



St. John's Messenger

November, 2017

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

164th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A Footnote for the Future

On Sunday, November 12th we will gather at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall to mark a pivotal moment in the 164-year history of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster. We will elect to the Vestry the next four lay leaders who will help guide our church through the next three years. We will take stock of where we are financially after over a century and a half of ministry in Lancaster City's West End. We will consider our commitment to becoming a community where all who gather are welcome and secure. We will learn about plans for the future clergy leadership for our parish. We will receive the latest report on the status of our construction project and when we can expect our new building to be finished.

Sr. Warden, Jenn Hreben, and the Vestry Nominating Committee is putting together a slate of candidates who will represent the diversity of our congregation and the vitality of our ministries. They are continuing to welcome your nominations and will entertain nominations from the floor as part of the election process.

Our Treasurer, Rob Ashton, will report on all our 2017 financial accounts: operating fund, restricted funds, endowment funds, and capital funds for our building program. It is the goal of the Finance Committee to have full financial transparency with the parish of all our liabilities and assets.

Pam Loose, our Vestry Steward for Stewardship, will provide an update on the pledges we have received in support of God's mission for St. John's in 2018, including the activities of our pledge drive this fall.

Finance Committee chair, Sherry Qualls, will present our income and expense forecasts for the coming year. We are grateful to her and the members of her committee for continuing to enhance the accuracy of our annual operating budget projections.

Leslie Morgan is the chair of the St. John's Search Committee. They are charged with securing the next clergy leadership - first Interim and then future Rector. Leslie will report on the committee and progress with the diocesan search process.

The recently formed and commissioned Child Protection Committee is chaired by Marylee Sauder. Marylee will outline the SafeChurch events that are planned to better inform us on the issues of child sexual abuse and what we can all do to prevent it.

Doug Brown is the chair of our Construction Committee. In addition to meeting with the committee, Doug joins with Bill Gross, our Property Manager, and myself at the meeting of our general contractor, Paul Risk, and the different subcontractors on the project every other Friday. At our Parish Meeting Doug will give us a full picture of what has been accomplished to date, the work items yet to be done, and the current schedule for the building program's completion.

This, of course, will be my last Annual Parish Meeting as Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster. In my State of the Parish Address during the 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. services I will offer the plans for the celebration of twelve years of ministry with you, the service with Bishop Scanlan of Leave Taking, and the date for the dedication of our courtyard and labyrinth, columbarium and rain gardens, handicap ramps, elevator and atrium.

In the course of the life of our parish, there have been many significant turning points and events - our founding and the Civil War, the Great Depression, the Fire of 1938, and two World Wars. Our Parish Meeting in 2017 is but a footnote among these. But it is a footnote for the future of God's mission for St. John's Episcopal Church.

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THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

Creation and Climate: Just Living or Living Justly ~ New Discoveries

Several weeks ago I traveled to Ohio with a friend. We went first to Cleveland to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The HOF is an amazing structure, beautifully located on the Lake Erie. It was so incredible that we returned a second day. Long Live Rock!

Then it was off to Cincinnati and the Community of the Transfiguration (CT). Last year, Sister Jacqueline, CT, and Kimberley Fonner joined us for the Transfiguration Weekend. They greeted us warmly, telling all that we were from St. Johns-Lancaster and what wonderful folks and place it is!

This weekend at the Convent's Spirituality Center, former Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori led a weekend retreat-seminar on "Creation and Climate: Just Living or Living Justly?" In a word, it was amazing.

Over the weekend, Bishop Katharine spoke of our connections and place in this sacred circle of life we call earth. Trained in theology, science and philosophy, she helped us connect the dots as we explored our place in this sacred circle of life we call earth.

We considered Justice:

Justice is the fruit of an examined life ~ Justice is love in action.
And when we live in this love and justice, there is joy.
Justice does not exist until or unless all are living in right relationship with each other.
And when creation is out of joint, we seek justice.

