



St. John's Messenger

May, 2017

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

JUBILEE SUNDAY

Here. There. We are one world.

This year's Jubilee Sunday, May 7th, we celebrate our church's commitment to Christ's mission locally and globally. We highlight two of our Jubilee Ministries - our Food Pantry ministry and our global partnership with Rafiki Africa.

Sunday morning we lift up our service to our neighbors in need through the ministry of our Food Pantry. Twice a week, every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, St. John's welcomes at the front door of Becker House those in our neighborhood seeking food assistance. Thanks to your gifts of food and financial support hungry families are supplied the nourishment they need. Led by Bill Cater and Debbie Carter, our Food Pantry volunteers - Lynn Hayford, Peter Novosel, Stephanie Morrison, Tiny Nolan, Carolyn Maxey, Mary Huber, Ray Wolf, Jane Forrester, Mary Hauner, Malcolm and Ginny Young - offer a witness of generosity to all who come to St. John's door.

Through our global partnership with Rafiki Africa the helping hands of St. John's are touching the lives of those a continent away. Pennies for Rafiki, initiated by the children of our church school, is helping to raise funds for a deep water well, insuring a supply of fresh water for the people of Alendu, Kenya. This Lent, our Global Partnership Committee - Sue Heilman, Barbara Landis, Brad Zuke, Dave Martin, Tammy Collier, Ken Brown, Bill Cater and Mother Barbara - led a letter writing campaign with our church school children. Sending hand written personal notes to the 200 students enrolled in the Lighthouse Academy in Alendu, the children of the village know that the people of St. John's, Lancaster care about them. Additionally, beginning this month

St. John's is expanding our commitment by providing on the third floor of Becker House administrative office space for Rafiki.

Paul Reese and the St. John's Chancel Choir will be raising their voice in song for Rafiki. At 4:00 PM on Jubilee Sunday they will offer a service of traditional Choral Evensong and will feature an organ recital by Dr. Karl Moyer. Following the service there will be in the Parish Hall a festive reception with treats from the Rafiki stand at Central Market. All proceeds from the free will offering have been designated by the vestry as gifts to support Rafiki's fresh water well.

Our Jubilee Sunday marks the fulfillment of our eight years of studying the Millennium Development Goals. We understand that the dream of reducing poverty and lifting up people in need, whether at home or abroad, requires a comprehensive strategy. Education, maternal and infant health, combating disease, clean water, gender equality, and food security are all essential. Only by addressing all these needs can people make progress toward living quality lives. Through our partnerships, locally and globally, St. John's Jubilee Ministries is making that commitment.

This Jubilee Sunday come and celebrate our commitment and accomplishments to making the world a better place, and especially for those in need. Help to continue the St. John's legacy of service through your presence, through your prayers, through your support for our life changing ministries. Join our partnership whether locally or globally in witness to the resurrection hope of Jesus Christ.

Here. There. We are one world.

John+

THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

Pascal Ponderings 2017 - Christ Is Risen!

As the sun sets this Easter evening, I begin to reflect on the week past: Holy Week 2017 and the Resurrection. It was a long week that passed quickly. It was a long week that always weaves us closer to one another as community and unites us all to God.

It is a week that allows me to do what I love to do best. It is as much a week of intense schedule keeping and sermon writing. It is a very focused time that I remarked with one choir member makes us not so much sleepy or tired but fatigued. And now I just want to do what I hope to do this coming week: sit for a while and ponder those amazing moments of our prayer and liturgy and celebration together.

The sky is turning sunset colors and a refreshing breeze moves the budding branches gently. It is perfect.

I have become a river watcher as the seasons and years pass. The Conestoga flows past my home, and especially these days before the foliage opens completely, I get a bird's eye view of life along the River's edge. No kidding, I watch the ducks and geese as well as the hawks and even an occasional eagle.

Tonight the River is calm yet gives that odd sense tonight of flowing in the reverse direction. I have seen this before and wonder what creates this illusion. I am intrigued by the personality of this little River...almost a creek. Some days it is still and others after a downpour, it swells to its banks and surges with large limbs and even an occasional duck or two. The water rages. It is awesome.

And I tonight I weave that River image with a most favorite Easter tale:

Once there was a very old woman who used to meditate early every morning under a large tree on the bank of the River. One morning, having finished her meditation, the old woman opened her eyes and saw a scorpion floating helplessly in the strong current of the river.

