



# *St. John's Messenger*

**July, 2016**

*from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector*

## **AARON SPICHER TRIBUTE SUNDAY**

**Sunday, July 10th**

All are invited to offer a tribute of thanksgiving to our St. John's Verger, Aaron Spicher, on Sunday, July 10th. Aaron was a member of St. John's since 1987 and for the last twelve years has served as our first and only Verger. We all knew Aaron from Sunday morning. Depending on which service you attend, Aaron's role changed slightly. But essentially as Verger, Aaron had been the chief lay liturgical minister of the parish.

In the course of his ministry, and by his own count, Aaron provided his liturgical assistance to 10 bishops, 8 rectors, 11 assistant priests, and countless visiting clergy and guests. He helped to guide the development of our Altar Guild, provided aid to our Flower Guild, worked closely with our Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors and Lectors. He led the training multiple generations of Torch Bears, Servers, Crucifers, and Thurifers who all affectionately referred to him as, "Mr. Aaron".

Because of the many "hats" he wore, Aaron's presence was essential at all weekly meetings of staff and Liturgy Team, and all monthly meetings of the Worship Committee and Ministries Council. In addition, Aaron volunteered to serve as the distributor for our food pantry's Door Ministry on Tuesdays and Thursdays, helped with our monthly Community Breakfasts, and generally served as the St. John's ambassador to those living on the margins of our community.

While the celebration on June 15th of Aaron's life and ministry was a beautiful testimony in words, music and liturgy, not everyone who wanted to attend Aaron's service was able to do so, and not everyone who wanted was able to speak. Given the many lives Aaron touched, the Vestry approved a suggestion to have a special time of gathering simply to share stories and remembrances of Aaron.

During Coffee Hour (between the two services) from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, we will gather in the Parish Hall with a special cake and with the sound system set up to offer words of remembrance and appreciation. If you have any pictures or photographs of Aaron, we will also have a picture table with a foam board for you to post them to share.

I hope you will be able to join us on Sunday, July 10th and to help us express our love for Aaron Spicher and our deep appreciation for his ministry.

*John+*

## THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

### *“School’s out for Summer! School’s out for Summer!”*

Perhaps you recall these words from a popular song of the 70s that has a very distinctive rhythmic tune. Every year as the school comes to a close, this song comes to mind. It is something akin to: “No more pencils, no more books...” I imagine every generation of student has some catchphrase to celebrate the moment.

School’s out for summer! Do you recall the feeling? It is the last day of school, just moments before the school bell signals the end of the school year. I skip out the school door to the beginning of summer vacation. A distinct exuberance still fills my being...

School’s Out was written by Alice Cooper, inspired to pen the song in answer to the question: "What's the greatest three minutes of your life?" Cooper replied: "There's two times during the year. One is Christmas morning, when you're just getting ready to open the presents. ...The next one is the last three minutes of the last day of school when you're sitting there..." The song topped the charts and was dubbed the “national anthem of the last day of school”.

Summer vacation is a special time of every year. Even in my household where no school aged kids live, a special now familiar feeling enters the air as I go about my daily routine. I sense it in my neighborhood and in the community. The pace seems different. Schedules and responsibilities relax. There seems to be a bit more time in the day.

And special events, plans and vacations are in the making. For us at St John’s, there’s “Very Berry Festival” the Convocational VBS “For All The Saints” and “A awesome journey to Peru...to name a few. And there are our family and personal adventures. I’m soon off to Niagara area and Canada with my niece, Alexa, for what we anticipate will be a great time. “Making a Memory” we call it.

For me there is another dimension of summer break. It is the time set apart to relax and restore spiritually. And like the rest of summer vacation it takes planning to assure the best quality time. It is a time to not fill up all the time...

Our prayer book offers a prayer that sets the tone and gives some guidance on what each of us might plan to renew and refresh our spiritual self during these balmy summer months: “For the Good Use of Leisure (BCP 825 - italics added). It goes:

“O God, in the course of this *busy life*, give us *times of refreshment and peace*; and grant that we may so use our leisure to *rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

What might you add to your day? A few minutes outside early in your day, sipping a favorite morning beverage, having a few words with God? Or time set aside for a walk or bike ride with child or spouse or friend? A summer evening concert series? Or sitting quietly outside in the beautiful summer nights? (the lightening bugs are back!)

