



St. John's Messenger

August, 2017

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

WAITING FOR GEORGISA

Cindy and I are waiting for the birth of our second grandchild. We don't know what to expect - a boy or a girl. But our children have chosen names for both. George, if a boy. Louisa, if a girl. As we wait for the birth, rather than refer to the baby as "it," we've merged both names into one name - Georgisa.

Waiting for Georgisa is a busier activity than you might expect. Daily phone calls must be made. Text messages need to be monitored. Bags must be packed. The car, fully gassed. A cell phone must be present at all times.

We have been given an extensive list from our daughter-in-law, detailing the cosmic event that is Baby Morris 2k17. The list includes: where to find the hidden key to their house, location of light switches, names of neighbors, directions to the hospital, where to park, how to feed and walk the dog and contact information for the vet.

Grandparents are important. Obviously. We need to be in the loop. We have jobs to do.

All this makes me think about God (as most life events tend to do). As a grandparent I am only indirectly involved in the birth but I am also highly invested. My participation in the birthing process, while ancillary, is nonetheless significant and effects the long term quality of Georgisa's life.

That is the way I feel about ministry. Clearly, I am not in charge of the way the world is, any more than I am involved with giving birth. Creation is God's business, not mine. At the same time, I am part of that creation and what I do does make a difference.

Ministry, like grandparenting, involves a lot of waiting. I am waiting for the birth of a better world. I want to see injustices corrected. I want the quality of life on earth to be improved. I want creation to be cared for and the lives of people to be valued. I want all of this for Georgisa.

Like waiting for Georgisa, ministry is active waiting. Prayer and worship. Building community and communication. Practicing self-care and good stewardship. Welcoming and nurturing others. These are things, that though in themselves may be small, when taken together impact our being in the world.

St. Paul talks about this in his Letter to the Romans, "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Romans 8:19). Paul's point of view is that our lives are embedded in the creation and that creation is waiting for us, looking to us to emerge as the people God intends us to be. That makes us important. Obviously.

At St. John's, these weeks of August may look unimportant. In fact, they are part of our active waiting. All the ministries of our church continue to function. It is not only our church's facilities but our ministries that are under construction. The first day of the week is still Sunday. Worship is happening in the sanctuary and in our makeshift-yet-surprisingly-pleasing-and-fully-accessible Parish Hall chapel.

Cindy and I stand ready to welcome our next grandchild. We are on pins and needles just like all other grandparents who await a birth.

May we all be also blessed with the same sense of excitement and anticipation as we look forward to our world to come, and be committed in a ministry of active waiting. We are important. What we do is important for the creation that eagerly awaits us and for Georgisa.

John+

CAUTION - This Is Not Your Typical Summer Reading

This past Saturday I traveled to the Diocesan Center in Maryland for a workshop. Although I live and minister in Lancaster and enjoy a good and growing relationship with Bishop Audrey, I am still canonically resident in Maryland. Why? Well, every priest is always under the jurisdiction of a bishop. And there are many instances, mine included, where the priest remains connected to a bishop in one diocese while ministering in another diocese.

But back to the workshop on Domestic Violence, its Identification, Prevention and our Churches Response. It is required of all Maryland clergy and leadership in addition to Safe Church (or Safeguarding God's Children/People) and Racism Awareness.

And that is a very good thing. I would advocate that every diocese follow Maryland's lead in making the awareness and prevention of domestic violence a priority.

The Reverend Anne Weatherholt led the workshop. Author of *Breaking the Silence: the Church Responds to Domestic Violence*, she is active in local, state, church and national organizations and movements. She has been deeply involved since 1988.

Her message is pointed: "Three of every five persons around you have experienced domestic abuse, are in abusive situations, or have a family member being abused. They are hidden in plain sight."

Her message that Saturday was clear and sobering. And hopeful. Because in our awareness, our communities are the place where the silence can be broken and where healing and peace come for all victim and abuser, family and friends.