What we need for Justice: Awareness ~ Gratitude ~ Equity ~ Repair of the Breach
That all may have access to the good creation.

As we hear in 1 John 1:7 "But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ does, then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from every sin." (*The Living Bible*)

We then turned our attention to Creation stories. Creation stories are universal for all cultures and peoples seek understanding of their origins and their place in creation. In our Bible are Genesis 1 and Genesis 2.

Genesis 1: God speaks and something happens; the Spirit of God moving over the surface of the waters; time is created as a measure; humanity helps the earth be fruitful.

Genesis 2: There was a barrenness—no grass, no rain, no one to work the land; God interacts, taking a handful of dirt and making man; God breathed life into the man; a companion was created; there is no time here designated; and expulsion meant labor for all.

But might there be more creation stories in our scripture?

Isn't God still creating?

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

This weekend gave me that needed framework to ground my thinking theologically, that is, to move issues of our day out of the political debate arena where there is shouting and gnashing of teeth to a platform that focuses on the same issues with a Spirit-driven, Christ-centered foundation. That is what it means to me to live justly, to discern prayerfully and to act peacefully with concern for the critical needs and issues of our day.

Some of what I bring home from the weekend is still unprocessed. And that is a good thing; it gives me the opportunity and challenge to continue to explore where I fit into the sacred circle we call Earth and to discover what responsibilities and joy derive from that lifelong exploration. For me, it is about making peace with all God's creation: to recognize, protect and celebrate all creatures great and small: to gratefully take what I need to live, to preserve the rest and to encourage and empower others to do the same.

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The Rt. Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori



More than a Cornerstone?

Yes, perhaps a time capsule! During Doug Brown's removal of the cornerstone of the Parish House, he noticed a cover placed over the top of the rather large marble stone. Of course, there is only one way to find out what, if anything, is inside. It was felt that removing the cover to see what is inside would be an appropriate St. John's Sunday event on December 17th. We hope you can make it as we look inside!

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

NOVEMBER 2017

A Month Focused on Thanks...

Every year along with preparing a meal for Thanksgiving, come the thoughts of leftovers and what we will do with them all. As we give thanks for family, friends, food, let us also consider sharing and acting on making less and sharing more with those in our midst who could be without food for their bellies and love in their hearts.

GPC Challenge for November 5th

Nov 8th is the birthday of Dorothy Day, 1897-1980

She was an advocate instrumental in providing housing for the poor and homeless. Think about what you can do in this month of giving thanks by sharing some of your good heart with those less fortunate....sweaters, coats, gloves, hats you aren't wearing, any food item for the Food Pantry. Find ways to be caring in this season of thanks.

GPC Challenge for November 12th

Veteran's Day

Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.

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

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

GPC Challenge for November 19th

Thanksgiving

Real coming to table means - no fast food, no phones, joy-filled voices, laughter, real talk, smiles, sharing stories, being eye to eye and face to face, take a moment to look around, give thanks and appreciation of our blessings...giving thanks for EVERY moment.

GPC Challenge for November 26th

Roughly one third of the food produced in the world for human consumption every year is approximately 1.3 billion tons that gets lost or wasted. Food loss and waste amounts to roughly US\$ 680 billion in industrialized countries and US\$ 310 billion in developing countries.

Ask yourself how you can help others and become a change....

We can only build the world together if we are becoming persons together.

Illa Delio

UNITED THANK OFFERING



Sunday, November 19, will be our Fall United Thank Offering ingathering. Through UTO, we can nurture the habit of daily giving thanks to God for all kinds of blessings.

When the UTO ministry began, parishioners used a little blue box to collect coins as they gave thanks daily for a blessing they had received. I remember a time when I, as UTO Coordinator, sat at my family room coffee table, counting coins and putting them into paper rolls so I could take them to the bank.

That time has long passed, but the tradition of daily giving thanks and having UTO ingatherings has thankfully continued. Little blue boxes, however, are still available for you.

