



# *St. John's Messenger*

**November, 2015**

*from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector*

## **STEWARDSHIP of a Different Kind**

By this time we should all be well aware that our 2015 Pledge Drive and Capital Campaign has begun. Over the past months we commissioned our Capital Campaign Committee members, held a Parish Mini-Meeting, and commissioned our Prayer Team who has reached out to every family in our parish. We celebrated Gratitude Sunday and began to grow leaves on our Gratitude Tree. We shared personal testimonies on Ministry Celebration Sunday and have gathered in homes to listen to each others stewardship stories.

This is a very different kind of stewardship program from what we have seen in years past. Much of what our prior stewardship efforts have focused on our parish's financial information and on building trust. Call it "Stewardship 101".

People at St. John's had a lot of questions about our budget and spending. Indeed, there was much to be confused about St. John's finances. Our Treasurer, Steve Latshaw and the Finance Committee worked hard to make the numbers more transparent with powerpoint presentations at all our parish meetings. The vestry followed through on our commitment to make us compliant with GAAPP, generally accepted accounting principles and practices. Today, all our bookkeeping is CPA certified.

As a congregation we are much better informed about our financial ministry. As a parish we now have finances we can trust. Trust provides us the confidence to know all our gifts are used rightly. Trust allows us the courage to move forward in mission. Trust is the cornerstone of every congregation's stewardship.

Having secured your trust, St. John's can now address the next level of stewardship education & teaching biblical stewardship principles and encouraging personal stewardship practices. This is at the heart of our 2015 Pledge Drive and Capital Campaign.

Gratitude is the key stewardship principle taught to us in Holy Scripture. God, our Creator and Maker, is also the giver of all good gifts. Our faithful response to God is to give God thanks. Thanksgiving or Eucharist is the core of lives as faithful Christians. Everything we do as followers of Christ is motivated by what God in Christ has done for us.

Self giving in return is the corresponding stewardship practice. This giving of ourselves can take many different forms- ministries of service, offerings of prayer and praise, disciplines like pledging and tithing, sharing our stewardship stories in encouragement to others. All of these are expressions to God of our deep gratitude.

Our 2015 Pledge Drive and Capital Campaign is embedded with these stewardship principles and practices. I pray that you will experience the benefit of these in your personal journey of faith. I look forward to celebrating these stewardship principles and practices in our annual stewardship programs in the years to come as we explore this stewardship of a different kind.

*John+*

## THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

St. John's is back in full swing! And it is exciting to experience the lively worship and faithful ministry from Sunday services focusing on Education, Choirs and Ministries to the startup of Eagles Nest, J2A sandwich sales, youth activities and regular committee/ministry meetings. It is a first year for me already filled with good times and fond memories.

This past month, it has been particularly gratifying to watch and participate in the Community's preparation for the Capital Campaign. It is a historic time as the parish again focuses energy and resources, this time making St John's facilities accessible to all by creating a church that is totally barrier free. And this November 6, 7 and 8 marks a special time as the Community takes pause to celebrate and to pray together to give thanks for the God's blessings in years past and to seek God's guidance as St. John's journeys into the future.

The preparations of the Prayer Team have been my focus. The Prayer Event, on Friday evening and Saturday morning, offers a unique worship experience at St John's. Most importantly this prayer time together prepares our hearts as we move into the next stages of our work together. It is our time for each of us and all of us to ask: "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" Praying together makes all the difference.

*The Prayer Event both days begins in the Parish Hall.* A Prayer Team member will greet you and answer any questions you may have. Coming to the Parish Hall provides a time to transition from the cares and challenges of the day and enter into the sacred space of prayer. There will be a PowerPoint to explain more about the prayer activities available:

***Five Prayer Vignettes*** - From the French word "vignette", a prayer vignette is gathering of sacred art arranged to invite prayer. Prayer cards at each vignette invite focus and guidance. Gazing upon an image in the vignette, prayer deepens. Pray at one vignette or all five. The Vignettes are available throughout the Prayer Event.

***Taize Worship*** – Taize comes from the ecumenical monastic community founded by Brother Roger in Taize, France. It is a unique worship service of repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes, interspersed with readings, prayers and periods of silence. The Taize service will be offered Friday at 7 PM.

***Labyrinth*** ó The labyrinth is a "walking prayer" used as early as 1000 AD in Christianity. It is a model or metaphor of the Christian life of pilgrimage or journey with God. Labyrinths are in Chartres Cathedral, France and at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco or simply built in fields and meadows. Our labyrinth is available throughout the Prayer Event with a special Labyrinth Walk for Children on Saturday at 11 AM.

To experience all the offerings, requires a block of time. May the Good Lord open that time for you. But if for some unavoidable reason you cannot get to the Prayer Event, please remember the time wherever you are and join in the prayer.

May God Lord bless all our endeavors this weekend of Prayer and Celebration and always.

*Barbara+*

# MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

*I Am, We Are.....One World - Here, There, Everywhere*

## November, 2015

“We do not exist for ourselves alone, and it is only when we are fully convinced of this that we begin to love ourselves properly and thus also love others. What do I mean by loving ourselves properly? I mean, first of all, desiring to live, accepting life as a very great gift and a great good, not because of what it gives us, but because of what it enables us to give others.”

ó Thomas Merton

In the month of Thanksgiving, let us ALL give thanks for those gifts we have been given and find ways daily to give thanks for ALL our brothers and sisters.

