



# St. John's Messenger

February, 2018

*from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector*

## FINAL FAREWELLS

The weekend of February 23, 24 and 25 will mark the conclusion our 12 years of shared ministry. It has been a great 12 years and these last 3 days will, likewise, serve as a great celebration of the mission we accomplished and our life together.

Friday will be Youth Night. Teens, youngsters, parents and children of all ages are invited to gather in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. for a family style pizza supper. After dinner, we will have a Game Night. So bring your favorite game to play!

On Saturday, Bishop Scanlan will be with us to begin the Leave-Taking ceremonies. At 6:00 p.m. sung Evening Prayer will be officiated by Pastor Jennifer Mattson with the Bishop offering the sermon. Ecumenical and Convocational clergy are invited to vest and process.

Following Evening Prayer, a festive reception will be held in the Auditorium. Access will be provided by the new elevator. Heavy hors d'oeuvres of African dishes prepared by Rafiki African will be served. The Millersville University "Jazz Cats" will play. This will be a time for sharing stories, reflections, and remembrances. The evening will conclude with a benediction in the new Atrium.

On Sunday, Bishop Scanlan will return to celebrate at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services and to preside over the final Leave-Taking ceremonies. I will give my last sermon as rector for St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster.

My fondest farewells are for the St. John's staff:

For **Patti Means**, our Parish Secretary, who is the switchboard for all our parish ministries and who has worked hard to get our technology up to date and all our communications current.

For **Bill Gross**, our Property Manager, for keeping our facilities in peak shape, for making us all safe, and for being St. John's sidewalk ambassador to all our neighbors.

For **Gina Keiser**, our Financial Secretary, for making our accounting squeaky clean and in order, and for giving us the clearest financial picture of our parish ever.

For **Maria Weaver- Hollowniczky**, our Nursery Caregiver, who not only gives the best of care to our smallest members but also the warmest welcome to our youngest families.

For **Marilyn Winfield**, our Handbell Director, for her dedication to her craft and to the members of her Handbell Choir who reached new handbell heights under her direction.

For **Paul Reese**, our Minister of Music, who amazes us every Sunday with his talents, inspires the Chancel Choir with his grace, and has made the music program at St. John's the talk of the town.

For **The Rev. Dr. Barbara J. Seras**, our Assistant Priest, for challenging us with the honesty of her preaching, for encouraging us to live more deeply in the Spirit and in prayer, and for winning all our hearts with the warmth of her love for Christ.

It has been my high honor to serve as Priest and Rector for St. John's, and it has been my great pleasure to share the ministry of this parish with these committed and able staff members. Together they help make every ministry of St. John's happen and seek to support every person of our parish in the fulfillment of their call to serve in Christ's name.

As I depart, they will remain. As my ministry with you comes to an end, theirs has a new beginning with you. As I make my farewell, they will continue to care for you without compromise and assist you in carrying forward God's mission for St. John's Church. They are my parting gift and God's blessing for you.

*John+*

## *Stepping Ahead as One!*

It is early morning—a still dark night except for the moonlight on the new fallen snow. I look out the window towards the frozen river below. I realize that my body is done with sleep for the night. So I head towards the kitchen to brew a pot of coffee. No need to turn on any lights; I know the way. I hear my aunt's old wall clock ticking the minutes away, and begin to notice all those tiny blue and red and amber lights scattered along the darkened way. Funny how technology has taken over the landscape, not only of this culture but even my home...

With that best first cup of coffee warming my hands, I sit in my easy chair by the big picture windows. I catch a whiff of the Christmas tree beside me. The sky's now ambient light of a new dawn makes perfect silhouettes of the huge trees outside. I watch as they sway majestically with the gusts of wind...

I savor these unexpected moments, especially in this time of such great transition. It is nice that some things remain the same...those big trees outside and the familiarity of my home. It is nice to have the comfort of a warm place on cold windy mornings, a favorite easy chair, a good cup of fresh brewed coffee and the time to just get lost in the quiet of day before the busy-ness begins...

It is Epiphany still. It is time especially to discover the ChristLight shining in my life and as well in the life of our Community. It is time to take time to see and hear and experience things in our lives—great and small—that we might otherwise miss. It is time to see the Light of Christ shining brightly and leading us to places we might not expect, yet will delight to go.

At St. John's, it is our special time to begin to see where Christ is leading and to follow. More than some other years perhaps, 2018 stands out as a banner year of transitions and opportunities!

At St John's, we are Stepping Ahead. We are Stepping Ahead as One. And this is especially evident as we approach two special weekends in the life of our Community.