What might you remove from your day? Busy schedules are renewed by “letting go” of some activity for a rest.

Where do you experience that peace and renewal? Ask the question...and the answer *really will* well up in your heart. We can trust that. And then I bid you, do it.

And may the refreshment of summer days renew you heart, mind and spirit! *Barbara+*

# GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

**July, 2016**

In reading through the Gospels, we know that Jesus didn't teach in a classroom or the synagogue, but out on the road amongst the people, while looking ahead. When we say "We Are the Body of Christ", we have to ask ourselves - "what are we learning, what are we doing, to be representative of that statement?" Think of our role model as a gardener, who plants seeds of caring, of goodness, of love. In this season of planting and growth, what seeds are you planting, how can you plow through the negatives to create an environment for cultivating a kinder, caring world - here, there, everywhere? And remember, that growth takes place from actual planting, not just imagining.

**July 3rd**

"Lord make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love."

*St. Francis of Assisi*

Let us offer prayers for those who are, and who have served, in the goal for peace.

**July 10th**

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

*Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

The news is filled with things going wrong, so turn it off, fill your world with caring and love and your vision will improve thereby filling your heart with peace to share.

**July 17**

FYI -Diners leave 17 percent of meals uneaten and 55 percent of these potential leftovers are not taken home. Reducing food waste by 20 percent would provide enough food to feed 25 million people. [Natural Resources Defense Council](#) Start pretending you are an Eagles Nest student - take what you can eat, not more. Also remember that food you bring for the Food Bank could be helping children not in school over the summer not be hungry. A can of something from everyone would really add up.

**July 24**

**Facts you probably don't want to know about...**

Approximately 40% of all food in the U.S. goes to waste.

Feeding America estimates that more than 6 billion pounds of fresh produce goes unharvested or unsold each year. Open your eyes to how you can be more responsible, act accordingly and find ways to help those hungry.

**July 31**

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

Ask yourself as you look at your open hand, what could you do to help those around you. Extend your hand to the ushers with a gift to our Food Bank, bring shoes for Soles4Souls, let your heart relax as you move from an environment of tension to caring.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### *Deaths*

Aaron Spicher

(October 31, 1950 - June 11, 2016)

Phyllis "Poppy" Hartman Youngquist

(February 14, 1921 - June 12, 2016)



### *"Aaron Spicher Tribute Sunday" - Sunday, July 10th*

*In honor of Aaron, we will be collecting canned goods for our weekly St. John's Door Ministry that Aaron so passionately enjoyed being involved. For a list of suggested food staples, please see the bottom of page 10. Thank you.*

## VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on: **June 20, 2016**

1. **Life Safety** ô Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John's approves the expense of up to \$3,200.00 for the installation of gas and carbon monoxide detectors in the basement and the third-floor utility room of the Becker House. The work will be done by Select Security, and the alarms will report through our fire system with Select. These installations are critical to life safety in the buildings and are upgrades the fire marshal requested. The Property Committee recommends that these life-safety upgrades be handled as a capital expense from the endowment, as previously arranged at the request of the Finance Committee.

*Lynn Hayford called the question. The motion carried. This resolution came from the Executive Committee.*

2. **Capital Budget and Loan** – Resolved, that the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee to seek approval from the diocese for a construction loan in the amount not to exceed \$1,770,000.00. This does not represent the Vestry's approval of spending that amount.

*Jenn Hreben called the question. Lynn Hayford seconded. The motion carried. This resolution originally came from the Executive Committee. It has been amended by the Vestry. Thus the reason for the motion and second by the Vestry.*

## SENIOR WARDEN

Since I was six-years old, I have lived with the cycle of the school calendar, first as a student and now as an educator. It is a rhythm that defines my life. Each part of the year has a role.

In the fall, I get so excited to meet the new kids, try out the latest approaches, and navigate the ever-changing curriculum. Everything is so fresh and exciting; there are brand new notebooks, pencils, and posters. Everyone is wearing their favorite outfits and sporting new haircuts.

