help from Campbell and Greyson, Karen DiPace, Bob & Mary Ellen Kilp. Please keep our youth in your prayers that will be attending the event: Emma, Danielle, Nick DiPace, Sean & Aidan Cliff, and Natalie Visco.

And what would summer be without our annual VBS? This year's Vacation Bible School is a reprise of an old favorite: Camp E.D.G.E. ! We are recycling an "oldie but goodie". Many of the teens that serve as counselors will remember enjoying this VBS as a kid. As always, opportunities to get involved are abundant. Please let Mary Ellen Kilp or Karen DiPace know if you are interested in helping. It will be an awesome experience! Please mark your calendars for our annual Blueberry festival on August 23, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This year's festival will include a live music in the courtyard (weather permitting) with a variety of homemade blueberry treats to enjoy- including ice cream with fresh berries! See the flyer in this "Messenger" for more information. All proceeds will go towards the J2A pilgrimage- every little bit counts!

2015 YOUTH CALENDAR

July 12 – 16	VBS
August 1	Knoebels CPA family, children, youth/young adult day.
August 23	Blueberry Festival
September 12	Rev. Canon Scanlan's Consecration
October 5	Inflatable 5K Race
October 16, 17, 18	Convention
December 4 – 6	Diocesan Fall Retreat



CAMP E.D.G.E.
2015 VBS Registration Form

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Grade Entering in Fall: _____

Home Church: _____

Allergies/ Medical Information/ Other: _____

Emergency Contacts

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of Person (s) Who May Pick Up This Child from VBS: _____

Other Information (Church Use Only)

Camper Group: _____ Leader: _____

Are Parents Helping with VBS? _____ If yes, where? _____

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, JULY 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 May gave \$594 to Jubilee. As per my request, you did make May a much better sales month than April. We did have a 5th Sunday for sales which does give us an advantage, however, it is the support of our Jubilee ministries that is important, not the number of sales days. **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.

NOTE: 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, Musser's Markets, Oregon Dairy, Stauffer's, and 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!

Summertime.... and the knitting is easy! Please help us with our ministry of creating hats, scarves, prayer shawls and more. You may choose to knit, crochet or sew items for the needy in our community. We provide the yarn, if necessary, and you provide your time. We invite you to join us on any Tuesday, either in the parish hall from 2-4 PM or at the home of Deb Smith on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM. The fellowship is healing. If you aren't able to attend, please consider making some things as you travel or watch TV.



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's Soup Labels.**

BIRTH OF A NATION

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:6

Last month I had the privilege of attending a THRIVE (Theological Hope to Renew and In-Vigorate Episcopalians) gathering in State College, PA. Three workshops were offered: 1) Jumpstart!, a class presented by the Episcopal Church Building Fund (ECBF) which discussed the fears of the decline in Church membership/attendance, the decline in church finances and the future of congregations, 2) Person Directed Framework: Learning to Listen to Another, a class that taught people how to become more responsive and transform themselves when dealing with situations that often leave us feeling confused, scared or frustrated, and 3) Storytelling and Church History presented by the Diocesan Eliminating Racism Task Force, the class I took.

This Eliminating Racism class was separated into two sessions. The morning session was titled "Storytelling" and it allowed us (black and white church members) to discuss racism in our personal, work and, yes, Church lives. It was very refreshing to listen to other Church members discuss episodes from their past (some uplifting/some not) and still feel a sense of family among all of us. We are united as Christians and members of the Episcopal Church who truly want to work on ways to eliminate racism here in Central Pennsylvania. We realize in order to do this all Church members (teenagers, millennials, middle-aged and elderly) are going to have to take part in these classes. The fear of listening to a story isn't nearly as harmful as ignoring the story.

The afternoon class was a discussion on Church history, in particular LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing), the African-American spiritual hymnal and the stories of Richard Allen and Absalom Jones, two former slaves who became priests. Richard Allen, whose viewpoints were more Wesleyan founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), while Absalom Jones, the more Anglican, founded the first African Episcopal Church. Prior to this, blacks were allowed to attend Sunday services, but they had to remain in the back, they had to come forward to receive Holy Communion before the white members and leave immediately afterward. Absalom Jones didn't think this was a very "Evangelical" thing to do. After speaking with the Bishop, he learned all things necessary to be a priest in the EC and was allowed to open the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. St. Thomas is located in the Overbrook neighborhood of Philly. I suggest everyone take the trip down there to see the beauty of the Sanctuary, as well as to hear their choir and band sing songs from LEVAS.

As your Evangelism steward, imagine my surprise when I went to Church the following Sunday and heard Mother Barbara's wonderful sermon about Evangelism and the Pentecost season. Yes, it's the Pentecost season, otherwise known as Ordinary Time but, I assure you, there's nothing ordinary about it. Now is your chance to spread the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Episcopal Church and St. John's in particular, to other people. Evangelism is the perfect tool to use to help fix the mistakes of America's history (past and present) of racial bigotry, anti-sexism and anti-sexual orientation. There's no reason to be shy about it. Sing out songs of joy filled with laughter and praise and introduce yourself and others to the beauty of evangelism.