### **SDG Challenge for November 1st**

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.” Oscar Wilde  
A can of soup, a sweater, a pair of shoes, a smile, a greeting, whatever -

### **SDG Challenge for November 8th**

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.

Meister Eckhart

As we each say “thanks” for all our blessings, ask yourself how you will “give” back.

### **SDG Challenge for November 15th**

In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Want a rich moment? Come help with the Community Breakfast and be filled with smiles and thanks from those so less fortunate.

### **SDG Challenge for November 22th**

"Let our hearts overflow with thankfulness! " Colossians 2:7

Grocery cards bring you ease & budgeting in your food consumption & gift Eagle Nest & others.

### **SDG Challenge for November 29th**

"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us -- and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace,

for it brings with it immense graces from Him.” - Thomas Merton

In the month of Thanksgiving, let us ALL give thanks for those gifts we have been given and find ways daily to give thanks for ALL our brothers and sisters.

# SAFECHURCH



On Monday, October 19, the Vestry approved the SafeChurch policy, a document that was written over the past nine months by St. John's SafeChurch Committee with guidance from the Samaritan Counseling Center's SafeChurch professionals and with input from ministries across St. John's.

St. John's has committed to creating an environment that is safe for children, that empowers children to speak up when something does not seem right, and that gives adults the knowledge to help a child in need — within the walls of our church and beyond.

At St. John's, our mission is to "Grow in God, Act in Service, Witness in Love." The policy notes that as the children and teens at St. John's grow in God, we want to provide a safe church environment where they — and their families — feel loved, protected and empowered.

Children are a central part of our identity and mission at St. John's. Each child and each person is created in the image of God and deserves care, respect and honor. As our children grow in body, mind and spirit, we have a responsibility as a parish to nourish them and protect them. We have a responsibility to ensure they grow and develop in a church environment that is safe and with a church family that empowers them to speak up when something does not seem right — whether it's at church or outside church.

This is just one aspect of the theology behind our SafeChurch work at St. John's. We will highlight other aspects of the theology in other issues of The Messenger. The SafeChurch policy will be available to all parishioners. Thank you, one and all, for your commitment to furthering our culture of safety and empowerment.

**Reminder:** On Saturday, November 14 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Samaritan Counseling Center's SafeChurch organization will offer a SafeChurch training at Highland Presbyterian Church. There is information about the training in each week's bulletin, and there are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board and at the SafeChurch table in the Parish Hall.

Submitted by,

*Marylee Sauder*

## UNITED THANK OFFERING

*Dear Member of St. John's Family,*

*Our Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering will be Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. UTO is celebrating 125 years of supporting the missions and ministry of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, and as I always write, every penny collected goes into grants!*

*So as you take time each day to say, "thank you, God" for all the blessings you receive, remember that the UTO is a means to grow those "thank yous" into blessings for people all over the world.*

*With my thankfulness for each of you, most sincerely,*

*Phyllis Gbur, UTO Coordinator*

## SENIOR WARDEN

The leaves are beautiful and changing, the air is crisp and sweater and flannel shirts are finding their way out of storage. There is a certain freshness and sense of renewal during this season of preparation and transition. Here at St. John's it also has been a time of preparation. The Capital Campaign is moving steadily and prayerfully forward with great momentum and zeal. Several upcoming events including Ministry Celebration Sunday on October 25<sup>th</sup> and the Sacrifice and Faith Sunday on November 8<sup>th</sup>, with a Celebration event between services are highlights not to be missed. The annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>, between services. This gives all of us the opportunity to gather and prayerfully discuss and discern our life, ministry and mission at St. John's.

Eagle's Nest is starting and we are thankful to have Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky join us at St. John's. She will be serving as the Eagle's Nest Director and as the nursery caregiver. The youth are continuing to be active with pilgrimage planning as well as Advent Event planning in the Church School. The youth are off to the Corn Maze on October 24<sup>th</sup> with plans being made for the "Battle of the Saints" football game in November.

Safe Church continues to be a focus. Your vestry voted and approved a Safe Church policy at the October meeting. This policy defines and clarifies how Safe Church is integrated into the life at St. John's. A huge thank you goes to Mary Lee Sauder and her team for all their hard work and dedication. There is a highly suggested session to attend on Safe Church being held at Highland Presbyterian Church. If you have questions, please see Mary Lee.

The search for new vestry members has been positive. Leslie Tashler, Bruce Waskowicz and Jennifer Hreben have taken the opportunity to ask to serve St. John's in this capacity. Their names are published for your discernment and are to be affirmed during the parish meeting in November.

Life at St. John's continues to be vibrant, active and diverse. Please include all at St. John's in your prayers, as our journey together continues (if I might borrow a wonderful phrase) "Grounded in gratitude, Revealed in Prayer and Lived in faith".


Peace, *Bob Murphy* (Senior Warden)

## VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

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

1. SafeChurch Policy ó Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, Pa., accepts and approves as the policy statement for our parish the SafeChurch Policy as presented by the SafeChurch Committee on this date, October 19, 2015. *This resolution comes from the Executive Committee. Vestry had a chance to review it from last month's meeting. Bill Gross had six points of question about the policy. Marylee Sauder recommended that the Vestry pass this resolution, and being a living document, these six points can be addressed at a later date. Pam Loose moved to accept the resolution. The motion carried.*
2. Annual Contract Review ó Resolved, upon the advice of the Finance Committee, the Vestry directs that all annually recurring expenses, covered by a contractual agreement with a vendor, be reviewed on an annual basis for satisfactory performance of the vendor and the competitiveness of the current vendor's charges. The contracts should be opened for rebids on a regular interval not to exceed three (3) years in duration. *This resolution comes from Finance Committee, vetted through the Executive Committee. There was a discussion about how much other work will be necessary to make this happen. It was mentioned that it could be delegated. Pam Loose called the question. The motion carried.*
3. Extra Draw ó Resolved, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Vestry approves the taking of an additional draw from the Unrestricted Endowment Investment Account to pay the outstanding Diocesan Fairshare pledge, the invoice for the pointing work by A+ Masonry, and the invoice for J&J Heating for the A/C repair. The amount to be drawn not to exceed \$22,000. *This resolution comes from the Finance Committee. Sue Heilman called the question. The motion carried.*
4. Rental Property Management ó Resolved, in order to improve the investment return of our rental properties located at 209 and 211 North Concord Street, Lancaster, Pa., the Vestry approves the research of feasibility and options to hire a professional rental properties management firm to assist St. John's Episcopal Church in this endeavor. *Sue Heilman called the question. The motion carried.*
5. ACS On-Demand Installation ó Resolved, the Vestry approves the movement of ACS database to "The Cloud" at a cost of \$800 and the acquisition of the Access software at a cost of \$275.00 to be charged to line item 01-5108 Computer Systems Exp. *Father John moved that we approve this resolution. It was seconded by Leslie Morgan. Sue Heilman called the question. The motion carried.*
6. Amos Martin Fund ó Resolved, that \$1,350 be transferred from the Amos Martin Fund to the general fund to cover the Christmas Eve performance of the Lancaster Brass headed by Jerry Heilner. *Submitted by Minister of Music, Paul Reese. It was seconded by Leslie Morgan. Pam Loose called the question. The motion carried.*

## PARISH DIRECTORY INFORMATION



Please be sure to stop by the Parish Hall (or contact Patti Means in the church office) to make any necessary revisions to your personal information for our 2015/2016 Parish Directory. If everything looks correct, simply place a CHECK MARK beside it. The deadline is November 1st. The completed directories will be distributed at our annual parish meeting on Sunday, November 15. Thank you for helping to keep our records accurate!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As you may recall, last month I relayed to you the necessity of asking Vestry to authorize an additional draw on the investment earnings. Vestry responded by authorizing 2 such draws. The first was taken immediately in order to cover the next payroll and the second was held in the hope of sufficient contributions to cover pending bills. Historically, we have had a bounce in the contributions after the summer. This year there was no bounce. Consequently, we had to take the second authorized draw at the beginning of October to pay quarterly pension payments and a few other similar bills. Unfortunately, we fell further behind in our diocesan Fairshare among others. Upon the advice of the Finance Committee, a request was sent to Vestry to pay these invoices from the Endowment Fund. It is not something any of us wish to do, but it is necessary. Our day-to-day expenses are not out of line. However, to be good stewards of what we have requires us to spend money to maintain it. I encourage everyone to look at the posted reports. You will see that we are being "The Good Steward" by investing in our ministries and infrastructure.

I would like to remind everyone that St. John's has in excess of \$7 million in assets. Of that, nearly \$230,000 is available cash. We are not destitute. We are not on the brink of collapsing. We are a viable parish that continually takes on new projects. As Fr. John has reminded us, we are a flag ship parish in youth and outreach ministries. The upcoming building project will provide new ways to serve our community as well as each other.

I would like to close on a personal note. I have been honored to be the Treasurer for St. John's for 8 years and have served on the Executive Committee for 10 years. After prayerful discernment, I have decided that it is time for me to step down. I have advised both the Vestry and Finance Committee that I will not be accepting reappointment to this position in February. The position of Treasurer has been a very fulfilling duty and I strongly encourage everyone to prayerfully consider submitting your name to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Thank you for all that each of you do for St. John's.

Submitted by,

*Steve Latshaw*, Treasurer

## VESTRY CANDIDATES

The search for new vestry members has been positive. Leslie Tahsler, Bruce Waskowicz, and Jennifer Hreben have taken the opportunity to ask to serve St. John's in this capacity. We continue to search for another one to two parishioners who would like to join an exciting group, which is working and leading St. John's in an exciting time in our history. Please call any of the vestry members if you have any questions or interest. Thank you.

## PROPERTY CORNER

Due to unseasonably low temperatures, we had to switch to heat the first weekend in October. The boilers were fired up on Saturday, while water was left in the Parish House water line, in case we run into an Indian summer, requiring cooling. With some planning, we were able to get ahead of the rain by inspecting drains and downspouts. With the leaf fall starting early, many downspout strainers were found full of leaves. The courtyard drains were no exception, except that both of these were found 75-80% blocked with a cured plastic material, which had been poured into them. The staff and property committee reported no knowledge of anything being poured into them. However, it may have been excess floor finish from the floor refinishing of the lower level of the Parish House. This situation will be brought to the attention of Jan-Prox area supervisor.

It has been a year now since our curb on Concord Street has been damaged. After several calls to the city, Doug Lamb Construction and UGI, it may be time for us to cut our losses and arrange for the repair of the damage ourselves. Although UGI was accepting none of the responsibility for the damage, they had offered to make the repair, as a courtesy to the Church. Several months and phone calls later, the repair still hasn't been made. After considering the safety issues the curb presents, we will be making these repairs and sending the invoice to UGI for compensation.

Much time has been spent with both the Property and Finance committees preparing the Property Budget for the 2016 Annual Operating Budget. This year, any repair/maintenance items exceeding \$2,000 will be placed into a Capital Expense category for separate approval and funding by the Finance and Executive Committees prior to being approved by your Vestry in order to determine a funding source. The idea here is to produce a higher level of spending accountability, while balancing the budget.

