

# St. John's Messenger

August, 2016

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

### **ORDINARY TIME**

I look forward to the month of August at St. Johnøs because it is the only month of the year that might be described as õslackö. By that I mean, just about every other Sunday of the eleven other months of the year is named as something special. It could be a liturgical holiday like Easter or All Saints. It might be a ministry Sunday honoring our choir, or Jubilee, or another ministry of our parish. It could mark a national holiday like Martin Luther King or the Fourth of July. At St. Johnøs almost every Sunday is unique with itøs own particular reason for thanksgiving and celebration, except for the Sundays in August.

The Sundays in August have no extra topic, theme or occasion. By comparison to all the other Sundays, you could say they are rather spare. In place of the big Chancel Choir anthem, Paul invites local and home grown talent to play. The Altar Guild removes from the high altar the heavy super frontal to reveal the cool and sparkling white marble. Clergy freed from the weight of a chasuble celebrate wearing stoles. Fellowship is limited to only one Coffee Hour and a light Lemonade Time. The feeling is relaxed and almost laid back.

Ordinary Time is what this is called in the lexicon of the church. Generally, it means all the Sundays when things in the church are vested in green. Specifically, it refers to the season of Epiphany and to all the Sundays after Pentecost to the First Sunday of Advent. Scripturally, we find that our Gospel readings on these Sundays center on the teaching ministry of Jesus and the ways in which the Kingdom God can be found in the presence of everyday life. The teaching on these Sundays bends less in the direction of the things we do in the name of Christ, and more on what Christ does for us in the name of God.

For those other õbigö occasions - our celebrations of Christøs birth and baptism, our marking of his suffering and death on the cross, our proclamation of his resurrection from the dead and his promise of new birth - we want to match these larger than life moments with equally outsized worship. This is especially the case when it comes to our Anglo-Catholic liturgical tradition at St. Johnøs.

But for the four Sundays in August, our worship at St. Johnøs feels refreshingly ordinary. The hymn selection focuses on the familiar. The psalm is not chanted but read. The tempo of our prayers slows down to where õwe can be still and know that you are God.ö All our attention in this time is drawn to God and the quiet presence of of the Lord in our lives.

All too soon September will be upon us. The hectic pace of life will spin us up again. Time will recompress. Calendars will quickly fill to capacity. The cycle of special Sundays at St. Johnøs will return - Labor Sunday, Education Sunday, Choirs Sunday, Rafiki Sunday.

Yet, for now we have the four ordinary Sundays of August to enjoy in peace and serenity. We can come to church wearing pretty much anything we want to. There are no expectations to bring anything other than ourselves. No one will be asked to stand and come forward to be recognized or affirmed in their ministry. These are come as you are Sundays. Loved and accepted for who you are Sundays.

Sometimes just being ordinary feels good. Sometimes it is ordinary that is special. Sometimes the best place to look for and find God is in the ordinary and everyday. God is always with us and sometimes especially in ordinary time.

# THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

# A Seríous Seras Ramble

7 AM ó Wednesday morning. The promenade by the Niagara River takes on a different spirit in the early morning hours. Canada seems only a stone¢s throw away. The River is narrower than the Susquehanna at home and I need to remind myself that the land on the other side of the Niagara is another nation.

A fisherman has cast his line into the water. The current is swift...always. The residents always describe the river as a õnatural border;ö it is nearly impossible to swim across and boats visibly struggle with the undertow.

It is the first in a long time that I have had some real time to õjust be.ö And a sense of gratitude wells within that I have this time. The warmth of the rising sun and the light dancing on the rippling water has created a sense of the holy.

There is an ice cream stand now empty but for the wood figurines of bears...sitting around the place...whimsical and lifelike. Further on, a flagpole with the American flag billowing. Seeing the flag gave me a sense of pride and appreciation not unlike what I felt the first time I returned to America from a summer overseas.

Then beyond I saw the Memorial: Freedom Crossing Monument-A Tribute to the Enslaved who sought a new life of freedom in Canada and the local volunteers who helped them on their journey to cross the Niagara River...Lewiston, NY.

