



# *St. John's Messenger*

**March, 2016**

*from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector*

## **RESURRECTION FRAGMENTS**

Lent to Easter

As I write this, the temperature outside is seven degrees. The wind chill puts it below zero. It's cold and dark. It feels like Lent. I think the Polar Vortex was created for Lent. It makes me hunger for warmth and sunshine. It makes me anxious for spring. Lent makes me long for Easter. I have an ache in my bones for some resurrection.

I know spring will eventually arrive. Of that I am certain. I've seen it happen each of my sixty four years on this earth and I'm told it been like that as long as anyone can remember. I also know that spring's arrival is spotty. There will be both warm days and cold days as we make our way to spring. The coming of spring is predictably unpredictable, unless you're willing to believe a ground hog.

That is the way I feel about resurrection. In the course of my life time I have witnessed countless resurrection fragments. Bad things that suddenly, unexpectedly turned into good things. Healings that we not supposed to happen. Losses that lead to new life.

All this is not to deny that life is full of terrible, horrible tragedies of war, disease, illness, hatred. That is just a handful of evils from a very long list. However, life is not all like that, nor always like that. Winter does melt into spring. Peace does return when people allow it. Life does find a way and so does love.

As the progression from winter to spring, Lent to Easter, death to resurrection is both natural and inevitable, I guess I could just wait for it to arrive. This is a time honored approach in the Christian community. Pacifists who welcome peace just by not participating in violence and war. Contemplatives who withdraw from the world all the while showering the world with their prayers. Let go, and let God. Do less, and love more.

Equally legitimate is the church's instinct to become part of the procession to resurrection. We can not turn winter into spring or death into resurrection. Those are beyond our mortal means. But we can be participants in God's process of positive transformation. We can become champions for new life. We can stand as advocates of justice and healing. We can build in the direction of the resurrection.

This March we begin in Lent and end with Easter. In our life at St. John's fragments of the resurrection can be found everywhere along our way. Lenten Study learning about global mission in Africa. Parish Meeting presentation of the new building program. Ecumenical Lenten worship and lunches. Vestry's newcomer Welcome Brunch. And of course, ending the month with our many worship offerings for Holy Week and Easter. Each of these is like one of those sunny days we find on the way to spring. Each of them and more are reminders of the reality of resurrection we all hope for, all build toward, all desire.

As we journey together through Lent to Easter, may we be led to gather up the fragments of resurrection that surround us. May we be given the Spirit's larger vision to see in them the pattern of our wholeness and the promise that we too are being made holy.

*John+*

## THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

Some experiences are just too grand...too big...to capture in a few words. So it is with Happenings #9. Many of our high schoolers with our youth adult leadership headed this weekend past to Camp Mount Luther near Mifflinburg, PA. I went as a ðHappener.ö

There are few words that adequately describe the amazing three days: a youth retreat? a once-in-a-lifetime experience? a camping weekend? None of these quite fit. Perhaps that is why the weekend is called ðHappenings.ö The name aptly describes the experience that ðhappensö and unfolds as the Spirit leads. It is an opening to Godø Presence that strengthens and transforms, nourishes and educates each participant...young and not-so-young alike. There are few places and few times that I have experienced and witnessed such a loving, fun-loving yet serious days.

And this weekend comes as a gift that is given in the yearlong planning and detailed preparation by many of our youth (all ðHappenersö from previous years). It is a gift that is given in the behind-the-scenes work setting up for activities and events. It is a gift given in the amazing, deep, thought-provoking talks on faith, discernment, grace, forgiveness in which the young presenters plumbed hearts and souls.

The weekend format includes a series of talks given by the youth, small group activities and worship. Some parts of the weekend are kept under wraps...not because it is secret but rather because there are good and moving surprises along that way that say: ðYou are unique and loved. God loves You and So do I.ö Happenings is a time of laughter, fun, faith, fellowship, worship, Godø grace and new friendships.

I believe Happenings opens new vistas of understanding in the individual youthø spiritual journey and creates a deeper commitment to Christian Community as well as a stronger connection among the youth. I believe lifelong friendships are made; lifelong values and faith are nourished. And it is just plain good fun.

The days were long and full of activity. But somewhere along the weekend, in a quiet moment, it came to me that we are all on a lifelong journey...a sacred undertaking to be and become the daughter...the son...the Child of God that each of us has been created and called to be. It is our birthright and destiny. And it is that sacred transformationí Godø gift to us...that comes to each of us as we open ourselves to the healing, reconciling Love of Christ.

I witnessed that sacred undertaking in the young people at Happenings. I caught a glimpse into the beauty and profound depth of their faith and vision. Yes, todayø youth struggle with the demands, challenges, and losses as much as they enjoy success, advantages and accomplishments. AND above and beyond, todayø youth give us the *clearest, unmasked picture of faith placed in God...*that Jesus Christ is present with us, involved with our lives, guards us and guides us. We can count on it. So I say...Thanks, guys! Thanks for a most incredible amazing weekend...thanks for being a part of my life.

*Barbara+*

# GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

## **March, 2016**

öAll major religious traditions carry basically the same message, that is love, compassion and forgiveness, the important thing is they should be part of our daily lives.ö Dalai Lama  
As we öMarchö forward, let us focus on what we have in common rather than differences.