Anne writes:

"There are victims of domestic abuse all around you in church. So when the sermon is about forgiveness, when the topic of the day is reconciliation or the sanctity of marriage or the family, and there is no mention of the reality of abuse, [those in abusive situations] do not hear good news but only hear that they are to go back into the situation where they are battered emotionally, financially, spiritually and maybe physically, and that the church they love is unaware of their pain.

"...We want everyone in church to be okay. We assume that, because they are in church, for the most part everyone IS okay. As the victims look around, they think they are alone, the only one who is afraid to go home. There is a conspiracy of silence that infects both church and society..."

Perhaps this is not the type of message to appear in a summertime newsletter. I apologize for anyone who finds this so. Yet, I am convinced there can be no waiting for a good time to speak of this crying need...there is no better time than NOW to break the silence.

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THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS (CONTINUED)

In my time at St. John's, I have been reminded (and amazed) time and again of the unique spirit of this congregation to address serious albeit uncomfortable realities and to be a place of acceptance and healing and inclusion for all. In that spirit I offer this introduction and I welcome each and all to continue with me in the awareness that breaks the silence and ends the alienation and abuse.

For as Anne+ reassures: "The silence surrounding domestic violence is a difficult wall of denial on the part of abusers and victims alike, and it is a subject that most people don't want to talk about. But once the door is opened, be prepared for a flood of stories and the wonderful opportunity, not just to help, but to save lives.

Barbara+



A Selection of Resources about Domestic Violence Identification and Prevention are available at www.stmarkslappans.org/resources-about-domestic-violence-identification-and-prevention.html

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.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

AUGUST 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 Yesterday and the other is called Tomorrow.

So TODAY is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live. ö *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 August 6th

øDo your little bit of good where you are.

It's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world. ö *Desmond Tutu*

Come help and observe at the Community Breakfast

and feel your smile widen and your heart increase at the happiness shared.

Global Partnership Challenge for August 13th

Saturday, August 19th - World Humanitarian Day

This day is dedicated to humanitarians world wide to honor those workers who have lost their lives or injured themselves around the world.

øYou have two hands. One to help yourself, the second to help others.ö

Global Partnership Challenge for August 20th

øThe World is my country, all mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion.ö

Thomas Paine

When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine.

Global Partnership Challenge for August 27th

øI am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

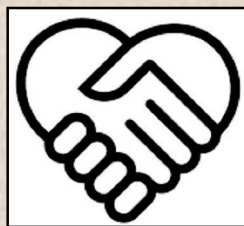
And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.ö *Edward Everett Hale*

Kids are going back to school, kids are coming back to the Eagle's Nest and

your help by purchasing grocery cards will greatly help with their learning.

You lose nothing; they could win big!!!

Here, There, Everywhere.



SENIOR WARDEN

Demolition has begun, and stopped. There have been many conversations going around in regard to this latest pause in our progress. In short, our demolition crew was a little eager to get things started before we had all of our ducks in a row! We are almost there and hopefully demolition will begin again within the next week. I for one am a little thankful for the pause. Once final approval from the diocese was received, things started happening very quickly. Our beloved courtyard tree was lying on the ground, the Browns were hard at work removing the rest of the remains from our Memorial Garden, our beloved breezeway and arches were a little battered, the ramp was gone, and suddenly we were surrounded with construction fencing and signs. I personally had not quite prepared myself for actual demolition and what that would mean. There go so many memories! So, I am thankful for the pause; it has given me time to say good-bye to those memories and prepare myself for moving into our new space mentally as well as physically. It has also given staff, clergy, and our liturgy teams a chance to work out the kinks of how and where we do worship in the Parish Hall, how we get the able bodied in and out of the sanctuary, and bring unity to the different bodies that are worshipping together in separate spaces, on our campus as well as virtually via Facebook. I hope others have taken this pause to also prepare for the good-byes and prepare for the new.

