



# St. John's Messenger

April, 2018

*from The Rev. Dr. Barbara J. Seras, Associate Priest*

## *The Gift*

A little boy named Kwasi lived in Lang'ata, a suburb of Nairobi in Kenya. He went to a Christian school, run by the Sisters of the Incarnate Word of God. He lived there and studied hard, excelling in all his subjects. And there he learned the story of Jesus. Kwasi heard stories about how Jesus taught the people and fed the people—as many as 5000 men. And there must have been kids there too—like Kwasi. Kwasi learned that Jesus received everyone who came to him. Jesus showed them compassion and he healed them.

Kwasi loved to hear the stories his teacher would tell about Jesus. He loved to hear how the people brought their children to Jesus, so that he could place his hands on them and bless them. “Let the children come to me,” he said, “don’t try to stop them, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” That was Kwasi’s most favorite part.

Kwasi grew to love the Lord and to love his teacher because she told him these beautiful stories. And to show his love, Kwasi wanted to bring his teacher a special gift. So one day, Kwasi proudly entered the classroom and walked straightway towards his teacher. And holding this most beautiful seashell of lustrous beauty, he reached out, offering it to her.

"Where did you ever find such a beautiful shell?" the teacher asked. Kwasi told her that there was only one spot where such beautiful shells could be found. He named the place; it was a bay many miles away.

The teacher was astonished: "Kwasi...this shell is so beautiful. It is such a wonderful gift... but you shouldn't have gone all that way to get this gift for me."

Kwasi's eyes smiled brightly...and he answered, "The long walk is part of the gift."

*The long walk is part of the gift.*

Easter reminds us of the long walk God makes with us all. From before the beginning of time, God created us to be with God. God ordered all creation—heaven and earth, the sun and moon and stars. All creatures, God created them; woman and man God created in God's image.

And God makes the long walk with us in Christ Jesus. For when we strayed and when we stray, God never abandons us to the power of death. For God sent God's only and eternal Son, Jesus. God with us as one of us: to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile all humanity to God.

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

From heaven to the manger, from the manger to the cross, from the cross to the tomb and from the empty tomb to heaven again. Christ Resurrected and Glorified walks with us. The long walk is part of the gift.

This Passion Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, is our time as Church, as a People of Faith to walk with Jesus: from the Upper Room to Cavalry to the tomb on Easter morn. It is St. John's time here in these later 21st century days to experience and proclaim and witness and celebrate the Eternal Walk of the Ages with Jesus.

*It is the gift of the never-ending walk you and I and all God's Beloved take  
with Christ Jesus now into forever...  
A Good Resurrection!*

*Barbara+*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### *Deaths*

Michael Brogan  
May 23, 1975 - March 12, 2018

Alice Jean May  
December 3, 1934 - March 19, 2018

## FROM FATHER JOHN & CINDY MORRIS

Dear St. John's Family,

Cindy and I truly thank you for the wonderful celebration of our years of shared ministry with all of you, and for the deeply felt farewell. It was an amazing weekend.

Friday night was too much fun with pizza and family games. Thank you, Mary Ellen Kilp and Karen Di Pace for organizing this evening of zaniness. You made it feel like we were having church camp in the Parish Hall. Thank you also to Fran Gouveia and to all the children for your marvelous singing tribute. You were an all star Church School Choir.

Sung Evening Prayer on Saturday was awesome. Pastor Jennifer's chanting and the Chancel Choir's singing was inspired and moved the whole congregation to sing in full voice. I think Bishop Scanlan was quite impressed by the beauty of this liturgical offering.

The reception that followed was unbelievable. The Auditorium looked spectacular with the wood floors gleaming, the chic stage lighting, and the bounty of deliciousness spread out on the table. The samosa treats prepared by Roger Godfrey of Rafiki Africa, our Global Partner, added an exotic flair. And the Millersville University "Jazz Cats" really rocked the house. Our thanks to all who pulled this all together, and especially to Sue Heilman, Sue Martin, Kevin and Janice Henry, Rick Rebman, Michael Stank, Leslie Tahsler and Claire Phillips for working your magic.