Even best friends and siblings have differences in thoughts and actions.

Again, we are öOne World, Here, There, Everywhereö so ömarch forwardö in love.

### **GPC Challenge for March 6th**

The world is round so that friendship may encircle it.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Give thanks for how blessed we are to look around on Sunday mornings  
at the circle of friends endowed with smiles and handshakes in our midst.  
Take the power of that friendship and caring out into the world and share.

### **GPC Challenge for March 13th**

öGod did not create the world in a day and neither shall we.

But we do create what it will become every day of our lives.

You are a sign and signal of the world to come.ö Sr. Joan Chittister

A step at a time...each step is important...march ahead.

### **GPC Challenge for March 20th**

#### **Palm Sunday**

öBehold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.ö Zechariah 9:9

Ask yourself everyday.....

öWho are the Christ bearing strangers in my presence and  
how can I help them?ö Here, There, Everywhere.

### **GPC Challenge for March 27th**

#### **Easter**

öGod loves each of us as if there were only one of us.ö

St. Augustine

**DIOCESAN DELEGATES NEEDED** - Have you ever considered being a delegate to the Diocesan Convention representing St John's? If you are interested, please let any of the nominating committee members know. They are Bob Kilp, Sue Heilman, Glenn Miller, and Bob Murphy. The Convention is being held in Lancaster County this year, October 14 & 15. Please ponder the idea, but please let any of the committee members know in the near future. The parish does elect the delegates during the Parish Meeting which will be held on Sunday, March 6. There are 4 delegates and 2 alternates needed.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### *Transferred In*

Roy Curtis Keeler

### *Baptized*

Faith Amoré DeLeo & Peace Anur DeLeo  
Parents: Kareem Romar Clark & Christina Maria DeLeo

Isabella Rose Velez  
Parents: Jackson Velez & Amber Nichole Elliott

### *Deaths*

Mary Jane Pecora

## SENIOR WARDEN

Upon reflecting on the success of the Capital Campaign, I realized that one of the most powerful parts of the experience for me was the prayerful question, "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" It was that question that led to our successful fund-raising for our building project.

This project will bring us an elevator to allow all of our members and guests complete access to every level of the church property. For me, that is reason enough to build this elevator. What I didn't consider were some of the added bonuses of this elevator. Currently, our choral and bell choirs need to use the stairs by the lower level vesting room. This means that someone who is having mobility issues, struggles to get to the practice space and then back to the sanctuary. Similarly, the bell choir needs to carry up heavy tables, cushions, and bells. All of this can be facilitated by the large elevator. In addition, our elevator can be used to bring in equipment to change the lightbulbs in the rafters of the church. It could also be used for bringing in a gurney to assist someone in a medical emergency who is on the upper or lower level.

Now, I am asking you to continue praying, "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" I want you to think about what parts of the St. John's mission speak to you. Your new vestry wants to keep serving our parishioners as well as our neighbors, but we can't do it alone. Whether you are drawn to helping our teens, singing in the choir, working to help us manage our wealth, or caring for our historic property, there are plenty of opportunities to find your niche. Tasks range from writing notes, raking leaves, baking cookies, to reading, knitting, financial planning, and greeting. There is some way that every one of us can help.

Please join your vestry in dreaming about what our church could be. Then help us get there.

Submitted by,

*Leslie Morgan*, Senior Warden

# UNITED THANK OFFERING

Dear Member of St. John's Family,

Our Spring Ingathering for the United Thank Offering will be Sunday, March 13. Daylight Savings Time will begin and, hopefully, some signs of Spring will be popping up all around us!

New beginnings are always something to be thankful for and each new day brings us that hope and promise.

So, as we remember our blessings and thank God each day, so too, we can share those blessings with our world and those who need our help, prayers and support through our UTO.

With my thankfulness for each of you, most sincerely,

*Phyllis Gbur*  
UTO Coordinator



## NW ECUMENICAL CLUSTER LENTEN FRIDAYS SCHEDULE



### Offering to Benefit:

**Lancaster County Council of Churches' Winter Shelter**

**Luncheon:** 11:15 a.m. (Donation to Host Church: \$5)

**Worship:** 12:15 p.m.

Join us each Friday in Lent as we meet at a different church for lunch and worship. This year's preaching theme is: "*Hymns of the Season*".

- February 12: **Lancaster Theological Seminary** - Rev. Jim Amstutz of Lancaster Co. Council of Churches  
*"I Owe the Lord a Morning Song"*
- February 19: **St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church** - Rev. Dr. Barbara J. Seras of St. John's Episcopal Church  
*"The Old Rugged Cross"*
- February 26: **Pearl Street United Methodist** - Minister Naomi Leapheart, Seminarian  
*"Were You There?"*
- March 4: **Covenant United Methodist Church** - Rev. Tracy E. Brown of Assured Hope Community Church  
*"At the Cross"*
- March 11: **St. John's Episcopal Church** - Fr. Stephen Kelley of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church  
*"The Glory of These Forty Days"*
- March 18: **Hamilton Park United Church of Christ** - Pastor Judy Zook of Laurel Street Mennonite Church  
*"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

## DECORATING FOR EASTER



Easter is *fast* approaching and if you would like to help decorate the church with Easter Flowers, we would welcome your assistance. On Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m., we will decorate the Chapel Garden of Repose and on Saturday, March 26th at 8:30 a.m., we will place Easter flowers and plants throughout the church. Contact Hilary Becker.

# EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS



THE DEADLINE FOR SUMITTING MEMORIALS IS: **MARCH 14**

We will be compiling our Easter Flower Memorial list for the bulletins from the following form. Please complete and return this form to the church office via the offering plate or the U.S. mail, along with your donation check made payable to: **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** and note **EASTER FLOWERS**. Thank you for your contribution and if you have any questions, please call our church office.

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

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GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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DONATION AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

**March 20 - Palm Sunday**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I with Blessed Palms
- 10:15 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Procession

**March 24 - Maundy Thursday**

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

**March 25 - Good Friday**

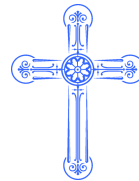
- 7:30 a.m. Youth Good Friday Liturgy with Communion
- 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with Communion
- 7:30 p.m. Choral Good Friday Liturgy with Communion

**March 26 - Great Vigil of Easter Eve**

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

**March 27 - Easter Day**

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



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



## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Stay up to date on the very latest at St. John's by "liking" our Facebook page. Don't miss a mid-week snow cancellation, event reminder, or inspirational message. And...if you haven't subscribed to our blog to receive email notifications on a variety of topics (Events, Worship, Mission Fields, Pastoral Messages, Reflections from the Pew), go to [www.stjohns-lancaster.org](http://www.stjohns-lancaster.org) and click on NEWS/BLOG in the upper right. There's a lot happening at St. John's and our social media presence is growing. Be a part of it!



## 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!

## VOYAGERS



The March meeting of St. John's Voyagers (rescheduled from January) 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?"* Join us on Saturday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House for fellowship and light refreshments. Questions? Contact Barbara Graeter.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMAN

We look forward to our **"SPRING PLANT SALE"** on **March 20**. As in the past, Primroses of various colors will cost \$3 each and planters (round or oval) of Pansies cost \$12. Pre-orders are expected on March 6 and March 13 in the Parish Hall. Please pick-up your plant order in the All Purpose Room on Palm Sunday, March 20. Treat yourselves and those you love with these early spring gifts!



## PROPERTY CORNER

### Welcome

The Property Committee is pleased to welcome Jane Lee and Dave Martin, along with Marylee Sauder, Vestry Steward ó Property as its newest members. We are grateful to Deb Smith for her service as our Vestry Steward over the past year. And, we were even more pleased to learn that Deb will remain on our committee.

### Weather

The snow events and cold weather over the past month caused considerable challenges around the church and rental properties. In addition, a number of electrical repairs were needed in January, and the parish house water heaters were replaced.

### Construction Committee

This Property sub-committee continues to steer the design of the capital campaign project, and has offered their selection of a project manager for Vestry approval. As we are starting to incur expenses for this project, we ask that everyone remember their capital campaign pledge, as we are Welcoming Our Future.

### Spring Clean-Up

All are invited to join us for our annual "Spring Clean-Up" on Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m.-noon. Any amount of time you can offer will be much appreciated as we ready our church and grounds for the Holy Week of Easter.

### Interested in Joining Us?

Your Property Committee is one of the few entities that serve St. John's many ministries. Its success comes from the diversity of experience and backgrounds from its members. Feel free to join us on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Becker House.

Property Committee:

*Andy Carroll, Bob Fields, Jeff Gromis, Bill Gross, Janice Henry, Jane Lee,  
Dave Martin, Cynthia Minnich, Marylee Sauder, and Deb Smith*



"We Hope You  
Can Come  
And  
Help!"



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

**➔ FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 20: THE ALTAR WILL BE ADORNED FOR LENT, WITHOUT FLOWERS.**

| DATE     | (1)                    | (2)                    | CHAPEL              |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| MARCH 6  | Ellen Meyer Trust      |                        |                     |
| MARCH 13 |                        |                        |                     |
| MARCH 20 |                        |                        |                     |
| MARCH 27 | John & Helen Miller    | Ron & Rosalie Wenger   | Carroll Family      |
| APRIL 3  | John & Helen Miller    |                        |                     |
| APRIL 10 | Dale & Barbara Landis  | John & Barbara Graeter | Patti Means         |
| APRIL 17 | Frankvert Family       |                        |                     |
| APRIL 24 |                        |                        |                     |
| MAY 1    | Kilhefner Family       | Burnett Family         |                     |
| MAY 8    | John & Barbara Graeter | Meikrantz Family       |                     |
| MAY 15   | Gross Family           | Luck Family            | Marianne Eckert     |
| MAY 22   | Patti Means            | Ricky Smith            | John & Helen Miller |
| MAY 29   |                        |                        |                     |

### 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!”

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### *Sunday School News*

*Karen DiPace*, Sunday School Director

Thank you all for your pennies to help raise money for Tanzania! We are hoping to have reached our goal of \$150 to help Tyler Brenton with his Mural for the children there.