As the scorpion was pulled close to the tree, it became caught in the complex root system that branched out far into the river. The more the scorpion struggled to free itself, the worse it became entangled in the web of tree roots.

When the old woman saw this, she immediately stretched herself onto the extended roots and reached out to rescue the drowning scorpion. But as soon as she touched it, the scorpion jerked and stung her wildly.

Instinctively, the woman withdrew her hand; but then, after regaining her balance, she once again stretched herself out along the roots to save the agonized scorpion.

Yet every time the old woman came within reach, the scorpion stung her so badly with its poisonous tail that her hands became swollen and bloody and her face disfigured by pain.

At that moment, a passerby saw the old woman stretched out on the roots, struggling with the scorpion, and shouted, "Hey, you old fool! What's the matter with you? Can't you see that this wretched creature will kill you if you persist in trying to save it?"

Slowly, the old woman turned her head, and gazed into the stranger's eyes. í And she said, "just because it is the scorpion's nature to sting, why should I forfeit my nature to love?"

This is the Risen One we proclaim who watches over us.
This is the Risen life we are called in turn to Live.

Easter Blessings,

Barbara+

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

MAY, 2017

I Am, WE Are, ONE World - Here, There, Everywhere

May we ALL know a sense of peace,
May we ALL feel caring from our brothers and sisters and for them,
May we all step into a new season of love springing forth from our hearts.
Here, There, Everywhere.

Global Partnership Challenge for May 7th

öWe think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless.
The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty.
We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.ö
Mother Teresa

In our home church environment, make sure all our brothers and sisters feel loved
and know that a smile and a welcome are a great start.

Global Partnership Challenge for May 14th

Mother's Day

öYou don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.ö
Desmond Tutu

Make sure your loved ones know their importance to you, every day.

Global Partnership Challenge for May 21st

öAbraham Joshua Herschel diagnosed racism as an öeye disease:
an inner blindness resulting in the inability to see the image of God in each and every person,
which therefore is to see it in none.ö

Global Partnership Challenge for May 28th

Memorial Day

Let us express our thanks to those serving and having served in military service
and hold them in our prayers, that as we pray for peace in our world,
they would know peace in their lives.

öThank youö and a smile are understood in every environment.

SOLES4SOULS

Stepping Ahead - Soles4Souls

from Barbara Landis

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.

Mother Theresa

As I write this update to you and reflect over the last months of gathering shoes, while the numbers make me happy, the reflection of smiles on the faces of the givers is what I visualize over and over and over. People who give realize the lightness of their hearts in making these gifts to others.

- St. John's Methodist church in Paradise, our partners in gathering for a couple years, brought over 300 pairs with smiles at how happy they were to partner with us.
- Leslie Morgan and 6th graders at Warwick Elementary School gathered 472 pairs, and reports are they are already thinking about how to increase that number for next year.
- A shoe company donated a bag of shoelaces to the project, which brought smiles to the face of the Eagle's Nest group, who helped to count and calculate a donation of 135 pairs of laces valued at \$345.
- A person who donated shoes was able to link one of their customers to Soles4Souls to have new shoes donated direct to them as opposed to going into trash.
- So many of you smiled at the numbers you were able to gather at your workplaces, in your neighborhood, in your home! While it lightened your environment, the knowledge of how you were helping those in all 50 states and 127 countries around the world, go to school and be safe from diseases, is what mattered most.
- Faces of our J2A were beaming as they carried 149 cartons from inside the church to the parking lot to assist loading on Good Friday morning.
- Phoenix Courier Trucking Company, through Scott Zimmerman, donates their services to transport the shoes to the dispatch point, which would otherwise costs us. The truck driver, Ed, smiles and is SO happy to help. Each year he challenges us to collect more than the year before.
- Patti Means and Bill Gross are major helps with communication and storage at church; as we update our numbers, you see the smiles from their hearts.
- Helena Carroll has designed the poster every year. This year's poster, demonstrative of the world and inclusiveness of footprints, made without any designation of color, made us all smile, as we remember....