There have been a lot of mixed emotions and feelings in regard to our building project. Some support this wholeheartedly, some not so much, and everything in between. I admit that I have been on a roller coaster ride in regard to this project. My thoughts and feelings have been all over the place. As a warden for the past two years, I am all too aware of the laundry list of items that need to be attended to across our campus and our limitations in being able to attend to them all. So, I understand the angst all too well. Then I found myself in a class this summer entitled Psychological Aspects of Individuals With Disabilities. In a nutshell, we discussed how society views and responds to those with disabilities. This did not include just those with intellectual, mental, or physical disabilities; it also included those groups of people who are in danger of being pushed out to the margins of society. We discussed how the social narrative has allowed this to happen and how well-intentioned people do not even realize what they are doing because the social narrative is so ingrained. It takes a very conscious effort to recognize it. I couldn't help but think of our family here at St. John's and how we minister to those on the margins. Personally, I think we do a great job, and then I thought about our handicapped accessibility as it is now and has been for so many years, and I looked at it through a different lens. Suddenly, it became all too clear to me the message we were sending, and I wasn't quite so proud. Yes, we have provided a way to access our church, but it is not very welcoming or embracing. We didn't even have a button to press so that the back door could open on its own, if you didn't have someone to help you open the door, you were out of luck. Was this really the best we could do? No, it's not.

Our building project is the final piece of the puzzle for St. John's to become fully accessible and welcoming to all people. I pray that all those who find themselves on the margins of society find a welcoming and embracing home at St. John's, now and in the future.

Submitted by,

Jenn Hreben

PARISH INFORMATION

Deaths

William "Bill" Bowen Cater, Jr.
September 20, 1952 - July 6, 2017



VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were addressed by the Vestry on July 17, 2017:

1. Handbell Refurbishment - Resolved, that the Vestry approves the expensing from the Music Fund restricted account up to \$1350 to refurbish the full set of St. John's handbells; and be it further resolved that the Vestry pledges to budget annually in the operating fund \$300 that will be transferred each year to the Music Fund restricted account to pay for future handbell refurbishments. *Tom Bond called the question, motion tabled until August meeting for further clarification.*
2. June Resolutions - Resolved, that the Vestry affirms the resolutions approved by email vote on June 21, 2017: Pipe Organ Refurbishment, Web Streaming, Parish Hall TV, Asbestos Abatement, and Fr. Bill Archer. *Lynn Hayford called the question, motion passed.*
3. Escrow - Resolved, that the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church authorizes the release from capital campaign funds a sum of \$68,059 made payable to the City of Lancaster, PA, to be held in a city escrow account as mandated by the city to secure the costs of site improvements. *Lynn Hayford called the question, motion passed.*

PROPERTY CORNER

We thank the Browns and Angela Cuthbert for their help with our Memorial Garden and the Columbarium. Many hours have been spent over several days relocating portions of both of these sacred areas of our church campus, requiring an entire family effort, for which we are extremely grateful. Kathy Kyper continues with her handiwork. While finished with the undercroft floor, walls and partitioning, she has moved on to the Narthex entrance. The undercroft work started with the removal of lots of storage from this space.

We are working to get the kitchen refrigerator replaced, as it is not keeping temperature. Your Vestry has passed a resolution to replace this unit, which is now about sixteen years old and using Freon 22, which we are told will no longer be produced after the end of the year.

We are awaiting a quote from a painter for the exterior of the Becker House. A menu-type quote was requested so that we could hit the bad areas while still remaining under our budgeted \$5,000 amount. Plans call for our masonry contractor to be here in August to perform his budgeted \$7,500 amount of pointing, as well.

Fortunately, we were able to get permission for our gutter contractor to use the demolition crew's lift. It was thought that we could make use of it, so as not to have to pay for a lift rental to have our gutters cleaned and repaired. Our contractor is going to work around several jobs and our construction to make this work happen for us. I haven't heard any complaints from those using our facilities during our project. We continue to work on signage and the worship space in the Parish Hall to offer ease of accessibility during our project.

July's Life Safety inspection discovered both the smoke beam in the Nave and the one in the Auditorium to be not functioning. Select Security came in to resolve this situation on July 12th. The rest of the inspection was unremarkable.

