



St. John's Messenger

September, 2015

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

SEPTEMBER'S NEW BEGINNINGS

Excitement. That is the feeling I get from new beginnings. Whether it is starting off on a trip, or the first scene of a movie, or the overture of an opera, new beginnings stir anticipation, expectation and a hunger for what comes next. At St. John's, we have plenty to be excited about.

First, we welcome our new Bishop of the Right Reverend Audrey Scanlan who will be ordained to the episcopate on Saturday, September 12th, at 11:00 AM at the Forum in Harrisburg. The Forum is at 500 Walnut Street. Parking can be found by the Forum at 14 N. 5th St. and by the Hilton at 214 Walnut St. A shuttle bus will travel from the Hilton to the Forum beginning at 9:00 AM. Immediately following the service, the shuttle will return to the Hilton for the reception to which all are invited.

The next day, Sunday, September 13th, we kick off our Church School program for the year with Education Sunday. At the 10:15 AM service we will commission of our Church School teachers, Journey to Adulthood leaders and Nursery volunteers. This year our Church School and J2A are again being headed by our seasoned team of Karen DiPace and Mary Ellen Kilp. Following the 10:15 AM service we will gather in the parish hall for an old fashioned Ice Cream Social.

Our program of music ministry has its official start with Choirs Sunday on September 19th. In addition to the commissioning of the members of our Chancel Choir and Hand Bell Choir at the 10:15 AM service, our Minister of Music, Paul Reese and our Hand Bell Director, Marilyn Winfield, will have a special musical offering to mark this celebration.

Millennium Development Goal Sunday, September 27th, will feature special guest speakers. Michael and April Galbraith, the local representatives of ECHO, will preach at 8:00 and 10:15 AM services, and will offer a pop-up Adult Forum in the sanctuary between the services. ECHO is a faith-based agency that promotes sustainable farming practices in developing countries around the world. Our MDG Committee is considering ECHO as a candidate for a global partnership with St. John's, beginning in 2016.

With these ministries we also have new staff ministers to welcome. The Rev. Dr. Barbara Seras is no longer our interim. Barbara is our new full-time assistant priest. In addition to sacramental ministry, she will be focusing on pastoral care and supporting our education ministries.

We also welcome Gina Keiser to our ministry support staff. Gina has been engaged as our Assistant Financial Secretary. As she is learning our system and adding new capabilities, Gina will be tasked with providing the accounting support of the capital campaign, which begins in October.

September marks the beginning of a historic year for us as a parish, as a diocese and as the church of Christ. Come and share in the excitement as part of the new life that comes with being the people of God.

John+

THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

Discoveries...

Perhaps it is my imagination. When I look through the nursery door, it seems a little empty inside. I suspect in part, it is the summer. I believe in part, it is Mr. Steve's leaving. He shared a big part of our little ones' lives. He was the nursery caregiver for six years, and for the children in the nursery, that is a lifetime.

As I settle into my ministry at St. John's, I delight in the new discoveries that pass by me almost daily. There is always something new to learn – not only about the parish but also about myself.

One discovery involves the nursery. And it is this: the nursery is *Community* for the youngest among us. The nursery is often the first experience the children have of "church." It is the place they come week by week to be with children their own age in a safe, loving AND Christian environment. The time may not be filled with specific classes, but in their own way, these children are learning and experiencing the Love of God.

Our children can "be themselves" in an age-appropriate environment and join the adult community at times that make sense. The integrity of our worship is maintained. All of us can enjoy time in worship, knowing that our children are safe.

All that said, our nursery is an important ministry of our parish. Our nursery serves us all in ways far beyond the obvious one of providing childcare for children. It is our way to nurture our youngest among us: our Present and our Future.

With this in mind, I hope each and all of us will make it our business to find our next Nursery Caregiver. Look around and pray about it. And if you know a responsible adult who can give St. John's a few hours each Sunday morning, please contact me at 299-1188. I will be glad to hear from you.

Barbara+

Start children off on the way they should go and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)



Millennium Development Goals (MDG)
Changing to.....

"SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS" (SDG)

September, 2015

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all

Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

** Acknowledging that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change*

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The United Nations MDG's, which expire in 2015, will be replaced by directives known as the SDGs. While you will see many similarities in the goals we have focused on and where the next focus begins, the finalization is to be published September 2015. Regardless of the goals, partnerships/working peacefully together will have to occur; regardless of nationality or beliefs, we are ALL God's Children.

MDG Challenge for September 6th

It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it.+ Eleanor Roosevelt
Ask yourself - What can I do to bring peace today?
Repeat Daily and Act!

MDG Challenge for September 13th

If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends.
You talk to your enemies.+ Desmond Tutu
Jesus sat at the table with friends and enemies. How can we do the same?

MDG Challenge for September 20th

You may never know what results come of your actions.
But if you do nothing, there will be no results.+ Gandhi
A can of soup costs less than a cup of coffee. Your cup of coffee feeds only you,
but the can of soup you bring for giving could feed several.
Make a pledge to bring a can of something each week.

