



# *St. John's Messenger*

**May, 2016**

*from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector*

## **EASTER PEOPLE**

Mandros Imported Foods grocery store sits on the corner of Charlotte and Lemon Streets, just up the street from where I live. For two generations the store has been owned by the Mandros family and today is operated by Mrs. Mandros, Athena, and her sons, Dino and Bill. They are a good Greek family from the Eastern Orthodox tradition of the church.

Among the many food delights to be found in the store is an amazing selection of cheeses. Hard cheese. Soft cheese. Wine washed rind cheese. Cheese made with cow's milk, sheep's milk or goat's milk. Cheese from Greece to California and everywhere in between.

I discovered the cheese selection at Mandros shortly after moving to Lancaster and developed a habit of walking to the store once a week for what I called, "the cheese of the week". I would ask Bill to cut a slice of cheese to take home to snack on and ask him to choose the cheese. Each week he would make a different selection and then the following week when I returned for a new slice, we would talk about the qualities of that cheese.

It was a great way to learn about cheese. The only problem was that after a year of this, I was starting to look like the cheese of the week. But the really nice thing was getting to know Bill. We share not only an interest in cheeses. We share the same off centered sense of humor. And when Bill figured out that I'm clergy, he has not stopped riding me about that.

So on the Saturday before Easter, Holy Saturday, when I walked into Mandros to get food supplies for Easter Sunday dinner, Bill took one look at me and commented,

"Father, what are you doing out shopping on Holy Saturday? You should be at church, praying. This religious jab called for a religious reply.

"Bill, you and I both know that the real Easter isn't for another five weeks. (The Eastern and Western churches have two different calendars and as a result have different dates for Easter. This year they celebrate Easter on May 1.) "Tomorrow is just the pretend Easter."

Bill liked that answer and allowed me to shop in relative peace. I finished my shopping and checked out, and as I was about to leave the store, Bill smiled and said to me, "Have a good fake Easter."

For over a thousand years Christians have been unable to agree on the most basic practice of our faith - when to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ - the most important event in the shared history of Christianity.

Yet for Bill Mandros and I, this is not a problem. When we celebrate Easter does not change the fact that we both celebrate Easter. We both share the faith that Christ is risen. While we may have different practices, our faith is the same. It is our shared faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ that makes us all Easter People.

*John+*

## THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

### *Green Mint Tea and Prayer 54*

This past week I celebrated my birthday and in a few weeks I will mark the anniversary of my ordination. These are the two most important days of my life. Other days are important, both sad and joyful: the day my younger brother was born, my best friend's birthday, the day my grandmother (Yiayia) died, the day our Pop left this earth.

Pop died on Maundy Thursday the year I was a deacon. It is well over 20 years ago; the sharp sting of his passing is gone. But no matter what the calendar date, his spirit always grabs my spirit on that day in Holy Week. And every Good Friday as I rise early for services, I remember that first Good Friday watching the sun rise and knowing it was the first new day dawning without him.

On that Maundy Thursday, I was at Johns-Hopkins Hospital with Maureen\*, a parishioner whose husband was undergoing pretty serious cancer surgery. I expected to spend most of the day there. So when the nurse came in after only one hour and said the surgeon had finished and would be in to see the family, I knew it was not good news. As we waited in the hospital's consultation room, another nurse called me to the hallway phone (no mobiles in those days) and as I lifted the receiver to my ear, I heard what I somehow frighteningly expected: my father had died. I returned to the room and silently waiting. And soon the surgeon entered to tell Maureen and her children, that their father and husband was too sick to continue the operation. The intersection of events at moment sealed my relationship with Maureen to this day.

Yet there is more to the story. Maureen and I visited often in those intervening months. And what I experienced lives and moves in me still.

#### **54 For those we Love (BCP 831)**

*Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

That is where Green Mint Tea comes in. Often I would drop in to see how Maureen, her husband and kids were getting along. And she would always brew cups of Green Mint Tea and the two of us would sit in her den or in the nice weather on the porch sipping that cup of tea.

Not much talk there was no need. And an amazing presence of care and understanding grew. We could just be in each other's company as I coped with pop's recent death and she with her husband's looming death.

As time passed, there were frequent hospital visits and during one visit Maureen confided how difficult prayer had become. I understood well what she was saying. Yet we both knew prayer was essential.

