



St. John's Messenger

June, 2016

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

ST. JOHN'S "REVEALED"

St. John's will host a First Friday event on June 3. St. John's Revealed will be our official public announcement of our planned building program. Starting at 6:00 PM and concluding at 8:00 PM our parish hall and sanctuary will feature displays of our building plans, learning stations about St. John's and our mission, and videos including an animated walk through the new Atrium.

Now that our plans have been reviewed and approved by the Historical Architectural Review Board [HARB], Lancaster City Council, and the Lancaster County Planning Commission, we are ready to go public. Much neighborly interest has been sparked by the posting of HARB meeting signs and the spray paint marking of utility lines.

Neighbors are being directly invited to the Reveal in a number of ways. Personal invitations in the form of post cards will be hand delivered to the doors of those living in the blocks immediately surrounding the church. A Facebook invitation is being sent to those in the Chestnut Hill online community and regular posts area being added to the Chestnut Hill Neighbors Facebook page.

As part of our general invitation to the public, St. John will be listed on the First Friday website, a First Friday banner has been hung on Chestnut Street and our Journey to Adulthood teens will be passing out invitations to passersbys on Chestnut and Prince Streets. We hope to welcome to St. John's as many people as possible.

LNP newspapers have been asked run an announcement about the Reveal in the Community section. They have also have been invited to run a feature article. WGAL, who covered our MLK Day celebration, expressed interest in returning for The Reveal.

Inside the parish hall, our guests will be offered light refreshments. Our architect, Don Main, and members of the staff of Marotta/Main Architects, along with members of the Construction Committee will interpret the architectural drawings on display. More õhands onö activities for children will include Create Your Own Stained Glass Windows, and Build Your Own Lego Church.

In conjunction with the Reveal, families of those with departed loved ones who are interred in the columbarium and memorial gardens are being contacted. They will be invited to attend services on June 12 when we will conclude the 8:00 and 10:15 AM liturgies with prayers and blessing before the cremains and sacred soil are removed for storage during construction.

St. John's Revealed promises to be a fun and informative evening for neighbors and parishioners alike. It will be our first step to living into our vision, õHonoring our pastí Welcoming our future,ö as we open the blue doors of St. John's to our neighbors and guests to share with them our mission for today and our dreams for tomorrow.

Be sure to make St. John's a stop on your First Friday in June and experience, St. John's õRevealedö.

John+

THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

My Summer Vacation

The first year I was ordained, I took my vacation in mid-May. I flew to Chicago and caught up with my best seminary friend, Mary Martin, and we took off to travel cross country with her two cats, Snickers and Calle, destined for Los Angeles and her June ordination. It was quite a ride. We stopped at a bierstube in Amana Colonies, Iowa, passed by countless small Nebraskan hamlets of several hundred people with huge granaries and spent a night listening to the whistling winds across the open prairie. St. George Utah, Mormon country, on a Sunday Morning and the wide expanse of the Rockies added to the cultural plunge and began to open my eyes to the vast realities of our nation, its history and peoples.

On my return home, my Sunday sermon began with a focus on my travels and as I ran through the litany of places and people, the rector reputedly leaned over to our deacon and said, "The title of this sermon is: My Summer Vacation by Barbara Seras." Later that morning our deacon, a close friend and colleague, could hardly repeat the comment because he was laughing so hard! And so was I!

But joking aside, it struck me that trip as it strikes me returning from my recent travel that our nation is amazing, blessed with such a richness of geography, history and culture. There is so much we have to relish now *and* to preserve for the future. I am again busting with tales of things seen and experiences had as my friend Julia and I motored our way up the coast from Florida to Pennsylvania.

*So my friends: PROCEED with CAUTION!
Here is my latest installment of: "My Summer Vacation by Barbara Seras."*

It is amazing that in fewer hours than most folks work in a day, I could leave the chill of a Lancaster morning to sit on the warm sunny Florida sands watching pelicans dive for their supper. Palm trees replace the budding trees at home. And the change of pace and the change of scenery already brings new thoughts and new perspectives to mind. First stop on the road was St. Augustine, the oldest continually occupied US city with a deep history, both good and corrupt. It was the early destination of Spanish explorers and European immigrants; it was a pivotal site of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. The historic district brimmed with elegant shops, tourists and fine eateries. Yet only a few blocks further north, the buildings were dilapidated and the neighborhood, frankly, was scary. The contrast was not unique. As we traveled north, there was a distinct demarcation: enclaves of wealth and security, generally ethnically or racially segregated.