A review of our rental properties was made on September 24<sup>th</sup> with Jeff Lefevre of Berkshire Hathaway to gain a perspective on rental and sales potential of both 209 and 211 N. Concord Street. The review was arranged by Janice Henry, with Deb Smith, Vestry Steward ó Property and Bill Gross, Property Manager attending. Jeff also reviewed our existing and proposed rental agreements. He acknowledged that we aren't able to meet our full potential in either of the markets due to the condition of the properties and that challenges exist, especially with our 211 tenant. Our review of 211 discovered a cat, while 209 had a running toilet, which was repaired the following day. At least one of our tenants will need to be removed in order to make the much needed repairs to these properties. There has been some discussion on a rental manager for these properties.

Your Property Committee is very excited about our Capital Improvement Project, scheduled for next year. Not only will the project address accessibility issues on our campus, it will also address some of our pressing needs regarding our courtyard deterioration and ground/storm water management, which continue to menace our property. Our September 21<sup>st</sup> request for extension for walkway improvements was approved by Rob Ruth, City Engineer by phone on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. With the repaving projects scheduled on both streets, he asked if there would be any utility work performed as part of the improvement project. He also asks that we keep him abreast of timeframes, so as not to conflict with the city's construction efforts.

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## PROPERTY CORNER (CONTINUED)

Fr. John reported on his meeting with Donald Main of Main ó Marotta Architects. He reported on the firm's plans to have construction begin in the middle of 2016 and the need to form committees, one of which would be to monitor construction and meet during construction on a bi-weekly basis. Peter and Bill offered their services to this committee. Fr. John also shared with Mr. Main our concerns with the land development planning thus far, indicating our interests with the McSherry engineering firm. Fr. John also shared his concerns with the new roofline crossing the center of the rear stained glass window of the Church.

We hope you are able to join up for the Fall Clean-up on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. We will start by 9 am and be finished at noon. We hope to see you then! St. John's Property Committee is one of the few ministries that serve all of our Church's other ministries. We'd love to have you join us on the first Monday of every month at 7 pm in the Becker House. We hope to see you then, too!

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

## VOYAGERS



*In Honor of Veterans Day*

**Saturday, November 28th**



We invite everyone to attend the next Voyagers' event as we will be honoring veteran service men and women from our own St. John's congregation. We will be presenting our oldest to our youngest veterans and they will be sharing with us their service time and experiences.

Please join us for interesting conversation and light refreshments on Saturday, November 28th in the Parish Hall, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Miller who is organizing this informative gathering.

## MEET MARIA!

Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to be part of St. John's ministry, serving as the new Director of the Eagle's Nest and working in the Nursery on Sunday mornings. My maternal grandfather, Chet Connor, was a prominent church member so while growing up, I experienced many St. John's celebrations and events such as the Strawberry Festival, MLK Day, youth summer work camp, and the Wednesday healing service. St. John's already feels like home to me and there are many familiar faces in the Parish Hall.



As an adult, I've spent much of my career in education, both as a professional teacher and a volunteer. I particularly enjoy programs which encourage children to think creatively, challenge them to try new experiences, and to gain personal confidence and responsibility. I try to model strong leadership and promote an atmosphere of social justice, compassion, and enthusiasm!

Finally, I love and live in Lancaster City and am excited to work in the heart of downtown in one of its historic churches. Please feel free to introduce yourselves when you see me around the buildings. I look forward to meeting you!

*Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky*

### *Deadline Dates!*

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**"MESSENGER" ARTICLES:**

**3rd MONDAY OF EACH MONTH**

## 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 **November** and **January, 2015**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

Date	(1)	(2)	Chapel
NOV 1	Betty Juslin		Dale & Barbara Landis
NOV 8	Scott & Sherry Qualls	Charles Alexander	
NOV 15	Mary Suzanne Farmer		
NOV 22	Ruth McDivitt		
NOV 29 <i>Advent Begins With Greens</i>	Loie & Jim Breitegan (Advent Wreath)	Charles Alexander	
DEC 6	Patti Means		Dave Pennell
DEC 13			
DEC 20			
DEC 27			
JAN 3			
JAN 10	Loie Breitegan		
JAN 17	Cynthia Minnich		
JAN 24			
JAN 31	John & Helen Miller		



### 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*

Please join me in welcoming our new nursery caregiver, **Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky!** Please stop in and say "Hi!" to her on Sunday! Maria will be a welcome addition to our church family!

Classes will continue to begin at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level. If you have not yet done so, please be sure to complete a Church School Registration form for the new school year.

Please mark your calendars for some important dates coming up this month:

NOV 1: All Saints Sunday. All are invited to St. Thomas for chili and Flag football after the 10:15 service!

NOV 8: Celebration Sunday! We will not have classes. Instead everyone is invited to join us in the Parish Hall for a celebration of our Capital Campaign!

NOV 15: Parish Meeting. Kids will meet in All Purpose room @9:15 for group lesson

NOV 22: Advent Event! Potluck lunch @ noon followed by activities for all ages! We will also have a visit from St. Nicholas!! Sign up will be in Parish hall for food and activities. Help is needed- let me know if you can help out that day! We will be collecting items for our college care packages! Gift cards& snacks are very popular- also letters of encouragement! We will be sending @10 packages out.

NOV 29: We will have classes Thanksgiving weekend for anyone who is around. Miss Carol will be working with all the kids that day!