MDG Challenge for September 27th

The test of morality of a society is what it does for its children.+ Dietrich Bonhoeffer
If buying grocery cards hasn't been your practice, think again. You lose nothing.
In fact, if you are on a budget it's even easier to keep track.
You get all that you pay for and more because programs that nourish children,
like the Eagle's Nest, benefit. The cards help to feed you AND others.

GUEST LAY SPEAKER - Mike Galbraith from ECHO will be our guest lay speaker at both services on Sunday, September 27, 2015 for "MDG Sunday".

SAFECHURCH



SafeChurch Events Coming Up At St. John's

This fall will be a busy one for SafeChurch at St. John's. As the SafeChurch committee and key St. John's ministries put the finishing touches on the SafeChurch policy, there also are some SafeChurch events scheduled over the coming months.

On **Saturday, October 10**, the Samaritan Counseling Center, which runs the SafeChurch program, will hold a retreat for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. St. John's parishioners who are survivors are invited to attend.

"Tamar Speaks! A Retreat for Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse" will be held on October 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Black Rock Retreat Center, 1345 Kirkwood Pike in Quarryville.

Led by experienced facilitators in the national movement to end child sexual abuse, the retreat will use art, music, writing, reflection and discussion to create resources for survivors to share with their faith communities to raise awareness about this issue and inspire others to use their power as adults to protect children from sexual harm. If you have questions about whether this retreat is right for you, please contact facilitator Linda Crockett at Samaritan at 717-560-9991 or LCrockett@scclanc.org.

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE. There is no cost for the first three registrants from St. John's, since we are in the current SafeChurch cluster. For all others, the cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Detailed information and registration forms are available at the SafeChurch table in the Parish Hall.

On **Sunday, October 11**, a Samaritan representative will make a SafeChurch presentation in the Parish Hall from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. between services. We encourage all parishioners to attend, especially those who volunteer at the church with children. Please be aware that the discussion will be about grooming behaviors, which is a very sensitive topic. If you have questions, please contact Marylee Sauder, SafeChurch committee chair.

On **Saturday, November 14**, a large SafeChurch training session will be held for church staff and volunteers. All are encouraged to attend. Details coming soon.

These programs are intended to educate us as a parish so we can work together to keep our children safe and build a culture that lifts up and empowers everyone in our parish family.

Submitted by, *Marylee Sauder*

SENIOR WARDEN

The hot and lazy days of summer are ending with students returning to school. It seems that summer becomes shorter every year. During the hazy days of summer much has happened, is happening as well as planning for the future here at St Johnø.

To mention a few of the past activities:

- * Vacation Bible School, led by Karen Di Pace, and her very capable and vital assistants.
- * Community Breakfast at First Reformed Church fed 207 people and sent them home with lots of vegetables from the church garden.
- * Fifteen (15) young people from throughout the diocese and other congregations in central Pennsylvania conducted a Happenings Planning weekend here at St Johnø from August 14-16. Thanks to all who helped, especially Mary Ellen Kilp. Please read her article included in this edition of the Messenger.
- * A welcome picnic was held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Sunday August 16, which gave anyone in the Lancaster area a chance to welcome and chat with Bishop-elect Audrey.

The Blueberry Festival was held on Saturday, August 22. There was a mini-meeting held on Sunday, August 23, that focused on the upcoming Capital Champaign and presented by members of the Capital Champaign Leadership Team. The consecration of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania's new bishop, Audrey Scanlan will be held at the Forum in Harrisburg on September 12. All are invited. Please see the bulletin, check the St Johnø website or diocesan website for details. Church School is starting as well as Eagleø Nest. St Johnø is hosting an Appreciative Inquiry Summit on October 3 with all interested invited to attend. Please talk with Julie Gittens if you have questions. The Fall Welcome Brunch is slated for Sunday, October 4. Safe Church Sunday is October 11.

These above events are not inclusive of all that is happening here at St. Johnø, but just a sampling of the events and activities. All of this happens because of wonderful people who come together, discern, and make plans and dreams become reality. All of our support and help in many ways, as well as prayers are needed and welcomed. If you have any questions, please ask any of the vestry members. The names and phone numbers are listed on the back of the bulletin or on the website.

Have a blessed and safe Labor Day holiday!

