



St. John's Messenger

July, 2017

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

LETTERS FROM ALENDU

This past Lent the children of our Church School were joined by members of our Global Partnership Committee and others in our parish in sending cards and notes to the students of the LightHouse Academy in Alendu, Kenya. The Academy is the central ministry of Rafiki Africa, our global partner. It is through the students of the Academy and their families that Rafiki connects with the people of Alendu, and the current development project ô the fresh water well.

Because the mail service in Africa is not completely reliable, our cards and letters were personally carried and hand delivered to the students by Dorothy Dulo, who, with her husband Roger Godfrey, operates the Rafiki stand in Central Market. They use the proceeds from their business to fund the Academy and help pay for travel to and from Kenya. With each visit to Alendu, which typically lasts for months, they bring much needed supplies from America.

Dorothy just returned home to Lancaster and brought with her reply letters from the students. The letter I received was carefully hand printed in blue ink on lined notebook paper.

21/4/17

Dear John Morris,

Hi! I am Lovintionner Akoth. A girl of 14 years old and a student of the Lighthouse Academy. I am in grade eight preparing to take my KGPE exams in October. In Kenya, Spring began a few days ago. In Alendu we do not have snow but there are so many kinds of birds.

Your request for friendship is warmly welcomed and hope you will find time to visit us in Alendu.

Thanks, your friend,

Lovintionner Akoth

Beneath the note, the bottom half of the page was decorated with colorful stickers and detailed pencil drawings of a bicycle and of a woman in a green dress holding a bouquet of flowers in her hand. The caption read, ôMy mum's wedding.ö

Our global partnership with the people of Alendu through Rafiki Africa means many things. Bringing fresh clean water to the villagers. Supporting the education of children and especially young girls. Providing basic medical care. Teaching sustainable farming practices. All of these, part of the Millennium Development Goals, working together to help reduce poverty and enhance the quality of life.

THE REV. JOHN W. MORRIS (CONTINUED)

Letters from Alendu also tell us something more is happening. Relationship is being established. Barriers of borders and cultures are being overcome. Our global partnership with Rafiki Africa is crossing oceans and connecting continents. Lives on both sides of the planet are being touched.

Each Sunday in the Prayers of the People we include a petition for our global partnership. Our prayer concludes with the words, "Open our hearts and minds to see your Spirit at work in all we do and through all we share with our neighbors here and our new friends there."

Letters from Alendu are answers to our prayers.

John+



ST. JOHN'S ALTAR GUILD



WANTED: *Volunteers to serve with the Altar Guild!*



The Altar Guild helps to prepare for the Communion Rite each week for the Sunday services and on the Easter & Christmas holidays. To be more specific, we do light cleaning, we change the decorations and we set the "table" complete with the appropriate dishes and linens, and of course the bread and the wine. We are the "Hosts and Hostesses" for the Communion Rite. Currently we have 4 teams, each serving one weekend a month. Each team has to pick up one extra weekend a year to accommodate the periodic 5th week. During the Easter and Christmas holidays we all serve at the service that we are able to cover. Additionally, available Altar Guild members serve at weddings and funerals, and the Altar Guild does host a coffee hour during the year as well. Training and instructions will be provided. We really are a team-oriented group to work with, and the time commitment is minimal, but the experience is spiritually rewarding.

Anyone who is interest in more information, please contact Tammy Collier @ 717-468-7155 or Toni Ehrhart at 717-419-4891.

A Cat Named Willie

The fireflies are back! Again I marvel at the lightshow that appears in the trees behind my home. I spent a goodly amount of time watching them tonight with my cat Willie. I held him for some time as he purred and watched with me.

And now as I write, Willie resting comfortably at my feet, I marvel at the wonder of modern technology that allows me to write my thoughts in a light dim enough to glance outside from time to time to continue to enjoy the night scene.

Willie, short for Willful, walked into my life over thirteen years ago. I was meeting with a colleague when this handsome young lean cat appeared and boldly stretched out on the patio table where we were sitting. "Beautiful cat you have, Martin." "Not my cat," he replied. "It's been hanging around here for days and my daughter has been feeding it. Take it."

Well, I thought I could not just take the cat. But the cat thought differently as he followed me to my vehicle, jumped in and rested his head on my lap. That sealed the deal. He was a male tabby, neutered and declawed—someone owned and loved him. But after weeks of circulating flyers and contacting rescue organizations, the cat became mine...or, perhaps more accurately, I became his.

Willie has never been shy. Talking up a storm most days, coming to the door when someone comes in, sleeping at the foot of the bed almost from the start. One evening soon after he arrived, as I was petting him, he reared up trying to take a bite out of my arm, and pulling back, I shouted, "You're willful!" The name stuck.