Our construction committee continues to work on the new columbarium design toward a formal proposal within the next week from Eickhof Columbaria. This company has been very cooperative and extremely patient with the many revisions we have had in this process. In addition, we have secured our Builder's Risk policy with Church Insurance, our current insurance carrier. We are currently working through a changing approval process with our construction, with hopes of being able to move on our project within the very near future. We appreciate everyone's patience in this process.

Your Property Committee is one of the few ministries that serve all of St. John's other ministries. Its strength come from the dedication and diverse backgrounds everyone brings to the table. We are very blessed to have some new members. And, we would be even more fortunate to have your expertise. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 1st, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the Becker House. We hope to see you then!

Your Property Committee,

*Jenn Hreben, Tom Bond, Bruce Waskowicz,
Andrew Carroll, Bill Gross, Kathy Kyper,
Jane Lee, Dave Martin, Cynthia Minnich, and Shirley Shaheen*



Special Education with Rafiki

by
Amber Kepler

Even though it is summer here in the United States, school is still on the brain for one teacher. Meg Diller, a preschool teacher in Lancaster, left in June for her second trip to visit LightHouse Academy in Alendu, Kenya. In 2015, Meg, along with other volunteers from the US, visited Alendu to work with the teachers of LightHouse Academy. That trip made an obvious impact on Meg and her husband, Ken. So this summer, Meg will return to Kenya for a few weeks to continue the work started by the team in 2015.

Meg Diller traveled with the Worship Center team in the summer of 2015. On that trip, the team presented many different topics including Reading Assessment Training, providing training on analyzing data and creating educational goals for students, providing Special Education training, providing computer/email training to all school staff members, hosting a Vacation Bible School for all students at the school, providing marriage counseling to parents and teachers, and providing conflict resolution skills to administrators at LHA. Needless to say, it was a busy trip for the team.

Meg was one of the 4 educators on the 2015 trip and participated in the reading trainings for the teachers at LHA. On her trip this June, her focus will be to check on the progress of the reading program. Meg will work with teachers to look at the assessments that they have administered, analyze the data and help teachers create new goals for their students. In addition, Meg will also be working in the preschool through second grade classrooms to share her knowledge of Early Childhood Education with the teachers of those grade levels. Meg has been looking forward to this trip since her trip in 2015 and will be an asset to the teachers of LHA while she is there. When she returns, she will be volunteering with Rafiki's education board to help develop new goals for the teachers and students at LHA.

UPCOMING EVENT

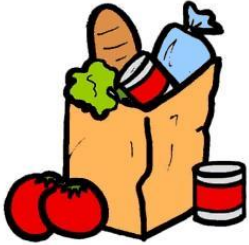
African Festival - September 30, 2017

All are welcome to the African Festival, a cultural event that introduces African culture to the community through food, dance, storytelling, a fashion show, etc. Come and be part of this unique experience! It is happening on September 30th at Binns Park & Lancaster Square, from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.



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!”

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS EVENTS

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

- **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 the Parish Hall on Thursday, August 24. at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, August 26, at 10:00 a.m.** 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.

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

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
AUGUST 6	Carol Stigelman	Nelson Lawrence	
AUGUST 13			
AUGUST 20	Molly Moyer		Sue Tobie
AUGUST 27			
SEPT 3	Paula Wolf		
SEPT 10	Barbara Landis	Molly Moyer	
SEPT 17	G. Shutt Trust		
SEPT 24	Fr. Peter Greenfield		
OCT 1	John & Barbara Graeter		
OCT 8	Patti Means		
OCT 15	Dan & Priscilla Farmer		
OCT 22			
OCT 29			



Altar Flowers

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen Di Pace, Sunday School Director

Sunday, September 10, will be the first day of classes this fall. Classes will likely be temporarily relocated to the All Purpose Room on the lower level depending on construction. Please check the September "Messenger" for updates, and registration forms can be found in either the September "Messenger" or in the Parish Hall. Forms must be completed each year for all students. Feel free to contact me with any questions. We will celebrate with an ice cream sundae social after the 10:15 a.m. service!

Please remember to check the Serving Schedule to see when you are scheduled to torch or serve in the Nursery. If you cannot be there, please switch with someone if you can, or let me know and we will be glad to find you coverage. This is especially important during the summer when we may not have someone to grab that day to cover!

