



# St. John's Messenger

October 2017

*from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector*

## LET GOD LEAD

How has St. John's touched your life or the life of someone you know? This is the question that you are asked to prayerfully reflect on as you consider your gift to St. John's Church for the coming year. It is our personal experiences of life shared in the community of the church that most shape and inform our faith.

It is through our church that we learn about God. It is through our church that we come to know Jesus. It is through our church that we receive the gift of faith that shows us how to direct our lives by letting God lead. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge the Lord, and God will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6.

Your Vestry is taking the stewardship leadership for our annual pledge drive this year. In addition to their ongoing commitment to strive to tithe, they are the first to make their pledges for next year's mission, providing St. John's with our "first fruits." They will also be present at the Cottage Gatherings to which all are invited to attend.

The Cottage Gatherings will be hosted by members of the Stewardship Team in the homes of Ted and Pam Loose on September 19th and Scott and Sherry Qualls on September 29th. There will also be Gatherings in the Parish Hall hosted on September 23rd by the Voyagers and Debbie Carter, and on October 1st by Bruce and Leslie Morgan.

The Cottage Gatherings will begin with fellowship and eating (the St. John's way) followed by your chance to hear some of the stories from fellow parishioners about why St. John's is important to them. You too may share if you like. The hope is that all may feel encouraged in their walk of faith by the personal stories of the people of St. John's.

Our Ingathering Sunday will be October 8th. Your pledges are of course welcome at any time but we want to make a special time to affirm the generosity of the people of St. John's and to thankfully acknowledge the One from whom all our blessings flow.

Plans are also in the works for an all parish Gratitude Dinner in November. This will be a gala event where guests will be welcome. The idea is to gather in the spirit of joy and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received, and especially for the blessing of the community in Christ that we share at St. John's.

God has very much been in the lead of our mission and ministries at St. John's: in our building program to make our church barrier free and welcoming to all; in our capital campaign that inspired gifts and pledges of over \$900,000; in the beauty of the liturgy and music of our worship; in the ministries of our youth who have become leaders in our diocesan and national church; in our ministries of outreach and service both locally and globally; in our pastoral care for those living in confinement and our witness of justice and compassion for those who are vulnerable and outcast.

We know and see God leading us as a parish. We want to also recognize and share how God is leading us as persons. The goodness God has given us as a community of faith can likewise be found in our individual and family lives. God's blessing of our church has an impact on the stores of each of us.

I hope you will make a point of being part of the Cottage Gatherings that you may better know the ways in which the Lord is touching your life and the lives of others through the ministries of St. John's Church. May all of us together, Let God Lead.

*John+*

## *The Ones Who Prepare Holy Space*

I started this month's newsletter article with a focus on the upcoming Prayer Book study. I look forward to gathering together to learn more about our worship...about our Common Prayer that is central to our life at St. John's. As I was typing, an email popped up and the article I received seemed to speak a word as you and I consider our call as Stewards of God's Creation here in this time and now in this place. I decided to reprint it here.

The email subject line was: "Thanks for all you do."

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*"On my rainy, Sunday morning drive to church there were very few cars on the road.*

*The sky dark.*

*The rain steady.*

*To my right I passed a small country church. One lone car sat in the grassy field next to the building. At the door I could see one woman under her umbrella opening the church door.*

*The one to get the church ready. The keeper of the keys to unlock and prepare the building.*

*Her task could simply have been to get the door unlocked and turn the lights on. Or perhaps she was the Sunday morning greeter. Maybe she was the pastor. She was alone and diligent in her task coming to church despite the rain and darkness.*

*I wondered, in that moment, about all the other men and women who come to church buildings early to get it ready for Sunday morning worship.*

*The one who comes no matter what. The one who believes in preparing a space for all.*

*The one who turns on the lights.*

*The one who makes sure the communion pieces are set up.*

*The one who turns the air on in the summer and the heat on in the winter.*

*The one who folds the bulletins.*

*The one who gets the coffee going.*

*The one who picks up the donuts.*

*The one who decorates and prepares Sunday school classrooms.*

*The one who cleans up any garbage left on the floor.*

*The one who waters the flowers.*

*The one who checks the microphones.*

*These are the silent ministers.*

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

*The one who so many times goes unnoticed. The one who knows the power in preparing place. In welcoming through cleanliness, light, and fresh-smelling coffee. The one who knows God delights in welcoming anyone to walk through the doors.*

*These are the people who show up to open doors and turn on lights. The people who many times are also the last to leave.*

*On my drive to church I said a prayer for that woman under the umbrella. I gave thanks for her ministry. Her presence.*

*And as I walked through the doors of church that morning, I was grateful someone, too, had unlocked the doors."*

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The article reminds me of all my early Sunday morning rides to church and coming into the quiet church buildings. These Sundays, I usually meet an usher unlocking the Parish Hall doors and opening the lights. There are fresh flowers on the table by the big screen TV and bulletins for the day. The Altar Guild is preparing the sacred vessels in the sacristy and Paul is at the organ.