I read on. õThe Underground Railroad was a secret network of trails and safe homes that enslaved African-Americans used to escape to Canada in the mide-1800øs. The British Empire, including Canada abolished slavery in 1834. Lewiston was one of the final stops...and despite breaking the law, many locals helped the escapees reach freedom in Canada.ö

The marker continued to tell the story in more personal terms. õHanding the baby to the fugitive Mother is Josiah Tryon (1798-1886) Lewistonøs -station masterø...a man of simple means...quiet, humble and religious.ö Josiah accompanied the slaves across this treacherous waters to freedom. õHe gave them Hope and became a Champion of Justice and Equality. He truly had a rainbow heart, embracing people of all Colors and Creeds.ö

And the story continued: õWith her outstretched arm pointing to Canada, Laura Eastman is the iconic heroine in the historical fiction Book, õFreedom Crossings.ö Laura has become a symbol of the Triumph of the Human Spirit over Oppression.ö

I think I stood motionless for some time before this life sized icon. And when I had to go, I really did not want to leave. And even now as I re-enter that early morning moment, a deep stirring and undeniable sorrow enters. We have witnessed so many national and global tragedies...violence, death, anger, division, racism, hatred. Heartbreak looms large in my soul. Yet the monument...and the lives of Josiah Tryon and ¿Laura Eastmanøbring a flicker of hope and a call.

And so I ramble...and rumble...as I ask: Who are my Laura Eastmans in my life? And how will I answer Godøs call like the man named Josiah Tryon?

Barbara+

Diocesan Leadership Day and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon!

# **RE-IMAGINING FAITH FORMATION**

An introduction to a formation project in partnership with the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA

August 13th, 2016

For All Clergy and Lay Leadership St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Lancaster PA

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

\$20, lunch included

Keynote Address

"Re-Imagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century"

The Rev. Marsha Roscoe

Director for Resource Ministries, Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA

Workshops for All Ages & Stages of Formation

- Biblical Storytelling
- Prison Ministry
- Creating Group Adult Learning Initiatives
- Formation and Leadership in a Smaller Congregation
- Confirmation & How to do it Well
- Youth Ministry from the Ground Up
- Episcopal Youth Event and Convention Youth Presence Info Meetings
- Children's Spirituality
- Implementing Change in Formation Programs Old and New
- Lay Reader, Chalice Bearer and, Intercessor Training

### Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Let's celebrate the wonderful teachers serving in our parishes around the Diocese— Sunday school leaders, adult forum leaders, and more! Luncheon will feature a special guest speaker. Do you have a special teacher to invite?

Sign up Today at www.DioceseCPA.org

Childcare Available Upon Request Contact: The Very Rev. Robyn Szoke-Coolidge RSzoke@diocesecpa.org or 717.286.5959

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# **GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES**

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

### August 2016

õIn 1935, the United States Congress, proclaimed the first Sunday of August as National Friendship Day. Following the popularity and success of Friendship Day in US, several other countries adopted the tradition of dedicating a day to friends. Friendship Day is celebrated by several countries around the world.
In 1997, the United Nations named Winnie the Pooh as the world's Ambassador of Friendship." Take a moment and review the horrific events that have taken place in the last few months. Then take a moment and look above at the slogan for the St. Johnøs GPC focus. Think about the young people in our Parish traveling to make new friends. Make this month the time when you will take an internal pledge to make friends beyond your immediate circle.
Make a pledge to do your part to bring an environment of peace. "We'll be Friends Forever, won't we, Pooh?' asked Piglet. Even longer,' Pooh answered.ö Winnie-the-Poohö

#### August 7

National Friendship Day

You can't stay in your corner of the Forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes.ö A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh Consider making new friends by simply a smile, a handshake, paying back, a thank you to someone you dongt say that to usually.

### August 14

õLove is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.ö Martin Luther King, Jr. Think of the friends you can¢t name but with whom you have shared your shoes you didn¢t want anymore. They are smiling and so how about venturing into your closet and bringing in your new gifts. The Soles for Souls project can be gifted anytime.

#### August 21

õFriendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing.ö Elie Wiesel Hum...Sharing....that could be a can of something for the Food Bank. That would make new friends and keep them healthy. Pocket change can buy a food offering.

#### August 28

õFriends are the siblings God never gave us.ö Mencius Look around where you are sitting this morning in church. Friends, everywhere. You may not know their names or address, but they smile, they wish you well, you are in each other¢s prayers, remember, we are ALL brothers and sisters, here, there, everywhere.

# **PARISH INFORMATION**



# **VESTRY RESOLUTIONS**

### The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on: July 18, 2016

### 1. Vestry Appointments

Resolved, that the St. Johnøs vestry appoints Peter Novosel to fill the balance of the unexpired term for Deb Smith that concludes with the January 16, 2017 meeting of the vestry.

Resolved, that the St. Johnøs vestry appoints Tom Bond to fill the balance of the unexpired term for Charley Braught that concludes with the January 16, 2017 meeting of the vestry.

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

### 2. Internal Revenue Service

Resolved, that the vestry of St. Johnøs Church approves the disbursement from the unrestricted endowment fund up to \$10,500 to the Internal Revenue Service for penalty and interest on withholding tax not paid in 2008.