In the winter, we are all comfortable and in our routines. The students know what to expect from me, and I usually know what to expect from them. I know who I will need to support more or challenge more. These routines and comfort with one another allow us to accomplish a lot of learning.

By spring, we are all tired. We've worked hard, and we all need to take a break. It can be hard to push through those last few months and weeks, but we do so, knowing that summer is close at hand.

Finally, we get to summer. The extended time outside, the chance to try new activities, and the casual get-togethers are all part of what makes this season so special. It is during this season, that I sleep in, renew my energy, and begin to plan for the next year. It is during this time when our family plans a vacation.

Church life seems to follow this same pattern, probably because of the connection with Sunday school. Frequently, after the church school stops for the summer, the number of people attending St. Johns dips. Some folks are visiting the beach, mountains, or out of town family. Others are sleeping in for the first time since September. Everyone is doing some kind of renewing of body and mind.

I hope that during this summer "break," you find your refreshment and refuel for the year ahead. While you are vacationing and sleeping in, I encourage you to experience other churches and forms of worship. I want you to enjoy the quality time with the family.

My concern is that our financial responsibilities do not go on vacation during the summer. We still have electric, payroll, cleaning, and security expenses. At a time when we are approaching the diocese and banks asking for a loan, we cannot be delinquent in our bills. If you go on vacation or take the kids to camp, and you miss a Sunday, please don't miss your pledge to our operating budget or your capital campaign pledge. You can get ahead for the weeks when you know you are going to be out, send your pledge through the mail, or catch up when you get back.

Your vestry stewards work tirelessly on your behalf to make wise decisions about how to control costs and spend wisely. We count on your pledges to allow the plans we have to come to fruition. When the funds aren't there, we are forced to make tough decisions about dipping into the endowment, not paying our bills, or not spending money on important parts of our ministries.

Please help us continue to take care of St. John's by remembering your financial promises as you feel the sand between your toes.

Submitted by,

*Leslie Morgan*  
Senior Warden

## PLEASE HELP US FIND...

In our effort to keep people informed about our courtyard renovations, we've tried to notify people who have loved ones in our columbarium or memorial garden, as well as those who have reserved space there. We need to share information with them, and, later, we'll need to ask them about their preferences for the locations of their new niches.

So far, we've found contact information for 139 of those people, but we're missing contact info for 35 others. If you have contact information for relatives or friends of any of the following people (or contact information for any of those who are still living), would you please call Patti Means in the church office (717-299-1188) and give her that information?

*(Note: The people with the same last name aren't necessarily related to each other.)*

Andrews: Curtis E (1908 ó 1998), Ruth H (1916 ó 1995)

Butler: Elizabeth (*living - reserved*)

Byrnes: Jean C (1926 ó 1981), Peter J (1954 ó 1991), Robert J, Sr. (1924 ó 1996)

Coleman: Robert M (1918 ó 1994), Alice G (1922 ó 2005)

Doughty: John H (1918 ó 2000), Orpha L (1919 ó 1996)

Douglas: Evelyn D (1960 ó 1991), Edwin J (1984 ó 1995)

Goetz: Ruth (*living - reserved*), Kenneth J (1951 ó 1994)

Hartman: Thomas (*living - reserved*), John I, Jr. (1919 ó 2000), Phyllis E (1919 ó 2002)

Hollings: Herman A (1895 ó 1990), Gladys J (1895 ó 1984)

Kimmet: Gilbert (1915 ó 1995)

Lewis: Earl E (1911 ó 1992), Gwendolyn M (1920 ó 1991)

Parrish: Grace E (1899 ó 1996)

Reeve: Lawrence F (Larry) (1953 ó 1993)

Robertson: Emmett I (1909 ó 1987)

Rohrer: John (1912 ó 1998), Mary (1924 ó 1998)

Sherman: Arthur M (1916 ó 1996), Mary S (1926 ó 1989)

Smith: Aida W (1903 ó 2005)

Telford: Agnes Ellen Walker Weir (1909 ó 2000)

Tshudy: Margurite (1914 ó 1990)

Walker: Doris May Howson (1922 ó 1984)

Yoshizu: Lizbeth (1956 - 2013, Ruth (1918 ó 2000)

Thank you.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

### *Honoring Our Past... Welcoming Our Future: Capital Campaign Update*

Excitement is building as we approach the start of our property renovations! At the risk of making some eyes glaze over with too many numbers, here's a quick update (as of mid-May) on the financial support for this undertaking:

Toward total pledges of nearly \$772,915, we've received \$290,220.  
We've also received \$1,595 as one-time gifts (not associated with pledges).  
And we have the \$150,000 in bequests from the Eckenrode and Craige families.

