



St. John's Messenger

September, 2016

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

PARISH MINI-MEETING

“The Building Program”

Sunday, September 18th, 9:15 - 10:00 AM

At their August meeting, the vestry of St. John's called for a parish Mini-Meeting to be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 18th between the 8:00 and 10:15 AM services. As with other Mini-Meetings there will be a single topic of discussion. This Parish Mini-Meeting will focus on our Building Program.

The Mini-Meeting will begin with three reports. The Construction Committee will report on the current status and anticipated time line for beginning construction. The Executive Committee will report on conversation with the diocesan Standing Committee and the approval process for securing a building loan. The Finance Committee will report on discussions with banking institutions. Question and answer will follow.

Three developments impacting each of these three areas occurred over the summer.

VALUE ENGINEERING - Bids from three general contractors were received. All were higher than anticipated, resetting the expected cost to be in the \$1.8 million range. Upon receiving this report the vestry directed the Construction Committee to work with the architects to reduce the project costs to the \$1.5 million promised to the parish in the capital campaign. To achieve the necessary saving while fulfilling the principle goals of the building program, the architects recommended the rock in the courtyard area not be excavated.

Major changes to the plan would be: the courtyard level being accessed by a ramp, no interior columbarium space on the ground floor of the atrium and no direct connection between the church's undercroft and the elevator. All other elements would be retained: full accessibility to all floors of our facility; expansion of columbarium space; storm water management; courtyard repair, labyrinth installation and atrium gathering space. This amended plan is being re-costed by general contractors.

DIOCESAN APPROVAL - Members of the parish Executive and Finance Committees met with the diocesan Standing Committee to begin to secure the necessary diocesan approvals to assume a loan. While Standing Committee expressed appreciation for the project, concern was voiced regarding future payment of our diocesan Fairshare. Action was referred to the diocesan Finance Committee for review and recommendation. Standing Committee will revisit our request in October.

CONSTRUCTION LOAN - Contacting banks regarding terms for a loan had been pending diocesan approval. However, the diocesan Finance Committee has recommended that those discussions should now begin to determine more accurately the structuring of the loan and repayment schedule.

As a result of these three developments, major building will not begin this fall but will be deferred to spring. We hope to benefit from this by securing subcontractors at a lower cost later and by refining our plans to reduce expensive change orders. We will, however, need to start now with necessary sidewalk work on Mulberry Street that is required by the city.

While these delays are disappointing, they are part of the of the building program process and should serve us well to provide at a cost we can afford the new facility we need to advance St. John's ministries and mission.

John+

Continuing with Hebrews Eleven

These past two Sundays the epistle reading was taken from Hebrews, the 11th chapter. Encountering this passage in the appointed readings was, for me, like an unexpected meeting with an old friend. While perhaps sounding a bit exaggerated, it is true.

I ran into Hebrews 11 very early in my adult life at a time of great loss. Taking my struggle to a trusted friend, our conversation and prayer ended with a mention of the chapter: "Sit with this passage," my friend urged, "It tells us of the struggles of those who have come before us, and promised that those who have fallen sleep in the Lord are still with us."

I was not so sure. And Hebrews? Yet in faith, I cracked open my bible and read the passage aloud....slowing, listening to each word: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Even today as I speak these words, a serenity floods inside me.

"For by faith the men of old received divine approval. By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear." I read this passage again and again...and again...until the words etched in my mind.

Faith is the absolute conviction that there are realities we've never seen. By faith those before us were empowered. Through faith we know the word of God created everything we now see from that which is invisible.

And then the chapter broke out into a rollcall of First Testament champions: Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and Jacob: "By faith [Abraham] sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land..."

And the account continued witnessing to: Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, and Jephthah, of David and Samuel. All these lived and died with an eye "on an unseen city with real, eternal foundations" the City designed and built by God....[they] died in faith without receiving the full promises, although they saw the fulfillment as though from a distance..." [The Message]

Indeed, the chapter includes language that is distracting and problematic: "Women received their dead by resurrection." - "Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment." "They were stoned, they were sawn in two." Even later translations have not found a better, present-day way to drive home the reality of Christian life, even today.

