



St. John's Messenger

April, 2017

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

EASTER WELLS

The village of Alendu, Kenya has almost completed their deep water well. The well itself has been drilled. What remains is to cap it. That means to put a tap on the well to turn the water on or off. Of the project's cost of \$78,000, only \$16,000 still needs to be raised. Our weekly prayers at St. John's for our global partner, Rafiki Africa, are being answered.

The children of our Church School have taken the lead. They have started their Lenten fund raising drive, "Pennies for Rafiki." They are also sending note cards and messages to the 197 students at Alendu's LightHouse Academy. On May 7 St. John's will host a service of Evensong with Organ Recital and Reception with a free will offering collection for Rafiki Africa. As we did with the Evensong in February that benefited ALERT, we hope to bring together many groups and individuals in an expression of shared ministry and support.

Digging a well is a collective effort with individual and shared benefits. The digging requires technical skills, local community support and backing by people from around the world. The villagers of Alendu and the children of the LightHouse Academy will be the first to enjoy the well. But all who participate in the well project also become blessed by becoming part of a greater Alendu community and members of the world family of Rafiki.

That is what makes digging a well more than just a financial or physical project. A well is a spiritual place that brings people together, giving promise and hope, offering wholeness, life and well being.

That is what we do at St. John's, especially during Holy Week and Easter. That is what the liturgies we create and offer are intended to help us do - digging deeper into God, tapping the fullness of Christ, and finding the refreshment of life lived in the community of the Holy Spirit.

Palm Passion Sunday starts our digging by moving us from joy into sadness, from celebration to crucifixion, as we begin to explore the mystery of God's love for us.

Maundy Thursday we plumb the depths of the meaning of service as we recall Christ's Last Supper and the washing of the disciples' feet.

Good Friday takes us yet more deeply as we reflect on the self surrender of Jesus and the sacrifice of God's own son for us.

In the **Great Vigil of Easter Eve** we drill through the bedrock layers of faith, from creation through resurrection, to discover the every flowing stream of God's faithfulness.

Easter Sunday, the Feast of the Resurrection, is our wellspring, our fountainhead of God's love overflowing in the new life of promise never ending.

Each time we gather we go a little deeper. Each time we meet, we grow yet closer to the person of Christ. Each of our assemblies is a pooling of the power of the Holy Spirit that renews us with the vision of God's goodness, heals us from the thirstiness of hopelessness, and readies us to be the water bearers of God's grace.

The villagers of Alendu know what life is like without a fresh water well. Life is hard. Health is a hope. Feeling thirsty is a way of being. For them a well will be life changing. That is what God's Easter wells can do for us by bringing to us the depths of God's love and tapping our lives into greater purpose.

In this season of Holy Week and Easter, I invite you to our Easter well of worship. Come and dig deeper into God's love for you. Come and fill your cup with the desires of Christ for you. Come and drink freely from the wellspring of the Holy Spirit. Come be refreshed and resurrected by the Easter well.

John+

Arriving at the Midpoint

Saint John Chrysostom is not what I would call a modern day headliner saint. Bishop of Constantinople in the Fifth Century (he died in 407 AD), he is not well known in our Western world. Yet he is considered one of the greatest Christian preachers of all time. "Chrysostom" literally means "Golden Mouthed." Scholars say that John Chrysostom was among the most prolific authors in the early Christian Church, exceeded only by Augustine in the quantity of his surviving writings. In the West, he is regarded as a "Doctor of the Church" by Catholics and in the East, he is one of the three Holy Hierarchs. The Episcopal Church remembers John Chrysostom on September 13th.

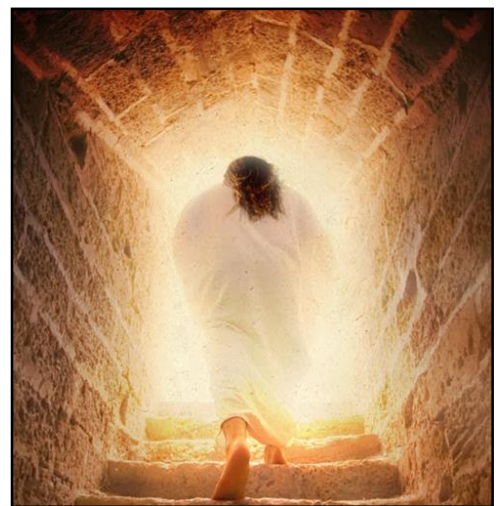
John Chrysostom's sermons have a bold message; he definitely does not preach "gospel lite!" That is what attracts and challenges me most. In "Do Not Adorn the Church but Ignore the Poor" he begins: "Do you want to honor Christ's body? Then do not scorn him in his nakedness, nor honor him here in the church with silken garments while neglecting him outside where he is cold and naked. For he who said: *This is my body*, and made it so by his words, also said: *You saw me hungry and did not feed me, and inasmuch as you did not do it for one of these, the least of my brothers, you did not do it for me.* [Mat 25:34ff].

In his homily, "Prayer as a Conversation with God," he says: "The highest good is prayer and conversation with God, because it means that we are in God's company and in union with him. When light enters our bodily eyes, our eyesight is sharpened; when a soul is intent on God, God's inextinguishable light shines into it and makes it bright and clear. I am talking, of course, of prayer that comes from the heart and not from routine: not the prayer that is assigned to particular days or particular moments in time, but the prayer that happens by day and by night."

I think of John Chrysostom around this time every Lent as we approach the midpoint of our Lenten fast. As these forty days and nights pass, best intentions can get harder and harder or even fade away. Sometimes best intentions might not have even gotten off the ground.

That's when John Chrysostom comes to the rescue. His homily speaks a word of encouragement as he focuses our eyes on the fullness of the Resurrection:

"If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if anyone delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. You that have kept the fast and you that have not, Rejoice today for the Table is richly laden. Let no one go away hungry. Partake all, of the cup of faith!"



I hope John Chrysostom's words might be and become a bright beacon for each of us as we together continue this Lenten fast to the Paschal Celebration.

Barbara+

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

APRIL, 2017

“You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean;
if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.” *Mahatma Gandhi*

As we work at coming together in OUR Father’s world, know there will be times of unity and disagreement - that’s normal in families. But we keep our focus on moving ahead TOGETHER!