Our church school will be doing a canned meat & tuna food drive during Lent. Please bring your donations any Sunday during Lent!

On March 6<sup>th</sup> during the Parish meeting, we will be having a group class in the All Purpose Room to allow teachers to attend the meeting. If anyone would like to help please let me know.

As Easter approaches we have some fun events coming up!

Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday. Our children will experience the Last Supper together in the early elementary classroom between services.

Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> is Easter! There will be no classes. Join us for breakfast at 9:30 a.m., then a children's Easter egg hunt at 10:30 a.m! Nursery will be offered during the 11:00 a.m. service.

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

Please welcome Katie Mausolf as our new Nursery Care Coordinator! Feel free to contact her with questions or concerns about our nursery program, or to volunteer to help!

*Karen*

### *Journey to Adulthood*

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

February was a busy month for our youth it started with a game night, what fun we had playing Double Blitz, Sorry, Clue, Apples to Apples, and many other games. We had a lot of games going and every table was filled in the Parish Hall. At 10:30 we had to chase everyone home because no one wanted to leave! We are planning our next game night for Feb. 26-27 and it will be a lock in so we can play late into the night!

Scout Sunday had to be rescheduled because of the blizzard but we were blessed that all of our Scouts could make it. It was nice to have them participate in the service and be recognized. Our Shrove Tuesday dinner got cancelled because of snow.

Our youth hosted a soup and salad luncheon on Souper Bowl Sunday. We served 5 different kinds of soup and provided a salad bar to raise money for our food pantry ministry. We raised \$650.00. Thank you to everyone that supported this important ministry. Thank you to all who donated food for this event.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

On February 12, 2016 a group of 51 Youth, Young Adults and Adults from our diocese met at Camp Mount Luther for a weekend called Happening. The Happening "Experience" is a powerful instrument of Christian Renewal. During the three day retreat, the participants listened to talks given by teenagers and adults. The presentation of the talks by youth using personal life experiences is intended to offer Christ's message to attending Happeners on a level they can understand and to answer many of the faith questions youth struggle with on a daily basis. Talks about church teachings and their importance in the lives of youth attending the weekend were presented. Each talk is a critical building block in the creation of the Happening message. The entire series of talks is given in a sequence that is intended to guide Happeners by opening an avenue of discussions to help them verbalize and internalize their faith questions in a safe environment, hopefully leading to a new or renewed relationship with Christ. Mother Barbara participated as a Happener, while Brooks Morgan and Emma Di Pace gave amazing talks to the group. James Woolson, Amelia Dissinger, Karen Di Pace, David, Bob and Mary Ellen Kilp all helped as youth staff and adult staff. It was an amazing weekend!

Do you have pictures just thrown into boxes and unorganized? Join us on February 26 & 27 for our annual Scrapbooking event. You can make an album, organize your pictures or just come and hang out with us. See the attached flyer for more details. It is a fun time sharing stories and pictures. All proceeds will benefit the J2A pilgrimage. The Rite 13 and J2A will have a lock in that night. Please bring games to share.

Our Senior High Youth will be starting another busy month of March attending the Province III Youth Event (PYE) at North Bay in Maryland March 4-6. This is a time for our youth to meet other youth from the Mid-Atlantic Region, ride on a Zip Line, walk the High Ropes Course, ride the Giant Swing, and climb the Rock Wall all while enjoying singing and experiencing about The Prodigal Son!

Join our youth on March 12 for our annual Spaghetti Dinner, Auction and Talent Show. Do you have a talent? If so we would love for you to share it that evening at our Talent Show. Please see Leslie Morgan so she can add you to the program.

Attention youth grades sixth ó ninth, there is a retreat on April 1-3, 2016 the theme this year is Narnia. The retreat will be held at Camp Mount Luther. It is going to be an amazing weekend please see Mary Ellen Kilp if you are interested in going.

## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR - 2016

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|------------------------|--|
| February 26 . 27, 2016 | Scrapbook Weekend / All youth lock in        |
| March 4, 2016          | Sr. High PYE                                 |
| March 12, 2016         | Auction/Dinner/Talent Show                   |
| March 20, 2016         | Bowling all Youth and Sunday school          |
| March 24, 2016         | Maundy Thursday Lock In for youth 6-12 grade |
| April 1-3, 2016        | Middle School Retreat youth 6-9 grade        |
| April 8, 2016          | Hershey Bears Game                           |
| May 1, 2016            | Youth Sunday/Graduation Sunday/Mini Golf     |
| July 17, 2016          | Pilgrimage send off                          |
| July 22 . 31           | Pilgrimage to Peru                           |
| August 6, 2016         | Knoebel Reunion                              |
| October 16, 2016       | Pilgrimage Presentation                      |



## SPAGHETTI DINNER, TALENT SHOW & SILENT AUCTION



Saturday, March 12th, 5:00-8:30 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall and Auditorium

Supports the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) Pilgrimage to Peru

Tickets: \$8 per adult, \$4 per child, \$20 maximum per family (buy seats in advance at J2A sandwich table or at the door).

Dinner and silent auction begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Talent Show begins at 6:30 p.m. in Auditorium.