Florida to Georgia, peaches not quite ripe but a ramshackle restaurant: Sisters of the New South, sporting a wall with the world depicted and the caption: "All over the world, Everyone is a Sister." It reminded me of Tyler Brenton's Kenyan project. South Carolina, good bar-b-que and beaches but many beaches with limited public access as the wealthy grab up the beach access and make it private. North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania each with its beauty, unique character and amazing people and each a state of sharp contrasts economically, socially, racially.

As I traveled, the political rhetoric of this election cycle came to mind. It focuses precisely on these realities. Yet I hear in this debate an anger and division that has no place in this world or in our Christian values. Indeed, we Americans are a people who have struggled with our differences...struggled mightily. My travels confirmed and raise this to my awareness. Yet we are a people who are generous and kind as a reflection of a people of faith.

I returned home and again on Sunday found myself in my beloved Community. And the perplexities and pleasures of my recent jaunt found resolution and meaning: "There is One Body and One Spirit; There is One hope in God's call to us; One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism; ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL!"

I don't know the answer to all I see and experience. But I trust that giving over my doubts and perplexities to the wisdom of Christ's Spirit, in prayer and ministry, we will find the way past the divisions, the "isms", the poverty, anger and despair. And the stories we share bring home of our summer vacation adventures not only brings us closer to one another but also opens us to live in that Oneness of transformed mindfulness, prayer and action.

It is good to be home.

Barbara+

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

June, 2016

June 5

Tomorrow, June 6th, is National Gardening Exercise Day. Meaning?
Plant something like a smile, a "thank-you", a donation to the Food Bank,
Community Breakfast helper, Rafiki supporter, volunteer in anyway, plant new ideas--
stretch out your hand, your heart, your ear, asking yourself,
"What can I do to cultivate a world that is more in line with what God intended?"

June 12

FYI - It's easier to get free WiFi than it is to get free water and food
and people act like nothing is wrong with the world.
If you forgot to bring something for the Food Bank today, no problem,
the ushers will be happy to take care of it for you next week.

June 19

Father's Day

Thoughts on John 9:6 - In wanting to help the blind man to see,
Jesus spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes.
In order to learn to see more clearly what is happening in our world today,
we have to see through the mud. You can do it!

June 26

"There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done.
One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow,
so TODAY is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live." Dalai Lama
Ask yourself, "Who are the Christ bearing strangers in my presence?" And then do something!

HELPING AT REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN LANCASTER

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 "Africa" with 6 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; and 4) Provide material donations which may be needed by the family.** Being in a relationship which supports community and cultural integration for the family is the overall goal for this endeavor. Many details of this commitment are being worked out. 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 during the summer months. 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.

PARISH INFORMATION

Baptism

Helena Grace Welaish

Parents: Andrew Graham Welaish & Mia Italia Welaish
(May 8, 2016)

Wedding

Marlena Karin Meikrantz & Michael Willoughby Sharp
(May 7, 2016)

Death

Paula S. Wolf
(September 10, 1936 - May 4, 2016)

Name Change

B. Stephanie Herr to B. Stephanie Morrison

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on: May 16, 2016

1. Vestry Vacancies ó Resolved that the Vestry of St. Johns Church, accepts with sadness and appreciation, the resignation of Charley Braught, thanking him for his service as Vestry Finance Steward, and as a member of the Finance Committee; and the resignation of Deb Smith, thanking her for her service as Vestry Property Steward and Pastoral Care Steward; and directs the Vestry Nominating Committee to invite candidates to fill these vacancies until the Fall Vestry Election. *Pam Loose called the question. The motion carried.*
2. PowerPoint Projector ó Resolved, that the St. Johns Vestry approves for disbursement from the Maureen Shannon Memorial funds up to \$625.00 for the purchase of a new Multimedia Projector. *Leslie called the question. The motion carried.*

Both resolutions came from the Executive Committee.