Global Partnership Challenge for April 2nd

“How can we worship a homeless man on Sunday and ignore one on Monday?”

Everything counts - any donation to the Food Bank, buying a grocery card,
giving up a pair of shoes, a handshake, a smile, toiletries to YWCA, prayers....
Again, asking yourself - Who are the Christ bearing strangers in my presence?

Global Partnership Challenge for April 9th

Palm Sunday

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

As people gathered to celebrate Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, palms were waved in peace and welcoming. As we received our palms today, let us act on how we can be welcoming to others.

Global Partnership Challenge for April 16th

Easter Sunday

Blessings to ALL God’s Children on this day! He loves us ALL.

Global Partnership Challenge for April 23rd

Earth Day April 22nd

“Sooner or later, we will have to recognize that the Earth has rights, too, to live without pollution.

What mankind must know is that human beings cannot live without Mother Earth,

but the planet can live without humans.” *Evo Morales*

Save water, turn off lights, bring your own bags to the grocery store,
bring your own mug for coffee - save money, save the environment.

Recycle those styrofoam containers.

Global Partnership Challenge for April 30th

“A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down.”

Remember to thank those there for you, regardless.

UNITED THANK OFFERING



Dear Member of St. John's Family,

Sunday, April 2, will be our Spring Ingathering for the United Thank Offering. This ministry encourages us to be aware of our blessings and to give thanks daily through prayer and dropping a coin in our blue box.

Through these offerings, we share our blessings with communities all over the world in the form of U.T.O. grants. Every penny donated is put in a grant. I'd like to share a prayer with you that helps me to remember my daily blessings:

**Dear Lord, when the things of daily life
Sometimes seem so overwhelming, please
Help me to see the daily blessings you pour
Upon me. Then, give thanks, breathe deeply,
And continue refreshed, renewed! Amen**

With my continued thankfulness for each of you, I wish you a Happy Spring!

Most sincerely,

Phyllis Gbur
UTO Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following St. John's parishioners who were elected at our March 19th Parish Meeting to represent us at the 2017 Diocesan Convention, October 13 & 14 in Hershey, PA. They are:

Rob Ashton
Bob Kilp
Mary Ellen Kilp
Glenn Miller
Marylee Sauder
Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer

Congratulations are also in order for **Sue Heilman** who was appointed by the Vestry at their March 20th meeting to fill a vacant Vestry position for a period of one (1) year and will be the Vestry Steward for Outreach.

SENIOR WARDEN

This month's article, I must confess, has been a bit of a struggle for me. My mind is busy with a lot of stuff this month. I keep coming back to certain key points to help me focus. One is the prayer from our capital campaign. I mentioned it in my last article and I have a feeling this will continue through most of my messages this year. I hope you can bear with me. I never mastered the art of meditation; my mind is just too busy. So, this prayer has become the closest I get to meditating. When faced with tough decisions I find myself saying over and over *Lord, what do You want to do through me?* If I say it enough and long enough, I eventually am able to hand some of what may be burdening me over to God. Unfortunately, being a little bit of a control freak, I still hang on to some of it!

Father John's sermon on the 19th couldn't have come at a better time. Not just for me, it seems to have resonated with so many of us. I am reminded not to focus on the four more months but to look around and see how the fields are ripe for harvest. As a warden, it can be so easy to get bogged down in the business of church, the four months that sometimes I risk not seeing the harvest. We may have our struggles, but St. John is such a vibrant community - from worship, to outreach, to our youth, the music, our various programs we offer throughout the year, and all those who help keep it running. We are so fortunate to be on this journey of mission and ministry together. We have set an example for many churches on how to do mission and ministry well, and many churches look to us as leaders. This at times can be a huge responsibility and at other times, an honor. I hope that all of you are proud of what we do here at St. John, I know I am.

So, I call on you once again to continue in our prayer from the campaign as we move forward together in our mission and ministry. If you find you are being called to serve, I am still looking for volunteers/recommendations for the Search Committee, and we also have one vacancy on the vestry to be filled. Thank you to those who have volunteered to be our delegates and alternates for the Diocesan Convention in the fall. Thank you to those who have given me your names and the names of others for the Search Committee. The vestry will hopefully form the committee in the next month or two. If you could have any names to me before the next vestry meeting, April 17th, that will be helpful. And remember to look around you and see how the fields are ripe for the harvest!

Submitted by,

Jenn Hreben
Senior Warden



Name Tags!

We would like all who volunteer at St. John's to wear a name tag. Please check to see if you have one and if not, please write your name on the sheet by the "Name Tag Wagon" in the Parish Hall and one will be provided for you. Thank you.

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on March 20, 2017:

1. Evensong Offering ó Resolved, that the St. John's vestry authorizes the collection of a free-will offering at the May 7, 2017, Organ Recital and Evensong to benefit our St. John's global partnership with Rafiki Africa. *This resolution came out of Executive Committee. Tom Bond called the question. The motion passed.*
2. Rental Property Budget ó Resolved, that the vestry approves a budget for 2017 for the rental properties. Anticipated income is \$21,000.00 and expenses of \$26,372 (including replacement of the HVAC units), leaving a deficit of \$5,372.00. Please note that the rental income will pay for HVAC units in two years. *This resolution came out of the Executive Committee. Lynn Hayford called the question. The motion passed.*
3. Vestry Vacancy - Resolved that the vestry of St. John's appoints Sue Heilman to fill a vacant position on the vestry for a period of the 2017 term. *This resolution was proposed by Jenn Hreben and seconded by Bruce Waskowicz. Glenn Miller called question. The motion carried.*

FROM PETER PLAXA

To my wonderful St John's. Thank you for your prayers and generosity to the GoFundme account. I also have long overdue thank you's for the yearly clergy visits, sermons that I can hear and now see online, faithfully receiving Holy Communion at home, and the companionship from the phenomenal Voyagers who also still and for years help make our garden beautiful and a haven for nature, assist me when they can in exercising, transporting me to doctor visits, and with daily living modifications.

I am blessed to have been baptized, confirmed and to have served as an acolyte, usher, vestry member, rector's warden, search committee member for a new priest and my personal favorite, bringing the cookies and making the coffee for and hosting coffee hour in between the 8 & 10 o'clock services.