Remember, every cent collected is used to help mission and ministry throughout the world through UTO grants.

With my thankfulness for each of you, most sincerely,

*Phyllis Gbur
UTO Coordinator*



*Wednesday, November 22, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
The Islamic Community Center
275 Hess Blvd., Suite 201, Lancaster*

Celebrant: The Rev. Wade Pond (First Reformed Church)

Note: This facility is NOT handicapped accessible.

SERVING SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER, 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.

NOVEMBER 5	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Nicole Pham	Tom Bond, David Kilp, TBD
Eucharistic Visitor	--	Sibyl Seachrist
Lector	Gretchen Walden	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
Server	--	Rob Williams
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearer	--	Helena & Evelyn Carroll
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Verger	--	Ben Creighton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Martha's Ministries / Choir	Martha's Ministry / Choir
Nursery	--	Phyllis Gbur

NOVEMBER 12	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Sue Purdy	Brooks Morgan, Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	--	--
Lector	Sue Tobie	Joel Cliff, Jeannie Zeller
Server	--	Danielle Di Pace
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearer	--	Nicholas Di Pace, Greyson Way
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Toni Ehrhart
Verger	--	Ben Creighton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	ECW	ECW
Nursery	--	Katie Mausolf

NOVEMBER 19	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Tom Bond	David Dissinger, Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	--
Lector	Barbara Landis	Jane Lee, Meagan Howell-Brogan
Server	--	Rob Williams
Crucifer	--	Brooks Morgan
Torch Bearer	--	Claire & Sophia Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Glenn Miller
Verger	--	Tom Bond
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	--	Mary Waskowicz



NOVEMBER 26	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Molly Moyer	Tom Bond, David Kilp, TBD
Eucharistic Visitor	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Bob Lee	David Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearer	--	Frances Brogan, Fiona Mausolf
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Ian Thompson
Verger	--	Tom Bond
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	TBD
Coffee Hour	Property Committee	Property Committee
Nursery	--	Jenn Hreben

SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER, 2017

DECEMBER 3	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	Nicole Pham	Brooks Morgan, Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	---	Sibyl Seachrist
Lector	Phil Purdy	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearer	--	Natalie Visco, Campbell Way
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Hal Williams
Verger	--	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Handbell Choir	Handbell Choir
Nursery	--	TBD

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

SENIOR WARDEN

On November 12th, we will gather between services for our annual Parish Meeting. At this time, we will be electing a new class of Vestry stewards. In the September and October *ö*Messenger*ö* I asked that you prayerfully consider serving in this capacity at St. John^s. Since then, I am happy to announce that we have received two nominees who have answered the call to being Vestry stewards. I would like to thank Webb Cook and Heather Trenary for answering that call. Unfortunately, that still leaves us with 2 slots to fill.

For the past year, we have not had a full slate of Vestry stewards. While we are still able to conduct our business, this is not ideal. Those areas of ministry do not have a steward to assist them in their ministries at St. John^s. While they are not neglected, they are not being supported in the way we would like them to be.

I ask you once again to please consider partaking in this important area of ministry at St. John^s. We will be taking nominations from the floor at the Parish Meeting, so continue to pray and, in the words of our stewardship campaign, *ö*Let God Lead!*ö*

Submitted by,

Jennifer Hreben
Senior Warden



VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed by the Vestry on October 16, 2017:

1. Evensong Offering ó Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John's Church directs that the free will offering for the October 29th Organ Recital and Service of Evensong be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development for hurricane relief in Puerto Rico.

Sue Heilman called the question. Jenn Hreben seconded. The motion passed.

2. No Bake Sale Collection ó As construction prohibits the tradition of an Election Day Bake Sale to benefit the ministry of Eagles Nest, be it resolved that the Vestry approves for the same purpose, a No Bake Sale Collection of funds in place of baked goods.

