



St. John's Messenger

May, 2018

from The Rev. Glenn D. Miller, Interim Rector
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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of my favorite expressions, especially of late, is “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Had anyone told me a year ago that I would be serving an Episcopal congregation in Lancaster as their Interim Rector, I might have laughed. But God apparently had other plans – and the last laugh. And for that twist of fate I am very grateful indeed!

To say that I am delighted to be here would be a great understatement. I am truly thankful to God for the opportunity to be back in full-time parish ministry for a time. And I am especially thankful for that opportunity to be at St. John's in particular. While I've only been with you a few weeks, I can already tell that this is truly a remarkable, vibrant community of faith. And I count it a singular privilege to be serving with you in this time of transition.

As we live into this interim time and relationship, it is my hope to be as helpful to you, and to the leadership at St. John's, as I can be. On the one hand, all the “regular stuff” of parish life continues during this time – worship, parish activities and programs, pastoral care needs, and the overall administration of the parish. On the other hand, it's a unique time – a time when, together, we seek to understand who this congregation is at this moment in time, where God is calling you to go, and ultimately, *WHO* God is calling to lead St. John's into the next chapter of its life in Christ.

That last piece will be entirely yours – and God's – to decide. The steps leading up to it are where I hope I can be helpful to all of you, and to the parish leadership, in particular the search committee and Vestry. Those steps require time, prayer, and conversation and discernment. They also require open hearts, both to hearing each other and hearing the voice of God.

In the meantime, let me repeat here what I have said to groups of you in the last two weeks: I am available for conversation with as many of you as desire it. My email address is gmiller@stjohns-lancaster.org My mobile phone is 610-823-6139. Whether at the church, in your home, or over a cup of coffee around the corner, I would welcome the chance to get to know you, to hear your story, and in particular, to hear your hopes and dreams for St. John's.

Let me close by thanking you all for the incredibly warm welcome I have received. I know this is a time both of grieving for Fr. Morris and a time of uncertainty about the future, so your ready embrace of me is all the more appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Miller

THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

Mind Wonderings...

Alleluia – Christ Is Risen

I would one day like to put pen to paper and write down those amazing moments and memories of worship that I have experienced over my years as a parish priest. And it is not what I see as much as what thoughts pass through my mind that intrigues me.

Yes, and these thoughts and memories and prayer surface at the oddest moments. Thoughts that have a mind of their own. Like one Sunday years past. I was stepping down from the sanctuary to the nave. There was just one little step on the beautifully laid parquet floor. And stepping from the sanctuary, singing the final hymn, thoughts flooded my mind of my dear colleague.

Chris+ was the “priest next door,” that is the rector of the parish down the road. He had been admitted to the hospital that week and two days later he died. There had been no hint of illness. Yet he was gone. And as I stepped down from the altar, the thought came: what if this is my last time at the altar, never to return? The chilling thought left me in prayer for my friend...all the while recessing from the Church. And later I asked: What would I do differently?

I venture to say that other folks have similar moments as we gather in worship. For many of us, it may be the one time of the week to be still. And thoughts come. Prayers. Memories. Emotions. Resolutions. I have learned to pay attention to them.

And that took some prayerful guidance and discernment. Truth be known, I used to feel very guilty when I recognized these moments. I named them “distractions” until I heard it said that even the holiest of holy women and men could not even get through the Lord’s Prayer without a wondering thought. Not that we are not called to be intentional and focused in our prayer and worship. Rather, it is just our human selves. And while I have not confirmed this belief in any book or on the internet (@#!) yet I do believe that it is true.

And so it was this Sunday past at St John’s as we began the Great Thanksgiving. A fleeting thought appeared that led me to a memory of my Grandmother, my Yiayia. It was a Sunday after Easter Day and we were in Church. When the time came for the Consecration of the Bread and Wine, I began to kneel until I felt a hand under my arm keeping me standing. Later answering my endless questions, she responded: “Even in all our *unworthiness*, we stand during Easter with our Risen Christ.”

I doubt she would have known the reasons behind this but she knew in her simple village way Church Tradition and she passed it on to me. Standing at Easter is our witness as a Christian people to use our very being in spite of all our failings to stand with our Risen Lord in these days of Easter.

And we see the reflection of this in our own Episcopal/Anglican tradition in our rubrics which invite the faithful to stand or kneel in our prayer and as we consecrate and receive Communion. Yes, standing and kneeling and sitting (as is needed) is all acceptable for the pieties and wellbeing of the worshipping community and equally as a reflection of the liturgical season of the Church year.