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

### 3. <u>Treasurer</u>

Resolved, that the vestry of St. Johnøs Church elects Rob Ashton as the Treasurer for the balance of this yearøs term.

*Toni Erhart called the question. The motion carried. This resolution came from the Executive Committee.* 

The landline phone rings, the texts on my mobile ding, and the emails pile up. There is always so much to do. I am a wife, mother, teacher, Girl Scout Leader, soccer/football/wrestling parent. I serve on the PTO, tech resource committee, English committee, and report card committee at work. Given all that is going on in my life, why did I agree to be on vestry?

Honestly, Iøve asked myself that question several times over the past few years. When the pressures of work and family seem to be all consuming, the responsibilities of a volunteer position can appear overwhelming, and I worry that these responsibilities dongt receive as much attention as I think they deserve.

It is in the quieter moments of summer that I can truly serve in my fullest capacity as your senior warden. I can make more meetings, and call more vendors, parishioners, vestry members, and clergy. It is also during this time that I can reflect on why agreeing to serve on vestry was the right choice for me.

As an extravert, it is all about the interactions with others that fuel my soul. I love working with others to complete a task, or just joining for a cup of coffee to talk about goals. Meetings become more than just tasks to complete, but rather they are social gatherings. Planning and accomplishing a goal is so rewarding, that sometimes in the middle of all the chaos, it is hard to see the steps forward that I have helped to shape. It is during these quieter months that I can reflect on what has happened over the last three years at St. Johns. Finally, I believe so strongly in what our church stands for, represents, means, and looks like, that I want to be a part of shaping that. I@ve always believed in the õit takes a villageí ö idea to accomplish any goal. If I want to claim to be a part of the magic that is St. Johnøs, it is not enough for me to participate in worship on Sunday.

All too soon, the hustle and bustle of the fall will send me running again, and before that happens, I want to ask you to give serious consideration to serving on vestry. I want you to think about what you hope for the future of the church. I want you to talk to current vestry members about what you like, love, hate, and dream about for St. Johnøs. It is only by being part of those õin the villageö that we can make all those goals for St. Johnøs a reality.

Submitted by,

*Leslie Morgan* Senior Warden



BARNSTORMERS VBS NIGHT - You are invited to the first-ever "Barnstormers Vacation Bible School Night" on Saturday, August 20. Children under the age of 12 are free, adult tickets are \$12 each. \$4 of each ticket will be donated toward our convocational VBS fund. We hope to have a huge St. John's turn out! <u>Ticket orders are due no later that July 31</u>. For more information or to sign-up, please see Mother Barbara or Karen DiPace. We'll see you at the ballpark!



### PLEASE HELP US FIND...

**<u>NOTE</u>**: Thanks for the responses we received from the July "Messenger". We've already found contact for 8 people! Could you help us find a few more?

In our effort to keep people informed about our courtyard renovations, weøve 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, weøl need to ask them about their preferences for the locations of their new niches.

So far, we we found contact information for 147 of those people, but we we missing contact info for 27 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*) **Coleman**: Robert M (1918 ó 1994), Alice G (1922 ó 2005) **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) **Smith**: Aida W (1903 ó 2005) Telford: Agnes Ellen Walker Weir (1909 ó 2000) 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, hereøs a quick update (as of July 22) on the financial support for this undertaking:

Toward total pledges of nearly \$772,915, we@ve received \$300, 837. We@ve also received \$1,645 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 \$452,482, towards an expected total of \$924,200 (pledges + bequests + one-time gifts received). Thanks to everyone for your generous support of our goal of õmaking the doors a little wider and the invitation a little warmerö!

If you have a question about your pledge, please contact Gina Keiser, our Financial Secretary at 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**

We thank Andy Carroll for his help with relocating urns from our columbarium and Ted and Pam Loose and Doug, Chloe and Sophia Brown for their assistance with the sacred soil relocation. The relocation remains a work in progress as we move closer to our Atrium Project work. In addition to the cremains preparation, time has been expended reviewing plans and conducting tours of our facilities for contractors. Our deadline for bids was extended to Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> in order to provided ample time for contractors to review bid documents, ask questions, review the scope of work on-site and provide a competitive proposal.