Silent Auction bids close by 8:00 p.m. when highest bidders are announced.

We are seeking donated items for the auction. In past years, donated items included week-long excursions to vacation homes, services (handyman, massages, etc.), gift baskets, and more. Please contact Betsy Hasircoglu 717-690-2825. Deadline to bring in donations is March 6th.

We are also seeking your talent! If you'd like to share your gift of dance, song, poetry recitation, a skit, or other talents, please sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Leslie Morgan 717-627-0065.

## HANDBELL FESTIVAL!



The 13th anniversary of the Lancaster-Lebanon Handbell Festival will take place Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Church of the Apostles UCC in Lancaster, PA. Sixteen bell choirs will ring during this event including a special appearance by Bell Amis under the direction of Ron Bellamy. Bell Amis is an elite ensemble made up of some of the best handbell ringers in southeastern Pennsylvania. Bell Amis will perform *The Shepherd's Dream* composed by the festival clinician Alan Reese.

*Our St. John's Handbell Choir will be in attendance with their director, Marilyn Winfield.*

# JUBILEE MINISTRIES

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, MARCH 19**—A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, cereal, and pastries will be served to the downtown community at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster (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)

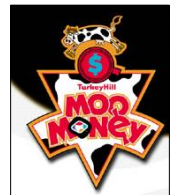
Thank you for the support of Moo Caps, Box-Tops, Campbell soup labels, and printer cartridges. Also thanks to those who logged in minutes of reading in January. As evidenced by a recent LNP "splash", Fulton School made their goal of reading a million minutes, and we certainly helped. There is a need for volunteers on Wednesday afternoons, especially faithful substitutes.

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



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

Total sales for January gave \$474 to Jubilee. Congratulations! Our sales were up from December in spite of the blizzard weekend. Good job, everyone! Now, the rest of you need to get involved. 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. And the amount remaining on your card is recorded on your receipt. And your using one of our cards gives 5% of its value to our Jubilee missions. It is truly a "win, win" situation!

Grocery cards, also, make great gifts for your college student.

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.**

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

**MARTHA'S MINISTRY** (Contact: Jeannie Zeller)

Come and join us in the **Parish Hall** at St. John's on **Tuesday afternoons** from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** as we share fellowship and ideas!

## A.L.E.R.T.

### All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team

ALERT invites you to a work day with our friends at the Lancaster County Council of Churches (LCCC) Community Food and Resource Distribution Hub. Join with other Episcopalians from around Lancaster County as we work together to help others!

## *Work Day*

**Saturday, February 27, 2016**

**8:00am – 2:00pm**

Come when you can and stay as long as you can!

Bring a brown bag lunch and a cooler if you have one. Beverages will be provided!  
(In case of inclement weather, check the ALERT Facebook Page.)

Lancaster County Council of Churches  
Community Food and Resource Distribution Hub  
812 North Queen Street, Lancaster, PA  
(Free parking next to the building.)

Work being planned: Painting, clean up, shelving assembly, installation of spouting, and the assembly of food bags.

Bring (if you have them): Empty egg cartons, paint brushes, caulking gun, roller frames, hand tools, clothes that will get dirty, and bring gloves if you have them.

The Distribution Hub serves all of Lancaster County! In addition to the food hub, with its massive, commercial refrigerator and freezer, the building also houses a kitchen for nutrition and financial classes, an expanded clothing bank, a client lobby, a room for the PA Workwear program, offices and a garage with spaces for nine vehicles for the Wheels to Work program.

Questions? Melvin Lucht from LCCC: woodart60@msn.com  
David Rutledge: drutledge1225@gmail.com  
Paul Hoffer: p.r.hoffer@gmail.com

**Website:** <http://www.lccouncilofchurches.org>



## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

*“For one believes with the heart and so is justified,  
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved”*

*--Romans 10:10*

It is mid February and Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow and gave us hope that Spring is just around the corner. As I write this, it is snowing and not looking or feeling at all like Spring. Have *heart* and *faith*, it is coming.

February is designated as ðHeartö month so that we focus on heart health. No coincidence we just celebrated Valentineø Day, many of us sharing our hearts in one way or another and, February 17<sup>th</sup> is a National Random Act of Kindness Day (again sharing our hearts). And oh yes, the season of Lent has started. So why all this focus on ðheartö and where does the Lenten season fit?

According to Eastonø 1897 bible dictionary, *“According to the Bible, the heart is the centre not only of spiritual activity, but of all the operations of human life.....The heart is the "home of the personal life," and hence a man is designated, according to his heart, wise (1 Kings 3:12, etc.), pure (Ps. 24:4; Matt. 5:8, etc.), upright and righteous (Gen. 20:5, 6; Ps. 11:2; 78:72), pious and good (Luke 8:15), etc.....**The process of salvation begins in the heart** by the believing reception of the testimony of God, while the rejection of that testimony hardens the heart (Ps. 95:8; Prov. 28:14; 2 Chr. 36:13).”* Well, it seems pretty clear we need it, it defines us and if we are to grow in God, it is essential.

