



St. John's Messenger

October, 2016

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

STEWARDSHIP

Celebrate Making a Difference

A young woman appears at the front door of Becker House asking for financial assistance. She was working and taking classes at HACC to earn her degree but she just got laid off from her job and needs \$250 to cover her rent for a room. Can St. John's help?

It's back to school time. Teachers and staff at Fulton Elementary School are getting ready to welcome back students to their classes for another year. But Fulton has a brand new principal. He would like to do something special for his faculty. He calls St. John's. Can St. John's Eagles Nest volunteers host a luncheon for the teachers like last year?

Saturday night. Phyllis Gbur sends an email to the clergy. She has just finished making phone calls to coordinate a visit from a Lay Eucharistic Visitor with one of our home bound parishioners. She asks, can the clergy to have an LEV kit ready to be sent out at the end of the 8:00 AM service?

Yes is the answer to all these questions. Of course St. John's can help. It is what we do. Everyday, in ways large and small, the people of St. John's are making a difference in the lives of those with whom we live and move and having our being.

Jesus, speaking in parables, would sometimes refer to the leaven or yeast in bread. How only a small portion of this active ingredient would affect the whole loaf of bread to make it rise. That describes our ministries at St. John's. Our efforts may sometimes feel small to us but they have a disproportionate benefit to those around us.

Jesus also talked about a sower scattering seed. That too is St. John's. We scatter the seeds of God's mission throughout our congregation with ministries of community and pastoral care, throughout our city with ministries of advocacy and outreach, throughout our diocese with ministries of youth leadership development.

Now St. John's has begun to go global. Building on our years of preparation with Millennium Development Goals we now have a committed global partnership with Rafiki Africa and the Lighthouse Academy in Alendu, Kenya. The seeds of St. John's ministries are being blown by the Holy Spirit worldwide.

At St. John's we celebrate making a difference. We see each opportunity to serve, whether in worship or in outreach, in education or evangelism, as our chance to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

On our two Stewardship Sunday's, October 2nd and 9th, will celebrate the ways St. John's makes a difference in our lives. We will hear the personal stories from the people of our parish of how they have been touched by St. John's. Sometimes it is in a situation of serving. Sometimes it may be moment of being served. In all cases it is living in a relationship of giving and receiving because that is the life dynamic of Christian stewardship. It is Christ's way of making a difference in each others lives.

I invite you to join our celebration of making a difference. Whatever difference we make, it is because we make it together. It is like the Sending of our Eucharistic Visitors when we say, "We who are many are one body; Because we share one bread, one cup." At St. John's, together we are making a difference. *John+*

THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

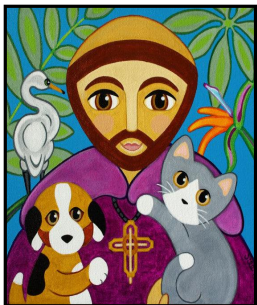
I love Septembers. I love the fresh coolness in the air. I even love the return to the "routine" that comes as schools open and offices get down to business. So too, life changes at St. John's as we begin again our calendar of exciting events and special Sundays. There is a sparkle in the air.

On Education Sunday our Church School reconvened and we gave special thanks for the host of individuals who are part of the leadership team...teachers, vestry, youth advisors, nursery care givers...and our kids. The next week we celebrated Choir Sunday. The bell choir and chancel choir were simply "over the top" wonderful! All summer long we enjoyed very special presentations...and how blessed we are that the beauty continues!

And there is more...

On Rafiki Sunday, we at St John's embark on a journey of friendship with the people of Kenya as part of our growing global partnership with Rafiki Africa. We will celebrate and ask God's blessing as we seek those ways of growing our personal and corporate relationships with folks around the world.

And there is still more...The first weekend in October, two special events are planned. First (not in chronological order), is the Acolytes' visit to the Washington National Cathedral on Saturday October 8th. Thousands of acolytes from across the church will gather for Holy Eucharist (all processing!) and workshops. This is the second year our acolytes will travel with the acolytes of the other Lancaster Churches. It is an amazing time!