That's where Prayer 54 comes in. We promised each day to pray "together" Prayer 54 "For those we Love." It seemed to say all that we could not. And somewhere along the way, we'd see each other and just say; "Yes, 54!" Sound crazy? Well, we still do it to this day.

I commend this prayer to you for good times and challenging times. May it bring you the blessing it has given me and my friend for decades.

*Barbara+*

\*Name Changed

# GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

**May, 2016**

öKindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.ö

Mark Twain

Let us remember and then act on kindness daily.

An individual commitment to a kindness act  
from each child of God would change the world.

This could be as simple as a genuine öhelloö or a smile.

**GPC Challenges for May 1st**

**National Day of Prayer - May 5th**

öPrayer is not asking. It is longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness.

It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.ö

Mahatma Gandhi

God is listening, and if you don't know what to say, sit in silence and hear God's voice.

**GPC Challenge for May 8th**

**Mother's Day**

We are all mother's giving birth to new ideas, new changes and then nursing them to grow.

As we nurture our friends in Rafiki, let us all be loving mothers encouraging them  
to be caring and loving to those in their presence, giving birth to a new life.

**GPC Challenge for May 15th**

**Pentecost**

öThere is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.ö

Thomas Aquinas

**GPC Challenge for May 22nd**

**Trinity Sunday**

öJesus did not spend a great deal of time discoursing about the trinity or original sin or the incarnation,  
which have preoccupied later Christians.

He went around doing good and being compassionate.ö

Karen Armstrong

There is the example and now is the time to follow.

**GPC Challenge for May 29th**

**Memorial Day**

öWhile you are proclaiming peace with your lips,  
be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.ö

Francis of Assisi

What's on the inside will then move to the outside and can be shared with all.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### *Deaths*

Betty Juslin-Asplin  
March 24, 1924 - April 6, 2016

## SENIOR WARDEN

Recently, I was reviewing the plans for the First Friday St. John's Revealed event in which we intend to invite the community, discussing how our church interacts with the community through many of our Jubilee Ministries. Later that day, I participated in a Skype session with the guide for the upcoming J2A Pilgrimage to Peru. It was during this session that Brent Richards, the guide for the trip, suggested that the Pilgrims will have a chance to develop a tight community as well as experience some of the challenges of living in community.

Throughout that day, I thought about the two different meanings for community. First, there is the community that refers to groups of people living near one another. For example, I am a member of the Lititz community, the Morgan family, and the educational community. Living near or with others has helped us survive throughout history as we've hunted in groups, divided the labor in our homes and work, and in conquered the group project requirements. There is a definite reason to stay together.

Next, there is the community that refers to the connected feeling of an intimate group. This is the sense of community that we all seek in order to feel understood by our families, friends, coworkers, or any other group with which we identify. Through the development of the internet, we now can connect with a community of others around the world with similar interests or needs, be it a gerbil club, Model T enthusiast club, or a community of people with a similar diagnosis. Feeling connected is more than just surviving; it is the opportunity to feel supported through interdependence.

It is my hope that the two meanings collide in our community at St. John's. We can think about how St. John's helps to serve the needs of our community through Community Breakfast, the food pantry, Angel Tree giving, and the Betty Finney Aids Memorial Garden. We can consider how we are respectful to our neighbors as we work through limited parking. We can consider how our parishioners seek out smaller groups within our larger context to have that sense of connectedness that only a community can provide. As members of this community, I want to keep working on ways to invite others into our intimate community. Please join me.

Submitted by,

*Leslie Morgan*  
Senior Warden

## VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on: **April 18, 2016**

1. **Diocesan Alternates** ó Resolved, that the St. John's vestry appoints and elects the following baptized members of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA óMichael Williams and Robert Kilp - to serve as Alternates in our lay delegation to the Diocesan Convention, October 14-15, 2016.  
*This resolution came from the Executive Committee. Pam Loose called the question.  
The motion carried.*
2. **Verger Health Insurance** ó Whereas, Aaron Spicher, as the Verger for St. John's Episcopal Church Lancaster has provided over a decade of faithful service to St. John's; and whereas as because of grave illness he is no longer able to continue in that service; and whereas all contracted salary and medical benefits owed to him by St. John's have been exhausted; Be it resolved that the vestry of St. John's Church commits to providing Aaron Spicher continued health insurance benefits through the Church Medical Trust until September 1, 2016 with the understanding and expectation that this period of grace will allow him to be enrolled and to receive Social Security and other medical benefits.  
*This resolution came from the Executive Committee. Toni Ehrhart called the question.  
The motion carried.*

## PARKING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

### **Parking Available at Water Street Parking Garage**



St. John's has made arrangements with the Lancaster Parking Authority to provide parking for St. John's at the Water Street Parking Garage (on Water Street, between West Chestnut and Walnut Streets).