From the many reviews with contractors, we have learned that the replacement of one of the electrical panels in the boiler room is not within the scope of work for this project. We have discussed this situation with our electrician and he proposes replacing the guts of the panel and will be providing a quote to do so. This plan will eliminate the need for running extra raceway(s) for making connections to a smaller panel, which we would also be paying for, otherwise. The keycard access system for key entry points of the campus was also not included in the project and has us reviewing funding options for this work to be completed. It was determined that providing such access to these entries would enhance our security, especially for our SafeChurch program. We are currently coordinating with the City of Lancaster to not interfere with their project on Mulberry Street. Their project will include repaving of the street with it ultimately becoming two-way with bike lanes.

After much evaluation of our UPS (uninterrupted power supply), the committee felt that the power supply would no longer be needed. Bill replaced it with a surge suppression outlet strip to handle the safeguarding needs of this equipment. In conjunction with the UPS replacement, the committee is upgrading the alarm transmission with our alarm company, while having carbon monoxide and natural gas detectors installed in the Becker House. Bonding of downspouts will also be performed to permit a limited potential of lightning protection to areas where the spouts drain into our yards and gardens. Additional work includes the replacement of bulbs in our Nave and Sanctuary to ensure that adequate illumination exists for the Season of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

We have completed another year of spot repointing of our brick walls. It is not hard to identify areas where mortar has been compromised and in need of replacing to prevent further damage and water infiltration into our buildings. New stall panels have been replaced within the Menøs Rooms in our Parish House to provide a surface more conducive to cleaning.

We ask that you keep in your prayers our members, especially Janice Henry, who is recovering from a leg injury and Cynthia Minnich, who is currently recovering from a digestive tract issue.

Your Property Committee is the only committee serving St. Johnøs many other ministries through the coordination of maintenance and repairs on our Church Campus. We are always welcome to new perspectives from anyone interested in serving on our committee. We meet on the first Monday of every month, except for holidays at 7 p.m. in the Becker House. We hope you can join us.

Your Property Committee,

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

# **SERMONS ONLINE!**

# St. John's Sermons Are Now Available Online!

If you subscribe to our blog, you probably already know this, but anyone with Internet access can now listen to selected sermons from St. Johnø leaders. Hereø how:

Go to St. Johnø website: <u>stjohns-lancaster.org</u> Click on **NEWS/BLOG** in the upper-right corner. Scroll down to õCategoriesö on the left side; click on **Sermons** *below* that heading.

Sermons page: All sermons will be listed, each with its title. Click on a sermon title, which will take you to a page for that sermon. Click on the underlined link, which will take you to the audio page. Click on the triangle to PLAY the audio recording. When you have finished, close the audio window. Click the back arrow on the individual sermon page to get back to the main **Sermons** page.

### Many thanks to Joe Way for his guidance in setting up this process!

**<u>NOTE</u>**: If you@re on Facebook, you can also access our sermons through our Facebook page.

### **REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW**

Two themes stood out among the stories and reflections people made about Aaron at his celebration Sunday: He was a quirky person, and he was a treasure trove of tradition. The metaphors that appeared are of a tapestry and a flame. All of our individual threads hold each other together in the tapestry of our congregation. If we were all the same color, the same texture, it would be a pretty boring bit of cloth. It's those colorful, different, quirky threads that not only make our community interesting, but also enhance the beauty of all the others. As to the flame, Gustav Mahler is credited with saying, "Tradition is not meant to preserve the ashes, but to pass on the flame." Aaron was always about passing on the flame, in his own colorful, quirky way. We're all the better for it. *Anonymous* 

### **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 midweek 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 <u>www.stjohns-lancaster.org</u> 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 <u>or</u> 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 <u>both</u> service bulletins. Following is the information we have received for the time-frame between August and October, 2016. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. Johnøs!

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
AUGUST 7	Nelson Lawrence		Carol Stigelman
AUGUST 14			
AUGUST 21	Gross Family	Sue & Alan Tobie	
AUGUST 28	Alvena Kuser		
SEPT 4			
SEPT 11			
SEPT 18			
SEPT 26			
OCT 2			
OCT 9			
OCT 16			
OCT 23			
OCT 30			

### FOOD PANTRY STAPLES—ALWAYS WELCOMED!



Peanut butter, pasta noodles, pasta sauce, canned tuna, canned chicken, boxed macaroni & cheese, "Helpers" (chicken or tuna), rice, boxed rice mixes, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and cereal.

Cardboard boxes are <u>also</u> needed for the distribution of the food.

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

On Saturday, August 20, we have been invited to take part in the first-ever *Barnstormers Vacation Bible School Night!* We are hoping to get many members from each of our churches to join us. We have vouchers for free tickets to children under 12 (even if they did not attend VBS). Adult tickets are \$12 each. \$4 of this cost will be donated to our convocational VBS fund! Please see Mother Barbara or me for information or to order tickets. <u>Ticket orders are due by July 31<sup>st</sup></u> For late ticket orders, contact Karen DiPace. We hope you can join us for a fun night at the ballpark!

