



St. John's Messenger

January, 2016

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

HAPPY (and exciting) NEW YEAR

The year 2016 promises to be monumental for us at St. John's Church. As the vestry spends the day together at their annual retreat developing our vision for the future, they will have much to prayerfully consider. Three on-going mission imperatives will certainly be on our list.

BUILDING PROGRAM ó Our ideal would be to begin construction this spring following Easter. Before that happens, there is much to be done. The Construction Committee working with our architects, Marriotta/Main, need to complete the design development stage of the project. This entails creating the detailed construction documents that will be used by the general contractor. Once these documents are completed, the Construction Committee will bid them out to local contractors. Those interested in our project will then be interviewed by the Committee. Through this process the general contractor will be selected and the cost of project determined. With the cost in hand, a construction loan will need to be secured. This too will involve a bidding process with local banks. At the same time, we will need to seek diocesan approval to assume a commercial loan.

GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERSHIP ó Having concluded our eight years of study and learning about the Millennium Development Goals, the vestry has accepted the MDG Committee's recommendation to establish a global mission partnership with Rafiki African Foundation and the Lighthouse Academy in Alendu, Kenya. Rafiki's founders, Roger Godfrey and Dorothy Dolu, own and operate the Rafiki food stand in Central Market. They use the proceeds from their business to fund the Lighthouse Academy in Dorothy's hometown. The MDG Committee selected Rafiki as our primary global mission partner because of our local connection and because the Academy's mission addresses many of the MDGs including education for women and girls, teaching sustainable farming practices, offering maternal and infant health care, and reducing poverty in the community.

SAFECHURCH ó Our vision for St. John's in becoming a completely safe place for all children takes its next step in the formation of the Child Protection Committee (CPC). Co-Chaired by Marylee Sauder and Anne Carroll, the ministry of the CPC will be to oversee the implementation of the Child Protection Policy created by the SafeChurch Committee and approved by the vestry. The CPC will guide and oversee the certification process for all our staff and volunteers working with children, and serve as a clearinghouse for questions. They will also be consulted by the Construction Committee to ensure all new building is child safety appropriate.

These are by no means the only things that will be on the vestry's mission horizon. Each of our ten ministry areas will be reviewed and re-imagined at the vestry retreat. SafeChurch, Global Mission Partnership, and Building Program are but three of our 2016 ministries which will make this year exciting and transformational for all of us at St. John's.

John+

THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

It was a balmy Saturday morning and definitely not the ordinary mid-December weather in Central Pennsylvania. I spent a longer time than most mornings outside with Willie the Cat. Yes, every morning I take him out for a stroll without a leash.

Going back inside, I poured a second cup of coffee and headed for the sunroom couch to spend just a little more time before the busy-ness of the day took over. Willie gently hopped on the couch beside me and snuggled in. His purring confirmed that it was a good time to be still.

At some point I heard the buzz of my phone's notification signal the reminder to get ready for the next stop of the day Saint John's Fall Clean Up.

As I ran out the door, I grabbed my work cap and my dad entered my thoughts. From the time I was a little girl we would work together on fix-it projects. We'd be Pete [his real name] and Joe. We'd don our special work hats and get to work at home or at his business. I learned a lot about fixing things and washing cars! Now, the memory of such ordinary times together brought a sweet feeling.

At Church, I joined the work crew in the back parking lot and began to clear the small plot of ground trimming back the butterfly bush and weeding. It is the kind of work I love to do: digging into the good earth and the sense of simple accomplishment when the work is done.

Not long after I started, I literally tripped over a sizeable stone hidden from sight by all the underbrush. Full of mud and debris, it was a stone carving of the Holy Family! Mary and Joseph gazing lovingly at the ChristChild swaddled yet with arms outstretched.

It was a special discovery this Advent day as we prepared our Church for the Coming of Emmanuel GOD with US! And indeed, Christ *is* always there waiting for us with arms reaching out. Yet, sometimes our busy lives obscure our vision; we lose sight and all but forget Christ dwelling with us always in all the activities and tasks and responsibility of our lives.

Perhaps, these twelve days of Christmas might just be the time to take pause, to reassess the focus and commitments of our lives, to clear away any spiritual underbrush that might obscure our focus of the great gift of Christmas: Christ With Us dwelling in us in all the ordinary times and special memories as well as all the every day tasks of our everyday lives. So that like Mary and Joseph, we too might keep our gaze lovingly on the Christ Child all year long.

I washed the stone and placed it back in the garden asking a special prayer for blessing and joy and discovery. Perhaps you too might stop by and spend a moment. I really like that it is there...

*Merry Christmas One and All!
May the Good Lord bless our Saint John's Community and each of us with
health and prosperity and time to just 'Be.'*

Barbara+

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

January, 2016

I Am, WE Are, One World - Here, There, Everywhere

Thomas Merton wrote once that "What is uncertain is not the coming of Christ, but our own reception of him, our own response to him, our own readiness to go forth and meet him" and be the light that the Christ-life is. "As we continue to celebrate the Christ-event in the coming weeks, let it be a reminder to us to turn up our own light, and let it shine in the surrounding darkness. Asking ourselves "What else can I learn about my brothers and sisters worldwide?"