If anyone is interested in becoming involved in the Church School or Nursery program, please feel free to contact me. We can always use more help! We can use some occasional help in the classrooms!

I hope you are all enjoying your summer!

Karen Di Pace

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Youth Co-Directors

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>.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

From July 10th through the 14th, a group of 12 high school youth from our diocese embarked on a spiritual journey to Edmond, Oklahoma, for the triennial Episcopal Youth Event (EYE17), which is a worldwide youth event sponsored by the Episcopal Church. This particular event was hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, led by The Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward J. Bishop Edö Konieczny. There were approximately 1,300 youth and their adult chaperones.

The event started with an opening Eucharist which included praise music from the EYE band, welcome from Bishop Ed, and Episcopal Church Staff Officer, Youth Ministries, Bronwyn Clark Skov, and a rousing sermon by our Presiding Bishop, Bishop Michael Curry. The EYE participants then had opportunities on both Tuesday and Thursday to attend two Praxis sessions each, ranging from an informative session with Bishop Curry talking more in depth about "The Jesus Movement," along with a Q&A period at each session, "Our Family: 85 million members," Digital Tools for Ministry, Episcopal Service Corps, UN Path to Peace, and many more sessions.

On Wednesday, all 1,300 participants were loaded onto buses, and taken on a tour of Oklahoma City, including the Oklahoma City National Memorial, OKC Museum of Art, Oklahoma History Museum, The Cowboy Museum, Oklahoma State Fairgrounds and Horse Show Arena, and both St. John's Episcopal Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Oklahoma City. The evening included the "Red Dirt Festival" which was a festival including foods from Food Truck Vendors from the area, and ended with a peace walk from the festival to the OKC National Memorial park, where a candlelight service was held, with a sermon from Bishop Ed. Everyone was then loaded onto the buses again and returned to the University of Central Oklahoma, where the group was housed in its dormitories.

Thursday saw another day of Praxis sessions available to everyone, and another rousing closing Eucharist with the EYE band, introductions to all those responsible for the successful planning and execution of EYE17, and a sermon from the Rev. Winnie Varghese, Director of Justice and Reconciliation at Trinity Church, Wall Street, NYC.

Our contingency consisted of 12 high school youth from our diocese, led by our Bishop Audrey Scanlan, Rev. Gina Barrett of St. John's Marietta, and Diocesan Youth coordinator Mary Ellen Kilp, and her husband Bob.

The youth were responsible to raise part of their costs on their own, and then took part in fundraising efforts to earn the rest of their way. They were supported financially in part by their own funds, a portion of funds from their parishes, and from the diocese. They were also given funds by the generosity of A.L.E.R.T. (All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team), ECW, and through a service project provided by St. Thomas Episcopal, Lancaster, PA., and some anonymous donations.

The group embarked on the journey beginning at 3:00 am, from St. Paul Episcopal in Columbia, PA, with the Rev. Patrick Peters sending them off with prayer, to BWI airport in Baltimore. From BWI, the group flew to Dallas, TX, and drove the rest of the way in a 15-passenger van, to Edmond, Oklahoma, with the return route the same, in reverse. The group arrived back in Columbia in the early morning hours of Saturday, the 15th of July.

A great time was had by all, and the group is so appreciative of the support they received from their own parishes, as well as from their parents, and all the other groups that helped to make the trip possible. They all felt very privileged to be able to spend almost four whole days with their Bishop, and have such a moving, and somewhat life-changing, experience!

I, along with 11 other youth from our diocese, 3 chaperones, and Bishop Audrey Scanlan, had the opportunity to attend Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) in Oklahoma from July 10th to the 14th. About 1,300 people journeyed to EYE from around the world. We heard from many different speakers throughout the week, including Presiding Bishop Michael Curry during Opening Eucharist, and people impacted by the Oklahoma City bombing. On Wednesday, we spent the day in Oklahoma City visiting different museums and churches. The day ended with a carnival, where we then processed through the streets of Oklahoma City to the memorial of the bombing site. There, we held compline as the day turned into night. It was an incredible week of worshipping, singing, laughing, and praying.