The gates at the parking garage will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., at which time you can enter the garage. If the gate is down when you are leaving the garage, there is an exit lane with a "push-button" that will open the exit gate.

We encourage you to use the Water Street Parking Garage in lieu of the private lot on West Chestnut Street, which is for the residents of the Stevens School apartments.

In addition, if you are able-bodied, we encourage you to use the Water Street Parking Garage to save spots in our church parking for those with mobility challenges. Thank you.

## THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the following for serving at the Women's and Children's Emergency Winter Shelter at the YWCA during its operation this past winter . Once again, St. John's congregation continues to respond to vital needs of the community. In particular kudos to those who served in an overnight responsibility.

*Brad & Sue Zuke, Sue Heilman, Marylee Sauder, Don Durand, Andy & Anne Carroll, Mike & Phyllis Gbur, Bill Gross, Beth & Francoise Mollard, and Dave & Sue Martin*

## VOYAGERS



The Voyagers are pleased to invite you to join them on Sunday, May 22, as they again visit a local historic Episcopal Church ó Hope Church (Mt. Hope) near Manheim, PA. We will meet there at 9:00 a.m. to hear the storied history of the building which pre-dates St. John's by four years. It was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1991.

We will be able to see the beautiful tile, marble, wood, and limestone and stained glass windows, three of which are Tiffany and also the cemetery which contains many old tombstones. We will join Hope's congregation for worship at 10:00 a. m. Please contact Barbara Graeter with any questions.

## "ST. JOHN'S REVEALED"

### *"St. John's Revealed" is Set for "First Friday"*

It's only a matter of time until renovations to St. John's Episcopal Church get underway. As the anticipation builds, plans for those improvements will be disclosed during the *"St. John's Revealed"* happenings during "First Friday" at 321 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster - slated for June 3rd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in what promises to be a fun, friendly evening of fellowship and there will be something for everyone of all ages!

A handful of stations will be arranged inside the Parish Hall, featuring drawings with interpreters to help explain the various aspects of the project. With the hope that many of St. John's neighbors will be in attendance, one of those stations will also detail our Jubilee ministries which impact the community. Additionally, this will be an opportunity for people to watch a video created by the Journey to Adulthood youth, along with youth leader, Joseph Way, outlining the history of St. John's and its parishioners.

Plans are also in the works to grab the attention of any youngsters who will be on hand. Those could include Legos for them to do their own building project, or perhaps some coloring pages to tempt their artistic skills. If that's not enough, 3D pictures of the building project will be projected on a continuous loop, and people will be able to enjoy music piping into the festivities.

Less than two months remain until the big event, so mark your calendars now and we'll see you there!

## PROPERTY CORNER

First a special shout-out to students from F&M's athletic department who did some cleanup work on our grounds last month as part of an outreach effort, and to Jane Lee for staffing the parish house during that time. Hope the students will return to enjoy the fruits of their labors.

Yes, we are still recycling! It's just that our recycling containers have been relocated behind our dumpster enclosure to enhance the rear entrance to our Parish House. We thank everyone for making use of the new location, as we strive to improve our environment.

We appreciate everyone's patience with our one dishwasher. It has been going through extensive troubleshooting to eliminate an error code, while we try to make repairs. By this writing, we hope to have this situation rectified.

The **Construction Committee's work** is now focusing on the design review stage for the Atrium Project. Fr. John and Bill continue to meet with the City's Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) for approval of our building concept. Bill submitted an application to the Shade Tree Commission regarding our removal and relocation of trees during the construction process. The Construction Committee looks forward to seeing everyone at St. John's First Friday Open House in June. Displays and discussions will be had regarding our project, scheduled for the latter half of this year. It will also be an excellent time to meet some of our neighbors, who have also been invited.

**Sunday Morning Parking** - Marylee Sauder and Andy Carroll arranged for St. John's parking at the Water Street public garage, operated by the Lancaster Parking Authority, between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. It is located on North Water Street between West Chestnut and West Walnut Streets. This additional parking is just a short walk to our Parish Campus and allows *our* two lots to be used by those who are mobility challenged.