Tom Bond called the question. Amy Dissinger seconded. The motion passed.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT

What a blessing it was to have Dorothy Dulo, her husband, Roger Godfrey, and their administrative assistant, Sallie McCann, with us for Rafiki Sunday this year! Thank you to all who stayed for the special African meal that they prepared for us to enjoy and asked excellent questions after her explanation of the status of the Deep Water Well, dug by Water Missions International.

Thank you also to all who chose to participate in writing a letter to a LightHouse Academy student or employee. Dorothy is leaving for Alendu, Kenya, on November 6th, so she will deliver them personally. We can expect to get replies when she returns and we're not sure when that is. Rafiki Africa has a website, Facebook page and Instagram account for more information. Sallie can be reached at admin@rafikiafrica.org anytime.

At our October meeting, we welcomed Roy Keeler and Kim Bomberger to join the GPC committee, and continue to invite anyone else interested to join us on the 2nd Thursday evening of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Becker House. We talked about our continuing commitment to collect used or new shoes during Lent for the Good Friday pick up to Soles for Souls (which distributes them to folks in need in the US and around the globe). We are also hoping to get more involved with the large South Sudanese family that ALERT has been working with for the past 2 years. This is to grow in our relationships with folks Here, There and Everywhere.

Submitted by Sue Heilman, Vestry Steward for Jubilee Ministries

PROPERTY CORNER

It was with a great deal of sadness that we received the resignation of Jeff Gromis from this committee. With his background in institutional maintenance, we truly valued his perspective and contributions to our committee. In his correspondence to everyone, Jeff shared some of his concerns with our meeting format and subsequently, offered a suggested format for conducting our business. It is through his suggestion that we have the agenda we are now using. We wish Jeff well in all of his future endeavors and thank him for the many contributions he made, not only to our committee, but the construction committee, as well!

A+ Masonry completed the budgeted \$7,500 amount of work. They have started using the new mortar, which we will be monitoring for longevity and brick deterioration. They will be returning on a rainy day to complete the inside of the Chestnut Street entrance to the Parish House. The Parish House chimney was not only repaired, but sealed, as well, for added durability.

Karl Erickson, from Cathedral Crafts, Inc., was out on September 18th to evaluate our stained glass windows, in particular, the Mary window at the rear of the Nave. We are still awaiting his report, which we hope to share with the committee in the near future. His preliminary findings indicated a lot of bowing to windows, especially those with direct sun exposure. We'll see what else he has to offer through his evaluation.

Klineø was in on September 13th for their annual grease trap service. Shortly thereafter, we received a past invoice and telephone call from a collection agency for service to our storm drain in the parking lot, dated September 16th, 2016. We shared our records indicating that no service was conducted on that day, as they did not bring all of the equipment they needed to perform the job at hand. We were then credited for the outstanding balance.

This month's Life Safety inspection was completed and yielded some adjustments to an auditorium exit sign. Again, we will be looking into installing a smoke detector in the Nave and auditorium to ensure coverage in these two important gathering spaces. 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, it is to be located in an area providing better access to its circuits, while creating less of an eyesore than its current location. New devices will be added to the atrium, elevator shaft and new entrance on the lower level of the Parish House. Clark Fire Protection was back yesterday to replace the new extinguisher that was losing its charge. It had been replaced during their annual service.

Our construction is moving along with most of the foundations being completed. UGI was out last week to complete our new gas service to the Church, which is just to the right of our new entrance. Careful coordination and direction was offered with the placement of the pipe to prevent damage and injury to personnel performing service in our boiler room. UGI recommended having more supports for the elevated gas pipe in this room, which will be handled by our HVAC contractor.

Our next meeting will be Election Day, Tuesday, November 7th, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the Becker House. Please plan to join us at the Fall Clean-up on Saturday, December 9th, 9 to noon, in preparation for Christmas. We are actively seeking people to serve on our committee. We ask that you prayerfully consider this ministry that serves all of St. John's other ministries.