Global Partnership Challenge for January 3rd

Epiphany

"We are, each of us, angels with only one wing, and we can only fly embracing each other."

Luciano DeCreccenzo

In today's environment, here and elsewhere, how can I spread the message of Peace?

Look and act to help others to fly.

Global Partnership Challenge for January 10th

"The tighter you squeeze, the less you have." Thomas Merton

Enjoy the feeling of wealth when sharing shoes, food for the Food Bank,

buying grocery cards to help those our midst,

a smile, a handshake, buying local, all of which make you rich.

Global Partnership Challenge for January 17th

Martin Luther King Celebration Day

"I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin,

but by the content of their character."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I am not judged by their dress, or their religious practice,

as we know we are ALL children of God.

Global Partnership Challenge for January 24th

"All major religious traditions carry basically the same message, that is love, compassion, and forgiveness, and the important thing is they should be part of our daily lives."

Dalai Lama

Sharing the message of sincere caring and kinship could not be more important.

Global Partnership Challenge for January 31st

"If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies."

Desmond Tutu

Better yet, decide you have NO enemies, just people who haven't learned the caring nature of your heart.

A smile, a handshake, a welcome to everyone can make a HUGE difference.



Child Protection Committee “Safe” Conversations Will Continue In 2016

The St. John’s Child Protection Committee is beginning to take shape. The Samaritan Counseling Center’s SafeChurch program recommended that the Rector appoint the committee chair. Father John Morris invited Anne Carroll and Marylee Sauder to co-chair the committee. Both accepted the co-chair positions.

The Child Protection Committee will be responsible for ensuring that the SafeChurch policy is a living, breathing document and that our parish is informed and knows how to support our children and each other. Once formed, the committee’s initial tasks will include summarizing the policy to share with the congregation, working with church ministries to implement the policy, and identifying ways to provide ongoing education about how to keep children safe.

Ideally, the committee will include representatives from Church School, Journey to Adulthood (J2A), Eagles Nest, Martin Luther King Day, other St. John’s ministries that work with children, Property Committee, and interested parishioners. If you’d like to learn more or you want to join the committee, please talk to Anne Carroll, Marylee Sauder or the clergy. They will meet after the holidays to develop a plan of action, then will reach out to ministry leaders and people who have expressed an interest in the committee.

Together, our St. John’s family will continue to enhance the safety of children in our church and in the community!

Submitted by,

Marylee Sauder

TREASURER'S REPORT

First, let me thank all who contributed to the annual pledge campaign as well as the capital campaign. The 2016 pledge number announced on 12/20/2015 was just under \$295,000. This reflects a significant increase in the average pledge. The number of pledges received was 112, which was lower than previous years. If you have not been able to submit your pledge card, please do so even though the campaign has ended. Your pledge allows us to better plan how we will handle the day to day expenses that keeps St. John's in the fore-front of Jubilee Ministries.

Our 2015 financial year ends on December 31st. With the additional authorizations provided by the Vestry, we will have all of our outstanding invoices and commitments for 2015 paid. This includes paying the total amount that we pledged the Diocese. During the past year we encountered a few significant unplanned expenses. I am sure that we will continue to have other surprises in the future. I am most grateful for the counsel and support that I received from both the Finance Committee and the Vestry in meeting these challenges.

As most of you know, I am retiring from the position of Treasurer effective with the Vestry meeting in January 2016. It has been my pleasure and honor to be given this responsibility for the past eight (8) years. As of this writing, no one has been named as my successor. I strongly encourage anyone with financial or budgetary experience to consider volunteering for this position.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Wardens with whom I have served on the Executive Committee, the Vestry Stewards that have had faith in my many recommendations, the Finance Committee for their continuous support and counsel, and of course Fr. John for his leadership. Most of all, I thank you my parish family for having faith in my handling of the various financial challenges that we have encountered.

May God continue to bless us as we move forward with our building project.

Submitted by,

Steve Latshaw
Treasurer



CHECKS

Our weekly volunteer counters would like to request that whenever you submit checks to St. John's for various contributions (annual pledge, Capital Campaign, Jubilee, Martha's Ministry, etc.) please write separate checks for each one, rather than combining all on one check. Combining your contributions on one check makes it difficult for the counters to separate those amounts for entry work. Thank you for your cooperation and our counters thank you too!

SENIOR WARDEN

As we scurry at a hurried pace during this holiday season, I wanted to take a moment and highlight just a couple of many exciting moments this month at St. John's.

First I wanted to pause and thank all who, through their prayers and thoughtfulness have given to St. John's for both the annual Stewardship drive and to the Capital Campaign. As of December 20, the pledges for the annual Stewardship drive totaled \$294,557 with 12 new pledges and 38 renewals with increased amounts. The Capital Campaign on December 20 saw an amount of \$889,014 pledged from 114 families. This also included funds from the memorial gifts of Nelson and Peggy Craig, as well as from Dr. Joseph and Nancy Eckenrode. These processes are still ongoing and increasing, and your gifts and pledges are still welcome. A hearty "Thank You" to all who have contributed in this way to the ongoing and future mission as we "Honor Our Past and Welcome Our Future".