Even though my physical being has prevented me this past decade to attend, I still feel the LOVE of St John's. I am forever grateful for and so blessed to be a life long member of this special place, our St John's. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Peter J Plaxa

Email: pplaxa@aol.com

Cell# 717.951.8971

PROPERTY CORNER

There is much going on behind the scenes regarding our undercroft floor. Your Property Committee is working very closely with the Executive Committee and the Vestry to resolve the asbestos issue in the floor tiles in the lower level of the Church building. Two options are under consideration. The first option involves a phased approach, beginning with the removal of the floor tiles and later, water proofing, concrete repair and finishing, all in separate phases. This phased approach will allow us to spread out the costs over an extended period of time, while ensuring an acceptable solution to a previous phase.

Just a reminder that the City's Traffic Commission has a NO PARKING area between our driveway and the one north of us, while also doing so ten feet south of our entrance. Please adhere to these parking restrictions, as violators will be subject to ticketing. This work is an effort to enhance our clear-sight distance and turning capacity while leaving our parking lot. The City was very understanding and cooperative in this effort.

The Construction Committee is in the process of receiving quotes for the Atrium Project. Through our architect, arrangements have been made for contractors to visit our campus to gain a better understanding of the scope of work, so that a reasonable bid may be prepared for our project. We appreciate everyone's patience during this process. Be sure to stay tuned for further developments.

We ask that you take a look at the work that has been done in the lower level of the Church. We are truly blessed to have the time and talents of Kathy Kyper, one of our Vergers, who has taken it upon herself to repair and paint the Robing Room and the restroom hallway just outside our Choir Room. She is doing a beautiful job with this very challenging task. And, if you have a minute, please join us in thanking Kathy for all of her hard work!

And, while we are sharing our gratitude, we also thank the Franklin & Marshall Athletic Department for helping to keep Lancaster beautiful! On Sunday, April 1st, several of the college's athletic teams will be helping around the Church neighborhood with removing trash, fallen branches and other debris. And, all of this effort is just in time for Holy Week. Thanks, Dips, for another big win in *your* column!

We hope you can join us at our new time. In our attempt to attract more people and avoid holidays, the committee is meeting on the **first *Tuesday*** of every month instead of the first Monday. Therefore, our next meeting will be *Tuesday*, April 4, 2017, at 7 pm in the Becker House. All are welcome. We hope to see you then to help serve all of St. John's other ministries.

Your St. John's Property Committee,

Andy Carroll

Jeff Gromis

Bill Gross

Jane Lee

Dave Martin

Cynthia Minnich

Bruce Waskowicz

PARISH INFORMATION

Deaths

Ellen E. "Pat" Beck
April 7, 1928 - March 1, 2017

Transferred In

John F. Faust

Transferred Out

Sarah Addicott

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.

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

 The Communications Committee is looking for volunteers to help record sermons during either the 8:00 or 10:15 a.m. services. Training provided, and it's fairly simple. Please contact Leslie Tahsler for more details. Thank you.

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!

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS



THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING DEDICATIONS IS: APRIL 9

We will be compiling our Easter Flower Dedication list for the bulletins from the following form. Please complete and return this form to the church office via the offering plate or the U.S. mail, along with your donation check made payable to: **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** and note **EASTER FLOWERS**. Thank you for your contribution, and if you have any questions, please call our church office.

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

DONATION AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

April 9 - Palm Sunday

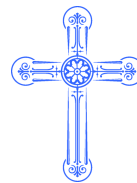
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I with Blessed Palms
- 10:15 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Procession

April 13 - Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar
- 8:45 p.m. Vigil until after the 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

April 14 - Good Friday

- 7:30 a.m. Youth Good Friday Liturgy with Communion
- 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with Communion
- 7:30 p.m. Choral Good Friday Liturgy with Communion



April 15 - Great Vigil of Easter Eve

- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil with Renewal of Baptismal Vows (*with Incense*)

April 16 - Easter Day

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- 9:30 a.m. Parish Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (*for Toddlers through 3rd grade*)
- 11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Baptism



**ALL PARISH
EASTER
BREAKFAST
AT 9:30 AM
IN THE
PARISH HALL
ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

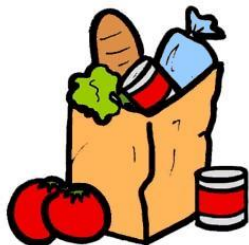
If you'd like to remember a loved one(s) with an altar flower or give thanks for a special occasion, please be sure to **stop by the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and add your name to the Flower Chart**. Details and **donation envelopes will also be available at the chart**. A **\$30** donation is 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 **April and June, 2017**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

GREEN SHADING REPRESENTS LENT - ALTAR GREENS

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
APRIL 2	Carol Stigelman		Nelson Lawrence
APRIL 9			
APRIL 16	All Easter Memorials	All Easter Memorials	All Easter Memorials
APRIL 23			
APRIL 30			
MAY 7	Shelby Kilhefner		
MAY 14	Barbara & John Graeter		
MAY 21	Patti Means		Helen & John Miller
MAY 28	Lynn Hayford		
JUNE 4	Shelby Kilhefner		
JUNE 11			
JUNE 18			
JUNE 25			

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.

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 Di Pace, Sunday School Director

The Penny Drive for our church school continues! We are raising money to help with the well capping in Alendu, Kenya, through Rafiki Africa. Look for the donation container in the Parish Hall.

The children will be experiencing the "Liturgy of Light" on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Parents are welcome to join in during Sunday School from 9-10 a.m.

Easter Sunday is April 16th. There will be no church school classes. Everyone is invited to a parish breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children after breakfast!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our church school program.

Submitted by,

Karen Di Pace

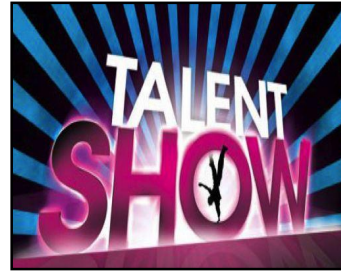
Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

Thank you to everyone who supported our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and the Scrapbooking event. We made over \$350.00 from the dinner and \$725.00 at the scrapbooking event. This money will go toward the J2A Pilgrimage.