Thank you also to Brad Moyer for emceeding the event with humor and warmth, and to those of you who spoke during the open mic. Your many kind words stirred our memories and touched our hearts, as did Garth Alexander's harmonica salute. You filled the Auditorium with affection. The conclusion to our evening, the Benediction in the Atrium, was a soothing night cap of music and prayer.

The Sunday morning services were equally moving. Paul's prelude and postlude were his finest and the Choir again outdid themselves with the anthem. The liturgy of Ending the Pastoral Relationship with the retiring of the symbols of ministry was both heartfelt and healing. I am grateful to all who helped share in this ending to our 12 years at St. John's and 39 years of active parish ministry.

So many of you had a hand in making our farewell unforgettable, most especially Sr. Warden Tom Bond, and Mother Barbara Seras who took the lead in designing and orchestrating all our goodbye events. Together you created a spiritual tapestry that, in this time of loss and change, wove the St. John's community closer to one another.

Each and all of your many cards, gifts, words and wishes are genuinely appreciated and treated as our treasures. The purse that you collected and gave as an expression of your appreciation for us was overwhelming. Cindy and I were honored to be able to show our thankfulness in return by directing the purse to the Capital Campaign as a First Fruit gift for Phase II.

We will cherish your sending us to our next stage in life with all the tenderness and joy of the love of Christ. We pray that God will continue to inspire in you the many gifts that you so generously share. We know that the Spirit will always uphold you with compassion, justice and faithfulness.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. John and Cindy*

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

### *Search Committee Focus Groups*

Appreciative Inquiry was the first step in defining what St. John's Episcopal Church is all about. Now that we have begun to create a list of what we value as important ministries in our parish, we want to refine this list a bit more, by delving deeper into discussions about how each of these ministries currently serves our church, and what we would like to see for the future. We also want to consider what role we would like our new rector to play in these various ministries.

On the following page is a chart of the Focus Group Meetings during April. These meetings are designed to answer those questions for each ministry that they represent. The Search Committee asks you to attend at least one meeting in which you have an interest, but you are encouraged to attend as many as you are able.

For each meeting, there is a host or hostess, which we ask that you notify if you are able to attend. You are certainly welcome to attend, even if you did not have a chance to respond, but as you are able, please let them know of your interest.

If you are unable to attend the meeting for a ministry in which you are interested, you may attend the meeting for General Interest. Here we will be considering all sorts of aspects of St. John's, and we are hoping that you can come to share what you think makes our parish so special.

You do not need to be currently involved with the ministry to attend a meeting. For example, the first Focus Group is Music. You do not have to be in the chancel choir or handbell choir to attend. You could simply be someone who sits in the pews on Sunday and enjoys music. We want to hear from everyone about what makes St. John's great and how we can be even better.

*Please refer to the following page for a schedule of Focus Group Meetings.*

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Note: This schedule is up-to-date as of April 3. Note that the Worship focus group has changed to April 29.

MINISTRY GROUP	DATE	TIME	PLACE	HOSTS	CONTACT
Youth Group (Kids' ideas about Kids)	April 8	Regular Sunday School	J2A's Room	Betsy Hasircoglu & Joe Way	No need to RSVP
Music	April 10	7pm	1703 Marietta Ave. Apt 1C, Lancaster	Fran Gouveia & Peter Novosel	Fran 717-517-1954
Youth Formation and Engagement (Adults' ideas about Kids)	April 15	9-10:10	Auditorium	Andy Welaish & Heather Trenary	Andy via text or call 484-443-6853
Voyagers & Seniors	April 15	After 10:15 Service	Auditorium	Bruce Waskowicz & Webb Cook	Bruce 717-335-3939
General Interest	April 18	7pm	Parish Hall	Joel Cliff & Tom Bond	Joel 301-509-9912
Adult Education	April 22	9-10:10	Auditorium	Sue Heilman & Amy Dissinger	Sue 717-951-0731
Jubilee Ministry	April 22	After 10:15 Service	Auditorium	Alice Ogwang & Sue Heilman	Sue 717-951-0731
Pastoral Care	April 24	7pm	420 West Lemon St Lancaster	Ruth McFarland & Jeannie Zeller	Ruth 610-529-6135
Budget, Operations, & Property	April 26	7pm	Becker House Living Room	Leslie Morgan & Bruce Waskowicz	Leslie 717-572-4126
Worship	April 29	After 10:15 Service	Auditorium	Nicole Pham & Glenn Miller	Nicole 717-813-3500

# GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

APRIL 2018

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

“Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed...Convince me that you have a seed there and I am prepared to expect wonders.” *Henry David Thoreau*  
Think about planting a seed of kindness everyday, in any way at all, and be prepared for the wonders that can occur....  
Here, There, Everywhere

## **Global Partnership Challenge for April 1st Easter Sunday**

“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.” *Saint Augustine*  
Each of us....Here, There, Everywhere...Share that love.