We begin the last weekend of February (February 23-24-25) when we all gather together to celebrate with Father John and Cindy as they take that big step together into the next amazing time of their lives. The weekend is specially planned with the hope that each and all of us are part of the farewell: on Friday a casual night of pizza and fun. On Saturday night a beautiful Evening Prayer with Music and Bishop Scanlan preaching, followed by a fancy reception, special presentations and concluded with a benediction in our new atrium! Sunday at both 8 and 10:15 Eucharist, there will be the Leave-Taking Service with Father John preaching and Bishop Scanlan presiding.

AND St John's continues together the following weekend at the second St. John's Transfiguration Weekend. Bishop Robert Ihloff is our presenter on Friday/Saturday and preacher on Sunday at both services. The Theme of this weekend is **“Stepping Ahead: Where is God calling us in ministry and parish life?”** This weekend is designed to help us begin as community to step ahead into the next amazing time of St. John's life. Like the weekend before, SJWTW is specially planned with the prayer that God opens the time on everyone's schedule to experience the entire weekend together as time of discernment, nurture and fun as we step out together as one.

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

As Bishop Bob in part writes: *“I’m excited for you! Building on a strong foundation (which you have) and looking at the challenges of the years ahead will be enlivening for us all. ...I hope you will join me and many of your friends at St. John’s. I know we will have an enriching experience and am honored to be a part of it.”*

*--Bishop Bob Ihloff [full message found with SJTW information]*

Blessed Epiphany!

*Barbara+*

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Here’s a quick update (as of January 17, 2018) on the financial support for our building renovations, which began in mid-June:

	<b>Amount Received</b>
Received toward total pledges of \$781,553	\$ 657,759
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	56,273
Bequests	155,000
<b>Total received</b>	<b>\$ 869,032</b>

**Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 992,826**

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 49 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 Wednesdays.

*-- Submitted by Debbie Carter*

**TWO BIG WEEKENDS at SAINT JOHN'S**

**Friday February 23—Sunday February 25, 2018**

*Saying Farewell to Father John and Cindy*

**Friday February 23**

**6 to 9 pm—St John's Community Night**

A casual evening with pizza supper and lotsa fun together

**Saturday February 24**

**5 pm—Evening Prayer with Music**

The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan Preacher

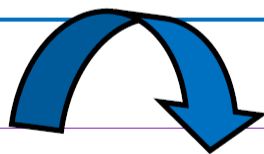
**6 pm to 8:30 pm—Reception**

**8:30 pm—Benediction in the New Atrium**

**Sunday February 25**

**8 & 10:15 Holy Eucharist with Service of Leave-taking**

Father John, Preaching ~ Bishop Audrey, Presiding



**In Preparation for the Celebration please send in your favorite photos and videos now ON LINE with Photo Share at:**

<http://bit.ly/johnpictures>

**-or-**

**Bring your Photos or Videos to the Church Office**

**Contact Joe Way at 717-723-9130 or Mother Barbara**

**Deadline for Photos is early February**

## TWO BIG WEEKENDS at SAINT JOHN'S

Friday, March 2 — Sunday, March 4, 2018

### Saint John's Transfiguration Weekend



*A Lenten offering of Reflection ~ Learning ~ Prayer*

**Theme:** *Stepping Ahead . . .*

Where is God calling us in ministry and parish life?

Welcoming the Rt. Reverend Robert W. Ihloff  
Retired Bishop of Maryland

Bishop Ihloff (who likes to be called Bob) is in a transition himself; he is coming out of retirement to be the Assisting Bishop of Virginia, a ministry he will begin the day after St. John's week-end. He came out of retirement three years ago to become the Interim of Baltimore's largest parish, Church of the Redeemer. Throughout his ministry, he has led conferences, quiet days and retreats. He lives with his wife Nancy in Baltimore. They have two married children and six grandchildren and have two very spoiled cats. A lover of opera, art, and an avid reader, Bob has for his whole life loved gardening; now in a high rise downtown, that gardening is confined to pots on the deck and house plants, but not long ago he had over 200 varieties of bush roses under cultivation.



### \* The Weekend Agenda \*

#### **Friday, March 2**

5:30 to 6:00 pm—Registration

6:00 to 7:00 pm—Simple Supper (bring a salad topping)

7:00 to 8:00—First Session/Small Groups with Bishop Bob

#### **Saturday, March 3 — 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

8:30 to 9:00 a.m.—Registration and Hospitality

9:00 to 9:30—Centering Prayer for experienced & beginners alike

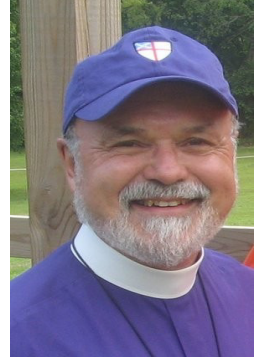
10:00 to 11:00— Interactive Session with Bishop Bob (w/ break)

11:00 to Noon—Closing Session with Bishop Bob (w/ break)