Peace,

Bob Murphy
Senior Warden

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on: August 17, 2015

1. **Clergy Housing Allowance** ó Resolved, that the total compensation paid to the Rev. Barbara J. Seras for the calendar year 2015 shall be \$24,011.00 of which \$18,000.00 is hereby designated as housing allowance pursuant to section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code. *Barbara has asked that Vestry change the \$10,416.00 to \$18,000.00 for tax purposes. Charlie Braught questioned if the change is in line with section 107 of the IRS code. Barbara made a motion to make the change. Seconded by Leslie Morgan. Toni Ehrhart called the question. The motion carried.*
2. **HVAC Repair** - Resolved, that the Vestry authorizes the expensing from line item 01-5140 Building Repair and Expense up to \$5212.00 for repair to the HVAC. This repair will include a pressure testing of the system in insure that no other leaks are present. The choice of contractor will be at the discretion of the Property Manager in consultation with the Property Committee. *This resolution came from the Property Committee. Sue Heilman asked if pressure testing of the system had been done the last time. Debbie did not know the answer. Jane Lee called the question. The motion carried.*
3. **Pointing** ó Resolved that the Vestry authorizes the expensing of up to \$9000.00 for pointing of those sections of the exterior brick walls of the church, parish hall, Becker House, and rental properties deemed by the Property Manager and Property Committee to be in need of immediate attention. The choice of contractor will be at the discretion of the Property Manager in consultation with the Property Committee. Budget line items to be used are a combination of 01-5140 Building Repair and Expense, 01-5138 Building Maintenance Expense, 06-5152 Repairs and Maintenance ó Rental Property 209, and 06-5162 Repairs and Maintenance ó Rental Property 211, and the Property Manager is charged with accurately accounting in the budget all approved expenses. *This resolution came from the Property Committee. Leslie Morgan called the question. The motion carried.*
4. **Extra Draw** ó Resolved that the Vestry affirms the action by the Treasurer to take an additional draw of \$11,710 from the Unrestricted Endowment Investment Account. The Vestry approves this action in order that St. John's will remain current on its pledge to the Diocese, as well as remaining in good standing with all financial obligations. *This resolution came from the Treasurer and Finance Committee, and was vetted by the Executive Committee. Sue Heilman called the question. The motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

The July numbers are in. While they are not discouraging, they also are not particularly encouraging either. Our overall contributions were down approximately \$5000 from our target budget numbers. This is not unexpected, given that July is right in the middle of the summer season. Unfortunately, summer bills do not take a vacation and to add to the challenge it is the logical time to complete various maintenance projects. In an effort to keep things moving and to meet all of our obligations, it was necessary to take the scheduled 4th quarter draw in July. This was only a temporary patch for August continued the fiscal challenge. We were starting to fall behind on our pledge to the Diocese and the Vestry has made it clear that staying current with our pledge is a priority. To avoid falling behind further and to catch up, Vestry was asked to approve an additional draw. This draw paid the Diocese as well as the first installment of our fall school taxes. Yes, we pay school taxes for the Parish Hall and the Office buildings.

As I mentioned last month, Gina Keiser has joined our financial team. Gina brings some very good skill to our team. She has experience with ACS and the new module On-Demand, which we will begin to implement. When fully operational, On-Demand permits inquiries by the various ministry chairs into their budget line items. It will give greater visibility and improve our financial transparency. Gina will be responsible for getting all of our capital campaign accounts set up. Gina also has experience in grant writing. We are sure this will be of great value as we move forward with our capital campaign.

I do hope that everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and is ready for another year of excitement at St. John's.

Submitted by,

Steve Latshaw
Treasurer

ALL LANCASTER EPISCOPAL RESPONSE TEAM



Are You Able?

ALERT is seeking parishioners and others needing help with yard work, or light inside work, at their home for the ALERT Work Day on Saturday, October 3rd. We are also looking for volunteers! Please contact: David Martin, Shirley Shaheen, or Brian Gross.

PARISH INFORMATION

Congratulations!

At 9:25 a.m. on August 5, 2015
Elizabeth Grace Mattson was born. She weighed 8 lbs. 11.6 oz.
Pastor Jennifer and baby Elizabeth are both doing well!
Thanksgiving for all your prayers and well wishes.
"Ring the Bell!"

Grace and Peace,

Bradley Mattson

Thank You

To Our Church Family,

Ken and I are truly awed and blessed by your continuing love and prayers as we struggle with cancer. Whether you've made us a meal, visited Ken in the hospital or in rehabilitation, called, or kept us in your thoughts and prayers - please know that you have been a real blessing to Ken and to me. Thank you.

With love,

Jeannie Zeller

In Memory

Heartfelt thanks from John and Barbara Graeter for the many kind expressions of sympathy on the death of their son, Chris. A memorial service, celebrating the life of Chris, will take place at St. John's on Thursday, September 10th beginning at 11:00 a.m. Visitation with the family will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

PROPERTY CORNER

Greetings! There's been lots happening at St. John's as we get ready for fall. Storage areas have been cleaned out and organized. File cabinets have been purged, Sunday school teachers have been BUSY getting ready for September and we are having fun with it all. The Property Committee has many items to deal with at the moment from downspout repair, re-pointing on the church and rental property management and repair of the A/C to prevent future freon leaks. We meet the first Monday of the month at 7pm in Becker House. Please join us.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Smith, Vestry Steward for Property

Your Property Committee has had much on their plates of late. Two new employees have been getting set-up with physical and electronic accommodations for their positions. Most of the work has required minor repairs of plaster walls and the replacement/relocation of unwanted office furniture and equipment. We are working around everyone's schedules to get them on-board and comfortable as quickly as possible. We hope you take the opportunity to welcome and introduce yourselves to Pastor Barbara and Gina, our Assistant Financial Secretary.