The Jr. High Diocesan youth retreat, Seussology 101 was at CML in March. Danielle & Nick Di Pace, Hal Williams, & Elijah Mendez had a great time meeting other youth from the diocese. Everyone that attended had a great time. Emma Di Pace, Brooks Morgan and Tierza Mendez did a fantastic job running the small groups and being leaders for the group of Jr. High Youth. We woke up Sunday morning to a beautiful fresh snowfall.





SPAGHETTI DINNER & TALENT SHOW

Join our youth on April 1, for our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show. Dinner will be served from 5:30 ó 7:00 p.m. The talent show will start at 7:00 p.m. Do you have a talent? If so, we would love you to share it that evening at our Talent Show. Please stop by the J2A table in the Parish Hall so you sign up!

EASTER EGGS

Do you need Easter eggs for Easter? If so, place your order at the sandwich table in the Parish Hall on Sunday. We also have eggs available for purchase.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH !!!!



- What?** Maundy Thursday Youth Lock-In
Who? Young People, ages 12 and up
When? April 13. 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Foot washing, 9:00 p.m. Lock-In
Where? St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA. Parish Hall
Why go? Fellowship with young people from other churches in our diocese. A special agape feast. Soles4souls, the chance to explore your faith in a deeper way.

What else? Bring a friend, a sleeping bag and pillow, toothpaste and toothbrush, a pair or more of shoes you no longer want for Soles4Souls and a bag of candy for our egg hunt.

The following morning, on April 14 at 7:30 a.m., participate in a special Youth Good Friday Service portraying the passion narrative. This special service includes dramatic reading and miming- do not miss out!

Please RSVP to Mary Ellen Kilp at mekilp@yahoo.com or 717-475-2785.

GRADUATION

Do you have someone graduating from college or high school? If so please let Mary Ellen Kilp know so we can recognize them and all their accomplishments in our Messenger. Please e-mail Mary Ellen at mekilp@yahoo.com with their information.

Thank you for all the support with our Journey to Adulthood program. We could not have the wonderful program without the great adult leaders and congregation that we have.



ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Would you like to help with our Food Pantry by meeting and giving prepared boxes of food to members of our community on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 2:15-3:30 p.m?

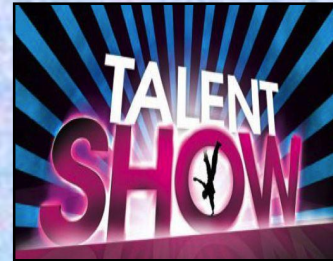
We also need volunteers to pack boxes (using a specific list of foods) occasionally, when our regular packers are unavailable. The schedule for this is much more flexible; it can be done any time between one distribution day (Tuesday or Thursday) and the next.

If you feel called to help with either aspect of this rewarding ministry, please contact Lynn Hayford. A brief training will be provided. Thank you!

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR

2017

April 1	Dinner / Talent Show
April 9	Palm Sunday
April 13	Maundy Thursday
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Easter
April 23	Earth Day Sunday
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



ALL LANCASTER EPISCOPAL RESPONSE TEAM

The All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team (ALERT) has opportunities to support some refugee families here in Lancaster.

First of all, there is a biweekly Family Social Event for all refugee families at St. Maryø Church at Vine and Prince Streets. Activities include homework, sports, games and snacks. The next meeting will be on March 30, 2017, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Others are scheduled for April 13 and 27. It is a chance to get to know the newcomers on a personal basis.

There is a need for someone to provide a ride to and from work for Miriam on Sunday. She needs to be picked up at 8:30 a.m. and brought to the Fairfield Inn on Manheim Pike and Granite Run. She needs a ride home from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. depending on her work that day. You can volunteer for a regular assignment, one leg of the trip, or just one time. Whatever you can do will help. She is fun to talk with on the ride.

Thirdly, there will be a "Garden Party" at the AIDS garden on May 6 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Bring your rakes and hoes. This will be followed by sharing a meal and spiritual reflection.

Take a moment to reflect on how you can exercise your commitment to Christ and how you live out your faith. These may be opportunities to blend in with that reflection. If you have questions or need more information, please see Dave Martin or Don Durand.



VOYAGERS

The Voyagers are pleased to announce that St. John's Rector Emeritas, The Rev. Canon Peter A. Greenfield, will present a discussion on Saturday, April 22nd on "***Human Reaction, Fight or Flight ...Is There an Alternative?***" Father Pete was Rector at St. John's from 1982-1995.

Please join us in welcoming Father Pete to hear and discuss this interesting and provocative discussion. We will meet in the Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and enjoy light refreshments following the presentation.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, APRIL 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, serves as well as guests. Please consider joining us.

Volunteers should let Dave or Sue Martin know if you won't be helping so they can reach out to those on their substitute list, not be caught short of help. Thank you!

EAGLE'S NEST (Contact: Sue Martin)



Eagle's Nest After School Program will complete its 15th season of providing enrichment and mentoring to selected 4th and 5th grade students from Robert Fulton Elementary School at the end of April. Many thanks to the faithful volunteers and especially to our J2A youth, Max Lester and Tierza Mendez, for their contributions of time and enthusiasm every week!

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 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)



Please continue to donate Box Tops for Education, Turkey Hill Moo Caps, and spent printer cartridges. There are collection containers on the Eagle's Nest table under the photo gallery in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your donations.

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 **2-4 p.m.** as we share fellowship and ideas! If you know of someone who would enjoy receiving a prayer shawl to comfort them through difficult times, please contact Jeannie Zeller or any member of Martha's Ministry.



JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Sue Tobie)

Total grocery card sales for **FEBRUARY: \$7,160.00** **Total earned by Jubilee Ministries: \$358.00**

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 ministries. 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:

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



We are in need of volunteers to add to our roster of those willing to sell grocery cards Sunday mornings. Several of our long time, faithful helpers have stepped away for various reasons. Without replacements, we have been requesting some volunteers to man the desk 3-4 times a month in order to cover that table between services as well as after the 10:15 a.m. service.

To reduce that obligation, or limit times we sell cards, we might have to choose to sell them only between the services. The more volunteers, the fewer the shifts. It is a straightforward job, simply writing down name, card and amount sold. It is a commitment of time; however with several more volunteers, it is easier to switch when your schedule conflicts with absences.