Yet plodding along to the final verses, I found the treasure: "Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect." Perfect...the Greek word is *teleos*. And the better translation is complete, accomplished, fulfilled. It means to me that we can never lose those I love; they hover near. And with faith I can carry on as those before me with all I need to get through. It has never failed me. Tried and tested, it will never fail us...you and me too.

Barbara+

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

September 2016

“We do not need to know precisely what is happening or exactly where it is all going.
What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and
to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.” *Thomas Merton*

This month, September, we take a step into learning how we can help Rafiki, learning who they are as they
learn about us, their needs, how we can be partners in this world, and step ahead together.

God's children helping God's children. That's who we are at St. John's.

GPC Challenge for September 4th - Labor Day

"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with
painstaking excellence." *Martin Luther King, Jr*

Regardless of the work, we are here ultimately to make a better world for our brothers and sisters.
We are all God's children regardless of color, faith, dress, country of origin or any other differences.
Choose to believe He loves and celebrates the diversity at table.

GPC Challenge for September 11th

“Humankind must remember that peace is not God's gift to his creatures; peace is our gift to each other.”
Elie Wiesel

Some of your brothers and sisters and their children are hungry - please, please remember that if each of us
brought only one can of something for the Food Pantry, the bounty would be there for our local families.

GPC Challenge for September 18th

International Day of Peace - September 21st

"Everything in the universe is genetically cousin to everything else.
There is literally one family, one bonding, in the universe,
because everything is descended from the same source."

Thomas Berry

At a time when some seemed confused, let us remember that
I am, We are, One Word - Here, There, Everywhere, Peace to All

GPC Challenge for September 25th

A person dying of thirst doesn't ask if the water has chlorine or if it was gathered in the foothills of France.
As we learn about the need for water in other countries, let us be most mindful of our usage and wasting here.
Imagine for a moment washing clothes, taking a shower, cooking a meal and having to walk somewhere else
to get the water and carry it back home. WE are very blessed - how can we help others?

PARISH INFORMATION

Deaths

Frederick S. Bush
July 3, 1931 - August 18, 2016

Susan Herr
August 24, 1956 - July 26, 2016

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on: **August 15, 2016**

1. Stewardship Statement

Resolved, that the members of the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, Pa. unanimously support and personally endorse the St. John's Stewardship Statement, pledging themselves to live by its principles of stewardship and inviting every member of the parish to join them in this commitment.

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

2. Rafiki Sunday

Resolved, as an expression of our parish's commitment to establishing global partnerships, the Vestry of St. John's affirms Sunday, September 25, 2016 as "Rafiki Sunday" and authorized the following expressions of support: the sale of items to benefit the ministry of Rafiki, the directing of gifts to the Lighthouse Academy Scholarship Fund, and the participation in a Rafiki fund raiser for a deep water well.

Bruce Waskowicz called the question. The motion carried. This resolution came from the Executive Committee via Sue Heilman.

3. Rental Unit Repairs

Resolved, that the Vestry approves the expensing from line item 06-5152, Repairs and Maintenance 209, up to \$5,500.00 drawing upon the YTD Actual Total Rental Properties Revenue.

Bruce Waskowicz called the question. The motion carried. This resolution came from the Executive Committee.

SENIOR WARDEN

I am a self-proclaimed financial "dummy" in need of those self-help books that can teach you anything from computer programming, cat care, and auto repair. Early in our marriage, Bruce took over the checkbook. I often switched numbers, writing the cost of the outfit as \$46 dollars, when the receipt said \$64.

Despite this numerical dyslexia, I am getting better and better at reading the financial statements that Gina Keiser, our financial secretary, prepares for the vestry. I want you to know that I may not be a wiz at this stuff, and maybe because of my difficulty understanding this and the questions that spawn, I am learning a lot about our church's financial house.