We have also been busy with storm water management. A half hour deluge last month saw many of the gutters overflowing, permitting water to enter two of the buildings. The clerestory downspout by the St. John's garden had water overflowing the lower gutter, which penetrated the inside of the Nave by the Chapel entrance. With the issues from gutter cleaning last year, water overflowed the gutter above the ramp of the Parish Hall, penetrating the Parish Hall and auditorium windows. A vacuum attachment was used from the auditorium to remove debris from the gutter to permit better drainage so as to prevent the expense of using a lift twice this year. The use of a ladder causes the gutter to collapse, while many options don't exist for their placement on the wall due to the limited clear wall space.

Upon tracking down the source of soil accumulating on the sidewalk in front of the Parish Hall, it was determined that water was eroding the trench made for our new gas service. All that remained was determining from where the water was entering the service trench. On a rainy day, water was discovered dripping from the pitched coping on the Parish Hall parapet, landing to the left of the gas meter. Splashguards and other materials were placed here to avoid the entry of water into the trench. And, caulked diverters were placed on the 20" wide coping so that the water would run onto the roof, instead of dripping off of the edge. The downspout at the Becker House passage has been replaced to reduce water entering the Becker House and Parish Hall in the alcove. Both of these areas continue to be monitored.

We tapped the expertise of the McSherrys, a father and son team of civil engineers, who were good friends of Arnie and Dottie Lewis and helped us with their evaluation of the boiler room wall. We consulted with them regarding the water infiltration through the masonry walls, particularly interior walls, which would normally not be considered to be experiencing issues from bad perimeter drainage. Both of the McSherrys felt the poor pitch around the perimeter of our buildings, particularly on the parking lot side, was contributing to water coming through the walls and foundation and infiltrating the interior walls. Their number one control is to pitch the surrounding surfaces away from the buildings so that water drains away from the building. Fortunately, through Doug Brown's efforts, this concept is being considered with our capital improvement project. They also identified areas around the Parish Hall, where measures have since been taken to improve the pitch there. More is hoped for completion during future fall and spring cleanup projects.

PROPERTY CORNER (CONTINUED)

We took advantage of the McSherrys' visit to solicit recommendations on the storm water portion of our capital improvement project. Due to the subterranean make-up of limestone, they both advise against having water percolate through the soil and into the ground, to prevent sinkholes and the structural compromise of the church. Instead, they recommend an underground retention structure that would allow the slow release of rainwater into the city sewer system.

The Property Committee has been working hard to prevent further damage and/or expense with re-pointing and a Freon leak from the cooling system. The last two winters were very hard on our mortar joints. We are in dire need of making these repairs to prevent more costly damage to the masonry walls. Some of this work will include our rental properties. With the amount of pointing necessary, the plan is to spread this expense out over two years. The Freon leak was discovered last month. And, for what it cost to replenish the Freon for one year, the leak can be repaired. All of this work will begin within the month, thanks to your Vestry's approval of these resolutions.

Your Property Committee's mission is to support St. John's many ministries, including the new capital campaign "Honoring Our Past - Welcoming Our Future", allowing desperately needed access, courtyard and storm water enhancements. We hope you can help.

Your Property Committee,

*Phil Becker, Andy Carroll, Peter Eaton, Jeff Gromis, Bill Gross,
Janice Henry, Cynthia Minnich, and Deb Smith*

VOYAGERS



The St. John's Voyagers are eager to start the 2015-2016 season on Saturday, September 26, 2015, at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall and we are pleased to announce that we will meet "up close and personal" our new Assistant Priest, The Rev. Dr. Barbara J. Seras. Although she has been with us the past few months, this will give all of us an opportunity to get to know each other better.

Remember, even though Voyagers is a "vintage" group, we are eager to welcome parishioners and their friends of any age to our monthly get-togethers. We meet, most months, on the last Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and programs are announced in the "Messenger" and in the weekly bulletins. Please join us!

Submitted by,

Barbara Graeter

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 for the church altar and one (1) for the chapel. This information will appear in both service bulletins. Following is the information we have received for the time-frame between **September** and **November, 2015**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

Date	(1)	(2)	Chapel
SEPT 6	Ruth McDivitt		
SEPT 13	G. Shutt Trust		
SEPT 20	Molly Moyer	Loie Breitegan	
SEPT 27	Fr. Peter Greenfield	Dale & Barbara Landis	
OCT 4	John & Barbara Graeter		Scott & Sherry Qualls
OCT 11	Patti Means		
OCT 18			
OCT 25			
NOV 1			
NOV 8			
NOV 15			
NOV 22	Ruth McDivitt		
NOV 29 <i>Advent Begins With Greens</i>			

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!”

“CHURCH SCHOOL KICK-OFF!”