Your Property Committee,

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

RAFIKI AFRICA



Thanks to all who came out to the African Festival on September 30th and Rafiki's Annual Dinner on October 19! As well, thank you for being great hosts on Rafiki Sunday, October 22. We enjoyed sharing a meal with you all and getting to chat talk more about our work, both in the service and casually. We are so grateful for our partnership with such a great congregation!

Submitted by,
Sallie McCann



Rafiki will be at the Gifts That Give Hope Alternative Gift Fair on Saturday, December 9, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

Alternative gifts are a simple, meaningful way to give gifts to friends and loved ones. Buying a gift donation (or alternative gift) from Rafiki provides life-changing benefits for people in Alendu, Kenya. Imagine providing a life-sustaining gift in the form of medical clinic supplies, education, food, or life skills training for a woman. You will feel good giving. Your friends and family will feel good receiving. Those you help will feel hope and restoration.



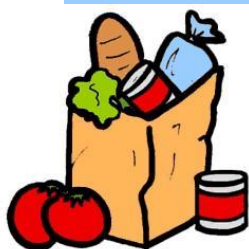
WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

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 **November 2017 and January 2018**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
November 5	Charles Alexander		
November 12			
November 19			
November 26			
<i>Advent: Altar Greens</i>			
December 3			
December 10	Patti Means		
December 17			
December 24			
December 31			
January 7			
January 14			
January 21			
January 28			

FOOD PANTRY



FOOD PANTRY STAPLES—ALWAYS WELCOMED!

Peanut butter, pasta noodles, pasta sauce, canned tuna, canned chicken, boxed macaroni & cheese, "Helpers" (chicken or tuna), rice, boxed rice mixes, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and cereal.

Bring your donations to the rear of the church on any Sunday or to the church office during the week. **"THANK YOU!"**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen Di Pace, Sunday School Director

November 5th is the Battle of All Saints. Youth from the Lancaster Episcopal churches will be joining together in a kickball game at St. Thomas Episcopal Church right after the 10:15 a.m. service. Everyone is invited to come and cheer the youth on! Kids of all ages are invited to participate. See Mary Ellen for more details if needed!

November 12th is our All Parish Meeting.

November 26th is our annual Advent Event! There will be a potluck lunch at noon followed by activities for all ages. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will also have a visit from St. Nicholas! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for food and activities. There is a \$10 fee to make an advent wreath so please sign up ahead of time to guarantee we have enough supplies.

We will need donations of greens and cookies, and we will be collecting items for our college care packages. Gift cards & snacks are very popular and also letters of encouragement. We will be sending out about 10 packages. Help is needed, so please let me know if you can help out that day.

Extra greens will also be used by the Flower Guild for wreaths and vases in the church. Needed are: Holly, Boxwood, Cedar, Juniper, Fir, etc. Look for December happenings coming soon!

Karen Di Pace

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Youth Co-Directors

Our Youth are in full swing, with classes on Sunday morning, learning and sharing their stories. The J2A group is busy planning for their pilgrimage to Costa Rica.

The youth of the convocation attended a Saturday evening service at St. James, followed by pizza, and we finished our evening in the corn maze. We had a great turnout and lots of fun.

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. 29 or contact Marla Lester, 717-481-7570 or mpiersonlester@gmail.com. Following the Saturday sale, the J2A will have a lock in at St. John's.

The Battle of All Saints game is on for Sunday, November 5th at St. Thomas at 12:00 p.m. But we are changing it from football to kickball this year to include more youth and children. We need you to come out and play so we can get the trophy back! It's seriously a good time. Be in touch with Mary Ellen Kilp with any questions! WE NEED TO GET THE TROPHY BACK TO ST. JOHN'S!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Join us November 12, following the 10:15 service for a parent luncheon and youth meeting. This is a very important meeting for all parents. We will be going over upcoming events, questions and plans about the pilgrimage. Please plan to attend!