I also want to thank and extend deep appreciation to the recipients of our St. John's award this year. The recipients are:

Hilary Becker, for her dedication and commitment as a member of the St. John's Handbell Choir, as well as a team member on the Altar Guild and chair of the St. John's Flower Guild.

Phil Becker, who has been a member for years on the St. John's Property Committee, as well as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, a firm regular as an Usher at 8:00 a.m., his years in office as a member of St. John's vestry and a dynamic co-chair of the St. John's Capital Campaign.

Marylee Sauder, for her service on St. John's Vestry, her guidance on the Communications Committee, has served with outreach ministry as a Women's Winter Shelter volunteer and supplied visionary effort as chair of the Safe Church Committee to make St. John's Church safe and secure for people of all ages.

I want to take a moment and thank all of you, the family of St. John's for all you do to make this parish a dynamic, meaningful and caring place for our Lord. I also want to wish, to each and every one a blessed and safe Christmas season.

Submitted by,

Bob Murphy
Senior Warden

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on: December 21, 2015

1. 2016 Budget ó Resolved, that the vestry of St. Johnø Episcopal Church, Lancaster approves for 2016 a spending plan with a projected income of \$760,800.00 and projected expenses of \$ 760,800.00.
Pledged income is \$300,000.00. Additional draw from investment will be \$220,300. That is in addition to the \$56,000 which is the normally expected draw which is 5% from the 3 year average on June 30th. Total expected additional draw is \$276,300.00. This resolution came from Finance Committee and was vetted by the Executive Committee. After a lengthy discussion, Leslie Morgan called the question. The motion carried.
2. Clergy Housing Allowance ó Resolved, that the total compensation paid to the Rev. John W. Morris for the calendar year 2016 shall be \$88,529.00 of which \$40,000.00 is hereby designated as housing allowance pursuant to section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code. And be it further resolved that the total compensation paid to the Rev. Barbara J. Seras for the calendar year 2016 shall be \$54,080.00 of which \$21,000.00 is hereby designated as housing allowance pursuant to section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code. *This resolution comes from the Executive Committee. Sue Heilman called the question. The motion carried.*
3. SafeChurch Committee ó Resolved, that the vestry of St. Johnø Church sends their deep thanks and appreciation to the members of the St. Johnø SafeChurch Committee: Cynthia Minnich, Cindy Morris and Mary Woolson; and to committee chair: Marylee Souder; for their tireless and dedicated efforts to craft the Child Protection Policy for St. Johnø, helping us to take our first step toward our parish goal of becoming a completely safe place for all children. And further resolved, that the SafeChurch Committee is discharged of their duty with the gratitude of the vestry. *This resolution comes from the Executive Committee. Toni Ehrhart called the question. The motion carried.*
4. Steve Latshaw ó Be it resolved that St. Johnø Episcopal Church receives the resignation of Steve Latshaw as the Treasurer with many thanks for his eight (8) years of dedication and service. Under his leadership, St. Johnø has made strides toward a more transparent accounting process, meeting generally accepted accounting practices, a break out of capital expenses from the operating budget, and the necessary organization to responsibly head into a capital campaign. *This resolution comes from the Executive Committee. Sue Heilman called the question. The motion carried.*
5. Global Mission Partnership ó Whereas, the Millennium Development Goal Committee has worked over eight years to Educate, Inspire and Advocate on behalf of the eight Millennium Development Goals established by the United Nations in the year 2000; goals that were then adopted and embraced by the Episcopal Church in the worldwide effort to eliminate poverty over a fifteen year period.

Whereas, great progress was made but the work continues now, worldwide under a new plan- the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - to maintain and build on those achievements.

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

Whereas, the members of the Millennium Development Goal Committee resolve to continue the work started with the St. John's Parish; believing the best way to continue this work is to build on the last of the Millennium Development Goals: "Develop a Global Partnership for Development".

Whereas, after due diligence the committee recommends that a primary partnership with one organization for a minimum of three years, focusing on how we can work with the SDGs be established.

Therefore be it resolved, that the vestry of St. John's Church, Lancaster affirms the establishment of a global mission partner relationship with Rafiki Africa Foundation and the Lighthouse Academy in Alendu, Kenya.