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

### *Journey to Adulthood*

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

October was a busy month for our youth. We celebrated our Rite 13 youth with a special liturgy to let them know we will stand with them as they make their journey to adulthood and to let them know how terrific they are. We followed the ceremony with a luncheon with their families. The Rite 13 class helped the Sunday school class to make gratitude cards for Gratitude Sunday. The cards are located in the Parish Hall.

The J2A class was busy interviewing parishioners for a video that is being made for the capital campaign. With the help of their leaders Joe and April Way they were able to put an amazing video together. This video will be shared with you at the Celebration service on November 8.

Six of our youth and Sunday school spent a day with Aaron and Mother Barbara at the acolyte festival in Washington DC. Please make sure you ask them about their experience.

Emma Di Pace was a youth delegate for the convention that was held in Altoona and said that *"Being a youth representative at Diocesan Convention was a really neat experience! I enjoyed meeting people from around the Diocese and getting to meet the Bishop. It was interesting to hear the politics of the Episcopal Church. I hope to attend the event again next year!"*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

We followed the convention with a Happening planning meeting that some of the J2A attended at St. Luke's in Altoona. We shared with them St. Luke's Day A special service followed by a pot luck and piano music. What a wonderful way to share our time away from St. John's.

November brings with it the Battle of All Saints football game to be held at St. Thomas on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 12:00 p.m. If you are even remotely athletic, we want you! It is time to start doing those push-ups people! If you can't play, come out and cheerlead and support your team. It's a seriously good time.

**Jr. High youth**, join us for a fun weekend November 13 ó 15, for the Province III Middle School retreat at North Bay Adventure Camp in Easton Md. This program will include great worship, meaningful reflection and outdoor adventures around the camp with other middle schoolers.

**Jr. & Sr. High youth** mark your calendars for a weekend of fun and creativity at the Light in the Darkness Advent Experience held at Camp Mount Luther December 4 -6. Join other young people from around the Diocese for a weekend of fun and creativity. This program provides youth with an opportunity to meet other Episcopal young people and explore their spiritual side during Advent.

We will be collecting supplies for college care packages to be sent during finals. If you would like to bring items we will be collecting them until November 22. If you would like to mail a package to one of our college students please see Karen Di Pace or Mary Ellen Kilp

Don't forget to get your poinsettias, wreaths and greens from our J2A. We will begin taking orders November 1<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds benefit the J2A pilgrimage to Peru.



# ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2015/2016

November 1 Consecration Presiding Bishop  
Battle of the Saints (All ages)  
Teaching of Capital Campaign  
Wreath Sales begin (J2A)

November 8 Capital Campaign Celebration

November 14 Safe Church (Highland Presbyterian Church)

November 13 -15 PYE Middle School Retreat

November 22 Advent Event (shoe box project)

December 4-6 Diocesan Retreat Rite 13  
and J2A

December 6 Wreath Pick-Up  
First Fruit Offering (CC)

December 13 Rite 13 Coffee Hour  
Christmas Caroling

December 15 Gift Giving, Crispus Attucks

December 20 J2A Reunion

January 8 -10' 2016 Diocesan Young Adult Retreat  
Happening Planning Meeting

February 9' 2016 Shrove Tuesday Dinner

February 12-14, 2016 Happening

February 21, 2016 Scout Sunday

February 26 - 27, 2016 Scrapbook Weekend

March 4, 2016 Sr. High PYE

March 12, 2016 Auction/Dinner/Talent Show

March 24, 2016 Maundy Thursday Lock In



**SHROVE  
TUESDAY**



## 2015/2016 YOUTH CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

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| April 3, 2016    | Middle School Retreat          |
| May 1, 2016      | Youth Sunday/Graduation Sunday |
| July 17, 2016    | Pilgrimage send off            |
| July 22 – 31     | Pilgrimage to Peru             |
| August 6, 2016   | Knoebel's Reunion              |
| October 16, 2016 | Pilgrimage Presentation        |



(CC . Capital Campaign)

### PROVINCE III MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

NORTH BAY ADVENTURE CAMP  
EASTON, MD  
NOVEMBER 13-15 2015

For all youth in Grades 6-8  
Bring a friend!

**\$150:** Email Us About Scholarships!

**COMBO PRICE:** Only \$150 to attend both Province III Middle School Retreat & the Diocesan Advent Retreat (Dec 4-6, Camp Mt. Luther, Mifflinburg PA)

Register at [youth.diocesecpa.org](http://youth.diocesecpa.org) by Nov 3rd!

Province III Youth Ministry of the Episcopal Church  
Contact Diocese of Central PA Youth Committee Co-Chairs:  
Mary Ellen & Bob Kilp and Theda & Jon Tallman

Email: [cpayouthcom@gmail.com](mailto:cpayouthcom@gmail.com), Phone 717.475.2785 (Mary Ellen's Cell)

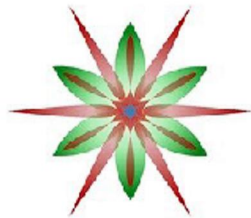
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## "ST. NICK'S KNIT SALE"

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



**NOVEMBER 29** & **DECEMBER 6**

The sale will be held after each of the services on those Sundays and all profits will be directed to our Jubilee ministries with a focus on our after-school program, "Eagle's Nest". Please help to support our knitters, as they support our many ministries at St. John's.