There is a sweetness in the space and I pause to I ask God to bring folks safely, to watch over those with us in Spirit, to bless our day and all we do and offer. Soon more folks arrive: teachers, lectors, servers, folks starting coffee hour, acolytes, LEMs, and choir.

Then all assemble...God's Holy People about Christ's Holy work .

And my heart sings: thanks to All Who Make Ready God's Holy Space...

*Barbara+*

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*Reprint from Episcopal Café — the Reverend Kimberly Knowle-Zeller, ELCA pastor.*

# GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES: OCTOBER 2017

## **Global Partnership Challenge for October 1st**

Feast of St. Francis - October 4th

“Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.”

St. Francis was born in the 12th Century and is known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. Let us be caring of both.

## **Global Partnership Challenge for October 8th**

If you have food in your fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the world.

So please bring a food item to church to share - A very powerful gift.

## **Global Partnership Challenge for October 15th**

“God is always present - we’re the ones who are absent.” Cynthia Bourgeaut, PhD

The third Saturday of each month, St. John’s people gather to set up, cook, serve breakfast to those in community much less fortunate.

While it’s a caring gift to them, it will also fill your heart.

## **Global Partnership Challenge for October 22nd**

The kids at the Lighthouse Academy would love to hear from their America connection.

Think about writing a letter to them and putting it in the box in the Parish Hall.

## **Global Partnership Challenge for October 29th**

While we are buying to fill Trick-or-Treat bags, don’t forget the food bags going out the doors everywhere to those not brave enough to come to your house.



## SENIOR WARDEN

It's hard to believe that summer has now changed to fall and it is October already. Our programs are back into full swing and we are becoming more comfortable with navigating our campus during construction. If there's any way that we can help make church more accessible for you during the construction process, please reach out and let me or someone in the office know of how we can help you as we continue moving forward.

As I sit here writing this, I can't help but to think how we are truly a blessed congregation in that so many of you have found ways to serve in our church. I appreciate all that you do to help make St. John's the special community that it is. Last month, I asked you to prayerfully consider what stewardship means to you and how you may "pledge" your time, talents and treasures this year. The Vestry is still looking for nominees to be willing to serve on the Vestry. I had hoped to have a list of candidates to publish in this month's Messenger. Unfortunately, as of this writing, I do not have any names to offer you for consideration. Hopefully, before our parish meeting in November, I will be able to offer you some names to be elected to the next Vestry class. As we move into our stewardship campaign, I once again ask you to prayerfully consider serving St. John's as a Vestry steward. Please feel free to contact me or any other Vestry member if you have any questions, or would be interested in serving in this capacity.

Thank you, everyone, for all that you do to make St. John's the community that we are. You are truly a blessing.

Submitted by,

*Jenn Hreben*

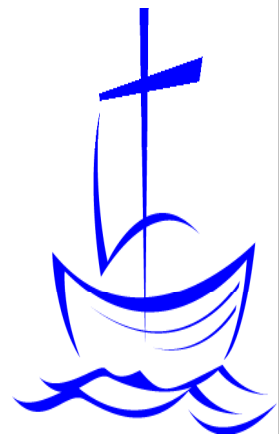
## VOYAGERS

Regretfully, the September Voyagers gathering had to be postponed.

The October meeting will be held Saturday, October 28th, to present new program ideas and to accept suggestions for others. Voyagers is a fellowship group which meets monthly from September to May on the fourth Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Please join us!

Submitted by,

*Barbara Graeter*



## PROPERTY CORNER

We had a busy August and are already heading there through September, as well. In addition to the construction demands, additional time has also been spent on responding to office e-mail, producing the Sunday bulletins, coordinating asbestos remediation and working with Joe Way on the broadcasting of the Sunday services. We also attended a seminar on Church Security.

The Sunday school year is already upon us. And, with summer now an afterthought, attention must be directed toward making space available to the best of our ability for our many ministries. Much work has gone into providing a better quality experience to those attending our services in the Parish Hall and those experiencing our services at home. We cannot express enough gratitude to The Maureen Shannon Memorial Fund and Joe Way for his work toward these efforts. He has obtained and coordinated the installation of a new digital camera from which we are now live streaming our services, which has also improved our picture quality throughout our campus. While we are still tweaking this opportunity for many, we ask that you experience all that Joe and Frank Cummins have done for us and thank them!