And on Friday October 7 (First Friday) St. John's will celebrate our first "Francis Fest," the Blessing of the Animals. Bring your four footed, feathered or gilled friends. Invite your neighbors to come with their pets. It is a special time to give thanks for those animals who bring such joy and companionship to our lives.

The Blessing of the Animals has become a common event worldwide every year around October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis. There is indeed a light hearted aspect to the day, the event and the saint credited with bringing this service to the Church as a celebration of all Creation.

Francis of Assisi (nee Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone), born in the late 12th century, only lived into his mid-40's. Legends abound about the amazing life of this most popular saint who loved all Creation: "He preached to the birds; blessed fish that had been caught, releasing them back into the water; communicated with wolves, brokering an agreement between one famous ferocious wolf and the citizens of a town that were terrified of it and used real animals when he created the very first, live, Christmas nativity scene."



But there was also a serious side to Francis and his message. For he emphasized that creation includes more than humankind. In his *Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon*, Francis praises God for "Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, producing varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs," and for Brother Sun...beautiful and radiant with great splendor...who bears the likeness of God Most High. It is an important lesson and invitation for us 21st century Christians... "a striking witness that when we are at peace with God, we are better able to devote ourselves to building up that peace with all Creation which is inseparable from peace among all peoples."

So Come One And ALL " Celebrate at Francis Fest! Blessings....*Barbara+*

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

October 2016

"Love one another as I have loved you." - Jesus John 13:34

"Jesus never asked anyone to form a church, ordain priests, develop elaborate rituals and institutional culture, and splinter into denominations.

His two great requests were that we "love one another as I have you" and that we share bread and wine together as an open channel of that interabiding love."

Cynthia Bourgeault

GPC Challenge for October 2nd

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them." *Mother Teresa*

Make a pledge to try to learn something new about someone this week out of your normal circle of friends.

Celebrate another child of God!

GPC Challenge for October 9th

"The love of one's country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border?" *Pablo Casals*

Last week you challenged yourself to meet another child of God you didn't know before.

This week see if you can widen your circle and stamp you "friend passport"

and learn about someone from another country.

GPC Challenge for October 16th

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and then suddenly you are doing the impossible."

St. Francis of Assisi

We think we can't solve hunger, but we can.

Weather is getting colder and a cup of soup would bring health and smiles to someone with an empty belly.

Let's overwhelm the Food Pantry by each of us bringing just one something to gift.

We CAN help do the "impossible"!

GPC Challenge for October 23rd

The World's hunger is getting ridiculous.

There is more fruit in a rich man's shampoo than a poor man's plate.

Halloween is coming and instead of one more bag of candy,

how about a treat for the homeless and hungry?

GPC Challenge for October 30th

Looking ahead to November 1st & 2nd...Rio De Los Muertos

While the culture in the U.S. is to shy away from discussions of death, Mexicans embrace death.

They use Dio De Los Muertos as an opportunity to celebrate the death and the life of loved ones and friends they knew in this world. And it is a day of celebration, not a day of mourning.

Give thanks for those who we have known and those we may have read about

for whom we give celebration for having felt their gifts to us.

PARISH INFORMATION

Transferred Out

Peter & Laurie Eaton
(to St. David's Episcopal Church, Kennebunk, Maine)

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on: **September 19, 2016**

1. **Liturgical Arts Fund** ó Resolved, that the vestry establishes a restricted account, the St. John's Liturgical Arts Fund, for the purpose of maintaining and preserving the liturgical fine arts of the parish, including oil paintings, stained glass windows, leaded glass windows; and directs that this fund be established with those memorial gifts given in the memories of Richard Youngquist and Phyllis "Poppy" Youngquist.

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

2. **J2A Fundraisers** ó Resolved that the St. John's Vestry approves the following J2A fundraisers for 2016-2017: Advent Wreath and Roping Sale, Scrap booking event, Shrove Tuesday Dinner, Berry Festival, Auction/Dinner/Talent Show, Mini Golf, Chocolate Easter Egg Sale, and Sandwich Sales.