All children, youth and families: We will be going around St. John's neighborhood on Saturday, November 11, 2017, giving bags out for food. We will then meet Saturday, November 18, 2017, to retrieve the bags with food for St. John's food pantry.

Finally, on Sunday, November 26th, we will gather after the 10:15 a.m. service in the Parish Hall for our annual Advent Event. Bring a dish to share for our potluck, and be on your best behavior for the visit of a certain special Saint! Activities will include wreath making, cookie decorating, gift-wrapping, Angel Tree ornament crafting and the assembly of our college care packages. Hope to see you there!

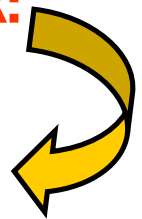
All youth grades 6 to 12: Join us for the Diocesan Youth lock-in on December 1 -3, 2017, Prepare the Way: A Path to Peace. We will be going to Camp Mount Luther. The cost of the event is \$125.00, and scholarships are available. Register at Diocesecpa.org or contact Mary Ellen Kilp if you are interested in going or have any questions.



**Don't forget to
turn your clocks back:**

SATURDAY NIGHT,

NOVEMBER 4, 2017



HAVE YOU JOINED US YET?



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!

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. 19th and will be ready for PICK-UP SUNDAY, DEC. 3rd

ITEMS TO BE PICKED UP:

WREATHS: 22" _____ 28" _____ CANDY CANE _____

POINSETTIA 6.5" POT: Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Burgundy _____

SPRAYS _____

ROPING _____

CYCLAMEN _____

* TOTAL AMOUNT OWED: _____



ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2017-2018

November 3	First Friday Fundraiser for J2A lock in
November 5	Battle of All Saints
November 11	Bag distribution, Lunch following
November 12	J2A Parent Meeting 12:00
November 18	Scouting for food, Pizza party after
November 26	Advent Event
December 1 - 3	Diocesan Winter Retreat (grades 6 - 12)
December 17	Christmas Caroling
January 6 - 8	PYE Jr. & Sr. High, Claggett Center, MD
January 13 & 14	Game night and lock in (Convocation)
January 20 - 22	Happening Planning meeting (Diocese)
January 28	Rite 13 Ceremony
February 4	Scout Sunday
February 13	Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday
February 14	Shrove Tuesday
February 16 - 19	Ash Wednesday
February 24 - 26	Happening (Diocese)
	Bishop visit
March 2 - 4	Transfiguration Weekend
March 9 - 10	Scrapbook Weekend
March 16 - 18	Diocesan Jr. High Retreat
March 25	Palm Sunday
March 29	Maundy Thursday (Convocation)
March 30	Good Friday
April 1	Easter
April 7	Dinner / Talent Show
April 29	Graduation Sunday
May 4	Confirmation
May 6	Teacher Appreciation
	Mini Golf (Convocation)
July 6	Berry Festival



JUBILEE MINISTRIES

ANGEL TREE (Contact: Anne Carroll or Annie Lattanzio Hale)

The tree and tags will appear on Sunday, November 19, and will continue until Sunday, December 3, when it is hoped that all gifts will be returned. As you choose a tag appropriate for your family to shop for, please remember to : 1) sign your name on the clipboard next to the number on the tag; 2) remember to use a gift bag rather than boxes; and 3) use wise judgment in how much to purchase for a child or adult in need (if you are feeling extra generous, consider taking 2 tags).

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

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.



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

EAGLE'S NEST (Contact: Jean Gordon)

A small group of eager Fulton School and Wickersham Elementary School students are now spending Wednesday afternoons in our Parish Hall and Auditorium for St. John's 16th season of this amazing neighborhood ministry. Under the direction of parishioner **Jean Gordon**, 10 volunteers and 2 teens are getting to know this happy new group of students.