And be it further resolved, that the vestry thanks the leadership of the Millennium Development Goal Committee and especially Ken Brown, Anne Carroll, Bill Cater, Tammy Collier, Julie Gittens, Sue Heilman, Barbara Landis, Marla Lester, Dave Martin and Brad Zuke for their many years of service and discharges them with great appreciation. *Sue Heilman is taking the leadership position on this, and has become a board member at Rafiki. This resolution comes from the Executive Committee. Bruce Waskowicz called the question. The motion carried.*

6. Honaman Memorial Resolution: In keeping with the custom of St. John's of reserving the display memorial plaques in the church's sanctuary to Bishops of the parish, the Vestry accepts the memorial gift from Fred and Eleanor Honaman honoring the 60th anniversary of Bishop Honaman's consecration and authorizes the acquisition and installation will be covered by the Honamans, and is to be coordinated with the Worship Committee and Rector. *This resolution was presented by Steve Latshaw. The motion was seconded by Leslie Morgan. Bruce Waskowicz called the question. The motion carried.*

Scouting For Food

Almost **900** pounds of canned food items were given to the St. John's Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. The non-perishable food was collected by Cub Scout Pack 125 from Grace Baptist Church, Scout Troop 30 from Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, and Scout Troop 64 of Salem United Methodist Church. Our thanks to them and to their leaders:

Cub Master: Joe Way and Scout Masters: Josh Holland and Gregg Martell

VOYAGERS



The next meeting of the St. John's "Voyagers" will be one of sharing our thoughts and insights on matters of faith, such as ***"What does it mean to be a Christian?"*** and ***"How do you believe in a God who allows suffering?"*** We will also take time to chat and enjoy some fellowship and light refreshments. Join us on Saturday, January 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House. Questions? Contact Barbara Graeter.

NEWS FROM ANNOUNCEMENT SUNDAY (DECEMBER 20)



HONORING OUR PAST
Welcoming Our Future

Honoring Our Past... Welcoming Our Future, our capital campaign, was given a big boost with very generous gifts from the estates of two longtime loyal and dedicated families. Because it was known that both families strongly supported making St. John's accessible and welcoming to everyone, the Vestry voted to remember these families by designating a part of each of their bequests toward making this a reality. Therefore, we are grateful to Peggy and Nelson Craige for the addition of \$50,000 to the campaign from their bequest of \$100,000 and to Nancy and Joe Eckenrode for the addition of \$100,000 from their bequest of \$346,000. Although the Craiges and the Eckenrodes won't see the final results, they will be fondly remembered by a congregation who will benefit from their generosity for years to come.

Pledges and Gifts: \$889,014 from 114 families

Gifts Received: \$293,600 from 56 families

The generosity of St. John's members and friends has exceeded the expectations for Phase I of this campaign; however, the total cost of the project is expected to be in the range of \$1.2 to \$1.5 million. Additional commitments now and in the future are welcome and appreciated as they will allow us to reach our goals of accessibility and facility improvements sooner and reduce the amount of construction loans.

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Annual Pledges, which will support our mission and ministries in 2016, continue to come in. Here is the information that was announced on Sunday, December 20:

Pledges from 112 families, for a total of \$294,557

This includes 12 new pledges and 38 increased pledges (as compared to 2015), and it is about 87% of our total pledge amount for 2015. The number of pledges is only 83% of the number we received for 2015, so we still need and hope to hear from several more families. These pledges, offered to the glory of God and in community with our parish family, support our ongoing worship and ministries.

For updated figures and news of progress in our building initiative and annual pledges, check our parish website: www.stjohns-lancaster.org. Click on the Capital Campaign logo at the lower right corner.

Submitted by, *Debbie Carter*

PROPERTY CORNER

WOW!!! Thank you to everyone who joined us for a very successful fall clean-up day. Much was accomplished as we cleared out, raked, polished, and shined for the Christmas celebration.

Committee News

We are pleased to announce the selection of Jeff Gromis as Property Committee Chair. Jeff's extensive background in facilities management is a tremendous asset to our work. We also welcome back Bob Fields, who brings comprehensive experience in real estate management and maintenance to our team. Thank you both for your dedication and service.

Maintenance Update

Our HVAC vendor confirms that the heat pump serving the nursery and all purpose room is need of replacement, which we hope can be delayed until the cooling season. Replacement of our failing water heaters is high priority and slated to be addressed in January.

We thank the City of Lancaster for re-engineering the ramp at Concord Street which we hope will prevent water runoff onto our sidewalk, reducing erosion and freezing.

A+ Masonry completed the second phase of re-pointing some of the missing and loose mortar joints on our rental properties, as well as areas of the church campus and well below anticipated scope and cost.

Rental Properties

Finance and Property committee representatives have been interviewing and securing proposals from rental management companies to handle our rental properties. At the direction of the Finance Committee, notices of rent increases were sent to tenants, taking effect February 1, 2016.

Thinking Outside The Box

Two recommendations to increase revenue were discussed and forwarded to staff: A day-care operation during the week in our Sunday School area, and a contemporary service to attract new members. These strategies would complement our evangelism efforts, while taking advantage of the greater opportunities our renovation project and SafeChurch program will provide.

Wishing you a safe and joyous new year!