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

“My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness.” *Dalai Lama*  
In these difficult times, our expressions of caring are SO important....  
Here, There, and Everywhere....

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

Buying grocery cards is a major help to the Jubilee programming without losing anything yourself. Think about using reusable shopping bags at the store to save the environment and many stores reimburse you for doing so.  
You save, the Environment is saved - Here, There, Everywhere

## **Global Partnership Challenge for April 22nd Mother Earth Day**

In Rafiki Africa, we have been helping to build a well so they have water.  
But think: what can you also do here to save on water use?  
Turn off the flow when brushing your teeth;  
don't let the water run while washing dishes by hand; be careful if you decide to water your lawn.  
Every small step helps - Here, There, Everywhere

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

“We won't have a society if we destroy the environment.” *Margaret Mead*  
The smallest consistent steps can make major differences in saving our earth -  
be a role model to yourself and others. - Here, There, Everywhere



# EASTER DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

*Sunday, April 1, 2018*

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- 9:30 a.m. All Parish Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (*for toddlers through 3rd grade*)
- 11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

**ALL PARISH  
EASTER  
BREAKFAST  
AT 9:30 AM  
IN THE  
PARISH HALL  
ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**



# CITIZENS' CLIMATE EDUCATION



**FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 7:00 PM**



CITIZENS' CLIMATE EDUCATION marks EARTH DAY with a movie and refreshments in the Parish Hall: **BEFORE the FLOOD**, a movie by Academy Award®-winning filmmaker Fisher Stevens and Academy Award-winning actor and environmental activist Leonardo



DiCaprio. **BEFORE THE FLOOD** presents a riveting account of the dramatic changes now occurring around the world due to climate change.



Watch the trailer:



[http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/u/kc4laUaC\\_C3TwZ2-6ENU8XNWj42Qvna092VP0Eb-eawntxpAp-4RlaYWMGBWPpSofO\\_-5jTc79AZrw/](http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/u/kc4laUaC_C3TwZ2-6ENU8XNWj42Qvna092VP0Eb-eawntxpAp-4RlaYWMGBWPpSofO_-5jTc79AZrw/)



# SERVING SCHEDULE – APRIL, 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.

APRIL 8	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Nicole Pham	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker	Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Lector</b>	Gretchen Walden	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
<b>Server</b>	--	Hal Williams
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Glenn Miller
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Campbell & Greyson Way
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Glenn Miller
<b>Vergers</b>	Kathy Kyper	Tom Bond
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Peter Novosel
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Martha's Ministry & Choir	Martha's Ministry & Choir
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Mary Waskowicz

APRIL 15	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Sue Purdy	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker, Stephanie McGovern	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Landis	Joel Cliff, Jeannie Zeller
<b>Server</b>	--	Sean Cliff
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Dave Pennell
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Claire & Sophia Thompson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Hal Williams
<b>Vergers</b>	Tom Bond	Tom Bond
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Ted Loose
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Stewardship	Stewardship
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Jenn Hreben



<b>APRIL 22</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Tom Bond	John Faust, Peter Novosel
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Tobie	David Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
<b>Server</b>	--	Rob Williams
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Bob Kilp
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Fiona Mausolf, Natalie Visco
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Rob Williams
<b>Verger</b>	Kathy Kyper	Kathy Kyper
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team C
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Bruce Waskowicz
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Mia Welaish



<b>APRIL 29</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Molly Moyer	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	--
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Lee	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
<b>Server</b>	--	Kylie Stone
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Glenn Miller
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Nicholas Di Pace, Greyson Way
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 4	Team 4
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Tiny Nolan
<b>Verger</b>	Tom Bond	Kathy Kyper
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team D
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Leslie Morgan
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Handbell Choir	Handbell Choir
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Janelle Stone

## SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY, 2018

MAY 6	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Nicole Pham	John Faust, Peter Novosel
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	--	Sibyl Seachrist
<b>Lector</b>	Gretchen Walden	Danielle Di Pace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Server</b>	--	Kendall Morgan
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Dave Pennell
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	--	Frances & Gabe Brogan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Danielle Di Pace
<b>Verger</b>	Kathy Kyper	Ben Creighton
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Sue Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Property Committee	Property Committee
<b>Nursery</b>	--	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.

## 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*

# VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed by the Vestry on March 19, 2018:

1. **Resolution PCC012 – Automatic Door Opener.** Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John’s approves the expense of \$8,139.00 for Paul Risk Construction Change Order #12. This change order is for adding an automatic ADA door opener for the new Courtyard entrance. This is needed to assist those with physical disabilities when entering the church from the Courtyard. This work was not included with the original bid documents for the project. This additional cost will be covered by the Contingency of the Construction Budget.
2. **Resolution PCC013 – Masonry – Repointing.** Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John’s approves the expense of \$15,335.00 for Paul Risk Construction Change Order #13. This change order is for masonry repairs and re-pointing, and an additional step and wall extension. The repairs and re-pointing are required for the appearance of the new construction. The step and wall extension are required by code. The construction committee had removed the re-pointing allowance from the original bid so that we could limit the re-pointing scope to what was needed for construction and we expected a change order. Regarding the additional step and wall extension, these items were missed on the original bid documents. This additional cost will be covered by the Contingency of the Construction Budget.
3. **Resolution PCC016 – Courtyard Stairs & Concrete (no railings).** Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John’s approves the expense of \$6,588.00 for Paul Risk Construction Change Order #16. This change order is for additional concrete work and stairs in the courtyard area. The work is required since the existing stairs are deteriorating. This work was not included with the original bid documents for the project. This additional cost will be covered by the Contingency of the Construction Budget.
4. **Resolution PCC017 – Courtyard Storm Water.** Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John’s approves the expense of \$6,937.00 for Paul Risk Construction Change Order #17. This change order is for additional rock removal and storm water work. The work is required to have a functional storm water system. The original plan to tie into existing lines was not feasible due to the damage and under sizing of the existing lines. This additional cost will be covered by the Contingency of the Construction Budget. *These resolutions came from the Construction Committee. Bruce Waskowicz asked if all four resolutions could be voted on together. It was agreed that it could be done. Bruce Waskowicz called the question, Glenn Miller seconded. The motion carried.*
5. **Interim Rector.** Resolved, St. John’s Episcopal Church calls the Rev. Glenn Miller of York, PA, to be the Interim Rector serving while the parish searches for a new permanent rector. Fr. Miller will be compensated \$91,917.00 per year and receive appropriate benefits, i.e., retirement, health insurance, reimbursable expenses and continuing education. Fr. Miller will assume his duties as of April 1, 2018. *This resolution came from the Executive Committee. Sue Heilman moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Peter Novosel. The motion carried.*
6. **Paschal Candle and Cassock Albs.** Resolved, the Vestry of St. John’s Episcopal Church recognizes the designated gifts in memory of Tim Smyes and Ira Palmer and expresses their appreciation of those gifts. A portion of those funds are hereby designated for the purchase of a new liquid wax Paschal Candle and 2 custom Cassock Albs, the total of which is not to exceed \$700. *This resolution came from the Executive Committee. Sue Heilman called the question, seconded by Webb Cook. The motion carried.*

# SENIOR WARDEN

## *Due Diligence*

Four candidates, 4 interviews, 12 weeks, and numerous telephone calls, texts and emails – all elements of your Vestry’s efforts to find an Interim Rector. The Diocese of Central PA provided us with names of candidates and left the rest to us. They, however, did not expect to have to provide so many names. For various reasons the first three candidates didn’t work out of us. The fourth and final one did make the ultimate impression.