SENIOR WARDEN

“Keep your face always toward the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you.”

Walt Whitman

If you ask my husband, Bruce, he will tell you I am too trusting and always think the best of people. He is a little more cautious and careful when it comes to people and situations that he doesn't know. Usually, we find that sweet middle ground in which we cautiously believe the best will happen.

What I've found is that the sunny side is a great way to live life as a parish. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." I try to keep this in mind as I help to make decisions about what St. John's needs to do in any particular situation.

When I think about the people at St. John's, I know that we all want what is best for our future. That is why we raised over \$900,000.00 toward our collective goals of a fully handicapped facility with a welcome area, more columbarium space, and a renovated courtyard. We consider the future needs of our building and our members.

This belief in the positive future drives every vestry steward and the committees that they serve. The property committee wants the best facility of our worship, spiritual development, and community programs. The finance committee wants to use our money to secure another hundred and sixty years of worship by making wise decisions. The worship committee wants to create the services that help us to grow spiritually and guide us on our journey. The education committee wants to help our children and adults learn about our gracious God.

Sometimes these hopes and dreams seem at odds. What one group wants may seem at odds with what the other group thinks is best. That's when we need to remind ourselves that people are generally good. Everyone that would be associated with St. John's in the capacity of a pledging member wants to do what's best. Humans are bound to run into conflict, but if we keep a positive attitude, we can communicate and find that sweet spot of cautiously proceeding and believing that all will work out.

Submitted by,

Leslie Morgan
Senior Warden

THANK YOU!

Dear Paul Reese and members of the Choir: The Evensong music was awesome! I know it was a lot of work and you were 'spot on!' The St. John's Choir never ceases to amaze us every Sunday, and during special services. You do such a beautiful job! This may be written by one person but I know it is felt by so many more. Thank you for your special ministry.

Lynn Hayford, Vestry Steward - Worship

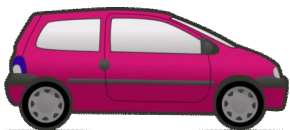
VOYAGERS



The Voyagers will be on hiatus for the summer. We'll look for you in September!

FLOWER GUILD

If you'd like to become a member of the Flower Guild, be sure to join us at our next meeting on Sunday, June 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the Becker House. We hope you'll join this beautiful ministry at St. John's!



PARKING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

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.

PROPERTY CORNER

It is with a deep sense of sorrow and loss that we received a note of resignation from Deb Smith in May. As with the many others before her, it would be selfish of us to question her decision to resign after her hard work with moving our parish forward. We wish Deb the peace and comfort that come with our deepest understanding and experience shared for the devotion and commitment she has offered to the Property Committee and our parish as a whole.

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It was good to realize the last use of our portable ramp on primary election day in May. The wooden structure is warped, slippery and falling apart, making it more of a risk than a benefit. Election day didn't go without a hitch though. It was brought to our attention that the scanner wasn't working due to faulty electrical outlets in the All Purpose Room. The two outlets in questions had lost their tension, creating a bad connection when a plug was inserted. The outlets were replaced later that week

We have also been addressing the photoelectric switches with our exterior lights. Years ago photo-switches were installed in them so they would turn off during the daylight. As most of them have since been stuck on, we have been making adjustments and in some cases replacing the sensors to increase our efficiency. Please let us know if you see any of our lights going ON and then, OFF while visiting the church at night, while we continue to monitor them.

We had our slop sink off of the Parish Hall overflow after a rag blocked the drain and the water wasn't turned off completely. Water was found in one of the lower level classrooms during a walk-thru on April 11th. Signs have been posted to make sure rags are not in/on the tubs and to make sure the water is turned off completely. Please do your best to adhere to these preventive guidelines, as we continue to monitor this situation more closely. Our cleaning crew was also made aware of this situation.

After a number of issues regarding the e-mail server Drew Dorgan's team converted our server to Google-mail. The new provider still allows us to retain our addresses, while providing greater reliability and security. She also updated our office suite to Office 365, which provides cloud-based operation. Our staff is getting up to speed with the new format and idiosyncrasies, while we attempt to facilitate operations. Improvements have also been made to our web site. Please thank Drew for these contributions the next time you see her.