Your vestry is carefully combing through these numbers with a clarity and discussion that has never happened before. Questions are respectfully asked of each other, and clarity is being brought to the various line items of the budget. Where there is redundancy, we are eliminating or combining items. Where there is a need, we are adding line items. In some cases, we have moved responsibility for an area from one vestry steward to another. For example, technology support and computers used to be under the property committee's umbrella. Now, that has moved to the communication committee's responsibilities. By bringing this clarity to the financial reports, every vestry member takes a more personal ownership and responsibility for their portion of the budget.

We have also moved the rental properties out of our regular operating budget. Instead, they are financially managed on a separate spreadsheet. By doing this, and by engaging Younger Realty Group (YRG) to manage these properties, we have removed Bill Gross, our property manager, from the day-to-day interactions with the tenants. Instead, he just has oversight of the management company, and facilitates communication between our parish and the management company. This allows us to better financially prepare for the care of these properties by recognizing our income and expenses for these buildings.

We are asking questions about the insurance policies that protect our buildings and their contents. We are charging the finance committee with considering how to best prepare for large future expenses for equipment that the property committee recognizes will soon need replacement. We are carefully considering our construction plans for the welcome center atrium, elevator, and courtyard with the columbarium and the financial implications for each part of that plan.

The results of all this checking and monitoring, is that our financial house is looking up. Our pledges, which followed the traditional pattern of slowing down over the summer months, have been able to keep up with our expenses. While we are not at a balanced budget, we are working toward that goal in slow and methodical steps. These are obvious enough that even a financially challenged warden can figure it out.

Submitted by,

Leslie Morgan
Senior Warden



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

First Weekend In October

Details to Follow



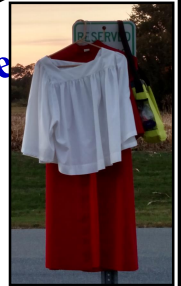
Saint Francis Fest—Blessing of Animals at St. John's
A "First Friday Event"

Friday, October 7 in the evening
Bring your pets to be blessed

Displays by local animal rescues
Lancaster City Police Horses

Let us give thanks for the love of our furry, feathered and gilled friends.

Calling All Acolytes



Acolyte Festival
Washington National Cathedral

Process at the Festive Eucharist
Tour the Cathedral and Attend Workshops
Travel with Acolytes from Lancaster Churches

Saturday, October 8 - All Day

VOYAGERS

The 2016-2017 Voyagers group will embark Saturday, September 24th at 10:00 a.m. with a very special guest: Mary Lou Broucht, a retired deacon who served as Curate at St. James for 14 years and assisted at St. John's.

Mary Lou was the founder of "Granny's House", the forerunner of our after-school program, "Eagle's Nest". Since her retirement, Mary Lou has become an author and will describe that journey in her presentation "Fact and Fiction - Write it Down". She will share stories from her latest book entitled "Postcards and Pizza: Revelations of a Church School Teacher" and those of us who are privileged to know her can expect to be engaged not only with her wisdom but also with a great deal of humor!

Please join us in welcoming Mary Lou back to St. John's on Saturday, September 24th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Questions? Please contact Barbara Graeter. All are welcome to attend!



PLEASE HELP US FIND...

NOTE: Thanks for the responses we received in the past couple of months. We've already found 17 people! Could you help us find a few more?

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 156 of those people, but we're missing contact info for 18 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)

Kimmet: Gilbert (1915 ó 1995)

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

Parrish: Grace E (1899 ó 1996)

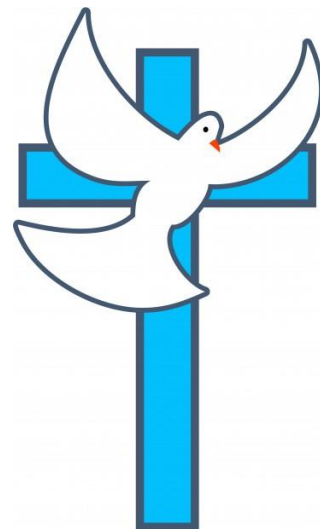
Reeve: Lawrence F (Larry) (1953 ó 1993)