Our painter will be fitting us in later in the year, due to the size of our project, to get portions of the Becker House sealed, especially on sills. A+ Masonry being a little behind in their work, they have just completed our budgeted \$7,500 amount of repointing. We have taken this delay as an opportunity to re-evaluate our mortar with regard to color and its masonry preserving characteristics, especially as it pertains to the softness of our brick. We are looking to have the Parish House Chestnut Street entrance and chimney repointed this year. We appreciate everyone's patience as we move forward.

This month's Life Safety inspection was unremarkable. We will be looking into installing a smoke detector in the Nave to supplement our smoke beam coverage there. As our addition will require the upgrade of our alarm panel for the increased number of zones that will be required for the new devices on our system, our zone list was renumbered to account for the new larger panel and new zones. The zone diagram will be upgraded next after approval and incorporation of the zone list. We had another roof leak above our restrooms during a severe thunderstorm that set off the fire alarm system. BrentMore Construction was in again to make repairs. This storm also resulted in significant runoff from our construction site, some of which entered our boiler room. As a result of this situation, silt sox were installed around our site to reduce further run-off.

Clark Fire Protection serviced our extinguishers and kitchen hood extinguishing system in the beginning of August. One extinguisher was replaced for testing. J & J was out early last month to replace the heating pump for the Nursery/All Purpose Room wing of our campus. Kline's Services was out to service the kitchen grease traps.

Our construction committee is approving the design for the new columbarium with Eickof. We are still behind from our original construction schedule due to rock removal. Careful coordination remains, especially as it affects both electrical power and comfort equipment, which spans between the two buildings. EHC completed phase 1 of the Vestry-approved asbestos remediation on the lower level of the Parish House. Since our last meeting, we have met with UGI and the elevator company to discuss final designs for these parts of our project.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the Becker House. We hope you are able to join us! Our Fall Clean-up will be Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 to noon, in preparation for Christmas. All help is appreciated!

Our committee consists of people of various backgrounds and experiences working for the benefit of St. John's many other ministries. What could you bring to our committee? We may never know, unless you join us. We hope to see you on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Becker House.

Your Property Committee,

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



# RAFIKI SUNDAY — OCTOBER 22

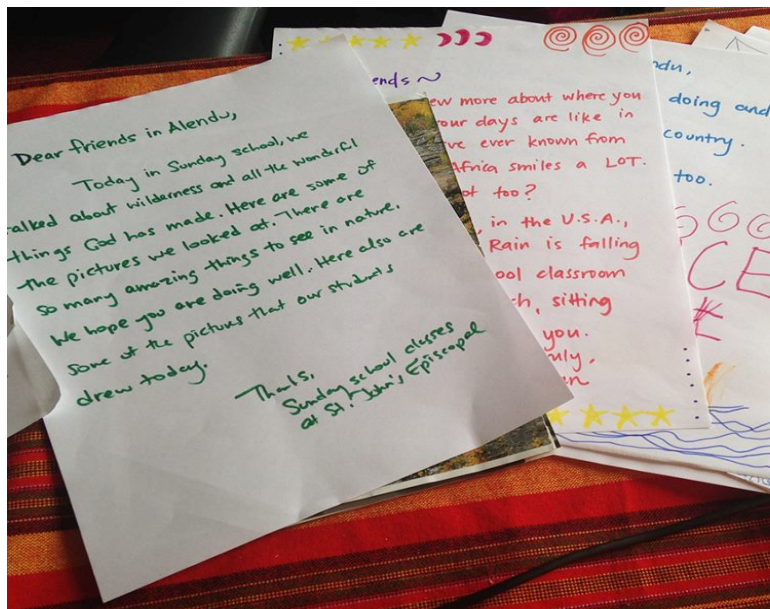
A Special Day to Celebrate our  
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

With

Rafiki, LightHouse Academy and the People of Alendu  
Greet Dorothy Dulo and Roger Godfrey and Sallie McCann

Holy Eucharist with special music and  
guest Preacher

A very Special Luncheon of African food  
prepared for us by Dorothy and Roger.