Willie has taught me a great deal about life in our years together. He is, in a big way, my spiritual barometer. He reminds me to make time to take time. He slows me down when I am in too much of a "to-do list panic." He is consistent about reminding me to keep his bowl filled with favorite food or to get out a treat at the appointed time. He purrs. And most remarkably, he goes outside together with me every day (without a leash) just to meander, to visit the neighbor's garden fountain where he takes a long drink or to sit on the outside bench while I read the paper. Indeed he is a big presence in my home and in the neighborhood.

To say that Willie has won my heart is an understatement. And I am thankful to God for the gift of my four-footed friend who has taught me to love and honor ever more God's creation.

For us all, there are those gifts in God's creation that bring us peace and joy. My hope for you is that you find and cherish them. I suspect Mr. Willie Cat does too.

Barbara+

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Lord, you have made every good thing. Help us to see you in the stars and planets, the trees and flowers, the fireflies and rivers, and most especially in our pets that you have entrusted to our care. We thank you for the beauty in our lives and especially for those animals who give us so much joy. Teach us to love what you have made and to realize that in caring for the world and all that lives in it, we share in your love for all creation. AMEN.



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

JULY 2017

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

øThere are only two days in the year that nothing can be done.

One is called -Yesterdayø and the other is called -Tomorrow.ø

So TODAY is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live.ø *Dalai Lama*

Look around you, decide and then act on how you can love and connect
with ALL your brothers and sisters. - Here, There, Everywhere.

Global Partnership Challenge for July 2nd

July 4th: Independence Day

øChange does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle.

And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom.

A man can't ride you unless your back is bent.ø *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Global Partnership Challenge for July 9th

July 11th: World Population Day

øYou 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.ø

Mahatma Gandhi

Global Partnership Challenge for July 16th

July 18th: Nelson Mandela's birthday

øA good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.ø

Nelson Mandela

Global Partnership Challenge for July 23rd

In 1955, President Eisenhower signed a bill requiring use of the inscription

øIn God We Trustø on all paper money.

May we ALL be thankful for our gifts and discover ways to share with those less fortunate.

Global Partnership Challenge for July 30th

International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities.

May we ALL be a part of that effortí Here, There, Everywhere

SENIOR WARDEN

Patience and grace—our building program has definitely been an exercise in patience and grace. We are now beginning to see the fruits of our labors, our patience, and our grace. The fences have been erected in anticipation of official groundbreaking this week. The time has finally arrived! This will bring us into our next phase of patience and grace.

With the onset of construction, we will be faced with the challenges of how best to navigate our campus, how to get into the church, how to get to the bathrooms, how to make our way to the Parish Hall and the nursery. I have faith that we will persevere with the same patience and grace we have exhibited so far. With that being said, we are all sensitive to the concern of how to ensure that those with mobility issues are still able to worship with us as we go through the construction phase. The Parish Hall will be set up for those who will not be able to navigate the front steps into the church so that you may join us in worship via video feed. Communion will also be brought over to those who are worshipping in the Parish Hall. While this is not ideal, it does still allow us all to be “together” by at least being together on campus.

The staff, Vestry, Executive Committee, and all the ministries have been in much conversation as how best to accommodate those with mobility issues and how best to help make sure that they are able to join us on Sunday, if that is their desire. We have been discussing many different options and would welcome your suggestions. This will be an ongoing conversation as different phases of construction occur. With each new phase, new challenges will arise. If you have an issue, concern, or suggestion on how we can continue to serve those with mobility challenges, please let me know.

I would like to thank all of you that volunteered, and those of you who were nominated by others and graciously agreed, to be considered for the Search Committee for our new rector. The Vestry officially appointed 12 members at the last Vestry meeting and they were announced in last month’s “Messenger.” We will be calling on many of you as we go through this process, as there are many tasks that the committee will need help to complete. If you are feeling called to help with any upcoming tasks, you can let me or someone on the committee know, and we will be happy to reach out to you when the time arises.

Speaking of being called to serve, the Vestry has been exercising great patience this year as we continue to serve understaffed. We are still short one Vestry member. If you would please prayerfully consider helping us out and filling this vacancy, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Jenn Hreben



WORSHIP... UNDER CONSTRUCTION



We were surprised on Sunday to find the usual entrance to St. John's church from the Chestnut Street side fenced-off, as well as the courtyard access. However, we still had access to the breezeway connecting the Church to the Parish Hall. That access will be short lived as demolition of the breezeway begins. When that happens, the only access to the church will be the Chestnut Street door. We will have to use this door for entering and exiting the Church. The Parish Hall will have to be accessed by way of the Chestnut Street sidewalk, the entrance closest to Becker House. The parking lot behind Becker House will still be for handicapped parking only.

For those who need easier access, the parish Worship Committee and the Liturgy Team have been planning a temporary place where those with special needs can join in our worship each Sunday.