Robertson: Emmett I (1909 ó 1987)

Smith: Aida W (1903 ó 2005)

Telford: Agnes Ellen Walker Weir (1909 ó 2000)

Walker: Doris May Howson (1922 ó 1984)



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Here's a quick update (as of August 12) on the financial support for our building renovations:

	Amount Received
Received toward total pledges of \$777,553	\$ 306,082
One-time gifts (unpledged)	\$ 1,645
Earnings on your contributions	\$ 10,451
Bequests from Eckenrode & Craige families	\$ 150,000
Total received (as of August 12, 2016)	\$ 468,178

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 or 717-299-1188 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

THE REV. CANON PETER A. GREENFIELD

Dear Family of St. John's,

The proof of a family is the children it births. Aaron Spicher was one-of-a-kind as is St. John's. I was blessed to be at St. John's for close to 14 years and Aaron and I grew up together, even as the Lord presented daily challenges of opportunities to grow in Him. It was like *Man of La Mancha* - only the Lord will determine who was Don Quixote. I do know that there is always an *Impossible Dream*. Aaron and I were individually and collectively the metaphor for that dream.

Blessings to Aaron, to St. John's, to his and my ongoing ministries, and the dream.

Blessedness,

The Rev. Canon Peter A. Greenfield

PROPERTY CORNER

Where has the summer gone? And, what did we accomplish? Well!

í We had repointing performed the end of July on the Church. Plans still call for the replacement of wall vents, which have been vandalized on the Chestnut Street side of the building. While it is doubtful that an exact replacement will be obtained, all six of the vents will be replaced to maintain a consistent appearance.

The City of Lancaster is sticking with their September deadline for the renovations on Mulberry Street so as not to affect their completed work with the raingarden on the corner and paving the street. Parts of our construction project call for the parking lot entrance to be replaced, which will be involving the street for forms. After the city's work, a moratorium will be imposing fines for any work affecting the finish of their project. We are working with the city so that both our projects may have a positive impact and outcome. Consequently, we need to place one of our last portions of our project into the beginning, if *not* before the start of our project. Curbing will be replaced along Mulberry Street to avoid any disruption of the City's work.

Our rental management company and our wardens made a review of our rental properties. It was during this time that we learned our 209 tenants were giving their notice to vacate in September. These tenants know of a party willing to occupy the premises on the day they move out. However, time will be needed to perform some repairs and maintenance to this property. The recommended prospective tenants have two cats, though, which is against our current "No Pet Policy" for our tenants. Presently, our 211 tenant has a cat, which has not been sanctioned, nor rent compensated. The rental management company suggests adding \$70 per month to the rental income along with a \$250 Non-Refundable Fee.

Much time has been spent on Church lighting through the shopping for bulbs, lifts/scaffolds and the requests for proposals to perform this work. There exists difficulty with obtaining the lift necessary to straddle pews to prevent the removal of pews during the bulb replacement process. We don't want to remove the pews for this operation to reduce the resources needed to perform this task and to prevent damage to the pew fasteners and concrete.

We are announcing our Fall Clean-up so that everyone can get it on their calendar. If your calendar is like our Church calendar, it can be quite a challenge to plan around. So, we thought we would get the word out early and chose the Sunday before Christmas, December 18 after the 10:15 coffee hour. We hope you can help us prepare St. John's campus for the celebration of our Savior's birth.

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

Your Property Committee,

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

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Summer is in full swing and you may be asking why isn't the construction project also heating up like the pavement outside. The construction project has come upon several hurdles that we have yet to overcome which are the causes of the delay. I will touch on some of the items that we are currently working through, but more detail will be forthcoming during the Parish Meeting in September.

First, the contractor bids were higher than expected. Warfel, Wickersham, and Wohlson were the contractors placing bids. Wohlson's bid was almost double the other contractors so they were removed from consideration. Warfel, and Wickersham had comparable bids, but both were about 40-60% over the \$1.2 million budget that we are working with. As a result we have asked them for value engineering options. We are still in the process of bringing the price down with more information to be available by the Parish Meeting.