Thanks so much for considering joining us. See Sue Tobie for further information. Thank you!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Here's a quick update (as of March 24, 2017) on the financial support for our building renovations:

	Amount Received
Received toward total pledges of \$777,553	\$ 458,181
One-time gifts (unpledged)	\$ 2,345
Earnings on your contributions	\$ 12,197
Bequests from Eckenrode & Craige families	\$ 150,000
Total received (as of March 24, 2017)	\$ 627,723

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.



FLOWER GUILD SCHEDULE

The Flower Guild will be meeting as follows:

Saturday, **April 8**, 9:00 a.m. to make palm arrangements and decorate for Palm Sunday.

Wednesday, **April 12**, at 5:30 p.m. to arrange the Garden of Repose with plants and flowers.

Saturday, **April 15**, at 9:00 a.m. to DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER.

ANY AND ALL HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED!

If you would like to help, please contact Hilary Becker. Thank you!

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God”—1 Corinthians 10:31

If you have not been able to join us on Sunday evenings during Lent, you have missed some really good food. (*Depending on when you're reading this, you may still be able to catch the last event on April 2!*) The Global Partnership Committee hosted 5 nights where several gathered and shared their cooking and baking skills. It always amazes me that we are never without good food during these events. But, we shared much more than the good food and treats during this time. Our Lenten series provided a way for prayer, education and reflection on our neighbors, here, there and everywhere. We shared ourselves in letters written to the students K-8 grades at the Lighthouse Academy, in Alendu. Shoes were collected, boxed and by this time, transported off to the *õSoles4Soulsö* organization. Pennies were collected for the Well project in Alendu.

One reflection shared during our series involved a river stone. One likely that started out rough around the edges but, as it traveled through the water it changed shape and became smooth, much like God shapes and smooths us. Who we are and what we do, we are like that river stone. Pick it up and toss it into the water; it creates ripples, spreading out across the water. Never doubt, whatever you do, creates ripples. The kindness and love we share with each other and all our neighbors, has an effect just like those ripples in the water.

Speaking of water, the Well in Alendu is progressing! Here is the latest update from Sue Heilman, after the last Rafiki board meeting in Marchô

Dorothy had 2 very productive two-week visits in January and February. She tentatively will return in May, Roger is leaving April 3rd for a month in Alendu. We are hoping to have enough notes written by St. John's folk to give one to each student.

There are currently 197 students enrolled at the LightHouse Academy (they only have 3 openings). Our prayers for the school have been answered beautifully with a very full staff who are highly motivated and passionate. The only weak links are the kitchen staff, who are fighting amongst themselves (I mention this for our more targeted personal prayers). Staff includes a Social Worker and a Farm Manager and a Tailoring Supervisor/Instructor. The latter is very experienced and she will create a certificate program where a government license will be granted to prove tailoring skills.

The Farm Manager, whose name is Benard Akoth, does not live right in Alendu but in the nearest large town called Kisumu. He has a college degree and is passionate and hard-working. He is also working part-time for Dorothy's uncle, who has a dairy and goat farm nearby. Dorothy says that it is good he is not from Alendu so he can stay out of local politics.

Dave and Sue Martin visited ECHO's demonstration farm in Florida when they were there this last month and spoke with Bob Hargrave who works with their Agricultural Consulting Service. ECHO's Agricultural Impact Center in Arusha, Tanzania (not that far from Alendu, Kenya) is offering a Community Development Course in the form of a conference in August, 2017. I reported this to the board and more information about the course content and costs are being sought.

The Well...Dorothy is honestly quite frustrated with the Kenyan office for Water Missions International. Although the US office is quite organized, the Kenyan office isn't. She was told by them that there would have to be 8 meetings involving interested community members, including local tribal chiefs before the well could be operational, to get everyone on board. The 2nd meeting occurred in January. Dorothy has to provide food, drink, sometimes housing and transportation reimbursement for some of these important

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

figures to come. Despite challenges with communication and added cost of hosting meetings, there was hope that the Well could be uncapped with a few distribution sites receiving water sooner rather than later, but Water Missions wants all the money turned in before it is uncapped. \$16,000 is the balance left and will cover installing the pump, tank and filtration and distribution system.

I and the board are very grateful for all St John's has done already to help with this major project. The Worship Committee of St. John's has graciously offered to collect funds for the well during the free-will offering at our next Evensong on Sunday, May 7th. I will help spread the word amongst other Rafiki supportive churches and we could put a sign up at the Rafiki stand at Central Market.

March 22nd is International Water Day and Dorothy and her new administration assistant named Sallie McCann will be trying to send out some informational updates on that day. Dorothy and Roger are really excited about finally hiring a part-time administrative assistant to help with the work in Alendu. I met her; she's wonderful. They continue to look for a communal work space for both Sallie and Dorothy to work out of, both separately and together, if any of you have any ideas or contacts. To pay for this assistant, Roger and Dorothy are expanding their warm weather markets to 8 different places (Hershey, York, Reading, Philadelphia and here). They are working hard and Dorothy is the main cook.

In years past, Rafiki has had a Rafiki Africa Festival in May. This year Dorothy has formed a committee of mostly African local folks and they are changing it to an African Festival, with Rafiki being one player/participant organizer of it. Mayor Gray expressed interest in this happening for the past few years. They are still seeking a location. Please pray that the city will come through with possibly Binns Park. It is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017.

The annual fundraising dinner will be sometime in October.

I do have a copy of the budget and what was spent in the first quarter of this year. What is amazing is that staff payroll has gone down due to some pruning of the number of folks working in Alendu. They are proud that the LightHouse Academy had the top scores of any school in their zone and was #3 in their district. It is also very encouraging for Dorothy and Roger to see more students graduate from college that started out at the LightHouse Academy many years ago.

So much to be thankful for, I thank all of you for walking with Rafiki on this journey of hope and faithfulness and great outcomes! Peace. Sue

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

Submitted by, *Tammy Collier*



WHERE HOPE FINDS HOME

by Faith D'Urbano+

Amid involvement by St. John's family with persons of refugee status - especially amid our concern for a Sudanese family - you may know of many opportunities in our city to encounter persons who've sought asylum and found safety here. One unique opportunity for this encounter was described in a March 14 [article by Franklin & Marshall College](#), from which I've borrowed liberally for this piece.