By the time you read this article the Vestry will have passed their resolution and the letter of agreement will be signed and we will be well on our way to welcoming our Interim Rector, the Rev. Glenn Miller. His brief biography is below. All of us on the Vestry are very excited about this new pastoral relationship. Although a Lutheran priest, he describes himself as “a closet Episcopalian.” And he is no stranger to St. John’s, having worshipped with us for a summer a few years ago. He brings a solid pastoral presence, good administrative skills and a wonderful sense of humor. He will be joining us for the first time as Interim Rector on Easter Sunday.

The Vestry is to be commended for their due diligence. This was no easy task and was taken with up great seriousness and dedication to the parish.

Also, to their credit was the success of the Parish Meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>. All the appropriate reports were given but more importantly, the task of nominating and electing our Diocesan Convention delegates took place. We congratulate - Debbie Carter, Heather Trenary, Mike Williams, Glenn Miller, Bill Gross, and Marylee Sauder. Two alternate delegates were also elected - Sue Heilman and Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer. We will be well represented in October.

Now, the Vestry’s due diligence turns towards Phase II of the Capital Campaign and the completion of our building project as well as the regular business of the parish. Pray for the Vestry as they pray for you!

Submitted by,

*Tom Bond, Senior Warden*



*Deadline Dates!*

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
WEDNESDAYS**

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

## INTERIM RECTOR



### *Our New Interim Rector, The Rev. Glenn D. Miller*

We welcome our new Interim Rector, The Rev. Glenn D. Miller, who will begin serving St. John's on Easter Sunday.

Fr. Miller is ordained into the Lutheran Church (ELCA) with whom the Episcopal Church is in full communion partnership.

Fr. Miller is a native of Harrisburg. He holds a B.A. in Music from the Conservatory at Shenandoah University, and an M.Div. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Fr. Miller began his ordained ministry 32 years ago, serving congregations in York County and Berks County. In 2002, he began a series of institutional calls to ministry, serving as Vice President at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Carthage College in Wisconsin and Lutheran Social Services (now SpiriTrust Lutheran) in Pennsylvania. His focus in these positions was in the areas of fundraising and communications.

Fr. Miller is delighted to be back in parish ministry for a time, and especially delighted to be at St. John's. While a Lutheran, Fr. Miller has a longstanding and deep love for the Episcopal church and its liturgical life particularly. In his college years he was a soloist and choirmaster in Episcopal churches. While at Philadelphia Seminary, he worked with the Diocese of Pennsylvania in creating a chair in Anglican Studies. And more recently he served St. John the Baptist Episcopal in York, where he had been a regular worshipper, for three months while they secured an interim rector.

Fr. Miller and his wife Carol reside in York. They have two adult children, a son Jason in Houston, TX, and a daughter Sarah in Sydney, Australia.

Submitted by,

*Tom Bond*  
Senior Warden

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Here's a quick update (as of March 20, 2018) on the financial support for our building renovations, which began in mid-June:

	Amount Received
Received toward total 114 pledges of \$781,553	\$ 684,018
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	57,661
Bequests	155,000
Total received	<b>\$ 896,679</b>

**Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 994,214**

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 59 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

## YARD GIVE

### **ST. JOHN'S 2nd ANNUAL YARD GIVE: SATURDAY, MAY 26 (Rain or Shine)**

The St. John's Yard Give will offer members of St. John's an alternative way to support the ministries of our parish, provide assistance to our refugee family and welcome neighbors to join in the fellowship of St. John's. Please consider donating gently used items (household items, clothing, toys, books, etc.) before May 26th. Collections will be taken on Sunday mornings and Friday, May 25th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee

Please contact Pam Loose ([ptloose@ptd.net](mailto:ptloose@ptd.net)) if you'd like to volunteer or have questions.

# **An Outline of the Faith, or Catechism**

*the Book of Common Prayer—Page 860*

***Q. What is Confirmation?***

*A. Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.*

***Q. What is required of those to be confirmed?***

*A. It is required of those to be confirmed that they have been baptized, are sufficiently instructed in the Christian Faith, are penitent for their sins, and are ready to affirm their confession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.*

*On Friday May 11, 2018 Bishop Audrey Scanlan will join us at St. John's Church for the Dedication of our New Addition*

**AND**

*Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation*



*Please contact Mother Barbara by April 1 if you wish to learn more about this sacrament and discern whether God is calling you at this time to make this Commitment. If you have a “little stirring” when you read this notice, please call.*

## PROPERTY CORNER

I thank Kathy Kyper and Doug Brown for being here for the elevator inspection on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The inspection was successful and we have been getting much use out of this device ever since. With the questionable security at the time, we were securing the car at the Parish Hall to prevent people from entering the entire building. Since the installation of the glass and doors last week, the elevator is now available for use at all times. We are in the midst of addressing some emergency operations of the elevator and hope to have these taken care of within the near future.