The Communications Committee has purchased a large, flat-screen TV to replace the smaller TV currently in the Parish Hall. The larger screen will provide a better view of the worship service in church but will also have improved sound.

A small worship area will be set up. A table with cross and candles will provide a focal point. Chairs will be arranged in front and around the table for viewing the worship service. Books of Common Prayer and bulletins will be available. This area will remain set up throughout the construction period. The rest of the furniture in the Parish Hall will be rearranged to accommodate the worship area.

Coffee Hour will still take place as usual, but the kitchen will be closed off during worship. An usher and a vergers will be present during worship to assist those gathered in the Parish Hall. A priest and a lay Eucharistic Minister will bring communion to those gathered in the Parish Hall. The priest will lead the Prayer of Thanksgiving and give a blessing to those gathered after communion has been distributed.

Everyone is being asked to remember that the Parish Hall, during worship services, is a place of prayer and worship – an extension of the Church.

Flexibility and patience are the watchwords for all of us while our new atrium and elevator access are being built. May God continue to bless our work!

Submitted by,

Tom Bond
Head Verger

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed by the Vestry on June 21, 2017:

1. Pipe Organ Refurbishment ó Resolved, that the St. John's Vestry approves the disbursement from the Music Fund restricted account of up to \$9,220 to Dieffenbach Pipe Organs for the Trumpet Reconditioning and Harmonic Flute Revoicing of the Wicks pipe organ using directed memorial gifts from the Wolf, Bush and Honaman families.
2. Web Streaming ó Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John's authorizes the disbursement from gifts given in memory of Maureen Shannon to the Audio-Video Fund restricted account of up to \$3,368 to App-Techs for the purchase of a video camera and streaming set up.
3. Parish Hall TV ó Resolved, that the Vestry authorizes a disbursement of up to \$400 from the Audio-Video Fund restricted account for the purchase of a large screen TV and its installation in the Parish Hall for the purpose of viewing the Sunday service by those unable to access the sanctuary during construction.
4. Asbestos Abatement ó Resolved, that the St. John's Vestry approves the agreement with Environmental Hazards Controls for the removal of asbestos-containing materials from the construction area and authorizes the disbursement of \$7,204 from capital funds for this purpose.
5. Fr. Bill Archer - Whereas, the Reverend William Arthur Archer has served as a priest of the Episcopal Church for sixty years—and whereas Fr. Archer has ministered to parishes in the dioceses of Pittsburgh, Ohio and Delaware—and whereas Fr. Archer has pastored parishioners at Willow Valley Retirement Community, tutored children at Fulton Elementary School, and served as Priest Associate of St. John's Church, Lancaster—be it therefore resolved that the Vestry of St. John's, on behalf of the people of this parish and the countless souls Fr. Bill has cared for, sends warmest congratulations and heartiest thanksgivings to Fr. Bill Archer on the occasion of the anniversary of his ordination, the Feast of the Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, June 29, 1957.

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!

PROPERTY CORNER

The committee was pleased to welcome Shirley Shaheen to its ranks at its June meeting!

Fr. John expressed his and the congregation's appreciation for all the work the Property Committee does and especially the contributions made in relation to the proposed new construction. A huge thank you to the work Kathy has done in the vesting room and the revitalization of the sills on the third floor of the Becker House. Bill also thanked Kathy for the sign garden preparation for the groundbreaking. The next project Kathy will be undertaking will be to install a partition and floating laminate floor within the storage area of the undercroft as part of the asbestos remediation effort in that area of the church facilities. Fr. John reported on the preparation for the asbestos remediation in the Parish House area, where the elevator and entrance will require removal of some asbestos-containing material from areas of the Parish House ground floor. Our contractor and EHC Associates will be coordinating this remediation.

Our Construction Committee met with the Vestry last month—the resolution passed to accept the proposal from Paul Risk. Groundbreaking for the Atrium project was Sunday, June 11, between the 8 and 10:15 services. It was so nice to see everyone who was in attendance on what was a beautiful day to celebrate this big occasion. As construction has already begun, we ask that everyone exercise caution while moving around on our Church campus and follow ushers' directions and use designated areas to park and move around the property.

Bill reported that he received notification from Gina Kaiser, our Financial Secretary, that the Becker House and Church have been taken off of UGI's gas budget plan, as a result of the Finance Committee's approval of our committee's recommendation. We will discuss doing the same with the Parish House despite the minimal quantity used there. Although the surplus reported was nothing more than the reserve that builds up from a budget plan, the Finance Committee felt it was still beneficial to have the heating fuel expense mimic the giving periods of our parish. We appreciate Dave Martin's hard work and follow-up in this effort. A rather lengthy discussion occurred, as it was noted from the financial print out that we have spent almost double in gas expenditures this year in contrast to last year. A thorough account review is being conducted.