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



VESTRY RESOLUTION

The following resolution was passed at the Vestry meeting on: April 17, 2017:

1. Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, approves a Stewardship event, a Yard Give. The St. John's Yard Give will offer members of St. John's an alternative way to support the ministries of our parish, provide assistance to our refugee family and welcome neighbors to join in the fellowship of St. John's. The Yard Give will be held on May 27th, with a rain date of June 3, 2017. Proceeds from donations collected at the Yard Give will be designated as Stewardship income in the operating budget.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE!



PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, MAY 16

Eagle's Nest Fundraiser!

The results of this election are of particular importance to city voters, and the St. John's neighborhood has committed voters. They are also committed to support the semi-annual Bake Sale, proceeds of which go to our Eagle's Nest program.

Because of the late date of the election, Eagle's Nest will no longer be in session, and therefore, not baking the dozens of cookies usually contributed. **We ask that YOU do our baking and contribute all that you can to the sale.** Items should be easy to serve and don't need to be costly. **Maria Sauder** will be organizing the sale. Items can be brought to the church on Sunday, May 14, or to the Courtyard on Election Day - Tuesday, May 16.

All-time favorites include: cookies, bars, small breads, and snack items!



PROPERTY CORNER

We are pleased to welcome Kathy Kyper, Verger, to our Property Committee. Kathy has donated her time and talents to repairing and painting the Robing Room and the downstairs hallway of the Church. We are very thankful to have the talents and expertise she offers. We are also pleased to welcome back Cynthia Minnich to pick up right where she left off. Welcome back, Cynthia!

We are continuing to address a number of questions regarding the asbestos in the undercroft. Bill provided a list of options, detailing their Pros and Cons to Vestry for their April meeting. Your Property Committee is in total agreement that the asbestos should be removed as the most efficient way of dealing with it. The alternatives include covering and leaving it for some future date to remove. *Results to follow.....*

Our construction committee met on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, to review proposals for our second bid from Paul Risk and Ebersole Brothers. Time has been spent meeting with contractors in hopes of receiving pricing that falls within our Vestry guidelines. Although originally coming in higher than they were hoping, your Construction Committee feels there may be areas where they can tweak the scope of the project to arrive at where we need to be. We ask that you take the opportunity to pray for and thank your Construction Committee, which has worked tirelessly to get this project within budget during a period that was originally to have construction completed. Its members include Doug Brown, Andy Carroll, Jeff Gromis, Bill Gross, Janice Henry, Steve Latshaw, Ted Loose, and Fr. John Morris.

The City's inspection of the rental property heaters was unremarkable, except for the fact that the inspector wanted CO detectors on all living levels of each property. This safety measure had been requested of our rental manager when we realized that we had a CO potential in our properties. Fortunately, there were no ill effects of this oversight before the heaters were installed. The contractor (Geoff Hurley) did an excellent job of installing furnaces and hot water heaters and was able to hold the price for us, even while incurring additional expenses for the project. We are currently on our third rental manager so far in just a year's length of time. Hopefully, we'll have a better response from their new representative. The only remaining item to be completed is 211's front railing, which needs to be painted.

Speaking of heaters, our HVAC contractor was in to repair a zone pump in our boiler room. The pump supplies hot water to the All Purpose Room and Nursery wing, a heavily used portion of our campus. This pump is on borrowed time and will need reconditioning during the cooling season to avoid continued coupling replacement.

The replacement of light bulbs in the Nave was truly a learning experience in many regards. First of all, we learned that we have four, not three different sized bulbs at the ceiling level of the Church. Bulb criterion have been recorded and added to our After Action Report for future reference. A lift to straddle the pews was difficult to find, with the contractor having to find a rental in Maryland. We were able to finish in a day by leaving the aiming for us to do later that week, saving about \$1,800 (1/3) for this project. This contractor will be back to clean and repair the gutters. However, there was something else to be learned from this project. Through the use of the lift, we learned that our smoke beam for our fire alarm system was not working. Although tested, as recommended and on a monthly basis, it was determined that there is an issue with the unit sending and/or receiving the beam, making it virtually useless in detecting smoke in the church. Our alarm company has plans to replace this unit to restore its proper coverage. They will also troubleshoot the alarms on the lower level of the Church, which are currently out of sync.

We hope to see more new faces at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 7 pm in the Becker House.

Property Committee Members: Andy Carroll, Bill Gross, Jeff Gromis, Jenn Hreben, Jane Lee, Kathy Kyper, Dave Martin, Cynthia Minnich, Tom Bond, and Bruce Waskowicz.