What: Photography exhibit, "Where Hope Finds Home"

Where: Phillips Museum of Art, Franklin & Marshall College

Portraits of refugees who've resettled within the Lancaster community are collected in an exhibit of Kristin Rehder's photography, on display at the Phillips Museum of Art on F&M's campus through April 9.

Rehder's question "What is the nature of community?" is a theme this photographer had explored for a long time before her move five years ago to Lancaster, a community that draws worldwide attention for its long history of welcoming refugees. The question arrests both her and viewers of the exhibit. "These photos are not about the current political issues around refugees," Rehder said. "They are examinations of my ongoing concept of community (examined through) the experiences of refugees." Her premise matches her camera's focus - the dignity of every human being.

"Where Hope Finds Home" took shape with collaboration of Lancaster General Health/Penn Medicine and Church World Service (CWS) of Lancaster.

Young and old fleeing violence in dire situations of their respective countries often long languish in camps along their journeys to Lancaster. Amer Alfayadh, a CWS senior case manager and project coordinator, made contacts with local refugees, informing and inviting them into the portrait project. An Iraqi refugee who himself resettled in Lancaster, says, "What they (the people) want now is to be part of the community." "They all have their challenges and successes, just like any other human."

When invited, not one refused. More than 60 refugees from 19 nations sat to be photographed by Rehder. The faces are captured in natural light, most often against a neutral background. The expressions vary: pensive, gleeful, quietly suffering, confident. In each photo, the subject looks directly at the camera.

Rehder said this was a deliberate decision. "I had not met (the subjects) until the day I walked into their environment. People are looking at you in every picture, just as you are looking at them. It allows me (as a photographer) to get out of the way."

Rehder said the project "turned me around. It's been a lesson of [others' personal] courage, strength, flexibility [and] ingenuity; of not wanting to waste a single moment of schooling, of wanting to give back."

"Where Hope Finds Home" (now until April 9)

The Phillips Museum of Art, F&M College campus

Located in Steinman College Center, College Avenue between Barshinger Musical Arts Building and Roschel Performing Arts Center. (Click [here](#) for directions and parking suggestions.)

Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:30-4:30

Thursday, 1-4:30

Saturday and Sunday, 12:30-4:30

EARTH DAY GATHERING - APRIL 22

Prayer: ...bless "this fragile earth, our island home" (BCP, 370)

Come to: *EARTH DAY LIVE!*

An Earth Day happening with something for everyone:
visual arts, music, poetry, performance.

Saturday, April 22, noon to 4 p.m., Tellus 360, 24 East King St., Lancaster

EARTH DAY LIVE! **Creative Climate Connections**



Come CELEBRATE the Arts and Science!

Sponsored by Citizens' Climate Lobby

Sat., April 22, Noon to 4 pm at Tellus 360, 24 E. King St., Lancaster
Immediately following the March for Science Rally on Penn Square 10:00 to noon

Music by Charlie Muench (of Stray Birds) Band,
Los Monstros, Big Boy Brass, & MORE

Performance Artist Amanda Kemp & Poet Chris Longenecker

Family friendly kids' activities, local visual artists, science workshops, & more

Suggested Donation: \$5/individual; \$10/family. Proceeds support local students'
environmental field trips to Lancaster Conservancy's Climber's Run

- Musicians include Los Monstros, Big Boy Brass, Charlie Muench (of the Stray Birds) Band, and others.
- Performance artist Amanda Kemp and poet Chris Longenecker will bring their special talents to the stage.
- Painters, sculptors, and photographers will present original climate-inspired work.
- PLUS science and climate solutions workshops and fun kids' activities.

Suggested donation: \$5 for individuals or
\$10 per family

Sponsor: Citizens' Climate Lobby,
Lancaster Chapter

All proceeds from the event will go to
Lancaster Conservancy's Climber's Run to support
local kids' environmental field trips.

For further information, contact Jerry Lee Miller: jerry_miller@comcast.net

Citizens' Climate Lobby info: www.citizensclimatelobby.org

Submitted by,

Faith D'Urbano+



IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

by Faith D'Urbano+

Throughout Lancaster, buildings and homes festoon windows, yards and railings with a message to all those arriving new to our community.

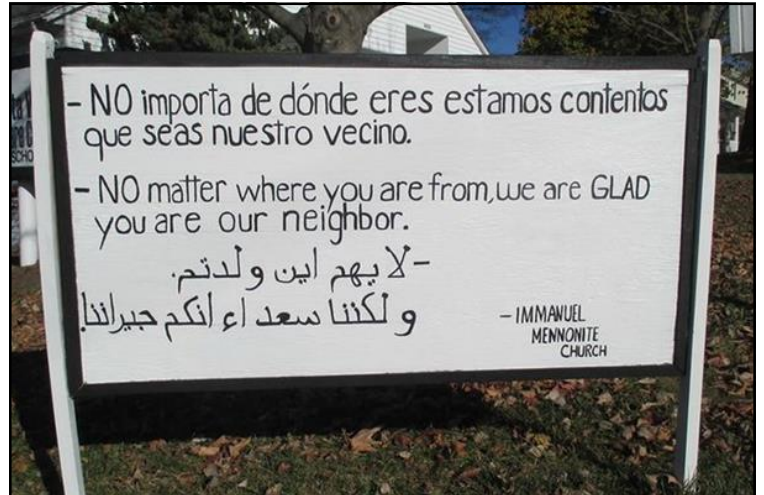
In bright colors, these signs carry words of welcome in three (3) languages. Many newcomers to our city see in the words reinforcement of the care by houses of worship, agencies and individual citizens working to ease their entry. The blessing is not a one-way street. Reaching out gladdens both greeted and greeter. Hearts are filled.



This ÷we're gladö message announces to neighbors a response to the Biblical mandate to welcome the stranger (Leviticus 19:34; Matthew 25:35)

“From simple beginnings – it went viral”

It started as a hand-painted black-and-white sign in the fall of 2015 on a congregation's front lawn. The people of Immanuel Mennonite Church, in Harrisonburg, VA, wanted to send a message to contrast with rising rhetoric being directed at immigrants. Today, thousands of ÷Welcome Your Neighborsö signs appear in far-flung hamlets and big cities. The message got out.