This month's Life Safety inspection required a battery to be replaced within an emergency lighting unit in the Sunday School area. We had an incident with a roof leak activating the fire alarm system on May 5th. Roof work was performed to correct the condition causing the leak and the detector was restored to service. This was the second time a smoke detector has been activated by a roof leak. The roof work included joint tape and pipe boot replacement and caulking. This work was performed by BrentMore Construction, who replaced the Parish House roof. As a result of alarm activation, a staff training session was conducted on May 30th to familiarize these members with the intricacies of the fire alarm system.

With Sunday School finishing up for the summer, mold mitigating efforts are being conducted throughout the remainder of the summer break. These measures include the use of lighting and dehumidification throughout this space.

Due to the Independence Day holiday, our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Becker House. Your Property Committee consists of those of varying experiences who support St. John's many other ministries. We hope you can join us!

Your Property Committee: Jenn Hreben, Tom Bond, Jeff Gromis, Andrew Carroll, Bill Gross, Kathy Kyper, Jane Lee, Dave Martin, Cynthia Minnich, Shirley Shaheen and Bruce Waskowicz



No Longer a Wish, It's a Reality

by
Dorothy Dulo, Founder

My relatives laughed at my mom telling her that I would not finish my education. They believed that the Rafiki method of providing education to girls was a crazy idea and would not work. Every year they saw me promoted to the next grade. When I completed my 8th grade, they started a rumor that Rafiki had abandoned me and would not help me with High School education. When I graduated from 12th grade they started a rumor that I was going to get married. I joined college in the city and they thought that it was true that I was married. Now I've graduated from college, and everyone is coming to my mom for advice on how they can enroll their daughters in Rafiki education program. Every year I learnt about Jesus at school and my life changed. I no longer participated in the things other girls and my relatives did. They laughed at me, questioning my faith, and waited to see if this God I was learning about at school would help me in my education.

This Rafiki student, recently graduated from college, explained the challenges she went through with her relatives and community during her education in the Rafiki education program. But she chose to stay focused and committed to following all the rules so she could complete the program and get a career in a specialty that she was passionate about.

Over the last 16-18 years, many of the community members have doubted if Rafiki would realize its goals and mission of the education program that focuses on girls and the most vulnerable of the community. God has been faithful and He has shown His love and completed the work He began at LightHouse Academy. Girls are leading and staying in school to complete their education through college.

Her story is one of many girls in the Rafiki education program. We trust that God will continue to help us reach more vulnerable girls. As Rafiki completes the first circle of educating and taking care of students from Kindergarten to College and getting professional employment, it's exciting and humbling to be helping focused, bold girls and boys to fulfill their God-given potential and make their dreams become a reality.

Each transformed girl leads to a transformed family and a broken circle of poverty. Through your prayers, support and generosity, the dreams of these students are becoming a reality and Rafiki is reaching the most vulnerable girls and boys.

A warm thank you to everyone who partnered with Rafiki on our well project through Pennies for Rafiki, Evensong, or designated gifts! The total amount raised by your faithful giving was \$2,679.55. Your support means the world to us and those in Alendu who will have clean drinking water available very soon!"

Dorothy, Roger, and Rafiki Staff

PARISH INFORMATION

Baptized

Luke William Lisman
June 4, 2017

Luke's Parents

William Walter Lisman, Jr.
Meaghan Rathvon Lisman

Transferred Out

Marguerite O. Davis

Deaths

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" McCaskey
October 27, 1919 - June 9, 2017

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS EVENTS

Join us in the Parish Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. for the following films, popcorn, drinks, and discussion!

- **Friday, July 28:** NATIONAL BIRD (2016 documentary follows three US Veterans determined to break the silence of our Drone War.)
- **Friday, August 25:** THIRTEENTH (2016 documentary explores the intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the US. Title refers to the 13th Amendment to our Constitution, which freed the slaves and prohibited slavery.)

Also, there will be a **book study in late August** on Drew Hart's book: *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the way the church views racism*. LIPW and Lancaster Bible College will be hosting a lecture by Hart, a theologian and professor at Messiah College, on Thursday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m., at LBC.

Books are available to borrow or buy from Sue Heilman, heilmangirl@gmail.com.

WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

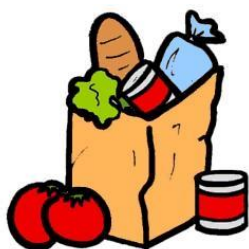
If you'd like to remember a loved one(s) with an altar flower or give thanks for a special occasion, please be sure to **stop by the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and add your name to the Flower Chart**. Details and **donation envelopes will also be available at the chart**. A **\$30** donation is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

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
JULY 2	Barbara Landis	Dan & Priscilla Farmer	
JULY 9		Fr. John Emmert	
JULY 16			
JULY 23			
JULY 30			
AUGUST 6	Carol Stigelman	Nelson Lawrence	
AUGUST 13			
AUGUST 20	Molly Moyer		
AUGUST 27			
SEPT 3	Paula Wolf		
SEPT 10	Barbara Landis	Molly Moyer	
SEPT 17	G. Shutt Trust		
SEPT 24	Fr. Peter Greenfield		

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

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help us with our church school penny drive, and to our anonymous matching donor! We raised \$661.55, when added the other Rafiki well fundraisers gives us a grand total of \$2,679.55 raised!! Way to go St. John's!