Noon Prayer and Dismissal

**Sunday, March 4 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:15—Bishop Bob, Preacher**

## A Note from Bishop Bob



I am delighted to be your leader for St. John's "Stepping Ahead" gathering on Friday and Saturday, March 2 & 3. Transitions are always a little scary and they are also wonderful times when it's helpful to take stock and then move decisively ahead as a parish family. As a Bishop for 22 years and an ordained person for 50, I've had more than my share of transitions, personal and professional. I'm excited for you! Building on a strong foundation (which you have) and looking at the challenges of the years ahead will be enlivening for us all. What do we do well? What could we do better? Can we do it all? What might we need to put on hold? Where can we step boldly forward? These and related questions are what you and I will consider together in a session Friday evening and two on Saturday morning. These sessions will be interactive; that is, I will have a few things to say but most of our time will be sharing wisdom, anxieties, joys, experiences, hopes, and our faith. There will be quiet, prayerful times punctuating what we do and say. We'll start with a shared simple meal on Friday evening and end with Noon prayers and a commissioning on Saturday. I hope you will join me and many of your friends at St. John's. I know we will have an enriching experience and am honored to be a part of it.

Bishop Bob Ihloff



### ***Ash Wednesday Services, February 14 Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes***

***7:30 a.m. (St. John's)***

***12:00 noon (St. John's)***

***7:30 p.m. Lancaster Convocation service  
St. Edward's Episcopal Church  
2453 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster***

# GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

**FEBRUARY 2018**

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

February is the month that the image of the “heart” comes to mind. Cards, flowers, caring, dinners out are planned to share with another. Envision that caring, that heart, extended beyond our immediate reach. Adjust your vision to those who might be reaching out for your caring when even the smallest assistance could make all the difference....  
Here, There, Everywhere.

### **Global Partnership Challenge for February 4th**

“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.” *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### **Global Partnership Challenge for February 11th**

“We can only build the world together if we are becoming persons together.” *Illa Delio*  
This week we begin our Lenten journey.  
As we move forward, let us look and act on how we can lighten our personal load and gift those with so much less. Hmm...Shoes??? Food??? Acceptance???

### **Global Partnership Challenge for February 18th**

“Remind me, O God, to live more simply and that ‘here’ is not my home. Remind me, this day, to travel lightly as I come homeward bound to you.” *Edward Hays*  
Lent is a time when typically it is suggested that we “give up” something. Consider this Lenten season, giving thanks for all that is in our presence and thanks for all that we have been given and then consider what you can “take on” to demonstrate your love.

### **Global Partnership Challenge for February 25th**

“It doesn’t matter if the water is cold or warm if you are going to have to wade through it anyway.” *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*  
Think and then act on how you could move ahead with all the changes in our world, in our community, in our Parish, in a caring and accepting manner of ALL our brothers and sisters...Here, There, Everywhere.



# SERVING SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY, 2018

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

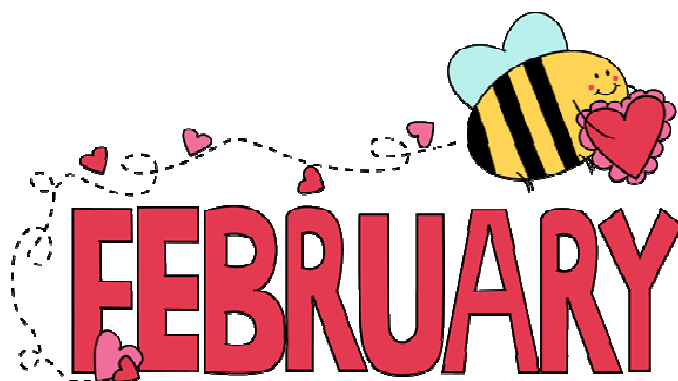
If you are unable to fulfill your serving duties, **it will be your responsibility to find a replacement.** Once you have located a replacement, please be sure to call the Church Office with your name, the name of your replacement, and the date you were scheduled to serve. If you reach our voice mail 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.

<b>FEBRUARY 4</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Sue Purdy	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Lector</b>	Phil Purdy	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
<b>Server</b>	--	Hal 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>	--	Toni Ehrhart
<b>Verger</b>	--	Tom Bond
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Ted Loose
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Scouts	Scouts
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Jenn Hreben

<b>FEBRUARY 11</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Tom Bond	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
<b>Lector</b>	Gretchen Walden	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Server</b>	--	Ian Thompson
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Glenn Miller
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Claire & Sophie Thompson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Glenn Miller
<b>Verger</b>	--	Tom Bond
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Sue Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Usher Teams: 8am & A	Usher Teams: 8am & A
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Phyllis Gbur