St. John's Sunday School letters to LightHouse Academy



Children & teacher of LightHouse Academy—Alendu



Roger at Taste of Africa—Lancaster Central Market



St. John's helps to make the freshwater well a reality



## RAFIKI SUNDAY — OCTOBER 22

Let us Celebrate our 2-year-old global partnership with Rafiki Africa as we worship and fellowship together on this Sunday! Dorothy Dulo and Roger Godfrey, the directors of this amazing ministry in Alendu, Kenya would like to thank St. John's for all that we have done and given to the LightHouse Academy and village community by serving us a meal after the 10:15 service (about noon). At least one of them will be with us that morning, along with Sallie McCann, who is their recent administrative assistant and works out of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Becker House Monday thru Friday. Sallie will share with the Sunday School classes that morning about LightHouse Academy students and invite them to write a letter to a student there. Adults also will be invited to send a written greeting. There is no formal postal system in Kenya, so Dorothy will hand deliver them on her next trip in November. There will be a specially decorated box in the Parish Hall to collect any letters written.

If you think you will be able to join us for the Lunch Celebration on Sunday, 10/22, at noon in the Parish Hall, please RSVP by emailing or calling Sue Heilman at [heilmangirl@gmail.com](mailto:heilmangirl@gmail.com) or 717-951-0751. Do join us that day, even if you haven't RSVP'd.

There is another opportunity to learn more about and help Rafiki that week as Rafiki Africa holds its Annual Dinner on Thursday evening, 10/19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at James Street Mennonite Church's Fellowship Hall. It is another free African meal (with donations requested). The inspiring guest speaker will be Jonathon Coleman, the new head of Assets, Lancaster. There will be stories of the year's successes in Alendu. It is always encouraging to see others in the mid-state area supporting this growing ministry in a small village in Kenya.

Finally, let us all keep the Kenyan government in our prayers this month as it plans to hold a repeat of its August national election on October 26<sup>th</sup>. They are striving to improve their democracy and upgrade their national elections to make them more transparent and fair. It is a country that still struggles with a lot of bribes and tribal conflict but has made great headway over the last decades in implementing more democratic ideals. May God's will be done.

*Submitted by Sue Heilman*



## VESTRY RESOLUTION

The following resolution was approved by the Vestry on September 18, 2017:

**J2A JEWELRY SALE** – Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John’s Church approves the sale of jewelry, Friday, November 3rd, as a fundraiser for the J2A pilgrimage.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### *Deaths*

Ruth M. McDivitt  
December 7, 1916 - September 17, 2017

## LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS EVENT

Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness’s last Friday night movie at St. John’s in 2017

### **An American Conscience, the Reinhold Niebuhr Story**

a one hour documentary about one of the great theologians of the 20th Century.

Friday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.  
Parish Hall

Free popcorn and food for thought.



Contact Sue Heilman for more information at [heilmangirl@gmail.com](mailto: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 **OCTOBER and NOVEMBER, 2017**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
OCT 1	Patti Means	Barbara Landis	
OCT 8	Patti Means	John & Barbara Graeter	
OCT 15	Dan & Priscilla Farmer		Glew Family
OCT 22	Jon & Jane Forrester	Jeannie Zeller	
OCT 29			
NOV 5	Charles Alexander		
NOV 12			
NOV 19			
NOV 26			



Altar Flowers

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## *Sunday School News*

*Karen Di Pace, Sunday School Director*

We've had a great start to the school year. We appreciate your patience while we navigate the temporary changes due to construction! Please note that classes will be meeting in the All Purpose room until further notice. We hope you all had a chance to join us for the kick-off ice cream social on the 10<sup>th</sup> & the Corn Maze on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>!

All Acolytes are invited to attend the Acolyte Festival at the National Cathedral on Saturday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. We will not be offering a bus there this year, but anyone interested in attending on their own can register online at [cathedral.org/acolytefestival](http://cathedral.org/acolytefestival).

Families are also encouraged to join together for the annual [CROP Walk](#) on Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Ave.

Looking ahead, please save the date for our annual Advent Event on Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. More details to come next month. \*If you might be interested in helping with planning this event please contact me.

*Karen Di Pace*

## *Journey to Adulthood*

*Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Youth Co-Directors*

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

We are so blessed at St. John's for our amazing youth. Brooks Morgan is the Rector for Happening #11 and Tierza Mendez was elected by the youth of the Diocese to be Co-Rector for Happening #11. We are hoping most of the J2A youth will be attending Happening #11 in February.

Join us on Sept. 30, 2017, for a fun evening with friends from the Lancaster Convocation. We will meet at St. James in Lancaster for a Contemporary Christian Music service at 5:00 p.m. We will have dinner together and get lost in the corn maze at Oregon Dairy. Make sure to bring your flashlights and \$10.00 for dinner and the corn maze. This will be a fun evening with a group of friends from the Lancaster Convocation! Families are both welcomed and encouraged. Please RSVP to Mary Ellen Kilp.