We hope that many of you were able to turn out to be a part of our convocational VBS at St. Thomas: **EGYPT!** We hope to continue to grow this ministry and welcome anyone who wants to be a part of planning for next year! Donations to help with expenses are still greatly appreciated. Please memo VBS on your checks.

We look forward to starting our new church school year on Sunday, September 10th. We may have to adjust classrooms locations due to the remodel - please keep an eye out for updated information as the fall approaches! Until then...have a great summer!!!

Karen Di Pace

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Youth Co-Directors



“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called Children of God.” (Matt. 5:9)

Based on this passage and the surrounding verses, this summer's EYE theme will be *Pathway to Peace*. The Mission Planning Team wants to focus on this vital message in a hurting world. *Path to Peace* represents both the inward and outward actions we are called to engage as members of the Jesus Movement. Embracing this theme, the 2017 Episcopal Youth Event will focus on helping participants identify how they can engage peacemaking and reconciliation in their communities.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

The Episcopal Youth Event is in partnership with the Diocese of Oklahoma. The event will be July 10-14, 2017. Please keep the following youth and adult leaders in your prayers as they travel:

Attending EYE#17 from The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania are:

Brittnie Betteley, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Columbia
Courtne Betteley, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Columbia
Emma Di Pace, St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster
Leah Doyle, Christ Episcopal Church, Coudersport
Carter Ishler, St. Edward's Episcopal Church, Lancaster
Slate Johnson, Mount Calvary Episcopal Church, Camp Hill
Anna Kwasnica, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, State College
Noah Runkle, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Columbia
Emily Sipe, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Columbia
Molly Souders, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Lancaster
Kyler Torres, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Columbia
Devinee Tucker, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Columbia

Adults

Bishop Audrey Scanlan
The Rev. Regina Barrett, St. John's Episcopal Church, Marietta
Bob & Mary Ellen Kilp, St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster

SUMMER CAMP

August 7-10 we will be gathering in Jersey Shore for a four-day retreat. Ages 12-18 are welcome. We will be doing mission work around the Williamsport and Jersey Shore area. We will be enjoying hiking, tubing, camp fires, singing, worshipping together, and many more activities. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Scholarships are always available. Please see Mary Ellen Kilp for more information or sign up today at <http://youth.diocesecpa.org>.

BERRY FESTIVAL

Join the J2A for our annual Berry Festival on July 7. Bring your friends and family as our J2A youth present an evening of live music (in the Auditorium) featuring local band Blue Sky Falls. Feast on loads of blueberry, strawberry, and other local produce and berry-themed desserts (in the Parish Hall). Cost: Free-will offering. All proceeds benefit the 2018 youth pilgrimage to Costa Rica.



KNOEBELS CHILDREN & YOUTH PICNIC

August 5, Knoebels Central Pennsylvania Children & Youth Picnic & Family Day at Knoebels Amusement Park, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the covered bridge going into the campground. There will be a picnic lunch, playing games, riding rides, sharing stories and spending time together. For families that would like to camp, we have a block of sites reserved. Please contact Karen Di Pace or Mary Ellen Kilp so we are sure we have enough room. All ages are welcome! Join us for a fun day at Knoebels! To sign up and for more information go to <http://youth.diocesecpa.org>.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, JULY 15**

A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, cereal, and pastries will be served to the downtown community at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster (7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.).

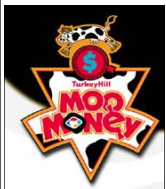


Community Breakfast is in need of fresh volunteers, especially those that wish to be on a substitute list. Not only have we lost the lives of several faithfuls recently, we seem to have busy elders as well as youth. After 16 years, this is bound to happen! It's a wonderful Jubilee Ministry that makes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

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!

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.

NEW LOCATION

MARTHA'S MINISTRY (Contact: Jeannie Zeller)

Please note that during the construction at St. John's, Martha's Ministry group will be meeting in the Social Room at **MADISON BARRCREST MANOR APARTMENTS**, 1705 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, on Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., rather than in the Parish Hall.

Come and join us as we share fellowship and ideas while enjoying good conversation, knitting, and/or crocheting!