Please remember that nothing but sand or stone may be placed on any of the new concrete on our campus. Also, please keep in mind that tools, cables and debris should not be touched. We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience as we continue with construction during the increasingly busy use of our facilities. We ask that you exercise caution while moving around our Church campus. Everyone is asked to use designated entrances for each of our buildings, while avoiding construction materials and being aware of uneven walking surfaces.

Despite our construction, we have seen an increase in weekend events this year at St. John's, making it a little challenging for the Property Manager to have everything set-up for all of the individual events during his off hours. Despite the use of our Facility Use Request Form, multiple events during the weekend can make it very difficult to have everything prepared for every group's specific needs. We appreciate everyone's understanding and assistance in this regard. Our Auditorium was used late on Saturday night and needed to be prepared for the parish's Appreciative Inquiry event on Sunday morning. Everyone's understanding and assistance was appreciated during times like this, when not only the preparation, but the return to the normal conditions must be timely for future use.

Joe Way has been very helpful with his preparation of audio-visual equipment. And, the leave taking had many stepping up to the plate for what was a very nice send-off for Fr. John and Cindy Morris. Special thanks go out to Janice and Kevin Henry for their set-up and coordination, as well as Claire Phillips and Leslie Tahsler, who took it upon themselves to have the Auditorium looking amazing! Thanks to all of you for your unbelievable contributions for what was an excellent event! As we have long awaited the latest enhancements to our facilities, the result will be enhanced use of them and an enhanced need for their preparation and return to normalcy.

This month's Life Safety inspection was completed on March 6<sup>th</sup>. This inspection revealed the need to replace a battery to an emergency lighting unit and repair to another emergency lighting unit. Emergency lighting remains on our list of projects for this year. Testing of the alarm system was not able to be completed due to notification issues with the alarm monitoring company.

It was agreed that we would not be having a Spring Clean-up this year due to all the construction work being performed. However, we are pleased to report that a new light fixture has been added to the passage just outside of our Chapel. We thank Nicole and Thuan Pham for this lovely addition to our Church.

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Becker House. We hope you can join us as we serve all of St. John's Episcopal Church's other ministries.

Submitted by,  
*Bill Gross*, Property Manager

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



## 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 **April & June 2018**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
April 1	<b>EASTER FLOWERS</b>	<b>EASTER FLOWERS</b>	<b>EASTER FLOWERS</b>
April 8	Patti Means		
April 15			
April 22			
April 29			
May 6			
May 13			
May 20	Patti Means		
May 27			
June 3			
June 10			
June 17			
June 24			

## 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

Easter is Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no classes that day, but instead, a fabulous breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and a fun Easter Egg Hunt for the kids that begins at 10:30 a.m. Location of the hunt will be announced that morning.

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> will be our Spaghetti Dinner, Auction & Talent Show! Everyone is invited and encouraged to take part in our talent show. Please let me know if you have an act that you would like to perform...all ages and skill levels are welcome, so start practicing now!

For Earth Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will begin a drive for our Annual Yard Give. More details will be coming from your teachers very soon.

I hope you all have a very Happy Easter!

*Karen Di Pace*



### **REMINDER:**

I would like to remind all families that church School at St. John's is every Sunday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Parish Hall. Children from PreK-12 are invited to attend.

We offer many fun & spiritual activities for all ages. Our teachers are loving and dedicated volunteers who want to share their passion with the kids. Parents are welcome to stay and observe anytime they wish and are welcome to become involved in the program as well if they would like!

With the completion of our renovation just around the corner, we hope that the classrooms are starting to settle into their spaces again.