**Your Property Committee** is one of the few ministries serving all of St. John's other ministries. We always have room for more ideas and creative cost effective solutions. We hope you can join us on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Becker House.

Your Property Committee,

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

### *Deadline Dates!*

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**"MESSENGER" ARTICLES:**

**3rd MONDAY OF EACH MONTH**

## WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

If you'd like to remember a loved one(s) with an altar flower or give thanks for a special occasion, please be sure to **stop by the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and add your name to the Flower Chart**. Details and **donation envelopes will also be available at the chart**. A **\$30** donation is appreciated and please make a notation on your check. If you are unable to travel to church but are interested in signing up, please contact our Parish Secretary, Patti Means at 717-299-1188.

**We would like to receive two (2) remembrances per Sunday for the church altar and one (1) for the chapel. This information will appear in both service bulletins.** Following is the information we have received for the time-frame between **May and July, 2016**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
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	Jeannie Zeller		Phil & Hilary Becker
JUNE 5	Kilhefner Family		
JUNE 12	Charles Alexander		
JUNE 19	John & Barbara Graeter	Scott & Sherry Qualls	
JUNE 26	J & L Hartman Trust	Sue & Dave Martin	Phil & Hilary Becker
JULY 3	Fr. Emmert Trust	Moyer Family	
JULY 10	Barbara Landis	Moyer Family	
JULY 17			
JULY 24			
JULY 31			

### 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*

We are coming near the end of our Church School year! I hope you are ready for summer!

In May we will celebrate our youth and graduates on May 1<sup>st</sup>, then our Mothers on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is Pentacost! Kids are encouraged to wear red/orange/yellow to help celebrate the season. All kids will take part in the procession.

May 29<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Weekend. We will NOT be having classes that day.

Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> the church will be opening our doors to the community for first Friday. Join us as we show the neighbors our plans for the improvements coming to St. Johns!

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> will be our last day of church school classes. We will celebrate our teachers in church at the 10:15 service. After church we will have our annual church picnic!! We will again be at the Lancaster County Central Park, Pavillion#3, starting at noon until whenever we want to leave. I will be sending out a sign up Genius to help us coordinate our food. If you can't sign up feel free to bring whatever you want. We will be providing the burgers, dogs and drinks!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) is soon approaching and this year, it will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church from Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** We will be having a picnic for all involved from 5-6pm! This year we will be doing something new: A convocational VBS is joining forces with St. James, St. Edwards, and St. Thomas to create an even BIGGER and BETTER VBS! Our theme is "*All the Saints*". This will be an exciting week for all involved. Please plan to be a part of our team. Kids ages 5-11 are invited to attend and older youth are encouraged to help. Adults are needed too. Please let me know if you can help by e-mailing me at: [dipace5@verizon.net](mailto:dipace5@verizon.net) or call: 717-464-9124. Visit our sign-up Genius to see how you can help at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49afa722a64-2016/>

*Karen*

## *Journey to Adulthood*

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

St. Johns hosted the Maundy Thursday lock in for our youth and youth in our Convocation. We had an Agape fest, followed by Stations of the Cross, walking the Labyrinth, working on the Stations of the Cross for the Good Friday service and quiet time in the church. After a short night our youth led the Good Friday morning service and helped to load the truck for Soles for Souls.

Easter was especially sweet for those who enjoyed the J2A chocolate eggs. Congrats to our teens and leaders on a wonderfully successful fundraiser: they raised over \$3,000!!! Thank you to all who supported our youth!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Our Jr. High Retreat was held at Camp Mount Luther April 1 -3, 2016. The theme was Aslan is on the Move. We gathered at Camp Mount Luther with a total of 42 youth, adults, Sr. high youth and young adults to help with the weekend.

We experienced the world of Narnia by watching the movie in segments. Our first experience was seeing the different ways we all perceive reality. We played a game of sardines in the darkness of CML finding the professor! We looked at the importance of declaring and holding values that shape our lives and our actions.

After a good night's sleep we entered the wardrobe and stepped into Narnia where Mr. Tumnus greeted us at the lamp post. Here we discovered an imaginary world full of snow covered trees, welcoming characters and surprises everywhere. Narnia looked beautiful at first glance, but soon the youth were presented with some problems and difficult obstacles. The White Witch was present representing the evils of this world that can at times appear quite lovely. She offered Sweet Turkish Delights, only to betray the ones she lures into her tangled web of deceit.