Bruce Waskowicz called the question. The motion carried. This resolution came from Pam Loose.

GRIEF WORKSHOP

The Rev. Priscilla Ginolfi will be offering two (2) grief workshops at St. John's titled: "*Our Losses and the Grief That Accompanies Them*" on October 9 and 16 from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Becker House. Deacon Priscilla's career as a Registered Nurse has spanned 48 years, 11 years as a permanent deacon of which 7 years were here at St. John's. Although all of the facets of nursing in which she has worked involved losses, it is the 10 years as an Infertility Nurse and present 18 years as a Hospice Registered Nurse where her skills in psychology, loss, and grief have been employed. Everyone is welcome to attend this informative gathering.

SENIOR WARDEN

God Gives Us What We Need!

I was reminded of this when my best friend, who lives in Michigan, showed up unexpectedly this weekend. I had a weekend planned with lots of time at work, cranking out grades for the latest writing assignment, planning for next week, and trying to get ahead with the copying that needs to get done.

While I was overjoyed at her appearance, I was a little bitter about my plans being wrecked. Of course, I was going to drop everything and spend the time with her. This is someone that I love dearly, but whom I rarely get to see. I was just going to have to rearrange my plans to fit with this good news.

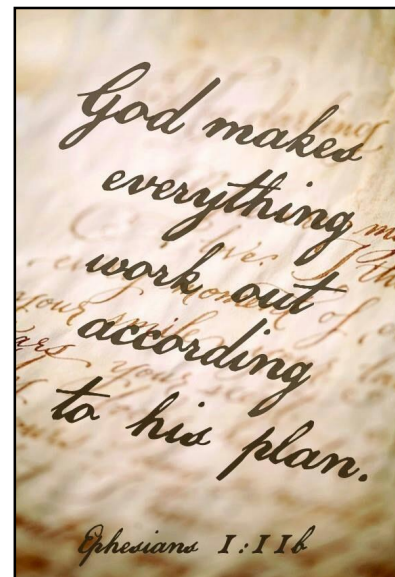
Similarly, I was initially disappointed about not beginning the construction project this summer to finish before Christmas, but I have come to regard this as good news. I initially wanted to make it someone's fault - it was the diocese's fault for not approving our request for permission to build; it was the architect's fault for failing to recognize the costs of our project put his initial plans way over our budget; it was the finance committee's fault for not securing a loan. This additional time (waiting until Spring of 2017) was not our original plan, but the time we are putting into value engineering allows us to keep the project within the scope of our budget, as well as collect a few more of those dollars in pledges from the first campaign. It also allows us more time to share this information with the congregation so that everyone can get a transparent understanding of the decisions the vestry is making.

This weekend worked out for the best. I got to visit with my friend, and by reprioritizing, I am able to accomplish all that needs to be done today. Rather than spending all my weekend working, and probably getting tired of it, my friend provided just the right amount of respite and play to refresh myself for another week.

Earlier this week, someone told me that God laughs at us when we make plans. We forget who is really in charge. I chose to believe God has big plans for us at St. John's, and it is our responsibility to listen to them. Then we can rejoice in those unexpected surprises.

Submitted by,

Leslie Morgan
Senior Warden



TWO EVENTS THE FIRST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER

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

Friday October 7 — 6 pm

BRING YOUR PET TO BE BLESSED
BRING A DONATION OF FOOD FOR THE LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER

Lancaster Police Horses will join the Celebration
and Bloodhounds from Red Rose K-9 S.A.R. Team



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

Acolyte Festival at the Washington National Cathedral

Saturday October 8th

Gathering at St. Edward's at 6:30 am

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER

1. GO TO THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL WEBSITE AND REGISTER. FEE \$20.
DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 25 to get your name into the bulletin.

www.cathedral.org/event/annual-national-acolyte-festival/

2. Submit to Mother Barbara your Completed Permission Form
(emailed to all acolytes)



Process at the Festive Eucharist
Tour the Cathedral 'Attend workshops
Travel with acolytes from Lancaster Churches