Your Property Committee meets on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Becker House and is one of the few ministries that serve all of St. John's other ministries. We have some openings, if you would like to join us!

Your Property Committee,

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

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

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
JUNE 5	Kilhefner Family	Toni Ehrhart	
JUNE 12	Charles Alexander	Toni Ehrhart	
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			
AUGUST 7			
AUGUST 14			
AUGUST 21	Gross Family		
AUGUST 28	Alvena Kuser		

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

Sunday, June 5, will be our last day of church school classes. I hope you can all be there to say "Goodbye" for the summer! We will celebrate our teachers in church at the 10:15 a.m. 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. We will provide burgers, hot dogs and drinks. You can sign up to bring a dish to share at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49afa722a64-parish1>

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming: Sunday, June 26 through Thursday, June 30 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. We will be having a picnic for all involved from 5:00-6:00 p.m. This year, we will be doing something new. We will be having a Convocational VBS ó joining forces with St. James, St. Edwards, and St. Thomas to create an even BIGGER and BETTER VBS! Our theme is "**For All the Saints**"! This will be an exciting week for all involved, so plan on being a part of our team. Kids ages 5-11 are invited to attend and older youth are encouraged to help. Adults are needed too. Campers and helpers can register at: <http://goo.gl/forms/n5VglQuIih>

Visit our sign up Genius to see how you can help or for donations needed at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49afa722a64-2016/>

ATTENTION ALL SERVERS: If you are a server at the Sunday services or help in the Nursery, please be sure to check the Serving Schedule that appears in our monthly newsletter, the "Messenger". We encourage you to visit our website at: <http://stjohns-lancaster.org/> and click on the **MESSENGER**. There, you can **SUBSCRIBE** and receive it every month via e-mail! It's EASY!!! There are also hard copies of the newsletter at the rear of the Church and in the Parish Hall. Stay informed and if you need to switch with someone, you can. Please let me know and I'll share the information with the Church Office. Thank you!

"Have a GREAT and SAFE Summer!"

Karen

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

First Friday

June 3rd First Friday from 6 ó 8 PM we will be having our Open House at St. John's to reveal what is happening with the reconstruction. We will need teen help for this evening as greeters, hostess, and help with the children activities. We will have an ice cream party following the event for all youth.

Teacher Appreciation

Have you thanked your leaders lately? If not, you will have your chance on Sunday, June 5th for Teacher Appreciation Sunday at St. John's. Teachers will be presented gifts and a special slideshow featuring photos of teachers, children and youth at St. John's will be shown. A big thank to our youth leaders, Emily Gross & Mary Ellen Kilp for leading the Rite 13 group. Joe & April Way for leading the J2A group and helping them prepare for their pilgrimage and all the hard work they did with this great group of youth for the past three years. **THANK YOU!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Parish Picnic

Join us on June 5, for our annual Parish Picnic. We will be meeting at the County Park Pavilion #3. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided, please bring a dish to share. A signup sheet will be posted in the parish hall. Hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School

Teens, we need your help at Vacation Bible School! It will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on June 26 ó June 30. The theme this year is "For All The Saints" Help our younger members have an amazing VBS and be a cool leader. Please see Karen DiPace or Mary Ellen Kilp if you would be willing to help.

Summer Camp (Wednesday, June 15, 2016 to Sunday, June 19, 2016)

We will be gathering in Jersey Shore at the Susquehanna House 8664 South Rt. 220, Linden, PA on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for our 4 day retreat. Ages 12-18 are welcomed. The theme is CPA Rocks. We will be doing mission work around the Williamsport, and Jersey Shore area. We will be enjoying hiking, tubing, camp fires, singing, worshipping together, and many more activities. The cost is \$150.00 per person. Scholarships are always available. Please see Mary Ellen Kilp for more information or sign up today at: <http://youth.diocesepca.org/events/summer-retreat>

Berry Festival

On June 25 enjoy an evening of music provided by Blue Sky Falls and Berries! The festival will be held in our Courtyard from 7-9 PM. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Proceeds will benefit the J2A Pilgrimage.