So I stand in these fifty days of Easter, witnessing the Resurrection of Christ, thankful for the salvation of souls and in the sweet memory of my Greek Yiayia.

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

She taught me many other things that I will not write here...as did my parents and my other grandparents. Good life-giving stuff. It is the way it works most beautifully in our Christian life: from one generation to another. And for them and for all they gave to me and my brother, I give thanks.

Barbara+



God Willing and the People of God Gathered

The Right Reverend Audrey Cady Scanlan,
Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, will Confirm, Receive and
Reaffirm Members of the St. John's Community and

Dedicate the Additions to the Church Buildings on Friday, May 11, 2018
At 6:00 in the Evening

St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pa.

To be Confirmed:

Conor Thomas Brenton, Sean Edward Cliff, Danielle Faith Di Pace,
Maxwell Howard Lester, Tierza Victoria Mendez,
Kendall Marie Morgan, Kylie Marie Stone, Ian Frederick Thompson,
Robert James Williams, Harold Frances Williams

To be Received:

Marlow Webster Cook, Jr.

To be Reaffirmed:

Sue Ann Heilman, Nicole Lorah Pham

The Reverend John W. Morris, The Reverend Glenn D. Miller, and
The Reverend Dr. Barbara J. Seras assisting.

Mr. Paul Reese, Minister of Music and the Choir of St. John's Church.

Reception Following

If unable to attend, please join us in prayer.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

MAY, 2018

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

“True peace will come only when every individual finds peace within themselves, when we have all vanquished and transformed our hatred for our fellow human being of whatever race - even into love one day, although perhaps that is asking too much.

It is however, the only solution.”

Etty Hillesum, died in Auschwitz in 1943

Global Partnership Challenge for May 6th

“Wars are poor chisels for carving our peaceful tomorrows.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

May we offer not simply prayers for peace but, more importantly, for action...

Every child of God makes a difference....

Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for May 13th

Mother's Day

“Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, producing varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.”

Francis of Assisi

Global Partnership Challenge for May 20th

It's planting season. Think about what you can plant “outside your house” and “inside your heart.” If speaking kindly to plants helps them grow.....

Imagine what speaking kindly to humans can do.....

Here, There, Everywhere.

Global Partnership Challenge for May 27th

Memorial Day

“Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?”

Abraham Lincoln

On this day of honor and respect, let us also offer prayers and demonstrate action for love and peace....

Here, There, Everywhere



PARISH INFORMATION

Deaths

Robert A. Lyon, Jr.

February 9, 1922 - April 13, 2018

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, Bob Kilp, Leslie Tahsler, Heather Trenary,
Joe Way, or Jeannie Zeller*

Deadline Dates!

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:
WEDNESDAYS**

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

SERVING SCHEDULE – MAY, 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.

MAY 6	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	John Faust, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Sibyl Seachrist
Lectors	Gretchen Walden	Danielle Di Pace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	Nicholas Di Pace, Greyson Way
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Danielle Di Pace
Vergers	Kathy Kyper	Ben Creighton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Sue Martin
Coffee Hour	Property Committee	Property Committee
Nursery	--	Tracy Cliff

MAY 13	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Nicole Pham	David Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
Eucharistic Visitors	Phil Becker	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lectors	Barbara Landis	Joel Cliff, Jeannie Zeller
Server	--	Kylie Stone
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	Fiona Mausolf, Natalie Visco
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Toni Ehrhart
Vergers	Tom Bond	Ben Creighton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Dave Martin
Coffee Hour	J2A	J2A
Nursery	--	Mary Ellen Kilp

MAY 20	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Bond	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Seachrist
Eucharistic Visitors	Phil Becker, Stephanie McGovern	--
Lectors	Bob Lee	David Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	Claire & Sophia Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Garth Alexander
Verger	Kathy Kyper	Tom Bond
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	--	Leslie Morgan



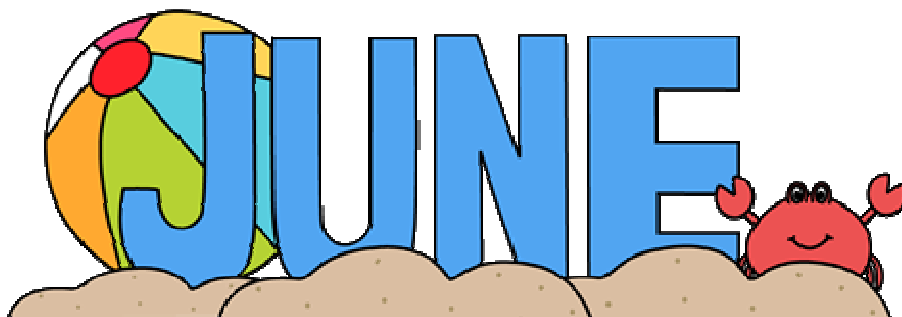
MAY 20 is the last day for Torch Bearers to serve this year. Thanks to our awesome Torch Bearers for their great service! All of us at St. John's wish them a safe and fun-filled summer!