Submitted by,

Julie Gittens

PRAYER LIST

For those who we offer our continued prayers:

Ed Bednar
Darlene Bentley
Carolyn Ching
Linda Frederiksen
Teresa Freed
Barry Geyer
Bill & Lois Herzog
Anne Johnson Horn
Jim Hornafius
Margaret Huffman
Vonda Kirchner
Joyce Landis
Isaac Markovich & Family
Shirley McGee
Kathy McNamara
Andrew Miller
William Miller
Lorraine Nolan
Darlene Pfeiffer
Jeff & Mary Power
Robert & Joan Power
Randy Reddy
Barbara Russell
Christian Stigelman
Donna Schnee
Steven Schwartz
Stephanie Smith
Nancy Strasburg
Martha Stroh
Thomas Family
Carolyn Weaver
Gary Weaver
Melissa Williams
Ken Zeller
Bart
Morgan & Shannon



*...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
Gray Sellers
Marjorie Seachrist
Helen Souders
Joanna Sweeney
Sandra Wengert
Poppy Youngquist

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

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,
Kirby Kinderwater, Kyle Kinderwater,
Kyle Kulka, Joseph Lombardo,
Nicholas Lombardo, Sean McCormick,
Jamie Olejniczak, John S. Waltz,
and 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.

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*Patti Means, Parish Secretary
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of the church.**

**Copies of the Vestry reports are
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the Parish Hall.**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Archer, The Rev Bill	5
Blevins, Susan	9
Brown, Doug	12
Brown, Jean	28
Bush, Fred	3
Clark, Foster	29
Davis, Paul	5
Di Pace, Nicholas	31
Ehrhart, Toni	8
Freeman, Aidan	3
Gbur, David	14
Glazier, James	24
Gouveia, Fran	12
Hasircoglu, Selena	9
Heider, Max	22
Hurlburt, Sue	21
Jackson, Sandra	19
Keller, Ellen	10
Landis, Dale	2
Lawrence, Nelson	26
Meikrantz, Marlana	6
Moffatt, Emily	30
Myers, Irene	14
Naegele, Jane	20
Nolan, Lorraine	5
Russell, Barbara	1
Snyder, Hallie	26
Tobie, Sue	9
Way, Campbell	2

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Carroll, Andy & Anne	07/25/2000
Di Pace, Nick & Karen	07/15/1995
Fields, Bob & Amy	07/17/1971
Largent, Karen & Todd	07/02/2006
Lovett, Don & Ann	07/25/1953
Morgan, Bruce & Leslie	07/04/1998
Novosel, Peter & Shore, Linda	07/15/2006



Messenger Deadline

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES FOR THE

AUGUST "MESSENGER"
IS:

JULY 20



SERVING SCHEDULE – JULY, 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!"*

JULY 5	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Katie Mausolf, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	ô
Lector	Sue Tobie	Jane Lee, Jeannie Zeller
Server	ô	Aaron Hasircoglu
Torch Bearer	ô	Natalie Visco, Greyson Way
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Emma DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Brad Zuke
Coffee/Lemonade Time	Sauder Family	Kilp Family
Nursery	ô	Phyllis Gbur

JULY 12	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Molly Moyer	David Kilp, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	Peter Novosel, Julie Gittens
Lector	Bob Lee	Danielle DiPace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server		Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	ô	Kylie Stone, Ella Suliveras
Crucifer	ô	John Waskowicz
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Danielle DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	ô	Peter Novosel
Coffee/Lemonade Time	Brenton Family	Toni Ehrhart, Lynn Hayford
Nursery	ô	Anne Gokey

JULY 19	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Sibyl Seachrist, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	ô
Lector	Ricky Smith	David Dissinger, Paula Wolf
Server	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	ô	Nicholas DiPace, Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	ô	David Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	ô	Leslie Morgan
Coffee/Lemonade Time	Morgan Family	Jane Lee
Nursery	ô	Janelle Stone



JULY 26	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	Judy Arnold, David Dissinger
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Merle Schnee	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	ô	Michael Hreben
Torch Bearer	ô	Helena Carroll, Miriam Lester
Crucifer	ô	Aaron Hasircoglu
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Tierza Mendez
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	ô	Sue Martin
Coffee/Lemonade Time	Carroll Family	TBD
Nursery	ô	Leslie Morgan

LOOKING AHEAD TO: AUGUST, 2015

AUGUST 2	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton	Katie Mausolf, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
Lector	Sue Purdy	Jane Lee, Jeannie Zeller
Server	ô	Michael Hreben
Torch Bearer	ô	Natalie Visco, Greyson Way
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Max Lester
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Carolyn Maxey
Coffee/Lemonade Time	Lester Family	Lester Family
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

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