Your Property Committee:

Phil Becker, Andy Carroll, Bob Fields, Jeff Gromis, Bill Gross,
Janice Henry, Cynthia Minnich, and Deb Smith



"THANK YOU"

Voyagers' Veterans Program

At the November 28th meeting of the Voyagers, I had the privilege and honor of introducing eight (8) fellow United States military veterans from St. John's who volunteered to speak about their individual experiences. They spoke of how faith, honor, courage, and humor played a part in how they coped with their tour of duty. Most of us have no idea what military life is like but those in attendance took with them a much greater and meaningful understanding after taking in all of the informative stories that were shared with them.

I want to thank everyone who helped to make this program a great success, including a surprise visit by Uncle Sam himself, Gerry Treadway (a close friend of John and Barbara Graeter), who was sharply dressed in red, white, and blue from his top to his shoes! As he walked through the Parish Hall, he distributed American flags to all. In the past, Gerry has lead the Lititz 4th of July Parade as Uncle Sam.

My most sincere thanks to the following veterans:

Fred Honaman (Army)
Charles Alexander (Navy)
Darlene Bentley (Air Force)
Merle Schnee (Army)
Phil Becker (Navy)
Allen Means (Marine Corps)
Bob Kilp (Navy)
Mike Kilhefner (Navy)



Submitted by, *John Miller* (Army)



ANGEL TREE SUPPORTS NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN - Thank you for another successful Angel Tree season. 100 children were given very beautiful and thoughtful gift bags filled with goodies. Special thanks to the Carroll Family and Leslie Tahsler for coordinating all of the details. The Angel Tree is a Jubilee Ministry facilitated by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW).



THANK YOU!! To everyone who brought in greens for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Thanks to John Faust, Sherry Qualls, Molly Moyer, Sue Tobie, Barbara Graeter, Wayne LeFevre, Bill Gross, and Aaron Spicher for helping to decorate the church and courtyard for the Christmas season.

Remember Lent and Easter are fast approaching. We will need help on Saturday, March 26th for Easter flowers. Mark your calendars! *Hilary Becker*

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 **January** and **March, 2016**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

Date	(1)	(2)	Chapel
JAN 3			
JAN 10	Loie Breitegan		
JAN 17	Cynthia Minnich		
JAN 24	Barbara & Dale Landis		
JAN 31	Helen & John Miller		
FEB 7			
FEB 14			
FEB 21			
FEB 28			
MARCH 6			
MARCH 13			
MARCH 20			
MARCH 27			

FOOD PANTRY STAPLES—ALWAYS WELCOMED!



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

Bring your donations to the rear of the church on any Sunday or to the church office during the week. “THANK YOU!”

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATIONS

Volunteers Needed

Our MLK Day celebrations will be held on Sunday, January 17 and Monday, January 18 and will bring us another annual opportunity to provide education for community children about the words and their meaning from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday will reprise the afternoon concert (noted below) and Monday will provide a full day of activities, teaching, and lunch together for school children in grades 1-5.

Volunteers are in great need to help guide children, provide chili, support the lunch in the kitchen and dining room, and assist in mentoring the teachings planned for the day. Sign-up sheets will appear during the first week of January. Volunteers must have certifications and the websites to obtain those 2 certifications are:

Criminal record certification - <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

Child abuse history certification - <http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov/clearances/index.htm>

There is no cost for the volunteer to complete the applications. For more information, please contact either Sue Dodge at lalimule@verizon.net (717-368-7206) or Cindy Morris at cmorri3@aol.com (717-399-3920). It's an exciting, high-energy day and volunteers always leave feeling that they've contributed to keeping Dr. King's legacy alive.



MLK CONCERT

by

"Music For Everyone Chorus"

Sunday, January 17th - 3:00 p.m.

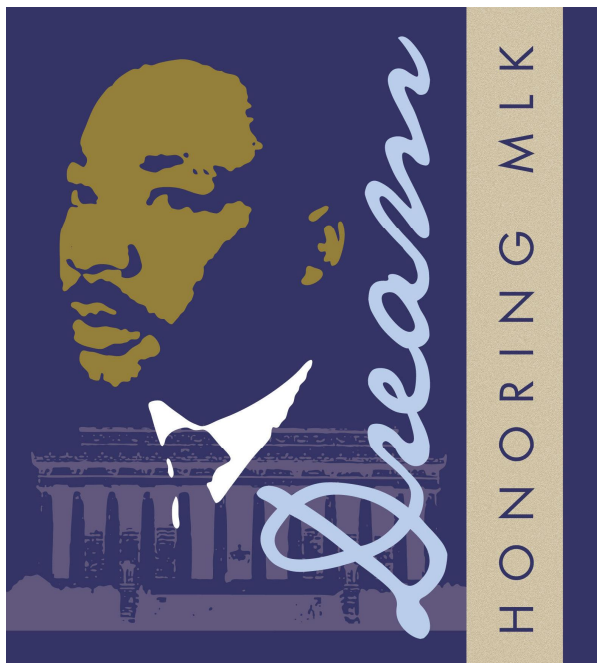
St. John's Episcopal Church
(Free Will Offering)

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

No School? Come join us as we honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“SPACE FOR GRACE”

Monday, January 18, 2016 • 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



- **MUSIC – SONGS OF GRACE**
- **CRAFTS – LINKS OF GRACE**
- **DRUMMING**
- **PREPARE AND SHARE LUNCH**

*This program day is appropriate for **children in grades 1-5**. It is open to the children of **St. John’s Episcopal Church** community. Participants are asked to arrive promptly at 10:00 a.m. and stay until the program concludes at 3:00 p.m.*

DETACH and return this form by WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016.