Second, we are still awaiting Vestry and Diocesan approval. With the bids being so high, we have been unable to gain approval until the costs come into line with what our goals are. Until that point we will be unable to proceed.

Third, we are in the process of selecting a columbarium company which will meet our needs. We are in communication with Eickhof Columbaria out of Crookston, MN and Matthews International: Cremation Division in Apopa, FL. Both companies have exceptional products, comparable prices, and strong track records. We are trying to find the company which has the greatest flexibility and lowest price to meet our changing needs. We have yet to come to a decision, but both look very promising.

Fourth, the Mulberry St. construction project has impacted our project. We were hoping to either couple our project with theirs or to complete ours first, but neither are possible at this time. We need to finish our portion of the project (new entrance to the large parking lot with new curbing that is ADA accessible with a sloping sidewalk to mesh with the new entrance) before Mulberry St. is paved. Since we will be moving heavy equipment in and out of the parking lot in the near future, there is a possibility that we may damage the newly completed upgrades. Precautions will be implemented once our construction project begins.

Lastly, it looks like we won't break ground on the construction project until Spring. While this is not what we had in mind, it may very well work out in our favor. We were afraid that the project would extend into the Winter and thus be impacted by delays and weather problems. In addition, all local contractors are swamped with work through the end of this year. This equates to us being charged a premium for contractor services in addition to us having a 3-4 month lead time (time it would take to complete) on the construction of the elevator before it would be shipped to us for installation. With a delay in beginning the project we won't be charged a premium for contractors since they are only now beginning to line up work for the Spring. This would allow us to get all of our ducks in a row, bring construction costs down (through value engineering), decide on a columbarium company, decide on a contractor, and make other important decisions regarding the construction project. Rather than having us scramble to get the project done, and probably at a higher cost, we will be able to schedule everything in advance so that all will go smoothly when we break ground. While this is not what we had planned, this is the best course of action for our church at this time. More will be shared at the upcoming Parish Meeting.

Submitted by,

Doug Brown
Construction Committee Chair

SERMONS ONLINE!

St. John's Sermons Are Now Available Online!

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Go to St. John's website: stjohns-lancaster.org

Click on **NEWS/BLOG** in the upper-right corner.

Scroll down to "Categories" 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!

NOTE: If you're on Facebook, you can also access our sermons through our Facebook page.

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ST. JOHN'S DOOR MINISTRY

Would you like to help with our "Door Ministry" by meeting and giving prepared boxes of food to members of our community on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 2:15-3:30 p.m.? If so, please contact Lynn Hayford. A brief training will be provided for this rewarding St. John's ministry!

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

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
SEPT 4			
SEPT 11			
SEPT 18			
SEPT 26			
OCT 2	John & Barbara Graeter		
OCT 9	Dan & Priscilla Farmer	Patti Means	
OCT 16			
OCT 23			
OCT 30	John & Helen Miller	David & Amy Dissinger	John & Helen Miller
NOV 6			
NOV 13			
NOV 20			John & Helen Miller
NOV 27			

FOOD PANTRY



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 also 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

"Welcome back to Sunday School!" Sunday, September 11th will be the "first" day of classes this Fall. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Parish Hall for kids starting Pre-K through 5th Grade.

A special welcome back to our teachers! Jen Hreben & Janelle Stone in our PreK-K Catechesis class; Sue Dodge, Marla Lester, Pam Loose, and Maria Sauder in our early elementary class; and Katie Mausolf and Carol Stigelman in our upper elementary grades class. Please be sure to thank them for their ministry to our children.

Registration forms can be found in this edition of "Messenger" and will also be available in the Parish Hall. We will celebrate with an ice cream social after the 10:15 a.m. service!