PARISH INFORMATION

Deaths

Nancy W. Puffer

August 30, 1932 - April 7, 2017

Lois Kienzy Breitegan

January 8, 1928 - April 10, 2017

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!

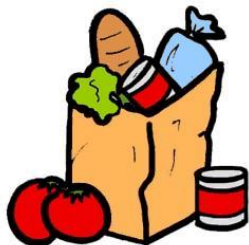
WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

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 **May and July, 2017**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
MAY 7	Marianne Eckert	Shelby Kilhefner	
MAY 14	Barbara & John Graeter	Paula Y. & Ray Wolf	
MAY 21	Patti Means	Tammy Collier	Helen & John Miller
MAY 28	Lynn Hayford		
JUNE 4	Shelby Kilhefner	Carol Stigelman	
JUNE 11			
JUNE 18			
JUNE 25	Phil & Hilary Becker	J & L Hartman Trust	
JULY 2	Barbara Landis	Fr. John Emmert	
JULY 9			
JULY 16			
JULY 23			
JULY 30			

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 will wrap up the end of May! We are raising money to help with the well capping. Look for the donation well in the Parish Hall. Please help us reach our goal of raising \$250. We have an anonymous matching donor, so if we raise \$250, we will be sending \$500 to cap the well!

Sunday, May 14th will be Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Please join us in thanking our teachers for all they do! Thank you to our teachers: Carol Stigelman, Katie Mausolf, Sue Dodge, Pam Loose, Marla Lester, Maria Sauder, Jenn Hreben & Janelle Stone. Please let me know if anyone is interested in joining our teaching staff or becoming a nursery volunteer for the upcoming fall!

The last day of classes will be Sunday, June 4th. We will have our annual church picnic this year at Longø Park to begin at 5:00 p.m. PLEASE note this new time and location. Please bring a dish to share. A sign-up announcement will go out closer to the event. We plan to take advantage of the music in the park that night!

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

St. Johnø hosted the Maundy Thursday lock-in for our youth and youth in our Convocation. We had a Lenten Night watch that included station about Lent, an Agape fest, followed by practicing the Silhouettes Stations of the Cross for the Good Friday service. After a short night our youth led the Good Friday morning service. It was exciting for them because our Bishop Audrey Scanlan was in attendance. After the morning service we helped to load the truck for Soles4Souls.

Easter was especially sweet for those who enjoyed the J2A chocolate eggs. Congrats to our teens and leaders on a wonderfully successful fundraiser. Thank you to all who supported our youth!

Thank you to everyone that came out to the Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show. All who participated had a fun night. St. Johnø has many hidden talents in our congregation!

The service on April 30 will be our Youth Sunday service and we will be celebrating our graduates. The youth will be planning the service for both the 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. services. We will be sharing with you the Prayers of the People and some of the music we sing at our Diocesan retreats. The youth will be ushering, serving, lectors, and being involved in the service. Our Sunday school and youth will be singing our offertory anthem at the 10:15 a.m. service. Please plan to join us on April 30th for this special service.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Our graduates are: Emma Di Pace, Amelia Dissinger, Mike Hreben, Dylan Stone, and James Woolson.

Please join us on May 7 for mini golf and ice cream at Scoops in Mountville. We will be meeting after the 10:15 a.m. service. Watch the bulletin for more details.

On May 14, we will be thanking our teachers during the 10:15 a.m. service. Please be sure to come and thank them for all they do for our children and youth.

Our parish picnic is going to be held at Longø Park this year on June 4. We will be having dinner together and then enjoying the music from Longø Park Summer Concert series. Please be sure to bring your favorite side dish and join us for an evening of fellowship and fun.



Loading the truck with boxes of shoes!



Sean enjoyed wrapping the boxes of shoes to get them ready for shipment!



Some of our Talented J2A Youth!