Pre-Registration is Required.

DETACH HERE =====

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Camp January 19, 2015
St. John’s Episcopal Church • 321 West Chestnut Street**

Child’s Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent’s Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Another Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies, Medical Concerns or Restrictions: _____

I give permission to have my child released to these persons: _____

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director

Hoping you all had a very Merry Christmas! Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Christmas Pageant, and dinner! We couldn't do it without all of your help!

The Church School children will be holding a Penny Drive this month to help Tyler Brenton create a world map mural for children in Tanzania! Please help us reach our goal of \$100 to purchase supplies! Look for our Penny Jar in the Parish Hall this month.

Don't forget to save the date for MLK Day events on January 18th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be some great activities for the children. Adult help is needed. Please contact Sue Dodge or Cindy Morris for more information.

We will be celebrating our Youth and Scouts on Sunday, January 24th. All scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to church and be a part of the service. Join us in acknowledging the scouts of St. Johns.

Boy Scouts: Brooks Morgan, Nick Rahe, Rob Williams, and Hal Williams.

Cub Scouts: Nicholas Di Pace and Greyson Way.

Girl Scouts: Emma Di Pace, Danielle Di Pace, Helena Carroll, Evelyn Carroll, Penny Rhodes, Annie Rhodes and Campbell Way.

A special thank you to all current and former scout leaders in our congregation. You will see many of them hosting coffee hour that day.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our church school program.

"Happy New Year!"

Karen

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

In the midst of all that was busy and bright last December, our teens spent time quietly praying, reflecting about Advent. We had youth and adults participate in the Diocesan Winter Retreat that was held at Camp Mount Luther. It was a great experience for all that attended.

The next week teens and children from our Church School presented gifts to families and children at Crispus Attucks, an event that included dinner and caroling. And as always, our Christmas pageant was a great success with the help of our Rite 13 and J2A youth. Thank you for your help.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Thank you to everyone that supported the J2A purchasing wreaths and greens. We greatly appreciate all the support for our teens.

The next few months promise to be equally busy with opportunities for fellowship and ministry. The next J2A fundraiser will be the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner on February 9. A weekend Scrapbook event will be held on February 26 and 27. Bring pictures and materials and leave with creative ideas and meaningful keepsakes. Please see Mary Ellen Kilp or Jen Hreben if you are interested in participating. Make sure to mark your calendars for March 12 and join our youth for a fun evening of entertainment, dinner and auction.

We will kick off January with Scout Sunday on January 24, during the 10:15 a.m. service. Our Boy Scouts are Brooks Morgan, Nick Rahe, Hal & Rob Williams. Cub Scouts are Nick Di Pace, Grayson Way. Girl scouts are Helena & Evelyn Carroll, Emma & Danielle Di Pace, and Campbell Way. Leaders are: Karen Di Pace, April Way, Dawn Williams, Dave Pennell, Joe Way, and Mike Williams.

Diocesan events coming up will be the "Happening" retreat, this is a special retreat for older teens, and it is scheduled for the weekend of February 12th.-14th. A flyer with more information is in the Messenger. Our Sr. high PYE will be held March 4th. ó 6th. at North Bay Retreat Center. The Middle School Retreat will be on April 3rd. ó 5th; at Camp Mount Luther and the theme this year will be "Narnia".

Please consider being a Youth leader, we are going to need 6 leaders next year for all our groups. Rite 13, J2A and YAC. Please prayerfully consider a ministry of teaching our youth at St. John's. It can be a very rewarding experience and we would love for you to join our team. Please see Mary Ellen Kilp if you have any questions or if you are interested.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2016

January 8 -10, 2016

January 24, 2016

February 9, 2016

February 12-14, 2016

February 26 - 27, 2016

March 4, 2016

March 12, 2016

March 24, 2016

April 3, 2016

May 1, 2016

July 17, 2016

July 22 - 31

August 6, 2016

October 16, 2016

Diocesan Young Adult Retreat

Happening Planning Meeting

Scout/Lector Sunday

Shrove Tuesday Dinner

Happening

Scrapbook Weekend

Sr. High PYE

Auction/Dinner/Talent Show

Maundy Thursday Lock In

Middle School Retreat

Youth Sunday/Graduation Sunday

Pilgrimage send off

Pilgrimage to Peru

Knoebel's Reunion

Pilgrimage Presentation



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

**GOT
TALENT**



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JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) [SATURDAY, JANUARY 16](#)—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)

Eagle's Nest is taking a well deserved break during the holidays when school is not in session. The Christmas Party was a big success thanks to Director Maria, regular volunteers, Rev. Barbara, Paul Reese, the families who attended the church service and ice cream party afterward, the Radical Ringers who debuted with a perfect rendition of Jingle Bells, and a special Santa who arrived with gift bags for all children (in addition to their Angel Tree gifts). Thanks to **Alice Ogwang** and her daughters who made a huge effort for the party. The children really were so thankful and caring.