Please remember to check the Serving Schedule each month in the "Messenger" to see when you are scheduled to serve as a Torch Bearer or serve in the Nursery. If you cannot be there, please switch with someone and let the church office know. If you are having difficulty finding a substitute, let me know and we'll help to try to find someone. This is especially important during the summer when we may not have someone to grab that day to cover!

Nursery care is available from 10:00-11:30 a.m. for children up to age 3. Located beyond the restrooms, it is staffed by a certified teacher and volunteers.

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

Karen

Pretzel Sandwiches Are Back!

The J2A is once again selling Pretzel Sandwiches beginning on Sunday, September 11th! We have a brand new group of J2A youth preparing for their pilgrimage.

Sandwiches are still \$4.00 each, \$5.00 for a combo with chips and a drink. Pre-orders are accepted. Contact Karen DiPace. Thank you for your support!



“CHURCH SCHOOL KICK-OFF!”

September 11, 2016

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
REGISTRATION FORM**

PRINT: Name *(Last)* _____ *(First)* _____

Address _____

City _____, PA Zip _____

Phone () _____

Gender _____ Grade Level *(entering)* _____ Birth Date _____

E-mail Address _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Phone *(Day)* _____ *(Work/Cell)* _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Any special medical or dietary needs _____

In the case of an emergency, I authorize any medical care deemed necessary by an accredited physician, nurse, paramedic, or hospital while my child is involved in this church activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Health Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Do you give permission for your child's picture to be taken? YES NO

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

Welcome back to a wonderful new year of St. John's Youth! We have many fun and exciting events planned for the upcoming year. We are excited to share these times with you. We would also like to invite any youth interested in participating in the Journey to Adulthood program to contact Mary Ellen Kilp. Listed below are the class explanations with their corresponding age groups.

RITE 13 - The first two years (5th & 6th graders) that focus on celebrating the individuality of each young person and their creative potential. The Rite-13 liturgy (A celebration of Manhood and Womanhood) is the community expression of this.

J2A - The middle portion of the program (7th, 8th, & 9th graders), engages youth with the skills and critical thinking involved in adulthood. The youth plan and embark on a pilgrimage together at the end of this segment.

YAC - A mentor-based program helping older teens (11th and 12th grade) to discern and carry out a ministry within their church or in the larger community. Vocation and development of a personal credo are also emphasized.

Our St. John's youth have been actively engaged in the life and ministry of our community throughout the summer months. Whether serving at the altar or as counselors for VBS, attending the diocesan mission youth retreat, helping out at coffee hour, serving cobbler, enjoying rides at Knoebels, or journeying to Peru our teens have been an active and dynamic presence this summer.

We will officially begin the start of classes on Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m. Following the 10:15 a.m. service, we will be having an Ice Cream Social in the Parish Hall. This is a transition year, which means welcoming a new Rite 13 class.

We have a dynamic group of leaders this year, including:

Rite 13 Leaders: Mike & Dawn Williams, Tracey & Joel Cliff

J2A Leaders: April & Joe Way

YAC Leaders: To Be Determined

Attention all Rite 13, J2A and YAC parents and youth, we will be having a parent and youth meeting on September 11, following the 10:15 service in the church. We will be sharing information about the upcoming year, and any questions you might have. We would love it if everyone could please attend.

Join us on September 24, for a fun evening with friends from the Lancaster Convocation. We will have dinner together and get lost in the corn maze at Oregon Dairy. Make sure to bring your flashlights. Families are both welcomed and encouraged. Please RSVP to Mary Ellen Kilp.

Our youth had an amazing pilgrimage to Peru in August; make sure you join us on October 23 to hear all about their pilgrimage.

Finally, please prayerfully consider a ministry of working with our Young Adults of the Church. We are in need of two (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 are interested or have any questions.

Submitted by,

Mary Ellen Kilp

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2016/2017

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
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 16	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.)
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
January 20 - 22	Happening Planning Meeting
February 5	Souper Bowl Sunday
February 11	Snow Tubing (Joe Way)
February 17 - 20	Happening
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's Clean-Up days, Scout Sunday, Lent Night Watch Philadelphia, Graduation Sunday, Schedule PA Food Bank

“Would You Like To Help?”