If you know of someone who would enjoy receiving a prayer shawl to comfort them through difficult times, or if you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Jeannie Zeller.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Sue Tobie)

Total grocery card sales for: **MAY: \$6,520** **Total earned by Jubilee Ministries: \$326**

Total grocery card sales for: **JUNE: \$4,620** **Total earned by Jubilee Ministries: \$231**

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

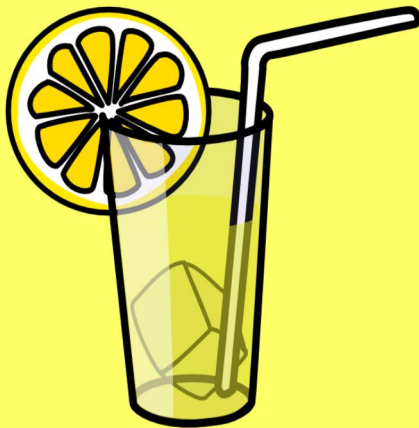
Here's a quick update (as of June 16, 2017) on the financial support for our building renovations, which began in mid-June:

	Amount Received
Received toward total pledges of \$777,553	\$ 495,843
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	\$ 19,790
Earnings on your contributions	\$ 10,909
Bequests from Eckenrode & Craige families	\$ 150,000
Total received	\$ 676,542

Thanks to everyone for your generous support of our goal of making the doors a little wider and the invitation a little warmer!

The capital campaign fulfillment period runs through 2018. However, if you are able to join the 25 families who have already completed their pledges, that will reduce the amount that we need to borrow from the bank during construction. (And that, of course, will reduce the interest we have to pay.)

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.



LEMONADE TIME IS NOW IN FULL SWING!

Volunteers are requested to sign up for a turn to serve lemonade and pretzels after second service over the summer.

The regular coffee hour is between services during the summer months, and a quick light refreshment of lemonade only is offered at 11:30 a.m.

It's easy!! All supplies are provided. Leave church after communion to prepare, clean up is quick and easy, and you're out and done by 12:00 noon. The sign-up clipboard is at the coffee window with responsibilities outlined. Please take a turn. Two people are good to have, but it can be a solo event.

See Sue Martin with questions.



GROUNDBREAKING 2017

A ceremonial groundbreaking for our building program took place on Sunday, June 11, in front of St. John's on West Chestnut Street.

You may watch the groundbreaking ceremony on our [Facebook page](#).



*Pictured above are (from left to right):
DJ Risk, Paul Risk Construction; Jenn Hreben, Vestry;
Don Main, Marotta/Main Architects; Steve Latshaw,
Construction Committee; Rosemary Coverly,
Capital Campaign Committee; Chad Linder,
Diocese of Central Pennsylvania; Rob Jones, Fulton Bank;
and The Rev. John Morris, Rector.*



This banner informs our neighbors of the key features of our renovations.

YARD GIVE UPDATE!

St. John's First Annual Yard Give was a success! As a result of donations from many parishioners and the hard work of the Stewardship Team and Property Manager Bill Gross, as well as several other volunteers, we have

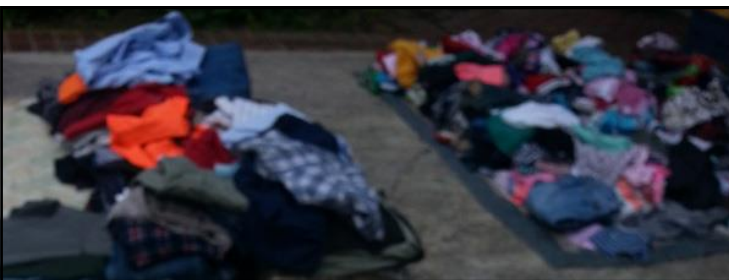
- ◆ Brought in over \$600 in voluntary donations, which will offset some expenses of our various ministries
- ◆ Provided household items and/or clothing for
 - ◇ two refugee families
 - ◇ clients of a couple of agencies whose case workers came during the last hour
 - ◇ two or three homeless families who are working toward moving into their own homes
 - ◇ some number of others who came to select clothing and household goods that they wouldn't have otherwise been able to afford
- ◆ Taken many more items to local charitable organizations, which will give them to their clients and/or sell them to benefit people in our local community and overseas. (Lancaster Co. Council of Churches got 667 lb. of clothing—we also took carloads to Lancaster Creative Reuse, Lancaster Public Library, Habitat ReStore, SPCA, and Re-Uzit Shop.)
- ◆ Shared about 3 boxes full of various food items (from a recent food drive) that were past their "best-by" dates but still in good condition, with people who will be glad to use them
- ◆ Helped to relieve many of our parishioners of items that were cluttering their attics, garages, and closets, giving those items at least one more reuse before they hit a landfill



As a parish, we practiced both financial and environmental stewardship, in addition to outreach — Bravo! and Thanks! to all!