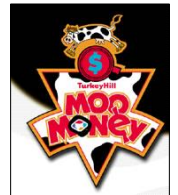
When Eagle's Nest start the next lap (January to April), we will be in need of some new volunteers. If you have Weds. afternoons available, and can enjoy mentoring 10 and 11 year olds, please speak to Sue Martin. Volunteers will need to have the PA state clearances.

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 November gave \$498 to Jubilee. Three good months in a row! Eagles Nest can always use the funds. Let's "Step up" and buy grocery cards everyone. Show Jubilee that we really care! They, also, make great gifts for your college student.

Don't forget: It's easier to use a grocery card at the store than to peel out cash or write a check. And the amount remaining on your card is recorded on you receipt. And your using one of our cards gives 5% of its value to our Jubilee missions. It is truly a "win, win" situation!

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 **AND YOU ARE NOT LOSING ANYTHING! YOU ARE GETTING FULL VALUE FOR YOUR CARD. THE STORE SELLS CARDS TO US AT A 5% DISCOUNT** and they are:

Darrenkamp's, Giant, John Herr's, Musser's Market, Oregon Dairy, Weis

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

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!

Merry Christmas to everyone! Our Martha's Ministry sale was successful with the help of only a handful of people. We are still receiving money from the sale so we might have about \$1,500 to donate to the church to be used for Eagle's Nest. This is a lot of money that you have supported us with. **THANK YOU!**

We have some extremely talented women who would like to knit especially for YOU! Need a baby gift in blue? Instead of buying something from far, far away let us make that blanket and hat. Fran Gouveia was knitting while she was waiting at a doctor's office and a woman asked her to knit 2 pairs of socks !! What a great gift.

Let us know what your favorite items are for next year cause those fingers are just waiting for the next project. Come join us, even if you want to meet new people. We meet Tuesday at 2-4. We would love to teach you how to knit or crochet.

We are especially thankful to have Jeannie Zeller with us again.

"Happy New Year!"

Deb Smith

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a need for assistance at the **YWCA Emergency Winter Shelter**. At this time, there is no coverage for March 21,22,23,24 at the shelter. It requires 10 people to service this ministry with 4 of those 10 being over nighters (2 males and two females). This is Holy Week. If interested in helping staff the shelter, in some capacity, for any of those dates - please see Dave Martin for more information.

DE-GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 3, 2016

All Christmas decorations will be removed after the second service on Sunday, January 3rd, and we welcome as much as help as possible to accomplish this task. Thank you. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Hilary Becker of the St. John's Flower Guild.

MDG UPDATE

“Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.” ---Psalm 119: 2-3

Resolutions are synonymous with decrees and promises. Resolved is synonymous with determined and steadfast.

It's that time of year again. After all the presents are opened, the cookies and pies are almost gone, and we start thinking about taking the decorations down, many of us will also begin thinking about the coming New Year and what our Resolutions will be. What will we try to change, improve or promise to stop? What will we be more resolved and determined to fix in our lives or for others?

The Millennium Development Goal Committee and the St. John's Parish has worked together over eight years now, on behalf of eight Millennium Development Goals. Established by the United Nations in the year 2000 the eight goals were adopted and then, embraced by the Episcopal Church. There has been a worldwide effort to eliminate poverty over a fifteen year period.

2015 was the end of the fifteen year plan under MDGs and great progress was made and has provided a foundation to build. We have given many reports on the achievements and that the work continues under a new worldwide plan—the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs were adopted by the UN to maintain and build on progress made. We at St. John's need to be steadfast and committed to continuing our work and contributions. The MDG Committee believes the best way to do this is in developing a Primary Global Partnership, which was the eighth MDG goal.

The MDG Committee, after reporting for many weeks and months about our due diligence and discussion, has come to the point of a Resolution. We are ready to resolve and make a commitment towards a Primary Global Partnership. We have submitted our Resolution to the Vestry for approval for developing a Primary Global Partnership with Rafiki Africa Foundation and the Light House Academy, in Alendu Kenya.

The Millennium Development Goals Committee is resolved to continue to Educate, Inspire, Advocate and also, Facilitate on behalf of this Global Partnership. In this New Year, we see opportunity, hope and a renewed commitment. We are resolved in building a Primary Global Partnership that will take St. John's to the next level in the steadfast work of eliminating poverty, here and there.

Keep watching and listening as we transition from the MDG Committee and the MDG challenges to a new name, emphasizing our *Global Partnership*. 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 January 14, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Becker House. Please look for the *Global Partnership Challenges* and consider how you may incorporate them into your daily lives.

"Happy New Year!"