The Lenten season, like Spring is all about growing in God. We strive to grow personally, closer to God. We sacrifice something and/or we take something on, like *sharing our hearts* and *growing partnerships*. The Global Partnership Committee kicked off the Lent Program on Valentineø Day with ðHello Africaö. Visit the Parish Hall and you will see Maps and table displays showing the connections that St. Johnø has with Africa. Not only did many of us not realize the number of connections we already have with Africa but, what information we did not know about the continent. Did you know the continent of Africa is as big as the US, India, Argentina, New Zealand, China and parts of Western Europe combined? Do you know how many languages are spoken, how many countries make up the continent, whatø the longest river, highest mountain, tallest animal or most dangerous animal? Did you know, the St. Johnø family has connections in Cameroon, Tanzania, Zambia, Rwanda, Malawi, Lesotho, Uganda, Egypt, Liberia, Ivory Coast as well as Rafiki in Alendu, Kenya?

We have started out our journey to build a partnership with the Rafiki Africa foundation & the Lighthouse Academy in Alendu, Kenya, with some much needed, basic learning and understanding about the place, the environment, the people and their lives there. We will continue to learn about the education, healthcare issues and the personal experiences from other St. Johnø family members and friends. And, did I mention the fun and games?!

Please join us during Lent on Sunday evenings through 3/13/16 when we will conclude with a celebration dinner with food prepared by Rafiki. You can visit them at their Central market stand to sample some of the foods of Africa. In the meantime come journey with us as we begin at 5pm in the Parish Hall; for coming together, and an always delicious ðmeatlessö potluck. Look for the details in the Sunday bulletin, for each Sundayø activities planned. Each weekø journey will be posted as well, on the bulletin board in the Parish hall. Join us for all or as many evenings as you can. This journey promises to be fun filled as well educational and inspiring. Also, again this year, will be collecting shoes for the *“Soles for Souls”*.

## GPC UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Bring your shoe donations to the back of the Parish Hall where they will be boxed and prepared for shipment on Good Friday.

Keep watching and listening as we have transitioned from the MDG Committee to the *Global Partnership Committee*. 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 Global Partnership Committee meeting for March will be noted in the Sunday bulletin and the website calendar. Please look for the *Global Partnership Challenges* (formerly the MDG challenges) and consider how you may incorporate them into your daily lives.

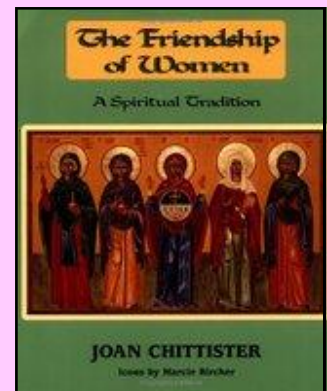
Submitted by, *Tammy Collier*

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

## Women's Gathering & Discussion

*Mark your Calendars...*

**Women's Gathering and Discussion at St. John's  
Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm—8:00 pm  
Beginning Tuesday March 29, 2016**



For six (6) Tuesday evenings, you are invited to join the discussion group exploring the Women of the Bible and the unique spiritual qualities each embodied.

We will use the book *Friendship of Women* by acclaimed author, Joan Chittister.  
Co-Conveners: Mrs. Linda Bruce & The Reverend Barbara Seras

*Please plan to attend!*

**EASTER EGG SALE!**



J2A will begin selling chocolate eggs during Lent. Eggs come in Milk Chocolate / Peanut Butter, Dark Chocolate / Peanut Butter, and Dark Chocolate / Coconut. We will sell eggs through Easter between services. If you would like to order eggs, pick up a flyer at the sandwich sales table between services or use this link:

<http://j.mp/J2AEggs> or contact Joe Way.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## PRAYER LIST

*For those who we offer our continued prayers:*

Ron Barton  
 Ellen Beck  
 Emory Billingsley  
 Michael Brogan  
 Ken Brown  
 Dorothy Dulo  
 Judy Durand  
 Helen Farruggia  
 Linda Frederiksen  
 Sarah Gordon  
 Gill & Mary Hartley  
 Kathryn Havemeier  
 Susan Herr  
 Anne Johnson Horn  
 Cricket Johnson  
 Howard Kane  
 Ellen Keller  
 Andrew Kellner  
 Joyce Landis  
 John Lechowicz  
 Ernie Leffler  
 Isaac Markovich & Family  
 Ruth McFarland  
 Kathy McNamara  
 William Miller  
 Jodi Myers  
 Jane Naegele  
 Lorraine Nolan  
 Mary & Jeff Power  
 Robert & Joan Power  
 Scott Qualls  
 Merle Schnee  
 Steven Schwartz  
 Ellen Sellers  
 Stephanie Smith  
 Bob Stanton  
 Christian Stigelman  
 Martha Stroh  
 Andrea Szynal  
 Joana Torres & Kids  
 Gary Weaver  
 Melissa Williams  
 Paula S. Wolf  
 Ginny Young  
 Fred  
 Camille