So we've received a total of \$441,815, towards an expected total of \$924,500 (pledges + bequests + one-time gifts received). Thanks to everyone for your generous support of our goal of making the doors a little wider and the invitation a little warmer!

If you have a question about your pledge, please contact Gina Keiser, our Financial Secretary at [gina@stjohns-lancaster.org](mailto:gina@stjohns-lancaster.org) or 717-299-1188.



## 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

First of all, we acknowledge and thank Janice Henry and Steve Latshaw for their help in preparing temporary space for our cremains during the construction project. Janice was also very instrumental with our Memorial Garden preparation. Much work still remains with relocating sacred soil to a secure location in preparation for our construction project. Notifications were sent to next of kin of those interred to keep them abreast of these changes in hopes of relieving any anxiety during this process. Thanks are also due to Debbie Carter, who was very instrumental in making these notifications.

In addition to the cremains preparation, time has been expended preparing for community notifications of our construction project with our newspaper coverage on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and our First Friday Revealed event in June. These events were very positive opportunities toward community transparency and more importantly, inclusion. Both events were very well received.

With there being many changes on our Property Committee, we are in need of updating our alarm response telephone list. This call list allows us to respond to assist the fire company anytime they respond to an alarm and the Property Manager is unable to assist. As our alarm system is just about complete, a training session will be arranged to familiarize all stakeholders with the system's operation. Please let us know if you can help in this regard.

Father John requested that the Property Committee work to provide a figure for the additional costs associated with the Church managed portions of the construction project as soon as possible. The committee added this request to their agenda for the meeting and figured an additional cost of \$84,000 for work on the electrical panels, fire alarm and security access systems, sidewalk and ground pitching, and potential tree removal.

Marylee Sauder reported on the joint meeting between the Finance and Executive Committees with the Property Committee. She outlined the plan of action that resulted from this meeting to include funding of the Capital Expense Budget, which was not part of this year's expenditures. The plan has the wardens attending meetings of the Finance and Property Committees, our meeting minutes being emailed to the Wardens and the Finance Chair, the Life Safety resolution being on the June Vestry agenda, Sherry Qualls meeting with the vestry to discuss strategies for spending in a deficit budget environment, the capital expenses having a line item in the 2017 budget, consideration given to amending the 2016 budget with capital expenses, and future proposed Property budgets including details of operating and capital line items. Consideration will also be given to re-establishing an R3 account and reconvening in 3 to 6 months to review progress.

Below are some of the items your Property Committee is working on:

**Alarm Transmission** – The committee agreed to move a resolution forward for an alternate transmission system for communicating alarms from our fire alarm system. Several recent events had us without alarm monitoring due to communication issues. The new system is also more reliable and cost effective.

**Exterior Painting** – The committee agreed to pursue spending up to \$3,000 for spot painting of the exterior Becker House. In addition to the recent repointing, the paint will help reduce the infiltration of moisture above grade level. Horizontal surfaces, such as water tables and sills are showing signs of water damage due to peeling paint.



## PROPERTY CORNER (CONTINUED)

**Men's Room Stalls Replacement** – The committee agrees that it is necessary to replace the Men's Room stalls with non-corrosive panels. The current stalls are heavily corroded, making them impossible to clean effectively. Bill will look into obtaining the panels and replacing them himself.

**Compressor Replacement** – The committee wants to get the replacement of the (exterior) church compressor on the radar as it is approaching 30 years in age. Most people would consider it to be on borrowed time. Anticipated cost will be \$65,000.

**Lightning Protection** – The committee was apprised of our current (non-standard) lightning protection being compromised by the relocation of downspouts onto the yard areas. This relocation does not allow the flow of current into the underground pipe, thereby removing the grounding capability that was once afforded by this connection. The relocation was performed in our attempts to reduce storm water removal from the city's combined waste/stormwater system. Bill will get sufficient conductor and connectors to bond the downspouts to the cast underground pipes.