October 13 & 14 will be the Diocesan Convention. If any youth that are 16 or older are interested in going, please let Mary Ellen Kilp know. Tierza Mendez will be one of the representatives at Convention this year.

October 14, we will be going to the Washington National Cathedral for the Acolyte Festival. Please contact Tom Bond at [jtbond55@hotmail.com](mailto:jtbond55@hotmail.com) for more information.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

### **Rings and things: Jewelry sale for J2A**

We are collecting donations of gently used jewelry, scarves and handbags for a Nov. 3 and 5 sale to raise money for the J2A Pilgrimage. Please drop off any donations at the sandwich table on Oct. 22 and 29 or contact Marla Lester, 717-481-7570 or [mpiersonlester@gmail.com](mailto:mpiersonlester@gmail.com).

And last, but certainly not least..... The Battle of All Saints football game is on for Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at St. Thomas at 12:30 p.m. If you are even remotely athletic, we need you! It is time to start doing those push-ups, people! And if you can't play, come out and be a cheerleader. It's seriously a good time. Be in touch with Mary Ellen Kilp with any questions (or with suggestions for really great plays). WE NEED TO GET THE TROPHY BACK TO ST. JOHN'S!

Already thinking about Christmas? You can pre-order your wreaths and other decorative items using the form on page 16.

### **ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2017-18**

September 30	Flashlight Corn Maze @ Oregon Dairy
October 1	Youth and Parent luncheon & meeting for all J2A
October 7	Harvest Day at Landis Valley ( <i>confirm date</i> )
October 13-14	Convention (Sr. High Youth)
October 14	Acolyte Festival in Washington, DC
October 15	Compassion and acts of mercy during coffee hour CROP Walk
November 3	First Friday Fundraiser for J2A
November 5	Battle of the Saints (All ages)
November 11	Bag distribution lunch following ALERT workday
November 18	Scouting for food, Pizza party following
November 26	Advent Event (Shoe box project)
December 1-3	Diocesan Retreat Rite 13 & J2A Christ Church, Williamsport
December 17	Christmas Caroling
January 6-8	PYE Jr. & Sr. High, Claggett Center, MD



## **ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2017-18**

January 13 & 14	Game Night & Lock-In (Convocation)
January 19-21	Happening planning meeting
January 27	Convocation Event (TBD)
February 4	Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday Scout Sunday
February 13	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
February 14	Ash Wednesday
February 16-19	Happening (Diocese Senior High Youth)
February 24-25	Bishop Visit, Fr. John's last Sunday
March 9-10	Scrapbook Weekend
March 16-18	Diocesan Junior High Retreat
March 25	Palm Sunday
March 29	Maundy Thursday (Convocation)
March 30	Good Friday
April 1	Easter Sunday
April 7	Dinner/Talent Show/Auction
April 22	Earth Day
April 29	Graduation Sunday
May 6	Mini Golf (Scoops) (Convocation)
May 13	Teacher Appreciation
May 20	Pentecost
June 3	Church Picnic
July 6	Berry Festival

**2017 J2A WREATH SALE**  
**from GOOD HARVEST FARM & GREENHOUSE**  
**MONEY RAISED FROM THIS SALE WILL HELP OUR J2A PILGRIMS!**

QUANTITY	ITEM	COST	TOTALS
	22" WREATH (outside dimension)	\$15.00	
	28" WREATH (outside dimension)	\$20.00	
	CANDY CANE WREATH 22" (outside dimension)	\$30.00	
	POINSETTIA (5-7 blooms/6.5" pot) Specify color below: Red, White, Pink, Burgundy	\$10.00	
	WINDOW SPRAY	\$15.00	
	CYCLAMEN (assorted colors)	\$12.00	
	WHITE PINE ROPING 25 YARD ROLL	\$35.00	
	TOTAL		

WREATHS AND WINDOW SPRAYS INCLUDE A WIRED, READY TO PLACE, VELVET BOW (NOT ATTACHED TO PREVENT CRUSHING) AND PINECONES

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Include payment with your order: PAID: CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ORDERS DUE SUNDAY, NOV. 19<sup>th</sup> and will be ready for PICK-UP SUNDAY, DEC. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

ITEMS TO BE PICKED UP:

WREATHS: 22" \_\_\_\_\_ 28" \_\_\_\_\_ CANDY CANE \_\_\_\_\_

POINSETTIA 6.5" POT: Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ Burgundy \_\_\_\_\_

SPRAYS \_\_\_\_\_

ROPING \_\_\_\_\_

CYCLAMEN \_\_\_\_\_

\* TOTAL AMOUNT OWED: \_\_\_\_\_

# JUBILEE MINISTRIES

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** (Contact: Sue Martin) Community breakfast will be served to the downtown community on **October 21st** at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster (7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.).