*...and for our Homebound Parishioners*

Ellen Beck  
 Jim Breitegan  
 Miriam Cromis  
 Margaret Crothers  
 Providence Eshelman  
 Bette Lou Forsyth  
 Michael Frantz  
 Dyllys Glew  
 Susan Herr  
 Betty Juslin-Asplin  
 Paul Kreider  
 Joan Lahr  
 Stefan Latshaw  
 Fritz Lawrence  
 Don Lovett  
 Betty McCaskey  
 Barbara McKee  
 Nancy Nemith  
 Darlene Pfeiffer  
 Peter Plaxa  
 Nancy Puffer  
 Virginia Rainey  
 Gray Sellers  
 Marjorie Seachrist  
 Helen Souders  
 Joanna Sweeney  
 Sandra Wengert  
 Isabell Yackly  
 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.**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

| <u>Name</u>          | <u>Date</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Bailey, Bob          | 7           |
| Bowser, Adeline      | 7           |
| Burch, Molly         | 9           |
| Callender, Gigi      | 10          |
| Carpenter, Allie     | 5           |
| Clark, Neil          | 29          |
| Cliff, Joel          | 30          |
| Cook, Webb           | 29          |
| Dissinger, David     | 3           |
| Dorgan, Paul         | 25          |
| Glazier, Penn        | 24          |
| Gromis, Keith        | 29          |
| Gromis, Sharon       | 27          |
| Gross, Emily         | 14          |
| Hasircoglu, Betsy    | 23          |
| Heider, Mike         | 25          |
| Henry, Kimberly      | 26          |
| Johnson, Cricket     | 17          |
| Juslin-Asplin, Betty | 24          |
| Lahr, Joan           | 8           |
| Latshaw, Karen       | 21          |
| Lemonick, Leslie     | 16          |
| Loose, Ted           | 13          |
| Mone, Jen            | 12          |
| Morgan, Brooks       | 6           |
| Pennell, Dave        | 2           |
| Rodriguez, Julie     | 12          |
| Sellers, Ellen       | 8           |
| Snyder, Jim          | 31          |
| Stone, Janelle       | 17          |
| Suliveras, Anthony   | 26          |
| Texeira, Jax         | 6           |
| Urban, Desmond       | 14          |
| Walsh, Ellie         | 27          |
| Walsh, Marjie        | 12          |
| Waskowicz, Bruce     | 31          |
| Wendler, Jeff        | 29          |
| Wendler, Madalyn     | 17          |
| Williams, Dawn       | 21          |
| Zimmerman, Phil      | 23          |

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

| <u>Couple</u>                    | <u>Date</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Freeman, Dale & Seachrist, Sibyl | 03/27/1992  |
| Houston, John & Nancy            | 03/11/1990  |
| Latshaw, Andy & Ally             | 03/20/2005  |
| Mausolf, Andrew & Katie          | 03/17/2007  |
| McGee, Vince & Shirley           | 03/16/1957  |
| Tahsler, Bruce & Leslie          | 03/31/1979  |
| Waskowicz, Bruce & Mary          | 03/09/1991  |

# Messenger Deadline

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 \* THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT \*  
 \* ARTICLES FOR THE \*  
 \* **APRIL** \*  
 \* "MESSENGER" IS: \*  
 \* **MARCH 21** \*  
 \* PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE \*  
 \* ON YOUR CALENDAR! \*  
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The church's Nursery will need one (1) volunteer on March 20th (Palm Sunday) and March 27th (Easter Sunday) for the later service. If you are able to do either dates please let Katie Mausolf know through email:

[bubs16@hotmail.com](mailto:bubs16@hotmail.com) or  
[kemausolf@gmail.com](mailto:kemausolf@gmail.com)

Thank you for any help, Katie Mausolf



# SERVING SCHEDULE – MARCH, 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!"*

| MARCH 6                     | 8:00 AM                           | 10:15 AM                          |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | Molly Moyer                       | David Dissinger, Sibyl Seachrist  |
| <b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>  | --                                | Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel      |
| <b>Lector</b>               | Merle Schnee                      | Aidan & Joel Cliff                |
| <b>Server</b>               | ô                                 | Amelia Dissinger                  |
| <b>Torch Bearer</b>         | ô                                 | Helena Carroll, Nicholas DiPace   |
| <b>Crucifer</b>             | ô                                 | Dave Pennell                      |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Team 3                            | Team 3                            |
| <b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>  | ô                                 | Brooks Morgan                     |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | 8:00 a.m.                         | Team A                            |
| <b>Greeter</b>              | ô                                 | Carolyn Maxey                     |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>          | Voyagers / Sunday School Teachers | Voyagers / Sunday School Teachers |
| <b>Nursery</b>              | ô                                 | Katie Mausolf                     |

| MARCH 13                    | 8:00 AM                  | 10:15 AM                   |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | Peter Eaton              | Brad Moyer, Peter Novosel  |
| <b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>  | Phil Becker, Ricky Smith | Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heillman |
| <b>Lector</b>               | Ricky Smith              | Jane Lee, Paula Wolf       |
| <b>Server</b>               | ô                        | Dylan Stone                |
| <b>Torch Bearer</b>         | ô                        | Max Lester, Kylie Stone    |
| <b>Crucifer</b>             | ô                        | Aaron Hasircoglu           |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Team 1                   | Team 1                     |
| <b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>  | ô                        | Lynn Hayford               |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | 8:00 a.m.                | Team B                     |
| <b>Greeter</b>              | ô                        | Ted Loose                  |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>          | Vestry                   | Vestry                     |
| <b>Nursery</b>              | ô                        | To Be Determined           |