Your Property Committee is honored to serve St. John's many ministries by coordinating repairs and maintenance to our campus, used by many ministries, both within St. John's and our community. Our committee is always looking for more members to serve in this capacity. We meet on the first Monday of every month, except for holidays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Becker House. Due to the Independence Day Holiday, we will be meeting on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Why not come out and join us?

Your Property Committee,

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

## JOIN 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!

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

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
JULY 3	Willis Geyer	Moyer Family	
JULY 10	Barbara Landis	Moyer Family	
JULY 17	John & Barbara Graeter	Fr Emmert Trust	
JULY 24			
JULY 31			
AUGUST 7	Carol Stigelman		
AUGUST 14			
AUGUST 21	Gross Family		
AUGUST 28	Alvena Kuser		
SEPT 4			
SEPT 11			
SEPT 18			
SEPT 26			

### 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 support of our Vacation Bible School this year. I am hoping the idea of a convocational VBS will be something we can do again in the future!

Please remember to check the Serving Schedule to see when you are schedule to torch, or serve in the Nursery. If you cannot be there, please switch with someone if you can, or let me know and we will be glad to find you coverage. This is especially important during the summer when we may not have someone to grab that day to cover!

If anyone is interested in becoming involved in the Church School or Nursery program, please feel free to contact me. We can always use more help!

I hope you are all enjoying your summer! Don't forget to save the date for Church School Kick-Off on September 11<sup>th</sup>!

*Karen*

# 2016 Youth Calendar

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



## A.L.E.R.T. REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

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 6 children. The children range in age from a few months to being in their teens. The oldest, Khadidja, (17) Nouracham, (15) Ibrahim, (13) Djalale (10) Rania (4) , and Hawaa (10 months), make up the family with their mother Miriam. Pictures of the family are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

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, especially over the summer months. 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 and program 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. It is hoped each of the older children will avail themselves of special programs for refugees which are being offered in the community over the summer. The opportunities are there and the young people have been admitted to these special programs and it will be to their benefit if they agree to participate. Several people from St. John's have already volunteered their interest in helping make the children's summer more meaningful by tutoring and providing life experiences for them.

NOW is the time for more folks from St. John's to become involved. Many details of this commitment are being worked out. If anyone from St. John's would be interested in helping in the above stated specific ways a sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. **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 either Brian Gross or Dave Martin who are serving as liaisons from St. John's to the ALERT organization.

### *Deadline Dates!*

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
WEDNESDAYS**

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

# JUBILEE MINISTRIES

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, JULY 16**—A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, cereal, and pastries will be served to the downtown community at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster (7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.).

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

**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)

OUCH! Total sales for May gave only \$394 to Jubilee. There were 5 Sundays and that was all we could do? Sales have really taken a "nose dive". Spring is here. Get out the grill! And don't forget that 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.

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

We carry cards for the following stores:

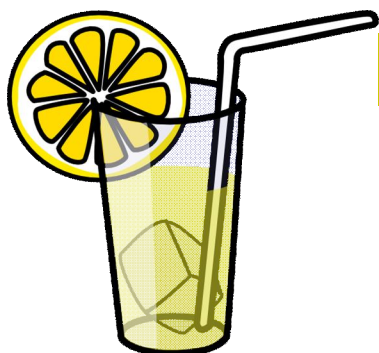
**Darrenkamp's, Giant, John Herr's, Musser's Market, Oregon Dairy, SKH, & Weis**

## 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!

"**Lemonade Time**" is 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 to service. Questions? Please contact Sue Martin.