Although it usually works out that there are enough volunteers (16 is a good number), there have been some recent months when it suddenly happens that 12 or more regulars aren't planning on being there without notice, and scrambling begins. In order to relieve this stress, please notify the Martins that you won't be coming as soon as you know, and please consider being a substitute volunteer who can be called on when needed. This ministry has been ongoing for 17 years, the third Sat. of every month! It's amazing how many lives we have touched (and fed), but it does take an "army" of volunteers, and funding through the purchase of grocery cards on Sunday morning.

**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.



**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 Parish Hall (Becker House parlor, in case of extreme heat) on Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.



Come and join us as we share fellowship and ideas while enjoying good conversation, knitting, and/or crocheting! Thanks to all who have continued to help our ministry, whether by prayer or by contribution of time and/or materials. We are always in need of prayer shawls.

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.

**EAGLE'S NEST:** Eagle's Nest is gearing up to open on October 4, under the direction of Jean Gordon, and supported by Annette Pabon, the new Community School Director at Fulton School. We could use more volunteers to be part of the faithful and enthusiastic staff of current helpers. If you are interested, or know someone from outside the church family, please contact Sue Martin.



You can support us financially by the purchase of grocery cards, by saving Moo Caps from Turkey Hill milk purchases, and by watching for specific requests of needed items.

## JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

### **GROCERY CARDS** (Contact: Sue Tobie)

Our sales for the month of September totaled \$5,800 which meant that \$290 (5%) goes to Jubilee Ministries. Keep up the good work!

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,  
Stauffer's of Kissel Hill, & Weis**

**Note:** As of October 1st, grocery cards will **ONLY** be sold between services, from **9:00 a.m. until 10:05 a.m.** This change is due in part to the ongoing construction and the reduced number of volunteers available to staff the card sales table each Sunday. We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes. We hope you will continue to purchase grocery cards in support of our Jubilee ministries.

**Please consider joining us in this ministry. See Sue Tobie for further information.  
Thank you!**

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE IS REGROUPING

As the Global Partnership Committee (GPC) starts a new year of planning at our first fall meeting on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Becker House, we are looking forward to receiving new members to help us imagine and implement what Global Partnerships are meaningful to our greater St. John's community. We lost a major contributor to our committee, Bill Cater, this past summer and would really love some new participants. Mother Barbara, Brad Zuke, Barbara Landis and Sue Heilman form the core of GPC at the present time, please feel free to ask us any questions. And thank you for considering joining us!



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Here's a quick update (as of September 20, 2017) on the financial support for our building renovations, which began in mid-June:

	Amount Received
Received toward total pledges of \$777,553	\$ 528,961
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	34,757
Bequests from Eckenrode & Craige families	150,000
Total received	<b>\$ 713,718</b>

**Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 962,310**

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 32 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](mailto:gina@stjohns-lancaster.org) or 717-299-1188 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

-- Submitted by Debbie Carter

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)



(from Sue Martin)

The months of October and November will remind us of the annual Angel Tree project. This season will be co-chaired by Anne Carroll, Annie Latanzio-Hale and their daughters. We are so pleased to have this great team and expect to be working with Church World Service again to explore gifts for refugee families. Sunday, Nov. 12 is the annual meeting and workshop to implement this project.

Save the date!



## Praying Shapes Believing The Book of Common Prayer

Tuesdays: October 17 to November 7  
6 PM to 7:30 PM

**COME TO ONE — COME TO ALL — PLEASE COME**

*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*

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*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 717-385-2667 or Linda Bruce at 717-824-2587 with suggestions as we plan and prepare.*



On Sunday, September 24, our St. John's Acolytes were commissioned at the 10:15 service. This year each acolyte received a cross.

Each cross was hand made by Keith Hassler, who works at the Episcopal Home in Shippensburg, PA. We met Keith at the recent Happening Planning Meeting held at St. Andrew's in Shippensburg.

Keith started making the "Disciples Cross" about thirteen years ago. He writes: "Nowadays, I make these more as a hobby. I give them to people I meet who I think need a little encouragement or just a reminder of God's love."

Each Acolyte will keep their cross with their vestments and will take their cross when they graduate or complete their acolyte ministry.