Pilgrimage to Peru

Join us on July 17, when we have a special prayer and sending off of our J2A youth along with three youth from St. Paul's Columbia and leaders Joe & April Way, Fr. John & Cindy Morris on their pilgrimage to Peru. They will be traveling from July 23 ó 31. Our youth will "branch out" in their faith and in their lives as they visit another country. They will be traveling the mountains from Lima to Cusco where they will spend the day with Youth with A Mission. They will be going to Aguas Calientes, climbing mountains, visiting Machu Picchu, celebrating Peruvian Independence day. They will be sharing about their pilgrimage on Sunday October 18, 2016.

Knoebel's Children & Youth Picnic

August 6, Knoebel's Central Pennsylvania Children & Youth Picnic & Family Day at Knoebel's Amusement Park, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. We will be meeting at Pavilion K, sharing a picnic lunch, playing games, riding rides, sharing stories and spending time together. For families that would like to camp, we have a block of sites reserved. Please contact Karen DiPace or Mary Ellen Kilp so we are sure we have enough room. All ages are welcome! The cost is \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Join us for a fun day at Knoebel's. Reconnect with friends, meet new friends!

Thrive

August 13, Thrive (Theological Hope to Renew and In-Vigorate Episcopalians) Join us at St. Thomas Lancaster for a Diocesan Leadership Day.

2016 Youth Calendar

June 3	First Friday at St. John's
June 5	Teacher Appreciation/ Picnic
June 15-19	Diocesan Summer Youth Retreat Grades 6 -12
June 25	Berry Festival
June 26-30	Help with VBS!
July 17	Pilgrimage Send Off
July 22 – 31	Pilgrimage to Peru
August 6	Knoebel's Reunion / Family Camping Trip
October 14 & 15	Diocese Convention
October 16	Pilgrimage Presentation
November 18–20	Diocese Fall Retreat

You Are Invited!

VBS: *For All The Saints...*



What: Convocational Vacation Bible School
Episcopal Churches of Lancaster County

When: June 26th-30th

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

Who: Entering K - 5th grade

6th 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, JUNE 18**—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.

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 April gave only \$431 to Jubilee. Sales were going back up. Let's keep this trend going! Spring is here, I promise. It's time to get out the grill! And don't forget you can put your veggies on the grill also! Gone are the pots and pans!!! 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.

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

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

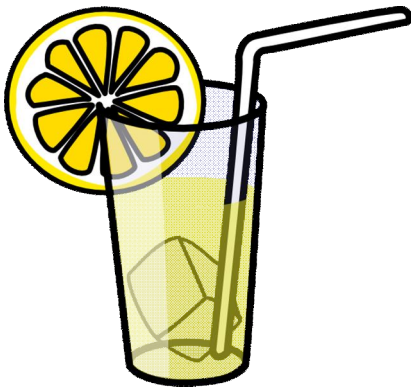
Darrenkamp's, Giant, John Herr's, Musser's Market, Oregon Dairy, SKH, & Weis

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.



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.



"Congratulations!"

to

CYNTHIA MINNICH

LANCASTER SENIOR GAMES

1st PLACE WINNER - BENCH PRESS

(Women's Age Group: 80-84 Years)

Cynthia's Winning Weight: 45 lbs!

Stay tuned to the July "Messenger" when we provide a complete list of our St. John's senior athletes who participated in the Lancaster Senior Games!

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

“Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these.....”—John 14:12

A lot of work and activity can be seen going on right now. The weather is breaking and everywhere you look, there's a lot of outdoor activity. Whether it's working on a cleanup project, planting for the new growing season, getting some exercise, attending or organizing an outdoor event, we all just want to get out there and get busy and be active.

There's been a lot of activity in Alendu, Kenya with our global partners, Rafiki Africa and the Light House Academy. The recent Well drilling took place and the bore hole was successful. The next steps are to complete a distribution system and put taps into place. Eventually, it is hoped that the well's water distribution will help to earn revenue for Rafiki. There is still an additional \$26,000 to be raised to see this project completed.