PROPERTY CORNER

We thank Andy Carroll for his continued assistance with free parking at the Parking Authority's garage on Water Street. Just recently, we learned that the authority was implementing some changes that required payment for parking. Andy looked into this situation with his contacts and had our parking arrangement restored for 3 hours of free parking when entering between the hours of 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

We had the air conditioner removed and the pane restored in the Sherman Study. This room has seen the infiltration of rain, which has collected on the floor and can cause damage to the floor cover and the All Purpose Room below. The air conditioner is no longer needed, and has probably remained since this portion of our campus was equipped with cooling.

The revamping of our construction project has caused us to re-plan our work around campus. Some areas that should have already been demolished, are now in need of weeding and pruning. Cracks that were supposed to be distant memories are now in need of patching to reduce falls.

We had our parking lot storm inlet cleaned out, as water was very slow to drain. It was reportedly filled with sediment, leaves and sticks above the sump, causing water not to drain. It appears as though we'll be having sporadic interruptions of parking lot use due to construction. In addition to our parking lot storm drain being cleaned out, we had some concrete patching of curbs and the steps out of the rear classroom also completed.

We are preparing to receive new tenants in 209 Concord Street by making improvements to its interior. And, the exteriors of both properties are being worked on.

We recently learned that Peter and Laurie Eaton will be moving to Maine. The Eatons both hit the ground running when they first joined our parish, being very active at the 8 o'clock service, on Vestry and our committee. Although they will be sorely missed, we wish them the best that life has to offer in their new home.



Looking at our calendar, our Fall Clean-Up is scheduled for December 18th after the 10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour. It is our understanding that the decorating of the church has also been scheduled at this time. We hope you can spend some time as we prepare for Christmas.

The Property Committee is one of the few ministries at St. John's that supports all of our parish ministries. We meet on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Becker House. We value a variety of perspectives on many of the challenges we meet. 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. John's leaders. Here's how:

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.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!

Stay up to date on the very latest at St. John's by "liking" our Facebook page. Don't miss a mid-week snow cancellation, event reminder, or inspirational message. And...if you haven't subscribed to our blog to receive email notifications on a variety of topics (Events, Worship, Mission Fields, Pastoral Messages, Reflections from the Pew), go to www.stjohns-lancaster.org 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!



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!

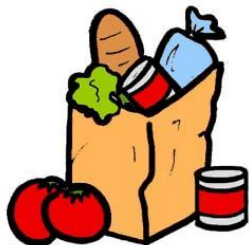
WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

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

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
OCT 2	John & Barbara Graeter		
OCT 9	Dan & Priscilla Farmer	Patti Means	
OCT 16	Darlene Bentley		
OCT 23	Mary Suzanne Farmer	Barbara Landis	
OCT 30	John & Helen Miller	David & Amy Dissinger	John & Helen Miller
NOV 6	Kilp Family		
NOV 13	Sue Martin		
NOV 20	Barbara Landis		
<i>Advent: Altar Greens</i>			
NOV 27			John & Helen Miller
DEC 4	Patti Means		
DEC 11			
DEC 18			

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

We've had a GREAT start to the school year! Thank you to all the teachers for being there for our children, once again! We hope you all had a chance to join us for the kick-off ice cream social on September 11th and the Corn Maze on September 24th!

All Acolytes are invited to attend the Acolyte Festival at the National Cathedral on Saturday October 8th. There is a bus booked if you want to ride with the group. Please see the advertisement in this newsletter.

Church School will be hosting Coffee Hour after the 10:15 a.m. service on October 9th and Church School families are asked to help out. See me for more information.

Families are also encouraged to join together for the annual Crop Walk on Sunday, October 16th at the Clipper Stadium.

Looking ahead - please save the date for our annual Advent Event on Sunday, November 20th. More details to come next month. If you think you would be interested in helping with planning this event, please contact me.