## Francis Fest

### Blessing of Animals at St John's Episcopal Church

321 W. Chestnut Street, Lancaster

### Gathering at Shreiner Cemetery \*

Corner of Mulberry and Chestnut Sts — catty corner from St. John's



**\* A First Friday Event \***

**Friday, October 6 @ 6PM**

Bring your Pets to be blessed

*Donations will be collected for Pet Pantry*

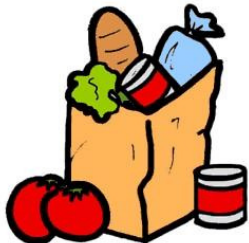
*dry cat food, kitten formula and cleaning supplies especially needed*

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

**\* With thanks to the Shreiner-Concord Cemetery Foundation Board of Directors for permission to use the cemetery while St John's is under construction**

## 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!"

## 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](http://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!





# The Gift of St. Francis: Every Living Thing is a Sister or Brother

St. Francis' way of seeing the world is greatly needed. Francis knew the design of life means "we are all connected" and that all need to care for each other and our common home.

- Dance interpretation of "*Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace*"
- Stories and poems about the beloved saint
- Presentations by local musicians and artists

A free-will offering will benefit people and animals affected by climate disasters.

A film crew from London, England, will be recording the program.

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 4th  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Location: Community Mennonite Church  
328 W. Orange St., Lancaster

Hosted by Citizens' Climate Education of Lancaster

Contact: Rev. Jerry Lee Miller, 717-519-9166

[jerry\\_miller@comcast.net](mailto:jerry_miller@comcast.net)

[www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org)



## News from ALERT

*The All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team met on Tuesday September 19 at St. Edward's for its monthly meeting. Items of interest pertaining to St. John's follow.*

### **Circle of Friends Group Activities Related to Refugee Resettlement**

The family has moved from Green Street to Union Street, a better house and a more friendly environment. The only furniture they need at this time is a dining room table and chairs. The Green Street house has items which must be removed (mattresses, bed springs, and other small items). A removal date has been set for Wednesday, September 27, early afternoon.

All the kids have been enrolled in the city schools and are receiving bus transportation to and from their schools. 😊 There is still need for additional help with the family: health service advocate, mail manager, tutors, drivers, tech support and people to take family members for social and community enrichment.

There was discussion how ALERT may respond in the future to emergencies related to refugees in the community. It was noted ALERT is still in the middle of our current family resettlement and we have gained valuable experience that could be utilized sometime in the future.

An easel with the family's pictures is located in the Parish House. If you feel moved to help in any way with this family, please see Dave Martin for more information.

### **Other News**

AIDS Garden Work Day at the Linear Park is scheduled for Saturday morning, November 4. It will be a time to do clean-up and ready the garden for winter. A sign-up list will be posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

There is a need for another representative from St. John's to ALERT. Thank you, Brian Gross, for serving. Your work with the other Episcopal Churches was greatly appreciated and you will be missed. (Brian is now in medical school.) If interested in becoming one of the representatives, please see Dave Martin.

*Submitted by Dave Martin - one of the St. John's representatives*



## 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  
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  
Dee Norman  
Kevin & Mary Nourie  
Robert Power  
Ricky Ross  
Marge Roundtree  
Gloria Schnee  
Merle Schnee  
Steven Schwartz  
Ricky Smith  
Stephanie Smith  
Jim Stauffer  
Christian Stigelman  
Martha Stroh

Lamar Swisher  
Joana Torres & Kids  
Gary Weaver  
Melissa Williams  
Chuck & Barbara  
Russell  
Claire



*...and for our  
homebound  
parishioners*

Margaret Crothers  
Providence Eshelman  
Bette Lou Forsyth  
Michael Frantz  
Dyls Glew  
Cricket Johnson  
Joan Lahr  
Stefan Latshaw  
Fritz Lawrence  
Don Lovett  
Barbara McKee  
Nancy Nemith  
Peter Plaxa  
Joan Rahe  
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](mailto: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.**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Farmer, Dan & Priscilla	10/9/2004
Grove, Ned & Sandra	10/12/1985
Humphrey, Ty & Carole	10/28/1965
Means, Patti & Allen	10/8/1988
Miller, John & Helen	10/31/1959
Moyer, Brad & Amanda	10/24/2014
Murphy, Bob & Betty	10/16/2010
Pfeiffer, Bob & Darleen	10/1/1977
Plaxa Jr, Peter & Kathy	10/24/1981
Rodriguez, Julie & David	10/3/1998