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*

#### **Jr. High Retreat**

The Jr. High Diocesan youth retreat, New Beginnings was held at CML in March. Nick Di Pace, Elijah Mendez, Greyson Way, and Kendall Morgan all participated. The youth were asked to share in their small groups about friendships, siblings, parents, their faith, is it ok to be "me." New Beginnings was a place in a Christian Community where the youth could explore these questions. They all had a great time meeting other youth from the diocese and being in the talent show that was held Saturday night of the retreat.

New Beginnings also works to help build leaders, as the Sr. High Youth and Young Adults led the weekend leading small groups, sharing stories about friends, family, siblings, peer pressure and many more. Danielle & Emma Di Pace, Tierza Mendez & Hal Williams did an amazing job to lead the Jr. High youth in the retreat. I would like to thank Mike Williams, Nick & Karen Di Pace, & Bob Kilp for chaperoning the retreat and all of their help. A big thank you to Nick Di Pace for providing music for the retreat.



**Maundy Thursday Lock-In**

#### **ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!!!!**

- What?** Maundy Thursday Youth Lock-In  
**Who?** Young People, ages 12 and up  
**When?** March 29. 7:30 p.m.  
Maundy Thursday Service with  
Foot washing, 9:00 p.m. Lock-In  
**Where?** St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA. Parish Hall  
**Why go?** Fellowship with young people from other churches in our convocation, a special agape feast, Soles4Souls, the chance to explore your faith in a deeper way.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

**What else?** Bring a friend, a sleeping bag and pillow, toothpaste and toothbrush, a pair or more of shoes you no longer want for Soles4Souls and a bag of candy for our egg hunt. The following morning, on March 30, at 7:30 a.m., participate in a special Youth Good Friday Service portraying the passion narrative. This special service includes dramatic reading and miming - do not miss out!

Please rsvp to Mary Ellen Kilp at [mekilp@yahoo.com](mailto:mekilp@yahoo.com) or 717-475-2785.

### **Spaghetti Dinner, Auction, Talent Show**

Join our youth on April 7 for our annual Spaghetti Dinner, Auction and Talent Show. Do you have a talent? If so we would love for you to share it that evening at our Talent Show. Please see Karen Di Pace or Mary Ellen Kilp so we can add you to the program.

### **Graduation**

Do you have someone graduating from college or high school? If so please let Mary Ellen Kilp know so we can recognize them and all their accomplishments in our Messenger. Please e-mail Mary Ellen at [mekilp@yahoo.com](mailto:mekilp@yahoo.com) with their information.

### **Easter Eggs**

Thank you to everyone that supported the J2A in buying Easter Eggs from the youth. All proceeds will go to their pilgrimage to Costa Rico this summer.

Thank you for all the support with our Journey to Adulthood Program. We could not have the wonderful program without the great adult leaders and congregation that we have.

## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2018

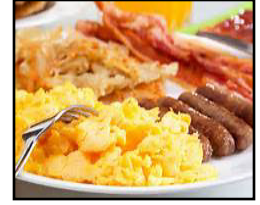
◆ March 29	Maundy Thursday (Convocation)
◆ April 1	Easter
◆ April 7	Dinner / Talent Show / Auction
◆ April 21	Children and Family Day with the Bishop: Earth Day Celebration
◆ May 6	Mini Golf (Scoops) (Convocation)
◆ May 13	Teacher Appreciation
◆ May 20	Pentecost
◆ June 3	Graduation & Youth Sunday Church Picnic 5:00 PM at Long's Park
◆ July 6	Berry Festival



# JUBILEE MINISTRIES

## **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

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)

Our unique after school program continues on Wednesday afternoons. Students and volunteers enjoy time for mentoring, enrichment activities (such as our recent EN Olympics), snacks, academic support (with a current emphasis on mastering times tables), preparing a nutritious dinner meal, and eating in community before leaving for home. Thank you for the support given this special ministry through the purchase of grocery cards.

## **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)

Calling all crafters! Martha's Ministry is not only for knitters or for those of you who have time to join the group on Tuesday afternoons in our Parish Hall. Please consider helping us in our ministry of creating items for the needy in our community by crocheting, weaving, sewing, or knitting whenever you have the time to give. We are always in need of prayer shawls and warm blankets. As always, the Martha's are very thankful for your continued support.