Karen

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

Journey to Adulthood started the calendar year with an exciting start. We commissioned our leaders, Dawn and Mike Williams Rite 13 leaders, Joe and April Way J2A leaders. We enjoyed an ice cream social our first day back to classes. Our youth were excited to be back together in their classes. We saw some new faces and are excited for the year.

We are so blessed at St. John's for our amazing youth. Our Young Adults of the Church have shown leadership at St. John's, their schools and in our Diocese. Emma DiPace is the Rector for Happening #10 and Brooks Morgan was elected by the youth of the Diocese to be Co Rector for Happening #10 and Rector for Happening #11. Amelia Dissinger, Aaron Hasircoglu, and James Woolson are on staff for the Youth lead retreat that will be held in February.

October is going to be a busy month. We have youth who will be Rock Climbing with Bishop Scanlan, and doing African Drumming for Compline at the Convention on Friday night. Emma DiPace will be representing St. John's as a Youth Representative for Convention.

October 8, we will be going to the Washington National Cathedral for the Acolyte Festival. Please contact Tom Bond at jtbond55@hotmail.com for more information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Our youth had an amazing pilgrimage to Peru in August; make sure you join us on October 23 to hear all about their pilgrimage. They will be presenting at both services. On October 30 they will be going to St. Paul's in Columbia to do the presentation to their congregation.

And last, but certainly not least! .. The Battle of All Saints football game is on for Sunday, November 6th at St. Thomas at 12:00 p.m. If you are even remotely athletic we need you! It is time to start doing those push-ups people! And if you can't play, come out and be a cheerleader. It's a seriously a good time. Be in touch with Mary Ellen Kilp with any questions (or with suggestions for really great plays). WE NEED TO GET THE TROPHY BACK TO ST. JOHN'S!

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 are interested or have any questions.

VOYAGERS HOSTS FR. JOHN



VOYAGERS invites everyone to attend their meeting on **Saturday, October 22**, to hear **Father John Morris' presentation: "Pilgrims of Peru"**. The focus of this talk is not so much on the sights, as to the pilgrims and their experiences. Specifically, the J2A pilgrims, their advisors and the team of guides. He says: *"I hope to share how their support of our teens and our youth program is forming the young leadership of our church."* Join us to hear an interesting program and enjoy some light refreshments in the Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION!!!

In preparation for the 2016-2017 Church Directory, we are requesting that you stop by the Chestnut Street side of the Parish Hall to review your personal information. If everything looks correct, simply place a CHECK MARK beside it. If you are unable to do this, please feel free to call Patti Means, Parish Secretary, to review by phone: 717-299-1188

⇒ **COLLEGE STUDENT INFORMATION:** We are also in need of college student information to include in the new directory. This information can be forwarded to Patti Means, Parish Secretary, in the church office via e-mail: patti@stjohns-lancaster.org

Thank you for helping to keep our records accurate! The new directories will be distributed at the annual parish meeting in November.

Questions? Contact: Patti Means

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2016/2017

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 11	J2A Coffee Hour
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, MD
January 13 & 14	Game Night and Lock-In
January 20 - 22	Happening Planning Meeting
January 29	Coffee Hour YAC
February 5	Supper Bowl Sunday
February 11	Snow Tubing (Joe)
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/ Graduation 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



JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**—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.).

Community Breakfast is in need of fresh volunteers, especially those that wish to be on a substitute list. Not only have we lost the lives of several faithfuls recently, we seem to have busy elders as well as youth. After 16 years, this is bound to happen! It's a wonderful Jubilee Ministry that makes everyone feel good, servers as well as guests. Please consider joining us.

EAGLE'S NEST (Contact: Sue Martin)

Eagle's Nest After School Program officially opens on Wednesday, October 5, although the volunteers have been meeting since last May to revision the program. We are excited about starting up with some new structures in mind, and a commitment to provide enrichment and mentoring to selected fourth and fifth grade students from our neighboring Fulton Elementary School. Volunteers are always welcomed to help out either on a regular or substitute basis. State Child Abuse Clearances are required.

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 **AUGUST: \$8,440.00** Total earned by Jubilee Ministries: **\$422.00**

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.