Sunday, September 11, will be the first day of classes this fall. Classes will begin at 9am in the lower level of the Parish Hall for kids starting Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be found in this newsletter and will be available in the Parish Hall. Forms <u>must</u> be completed each year for all students. Feel free to contact me with any questions. We will celebrate with an ice cream sundae social following the 10:15 a.m. service!

**Please remember to** check the monthly **Serving Schedule** (also in this newsletter) to see when you are scheduled 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 months when it's harder to find substitutes at the last minute.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved in the Church School or Nursery program, please feel free to contact me as we can <u>always</u> use more help!

"I hope you are all enjoying your summer!"

Karen



# Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

On June 15 ó June 19, Over 25 youth and adults from our Diocese gathered in Jersey Shore at the Linden House for a five-day mission work retreat. The youth ranged in age from 12-18. The volunteer group did mission work around the Williamsport area, yard clean up, helping at Trinity Church. We got to enjoy climbing the bell tower at Trinity Williamsport with Bishop Scanlan, taking a Trolley ride and learning the history of Williamsport. We also filled boxes of supplies for senior citizens at the food bank ó a total of 400 boxes were filled for Senior Citizens. The youth learned about Mission and helping others during this retreat. The group began every day with Morning Prayer and after days of cleaning, landscaping and box filling the group gathered for evening meals and Compline, led by the youth. Thanks to Karen DiPace for all the wonderful meals she prepared for our youth. Our last day we had a fun filled day of biking and tubing at the PA Grand Canyon.

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported our Very Berry Festival. A great time was had and good food was shared. Thank you to Angela Cuthbert and Doug Brown for donating Strawberries for the event. We still have jars of jam for sale in the Parish Hall. We made about \$800.00 that went toward the fundraising for our new group of J2A for their pilgrimage in two years.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

As you are reading this newsletter our Journey To Adulthood group will be experiencing their Pilgrimage in Peru. Please keep Aidan Cliff, Emma DiPace, Amelia Dissinger, Aaron Hasircoglu, Michael Hreben, Brooks Morgan, Dylan Stone, James Woolson, St. Pauløs Youth Courtnie Bettley, Emily Sipe, Vinnie Torres, along with their chaperones, April & Joe Way, Cindy & Fr. John Morris. Please put October 23 on your calendar. The group will be sharing their experience with St. Johnøs during the services.

Finally, please prayerfully consider a ministry of working with our Young Adults of the Church. We are in need of 2 adults to share your time between services on Sunday to meet with this great group of youth. It can be a very rewarding experience and we would love for you to join us. Please see Mary Ellen Kilp if you have any question or if you are interested.

Before we know it September will be here, we have an updated Calendar for the fall events so please make sure you put the dates on your calendar.

# ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2016/2017

August 26-28	Happening Planning Meeting
September 11	First Day of Classes Ice Cream Social Parent Meeting
September 24	Flashlight Corn Maize
October 8	Acolyte Festival in Washington DC
October 14, 15	Convention
October 16	Crop Walk Attention
October 23	Pilgrimage Presentation Start of Wreath Sales
November 6	Battle of the Saints (all ages)
November 27	Advent Event (Shoe Box Project) Pick Up Wreaths
December 2-4	Diocesan Retreat Rite 13 & J2A
December 9	Advent Night Watch
December ??	Gift-Giving, Crispus Attucks (Need to have communication of night.)

December 18	J2A Reunion (Have pizza's ready for after the service.0	
December 24	Pageant (Have stations with costumes.)	
January 6 - 8	PYE Jr. & Sr. High Claggett Center in Maryland	
January 13 & 14	Game Night and Lock-In	202
January 20 – 22	Happening Planning Meeting	
February 5	Souper Bowl Sunday	_
February 11	Snow Tubing (Joe Way)	
February 17 - 20	Happening	~~ 464157229555729955573384
February 24 - 25	Scrapbook Weekend (Start Easter Eggs)	
February 28	Shrove Tuesday	
March 1	Ash Wednesday	
March 17 – 19	Diocesan Jr. High Retreat	
April 1	Dinner / Talent Show	
April 9	Palm Sunday	
April 13	Maundy Thursday	
April 14	Good Friday	
April 16	Easter	
April 23	Earth Day	
April 30	Youth Sunday	
May 7	Mini Golf (Scoops)	
June 4	Pentecost Church Picnic	
June 11	Teacher Appreciation	
July 7	Berry Festival	
July 10 – 14	EYE Oklahoma	
August 5	Knoebels Reunion	
	???: St. John <b>¢</b> Clean-Up days, Scout Sunday, Lent Graduation Sunday	Night Watch Philadelphia, , Schedule PA Food Bank