ELECTION DAY "NO BAKE SALE"

Due to the constraints of the construction project affecting our Courtyard Bake Sale, it has been decided to hold a **"NO BAKE SALE"** on Sunday, November 5, closest to Election Day. The Eagle's Nest program has depended on this sale for working funds, and the congregation has been generous as bakers and/or shoppers. So, for this event, **no baking needed!** A "NO BAKE SALE" spot will be located in the Parish Hall to receive donations. Thank you for your support.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (Contact: Sue Martin)

The annual meeting of our group, all women and girls of St. John's, will be held on **Sunday, November 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. This time has become a wonderful tradition of socializing and working together. Beginning with a salad bar (greens are provided, you bring the additions), we will prepare the tags for this season's ðAngel Tree.ö We'll hear from the co-chairwomen, Anne Carroll and Annie Lattanzio Hale, and their daughters about the plans for the Christmas giving, which has also become a St. John's tradition. The meeting will be over by **7:30 p.m.**, so it can be attended by school-age girls, as well as older women. At last year's meeting, each decade of age from under 10 to over 80 was represented. Let's make that another tradition! See Sue Martin with questions.

FOOD PANTRY (Contact: Debbie Carter or Linda Wallace)

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 ðFOOD PANTRYö in the Memo line on your check. Food boxes are organized for families and single people and are distributed from our church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays to those in need.



FULTON SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP (Contact: Dave or Sue Martin)

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

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)



MARTHA'S MINISTRY (Contact: Jeannie Zeller)

St. Nick's Knit sale is coming to our Parish Hall on Sunday, **November 26th & December 3rd** between services and after the 10:15 a.m. service. This year, we are hoping that some of you might be willing to contribute crafted items for our table. We are looking for crochet, knit, patchwork, quilted items, woodworking, jewelry or any other craft items you may want to introduce us to.

We need your participation this year. Our numbers are few but our spirit is strong and we really want to make this year's sale a big success. Proceeds go towards our Eagles Nest program. Thank you!

Please note that during the construction at St. John's, Martha's Ministry group will be meeting in the Parish Hall or Becker House 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.

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Sue Tobie)

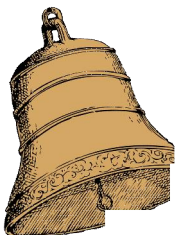
Total grocery card sales for: **OCTOBER will be reported in the December "Messenger"**

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.

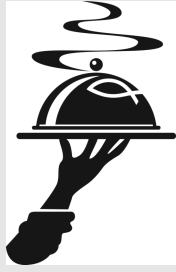
Stop by the Parish Hall on any Sunday to purchase cards for any of the following stores:

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



If you are interested in ringing the Steeple Bell on Sunday mornings, please be sure to see either Lorraine Nolan or Garth Alexander and your name will be included on the schedule. Thank you.

GRATITUDE DINNER



*The Stewardship Committee invites you to attend the Gratitude Dinner at St. John's Parish Hall on **November 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.***

As we count our blessings with our families during November, we also want to publicly recognize the blessings that St. John's church has brought our St. John's family and neighbors.

*This dinner will be **\$20 per adult** and feature chicken cordon bleu. Tickets for the event will be available on Sundays in the Parish Hall.*

For more information, please contact: Pam Loose, Nicole Pham, Debbie Carter, Glenn Miller, or Leslie Morgan.

"We hope you'll join us!"

A.L.E.R.T.

All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team

As representatives from St. John's, Dave Martin and Don Durand attended the monthly meeting of the A.L.E.R.T. group on Tuesday, October 17. Of interest to St. John's, the following was discussed:

A housewarming event is being planned for the Issa family, as they have recently moved to a new location on Union Street. Those folks from St. John's who have been involved with the family should stay tuned for specifics of the event.

A gift from the "Quartermaster Program," including small personal items targeting men, will go to the Saturday Breakfast program at First Reformed Church. St. John's facilitates the program the third Saturday each month. These items will be welcomed by many of the guests.

Opportunity to serve at the Winter Shelter will again be available. The dates for this winter will be December 4-10. Sign-up Genius will be used to register volunteers.