<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Molly Moyer	David Kilp, Peter Novosel
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker, Stephanie McGovern	--
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Landis	Joel Cliff, Jeannie Zeller
<b>Server</b>	--	Sean Cliff
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Dave Pennell
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Fiona Mausolf, Natalie Visco
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Hal Williams
<b>Verger</b>	--	Kathy Kyper
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Bruce Waskowicz
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Mary Ellen Kilp



<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Nicole Pham	Michael Stank
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Tobie	Danielle Di Pace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Server</b>	--	Kendall Morgan
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Bob Kilp
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Frances Brogan, Nicholas Di Pace
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 4	Team 4
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Rob Williams
<b>Verger</b>	Kathy Kyper	Tom Bond, Ben Creighton
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Peter Novosel
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Janelle Stone

# SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH 2018

MARCH 4	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Sue Purdy	David Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Lee	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
<b>Server</b>	--	Rob Williams
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Glenn Miller
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Helena & Evelyn Carroll
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Lorraine Nolan
<b>Verger</b>	--	Ben Creighton
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team 1
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Brad Zuke
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Voyagers & Sunday School Teachers	Voyagers & Sunday School Teachers
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Leslie Morgan

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

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

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

For **Altar Guild**: Contact Toni Ehrhart

For **Ushers**: Contact Mike Gbur

For **Greeters or Coffee Hour Hosts**: Contact Bruce & Mary Waskowicz

- Contact telephone numbers for these people can be found in the Parish Directory and copies are available in the Welcome Center at the rear of the church.

*Deadline Dates!*

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
WEDNESDAYS**

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

## Death

Providence F. Eshelman  
August 20, 1924 - January 3, 2018

## VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

**The following resolution was passed by the Vestry on January 15, 2018:**

1. **Fair Share for 2018** – Resolved, that we, the Vestry, certify that this 2018 Fair Share Pledge is made on behalf of the congregation, and it is our intention to pay this pledge for Fair Share in equal monthly installments beginning January 2018; and further resolved, that in accord with the terms of the May 15, 2017 Binding Agreement, and the Fair Share Plan approved by the Vestry on August 21, 2017, we pledge a 2018 Fair Share Commitment of \$57,000.000

*This came from Executive Committee. It was seconded by Pam Loose. Bruce Waskowicz called the question. The motion passed unanimously.*



## 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](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!

## SENIOR WARDEN

By the time you get the new Messenger, you will have a new Junior and Senior Warden. So, I will take this time to thank everyone for their support and trust over the past two years as I first served as your Junior Warden and then as your Senior Warden this past year. It has definitely been a whirlwind ride! I started on Vestry 2 ½ years ago, finishing out an unexpired term. A few months after joining the Vestry, I found myself in the Junior Warden position. Up to that point, I had spent most of my time at church being involved with Sunday School, I had no idea what happens behind the scenes. I had a huge learning curve ahead!

Leslie Morgan and Fr. John had great patience with me as I asked question after question, sometimes asking the same questions over and over again. The various committees also had great patience with me as I learned what it takes to keep St. John's running and make it the vibrant parish that it is. Leslie soon dubbed me the "Honey Badger" because I would find stuff that we didn't even know existed or should be looked at it. It became quite the joke after awhile.

Another joke is the bag many of you have seen me carrying around. Anything and everything you could need is in that bag. If you are looking for something, chances are it's in there, and I can usually find it. It's not pretty, but it's organized chaos. I will keep the bag just as it is in case your new wardens are looking for something; chances are, it's in there!

The new Vestry is comprised of amazing individuals who I have every confidence will skillfully lead St. John's through this next year as we say good-bye to Fr. John and prepare for a new rector to lead us. It is bittersweet for me to end my term as a warden as Fr. John prepares to retire. I'm proud of the work we have done together, and his guidance and leadership this past year have been invaluable.

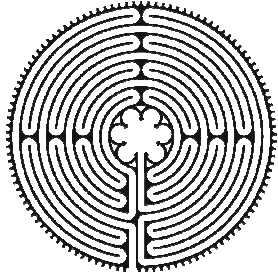
I encourage everyone to serve on Vestry at some point. It is an invaluable experience as you learn just what it takes to make it all happen. There's a lot that happens behind the scenes and it is good for everyone to experience and gain an appreciation for all the good work that gets done by the Vestry and the various committees at St. John's.

So, I will say good-bye as your Senior Warden. I am always close by if you have any questions or concerns as we move forward over this next year.

Peace,

*Jenn Hreben*





## Global Partnership Committee Lenten Offerings

### Lent 2018

On Sunday, February 18th, the first Sunday in Lent, the Global Partnership will be sponsoring the Parish multigenerational gathering for our Lenten season.

We will gather in the Parish Hall for our meatless pot luck luncheon following the 10:15 service, followed by a reflective time together in the Auditorium amidst our labyrinth visited by the shoes we have to date for our 2018 [Soles4Souls](#) project, ending with a prayer service and music as we focus on our “steps ahead” in this season.