## FOOD HANDLING CERTIFICATION

The Penn State Extension Office is offering a shortened version of the SafeServe course. It is intended for non-profits who serve food to the public at occasional events. Sounds like a St. John's opportunity. A group of four can take the half day course, receive one manual to share, and become certified as Safe Food Handlers. There is no test, and the fee for four is \$50, which could be paid by the church. No specific dates have been set, and one person has expressed an interest. Please contact Sue Martin. The group will contact the Extension Office (at the Home and Farm Center) and make their own arrangements as to a date when the educator is available. It will clearly benefit our staff and kitchen crew to have more folks educated in safe food handling. Questions? Please contact Sue Martin.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

This year, the annual Fall Retreat for Episcopal Church Women in our Diocese will not be held at the regular location in Cape May, New Jersey. This year, the retreat will be held at a facility in Maryland and is scheduled for the last weekend in September. More details will follow when known.

**"CONGRATULATIONS!"**

**To Our St. John's Seniors at the  
Lancaster Seniors Games**

**AS A FOLLOW-UP TO LAST MONTH'S "MESSENGER" ARTICLE, WE NOW HAVE ALL  
OF THE OFFICIAL RESULTS PER THE LANCASTER NEWSPAPER.  
AND THE WINNERS ARE...**

**FRED HONAMAN (Ages 85-89)**

**3 Pt Shooting: 3rd  
Bench Press: 1st (155 lbs)  
Bicep Curl: 2nd  
Darts: 2nd  
Foul Shooting: 3rd  
Hot Shot Basketball: 3rd  
100 Meter Run: 1st  
Soccer Penalty Kick: 3rd**

**ALVENA KUSER (Ages 85-89)**

**Bench Press: 1st (55 lbs)  
Bicep Curl: 1st  
Darts: 1st  
Football Throw: 2nd  
Softball Throw: 2nd**

**DAVE MARTIN (Ages 75-79)**

**Pickleball: 2nd**

**CYNTHIA MINNICH (Ages 80-84)**

**Bench Press: 1st (45lbs)**



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**Summer Academy 2016**



**Location:** 555 West James Street Lancaster, PA 17603

### **Taking the Bread: An Exploration of Community**

The story of an unexpected and terribly inconvenient Christian conversion, told by a very unlikely convert, **TAKE THIS BREAD** is not only a spiritual memoir but a call to action.



**SARA MILES**



## You are invited to

A Special Afternoon with Sara Miles, author of *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion*.

Wednesday, July 20, 1:00-4:00 PM Location: St Peter's United Church 816 Buchanan Ave.  
Lancaster, PA 17603.

A reflection on what it means to be Christian describes the author's journey of faith from cynical atheist to religious activist against hunger, recounting her establishment of food pantries that feed thousands of people.

### What is the summer Academy?

**Focus of Summer Academy 2016:** The focus of this year's Academy is fostering the spiritual development of individuals and communities of faith. A great follow up to Feed My Sheep and all feeding ministries in the Diocese of Central PA.

#### Intentional Outcomes for Sara Miles event:

- To draw an ecumenical community together for theological reflection on the power of the table ministry of Jesus and its impact on the church's ministry in the world.
- To inspire individuals and communities of faith to explore deeper engagement with Eucharistic communion.

For more information on the Summer Academy, contact Rev. Dr. Larry Covin, Director of Continuing Education, (717) 290-8714 or [lcovin@lancasterseminary.edu](mailto:lcovin@lancasterseminary.edu)



## PRAYER LIST

*For those who we offer our continued prayers:*

Ron Barton  
Emory Billingsley  
Robert Bray  
Michael Brogan  
Graham Cliff  
Paula DeBrill  
Vincent Delevega  
Judy Durand  
Marianne Eckert  
Linda Frederiksen  
Dyls Glew  
Gill & Mary Hartley  
Anne Johnson Horn  
Ellen Keller  
Marge Kern  
Joyce Landis  
John Lechowicz  
Ernie Leffler  
Isaac Markovich & Family  
Alice May  
Ruth McFarland  
Kathy McNamara  
Tierza Mendez  
William Miller  
Anna Mize  
Norma Murphy  
Jodi Myers  
Jane Naegele  
Lorraine Nolan  
Mary & Jeff Power  
Robert & Joan Power  
Steven Schwartz  
Stephanie Smith  
Bob Stanton  
Christian Stigelman  
Martha Stroh  
Gary Weaver  
Melissa Williams  
Fred