A work morning at the AIDS Memorial Garden is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, from 9 to 12. All are welcome to participate.

An opportunity to volunteer for a Florida mission trip will offered thru A.L.E.R.T. for early spring of 2018.

Still needed: Another volunteer to represent St. John's to the A.L.E.R.T. group. See Dave Martin for more information.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Here's a quick update (as of October 24, 2017) on the financial support for our building renovations, which began in mid-June:

	Amount Received
Received toward total pledges of \$777,553	\$ 556,784
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	34,857
Bequests from Eckenrode & Craige families	150,000
Total received	\$ 741,641

Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 962,410

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 35 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.

-- Submitted by Debbie Carter

STEWARDSHIP: LET GOD LEAD

We have received annual pledges from 95 families or individuals, for a total of \$256,302 (about 79% of our Vestry's goal). And over half of these are new or increases over the same members' pledges for 2017!

At our cottage gatherings and on Ingathering Sunday, we also received many expressions of gratitude, and these will be shared in creative ways at our Gratitude Dinner on November 4.

Ongoing updates will be made on Sundays and posted to our website's **Stewardship** page (look under **Ministries**) or at <http://stjohns-lancaster.org/acting/stewardship/>.

But it's not too late to submit your pledge! What is God leading you to do through St. John's Church? You can get a pledge card from an usher, by calling the church office (717-299-1188) or on the Stewardship web page. Fill it out, then bring or mail it to St. John's.

If you haven't pledged in the past, any amount is a start. ***Please join us in supporting our ministries!***

Questions: Contact Pam Loose or Debbie Carter

PRAYER LIST

We offer our continued prayers for:

John Anders
Camilla Anderson
Bob Bailey
Michael Brogan
Frank Burris
Patricia & Ralph Clare
Paul & Molly Clark
James Dohren
Linda Frederiksen
Julie Gittens
Carol Greenfield
Alina Grobicki
Shannon Hickman
Marge Kern
Terry Koogle
Kelly Lynch
Kathy McNamara
Lorraine Nolan
Kevin & Mary Nourie
Robert Power
Ricky Ross
Gloria Schnee
Merle Schnee
Stephanie Smith
Donald Sterling
Christian Stigelman
Martha Stroh
Joana Torres & Kids
Gary Weaver
Melissa Williams
Paula Wolf
Angelica Zander
Paul
Sister Jacqueline, CT
Dianna
Khyzeer



*...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
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***



**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.**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alexander, Alex	25
Archer, Carolyn	19
Brown, Chloe	8
Carroll, Evelyn	29
Collier, Mrs Tammy	22
Crothers, Margaret	27
Di Pace, Danielle	29
Dorgan, Drew	16
Farmer, Priscilla	6
Forsythe, Bette Lu	6
Gobel, Lois	8
Gromis, Carrie	11
Guetter, John	21
Humphrey, Carole	1
Kilp, Daniel	30
Landis, Barbara	3
Martin, Dave	10
McCormick, Murphy	16
McGraw, Barbara	25
Pennell, Mary	21
Rahe, Charlie	13
Ramella, Karen	16
Sauder, Marylee	23
Schick, Nate	26
Scott, Hagar	23
Seachrist, Marjorie	1
Stonerook, Laura	8
Thompson, Ian	3
Wallace, Linda	20
Waskowicz, Lauren	19
Welaish, Helena	17
Woolson, James	20



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Durand, Don & Judy	11/17/1979
Gouveia, Fran & John	11/18/1995
Gromis, Jeff & Sharon	11/19/1983
Williams, Mike & Dawn	11/25/2000



VOYAGERS

The **VOYAGERS** are pleased to announce a return visit by St. John's Head Verger, Tom Bond, on Saturday, November 25th. Tom will speak on the timely subject of "Advent and Christmas: History and Traditions." The program promises to be interesting and informative.

Please join us for fun, fellowship, and some food, too! Voyagers meet in the Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and everyone is welcome!

We'll see you there!