# SERVING SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2017

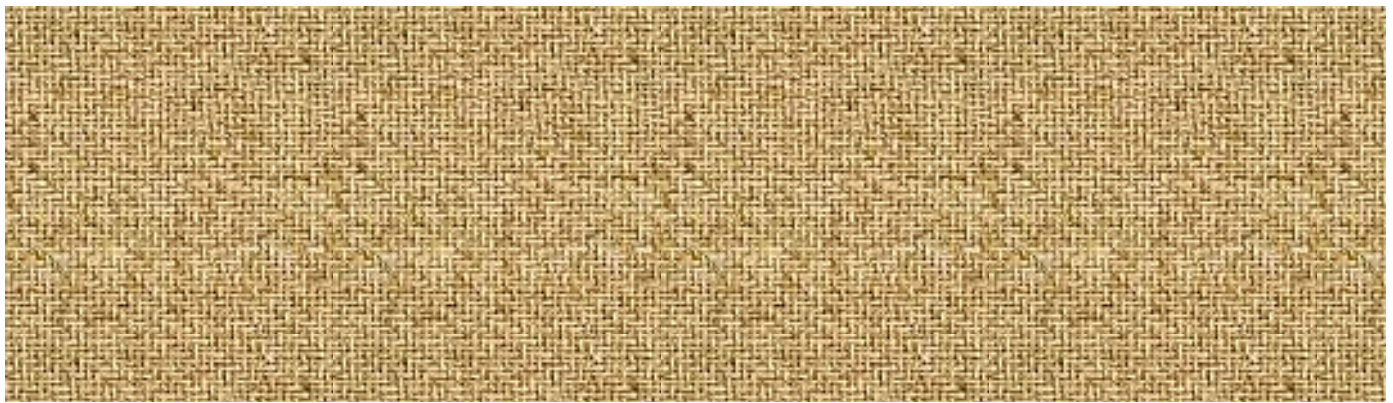
## FOR ALL THOSE SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S: PLEASE NOTE!

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.

OCTOBER 1	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Molly Moyer	Michael Stank/Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer/ Brooks Morgan
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Don Durand, Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Tobie	Brad Moyer, Sybil Seachrist
<b>Server</b>	--	Ian Thompson
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Bob Kilp
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Claire & Sophia Thompson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Toni Ehrhart
<b>Verger</b>	--	Ben Creighton
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Brad Zuke
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Bruce & Mary Waskowicz	Bruce & Mary Waskowicz
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Janelle Stone

OCTOBER 8	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Nicole Pham	David Dissinger, Sibyl Seachrist, Brad Moyer
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker	Peter Novosel, Julie Gittens
<b>Lector</b>	Gretchen Walden	Danielle Di Pace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Server</b>	--	Hal Williams
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Glenn Miller
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Nicholas Di Pace, Greyson Way
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Emma Di Pace
<b>Verger</b>	--	Tom Bond
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Sue Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Stewardship (Pam Loose)	Stewardship (Pam Loose)
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Tracy Cliff

<b>OCTOBER 15</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Sue Purdy	Peter Novosel, David Kilp, Tom Bond
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker, Stephanie McGovern	--
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Landis	Joel Cliff, Meagan Howell-Brogan
<b>Server</b>	--	Sean Cliff
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Brooks Morgan
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Natalie Visco, Campbell Way
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Danielle Di Pace
<b>Vergger</b>	--	Tom Bond
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team C
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Peter Novosel
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Altar Guild (Shelby Kilhefner)	Altar Guild (Shelby Kilhefner)
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Leslie Morgan



<b>OCTOBER 22</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Tom Bond	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer Brooks Morgan
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
<b>Lector</b>	Nicole Pham	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Server</b>	--	Danielle Di Pace
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Dave Pennell
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Frances Brogan, Fiona Mausolf
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 4	Team 4
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Lynn Hayford
<b>Vergger</b>	--	Kathy Kyper
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team D
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Leslie Morgan
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Global Partnership Committee (Sue Heilman)	Community Breakfast (Dave Martin)
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Jen Gustafson



<b>OCTOBER 29</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Molly Moyer	David Dissinger, Sibyl Seachrist Brad Moyer
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	--
<b>Lector</b>	Phil Purdy	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
<b>Server</b>	--	Kendall Morgan
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Glenn Miller
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Elijah Mendez, Greyson Way
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Garth Alexander
<b>Verger</b>	--	Kathy Kyper
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Dave Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Vestry (Lynn Hayford)	Vestry (Lynn Hayford)
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Mary Ellen Kilp

**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.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO: NOVEMBER 2017

<b>NOVEMBER 5</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Nicole Pham	Peter Novosel, David Kilp, Kathy Kyper
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Don Durand, Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Tobie	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Server</b>	--	Rob Williams
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Bob Kilp
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Helena & Evelyn Carroll
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Lynn Hayford
<b>Verger</b>	--	Tom Bond
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Bruce Waskowicz
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Martha's Ministries (Jeannie Zeller)	TBA
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Jenn Hreben