This weekend we learned what love and acceptance are all about and how sometimes those qualities require major sacrifices on our part. Our youth left CML with a sense of who they are, and they know in their heart that God is with them always and they are never alone.

Aslan left a message as we left Narnia stating: *You must continue your quest for life and wholeness, carrying your shield of values with pride and honor and courage. Be ready for joyful surprises and times of wonder. Be open. Be watchful of the needs of others. Expect ME even in unexpected times and in unexpected ways. I will drop in often. The vial is part of me. The substance inside is invisible until you make it visible. It is the power of love. Carry its power to all and share it. When you share the power of love, the joys of life, of wholeness and holiness, will be for all whom you touch. May Aslan be with you now and always.*

The service on May 1st. will be our Youth Sunday. The youth will be planning the service for both the 8:00 10:15 services. We will be sharing with you the prayers of the people and some of the music we sing at our Diocesan retreats. The youth will be ushering, serving, lectors, and being involved in the service. Four of the youth will be giving a talk on the experiences they have shared over the years in our youth program and our diocesan youth program. Our Sunday school will be singing our offertory anthem at the 10:15 service. Please plan to join us on May 1st. for this special service.

This year, we have no one graduating from high school, but we do have three young adults graduating from College. They are Selena Hasircoglu, Julia Loose, and Lauren Waskowicz.

Selena Hasircoglu is graduating from University Of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor's of Science in Clinical Dietetics & Nutrition. Selena will be continuing on with graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh to complete a Coordinated Master's in Dietetics. She is the daughter of Chris & Betsy Hasircoglu and the granddaughter of Ken & Eleanor Watts.

Julia Loose is graduating from Susquehanna University. She will be receiving a Bachelor's degree in Biology. After graduation Julia is planning on attending The University of Pittsburgh in the Biomedical PhD program. Julia is the daughter of Pam & Ted Loose and the granddaughter of Sue & Dave Martin.

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## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR - 2016

May 1, 2016	Youth Sunday/Graduation Sunday & Mini Golf
June 3, 2016	First Friday at St. John's
June 5, 2016	Teacher Appreciation/ Picnic
June 15-19, 2016	Diocesan Summer Youth Retreat Grades 6 -12
June 25	Strawberry Festival
July 17, 2016	Pilgrimage Send Off
July 22 . 31	Pilgrimage to Peru
August 6, 2016	Knoebel's Reunion / Family Camping Trip
October 14 & 15	Diocese Convention
October 16, 2016	Pilgrimage Presentation
November 18 . 20, 2016	Diocese Fall Retreat



## OUR GRADUATES



*"Congratulations to our Graduates!"*

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**You Are Invited!**

## VBS: *For All The Saints....*



**What:** Convocational Vacation Bible School  
Episcopal Churches of Lancaster County

**When:** June 26th-30<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Who:** Entering K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

6<sup>th</sup> grade and up, Camp Counselors

**Where:** St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Contact Karen Di Pace or Barbara Seras for more information.

Register online at: <http://goo.gl/forms/n5VglQulih>

Sign up to help at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49afa722a64-2016/>

# JUBILEE MINISTRIES

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

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

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

The 14th season of Eagle's Nest has ended. Thanks to Director Maria W., Assistant Director Maria S., teen helpers Tierza Mendez and Lexi Smith, and all of the faithful volunteers who devote Weds. afternoon to the neighborhood children who attend. Thanks too to the St. John's congregation who support us with financial aid, bake sale items, supplies when needed, Turkey Hill Moo Caps, and support Fulton School with Box Tops, Campbell Soup labels, spent printer cartridges, reading minutes, and winter clothing supplies. Our partnership support is very much appreciated.

**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 March gave only \$390 to Jubilee. Sales were down but but we did not sell cards on Easter Day. I know we can fix that! Spring is here, I promise. It's almost time to get out the grill! 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**

## 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!

We have the yarn and we would like more helping hands to knit or crochet prayer shawls. Join in the fellowship on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall from 2-4 pm. Or pick out some yarn and knit on your own time.