MAY 27	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Purdy	John Faust, Brooks Morgan
Eucharistic Visitors	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lectors	Phil Purdy	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	--	Hal Williams
Crucifer	--	Brooks Morgan
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Toni Ehrhart
Verger	Kathy Kyper	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	Usher Teams: C & D	Usher Teams: C & D
Nursery	--	Katie Mausolf

SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE, 2018

JUNE 3	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Sibyl Seachrist
Lectors	Nicole Pham	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	--	Danielle Di Pace
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Glenn Miller
Verger	Kathy Kyper	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Lectors	Lectors
Nursery	--	Mia Welaish



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.

SENIOR WARDEN

Joyful Gratitude

This is probably the shortest Senior Warden article in Messenger history.

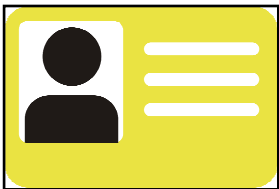
On Easter Sunday morning I felt extremely tired after having gone through Holy Week and working with the Vestry to keep the life of the parish going in its vibrant ministries. I stood before the congregation at the 8 a.m. service and realized something – the joy of being able to introduce our new Interim Rector, the Rev. Glenn Miller. That task was the end of a long process but one which was a great success! The gratitude then set in – thank God for blessing us with a new pastoral leader!

The second moment of joyful gratitude came when I recalled the tireless and dedicated efforts of the Vestry of St. John's parish. They worked through a process of interviewing 4 candidates, holding out for the right person for the job. They never wavered in their due diligence. We also owe thanks to Jenn Hreben and Pam Loose for staying on in the process even though their terms on Vestry had ended. They were able to finish the process they helped to begin. Thank God for the dedicated service of our Vestry!

The last moment of joyful gratitude – the completion of the renovation project. We can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. The Labyrinth is installed, the courtyard will be soon completed including the Columbariums. The best news is that the parking lot will soon be ours again!!! Paving will happen very soon. Thank God for the blessing of new access and facilities! And thank God for the generosity of you, the parishioners of St. John's who made it all possible!

Alleluia!

Tom Bond
Senior Warden



NEW NAME BADGES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL. PLEASE BE SURE TO LOOK FOR YOURS! WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO HELP FR GLENN MILLER KNOW WHO WE ARE!

 Find us on
Facebook

SOLES 4 SOULS



St. John's Global Partnership Committee *Soles4Souls...Stepping Ahead*



For six years now, we at St. John's have been active in the collection of shoes for a program called Soles4Souls, which distributes shoes all over the US and to 127 countries all over the world, and some have been shared here in Lancaster and at Eagle's Nest.

Over the last three years, St. John's Methodist in Paradise has partnered with us. This last year, James Street Mennonite and Kingdom Life International joined in the shoe gathering and also with our Maundy Thursday service. A number of workplaces have actively participated from connections with our members and Leslie Morgan has collected shoes as a 6th grade classroom project at Warwick's John Beck Elementary School over the past two years.

We have been blessed to gain focus on WGAL a couple years ago when shoes graced our labyrinth and this year in the LNP article. Over the last few weeks, we have had other congregations ask to participate with this venture for next year. For those of us actively involved, our hearts had been energized at the smiles and caring that have surfaced.

Phoenix Courier firm here in Lancaster, transports the shoes for us, free, which would otherwise mean raising a dollar per pair of shoes to ship. The driver, Ed, asks to come each year and he does so with a kind and caring heart with smiles as our youth line up from church to truck to load on the boxes. This year was special in that a light rain appeared during the transfer, which we took as a "blessing" for the work. The J2A have helped every year to move the boxes from storage in the church to load the truck. They approach this task with great energy and smiles.

Our goal each year has been one more pair than the year before, to help one more Soul...Here, There, Everywhere. This year we sent out.....1,561 pairs of shoes!!!

While this effort gets the most notice during the Lenten season, please know that we are considering it more of a "year round" endeavor but "sending focus" taking place at Easter.