While the norm for many years has been a weekly gathering with one focus, this year there are multiple changes happening during our Lenten season.

The inclusion of any shoe donations would be MOST appreciated.

**SOLES 4 SOULS**  
WEARING OUT POVERTY®

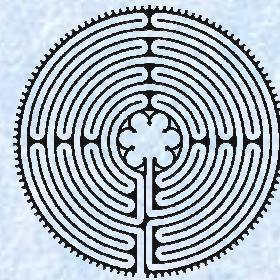
#### Also During Holy Week...

We will conclude the collection of shoes at the Maundy Thursday Eucharist when worshippers are invited at the foot washing to leave the shoes they wore to church. These shoes will be included in the donations to Soles4Souls and those leaving their shoes will wear home another pair they brought to church with them. Our Youth will box the shoes during their overnight vigil and load the truck with all the shoes early Good Friday morning.



## Soles4Souls Labyrinth

Saint John's Episcopal Church  
Auditorium  
(2013)



## SHROVE TUESDAY "PANCAKE SUPPER!"

**February 13, 2018**

**5:30-7:00 p.m.—Parish Hall**

**\$5.00 Adults \* \$2.00 Children**

The supper will be prepared by our Journey to Adulthood Youth and include pancakes, sausage, applesauce, and fruit salad.

We hope you'll join us!



## PROPERTY CORNER

The elevator is almost finished! And, with the ramp in front of the building, as well as the one under construction to the courtyard, our accessibility is growing better and brighter!

While talking about construction: **Nothing** but sand or stone may be placed on the new concrete on our campus. As salt and other chemicals will damage even aged concrete, a recent pour is even more susceptible to damage from ice treatments, resulting in spalling and chipping of such surfaces. A period of one year is recommended before any ice treatments are placed on these surfaces. Everyone's attention to these matters is appreciated.

It has become apparent that plantings on the west side of the courtyard are not part of the construction scope. We are entertaining a quote for adding this work to the scope of the contract. We will be considering this addition along with doing the work ourselves. The painting of the lower level HVAC pipes and electrical conduits also falls into this category.

We have realized some security issues on our campus during the construction process, for which greater attention must be provided. We are asking that anyone using our space be sure to check *all* windows and doors to ensure that they are locked prior to leaving, even in areas that may not have been used by them. We have recently noticed unsecured openings in areas not in use by staff or contractors, which only reinforces the need for this due diligence. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this security effort.

J & J Heating & Cooling was called in again, this time to make repairs to the Becker House office furnace on the upper floor. Although requiring a technician, we were able to make use of an old furnace part from the basement. This part would have otherwise been ordered, resulting in a delay to the repair during these frigid temperatures.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience as we continue with construction during the usual busy use of our facilities. We ask that you exercise caution while moving around our Church campus. The Sunday school level of our Parish House has tools, cables and debris, which should not be touched. We ask that everyone please use designated entrances for each of our buildings, while avoiding construction materials.

The cold temperatures have been playing havoc with our outdoor plans. Our gutter contractor reported that the leaves in the gutters were frozen in place, after reporting that he couldn't make repairs unless the temperature was at least 65 degrees. It's believed that the temperatures are doing the same for our painter, as well.

This month's Life Safety inspection was completed on January 5th. It was completed in conjunction with the service to our hood and duct extinguishing system of the Parish House kitchen, which was unremarkable. On a side note, the dishwashers are requiring more time to fill and warm-up, requiring them to be turned on as early as possible when needed.

Your property committee's work is never done and touches both members and guests of our parish. If you would like to serve on a ministry that affects all the others, please join us in the Becker House on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Your Property Committee: Bruce Waskowicz, Jeannie Zeller, Kathy Kyper, Andrew Carroll, Bill Gross, Jane Lee, Dave Martin, Cynthia Minnich and Shirley Shaheen.

## 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.

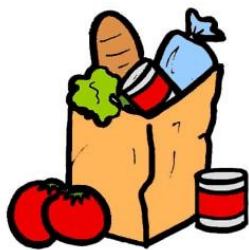
**We would like to receive two (2) remembrances per Sunday for the church altar and one (1) for the chapel. This information will appear in both service bulletins.** Following is the information we have received for the time-frame between **February & April, 2018**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
February 4			
February 11	Maryanne Eckert		
February 18			
February 25			
March 4			
March 11			
March 18			
March 25			
April 1	<b>EASTER FLOWERS</b>	<b>EASTER FLOWERS</b>	<b>EASTER FLOWERS</b>
April 8	Patti Means		
April 15			
April 22			
April 29			

*GREEN AREA REPRESENTS GREENS ON ALTAR.*

## 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*

We will be celebrating our Scouts on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. All scouts are encouraged to wear their uniform to church and be a part of the service. Join us in acknowledging the scouts of St. Johns.