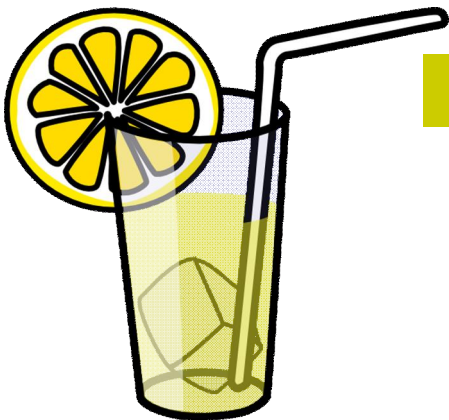
## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

### *Kitchen Use Support*

Our renovation is fifteen years old. As with most teenagers, tender loving care is needed for success. Users are reminded to use the sign out list when closing down after coffee hour, meetings, youth events or anytime the kitchen is used. This list serves as a reminder to help keep the facility as clean and healthy as expected as well as maintaining the equipment for the next generation. Of particular TLC is the garbage disposal, which needs to be run frequently according to the posted directions, and the drain plug needs to be kept in place to prevent items from going down unnoticed. As we move toward more Safe Serving, you are requested to sanitize the surfaces before preparing and serving food. A small bucket is kept by the triple sink with clorox. Directions for amount per water is written. It takes very little to qualify for a proper bleach solution, and test strips are located inside the food supply cabinets with directions for their use. Thanks for caring.

Submitted by,

*Sue Martin*



## LEMONADE TIME!

Sunday, June 5th will be the start of Lemonade Time, the cool and informal coffee hour substitute following the 10:15 a.m. service. Individuals, partners, and families, especially those not regularly involved with a coffee hour offering, are invited to sign up in the Parish Hall. Questions? Please contact Sue Martin.

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

### *Helping With Refugee Resettlement*

The All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team is answering a community need by becoming a member of a "Circle of Friends" to a recent arrival of a single mother from Sudan with six children. The children range in age from a few months to being in their teens. Church World Services is currently working with the family and many of the resettlement needs are already in place. St. John's along with the other ALERT churches have committed to assisting the family.

The main focus of this relationship is to encourage and empower the family to become self sufficient and self reliant by offering assistance in four ways.

- 1. Tutoring**
- 2. Providing transportation to/from medical appointments.**
- 3. Serving as a financial and literacy mentor by helping with paying of bills, balancing a checkbook, etc.**
- 4. Provide material donations which may be needed by the family.**

Being in a relationship which supports community and cultural integration for the family will be the overall goal for this endeavor. Many details of this commitment need to be worked out, but in the meantime if anyone from St. John's who would be interested in helping in the above stated specific ways a sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the parish house.

Please consider, there is a definite need for immediate help. If you would like more information, please see and talk with Brian Gross or Dave Martin who are serving as liaisons from St. John's to the ALERT organization.

## BETTY FINNEY AIDS MEMORIAL GARDEN

One of the ministries of St. John's is to help in maintaining the AIDS Memorial Garden at the Linear Park in Lancaster City. Planting of the annuals and mulching of the garden will take place on Saturday morning, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Hopefully many helping hands will make the tasks go smoothly.



Needed Items: 1 or 2 wheel barrows, gloves, trowels, and hoes.  
Items to be planted are: red begonias, petunias, and a ground covering plant. The garden could also use some prep-work before planting.

This project is a great family church project! Please consider helping! Any questions should be directed to Dave Martin, as he will be coordinating this project.



## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

*Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."-  
---Jn 7:13-14*

I have to confess, I played hooky today. The temptation was too overwhelming. The beach and the ocean were calling to me. I had to come.

There is something about coming to the water's edge, seeing and hearing the roar of the surf. The beach is empty, except for a few kindred spirits on this cool spring Sunday morning. Soon the sound and the sight of the water moving in and out take over and, in minutes all the negative energy and stresses of daily living are all pulled out with the waves and renewal begins. It is very spiritually nourishing.



The beach is long and the end is out of sight and it feels like I could walk forever on the compacted sand by the water's edge; watching and listening to the surf, looking at the shells and stones littering the sand, left behind by the earlier waves; watching the birds standing at the water's edge, waiting for the next wave to deliver something good to eat and nourish them, physically.

Water provides so much to our lives. Physically we get recreation, nutrition, production & cleansing to name some. Spiritually we can be renewed and take the opportunity to reflect on oneself and feel connected. *Water builds.*

Life needs water to live. All living things depend on water for renewal and survival.



During the week of 4/4/16, Rafiki, our Global partner, got to experience this nourishing power as they began drilling and building their own Well.