# 2015 J2A Wreath Sale

## from

# Stauffer's of Kissel Hill

Proceeds from this sale will help fund our 2016 Pilgrimage to Peru.  
**All orders are due on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**  
 The pick-up date is Sunday, **December 6th.**

QUANTITY	ITEM	COST	SUB-TOTAL
	22" Douglas Fir Wreath (outside dimen)	\$18	
	28" Douglas Fir Wreath (outside dimen)	\$25	
	Candy Cane Wreath 22" (outside dimen)	\$30	
	Poinsettia (5-7 blooms/6.5" pot) Circle Color: <i>Pink Burgundy Red White</i>	\$12	
	Douglas Fir Window Swag approx. 34"	\$15	
	Fraser Fir Window Swag	\$15	
	Cyclamen	\$12	
	White Pine Roping - 25 yard roll	\$35	
	<b>TOTAL SALES</b>		

Wreaths and window swags include a wired, ready-to-place velvet bow and pinecones (NOT attached to prevent crushing.)

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Include payment with your order: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# JUBILEE MINISTRIES

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**—A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, cereal, and pastries will be served to the downtown community at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster (7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.).

There are so many faithful volunteers, but occasionally we find ourselves short of help. We have always been able to scramble and fill in the need. It is helpful to know ahead of time who might be missing, so please let Sue Martin know about absences, if possible. Thank you.

**EAGLE'S NEST AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM** (Contact: Sue Martin)

The fourteenth season of Eagle's Nest After School program has kicked off, welcoming 25 students (who represent five diverse cultures), 11 volunteers, 3 substitute volunteers, 2 McCaskey teens who are members of St. John's, and our new Director, Maria. Please check out the photo gallery on the Parish Hall bulletin board. And please keep us in your prayers as we navigate this new season together.

**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)

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 are also collecting Box Tops for Education, Printer Cartridges, and Campbell's Soup Labels.

**GROCERY CARDS** (Contact: Cynthia Minnich)

Total sales for September gave \$450 to Jubilee. August was a good month but we can do better! Eagle's Nest has started again and we will need the funds. Let's **Step up** and buy grocery cards everyone. Show Jubilee that we really care!

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.

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

**AND 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!

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

We hope to see an interested group of women and girls on Sunday evening, November 8th for the annual salad supper and Angel Tree workshop. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship over salad and then prepare the 100 tags that go on the Angel Tree. Salad greens are provided but you are asked to bring any item to add-on or some yummy bread/dessert to share. The meeting will be over by 7:30 p.m. The Angel Tree will be set up on Sat. Nov. 21, so tags will be available after that, with the final gathering on Sunday, December 6th. Questions can be directed to Anne and/or Helena Carroll or Leslie Tahsler.

## ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE!



On, Tuesday, November 3rd, the Bake Sale to benefit our after-school "Eagle's Nest" program will take place in the Courtyard from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. **LOTS** of baked goods are needed to make this event a success!!! Our neighbors are generous and are always willing to support Eagle's Nest, but we have to have goods to sell. The children will have baked cookies but with only two cooking sessions prior to the event, it won't be enough. Please drop off your items on Sunday, November 1st or bring them to the Courtyard on the day of the sale! Thank you.

## EVERGREENS NEEDED!



The St. John's Flower Guild is looking for Evergreens for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. If you can spare such evergreens as boxwood, fir, and/or cedar from your gardens, **PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

The greens are needed before Thanksgiving, for Advent, and in time for Christmas. If you would like to help with this request, please contact Hilary Becker at either: 717-560-1532 or [hjb213@comcast.net](mailto:hjb213@comcast.net) and arrangements can be made to pick up the greens. Thank you.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE?



Anyone who is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and above are invited to attend an acolyte training in the church on Sunday, December 6 following the 10:15 a.m. service. Our young members as well as older members who would be interested in getting involved with being a Torch Bearer, Server, Crucifer, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister should plan to attend and contact Mother Barbara or our Verger, Aaron Spicher.

## MDG UPDATE

*“Lord, what do you want to do through me?”*

A favorite music CD of mine is by an artist John Michael Talbot. In one of his songs “St. Theresa’s Prayer”, he sings about how Christ has no body now but ours, no hands or feet on this earth but ours. So, we are his body. “Ours are the hands; ours are the feet to which he walks, to do good.”

The question in italics above was in our bulletin this morning and Father John also, included it in his sermon. I am not sure who I should credit the question but, I hope they don’t mind my being so bold as to *borrow it*, for this MDG article. I still say MDG even though the correct and updated name is now **Sustainable Development Goals**. You have been hearing about these in previous articles, and in the published weekly and monthly “MDG Challenges”. The UN has established 17 sustainable goals that will build on the previous 8 Millennium Development Goals that we all worked so hard to try and reach. There is a new 15 year timeline to continue the work and build on it. Christ needs our bodies, hands and feet but, also our voices.

The below is a quote from the UN site . <https://www.tes.com/worldslargestlesson/>  
“On September 25th 2015, 193 world leaders committed to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. There are 17 goals to achieve 3 extraordinary things in the next 15 years; End extreme poverty; Fight inequality and injustice; Fix climate change. **If every school in the world teaches children about these goals, we will help them become the generation that changed the world.**”  
Christ needs us to teach.

We have been reporting over the last few months on the homework the committee has undertaken to be able to propose how we at St. John’s may Create a Global Partnership for development. The homework part has been challenging. It seems every time we gather to discuss or, hear new information, more questions are raised. What will this look like and are the potential partners willing? At the heart of this process is the word Partnership. According to Merriam-Webster, it is “the state of being a partner: **PARTICIPATION**”. So going backwards, a partner is “one associated in action with another”. Partner has many synonyms, ally, friend, teammate, and collaborator. Christ needs us to participate, to hold each other’s hands and sometimes hold each other up.