On April 24th there was a Water Sunday event and a local church participated helping to raise funds for Rafiki's Well project. Water Sunday is an annual interdenominational event promoted by Water Missions International. It was held on April 24th this year and 6 churches across the country participated in Water Sunday; a special Sunday service set aside to focus on the global water crisis. In addition to a variety of activities, studies, and sermons, Water Sunday incorporates a special offering to provide safe and Living Water for those in desperate need; <https://watermission.org/>. Water Missions International is the organization working on the Well in Alendu. Molly and George Greene are the founders who operate an environmental engineering company in Charleston, SC. They started out responding to a need in Honduras in 1998. Struck by the global water crisis, the Greene's took action in 2001 and formed Water Mission and their mission is to be a best in class Christian Engineering Ministry that transforms lives through sustainable safe water solutions. We urge you to visit their website and read about their mission, values and solutions. *Think about it, if your family was always in a constant search for drinkable water, when would your kids have time to go to school or study? How would that affect your ability to work, produce and succeed economically?*

Inspiration to take action is how Rafiki Africa began. First, Dorothy Dulo was inspired to make a personal commitment to sponsor one student. Joined by her husband Roger Godfrey and her brother Kenn, Rafiki was born and now serves over 300 students and the families in the Alendu community. What started out as a small act to make a difference, has grown into a project that benefits over 400 families. There is local leadership there and here as they expand their network and build partnerships. Rafiki engages in activities that will empower their community and be self-sustaining. Much has been achieved from the small beginning. There are still ongoing needs in addition to the water project. There is always a need for trained teachers as well as building maintenance and expansion as classes grow. They now have classes from K-8 but, hope to expand through grade 12. We encourage you to learn more about them and other activities that benefit their projects and more importantly, how to get involved. Please visit <http://www.rafikiafrica.org/> or talk to a Global partnership committee member.

There will be more information coming from the GPC about the journey, the vision and the activities that will support our global partner, Rafiki. We have and can only share a small amount of the story and information here in our articles. Another resource, are the individuals from our local area, who have traveled to Alendu, Kenya. We heard from Amber Geist during our Lent program but, there have been other students, teachers ,

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and medical professionals who traveled there and worked in the community. Some students from Conestoga Valley visited Alendu, Kenya this year, in March. One of the students made a personal video of their experience available to watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0T8bxSyfjI>. This video was put to music with lyrics that say more than just their words. I could not bear the thought of people living in poverty. How it is ever going to turn around. God why don't you something? *I did I created you.*

Many have been inspired by the journey thus far and the vision of what can be. Much work has been done but, there is much more to do. We will continue to share information about our global partner and upcoming activities.

One date to mark your calendars for is Sunday, September 25th, Global Partnership Sunday. Keep listening and learning and if you are so inspired, take action. Consider joining us in this work, in this ministry of working with the world to improve the lives of all people, ***"It is time...we need to do something"***. Our next GPC meeting is scheduled for the 2nd Thursday, 6/9/16 at 7pm in the Becker House.

Please look 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"

Deadline Dates!

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:
WEDNESDAYS**

**"MESSENGER" ARTICLES:
3rd MONDAY OF EACH MONTH**

PRAYER LIST

For those who we offer our continued prayers:

Ron Barton
 Ellen Beck
 Emory Billingsley
 Kenneth Bomberger
 Robert Bray
 Michael Brogan
 Ken Brown
 Graham Cliff
 Paula DeBrill
 Vincent Delevega
 Dorothy Dulo
 Judy Durand
 Helen Farruggia
 Linda Frederiksen
 Dyllys Glew
 Sarah & Jean Gordon
 Gill & Mary Hartley
 Susan Herr
 Shannon Hickman & Family
 Anne Johnson Horn
 Ellen Keller
 Marge Kern
 Joyce Landis
 John Lechowicz
 Ernie Leffler
 Isaac Markovich & Family
 Alice May
 Andy Mausolf
 Ruth McFarland
 Kathy McNamara
 William Miller
 Anna Mize
 Jodi Myers
 Jane Naegele
 Mary & Jeff Power
 Robert & Joan Power
 Scott Qualls
 Karen Ramella
 Steven Schwartz
 Stephanie Smith
 Aaron Spicher
 Bob Stanton
 Christian Stigelman
 Martha Stroh
 Joana Torres & Kids
 Gary Weaver