Thank you for all of the support to make this trip possible.

Emma Di Pace



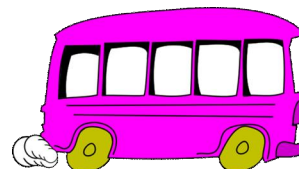
GETTING READY FOR THE PROCESSION TO THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING SITE. WE BLESSED THE CROWD WITH HOLY WATER AS WE WALKED.



OUR DAY TOURING OKLAHOMA CITY!



GETTING READY FOR MUSIC TIME



JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**

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.).

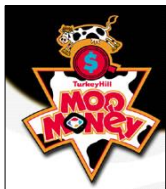


Community Breakfast is in need of fresh volunteers, especially those that wish to be on a substitute list. Not only have we lost the lives of several faithfuls recently, we seem to have busy elders as well as youth. After 16 years, this is bound to happen! It's a wonderful Jubilee Ministry that makes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

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)

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

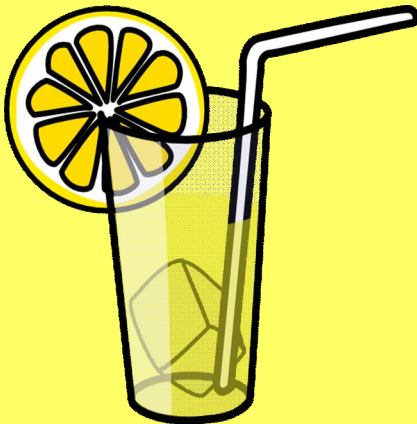
Here's a quick update (as of July 21, 2017) on the financial support for our building renovations, which began in mid-June:

	Amount Received
Received toward total pledges of \$777,553	\$ 504,323
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	\$ 20,085
Earnings on your contributions	\$ 10,909
Bequests from Eckenrode & Craige families	\$ 150,000
Total received	\$ 685,317

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 29 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.

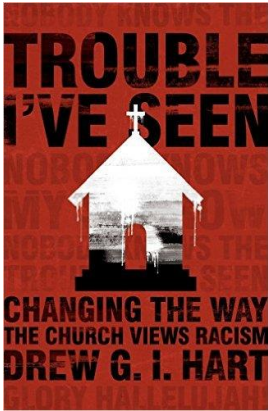
See Sue Martin with questions.



TWO OFFERINGS

In September

*A Jesus-Shaped Conversation about Racism and
the Church*



Drew Hart is a Professor of
Theology at Messiah College

Thursday, August 24 ~ 7:30- 9:00 pm
and

Saturday, August 26 ~ 10:00-11:30 am
In the Parish Hall

These discussions are in preparation for author
Drew Hart's presentation at Lancaster Bible College on
Thursday September 14 ~ 7 to 9 pm

Contact Sue Heilman for more information at
heilmangirl@gmail.com

+Sponsored by the Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness

In October

*Praying Shapes Believing
The Book of Common Prayer*

CHANGE OF DATES

Starting October 17 to November 7
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

~
Why do we do what we do in our liturgy? How can the words of our worship speak to our lives in this 21st century world? What is the history of our prayer book and unique Anglican/Episcopal traditions? Bring your questions, experiences and ideas! 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 next newsletter. Contact Mother Barbara at 385-2667 or Linda Bruce at 824-2587 with suggestions as we plan and prepare.



CALLING ALL OUR AWESOME ACOLYTES

PIZZA and TRAINING

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 from 11:30 am to 1 PM. Meet in the PARISH HALL

Time to get together again:

- **To learn more about our ministry as acolytes and to learn more about our worship and why we do what we do**
 - **To check that vestments fit after a summertime of growing!**
- **AND to prepare for our Acolyte Commissioning at the 10:15 service on September 24 ← Mark your calendar for Commissioning!!**
SOOOOOOOO.....

Please RSVP Mother Barbara at maxthecat.bjs@gmail.com by September 5th

All Acolytes are expected to attend to be scheduled to serve.