September 13, 2015

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CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

PRINT: Name *(Last)* _____ *(First)* _____

Address _____

City _____, PA Zip _____

Phone () _____

Gender _____ Grade Level *(entering)* _____ Birth Date _____

E-mail Address _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Phone *(Day)* _____ *(Work/Cell)* _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Any special medical or dietary needs _____

In the case of an emergency, I authorize any medical care deemed necessary by an accredited physician, nurse, paramedic, or hospital while my child is involved in this church activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Health Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Do you give permission for your child's picture to be taken? YES NO



“Would You Like To Help?”

There are many ways to be involved with our children and youth ministries. Please let us know how you would be willing to help:

- Teacher
- Assistant Teacher
- Bulletin Boards
- Nursery Volunteer
- CROP Walk
- Advent Event
- Christmas Pageant
- MLK Day
- Liturgy of Light
- Vacation Bible School
- Food Drive

SAVE THE DATE!

*6 ICE CREAM SOCIAL *9*

**Sunday
September 13th
Courtyard
11:30 a.m.**



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director

I hope everyone is refreshed from the summer and ready to kick off a new and exciting school year!

Sunday, September 13th will be the first day of our new church school year. Classes will begin at 9am in the lower level. Teachers will be there to greet you! After the 10:15 service we will have an Ice Cream social ó everyone is welcome to join us! Please complete the church school registration enclosed and bring it with you. We will also have copies available in the classrooms.

We would like to welcome back our church school leaders. Jen Hreben and Janelle Stone will return to teach our PreK & K children in Catechesis. Sue Dodge, Marla Lester, Pam Loose and Maria Sauder will be teaching our 1st-3rd grade classroom. Carol Stigelman, Katie Mausolf, Leslie Morgan and Mary Woolson will be teaching our 4th thru 6th graders. Thank you all for your continued ministry to our children!

**We are also in need of a new Primary Nursery Care Provider. If you know anyone who might be interested please have them contact the church office. If you would like to help out as a volunteer, please let me know.

I am looking forward to an exciting new school year! Feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns about church school or nursery, or to sign up to help out!

Karen

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

School is in session and so is youth ministry at St. Johnø! Our teens have been actively engaged in the life and ministry of our community throughout the summer months. Whether serving at the altar or as counselors for VBS, helping out at coffee hour or serving blueberry cobbler, our teens have been an active and dynamic presence this summer. We will officially begin the start of classes on Sunday, September 13th, with Education Sunday and an Ice Cream Social.

The leaders this year include: Rite 13 Emily Gross, J2A April Way & Joe Way. Please prayerfully consider a ministry of teaching our youth at St. Johnø. It can be a very rewarding experience and we would love for you to join us. Please see Mary Ellen Kilp if you have any question or if you are interested.

Thank you, St. Johnø, for letting us host the Happening Teen Staff meeting. We had 14 youth from around the diocese camp out at St. Johnø. We met Friday afternoon and worked in the garden for 2 hours, pulling weeds and picking some vegetables, followed by swimming at the Lampeter YMCA.

Saturday morning was spent serving breakfast at the Community Breakfast. During the weekend we spent many hours planning the Youth-led retreat called Happening for February 2016. At this meeting we elected our Assistant Rector for Happening. I am so proud to say it is one of our own, Emma DiPace. We went to St. Thomas on Sunday morning to worship, followed by a picnic where the youth got to meet Bishop-Elect Audrey. It was a very productive and exciting weekend for everyone. Thank you again for all of your support.

We welcome anyone who would like to participate in Bishop-Elect Audrey's Consecration on September 12. Please see Mary Ellen Kilp if you are interested in being a Server, Lector, EM, Usher, etc.

What's better than getting lost for an evening in a corn maize with friends at Oregon Dairy Farm on September 26th? Join us for a fun evening with a group of friends from the Lancaster Convocation, getting to know other teens and families from the Lancaster Convocation. Save the date for a Convocation Corn Maize Outing.

Please see the calendar below and mark your calendars for the fall events. It should be an exciting fun-filled fall. I am looking forward to spending time with all of you at these events.

ST. JOHN'S 2015 YOUTH CALENDAR

September 12 th	Bishop Audrey Consecration
September 13 th	Education Sunday with Ice Cream Social
September 26 th	Flashlight Corn Maize Outing (Early Evening)
October 10 th	Acolyte Festival in Washington DC ALERT (Lancaster Convocation)
October 11 th	J2A Parent meeting about Pilgrimage
October 16 -17 th	Convention (Sr. High Youth) Happening Planning meeting
October 18 th	Rite 13 Activity (TBA) Gratitude Sunday
October 25 th	Ministry Sunday
November 1 st	Consecration Presiding Bishop Washington DC Battle of the Saints (All ages) Teaching of Capital Campaign Wreath sales begin (J2A)
November 8 th	Capital Campaign Celebration
November 13 th -15 th	PYE Middle School Retreat Commitment Sunday (CC)
November 22 nd .	Advent Event
December 4 th -6 th	Diocesan Retreat Rite 13 & J2A
December 6 th .	Wreath Pick-Up First Fruit Offering (CC)
December 13 th	Rite 13 Coffee Hour Announcement Sunday (CC)
December 20 th	J2A Reunion
January 8 -10 th	Diocesan Young Adult Retreat





What's a Gargoyle?