Melissa Williams
 Mary Woolson
 Fred



...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*



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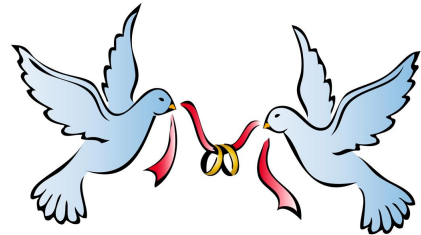
JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Almy, Mark	15
Bauer, June	17
Bowers, Anita	4
Bowser, Susan	8
Brenton, Molly	28
Brenton, Tyler	17
Brogan, Frances	22
Carter, Debbie	6
DeLeo, Faith	13
Farmer, Mary Suzanne	29
Hasircoglu, Aaron	5
Hasircoglu, Julia	5
Herr, Toryn	9
Kauffman, Haley	17
Kilhefner, Eric	28
Kilp, Mary Ellen	24
Kilp, Bob	19
Lee, Jane	24
Limroth, Jackie	24
Lovett, Don	16
Mollard, Beth	21
Moyer, Molly	1
Nelson, Eamon	6
Novosel, Peter	24
Patterson, Bob	13
Plaxa, Kathy	19
Plaxa, Jr., Peter	6
Purdy, Phil	15
Scheetz, Adelyn	11
Seachrist, Sibyl	2
Sharp, Michael	9
Swisher, Kathy	10
Waskowicz, Mary	6
Wengert, Sandy	22



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Becker, Phil & Hilary	06/24/1972
Breitegan, Jr., Jim & Phyllis	06/11/1983
Burch, Ken & Connie	06/20/1981
Cummins, Frank & Tina	06/28/2012
Frantz, Michael & Magbag, Kathleen	06/17/1989
Gordon, Ed & Jean	06/21/1986
Kauffman, Rick & Kim	06/21/1986
Linton, Ron & Debby	06/23/1973
Loose, Ted & Pam	06/25/1988
Martin, Dave & Sue	06/24/1961
Purdy, Phil & Sue	06/13/1975
Rahe, Scott & Deborah	06/07/1997
Stone, Jeff & Janelle	06/25/1994
Strickler, Kent & Coverly, Rosemary	06/25/2002
Suliveras, Anthony & Katherine	06/22/2002



Messenger Deadline

 * THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT *
 * ARTICLES FOR THE *
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 * **JULY** *
 * “MESSENGER” IS: *
 *
 * **JUNE 20** *
 *
 * PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE *
 * ON YOUR CALENDAR! *

SERVING SCHEDULE – JUNE, 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.

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

JUNE 12	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Katie Mausolf, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	--
Lector	Fred Bush	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	--	Michael Hreben
Torch Bearer	--	Hal Williams, Greyson Way
Crucifer	--	Brook Morgan
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee / Lemonade	Zuke Family	TBD
Nursery	--	Jenn Hreben

JUNE 19	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	David Dissinger, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Sue Tobie	Danielle DiPace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	--	Claire Thompson, Sophie Thompson
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Garth Alexander
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee / Lemonade	Waskowicz Family	Gross Family
Nursery	--	Tracy Cliff



JUNE 26	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Molly Moyer	David Kilp, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
Lector	Merle Schnee	Aidan Cliff, Joel Cliff
Server	--	James Woolson
Torch Bearer	--	Rob Williams, Ella Suliveras
Crucifer	--	Aaron Hasircoglu
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Aaron Hasircoglu
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Sue Martin
Coffee / Lemonade	Cliff Family	Cliff Family
Nursery	--	Phyllis Gbur

LOOKING AHEAD TO: JULY, 2016

JULY 3	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton	Peter Novosel, Sibyl Seachrist
Eucharistic Visitor	--	--
Lector	Bob Lee	David Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
Server	--	Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer	--	Elijah Mendez, Helena Carroll
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Toni Ehrhart
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Coffee / Lemonade	Way Family	TBD
Nursery	--	Beth Van Aulen

INTERESTED IN SERVING?

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

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

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

For **Altar Guild:** Contact Cynthia Minnich

For **Ushers:** Contact Mike Gbur

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

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