"CHURCH SCHO	OL KICK-OFF!"
September	11, 2016
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E-mail Address	
Parent/Guardian Name(s)	
Parent/Guardian Phone <i>(Day)</i>	
Emergency Contact Name	Phone
Any special medical or dietary needs	
In the case of an emergency, I authorize any medical care nurse, paramedic, or hospital while my child is involved in Parent/Guardian Signature	n this church activity.
Health Insurance Company	
Do you give permission for your child's picture to be take	

# "Would You Like To Help?"

There are <u>many</u> ways to be involved with our children and youth ministries. Please let us know how you would be willing to help:

) Teacher
) Assistant Teacher
) Bulletin Boards
) Nursery Volunteer
) CROP Walk
) Advent Event
) Christmas Pageant
) MLK Day
) Liturgy of Light
) Vacation Bible School
) Food Drive

# SAVE THE DATE! \*\*ICE CREAM SOCIAL'\*

Sunday September 11th Courtyard 11:30 a.m.



# **JUBILEE MINISTRIES**

**<u>COMMUNITY BREAKFAST</u>** (*Contact: Sue Martin*) **<u>SATURDAY</u>**, <u>AUGUST 20</u>—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 (Contact: Sue Martin)

If the "stars align", it is hoped that a 15th season of our after-school program will begin in October. You could be one of the stars! We will be in need of volunteers who can give Wednesday afternoons (2-6 PM) to enrich and mentor the lives of 4th and 5th grade students. A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Cindy Morris. It would be a good time to engage with experienced volunteers and consider this valuable program (it's two way) to be part of your weekly outreach. Please contact Cindy Morris or Sue Martin if you have questions.

### 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 õFOOD PANTRYö 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 Eagleøs Nest area of the Parish Hall. Weøre also collecting Box Tops for Education, Printer Cartridges, and Campbelløs Soup Labels.

### **<u>GROCERY CARDS</u>** (Contact: Sue Tobie)

Total grocery card sales for June: \$3,550.00. Total earned by Jubilee Ministries: \$355.00

Did you know that itøs easier to use a grocery card at the store than to peel out cash or write a check...and the amount remaining on your card is recorded on you receipt? Whenever you use one of our cards, 5% of its value goes to our Jubilee missions. It is truly a *"WIN WIN"* situation! Grocery cards also make great gifts!

Remember that a \$100 card can be used as often as it takes to use it up. You dong 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.

Stop by the Parish Hall on any Sunday to purchase cards for any of the following stores. Thank you!

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. Johnøs on **Sundays** (between services) and **Tuesday afternoons** from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** as we share fellowship and ideas!

2016 has been tough. So much violence swirls around us, with every day seeming to bring news of yet another act of violence and senseless deaths. Here at St. John's, we have said goodbye to so many cherished members of our church family. While they are at peace, we are left behind with our memories and our continuing challenge to remember that God is love. I, personally, want to remember here, and give thanks for, two very dear friends to our Martha's Ministry group: Aaron Spicher and Paula S. Wolf. While we were never successful at convincing Aaron to take up knitting, he took such good care of our group, always there to lend a hand when we needed one. I miss him every time I'm in the parish hall with our Tuesday group. Not too many folks will know how much Paula contributed to our knitting ministry. She was one of those people who always had a project for us on her needles, and was a quiet presence among us. Paula didn't knit with the group on Tuesdays, choosing to knit at home. She, like Aaron, will be remembered fondly and forever. As always, each and every one of you is invited to join us any Sunday, between services in the Parish Hall, or on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall between 2 and 4 p.m. We have yarn for you! "Peace" - Jeannie



"Lemonade Time" is the cooool 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**

The 2016 Episcopal Church Women Fall Retreat will take place: September 30th to October 2nd. This retreat will include ECW groups from our Diocese and always proves to be inspirational, as well as, great fun! The new retreat site will be the Claggett Center in Buckeystown, Maryland and best of all, the retreat leader will be Bishop Audrey Scanlon! More information on registration, costs, theme, etc. will be forthcoming.