**Boy Scouts:** Nicholas Di Pace, Brooks Morgan, Greyson Way, Hal Williams, and Rob Williams.

Nicholas Di Pace is a Boy Scout and enjoyed learning to shoot a rifle at Boy Scout Camp.

Brooks Morgan is currently working toward earning his Eagle Scout. He enjoyed spending time at West Point Camporee.

Greyson Way has been in scouting since 1<sup>st</sup> grade and has earned his Arrow of Light, Scout & Tenderfoot ranks. Greyson's favorite scout activity is Summer Camp, spending time with his friends & boating.

Rob Williams is a Life Scout. He enjoyed going to the National Jamboree. He loves being a part of the youth leadership.

Hal Williams is a Star Scout. The National Jamboree is the best scout trip he has ever gone on. He enjoyed making many friends and memories through scouts.

**Girl Scouts:** Emma Di Pace, Danielle Di Pace, Helena Carroll, Evelyn Carroll, and Campbell Way.

Evelyn Carroll is a Brownie Girl Scout. She enjoyed visiting the Wolf Sanctuary and having a holiday tea for families.

Helena Carroll is a Cadette Girl Scout. She enjoyed book binding and isolating DNA in a banana this year.

Danielle Di Pace is a Senior Girl Scout. She earned her Silver award this past summer. Her favorite memory of this past year was a trip to Savannah, Georgia to see the birthplace of their founder, Juliette Gordon Low.

Emma Di Pace has graduated and is now an adult Life Scout.

Campbell Way has been in scouting for 3 years and is a Brownie. Her favorite activity was attending Camp Small Valley and selling Girl Scout Cookies.

A special thank you to all current and former scout leaders in our congregation! You will see many of them hosting coffee hour that day.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our church school program.

*Karen Di Pace*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

### *Journey to Adulthood*

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

**Thank you to our wonderful Journey to Adulthood leaders, Dawn & Mike Williams, April & Joe Way, Cindy Morris, Bob Kilp & Karen Di Pace.** We could not have the awesome youth program without all of your help and support.

#### **The Frozen Chosen**

The Journey to Adulthood teens from St. John's ventured out on the coldest weekend of this year to prepare for confirmation. Father John lead the group for an adventurous outing at North Bay Adventure Camp in North East, Md. Youth participated in discussion about our life as Christians, from baptism to confirmation, ending with the Great Vigil of Easter Eve. With wind chills of -13 degrees, plans for renewal of our baptismal vows in the bay were changed, due to it being frozen solid. After an exciting afternoon, the youth thawed out and relaxed in the game room. North Bay was a chilly shake down for this group of future pilgrims who will be heading to Costa Rica for their pilgrimage this summer. — Joe Way



#### **Game Night**

A fun evening was had by youth and adults playing Dominos, Spoons, Dutch blitz, Discombobulation and other fun games at game night.



### **Rite 13 Ceremony**

January 28 at the 10:15 service we will be celebrating our Rite 13 youth. This is a service to bless our youth in their transition from childhood to adulthood. Please join us for this special service.

### **Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon**

We will have our Souper Bowl soup and salad luncheon on Sunday, February 4. Please join us after the 10:15 AM service for soup and salad prepared by our youth. All proceeds will benefit our food pantry at St. John's.



**Scout Sunday** We will also be celebrating our Scouts at St. John's on February 4.

### **Shrove Tuesday**

Join us on Tuesday, February 13, for our annual Pancake Supper prepared by our J2A. We will serve from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Adults are \$5.00 and children \$2.00. Join us for Night Prayer at 7:00.

### **Happening**

Two of our youth have been busy planning for the Happening event that is being held February 16 -18, 2018, for youth in grades 9 – 12 of the Diocese. Brooks Morgan is the Rector for this event and Tierza Mendez is our Jr. Rector. Happening is a three-day weekend retreat led by youth for the youth. It is a spiritual journey and a time for finding, reconnecting, and growing closer to God. Happening is not a completely "churchy" weekend; we will sing, dance, laugh, play games, and make lifelong friends, with a few surprises thrown in along the way! This year's theme for Happening #11 is **As water reflects the face, So one's life reflects the heart.** *Prov. 27:19.* We will be exploring biblical text along with fun activities and talks from our high school leaders. Registration is now open at <http://youth.diocesecpa.org>. Adults are welcomed to participate in this event also.

If anyone is interested in writing a Caritas note for our youth who are attending the Happening retreat, please contact Mary Ellen Kilp at [mekilp@yahoo.com](mailto:mekilp@yahoo.com) for a list of youth that are participating. It is always nice to get a Caritas from our church family.