So, when the end of the summer comes and before you step into your winter garb, know that shoes will be gathered and sent...any size, any type, new, gently used, whatever. Those shoes that are on the worn side, are used to teach others shoe repair so they can have work. Aside from the shoes in your own closet, don't forget to let friends, co-workers, anyone, know they can help.

The gift of these shoes can allow kids to attend school, decrease diseases by protecting feet from cuts and infections, make lives easier depending on climate issues and personal walking.

Imagine if you walked from your home to church on Sundays in the weather changes without shoes.

Imagine if 1,561 people showed up at our door just to say "thank you" for your gift of something that you didn't use or was in your way and cost you nothing additional.

Action in any way helps our brothers and sisters.....
Here, There, Everywhere.

Submitted by, *Barbara Landis*

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Here's a quick update (as of April 18, 2018) on the financial support for our building renovations, which began in mid-June:

	Amount Received
Received toward total 114 pledges of \$781,553	\$ 686,238
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	57,711
Bequests	155,000
Total received	\$ 898,949

Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 994,264

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 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.) prior to May 26th. Collections will be taken on Sunday mornings and Friday, May 25th, 6-8 p.m.

Any items that remain at the end of the event will be given to local charities, so they will find new homes, thereby keeping them out of our landfills — *an environmental stewardship bonus!*

Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee

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

PROPERTY CORNER

We just finished Easter, whose Lenten preparation truly was a very busy time at St. John's. The exterior was swept, construction materials were stowed, flowers were planted, planters were moved, and breakfast space was set-up. As we prepared for this most Holy of Holy Days, it was another time of new beginnings as we welcomed our Interim Rector, Fr. Glenn Miller. We are making every effort to make him feel welcomed and comfortable as he shepherds us during this transition.

We appreciate everyone's continued understanding and patience as we move along with construction during the increasingly busy use of our facilities. We ask that you exercise caution while moving around our Church campus. Please use designated entrances for each of our buildings, while avoiding construction materials and being aware of uneven walking and driving surfaces. Also, please keep in mind that tools, cables and debris should be avoided.

While talking about construction, everyone needs to be aware that the Upper Level elevator entrance from the Auditorium has a roof leak. At times the carpet tiles may be saturated, resulting in wet footwear, which could lead to slips. Also, the elevator doors on this level are not coordinated or attached to one another, which results in the doors closing too fast without the safety reverse feature they should have. Thysenn-Krupp was out and should have this situation corrected.

The new columbarium was installed two weeks ago. Unfortunately, the weather hasn't been too cooperative for work on the courtyard and the parking lot surfaces. It is hoped to have the courtyard in place in time for the blessing of the columbarium with its cremains on May 11th.

This month's Life Safety inspection was completed on April 2nd. This inspection revealed the need to replace a battery to an emergency lighting unit and repair a remote emergency lighting unit's head. Both units were located in our Sunday School area. Emergency lighting remains on our list of projects for this year. Testing of the alarm system revealed that the horn/strobe has not been hooked up in the Atrium. Select Security will be connecting this warning device in the near future.

We thank Franklin & Marshall's Athletic Department for cleaning our neighborhood on the afternoon of April 8th. Dave Martin was at Church to offer them the use of our dumpster and bathrooms. The teams were involved with cleaning up trash and fallen branches in the city.

The alarm company call list has been modified to remove people that are no longer able to handle this responsibility, while adding some that are able to assist the fire department and secure the building after they are finished. If on the list, your service in this regard will only be needed during non-office hours and when the Property Manager is unable to be reached. We thank everyone for stepping up to the plate when needed in this special ministry.

Your Property Committee is a myriad of many people of differing talents sharing their perspectives to offer a safe and comfortable campus for all of St. John's many ministries. We welcome your perspective and hope you can meet with us on the first Tuesday of every month in the Becker House at 7 p.m.

Your Property Committee,

Andy Carroll, Bill Gross, Kathy Kyper, Jane Lee, Dave Martin, Cynthia Minnich,
Shirley Shaheen, Bruce Waskowicz, and Jeannie Zeller

WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

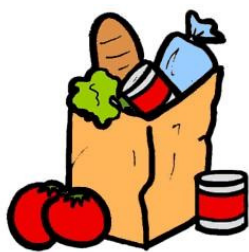
If you'd like to remember a loved one(s) with an altar flower or give thanks for a special occasion, please be sure to **stop by the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and add your name to the Flower Chart**. Details and **donation envelopes will also be available at the chart**. A **\$30** donation is 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 **May & July 2018**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
May 6	Ray & Paula Wolf	Lorraine Nolan	
May 13	John & Barbara Graeter		
May 20	Patti Means		John & Helen Miller
May 27	Kathy Kyper	Kathy Kyper	Kathy Kyper
June 3			
June 10			
June 17	John & Barbara Graeter		
June 24	Farmer Family		
July 1			
July 8			
July 15			
July 22			
July 29	Molly Moyer		