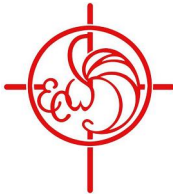
Darrenkamp's, Giant, John Herr's, Oregon Dairy, SKH, & Weis

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!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



Thanks to those who will be attending the Diocesan Retreat the weekend of September 30 - October 2. We look forward to hearing about your weekend. This year, the Diocesan Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Lancaster. For more information, please contact Sue Martin.

PARISH HALL

COFFEE HOUR REQUEST - Like everything else we buy, the price of coffee has gone up! ***Don't forget to put a small donation in the basket*** when filling your mug. In addition to paying for the coffee used, the funds gathered are used to pay for the dishwashing detergent and rinse agent. All of these items come from wholesale vendors, so the best way you can help is by way of the weekly donation. Thanks.



SIMPLE HOUSE RULES FOR THE KITCHEN - To keep our kitchen tidy, clean, organized and safe, please consider these rules.

1. If you open it - **Close it!**
2. If you turn it on - **Turn it off!**
3. If you don't know how to operate it - **Leave it alone!**
4. If you use it - **Take care of it!**
5. If you make a mess - **Clean it up!**
6. If you move it - **Put it back!**
7. **Remember to use the sign out checklist when leaving the kitchen.**
8. **Use a sanitizing solution to wipe counters and work areas before and after use.**

SOLES 4 SOULS

If the coming of Fall weather is causing you to do some consideration of thinning down your shoe wardrobe, please remember that while the normal begging for your footwear takes place at St. John's during the Lenten season, we are accepting them now. Oh, and your friends in the work environment or your neighborhood could be most excited to gift you with their footwear also needing only to be asked.

Over the past four years, we have collected all types of shoes - men's, women's, children's of all ages, to send all over the World through a organization called Soles 4 Souls. Our numbers in the past have surpassed 1000 with last years number being 888. We have also partnered with St. John's United Methodist in Paradise the last few years to gift those so less fortunate. As some of you may remember, a couple of years ago when we displayed our shoes on the labyrinth upstairs at church, we garnered a story with photographs in the newspapers and made it into a story shown on WGAL-TV.

Wanting to surpass that number and put shoes on those SO less fortunate, know that your donation helps those recipients to have foot protection thereby to avoid diseases and permit attendance at school for some. Imagine walking to church any Sunday morning barefoot, or going grocery shopping and then carrying your bags back home, regardless of the weather and on unpaved roads, barefoot.

Also know that through the extremely kind heart of Phoenix Courier, here in Lancaster, the transport of those shoes to their shipping point in New Jersey costs us nothing. Major saving to us.

Bring your shoes to church, place in the Parish Hall on the Chestnut Street side under the table and we will smile, along with new owners and pack them from you for gifting. We already have several hundred pairs collected and want to have a new high number this year. Don't forget to ask friends, fellow workers, your kids and grandkids and their friends. All are welcome!

Our major push will be during the 2017 Lenten season with the shoes shipped off on Good Friday morning, April 14th, 2017. Please, please check your closets, under the bed, garage, any place shoes might be quietly resting and if they are new, gently used and aching to be worn, bring them for another of God's children. And don't forget to ask friends, neighbors, fellow workers, believe me, they will thank you as will those receiving your loving gift.

Submitted by, *Barbara Landis*



ALL LANCASTER EPISCOPAL RESPONSE TEAM

The ALERT (All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team) has several opportunities for you to practice your Christian love and service.

On **10/8/16** we will be hosting several refugee families for a corn maze at Oregon Dairy. This will be followed by supper with all participants. This is an opportunity to offer fellowship and get to know the families better. We will be discussing the need for tutoring and social support activities.

On **11/12/16** we will be having a Work Mass. This is a work day to help folks with yard cleanup and other chores to get ready for winter. The AIDS garden will also be tended to on this day. After working in the fields, we will gather for liturgy to close the day.