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR

2017

May 7	Mini Golf (Scoops)
May 14	Teacher Appreciation
June 4	Pentecost Church Picnic
July 7	Berry Festival
July 10 – 14	EYE Oklahoma
August 5	Knoebels Reunion



AROUND THE TABLE WITH ARUN GANDHI

ADVOZ, Mediation and Restorative Practices *invites you*

Around the Table with Arun Gandhi, Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi

1. A unique "table talk-back" format inviting you to go beyond chit-chat and add your voice to the evening's dialogue
2. Dr. Arun Gandhi, telling his story of mentoring by "Grandfather Gandhi" in a live interview with WITF's Scott LaMar
3. Multiple artists sharing a rich cultural range of music and dance fusing East and West during the reception and dinner
4. A few of our neighbors, once victimized by lewd vandalism, now publicly telling their stories and having a voice in restorative dialogue
5. Connecting with others and supporting long-term investment of transformative dialogue

A buffet dinner/dialogue, a generous silent auction and exciting live auction allow all to contribute to advancing the work of ADVOZ ô "to empower all parties in a conflict or crime, even offenders and victims, to mend broken relationships; promote peaceful resolution; and build stronger, safer communities through accountability and mindfulness." Tickets are \$65.

Around the Table with Arun Gandhi

Theme: Peace, the Next Generation

Reception, auction, dinner, arts & interactive program
Thursday, May 4, 2017, 5-8:30 PM

Spooky Nook Events Complex

Olympic Hall, 75 Champ Boulevard
Manheim, PA 17545

Register ASAP @ aroundthetable.org or contact *Faith D'Urbano*

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, MAY 20**

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.

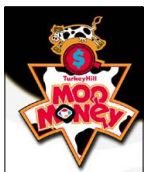
Volunteers: Please let Dave or Sue Martin know if you won't be helping so they can reach out to those on their substitute list, not be caught short of help. Thank you!

EAGLE'S NEST - Thanks to these extraordinary volunteers who made our seven month (2016-2017) program a success: **Mike Higgs, Sandra Jackson, Dave Martin, Sue Martin, Cindy Morris, Claire Phillips, Maria Sauder, Michael Stank, Kendall Stonerook, Bruce Tahsler, Gretchen Walden, and Mary Waskowicz.** Extra support thanks to **Sue Heilman, Mother Barbara and Paul Reese.**

Please check out the Bake Sale advertisement on page 5 of this publication for our spring fundraising opportunity! Think about what you'd like to contribute to this year's annual Election Day bake sale!

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.

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 **2-4 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.

Remembering Nancy Puffer



Our sister, Nancy Puffer, is free of her pain and giving knitting lessons to the whole of heaven. Alleluia!! We remember her with our love and gratitude each time we create some knitted item for the needy in our community. Perhaps you were fortunate enough to purchase one of Nancy's beautiful, knitted treasures at one of our St. Nick's Knits sales. Nancy was the backbone of our ministry and answered our questions with love and caring. She never looked down on anyone. We will gather at our regular meeting time, 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 9th, in the Parish Hall for a time of remembrance and sharing. Nancy Puffer will always be alive in our hearts and memories.

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Sue Tobie)

Total grocery card sales for: **MARCH: \$8,560**

Total earned by Jubilee Ministries: \$428



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**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Here's a quick update (as of April 21, 2017) on the financial support for our building renovations:

	Amount Received
Received toward total pledges of \$777,553	\$ 475,037
One-time gifts (unpledged)	\$ 2,445
Earnings on your contributions	\$ 10,897
Bequests from Eckenrode & Craige families	\$ 150,000
Total received (as of April 21, 2017)	\$ 638,379

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.

"SPEND SOME TIME IN HIS SPACE"

A solitary confinement cell on location at YWCA's "RACE AGAINST RACISM"

at

Musser Park, Lancaster - Saturday, April 29, 2017

Solitary confinement: Isolating a prisoner in a closed cell for 22 to 24 hours a day ó often for weeks, months, and sometimes for years or decades. Have you **seen** or **experienced** up close an **isolation cell**? Take this opportunity. The 6'x8' **replica** provides a brief exposure to both a cell's confining physical dimensions and its noises - endless shattering day and night noises. This opportunity is part of **The Humanity Fest**, part of the co-event YWCA's Race Against Racism; it's a multicultural festival held in Musser Park on Race Day and is open to the public from 7:30 a.m. (The racing events begin at 9 a.m.)

Race Against Racism - Racial Discrimination in the Prison System

African Americans, only 13% of the US population, represent 40% of those in prison or jails. Imprisoned for drug offenses 10 times the rate of Whites, they are far more likely to be held in isolation cells. African Americans serve close to the same time in prison for a drug offense as Whites serve for violent offenses. While bringing into public eye a practice that research shows counters offender rehabilitation, the solitary cell replica and info also uncover discrimination. On Sat., 4/29, **adults are invited** to enter and to experience an inmate's environment, devoid of dignity and meaningful human interaction. And, perhaps, to pray. Location: Chestnut & Lime.