Our focus has been on three organizations, Echo, World Bicycle Relief and Rafiki. There seems to be so much potential for collaboration, participation, teamwork and establishing friendships. We are inspired by the opportunities for young and old, to participate. We heard and saw on MDG Sunday a very enthusiastic speaker Michael Galbraith, who spoke to us about Echo and its programs to fight hunger. His message included information about research to master farming techniques and crops in various climates, “using what you have” philosophy, seed distribution and particularly the Moringa tree which not only provides wonderful nutrition *but, the seeds purify water!*

We have been in communication with World Bicycle Relief and we are aware they are operating in Western Kenya. We continue to explore the potential for partnering and are currently gathering information. In addition some of our committee members have recently met with Dorothy Dulo and her husband Roger, to talk about what a partnership would look like for Rafiki, in Alendu in Western Kenya. Christ needs our whole bodies and minds. He needs our voices to ask, what are the needs? He needs us to ask, where and how are our hands and feet need to do good? Christ needs our minds to learn and our voices to share.

## MDG UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Please watch and listen for our updates as we progress. Also, you may want to mark your calendars and save the date, December 12, 2015 for the Alternative Gift Fair at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center. And, if you are inspired or just want to be part of the conversation, consider joining us in this ministry of working with the world to improve the lives of all people. Our next MDG Committee meeting is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Becker House. Please look for the MDG Challenges and consider how you may incorporate them into your daily lives. *“Christ has no body but, yours...no hands, no feet but yours”* (John Michael Talbot).

Submitted by,

*Tammy Collier*

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



*Simplify*  
**THE HOLIDAYS**

GIFTS THAT GIVE HOPE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015  
10:00AM - 4:00PM  
LANCASTER FARM & HOME CENTER  
1383 ARCADIA ROAD  
LANCASTER PA 17601



## FEATURED NONPROFITS

### INTERNATIONAL

2 SECONDS OR LESS ZIMBABWE  
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CHAP LIBERIA  
DINING FOR WOMEN NEPAL  
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN SOMALIA, BELIZE, HAITI  
GHANA INITIATIVE GHANA  
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL PERU, BOLICIA, ECUADOR & MORE  
HOPE INTERNATIONAL DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, RWANDA & MORE  
HORIZON INITIATIVE KENYA  
LOVE 146 USA & PHILIPPINES  
RAFIKI AFRICA KENYA  
SARI BARI INDIA  
SUDAN REBIRTH MINISTRY SUDAN

### LOCAL

AARON'S ACRES  
ASSETS LANCASTER  
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
CLARE HOUSE  
GIRLS ON THE RUN  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
HOPE WITHIN  
LANCASTER COUNTY REACH OUT AND READ  
MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA  
MUSIC FOR EVERYONE  
NEW CHOICES  
NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP  
POWER PACKS PROJECT  
SAMARITAN COUNSELING  
SWAN  
THE FORGOTTEN INITIATIVE  
WATER STREET MINISTRIES



## UNEASY STREET

*In the capital campaign, St. John's invites us to pray:*

ōLORD, WHAT DO **YOU WANT** TO DO THROUGH ME?ö

If I *let myself* acknowledge my vague *reluctance* to sit with that prayer, I counter:  
Do I, at the same time, get to ask myself, öWHAT IS IT THAT **I WANT**?ö

Yes. By asking myself öWhat is it that I most want?ö I've come around to a conclusion. For me, I want that feeling of being alive! To be energized from being part of something bigger than I!

My disablement has increased since I was last inside our church doors. On this side of lots of people's help, I am so grateful, absolutely indebted, for the all the prayers and support that have lifted me. And, am strongly grateful for personally experiencing how important it is for humans to öbelongö öto be of use!ö and strongly grateful! for venturing more trust that God will unfold ways *for me* to do that in my circumstance.

Is it safe to sayí God specifically plants in each of us insistent desires, desires particular to usí  
And, undeniably, if not consciously, a big desire to be of use to others?

Of various temperaments, mine leans to want öto be with,ö öto be among,ö öworking alongsideö í likeí working with a kitchen crew, cheering from the stands, sitting among citizens at a city council meeting, tagging on crop walk, combining forces to meet a shared goalí Team is what feeds my spirit. Oh, I miss being with you! Even if I can't get to a wider world than my apartment just yet, as an outcome of the capital campaign, I will eventually get to try St. John's new elevator, and find you - I, sporting my limited mobility and a soaring spirit.

Ok, *for my sake*, I want the good stuff of belonging, and of being of use. No apology. And not shying away, either, from realizing I'm made (I think all of us are made) to want that same good for others, for all.

Ah! So, with a little less reluctanceí I dabble in öWhat (this day? next? long term?) do You want to do through me, God? To do through **us**, through this crew called St. John's?ö What Your answer might be? Hmm. I can't exactly know the ðwhere,ø or the ðwith whomø or the ðhowø but I do know that the ðwhenø is now. And, I suspect whatever you want, won't come to fullness without our assent to belonging. For, is it not, *by, with, and in* community that your kingdom comes?

Oh, Lord!í within this capital campaign and in the annual operation of the parish, I am still uneasy in asking myself what will I be able to contribute monetarily? í Both for Your doing through us, and within me?

I'm not sure yet. But I am sure that I'm more likely to let the prayer sit in me, because, now, by asking öWhat makes me alive?ö and, then, öWhat do You want to do through me?ö I am more ready to consider these inextricably entwined questions.