CALLING ALL ST JOHN'S ACOLYTES

Washington National Cathedral Acolyte Festival

Washington DC

Saturday October 10, 2015

Bus departs 7 am—Returns 6 pm

Join acolytes from across the United States!

We will process with our crosses, banners and torches at the Festive Eucharist.

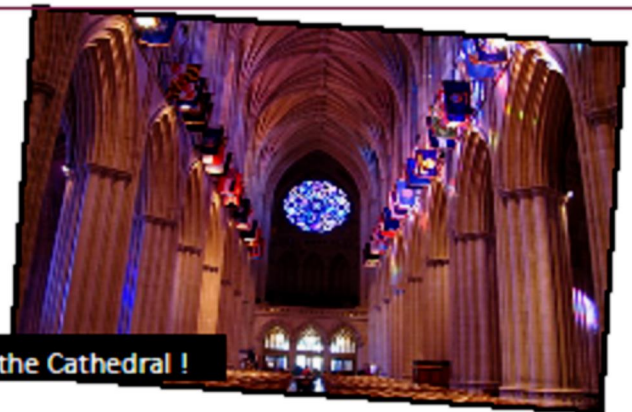
Tour the Cathedral + and + Attend workshops

\$29.00 registration

(scholarships available)

The Four Lancaster Churches will go together in a bus
SO if you plan to come PLEASE CONTACT the CHURCH OFFICE **TODAY!**

Phone the office: 299-1188 or barbaras@stjohns-lancaster.org



This is the Cathedral !

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**—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 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM (Contact: Sue Martin)

As we prepare for a new school year, and a new season of Eagle's Nest, the search is on for a Program Director. Please contact Sue Martin with names of anyone you may know who enjoys leading school-aged children, has had experience doing so, has Weds. available for part-time work, and who has achieved the background clearances necessary. The program will also need some new volunteers to join our aging cadre of faithfuls. Background clearances are required by all volunteers to comply with our SafeChurch Policy. As of July 25, there is no fee for the PA paperwork, although the Federal (FBI) does cost \$10. This effort can be accomplished online or with hard copies mailed in. Forms are available in the Parish Hall, along with help from committee members. We should feel free to ask Cindy Morris or Marylee Sauder, both of whom have close connections with Eagle's Nest. Please plan to start this process in August, as a backlog will most likely occur in Harrisburg.

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.

FULTON SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP (Contact: Dave or Sue Martin)

One of the annual supports for our neighboring elementary school, Robert Fulton, has been to provide the staff luncheon on their first day returning for the new school year. This year's luncheon was held on Thursday, August 20. The tradition has also rallied the Eagle's Nest volunteers to support this event. We wish to thank all of the helpers who made this day, our first step in 2015 Fulton School partnership, a success!

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Cynthia Minnich)

Total sales for July gave \$295 to Jubilee. It looks like everyone is dieting this summer. Thank goodness Eagle's Nest is not in session. (We would fall far short for funding.) Let's **Step up** and buy grocery cards, everyone. Show Jubilee that we really care!

I finally found out why everyone doesn't buy grocery cards. We are competing with Rewards Cards. I'm going to try to make an arrangement that those of us who purchase grocery cards can get an extra blessing on Sundays. I'll keep you posted on my progress.

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.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

We carry grocery cards for Darrenkamp's, Giant, John Herr's, Musser's Market, Oregon Dairy, SKH, and Weis Markets.

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



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!

Per Deb Smith: We are continuing to meet on Tuesday afternoons in the Parish Hall at 2:00 p.m. but have discontinued the Tuesday evenings at Deb Smith's home. The yarn bins in the Sherman Study have been cleaned out and much old yarn was delivered to the young adults of our church and Creative Reuse. We still have plenty of yarn for projects and would be glad to see new members. There is a tremendous amount of talent that these women have and they are more than happy to help with your knitting questions. Many are making the items that will be sold at Christmastime and Nancy Puffer is making charming knitted animals! Please keep Jeannie and Ken Zeller and Nancy Puffer in your prayers.

CHAPEL FLOWERS



We now have an opportunity to make a donation for chapel flowers in memory of our loved ones or in thanksgiving of a special event. This particular floral arrangement will be displayed on the stand by the altar. There is a Chapel Flower sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Envelopes marked "Chapel" are next to the chart. At present, there is a separate chart and envelopes for Altar Flowers (main church altar). Please mark your checks accordingly. A donation of **\$30** is requested.

Please feel free to contact Hilary Becker of the St. John's Flower Guild with questions or concerns.

Submitted by, *Hilary Becker*

MDG UPDATE

“Time is our ultimate currency; we must be careful how we spend it.”