Submitted by, *Faith D'Urbano*

ALL LANCASTER EPISCOPAL RESPONSE TEAM

WORK MORNING AT AIDS MEMORIAL GARDEN

SATURDAY, MAY 6th - 9:00 AM - 12 NOON

Location:

LINEAR PARK: *West Lemon and Water Streets, Lancaster
(Adjacent to Ponessa Services)*



**All Participants are Invited for Brief Worship
and Pizza at St. John's - at Conclusion of Work.**

(Contact: Dave Martin)



SUGGESTED TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

(Please Mark)

GLOVES

GARDEN RAKE

LEAF RAKE

HOE

TROWEL

WEEDING TOOL

PRUNING SHEARS

BULB PLANTER

SHOVEL

WHEEL BARROW

WATERING CAN

BROOM

PROPOSED GARDEN WORK

WEED AND PREPARE ALL BEDS FOR PLANTING

REMOVAL OF ANY DEAD VEGETATION

THINNING AND TRANSPLANTING

PLANT RED PETUNIAS

PLANT COLEUS

PLANT NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS

PLANT PACHYSANDRA

INSERT BED EDGING



YARD GIVE!



*Saturday, May 27th
7:00 a.m. - noon
St. John's Courtyard*

Clean out your closets, help save space in landfills, and assist neighbors in our community by donating your gently used treasures (household items, clothing, toys, books, and more) for St. John's first-ever **Yard Give**. Organized by the Stewardship Committee, the event will be held **Saturday, May 27, 7:00 a.m. until noon** in our courtyard and parking lot. Items will be available for the taking, although donations will be graciously accepted. Everything remaining will be donated to local charities (see chart below).

Drop off Yard Give items any Sunday prior to May 27 in the Parish Hall, or Friday evening, May 26, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the choir room (entrance from Mulberry St. parking lot).

On the day of the Give, items will be grouped by category, and signs will suggest donation amounts, but no one is required to pay for the items they take. (Note: We're planning to give our refugee family early access, so they can take anything they can use.)

Any monetary donations will go into our operating budget, reducing what we need to withdraw from our endowment.

These are the organizations to which we'll donate any items that are left (based on their online requests):

Lancaster County Council of Churches	Clothing and shoes.
Lancaster Creative Reuse (connecting community excess to those who can use it creatively)	Arts & crafts supplies and kits (even partially used), craft books, magazines, and fabric (1/4 yd+).
Lancaster Public Library	Books (for their book sale).
Habitat ReStore	Building materials and fixtures.
Humane League of Lancaster County	Towels, blankets, office supplies, extension cords & power strips, space heaters, and snow shovels.
Re-Uzit Shop (benefits Mennonite Central Committee & local charities)	Household items, small appliances, cards, jewelry, and furniture.

Many thanks to Nicole Pham for suggesting and heading up this event, and for sharing her vast experience with similar events!

Questions?: Contact Debbie Carter, 717-475-6008 or dp Carterpa@verizon.net

PRAYER LIST

We offer our continued prayers for:

Bob Bailey
Hilary Becker
Earl Benedict
Robert Bray
Michael Brogan
Patricia & Ralph Clare
Graham Cliff
Paula DeBrill
Vincent Delevega
James Dohren
Shaphan Dulo
Ken Evans
Linda Frederiksen
Earl Gibbs
Carol Greenfield
Alina Grobicki
Ned Grove
Gill & Mary Hartley
Anne Johnson Horn
Michael Hreben
Ellen Keller
Marge Kern
Terry Kooglevto
Adalynn & Brianna Lapp
Marty Laubenthal
John Lechowicz
Ernie Leffler
Kelly Lynch
Liam Maloney
Kathy McNamara
John Miller
William Miller
Dee Norman
Kevin & Mary Nourie
Robert Power
Ricky Ross
Jesse Rutledge
Gloria Schnee
Steven Schwartz
Stephanie Smith
Christian Stigelman
Martha Stroh
Joana Torres & Kids
Gary Weaver