# **GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE**

"Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."— --Luke 10:41-42

I can certainly relate with Martha right now. I feel surrounded by distractions and struggling to stay focused on the mission and works that I feel called to. The mission is building a Global Partnership and our Global partner, *Rafiki Africa* in Alendu, Kenya.

http://www.rafikiafrica.org





Making communities sustainable by empowering people; to fulfill their potential in dignity, equality and in a healthy environment; that is the mission (see <u>https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs</u>). Now I am a very visual person so, it helps if I keep what is important right in front of me to help battle all the distractions. Some of you have met or at least have seen both Dorthy Dulo and Roger Godfrey, either at St. Johnøs or, at Central Market. The GPC had the pleasure of having them both join us at our last meeting, giving us updates and discussing future hopes for the School and Community in Alendu. Some background was also shared on the Alendu community and was helpful. Alendu is beside Lake Victoria and was once a thriving fishing community. But, the Kenvan government gained control and implemented some costly and prohibitive regulations on the fishing industry. The community was forced into becoming farmers but, there was no farming knowledge and farming is considered hard work. There is a big age group gap among the residents due to the AIDS epidemic; the middle age group is very small. There is a farm at the school that is doing better and produces onions, kale, carrots and eggplant that they are able to use to feed the students. A fulltime farm manager is still being sought and they still are seeking a local person to send to Echo training, someone who would stay in Alendu after they are trained. The well was dug by the organization, Water Missions. The well is still not usable by the community and has only made it to the stage of being capped. The School and community will not be able to tap the water until the project is paid off. Close to \$20,000.00 is still needed and then it can be tapped and distributed. The hope is to be able to sell the water which will provide an income and increase self sufficiency.

# **GPC UPDATE** (CONTINUED)

There is currently a shortage of Teachers at the school. Keeping teachers in a rural community is challenging. They are able to acquire new graduates who need experience before being hired by the Government. After 5 years they are able to get these jobs so, the Light House Academy lost 6 Teachers in January who became eligible for Government positions. The next class of new graduates will not be until September.

There are current opportunities for involvement to keep Rafiki moving forward. Dorothy is trying to fill 2 positions in Lancaster, one at the Central market stand and one for a cook/baker. Also, Dorothy is pursuing an application to enroll with the Extraordinary Give. Help is being sought from anyone interested in working on a committee, once accepted to help promote Rafiki during this fundraiser time. Additionally, the Rafiki Board of Directors here in Lancaster, is still looking for new members interested in serving.

There will be more information about and opportunities coming, to work with our Global Partners as the GPC develops events. Mark your calendars for Sunday 9/25/16, which is GPC Sunday and Roger will be joining us during our services, as well as an opportunity to participate and learn about Rafiki in the Parish Hall between services. Also, check the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for periodic updates.

Like any organization and community there are challenges, barriers and distractions to overcome and work around. Government changes in regulations, elections, and corruption, Tribal politics, greed of the haves vs the have nots; deep rooted cultural beliefs and diversity keeping people from working together with dignity and unity. Sound familiar?

The Millennium Development Goals and now the Sustainable Development Goals were the world wide vision of many countries coming together, to reach beyond the corruption, diversity and in too many cases the violence. The UN was holding a õPartnership Exchangeö event this week. The theme for the 2016 Partnership Exchange is "*Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals through multi-stakeholder partnerships - ensuring that no one is left behind*".

How do we persevere with the violence and the negative rhetoric occurring, it seems every day? How do we move past what seems a daily power struggle rooted in ancient beliefs and greed. How do we keep moving towards Godøs Grace? Keeping our eyes focused on the goals, leading by example and working to lift people up, empowering them and not tearing them down, those are our tasks. *People*, not the rhetoric, not the deep seeded beliefs and not the man made regulations; people, *here and there* are who we need to keep in front of us. No one should be left behind.

Keep watching and listening as we build this Global Partnership with Rafiki <u>www.rafikiafrica.org</u>. Dongt be distracted and letgs keep working and moving towards Godgs Grace, and pray that our examples will be followed.

Also, if you are inspired to join us, watch the Sunday bulletin for our next GPC meeting. We hope you continue to read the **GPC challenges** and consider how you may incorporate them in your daily lives.

Submitted by, *Tammy Collier* 

"I Am, We Are.....One World---Creating a Global Partnership

### **PRAYER LIST**

*For those who we offer our continued prayers:* 

Ron Barton **Emory Billingsley** Theodore Bowser Robert Bray Michael Brogan Fred Bush Graham Cliff Paula DeBrill Vincent Delevega Judy Durand Marianne Eckert **Richard Farmer** Linda Frederiksen **Dylys Glew Lionel Gouveia** Gill & Mary Hartley Lynn Hayford Susan Herr Anne Johnson Horn Ellen Keller Howard Kane Marge Kern Joyce Landis Marty Laubenthal John Lechowicz Ernie Leffler Isaac Markovich & Family Ruth McFarland Kathy McNamara Tierza Mendez William Miller Cynthia Minnich Anna Mize Greg Moyer Jodi Myers Jane Naegele Lorraine Nolan Peter Plaxa Plummer Family Mary & Jeff Power Robert & Joan Power Steven Schwartz Anna Seras

Stephanie Smith Bob Stanton Christian Stigelman Martha Stroh Gary Weaver Melissa Williams Fred

...and for our Homebound Paríshíoners

Ellen Beck Jim Breitegan Miriam Cromis Margaret Crothers Providence Eshelman Bette Lou Forsyth Michael Frantz **Dylys 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 <u>or</u> 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.