If you didn't quite get around to weeding out your own household in time for the Yard Give, or you've thought of other items that you wish you had donated, you'll have an opportunity to do that before our Second Annual Yard Give (definitely after the construction is completed)! But please keep those items at home until we put out a plea for donations.

Future Yard Gives will be based in our elevator-accessible auditorium, which will simplify accumulating, sorting, and displaying donated items, as well as eliminating the need



Photos: (top) Stewardship Team and Property Manager Bill Gross hauled and sorted donated items on Friday; (left) clothing offered for sale; (above) Pam Loose takes a well-earned rest between closing time and packing up.

BETTY FINNEY MEMORIAL GARDEN

Help! Help! Help!

To those who have assisted in the past to maintain the Betty Finney Memorial Garden and also for those who would like to serve a ministry ~

It is obvious Summer is here and, along with it, the concern for upkeep of the Memorial Garden, especially the task of watering the garden. The need has come early in the Summer this year. So far, I have watered the garden 3 times, mowed the grass strips twice, and done some superficial weeding since our work day in May.

I am reaching out for some help!

Starting the last week in June and continuing thru the last week in August, I would ask people to volunteer to take a week, and monitor the garden for its needs. It would most likely need one visit a week.

The most critical need during the hot and potentially dry months is watering. A hose caddy will be kept in the old wooden shed at the handicapped parking area off of Concord Street. The shed is not locked. There is enough hose on the reel to reach all areas of the garden. The caddy would need to be transported to and from the garden. The water spigot source is at the end of the park at Lemon Street. Both flower beds and grass sod strips should be thoroughly watered.

I do not have a power mower to keep the grass sod strips trimmed. I would hope someone has a mower and could check the need for mowing and do the trimming when needed. It only takes about 15 minutes, at the most.

With good growing conditions, weeds will appear and should be removed to keep the garden looking as it should. Bring bucket and weeding tool.

Among the groups of friends, neighbors, St. John's folk, and people from the ALERT organization, it is my hope we can do this together without it being a burden to just a few people. I can be the person for you to respond to: mdsmartinduncan@aol.com or 717-464-2693. I will let everyone know the schedule.

Thanks,

Dave Martin

SOLES 4 SOULS

WEARING OUT POVERTY™

May 25, 2017



Patti Means
St. John's Episcopal Church
321 W Chestnut St
Lancaster, PA 17603-3509

Dear Friend,

Thank you for joining our mission and collecting shoes for those in need! We know that this required a lot of effort and commitment on your part and want to assure you that your work will help improve the lives of many hurting people around the world. It is only because of compassionate people like yourself that we are able to expand our mission and realize our goals, which has always been to simply help those in need.

We are truly blessed to have friends like you. We want to assure you that your donation will enable individuals in the United States and around the world to step out of poverty. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and your personal involvement with our cause is tremendously important. You should be proud of your humanitarian efforts. We invite you to keep our mission in mind, should the opportunity arise to continue to donate to our cause.

Thanks again for helping us with our mission of **"Wearing out Poverty"™**!

Contribution Date: 5/20/2017
Total Pairs: 1553
135 shoe laces

With deepest thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Buddy Teaster".

Buddy Teaster
CEO



Praying Shapes Believing The Book of Common Prayer

**A Four Week Brown Bag Summer Study
Every Tuesday
Starting August 22 to September 12
6 PM to 7:30 PM**



“Probably more than any other contemporary religious group, Episcopalians are people of a prayer book. Not only do we use the Book of Common Prayer for the conduct of our public services, it is the guide for our private prayer and the source of most of our theology.

—The Reverend Leonel Mitchell

~

As a follow up to our March Transfiguration Weekend, we will explore the spirit, history, rituals, and rubrics of our Book of Common Prayer. This program is designed for adults and older teens. Bring questions and to discover the beauty of our common prayer. Come to one or come to all four sessions. Light refreshments will be served. Brown Bag supper if you don't have time to eat earlier.

More on the topics in the coming weeks. Contact Mother Barbara at 717-385-2667 or Linda Bruce at 717-824-2587 with suggestions as we plan and prepare.

Deadline Dates!