“Not sentiment only, not words only, but action”

The message, paired with concrete acts of outreach to immigrants and refugees, has an ever broadening impact across our landscape, invoking one of the USA's core values:

÷Give me your poor, your tired, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door.ö (Statue of Liberty)

Immanuel's light has spread beyond the lamp of its own faith circle, widely encouraging kindness and help for those in need.

“The sign is new; to welcome is not new”

I spoke to Immanuel's pastor, Matthew Bucher. He said the sign ó purposefully *not* specifying a connection to the Mennonite Church, and definitely not corresponding to the colors of any national flag ó hopefully speaks of the welcome, by and to allí a welcome not just now beginning. He emphasized: ÷Love thy neighbor, alwaysøis CENTRAL to faith. It's in our blood.ö

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD (CONTINUED)

“Blessings flow in both directions”

The message is simple. And heartfelt.

“No matter where you are from, we’re glad you’re our neighbor.”

Three languages: Spanish, English and Arabic.

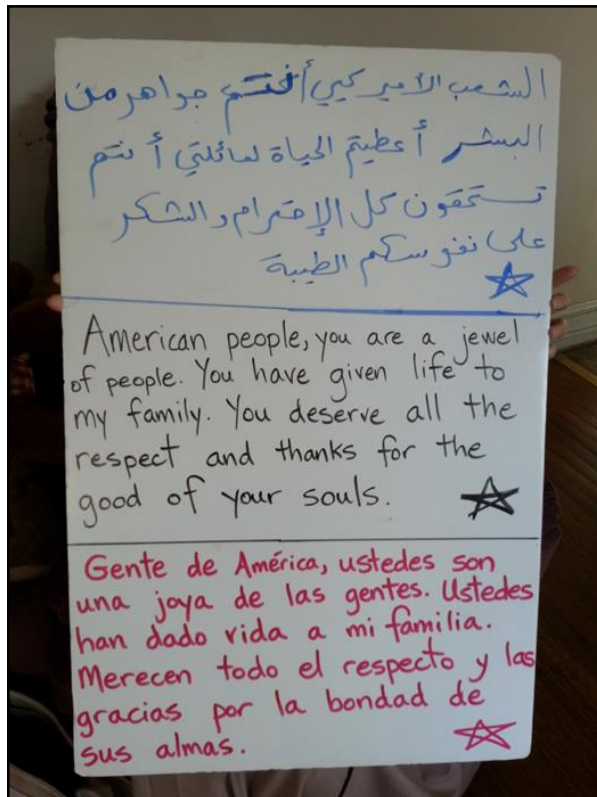
The response to the message: Simple and heartfelt.

A Syrian family, recently resettled in Lancaster, requested materials to answer the signs they see, wanting to make their own message in response. Markers and recycled poster board supplied by St. John’s allowed a refugee to express and share this message:

“American people, you are a jewel of people. You have given life to my family. You deserve all the respect and thanks for the good of your souls.”

Languages: Arabic, English, Spanish.

Colors (pointedly chosen by the family): red, white, and blue, with stars!



Note:

The church in Harrisonburg has created a website (www.welcomeyourneighbors.org/) and a [Facebook page](#) to allow people to download and print their own “Welcome Your Neighbors” signs, as many as they want, and with other language options.

In Lancaster, the signs (with metal display brackets) are available through Community Mennonite Church office for \$10. (Call for hours: 717-392-7567.) Half the cost covers expense, and half is sent to Church World Service, Lancaster, which has long provided services on a shoestring to multiple refugee families, including those mentored by St. John’s. (Due to the recent immigration restriction situation, CWS now struggles with severely reduced government funding for operational reimbursement.)

PRAYER LIST

We offer our continued prayers for:

Dave Arnold
Bob Bailey
Earl Benedict
Robert Bray
Michael Brogan
Patricia & Ralph Clare
Paula DeBrill
Vincent Delevega
Shaphan Dulo
Linda Frederiksen
Earl Gibb
Carol Greenfield
Alina Grobicki
Ned Grove
Gill & Mary Hartley
Anne Johnson Horn
Ellen Keller
Marge Kern
Vonda Kirchner
Terry Koogelevo
Marty Laubenthal
John Lechowicz
Wayne LeFevre
Ernie Leffler
Kelly Lynch
Ruth McDivitt
Kathy McNamara
John Miller
William Miller
Cynthia Minnich
Jane Naegele
Dee Norman
Kevin & Mary Nourie
Robert & Joan Power
Ricky Ross
Jesse Rutledge
Gloria Schnee
Mary & Geroge Schneider
Steven Schwartz
Stephanie Smith
Don Sterling
Christian Stigelman
Martha & John Stroh
Joana Torres & Kids

Gary Weaver
Melissa Williams
Ella & Family
Meredith
Chuck & Barbara



*...and for our
homebound
parishioners*

Providence Eshelman
Richard Farmer
Bette Lou Forsyth
Michael Frantz
Dyls Glew
Cricket Johnson
Joan Lahr
Stefan Latshaw
Fritz Lawrence
Don Lovett
Liam Maloney
Betty McCaskey
Barbara McKee
Nancy Nemith
Peter Plaxa
Nancy Puffer
Barbara Ramella
Gray Sellers
Marjorie Seachrist
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,
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
available in the Welcome Center
at the rear of the church and in
the Parish Hall.**

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Barton, Ron	15
Becker, Hilary	18
Brogan, Gabe	6
Brown, Sophie	23
Cuthbert, Angela	13
Dodge, Sue	20
Dohren, Jim	13
Faust, John	2
Frantz, Michael	15
Gross, Bill	12
Grove, Sandra	17
Heider, Doreen	6
Henry, Janice	14
Henry, Kevin	7
Herr, Codi	21
Hogg, Robert	25
Humphrey, Ty	27
Lee, Drigan	23
Lee, Maggie	29
LeFevre, Wayne	15
Linton, Ron	22
Mann, Gwynneth	23
Miller, Glenn	14
Sauder, Maria	3
Scheetz, Aliya	5
Seras, Rev Dr Barbara	18
Stank, Michael	12
Suliveras, Ella	20
Tahsler, Leslie	26
Thompson, Claire	27
Van Aulen, Beth	18
Van Aulen, Jack	6
Waskowicz, Eric	16
Way, April	1
Weaver-Gelzer, Charlotte	18
Wendler, Owen	9
Williams, Rob	23

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gbur, Mike & Phyllis	04/30/1971
Graeter, John & Barbara	04/12/1958
Gross, Bill & Jill	04/20/1985
Heider, Mike & Doreen	04/20/1985
Kilp, Bob & Mary Ellen	04/22/1989
Ogwang, Alice & Benson	04/12/1972
Springer, Bob & Maggie	04/24/1982
Way, Joe & April	04/19/1997
Zimmerman, Philip & Stevenson, Louise	04/26/1980

Hassle-Free—and FREE Parking for St. John's Sunday Services!