The Emergency Homeless Shelter for Women will need volunteers to assist in this program. Some are needed for overnight while others are needed as greeters in the evening and check out in the early morning. ALERT is responsible for the weeks of **12/7 to 12/14, 2016** and again from **2/15 to 2/22, 2017**.

For more information on any of these opportunities, please contact **Dave Martin** or **Don Durand**.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

***“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.
For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
Is there no balm in Gilead?”---Jeremiah 8:20-22***

Jesus is the Balm! I will never look at Vicks VapoRub and not think of Fr. John's sermon of 9/18/16. It will always have a new symbolic meaning for me. Jeremiah is looking at the state of things, the spiritual poverty and the economic inequality that plagues his time. These are things that continue to repeat themselves over and over again throughout human history. Looking around today we see the same problems; will we ever learn? Will people here, there and everywhere; will we ever form the right relationships, committed relationships with each other so that we all may experience sustainable and peaceful lives?

We have hope. We have hope backed by faith, by love and by our daily actions with the perseverance to make it happen! Jesus is the Balm, he is all that binds us so that we may experience the healing. *“Bind us together in Love Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken, Bind us together Lord. Bind us together.”*
Hymn Lyrics by Bob Gillman



Building metaphorical bridges, building relationships and partnerships is the crux of our ministry. Listening and learning with open and loving hearts, about others here, there and everywhere is where we start. By this time you have had the opportunity to hear Roger Godfrey speak to us on Global Partnership Sunday held 9/25/16 and heard the new Collect for our Global Partnership ministry. Hopefully, you were able to join us in the Parish Hall to speak with those who have been to Alendu, Kenya; to see pictures, learn about their programs and enjoy some African culinary treats, first hand. If you missed it, you can find culinary treats at Rafiki's Central Market stand and please visit www.rafikiafrica.org



Every month in the Messenger you can read the GPC Challenges that call us to action in one way or another. The biggest questions you may have is what can I do and why? What actions can you take or, you may already be taking? *Reading and learning; sharing* information with others; *praying* for their success in overcoming barriers and challenges; *attending* future events being planned that support the Rafiki programs; *going* to Central Market, *enjoying* the selection of various and delicious food items sold at Rafiki's stand; and *sharing* our abundance in whatever way you can whether it be a donation of money, time or supplies.

If you missed GPC Sunday please look for the Rafiki Africa brochures in the Parish Hall. *“Rafiki Africa envisions a community in which individuals and families have the hope and capacity to build and manage conditions that promote optimum health. Rafiki Africa works with individuals and families to promote community unity and sustainably transform their spiritual, emotional, economical, social, physical, and environmental well being.”* *Rafiki Africa brochure, Our Vision.*

Watch and listen for future announcements regarding events and ways to take action and participate in the building of this Global Partnership. Also, if you are inspired to join us, our GPC meetings are the 2nd Thursday each month in the Becker House.

Let's make this happen. Let's make sure that we are using our tools to work to to build up and take care of each other as God intended. Let's live as

“I am, we are, one world, here, there, everywhere”.

Submitted by, *Tammy Collier*



Save the Date



Sunday

October 23rd

12 to 3 pm

at

TELLUS360

to benefit

RAFIKI's Well project

Enjoy food & inspiring

entertainment

(more details to come)



No admission fee * Free will offering
Food for sale * Beads for Life for sale

PRAYER LIST

For those who we offer our continued prayers:

Bob Bailey
 Ron Barton
 Emory Billingsley
 Robert Bray
 Michael Brogan
 Patricia & Ralph Clare
 Graham Cliff
 Paula DeBrill
 Vincent Delevega
 Judy Durand
 Linda Frederiksen
 Gill & Mary Hartley
 Anne Johnson Horn
 Howard Kane
 Ellen Keller
 Marge Kern
 Joyce Landis
 Marty Laubenthal
 John Lechowicz
 Wayne LeFevre
 Ernie Leffler
 Kelly Lynch
 Isaac Markovich & Family
 Ruth McFarland
 Kathy McNamara
 William Miller
 Cynthia Minnich
 Anna Mize
 Jodi Myers
 Jane Naegele
 Plummer Family
 Mary & Jeff Power
 Robert & Joan Power
 Riddle Family
 Steven Schwartz
 Stephanie Smith
 Christian Stigelman
 Martha Stroh
 Gary Weaver
 Melissa Williams
 Mary Woolson
 Virginia Young