--John McQuiston II

The quote above comes from the author of the book, *Always We Begin Again, The Benedictine way of living*. Mother Jen shared this with us during her last sermon. The first part of the title, *Always we begin again*, is a very meaningful and sustaining mantra no matter where you are or what you are doing. It seems an appropriate thought when considering what is happening with the Millennium Development Goals and the plan for the next 15 years. There is some new language being used, but with the same hopes and goals (and some new ones) in mind.

Established in the year 2000 by 189 countries at a United Nations Convention, the eight MDG goals that you have been hearing about were designed to get the world working together and improve the lives of all people living in extreme poverty by September 2015. The goals have not been totally fulfilled, but there have been great improvements. I invite you to visit the website, <http://www.beadforlife.org/blog/goodbye-mdgs-hello-sdgs/> and read for yourself the results of the Worldø (and St. Johnø) efforts over the last 15 years.

The important message here is that there is a post-2015 agenda designed to keep this process going and to *sustain* the achievements made. Thatø where the new language comes in and we will see the official report being released in September by the United Nations. This report will talk about goals for the next 15 years and these goals will now be the ***Sustainable Development Goals***.

In this Messenger, in the MDG Challenges article, you will see a list of 17 Sustainable Development Goals. These 17 goals were established under 6 pillars of ***People, Dignity, Prosperity, Justice, Partnership and Planet***. The SDGs are a set of goals meant to be applicable to all countries and go beyond addressing the symptoms of poverty. This is a different perspective from our efforts of focusing on underdeveloped countries. The SDGs show another significant change in perspective from funding change by aid flows, to putting economic development at the core of the strategy. I urge you to explore this change in thought and language. The Hunger Project has a comparison of MDGs vs SDGs at <http://advocacy.thp.org/2014/08/08/mdgs-to-sdgs/>.

As for St. Johnø MDG committee, we continue to move forward in the process of building partnerships. You will note that one of the pillars for the next 15 years is ***Partnerships***. You will hear more about our fact finding and proposal of a partnership over the next few months. In particular, ***September 27, 2015 is MDG Sunday*** and we hope to provide a speaker from one of the potential partners being explored.

The next meeting for the MDG committee is to be determined. Summer activities and the Labor Day holiday have thrown us off schedule. Watch your Sunday bulletin or the St. Johnø Calendar online for when our next meeting is to be scheduled. Consider joining us in this ministry of working with the world to improve the lives of all people. Please look for the MDG Challenges and consider how you may incorporate them into your daily lives. How will you spend your ultimate currency in helping to improve lives of all people and making the world a better place?

Submitted by, *Tammy Collier*

“I Am, We Are.....One World—Creating A Global Partnership”

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS



TURNING TABLES TEACH-IN: STRATEGIES for a CHRISTIAN RESPONSE to MASS INCARCERATION is the final event of "*In Chains We Trust*" (a summer ecumenical series about the sins of Mass Incarceration and Racism).

It is set for SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon at Trinity Lutheran Church on South Duke Street. Come learn about how to improve our criminal justice system and those whose lives have been impacted by it.

Also, the annual Pennsylvania Council of Churches conference this year in Harrisburg is called, "*Lord, Let our Eyes be Opened: Breaking the Chains of Mass Incarceration.*" It will happen the weekend of October 23 & 24 with a Lobby Day on Monday, October 26th.

Questions? Please contact *Sue Heilman*.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

You have heard of the recent fundraising effort called 100 Women Who Care. Our Diocesan ECW is asking for each parish to form 10 Women Who Care. The aim would be for each parish to rally just ten (we can do more!) women to contribute \$1.00 each enabling the board to purchase a miter to present to our new bishop at her consecration on September 12th. This is an opportunity for the women across the Diocese to be united in contributing a gift to our new and first woman bishop in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. Please place your \$1.00 in the ECW mailbox located in the hallway between the Parish Hall and the Becker House. No names or accounting needed. Please direct any questions to Sue Martin. Also, registration forms for the retreat are located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!

ECW Cape May Retreat — September 25-27



STRAIGHT OUTTA

*Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others.
Philippians 4:8*

I was excited about the release of the film "Straight Outta Compton" and the story of the rap band NWA. I remember when NWA first started. I remember the reaction to their rap songs; some of it was good, but most of it was bad. Surprisingly enough, a message got through. A new voice was heard. And more people started speaking. The church I was a member of at the time decided to use rap (and music, as a way to spread the message of Jesus Christ. We realized if we allowed our youth and teenagers to speak in their own voices, we'd all be able to hear the words of Christ more clearly.

This is one of the raps performed by a young man at the church.

Look to the sky...

Once there was a time when I was depressed.

I was rock bottom.

I was low down walking on the wrong side of town.

My road was bumpy and I made a few bad turns.

I hoped to go so far, but I forgot to do one thing, so I didn't get nowhere.

I forgot to look to the sky!

I forgot to look to the sky and thank God

For the road He already set before me.

I forgot to look to the sky and thank God

For the road already at my feet.