### **Farewell to Fr. John!**

We are planning on having a Roast for Fr. John on Friday, February 23, starting with dinner at 6:00 in the Parish Hall. We would like to invite all youth that participated at St. John's since Fr. John has been there. We are asking for pictures of Fr. John; if you have any, could you please send them to me for the slide show Joe Way is putting together? If you would like to do a roast, please let me know so we have a line-up for the evening. Hope you will put this on your calendar and join us for a fun evening celebrating Fr. John's tenure at St. John's.

### **Jr. High Retreat**

The Jr. High Retreat is being held on March 16 – 18, 2018, for youth in grades 6 -9. This retreat is being held at Camp Mount Luther. The retreat is New Beginnings.

What is New Beginnings? New Beginnings is a spiritual retreat weekend designed to serve the needs of middle schoolers. New Beginnings offers a chance for youth to reflect on the important relationships in their lives and consider what "New Beginnings" they can take on in their own lives. New Beginnings is a great outing for an entire junior high youth group. Often, New Beginnings is the first opportunity for a young person to pause and reflect on his or her situation and God.

What to expect during the weekend? New Beginnings is led by high schoolers from St. John's. They are there to serve them. They lead the family groups (each youth is placed into a family group at the beginning of the weekend), they perform skits, they lead the music, and they give the talks. Talks are a very special part of New Beginnings. The youth write these talks, like sermons, before the weekend. Topics include peer pressure, friendships, siblings, parents, and passing on the New Beginnings message back home. It is a great chance to build confidence and just have fun.

# ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2018

February 4	Scout Sunday Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, soup & salad luncheon
February 13	Shrove Tuesday
February 14	Ash Wednesday
February 15 - 18	Happening (Diocese)
February 23 -25	Bishop visit & Fr. John's Leave-Taking
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/Youth Sunday
May 4	Confirmation
May 6	Teacher Appreciation Mini Golf (Convocation)
July 6	Berry Festival



# JUBILEE MINISTRIES

## **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

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)

Twelve students and as many volunteers (including St. John's teens, Tierza Mendez, Max Lester, and Lexi Smith), are learning to work together within our revised spaces and are adapting well to each week's construction limitations. The kitchen is always perfect and they are learning the rewards of cooking, preparing meals, setting tables for a family supper, and clearing their spaces after a meal. It is a joy to witness their interest in this activity, and especially baking Christmas cookies for their families. At the recent Christmas party and program (thanks to assistance from Paul Reese and Mother Barbara) each student received an authentic chef's hat embroidered with their name. In addition, gifts from the Angel Tree were received with great excitement. Thank you to the supporters of the gifts and of the No Bake Sale in Nov., which yielded nearly \$500!

## **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 "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)

We have entered 2018 with a wonderful donation of Yarn and patterns from our much-loved Ricky Smith. Please join us on Tuesday afternoons in the Parish Hall (2-4 p.m.) or stop by the Knitting Table on a Sunday morning if you'd like to help out. Come to knit, crochet or sew and enjoy the good company. Sometimes, there's even tea and refreshments for our Tuesday group. Current needs: prayer shawls, hats, twiddlemuffs, or whatever you'd like to create. Thank you for your love and support!

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

Total grocery card sales for **December**: \$7,280, with \$364 to Jubilee Ministries. **Total for 2017**: \$83,200, with \$4,160 to Jubilee Ministries.

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!

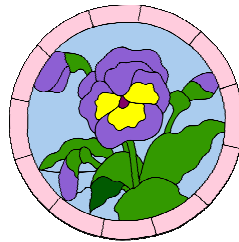
Remember that a \$100 card can be used as often as it takes to use it up. You don't have to spend it all at one time...AND YOU ARE NOT LOSING ANYTHING. YOU ARE GETTING FULL VALUE FOR YOUR CARD. THE STORE SELLS CARDS TO US AT A 5% DISCOUNT. Sunday sales in the Parish Hall for:

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

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

## ANGEL TREE

Last month you read of the thanks for your generosity in gifting twelve refugee families associated with the tags you took from the Angel Tree. What you didn't know is that at the distribution party, Thursday, Dec. 21, held at the Church World Service headquarters, more generosity was experienced as a big surprise. The Manheim Twp. neighborhood of Andy and Anne Carroll contributed a filled wash basket for each family, six new rice cookers, pillows and blankets, and greatest of all, \$3,000 in gift cards!! The cards were distributed by the CWS personnel according to family size and need. Included in these packets were coupons to use at Market, amazing amounts of funds for CVS Pharmacy, as well as grocery cards. This made the Holiday Joy facilitated by St. John's a grand event.



## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Hard to believe, but we will be ready for an early Spring plant sale soon! Pansy bowls and primroses will be available for pick-up on Palm Sunday, March 25. Orders will be taken on the two Sundays prior, March 11 and 18. Won't it be nice?