*...and for our
 Homebound
 Parishioners*

Ellen Beck
 Jim Breitegan
 Miriam Cromis
 Margaret Crothers
 Providence Eshelman
 Richard Farmer
 Bette Lou Forsyth
 Michael Frantz
 Dyllys 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.**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Almy-Webber, Anne	23
Bond, Tom	26
Breitegan, Jr., Jim	31
Brenton, Conor	18
Carroll, Helena	8
Cliff, Tracy	23
Di Pace, Karen	7
Dissinger, Amelia	30
Donnelly, Judy	23
Drew, Nicholas	14
Freeman, Eric	12
Gbur, Phyllis	11
Gittens, Julie	14
Gordon, Ed	19
Gross, Brian	17
Hobbins, Robbin	19
Latshaw, Andrei	15
Lester, Marla	27
Lombardo, Tee	16
Magbag, Kathleen	24
Martin, Sue	27
Mausolf, Andy	4
McCaskey, Betty	27
McCormick, Kristin	31
McCormick, Patrick	23
Miller, Bill	21
Minnich, Cynthia	24
Moyer, Amanda	13
Pfeiffer, Bob	26
Rivera, Julia	23
Schnee, Merle	19
Sellers, Gray	26
Shaheen, Shirley	21
Springer, Maggie	28
Stonerook, Carolyn	5
Stonerook, Tom	29
Texeira, Kim	28
Van Aulen, Bella	30
Winters, Lucy	19
Woolson, Matt	1
Young, Malcolm	3



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Farmer, Dan & Priscilla	10/09/2004
Grove, Ned & Sandra	10/12/1985
Humphrey, Ty & Carole	10/28/1965
Means, Patti & Al	10/08/1988
Miller, John & Helen	10/31/1959
Moyer, Brad & Amanda	10/24/2014
Murphy, Bob & Betty	10/16/2010
Pfeiffer, Bob & Darleen	10/01/1977
Plaxa, Peter & Kathleen	10/24/1981
Rodriguez, Julie & David	10/03/1998



Messenger Deadline



**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES FOR THE**

NOVEMBER

“MESSENGER” IS:

OCTOBER 17

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

SERVING SCHEDULE – OCTOBER, 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.

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 1	Team 1
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

OCTOBER 9	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	TBD	Emily Gross, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	--
Lector	Merle Schnee	David Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
Server	--	Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	--	Rob Williams, Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Aaron Hasircoglu
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Dave Martin
Coffee Hour	Voyagers / Sunday School Teachers	Voyagers / Sunday School Teachers
Nursery	--	Jen Gustafson

OCTOBER 16	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Emma DiPace, David Dissinger
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Barbara Landis	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	--	Aidan Cliff
Torch Bearer	--	Claire Thompson, Gabrielle Suliveras
Crucifer	--	Brooks Morgan
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	--	Katie Mausolf



OCTOBER 23	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Sibyl Seachrist, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
Lector	Phil Purdy	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	--	Danielle DiPace
Torch Bearer	--	Sean Cliff, Miriam Lester
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Garth Alexander
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Nursery	--	Marla Lester

OCTOBER 30	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Molly Moyer	Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	--	--
Lector	Sue Purdy	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
Server	--	James Woolson
Torch Bearer	--	Hal Williams, Helena Carroll
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Aaron Hasircoglu
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Lectors	Lectors
Nursery	--	Mary Ellen Kilp

LOOKING AHEAD TO: NOVEMBER, 2016

NOVEMBER 6	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	TBD	David Kilp, Emily Gross
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
Lector	Bob Lee	Danielle DiPace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	--	Nicholas DiPace, Kylie Stone
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Toni Ehrhart
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	Vestry	Vestry
Nursery	--	Mary Waskowicz

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.