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:
WEDNESDAYS**

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

PRAYER LIST

We offer our continued prayers for:

Bob Bailey
Howard & Betty Barnes
Ron Barton
Earl Benedict
Robert Bray
Michael Brogan
Patricia & Ralph Clare
Graham Cliff
Paula DeBrill
Vincent Delevega
James Dohren
Shaphan Dulo
John & Ruth Emberger
Ken Evans
Linda Frederiksen
Carol Greenfield
Alina Grobicki
Madison Groff
Gill & Mary Hartley
Anne Johnson Horn
David Hower
Margaret Huffman
Ellen Keller
Marge Kern
Vonda Kirchner
Terry Kooglevto
Matt Lester
Bill & Sherrie Letcher
Kelly Lynch
Kathy McNamara
John Miller
William Miller
Dee Norman
Kevin & Mary Nourie
Robert Power
Barbara Ramella
Ricky Ross
Gloria Schnee
Merle Schnee
Steven Schwartz
Ricky Smith
Stephanie Smith
Jim Stauffer
Christian Stigelman
Martha Stroh

Joana Torres & Kids
Eric Waskowicz
Gary Weaver
Melissa Williams
Chuck & Barbara
Russell



*...and for our
homebound
parishioners*

Margaret Crothers
Providence Eshelman
Bette Lou Forsyth
Michael Frantz
Dyllys Glew
Cricket Johnson
Joan Lahr
Stefan Latshaw
Fritz Lawrence
Don Lovett
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 contact Patti Means in the church office.

*Laurel Hobbins, Matthew James,
Alex Kelly, Kirby Kinderwater,
Kyle Kinderwater, Kyle Kulka,
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.**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Archer, Bill	5
Blevins, Susan	9
Brown, Doug	12
Brown, Jean	28
Clark, Foster	29
Di Pace, Nicholas	31
Ehrhart, Toni	8
Freeman, Aidan	3
Gbur, David	14
Glazier, James	24
Gouveia, Fran	12
Hasircoglu, Selena	9
Heider, Max	22
Howell-Brogan, Meagan	6
Jackson, Sandra	19
Keller, Ellen	10
Kyper, Kathy	6
Lawrence, Nelson	26
Magagna, William	23
Moffatt, Emily	30
Myers, Irene	14
Nolan, Lorraine	5
Patterson, Julia	30
Russell, Bobbi	1
Snyder, Hallie	26
Tobie, Sue	9
Way, Campbell	2
Welaish, Andrew	22
Welaish, Mia	22
Williams, Hal	23

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Carroll, Andy & Anne	07/25/2000
Di Pace, Nick & Karen	07/15/1995
Dohren, Jim & Susan	07/15/1967
Fields, Bob & Amy	07/17/1971
Largent, Karen & Todd	07/02/2006
Lovett, Don & Ann	07/25/1953
Morgan, Bruce & Leslie	07/04/1998
Novosel, Peter & Shore, Linda	07/15/2006



E.C.W. RETREAT

Episcopal Church Women

The Annual ECW Retreat will be held September 15-17 at the Claggett Center in Maryland. This year's theme is:

***Sacred Ceremonies of Everyday Life:
Exploring the Divine through Food, Song,
Poetry, Nature, and Meditation.***

The presenter is the Rev. Rowena Gibbons of St. James, Mansfield.

Registration information is on the Parish Hall bulletin board. Ladies, please consider.



SERVING SCHEDULE – JULY, 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.

JULY 2	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Molly Moyer	Brooks Morgan, Katie Mausolf
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Don Durand, Sibyl Seachrist
Lector	Bob Lee	Danielle Di Pace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	Kylie Stone
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearer	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan
Verger	--	--
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Gromis Family	Lemonade Time: Debbie Carter & Bill Cater
Nursery	--	Phyllis Gbur

JULY 9	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Tom Bond	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker	Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
Lector	Barbara Landis	Brooks Morgan, David Dissinger
Server	--	Hal Williams
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearer	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Emma DiPace
Verger	--	--
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	Brenton Family	Lemonade Time: Toni Ehrhart
Nursery	--	Janelle Stone

JULY 16	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Nicole Pham	David Kilp, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Stephanie McGovern	--
Lector	Sue Tobie	Jane Lee, Megan Howell-Brogan
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearer	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Danielle Di Pace
Vergger	--	--
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	Morgan Family	Lemonade Time: Brogan Family
Nursery	--	Leslie Morgan

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

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

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

For **Altar Guild:** Contact Toni Ehrhart

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.

JULY 23	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Sue Purdy	Emma Di Pace, David Dissinger
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Phil Purdy	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	--	Rob Williams
Crucifer	--	Brooks Morgan
Torch Bearer	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Vergger	--	--
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Woolson Family	Lemonade Time: Woolson Family
Nursery	--	Jennifer Gustafson

JULY 30	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Molly Moyer	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	--
Lector	Nicole Pham	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
Server	--	Danielle Di Pace
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearer	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Garth Alexander
Vergers	--	--
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Carolyn Maxey
Coffee Hour	Waskowicz Family	Lemonade Time: Zuke Family
Nursery	--	Katie Mausolf



LOOKING AHEAD TO: AUGUST, 2017

AUGUST 6	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Tom Bond	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Don Durand, Sibyl Seachrist
Lector	Gretchen Walden	Danielle Di Pace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	Kylie Stone
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearer	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Vergers	--	--
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Way Family	Lemonade Time: Sue Heilman
Nursery	--	Marla Lester