Melissa Williams
Ella & Family
Meredith
Chuck & Barbara



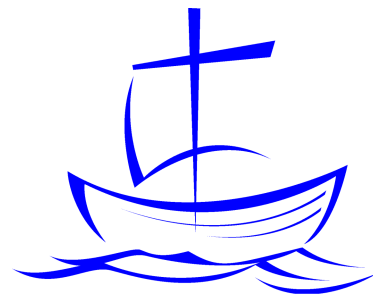
*...and for our
homebound
parishioners*

Margaret Crothers
Providence Eshelman
Bette Lou Forsyth
Michael Frantz
Dyls Glew
Cricket Johnson
Joan Lahr
Stefan Latshaw
Fritz Lawrence
Don Lovett
Betty McCaskey
Barbara McKee
Nancy Nemith
Peter Plaxa
Gray Sellers
Marjorie Seachrist
Joanna Sweeney
Stephanie Twari
Sandra Wengert
Johnnie Wheeler
Frank Wood
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*



VOYAGERS

Please make a special note that because of the Memorial Day holiday weekend this year, the Voyagers will **not** be meeting in May.

We look forward to another interesting and informative series beginning again in September. Be sure to check the August "Messenger" for future details.

Have a happy and safe summer!

Submitted by,

Barbara Graeter

MAY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Andersen, Bryna	9
Ashton, Rob	21
Bowser, Theodore	26
Burch, Ken	3
Davis, Maggie	21
Fields, Amy	29
Fields, Bob	8
Forrester, John	19
Graeter, Barbara	3
Graeter, John	20
Gromis, Jeff	28
Gustafson, Greyson	19
Henry, Graham	8
Hogg, Ryan	23
Houston, John	27
Hreben, Michael	6
Kane, Jr., Howard	27
Kilhefner, Mike	8
Lee, John	5
Linton, Debby	6
Loose, Eric	24
Loose, Julia	3
Magagna, Erin	24
McFarland, Ruth	26
McGee, Shirley	12
Means, Patti	23
Rahe, Christopher	7
Rahe, Debbie	9
Rahe, Emily	12
Rahe, Scott	5
Rahe, Zachary	15
Rowland, Jessica	5
Segarra, Sonia	31
Smith, Danny	9
Smith, Betsy	12
Springer, Graham	31
Watts, Eleanor	27
Young, Ginny	1
Zuke, Brad	18



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Almy-Webber, Anne & Ben Webber	05/29/2004
Bailey, Bob & Lyn	05/31/1969
Bowser, Michael & Susan	05/29/2010
Glazier, Penn & Mary	05/31/1969
Hogg, Bob & Linda	05/12/1984
Lee, Bob & Maggie Knox	05/29/1985
Qualls, Scott & Sherry	05/28/1983
Smith, Peter & Betsy	05/08/1982



*"Remembering Those Glorious
Easter Bonnets!"*



RUTH McDIVITT

SERVING SCHEDULE – MAY, 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.

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	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Brooks Morgan
Torch Bearer	--	Hal Williams, Claire Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan
Vergers	--	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

MAY 14	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	--
Lector	Sue Tobie	Aidan Cliff, Joel Cliff
Server	--	Sean Cliff
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearer	--	Frances Brogan, Fiona Mausolf
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Toni Ehrhart
Vergers	--	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	J2A	J2A
Nursery	--	Jen Gustafson

MAY 21	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Molly Moyer	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Stephanie McGovern	Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
Lector	Bob Lee	Danielle Di Pace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	Kylie Stone
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearer	--	Elijah Mendez, Natalie Visco
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Glenn Miller
Verger	--	Tom Bond
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Carolyn Maxey
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	--	Katie Mausolf



MAY 28	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Nicole Pham	Emma Di Pace, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	--
Lector	Barbara Landis	David Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearer	--	Evelyn Carroll, Helena Carroll
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Ian Thompson
Verger	--	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Martha's Ministry	LEV's
Nursery	--	Marla Lester

LOOKING AHEAD TO: JUNE, 2017

JUNE 4	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Sue Purdy	Brooks Morgan, David Dissinger
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Gretchen Walden	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	--	Rob Williams
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearer	--	Luca Suliveras, Ella Suliveras
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Hal Williams
Verger	--	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	Lester Family	Lemonade Time: TBD
Nursery	--	TBD

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:

WEDNESDAYS

MESSENGER ARTICLES:

3rd MONDAY

OF EACH MONTH