I had to remember to look to the sky!

Suddenly things started to look different.

Suddenly things started to change.

Now my road ain't so bumpy

And all the turns I make are good.

No more two steps forwards and three steps back.

Because I looked to the sky.

I started to walk in a different way.

Yeah, after I looked to the sky, all my steps changed.

Submitted by,

Julie Gittens

PRAYER LIST

For those who we offer our continued prayers:

Steve Ashton
Ed Bednar
Darlene Bentley
Michael Brogan
Carolyn Ching
Judy Durand
Helen Farruggia
Linda Frederiksen
Anne Johnson Horn
Howard Kane
Ellen Keller
Ernie Leffler
Joyce Landis
Isaac Markovich & Family
Kathy McNamara
Andrew Miller
William Miller
Jodi Myers
Lorraine Nolan
Mary Jane Pecora
Darlene Pfeiffer
Mary & Jeff Power
Robert & Joan Power
Barbara Russell
Christian Stigelman
Steven Schwartz
Stephanie Smith
Bob Stanton
Kent Strickler
Martha Stroh
Thomas Family
Joana Torres & Kids
Carolyn Weaver
Gary Weaver
Melissa Williams
Ken Zeller
Joe



*...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
Betty McCaskey
Barbara McKee
Nancy Nemith
Peter Plaxa
Nancy Puffer
Virginia Rainey
Gray Sellers
Marjorie 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,
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.

"Thank you for your cooperation!"

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



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of the church.**

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ail, Suzanne	3
Almy, Clara	16
Boohar, Tara	10
Cater, Bill	20
Clark, Ross	12
Clemente, Adrian	28
Cummins, Christina	29
DeLeo, Christina	3
DeLeo, Peace	25
DeLeo, Serenity	10
Dissinger, Amy	13
Dorgan, Bill	14
Eckert, Marianne	18
Forry, Stephen	19
Freeman, Dale	12
Harvey, Thetis	11
Heilman, Sue	13
Kuser, Alvena	8
Latshaw Jr, Stefan	17
Lee, Bob	22
Lester, Max	27
Limroth, David	28
Logan, Debby	6
Lovett, Ann	14
Macleish, Sea	3
Mann, John	21
Mausolf, Fiona	18
Mausolf, Kaatie	12
McGee, Vince	2
Miller, John	1
Moffatt, Elspeth	4
Morgan, Leslie	4
Murphy, Betty	15
Noble, Henry	22
Rhodes, Annaleigh	17
Snyder, Barbara	9
Soders, Kayla	3
Springer, Bob	19
Stigelman, Carol	14
Stone, Jeff	11
Suliveras, Katharine	14
Suliveras, Luca	20
Visco, Natalie	19
Waskowicz, John	7
Wolf, Paula S.	10
Wolf, Paula Y.	3

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Archer, The Rev A William & Carolyn	09/08/1956
Bednar, Ed & Kelley, Lois	09/04/2005
Boohar, KC & Tara	09/28/2013
Clark, Neil & Burlingame, Susan	09/24/1988
McCormick, Patrick & Kristin	09/11/2004
Snyder, Jim & Barbara	09/07/1963
Wolf, Ray & Paula	09/03/1955
Woolson, Matt & Mary	09/07/1991



Messenger Deadline



SERVING SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER, 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!"*

SEPTEMBER 6	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Judy Arnold, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Phil Purdy	Danielle DiPace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	ô	Aidan Cliff
Torch Bearer	ô	Sean Cliff, Greyson Way
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Christina DeLeo
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Brad Zuke
Coffee/Lemonade Time		Eamen Nelson
Nursery	ô	Katie Mausolf

SEPTEMBER 13	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Sibyl Seachrist, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	--
Lector	Ricky Smith	Aidan Cliff, Joel Cliff
Server	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	ô	Ella Suliveras, Natalie Visco
Crucifer	ô	Brooks Morgan
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Brooks Morgan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	ô	Sue Martin
Coffee Hour	Usher Team D	Usher Team D
Nursery	ô	Mary Waskowicz

SEPTEMBER 20	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton	Judy Arnold, Katie Mausolf
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	--
Lector	Merle Schnee	David Dissinger, Paula Wolf
Server	ô	Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	ô	Miriam Lester, Kylie Stone
Crucifer	ô	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Lorraine Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	ô	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	ô	Jen Hreben



SEPTEMBER 27	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	David Dissinger, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker	--
Lector	Tom Bond	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	ô	James Woolson
Torch Bearer	ô	Sean Cliff, Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Emma DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	ô	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	J2A	J2A
Nursery	ô	Tracy Cliff

LOOKING AHEAD TO: OCTOBER, 2015

OCTOBER 4	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	David Kilp, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	ô
Lector	Sue Purdy	Tom Bond, Jane Lee
Server	ô	Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer	ô	Max Lester, Nicholas DiPace
Crucifer	ô	Aaron Hasircoglu
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Danielle DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Nursery	ô	Phyllis Gbur



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.