Submitted by,

*Faith D'Urbano+*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

### December 24—Christmas Eve

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

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

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

### December 25ô Christmas Day

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



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

*Remember Your Loved Ones*



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

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

**CUT HERE** =====

REMEMBERING (Names only please, not association): \_\_\_\_\_

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AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MY CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER LIST

*For those who we offer our continued prayers:*

Ed Bednar  
Darlene Bentley  
Emory Billingsley  
Michael Brogan  
Carolyn Ching  
Miriam Cromis  
Amelia Dissinger  
Judy Durand  
Helen Farruggia  
Linda Frederiksen  
David Gelzer  
Gill & Mary Hartley  
Susan Herr  
Anne Johnson Horn  
Ellen Keller  
John Lechowicz  
Ernie Leffler  
Joyce Landis  
Isaac Markovich & Family  
Kathy McNamara  
Allen Means  
Andrew Miller  
William Miller  
Beth Mollard  
Jodi Myers  
Jane Naegele  
Mary Jane Pecora  
Darlene Pfeiffer  
Mary & Jeff Power  
Robert & Joan Power  
Madison Riggs  
Christian Stigelman  
Steven Schwartz  
Stephanie Smith  
Helen Souders  
Bob Stanton  
Martha Stroh  
Thomas Family  
George Tobler  
Joana Torres & Kids  
Carolyn Weaver  
Gary Weaver  
Melissa Williams  
Ken Zeller  
Isabell Yackly  
Joe



*...and for our Homebound Parishioners*

Jim Breitegan  
Margaret Crothers  
Faith D'Urbano  
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, 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](mailto:patti@stjohns-lancaster.org)***



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

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



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alexander, Charles	25
Almy, Ruth	29
Archer, Carolyn	19
Brown, Chloe	8
Carroll, Evelyn	29
Collier, Tammy	22
Crothers, Margaret	27
Di Pace, Danielle	29
Dorgan, Drew	16
Eaton, Laurie	7
Eaton, Peter	23
Farmer, Priscilla	6
Forsythe, Bette	6
Gromis, Carrie	11
Guetter, John	21
Humphrey, Carole	1
Kelley, Lois	8
Kilp, Daniel	30
Landis, Barbara	3
Le, Nhi	26
Martin, Dave	10
McCormick, Murphy	16
McGraw, Barbara	25
Pennell, Mary	21
Rahe, Charlie	13
Ramella, Karen	16
Sauder, Marylee	23
Schick, Nate	26
Scott, Hagar	23
Seachrist, Marjorie	1
Stonerook, Laura	8
Thompson, Ian	3
Waskowicz, Lauren	19
Woolson, James	20



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Breitegan, Jim & Lois	11/24/1949
Carter, Debbie & Cater, Bill	11/24/2007
Durand, Don & Judy	11/17/1979
Gouveia, Fran & John	11/18/1995
Gromis, Jeff & Sharon	11/19/1983



## Messenger Deadline

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT  
ARTICLES FOR THE

DECEMBER  
"MESSENGER" IS:

**NOVEMBER 16**

# SERVING SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER, 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!"*

NOVEMBER 1	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Peter Eaton	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
<b>Lector</b>	Ricky Smith	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
<b>Server</b>	ô	Aidan Cliff
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Ella Suliveras, Greyson Way
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	Dave Pennell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Lynn Hayford
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Dave Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Vestry	Vestry
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Elsbeth Moffatt

NOVEMBER 8	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ricky Smith	Katie Mausolf, Peter Novosel
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	--
<b>Lector</b>	Phil Purdy	Jane Lee, Tom Bond
<b>Server</b>	ô	Emma DiPace
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Helena Carroll, Max Lester
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	Aaron Hasircoglu
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Garth Alexander
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Peter Novosel
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Celebration Breakfast	Celebration Breakfast
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Marla Lester

<b>NOVEMBER 15</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Merle Schnee	David Kilp, Michael Stank
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Stephanie McGovern	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
<b>Lector</b>	Laurie Eaton	Danielle DiPace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Server</b>	ô	Michael Hreben
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Kylie Stone, Ian Thompson
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	Brooks Morgan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Aaron Hasircoglu
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team C
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Dave Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Property	Property
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Courtney Rhodes



<b>NOVEMBER 22</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Molly Moyer	David Dissinger, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Phyllis Gbur
<b>Lector</b>	Merle Schnee	Aidan Cliff, Joel Cliff
<b>Server</b>	ô	James Woolson
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Sean Cliff, Claire Thompson
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	Bob Kilp
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Toni Ehrhart
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team D
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Ted Loose
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Heidi Leitzke

NOVEMBER 29	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	Katie Mausolf, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker	--
Lector	Sue Tobie	David Dissinger, Paula Wolf
Server	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	ô	Miriam Lester, Ella Suliveras
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Lorraine Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D ( <i>5th Sunday</i> )
Greeter	ô	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Usher Teams: 8am & B	Usher Teams: 8am & B
Nursery	ô	Mary Ellen Kilp

DECEMBER 6	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton	Peter Novosel, Sibyl Freeman
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Peter Novosel, Julie Gittens
Lector	Bob Lee	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	ô	Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	ô	Nicholas DiPace, Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	ô	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Brooks Morgan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Hand Bell Choir & Patti Means	Hand Bell Choir & Patti Means
Nursery	ô	Katie Mausolf

## INTERESTED IN SERVING?

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

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

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