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

Total grocery card sales for **February**: **\$6,080** with **\$304** 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**

# PEACE ARTS CONTEST



## *“A Lancaster County Project Invites Youth”*

**The Lancaster County Peace Arts Contest** - a longtime avenue designed to evoke *and* recognize students’ creative expression of ways to achieve peaceful solutions to conflict in our world

**Categories:** painting, drawing, sculpture, group song/video, poetry, and essay

This year the contest invites youth to engage the wide theme **“Peace Begins With Me.”** Contestants are welcomed to consult with family and teachers about developing the theme.

**Age divisions:**

Grades 9 -10, Grades 11-12

Entry deadline is **April 27.**

For full rules & information, contact [lancasterpeaceproject@gmail.com](mailto:lancasterpeaceproject@gmail.com).

Maybe especially, anticipating the decision to confirm their Baptismal vows, this invitation to youth may be a particularly timely opening to consider reflecting on and articulating each’s own vision of peace and service in Christ’s name.

**Questions?** Ask *Faith D’Urbano+*

or

**Contact:**

Marti Guglielmo

Peace Contest Coordinator

Hamilton Park United Church of Christ

[lancasterpeaceproject@gmail.com](mailto:lancasterpeaceproject@gmail.com)

## PRAYER LIST

*We offer our continued prayers for:*

John Anders  
Camilla Anderson  
Bob & Lyn Bailey  
Hilary Becker  
Ken Brown  
Frank Burris  
Ralph & Patricia Clare  
Paul & Molly Clark  
Nancy Cook  
Linda Frederiksen  
Carol Greenfield  
Alina Grobicki  
Shannon Hickman  
Vonda Kirchner  
Terry Koogle  
Joan Lorenz  
Kelly Lynch  
John Miller  
Kevin & Mary Nourie  
Dave & Mary Pennell  
Ricky Ross  
Stephanie Smith  
Christian Stigelman  
Martha Stroh  
Amy Swiernik  
Joana Torres & Kids  
Gary Weaver  
Melissa Williams  
Angelica Zander  
Peggy Zuke  
Paul  
Khyzeer  
Mike  
Andrew



*...and for our  
homebound  
parishioners*

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

## 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.

*Jason Burnhall, 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.**

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Barton, Ron	15
Becker, Hilary	18
Brogan, Gabe	6
Brown, Sophie	23
Cuthbert, Angela	13
Dodge, Sue	20
Dohren, Jim	13
Faust, John	2
Frantz, Michael	15
Gross, Bill	12
Grove, Sandra	17
Heider, Doreen	6
Henry, Janice	14
Henry, Kevin	7
Hogg, Robert	25
Humphrey, Ty	27
Lee, Drigan	23
Lee, Maggie	29
LeFevre, Wayne	15
Linton, Ron	22
Mann, Gwynneth	23
Miller, Glenn	14
Sauder, Maria	3
Scheetz, Aliya	5
Seras, Rev Dr Barbara	18
Stank, Michael	12
Suliveras, Ella	20
Tahsler, Leslie	26
Thompson, Claire	27
Van Aulen, Beth	18
Van Aulen, Jack	6
Waskowicz, Eric	16
Way, April	1
Weaver-Gelzer, Charlotte	18
Wendler, Owen	9
Williams, Rob	23



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gbur, Mike & Phyllis	04/30/1971
Graeter, John & Barbara	04/12/1958
Gross, Bill & Jill	04/20/1985
Heider, Mike & Doreen	04/20/1985
Kilp, Bob & Mary Ellen	04/22/1989
Ogwang, Alice & Benson	04/12/1972
Springer, Bob & Maggie	04/24/1982
Way, Joe & April	04/19/1997



## VOYAGERS

**Wahoo! ATTENTION:** All Eagles and Phillies Sports Fans! The Voyagers are pleased to announce that longtime parishioner, **Paula Wolf**, will be our guest speaker at the April Voyagers meeting. Paula has worked for LNP since 1989 where she is an editorial writer in the 'Opinions' section and writes the weekly sports column, "Wheelchair Quarterback." Please join us in the Parish Hall from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28. You need not be a "vintage person" to attend any or all programs of interest to you. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. We hope to see you! Everyone is welcome!