| <b>MARCH 20<br/><i>Palm Sunday</i></b> | <b>8:00 AM</b>                               | <b>10:15 AM</b>   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b>            | Molly Moyer                                  | David Kilp, Katie Mausolf   |
| <b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>             | Stephanie McGovern                           | --  |
| <b>Lector</b>                          | Tom Bond                                     | Aidan & Joel Cliff  |
| <b>Passion Readers</b>                 | Sue Tobie, Bob Lee,<br>Sue Purdy, Phil Purdy | Danielle DiPace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer,<br>Brooks Morgan, David Dissinger |
| <b>Server</b>                          | ô  | James Woolson   |
| <b>Torch Bearer</b>                    | ô  | Frances Brogan, Ella Suliveras  |
| <b>Crucifer</b>                        | ô  | Dave Pennell  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                     | Team 2                                       | Team 2  |
| <b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>             | ô  | Emma DiPace   |
| <b>Ushers</b>                          | 8:00 a.m.                                    | Team C  |
| <b>Greeter</b>                         | ô  | Peter Novosel   |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>                     | Community Breakfast                          | Community Breakfast   |
| <b>Nursery</b>                         | ô  | To Be Determined  |

| <b>MARCH 24—<i>Maundy Thursday</i></b> | <b>7:30 PM</b>                 |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b>            | Sibyl Seachrist                |
| <b>Lector</b>                          | Danielle DiPace, Brooks Morgan |
| <b>Server</b>                          | Aidan Cliff                    |
| <b>Torch Bearer</b>                    | Sean Cliff, Ian Thompson       |
| <b>Crucifer</b>                        | Aaron Hasircoglu               |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                     | All Members                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>                          | Mike Gbur, Bill Gross          |

| <b>MARCH 25—<i>Good Friday</i></b> | <b>7:00 AM</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b>  | <b>7:30 PM</b>            |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b>        | Youth Group    | ô                | ô                         |
| <b>Lector</b>                      | Youth Group    | To Be Determined | Tom Bond                  |
| <b>Server</b>                      | Youth Group    | ô                | ô                         |
| <b>Crucifer</b>                    | Youth Group    | ô                | Glenn Miller              |
| <b>Ushers</b>                      | Youth Group    | ô                | Phil Becker, Charlie Rahe |



| <b>MARCH 26—Easter Vigil</b> | <b>7:30 PM</b>          |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b>  | Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer |
| <b>Readers</b>               | To Be Determined        |
| <b>Server</b>                | Amelia Dissinger        |
| <b>Crucifer</b>              | Bob Kilp                |
| <b>Thurifer</b>              | David Kilp              |
| <b>Torches</b>               | To Be Determined        |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>           | Team 3                  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Doug Brown, Mike Gbur   |

| <b>MARCH 27<br/>Easter Day</b> | <b>7:00 AM</b>  | <b>8:30 AM</b>   | <b>11:00 AM</b>                                      |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b>    | Merle Schnee  | David Dissinger, Katie Mausolf,<br>Michael Stank           | Brad Moyer, Peter Novosel,<br>Sibyl Seachrist        |
| <b>Lector</b>                  | Ricky Smith   | Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp                                     | Jane Lee, Paula Wolf                                 |
| <b>Server</b>                  | --  | Emma DiPace  | Michael Hreben                                       |
| <b>Torch Bearer</b>            | --  | Kendall Morgan, Natalie Visco                              | Miriam Lester, Ella Suliveras                        |
| <b>Crucifer</b>                | --  | Brooks Morgan  | Glenn Miller   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>             | Team 3  | Team 3   | Team 3   |
| <b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>     | To Be Determined                                      | To Be Determined   | Danielle DiPace                                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>                  | Phil Becker, John Graeter,<br>John Miller, Jim Snyder | Tracy Cliff, Nick DiPace,<br>Bruce Morgan, Julie Rodriguez | Paul Dorgan, Len Jackson,<br>Charlie Rahe, Brad Zuke |
| <b>Greeter</b>                 | --  | --   | --   |
| <b>Nursery</b>                 | --  | --   | To Be Determined                                     |

## LOOKING AHEAD TO: APRIL, 2016

| <b>APRIL 3</b>              | <b>8:00 AM</b> | <b>10:15 AM</b>                          |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | Laurie Eaton   | David Dissinger, Brad Moyer              |
| <b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>  | --             | Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel             |
| <b>Lector</b>               | Peter Eaton    | Danielle DiPace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer |
| <b>Server</b>               | ô              | Emma DiPace                              |
| <b>Torch Bearer</b>         | ô              | Helena Carroll, Nicholas DiPace          |
| <b>Crucifer</b>             | ô              | Brooks Morgan                            |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Team 1         | Team 1                                   |
| <b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>  | ô              | Amelia Dissinger                         |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | 8:00 a.m.      | Team                                     |
| <b>Greeter</b>              | ô              | Brad Zuke                                |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>          | Property       | Property                                 |
| <b>Nursery</b>              | ô              | Phyllis Gbur                             |