There are many 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!

*6 ICE CREAM SOCIAL *9*

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



JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**—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 Wednesday, September 8, at the home of Claire Phillips and Michael Stank. 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 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 "FOOD PANTRY" in the Memo line on your check. Food bags/boxes are organized for families and single people and are distributed from our church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays to those in need.



FULTON SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP (Contact: Dave or Sue Martin)

If you shop at a Turkey Hill store and purchase any of their milk items, **BE SURE TO SAVE THE "MOO" MONEY BOTTLE CAPS** and bring them to church on Sundays. There is a collection container at the Eagle's Nest area of the Parish Hall. We are also collecting Box Tops for Education, Printer Cartridges, and Campbell's Soup Labels.

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Sue Tobie)

Total grocery card sales for **JULY: \$8,380.00** Total earned by Jubilee Ministries: **\$419.00**

Did you know that 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? 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 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.

Stop by the Parish Hall on any Sunday to purchase cards for any of the following stores and please note that we are no longer selling cards for Musser's Market.

Darrenkamp's, Giant, John Herr's, 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 **Sundays** (between services) and **Tuesday afternoons** from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** as we share fellowship and ideas!

SOLES 4 SOULS GATHERING



If you are getting new shoes for the Fall or going back to school, there are people in countries we support with Soles 4 Souls who would love to have your sandals and sneakers or any other shoes. We are collecting year round. Simply bring them to the Parish Hall and put them under the table on the Chestnut Street side. Don't forget to ask friends at work or in your neighborhood. We are over the previous 400 count and want to break our previous records to help those who are not as fortunate to have shoes. Thanks [SO](#) much! Questions? Contact: *Barbara Landis*

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 which was always held in Cape May, New Jersey will now be held at the Claggett Center in Buckeystown, Maryland: **September 30 to October 2**. The theme is **"Transitions: Following With Faithfulness Where God Leads"** and will be led by Bishop Audrey Scanlan.

This retreat will include ECW groups from our Diocese and always proves to be inspirational, as well as, great fun! A complete brochure is located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Registration is due by September 16 and can also be done online by visiting the website of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. Please contact Sue Martin with questions and we hope that St. John's will have a good representation in supporting this great opportunity!

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

***“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”***

Hebrews 12:1b:2a

Perseverance and radical faith were part of the message we heard from one of Mother Barbara's sermons recently. And also these words, "If we do not stand for something, we will fall for anything" (author uncertain). These inspirational words can apply to every aspect of our lives and particularly in our ministry to form a Global Partnership with Rafiki Africa, <http://www.rafikiafrica.org>. Our faith is our firm foundation, our faith that this is the right path; that all the hurdles will be overcome, and we will persevere, creating and building a partnership that all will benefit.

Planning and creating a partnership reminds me of planning and putting together the pieces of a quilt. I have never actually sewn a quilt but, I enjoy playing around with quilting patterns on paper or, paint. One of my favorites is a pattern that starts with a star in the center, creating the foundation and then builds by adding triangles and squares, piece by piece.



These types of images and symbols help to get the creative juices flowing when planning our Global Partnership Sunday which is **September 25, 2016**. This will be one of the Parish's opportunities to hear and learn more about the faith and perseverance, the empowering and the reaching back that occurs on a daily basis in Alendu, Kenya. There are plans for displays, music, food and prayer being pieced together and, Rodger Godfrey will share the Service time with Mother Barbara.