*...and for our  
Homebound  
Parishioners*

Ellen Beck  
Jim Breitegan  
Miriam Cromis  
Margaret Crothers  
Providence Eshelman  
Bette Lou Forsyth  
Michael Frantz  
Dyls Glew  
Cricket Johnson  
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  
Johnnie Wheeler  
Isabell Yackly

## 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)*



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of the church.**

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

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Archer, Rev. Bill	5
Blevins, Susan	9
Brown, Doug	12
Brown, Jean	28
Bush, Fred	3
Clark, Foster	29
Di Pace, Nicholas	31
Ehrhart, Toni	8
Freeman, Aidan	3
Gbur, David	14
Glazier, James	24
Gouveia, Fran	12
Hasircoglu, Selena	9
Heider, Max	22
Howell, Meagan	6
Jackson, Sandra	19
Keller, Ellen	10
Kyper, Kathy	6
Lawrence, Nelson	26
Moffatt, Emily	30
Myers, Lorraine	14
Nolan, Lorraine	5
Russell, Barbara	1
Sharp, Marlee (Meikrantz)	6
Snyder, Hallie	26
Tobie, Sue	9
Way, Campbell	2
Williams, Hal	23



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Carroll, Andy & Anne	07/25/2000
Di Pace, Nick & Karen	07/15/1995
Fields, Bob & Amy	07/17/1971
Largent, Karen & Todd	07/02/2006
Lovett, Don & Ann	07/25/1953
Morgan, Bruce & Leslie	07/04/1998
Novosel, Peter & Linda Shore	07/15/2006



## Messenger Deadline

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 \* **AUGUST** \*  
 \* "MESSENGER" IS: \*  
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 \* **JULY 18** \*  
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 \* PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE \*  
 \* ON YOUR CALENDAR! \*  
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## SERVING SCHEDULE – JULY, 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.

JULY 3	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Laurie Eaton	Peter Novosel, Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	--
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Lee	David Dissinger, Danielle DiPace
<b>Server</b>	--	Emma DiPace
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Elijah Mendez, Helena Carroll
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Glenn Miller
<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>	--	Leslie Morgan
<b>Coffee / Lemonade</b>	Way Family	Rich Brenton
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Beth Van Aulen

JULY 10	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Peter Eaton	David Dissinger, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	--
<b>Lector</b>	Laurie Eaton	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
<b>Server</b>	--	Dylan Stone
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Ella Suliveras, Hal Williams
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Dave Pennell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Toni Ehrhart
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Brad Zuke
<b>Coffee / Lemonade</b>	Brenton Family	Julie Gittens
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Janelle Stone

<b>JULY 17</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ricky Smith	David Kilp, Brad Moyer
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Stephanie McGovern	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
<b>Lector</b>	Phil Purdy	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
<b>Server</b>	--	Amelia Dissinger
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Helena Carroll, Kendall Morgan
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Aaron Hasircoglu
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Tiny Nolan
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team C
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Peter Novosel
<b>Coffee / Lemonade</b>	Morgan Family	Toni Ehrhart, Lynn Hayford, Tiny Nolan
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Leslie Morgan



<b>JULY 24</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Molly Moyer	Sibyl Seachrist, Michael Stank
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	--
<b>Lector</b>	Ricky Smith	Danielle DiPace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Server</b>	--	Danielle DiPace
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Nick DiPace, Elijah Mendez
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Glenn Miller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team	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 / Lemonade</b>	Carroll Family	Gromis Family
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Jennifer Gustafson

<b>JULY 31</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Merle Schnee	Katie Mausolf, Peter Novosel
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	--
<b>Lector</b>	Peter Eaton	David Dissinger, Tom Bond
<b>Server</b>	--	James Woolson
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Greyson Way, Rob Williams
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Bob Kilp
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Danielle DiPace
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A (5th Sunday)
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Carolyn Maxey
<b>Coffee / Lemonade</b>	Lester Family	TBD
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Mary Ellen Kilp

## LOOKING AHEAD TO: AUGUST, 2016

<b>AUGUST 7</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Laurie Eaton	David Dissinger, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<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>	--	Miriam Lester, Natalie Visco
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Dave Pennell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Amelia Dissinger
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Leslie Morgan
<b>Coffee / Lemonade</b>	Sauder Family	TBD
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Marla Lester

### **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.