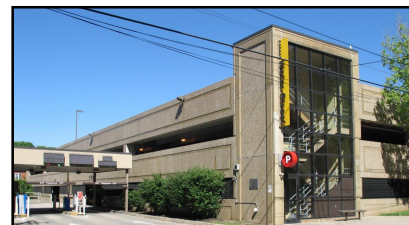
When you attend Sunday services at St. John's, you don't have to worry about finding a parking space or honing your parallel parking skills. While limited parking is available in St. John's lot off of Mulberry Street, you can park at the [Water Street Garage](#) just a block east of the church off of Chestnut Street at no cost.

Thanks to an agreement with the Lancaster Parking Authority, **if you enter the garage between 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays mornings, you receive 3 hours of free parking.** Just take a ticket when you enter and place it in the slot when you exit. No payment will be required. Simple and convenient.

While there were some initial growing pains late last summer as the process got underway, everything is now operating smoothly. Thank you, Andy Carroll, from our Property Committee, for making this happen. And thank you to the Lancaster Parking Authority for being a great neighbor.

Note: If you arrive prior to 7:30 or after 10:30 a.m., free parking will not apply. If you remain in the garage beyond 3 hours, you will need to pay for the additional time at the garage's regular rates.

We encourage use of the Water Street Parking Garage rather than the private lot across from the church on Chestnut Street. This lot is reserved for residents of the Stevens School Apartments.



SERVING SCHEDULE – APRIL, 2017

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.

APRIL 2	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Emma Di Pace, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Barbara Landis	Joel Cliff, Danielle Di Pace
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearer	--	Claire Thompson, Sophia Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan
Verger	--	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Usher Teams: 8:00 a.m. and B	Usher Teams: 8:00 a.m. and B
Nursery	--	Katie Mausolf

APRIL 9 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Nicole Pham	Emma Di Pace, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	--
Lector	Sue Tobie	David Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
Passion Readers	B. Lee, B. Landis, S. Purdy, P. Purdy	P. Wolf, D. DiPace, J. Cliff, B. Morgan
Server	ô	Kylie Stone
Torch Bearer	ô	Natalie Visco
Crucifer	ô	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Emma Di Pace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Verger	--	Tom Bond
Greeter	ô	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	Property	Property
Nursery	ô	Jenn Hreben

APRIL 13—<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:30 PM
Eucharistic Minister	David Kilp, Peter Novosel
Lector	Joel Cliff, Danielle DiPace
Server	TBD
Torch Bearer	TBD
Crucifer	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	All Members
Verger	Tom Bond, Kathy Kyper
Ushers	Mike Gbur, Bill Gross

APRIL 14—<i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 AM	12:00 PM	7:30 PM
Lector	Youth Group	ô	Sue Tobie
Ushers	Youth Group	ô	Phil Becker, Charlie Rahe

APRIL 15—<i>Easter Vigil</i>	7:30 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Emma DiPace, TBD
Readers	C. Weaver-Gelzer, S. Seachrist, D. Dissinger, F. Gouveia
Server	TBD
Crucifer	TBD
Thurifer	David Kilp
Torches	TBD
Altar Guild	Claire Phillips, Leslie Tahsler
Verger	Tom Bond
Ushers	Doug Brown, Mike Gbur

APRIL 16 <i>Easter Day</i>	7:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Michael Stank, Ricky Smith	--
Lector	Nicole Pham	Joel Cliff, Sue Tobie	Fran Gouveia, Jane Lee
Server	--	Sean Cliff	Danielle Di Pace
Torch Bearer	--	TBD	TBD
Crucifer	--	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Kilhefner / Collier	Cliff / Phillips	Lee / Qualls
Steeple Bell Ringer	Phil Becker	Julie Rodriguez	Danielle Di Pace
Ushers	Phil Becker, John Graeter, John Miller, Jim Snyder	Tracy Cliff, Nick Di Pace, Bruce Morgan, Julie Rodriguez	Paul Dorgan, Len Jackson, Charlie Rahe, Brad Zuke
Verger	--	Kathy Kyper	Kathy Kyper
Greeter	--	--	--
Nursery	--	--	Phyllis Gbur

APRIL 23	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Stephanie McGovern	--
Lector	Gretchen Walden	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	--	Rob Williams
Crucifer	--	Aaron Hasircoglu
Torch Bearer	--	Helena Carroll, Fiona Mausolf
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Vergger	--	Tom Bond
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Global Partnership Committee	Global Partnership Committee
Nursery	--	Tracy Cliff



APRIL 30	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Sue Purdy	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
Lector	Phil Purdy	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearer	--	Nicholas Di Pace, Sophia Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Garth Alexander
Vergger	--	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D (5th Sunday)
Greeter	--	Sue Martin
Coffee Hour	Lectors	Lectors
Nursery	--	Janelle Stone

LOOKING AHEAD TO: MAY, 2017

MAY 7	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Emma Di Pace, David Dissinger
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Ricky Smith	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	--	Kylie Morgan
Crucifer	--	Brooks Morgan
Torch Bearer	--	Hal Williams, Claire Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan
Verger	--	Tom Bond
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Usher Teams C and D	Usher Teams C and D
Nursery	--	Leslie Morgan

INTERESTED IN SERVING?

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

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

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

For **Altar Guild:** Contact Cynthia Minnich

For **Ushers:** Contact Mike Gbur

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

- 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:
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