Submitted by, *Tammy Collier*

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

PRAYER LIST

For those who we offer our continued prayers:

Ed Bednar
Emory Billingsley
Michael Brogan
Ken Brown
Judy Durand
Helen Farruggia
Linda Frederiksen
David Gelzer
Sarah Gordon
Annie Grove
Gill & Mary Hartley
Tony Herr
Cricket Johnson
Anne Johnson Horn
Howard Kane
Ellen Keller
Joyce Landis
John Lechowicz
Ernie Leffler
Joan Lorenz
Isaac Markovich & Family
Alice May
Kathy McNamara
Andrew Miller
William Miller
Jodi Myers
Jane Naegele
Darlene Pfeiffer
Mary & Jeff Power
Robert & Joan Power
Merle Schnee
Steven Schwartz
Stephanie Smith
Bob Stanton
Christian Stigelman
Martha Stroh
Thomas Family
Joana Torres & Kids
Carolyn Weaver
Gary Weaver

Melissa Williams
Paula S. Wolf
Isabell Yackly

*...and for our
Homebound
Parishioners*

Ellen Beck
Jim Breitegan
Miriam Cromis
Margaret Crothers
Faith D'Urbano
Providence Eshelman
Betty Lou Forsyth
Michael Frantz
Susan Herr
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*



**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.**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Arnold, Judy	10
Bailey, Lyn	23
Breitegan, Loie	8
Broucht, Rev Mary Lou	13
Burch, Connie	29
Di Pace, Nick	10
Durand, Emily	23
Gbur, Andrew	28
Gordon, Jean	25
Hasircoglu, Chris	27
Hogg, Linda	10
Kilhefner, Shelby	23
Kilp, David	2
Latshaw, Ally	12
Latshaw, Andy	27
Magagna, Aubrey	16
Mausolf, Lily	29
Miller Jr, Howard	29
Purdy, Sue	28
Rhodes, Penny	28
Rivera, Deborah	14
Smith, Ricky	21
Springer, Mark	18
Stone, Dylan	4
Strickler, Kent	25
Suliveras, Zoe	7
Tahsler, Bruce	10
Tahsler, Martha	22
Thompson, Sophia	31
Van Aulen, Ben	15
Watts, Ken	16



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Crothers, Jim & Margaret	01/31/1953
Farmer, Richard & Mary Suzanne	01/10/1948
Honaman, Fred & Eleanor	01/10/1953
Sellers, Gray & Ellen	01/26/1957
Stonerook, Tom & Kendall	01/26/1985



Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you for the wonderful celebration of my 99th birthday on December 7! I received 74 birthday cards and 9 floral arrangements. It was surely a happy birthday.

Ruth McDivitt

Messenger Deadline

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES FOR THE

FEBRUARY

"MESSENGER" IS:

JANUARY 18

SERVING SCHEDULE – JANUARY, 2016

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!"*

JANUARY 3	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	David Dissinger, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Peter Novosel, Julie Gittens
Lector	S. Purdy, P. Purdy, S. Tobie, M. Schnee, B. Lee, T. Bond	D. DiPace, D. Dissinger, J. Lee, B. Kilp, F. Gouveia, B. Morgan
Server	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	ô	Miriam Lester, Greyson Way
Crucifer	ô	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Brooks Morgan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	MDG	MDG
Nursery	ô	Phyllis Gbur

JANUARY 10	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Peter Novosel, Sibyl Seachrist
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	--
Lector	Laurie Eaton	Danielle DiPace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	ô	James Woolson
Torch Bearer	ô	Frances Brogan, Helena Carroll
Crucifer	ô	Brooks Morgan
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Lorraine Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	ô	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	Lectors	Lectors
Nursery	ô	Anne Gokey

JANUARY 17	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	David Kilp, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Ricky Smith	Aidan Cliff, Joel Cliff
Server	ô	Michael Hreben
Torch Bearer	ô	Elijah Mendez, Ella Suliveras
Crucifer	ô	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Emma DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	ô	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	ô	Janelle Stone



JANUARY 24	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Molly Moyer	Katie Mausolf, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
Lector	Bob Lee	David Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
Server	ô	Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer	ô	Sophie Thompson, Natalie Visco
Crucifer	ô	Aaron Hasircoglu
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Danielle DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	ô	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Usher Teams: A & D	Usher Teams: A & D
Nursery	ô	Leslie Morgan

JANUARY 31	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Bradley Moyer, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker	--
Lector	Sue Tobie	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	ô	Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	ô	Nickolas DiPace, Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	ô	Sue Martin
Coffee Hour	Martha's Ministry	Martha's Ministry
Nursery	ô	Elsbeth Moffatt



LOOKING AHEAD TO: FEBRUARY, 2016

FEBRUARY 7	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton	David Dissinger, Sibyl Seachrist
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Peter Novosel, Julie Gittens
Lector	Peter Eaton	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	ô	Aidan Cliff
Torch Bearer	ô	Max Lester, Ian Thompson
Crucifer	ô	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Lynn Hayford
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	J2A	J2A
Nursery	ô	Marla Lester