On 4/8/16, Dorothy Dulu reported "We got clean water today. Tomorrow they will start developing the Well." How glorious that must be for them. The Well project (which needs another \$26,000 to be completed) is just one of the ongoing projects and needs that Rafiki is involved.

*Water*, is the driving force of all nature. It is what all living beings have in common. The commonalities and connections we have with our neighbors "*here & there*" are endless. Thinking about it prompts those of us with *much*, to struggle with our responsibilities to those with *less*.

Our connections in Africa are unquestionable. We learned this reality during Lent and our Sunday night programs. Our map of Africa in the Parish Hall is our visual reminder. So many of our own St. John's members and friends, have shared their reflections on their working, service, studies or lives growing up there; Ken Brown, Susan Blevins, Tyler Brenton, Bill Cater, Jarba Family, Alice Ogwong, Lauren Waskowicz, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer, Mother Barbara, and Rafiki.

## GPC UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Their experiences spread across the continent including countries such as; Cameroon, Ethiopia, Egypt, Uganda, Tanzania, Liberia and Kenya. Their reflections give us a picture of just how large the continent of Africa is, the large number of countries and how diverse the environments, the people, the languages and cultures are. Some of their key points shared from their personal experiences:

Daily activities for many are focused on needs for survival.

Possessions and opportunities are not equal among all people in Africa.

Having less materially does not equate with unhappiness.

Some through support from those in the USA and St. John's parish, have left there for here, seeking opportunities for education and economic stability for themselves and their children.

There is work being done that has and will enact intervention programs to decrease disease.

Educational projects exist and are being supported for those at risk of not having the opportunity due to poverty or rural conditions.

There is much more to be done.

The concerns are not so different, *there* from *here*. As diverse and as large as the continent of Africa may be, we have commonalities. We are truly connected *here* and *there*. From the reflection shared by Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer, *“This work of sharing our wealth with others who have less in material and physical well-being, is an opportunity to be reconciled in Christ. What does that really mean? What do we need to be more intelligent about doing? And what is it we receive from the Africans with whom we share in this work of give & take?” “A good way to enter into relationships with Africans at the levels of grace & love is to be curious, to be self aware, to be open to discomfort of mind & heart and to ask what we might need from Africans in our work of sharing and generous response to others in need.”*

Keep watching and listening as we build this Global partnership. Take time for self reflection and renewal. Be curious and be open to new relationships and opportunities. There is an opportunity for learning more about Rafiki, coming up Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm at Buchanan Park. It is Rafiki's annual African Festival where more can be learned and experience the food and the culture. Watch for more information about this event.

If your curiosity leads you to want to join us in this Global Partnership opportunity, the GPC will meet again in May, watch for the announcement in the Sunday bulletin. And as always, please watch for the **Global Partnership 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”

**FREE  
ADMISSION**



**BUCHANAN PARK  
LANCASTER CITY**

**10AM - 1PM**



**AFRICAN**

**FESTIVAL**

**MAY 7  
2016**



**AFRICAN FOOD, MUSIC,  
DRUMMING, DANCE &  
KIDS COOKIE BREAK**



## PRAYER LIST

*For those who we offer our continued prayers:*

Ron Barton  
 Ellen Beck  
 Emory Billingsley  
 Kenneth Bomberger  
 Michael Brogan  
 Ken Brown  
 Vincent Delevega  
 Paula DeBrill  
 Dorothy Dulo  
 Judy Durand  
 Helen Farruggia  
 Linda Frederiksen  
 Sarah Gordon  
 Gill & Mary Hartley  
 Anne Johnson Horn  
 Cricket Johnson  
 Ellen Keller  
 Marge Kern  
 Joyce Landis  
 John Lechowicz  
 Ernie Leffler  
 Isaac Markovich & Family  
 Ruth McFarland  
 Kathy McNamara  
 William Miller  
 Anna Mize  
 Beth Mollard  
 Jodi Myers  
 Jane Naegele  
 Mary & Jeff Power  
 Robert & Joan Power  
 Scott Qualls  
 Karen Ramella  
 Lester Sauder  
 Steven Schwartz  
 Stephanie Smith  
 Aaron Spicher  
 Bob Stanton  
 Christian Stigelman  
 Mary Ellen Straub  
 Martha Stroh  
 Joana Torres & Kids  
 Gary Weaver  
 Melissa Williams  
 Paula S. Wolf  
 Mary Woolson  
 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  
 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,  
 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.**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Andersen, Bryna	9
Ashton, Rob	21
Breitegan Sr, Jim	27
Burch, Ken	3
Davis, Maggie	21
Fields, Amy	29
Fields, Bob	8
Graeter, Barbara	3
Graeter, John	20
Greenfield, The Rev Peter	29
Gromis, Jeff	28
Gustafson, Greyson	19
Henry, Graham	8
Hogg, Ryan	23
Houston, John	27
Hreben, Michael	6
Kane, Jr., Howard	27
Kilhefner, Michael	8
Lee, John	5
Linton, Debby	6
Loose, Eric	24
Loose, Julia	3
Magagna, Erin	24
McFarland, Ruth	26
McGee, Shirley	12
Means, Patti	23
Rahe, Christopher	7
Rahe, Debbie	9
Rahe, Emily	12
Rahe, Scott	5
Rahe, Zachary	15
Rhodes, Delia Mae	28
Segarra, Sonia	31
Smith, Dan	9
Smith, Betsy	12
Springer, Gray	31
Watts, Eleanor	27
Young, Ginny	1
Zuke, Brad	18