PRAYER LIST

We offer our continued prayers for:

Bob Bailey
Joe & Betty Barnes
Earl Benedict
Robert Bray
Michael Brogan
Patricia & Ralph Clare
Paula DeBrill
Vincent Delevega
James Dohren
John & Ruth Emberger
Ken Evans
Shannon Flynn
Linda Frederiksen
Carol Greenfield
Alina Grobicki
Madison Groff
Gill & Mary Hartley
Shannon Hickman
Anne Johnson Horn
Margaret Huffman
Ellen Keller
Marge Kern
Vonda Kirchner
Terry Kooglevto
Bill & Sherrie Letcher
Kelly Lynch
Kathy McNamara
John Miller
William Miller
Dee Norman
Kevin & Mary Nourie
Robert Power
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
Claire



*...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
Barbara Ramella
Gray Sellers
Marjorie Seachrist
Joanna Sweeney
Sandra Wengert

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.**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Becker, Phil	26
Bentley, Darlene	27
Brought, Linda	8
Breitegan, David	25
Breitegan, Phyllis	18
Cliff, Aidan	3
Collier, Rich	7
Cummins, Frank	19
DeLeo, Justice	2
DeLeo, Liberty	11
Durand, Don	28
Durand, Liz	30
Eshelman, Providence	20
Gbur, Mike	14
Gordon, Sarah	1
Gustafson, Iylan	10
Houston, Nancy	2
Hreben, Rachel	21
Kane, Edith	23
Kauffman, Kim	3
Largent, Karen	22
Lester, Matt	21
Lester, Miriam	29
Loose, Pam	9
Magagna, Olivia	22
McCormick, Patty	7
McGovern, Stephanie	31
Miller, Helen	12
Mone, Chris	13
Morgan, Bruce	4
Morgan, Kendall	4
Morris, Cindy	11
Morrison, Stephanie	23
Nemith, Nancy	26
Pfeiffer, Darleen	24
Qualls, Sherry	31
Rahe, Derek	15
Smith, Ashley	27
Smith, Stella	30
Sweeney, Joanna	9
Wendler, Emma	6



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dorgan, Paul & Drew	08/18/1984
Hasircoglu, Chris & Betsy	08/18/1990
Morris, John & Cindy	08/24/1974
Rahe, Charlie & Joan	08/24/1963
Tobie, Sue & Alan	08/21/2010
Watts, Ken & Eleanor	08/26/1967



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 – AUGUST, 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.

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
Verger	--	--
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Way Family	Lemonade Time: Sue Heilman
Nursery	--	Marla Lester

AUGUST 13	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Nicole Pham	Brooks Morgan, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker	Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
Lector	Bob Lee	Danielle Di Pace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearer	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Toni Ehrhart
Verger	--	--
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	Hasircoglu Family	Lemonade Time: Kilp Family
Nursery	--	Mary Ellen Kilp

AUGUST 20	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Sue Purdy	Peter Novosel, Emma Di Pace
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Stephanie McGovern	--
Lector	Sue Tobie	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	--	Hal Williams
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearer	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Glenn Miller
Vergers	--	--
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	Debbie Carter, Kent Angert, Garth Alexander	Lemonade Time: TBD
Nursery	--	Marylee Sauder



AUGUST 27	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Tom Bond	David Kilp, David Dissinger
Eucharistic Visitor	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Phil Purdy	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	--	Danielle Di Pace
Crucifer	--	Brooks Morgan
Torch Bearer	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Ian Thompson
Vergers	--	--
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Loose Family	Lemonade Time: Sue Dodge
Nursery	--	Jenn Hreben

LOOKING AHEAD TO: SEPTEMBER, 2017

SEPTEMBER 3	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Molly Moyer	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Don Durand, Sibyl Seachrist
Lector	Gretchen Walden	Joel Cliff, Megan Howell-Brogan
Server	--	Rob Williams
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearer	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Hal Williams
Vergers	--	--
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	--
Coffee Hour	--	Lemonade Time: -- TBD
Nursery	--	--

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.

Deadline Dates!

WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:
WEDNESDAYS

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