## HELP US SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

### *No Experience Needed!*

We are happy to report that our new web streaming camera is up and running! We are looking for members who would be interested in helping with the web streaming of our church services for all to see. *No experience required.* The time commitment is small and is whatever you can offer. Joe Way, a church member and tech consultant, will provide training. We are a dedicated group that works to highlight all the good news and happenings at St. John's and we hope that you will join us. For additional information please contact a committee member:

*Debbie Carter, Jill Gross, Leslie Tahsler, or Joe Way*

## EVENING OF POETRY & SONG

**The Peace of Wild Things, Friday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.**

Come fill your soul with a serenade of *a cappella* and accompanied vocals while supporting Lancaster Against Pipelines' legal fund. Ensembles include Sisters of Light, "Pipe Dreams," and duo Daryl Snider & Dean Clemmer. Poetry offered by Lancaster's former Poet Laureate Chris Longenecker & Rick Shoup.

**Community Mennonite Church, 328 W. Orange St., Lancaster PA**

The gathering is for all ages.

Donations appreciated!

## LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS

MAKING PEACE IN A TIME OF WAR: STORIES from VIETNAM, sponsored by LIPW with Earl and Pat Martin sharing stories of their time in Vietnam 50 yrs ago as MCC workers. (Detailed flyer appears on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.) Questions? Ask Sue Heilman

Saturday February 3rd, 7:00 p.m.  
at Grandview United Methodist Church  
888 Pleasure Rd in Lancaster.

**OR**

Sunday, February 4th, 2:00 p.m.  
at Trinity Reformed UCC  
on Columbia Pike in Mountville.

## CITIZENS' CLIMATE EDUCATION

Bring a friend and attend part or all of the session.  
You'll hear encouraging information and discussion.  
You'll hear plans for impacting solutions for a livable future.

All are welcome!

Saturday, February 10, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

St. John's Parish Hall

## PRAYER LIST

*We offer our continued prayers for:*

John Anders  
Camilla Anderson  
Bob Bailey  
Lyn Bailey  
Michael Brogan  
Frank Burris  
Patricia & Ralph Clare  
Paul & Molly Clark  
Nancy Cook  
Priscilla Farmer  
Linda Frederiksen  
Aidan Freeman  
Carol Greenfield  
Alina Grobicki  
Lynn Hayford  
Shannon Hickman  
Terry Koogle  
Kelly Lynch  
Andy Mausolf  
Kevin & Mary Nourie  
Ricky Ross  
Stephanie Smith  
Christian Stigelman  
Martha Stroh  
Amy Swiernik  
Joana Torres & Kids  
Gary Weaver  
Melissa Williams  
Angelica Zander  
Sister Jacqueline  
Paul  
Dianna  
Khyzeer  
Benny  
Mike



*...and for our  
homebound  
parishioners*

Margaret Crothers  
Bette Lou Forsyth  
Michael Frantz  
Dyls Glew  
Cricket Johnson  
Ellen Keller  
Joan Lahr  
Fritz Lawrence  
Don Lovett  
Bob Lyon  
Barbara McKee  
Nancy Nemith  
Peter Plaxa  
Joan Rahe  
Gray Sellers  
Marjorie Seachrist  
Ricky Smith  
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.**



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alexander, Garth	1
Brenton, Nancy	12
Burlingame, Susan	18
Carroll, Andy	22
Carroll, Anne	28
Clark, Natalie	23
Cliff, Sean	19
Coverly, Rosemary	4
Di Pace, Emma	21
Farmer, Dan	8
Glazier, Mary	19
Glew, Dyls	23
Gordon, Emily	24
Jarba, Tina	23
Kilhefner, Joanie	7
Latshaw, Alexandru	9
Le, Thong	10
Lyon, Bob	9
Maxey, Carolyn	17
Morris, Fr John	2
Murphy, Bob	26
Ogwang, Alice	2
Qualls, Scott	12
Rahe, Joan	24
Springer, Kate	24
Stone, Kylie	3
Stonerook, Chris	24
Sullivan, Teresa	10
Thompson, Joe	16
Tobie, Alan	12
Way, Greyson	14
Way, Joe	13
Wendler, Callen	12
Wendler, Isabella	14
Woolson, Mary	21
Yackly, Isabell	21
Zuke, Sue	3



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Henry, Kevin & Janice	2/20/1982
Kane, Howard & Edith	2/24/1962



## VOYAGERS

Please join the Voyagers on Saturday, February 24, from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. for a winter get-together to exchange memories, stories and events of past *(brrrrr)* winters, along with favorite games, sports, and recipes, with some goodies to go along with them. How do you get through the days and weeks when you're cooped-up inside? What's the biggest snow storm you can remember? Where did you sled or ice skate? Oh, yes, how old is the oldest sweater in your drawer? What are your thoughts on Groundhog Day? What are you looking forward to in the spring and in Lent? We hope to see you (weather permitting, of course!).