# **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Date

### Name

<u> </u>	
Becker, Phil	26
Bentley, Darlene	20 27
Braught, Linda	8
Breitegan, David	25
Breitegan, Phyllis	18
Byrnes, Laela	8
Cliff, Aidan	3
Collier, Rich	7
Cummins, Frank	19
DeLeo, Justice	2
DeLeo, Liberty	11
Durand, Don	28
Durand, Liz	30
Eshelman, Providence	20
Gbur, Mike	14
Gokey, Sam	8
Gordon, Sarah	1
Gustafson, lylan	10
Herr, Susan	24
Houston, Nancy	2
Hreben, Rachel	21
Kane, Edith	23
Kauffman, Kim	3
Largent, Karen	22 21
Lester, Matt	21 29
Lester, Miriam	29 9
Loose, Pam Magagna, Olivia	9 22
Magagna, Olivia McCormick, Patty	7
McGovern, Stephanie	, 31
Miller, Helen	12
Mone, Chris	13
Morgan, Bruce	4
Morgan, Kendall	4
Morris, Cindy	11
Nemith, Nancy	26
Pfeiffer, Darleen	24
Puffer, Nancy	30
Qualls, Sherry	31
Rahe, Derek	15
Rainey, Virginia	22
Rhodes, Woody	8
Smith, Ashley	27
Smith, Stella	30
Sweeney, Joanna	9
Walsh, Alan 🔬 👷 🧟	23
Wendler, Emma	6

# **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

### Couple

Dorgan, Paul & Drew

Hasircoglu, Chris & Betsy

Morris, Fr John & Cindy

Rahe, Charlie & Joan

Walsh, Alan & Marjie

Watts, Ken & Eleanor

Tobie, Alan & Sue

08/18/1984 08/18/1990 08/24/1974 08/24/1963 08/21/2010 08/22/1992 08/26/1967

Date



# Messenger Deadline

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT **ARTICLES FOR THE** 

# **SEPTEMBER** "MESSENGER" IS:

AUGUST 15

PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE **ON YOUR CALENDAR!** 

# **SERVING SCHEDULE – AUGUST, 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, <u>simply</u> <u>dial "0"</u> 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.

AUGUST 7	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton	David Dissinger, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor		Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
Lector	Sue Purdy	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server		Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer		Miriam Lester, Natalie Visco
Crucifer		Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer		Amelia Dissinger
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter		Leslie Morgan
Coffee / Lemonade	Sauder Family	Sauder Family
Nursery		Marla Lester

AUGUST 14	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Molly Moyer	David Kilp, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	
Lector	Merle Schnee	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server		Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer		Helena Carroll, Kendall Morgan
Crucifer		Aaron Hasircoglu
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer		Lynn Hayford
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter		Peter Novosel
Coffee / Lemonade	Becker Family	TBD
Nursery		Katie Mausolf

AUGUST 21	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Sue Tobie	Danielle DiPace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server		Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer		Hal Williams, Rob Williams
Crucifer		Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer		Lorraine Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter		Ted Loose
Coffee / Lemonade	Woolson Family	Loose Family
Nursery		Heidi Leitzke



AUGUST 28	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Katie Mausolf, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	
Lector	Bob Lee	Tom Bond, David Dissinger
Server		James Woolson
Torch Bearer		Max Lester, Elijah Mendez
Crucifer		Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer		Aaron Hasircoglu
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter		Dave Martin
Coffee / Lemonade	Jackson Family	Sue Heilman
Nursery		Mary Waskowicz

# LOOKING AHEAD TO: SEPTEMBER, 2016

SEPTEMBER 4	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Molly Moyer	David Dissinger, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor		Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
Lector	Ricky Smith	Aidan Cliff, Joel Cliff
Server		Danielle DiPace
Torch Bearer		Ian Thompson, Sophia Thompson
Crucifer		Brooks Morgan
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer		Toni Ehrhart
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter		Leslie Morgan
Coffee / Lemonade	TBD	Eamon Nelson
Nursery		Jenn Hreben

### 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.