Over the next few months, we will continue to share the pieces as we create and add, to continue building this partnership. If you would like to check out their website before hand, remember:

<http://www.rafikiafrica.org>

Keep watching and listening as we plan this Global Partnership and create the pieces for a successful and beneficial relationship. We will be inspired by their perseverance and keep faith at the center, as our foundation. Also, if you are inspired to join us, our next GPC meeting is the 2nd Thursday in September. Also, 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:

Bob Bailey
Ron Barton
Emory Billingsley
Robert Bray
Michael Brogan
Graham Cliff
Paula DeBrill
Vincent Delevega
Judy Durand
Richard Farmer
Linda Frederiksen
Gill & Mary Hartley
Lynn Hayford
Anne Johnson Horn
Howard Kane
Ellen Keller
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
Jodi Myers
Jane Naegele
Lorraine Nolan
Plummer Family
Mary & Jeff Power
Robert & Joan Power
Steven Schwartz
Stephanie Smith
Bob Stanton
Christian Stigelman
Martha Stroh
Gary Weaver
Melissa Williams
Virginia Young
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
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*



**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.**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ail, Suzanne	3
Almy, Clara	16
Boohar, Tara	10
Cater, Bill	20
Clark, Ross	12
Clemente, Adiran	28
Cummins, Tina	29
DeLeo, Christina	3
DeLeo, Peace	25
DeLeo, Serenity	10
Dissinger, Amy	13
Dorgan, Bill	14
Eckert, Marianne	18
Elliott, Xavier	12
Forry, Steve	19
Freeman, Dale	12
Gehman, John	24
Harvey, Thetis	11
Heilman, Sue	13
Kreider, Paul	8
Kuser, Alvena	8
Latshaw, Stefan (Jr)	17
Lee, Bob	22
Lester, Max	27
Limroth, David	28
Logan, Deborah	6
Lovett, Ann	14
Macleish, Sea	3
Mann, John	21
Mausolf, Fiona	18
Mausolf, Katie	12
McGee, Vince	2
Miller, John	1
Moffatt, Elspeth	4
Morgan, Leslie	4
Murphy, Betty	15
Noble, Henry	22
Rahe, Douglas	30
Rahe, Nathan	26
Rhodes, Annie	17
Snyder, Barbara	9
Springer, Bob	19
Stigelman, Carol	14
Stone, Jeff	11
Suliveras, Katherine	14
Suliveras, Luca	20
Texeira, Mike	10
Visco, Natalie	19
Waskowicz, John	7
Wolf, Paula	3



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Archer, The Rev Bill & Carolyn	09/08/1956
Boohar, KC & Tara	09/28/2013
Clark, Neil & Burlingame, Susan	09/24/1988
Gokey, Matt & Ann	09/08/2007
McCormick, Patrick & Kristin	09/11/2004
Snyder, Jim & Barbara	09/07/1963
Woolson, Matt & Mary	09/07/1991



Messenger Deadline

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES FOR THE**

OCTOBER

“MESSENGER” IS:

SEPTEMBER 19

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

SERVING SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER, 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.

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	--	Kendall Morgan
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

SEPTEMBER 11	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton	Emma DiPace, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	--
Lector	Phil Purdy	David Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
Server	--	Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	--	Sean Cliff, Miriam Lester
Crucifer	--	Aaron Hasircoglu
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Brooks Morgan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Sue Martin
Coffee Hour	Ushers: 8am & Team B	Ushers: 8am & Team B
Nursery	--	Tracy Cliff

SEPTEMBER 18	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	David Dissinger, Sibyl Seachrist
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Sue Purdy	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	--	Aidan Cliff
Torch Bearer	--	Hal William, Helena Carroll
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Carolyn Maxey
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	--	Phyllis Gbur



SEPTEMBER 25	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Molly Moyer	Peter Novosel, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	--
Lector	Bob Lee	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	--	Danielle DiPace
Torch Bearer	--	Nicholas DiPace, Kylie Stone
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Emma DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Global Partnership	Global Partnership
Nursery	--	Janelle Stone

LOOKING AHEAD TO: SEPTEMBER, 2016

OCTOBER 2	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	David Kilp, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
Lector	Sue Tobie	Danielle DiPace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	James Woolson
Torch Bearer	--	Greyson Way, Natalie Visco
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Danielle DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Martha's Ministry	Martha's Ministry
Nursery	--	Leslie Morgan

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.

Deadline Dates!

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:
WEDNESDAYS**

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