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Almy-Webber, Anne & Webber, Ben	05/29/2004
Bailey, Bob & Lyn	05/31/1969
Bowser, Michael & Susan	05/29/2010
Glazier, Penn & Mary	05/31/1969
Hogg, Bob & Linda	05/12/1984
Lee, Bob & Maggie	05/29/1985
Qualls, Scott & Sherry	05/28/1983
Smith, Peter & Betsy	05/08/1982

## Messenger Deadline

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**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT**  
**ARTICLES FOR THE**  
  
**JUNE**  
**“MESSENGER” IS:**  
  
**MAY 16**  
  
**PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE**  
**ON YOUR CALENDAR!**  
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## 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!

# EASTER FLOWERS AT ST. JOHN'S



## SERVING SCHEDULE – MAY, 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.

<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ricky Smith	Sibyl Seachrist, Michael Stank
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Lee	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
<b>Server</b>	--	Aidan Cliff
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Greyson Way, Nicholas DiPace
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Brooks Morgan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Toni Ehrhart
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Sue Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Lectors	Lectors
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Jennifer Gustafson

<b>MAY 8</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Peter Eaton	David Dissinger, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	--
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Tobie	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
<b>Server</b>	--	Amelia Dissinger
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Miriam Lester, Ella Suliveras
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Bob Kilp
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Brooks Morgan
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Peter Novosel
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Global Partnership Committee	Global Partnership Committee
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Mary Ellen Kilp

<b>MAY 15</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ricky Smith	Peter Novosel, Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Stephanie McGovern	--
<b>Lector</b>	Phil Purdy	Danielle DiPace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Server</b>	--	James Woolson
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Frances Brogan, Elijah Mendez
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Brooks Morgan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Lorraine Nolan
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team C
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Dave Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Martha's Ministry	Martha's Ministry
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Marla Lester



<b>MAY 22</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Molly Moyer	Katie Mausolf, Michael Stank
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
<b>Lector</b>	Ricky Smith	Aidan Cliff, Joel Cliff
<b>Server</b>	--	Emma DiPace
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Sophia Thompson, Natalie Visco
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Aaron Hasircoglu
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Emma DiPace
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team D
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Bruce Waskowicz
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Katie Mausolf



<b>MAY 29</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Laurie Eaton	David Kilp, Brad Moyer
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
<b>Lector</b>	Peter Eaton	David Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
<b>Server</b>	--	Aidan Cliff
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Max Lester, Ian Thompson
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Glenn Miller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Danielle DiPace
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team D
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Ted Loose
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Bell Choir	Bell Choir
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Heidi Leitzke

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

For **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Crucifers, or Torch Bearers:** Contact the Church Office

For **Eucharistic Visitors:** Contact the Church Office

For **Altar Guild:** Contact Cynthia Minnich

For **Ushers:** Contact Mike Gbur

For **Greeters or Coffee Hour Hosts:** Contact Bruce & Mary Waskowicz

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

## LOOKING AHEAD TO: JUNE, 2016

<b>JUNE 5</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Peter Eaton	Peter Novosel, Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Purdy	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
<b>Server</b>	--	Dylan Stone
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Nicholas DiPace, Kendall Morgan
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Dave Pennell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Amelia Dissinger
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Brad Zuke
<b>Coffee / Lemonade</b>	Waskowicz Family	Martin Family
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Mary Waskowicz