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

Sunday, May 6, will be Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Please join us in thanking our teachers for all they do. Thanks to our teachers: Sue Dodge, Jen Gustafson, Jenn Hreben, Marla Lester, Pam Loose, Katie Mausolf, Maria Sauder, and Janelle Stone. Please let me know if anyone is interested in joining our teaching staff or becoming a nursery volunteer for the upcoming fall. Also, please wish Jen Gustafson good luck with their new baby expected in May!

The last day of classes will be Sunday, May 20 - the Day of Pentecost.

Please note that this year, our annual church picnic will take place on Sunday, June 3rd at Long's Park beginning at 5:00 p.m. Be sure to note this new location and time. Please plan to bring a dish to share. A sign-up will go out closer to the event. We plan to take advantage of the music in the park that night.

Please mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School: June 24-29. We will be partnering again with St. Thomas Episcopal Church so stay tuned and look for more information very soon.

One other special event to add to your calendars is the annual Berry Festival to be held on Friday, July 6 in the Courtyard (weather permitting). There will be food, music, and fun for everyone!

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

Have a fun and safe summer!

Karen Di Pace



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Youth Co-Directors

St. John's hosted the Maundy Thursday lock-in for our youth and the youth of our Convocation. We had an Agape feast, followed by Stations-of-the-Cross in the church, walking the Labyrinth, and working on the Stations-of-the-Cross for the Good Friday service. After a short night, our youth led the Good Friday morning service and helped to load the truck with the shoes collected for Soles4Souls.

Easter was especially sweet for those who enjoyed the J2A chocolate eggs. Congratulations to our teens and leaders on a very successful fundraiser! Thank you to all who supported our youth!

Thanks to everyone that came to the Spaghetti Dinner, Talent Show and Auction. We had a great time and enjoyed all the talents that you shared. Next year we are going to host a Variety show so start thinking now!

Teacher Appreciation

Join us on May 6 for Teacher Appreciation to thank our teachers and youth leaders for all they do for our children and youth. A big "thanks" to our youth leaders, Cindy Morris & Bob Kilp, for leading the Young Adults, Joe & April Way for leading the J2A group, and Dawn & Mike Williams for leading the Rite 13 group. THANK YOU!

Miniature Golf

On May 6, join us after the 10:15 service for a fun afternoon of miniature golf and ice cream at Scoops, in Mountville. We will meet at Scoops after the service to enjoy lunch, break into groups and have a fun time playing miniature golf, followed by ice cream. The cost for just golf is \$6.00. Golf, ice cream and soda is \$8.50, and a kid's meal with golf, ice cream, soda is \$10.99. Or, you can order what you like off their menu for the cost of a meal. All ages are welcome to come!

Confirmation & Dedication

May 11 at 6:00 p.m. will be a special evening at St. John's. It will be the dedication of our new spaces including our Atrium, Courtyard and Labyrinth. We will also be confirming our youth with a special Confirmation Service with our Bishop, The Right Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan, followed by dinner in the Parish Hall.

Graduation & Youth Sunday

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 of their accomplishments. We will celebrate our graduates on June 3rd. We will also be having a "Youth Sunday Service" that day. The youth will be planning the service for both the 8:00 & 10:15 services. We will be sharing with you the prayers of the people and some of the music we sing at our Diocesan retreats. The youth will be ushering, serving, lecturing, and being involved in the service. We will have youth share their experiences that they have shared over the years in our youth program here at St. John's, as well as at our diocesan youth events. Please plan to join us on June 3rd for this special service.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Parish Picnic

Join us on June 3 at 5:00 p.m. for our annual Parish Picnic. We will be meeting at Long's Park at the top of the hill facing the bandstand. We will be the first group of tables on the right hand side at the top of the hill, if you were driving around the upper parking lot. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and your lawn chair. A signup sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall. At 7:30, we will enjoy the evening entertainment TBD. This makes a great way to kick off the summer. Hope to see you there!

Berry Festival

Join the J2A for our annual Berry Festival on July 6 in our new courtyard. Bring your friends and family as our J2A youth present an evening of live music featuring local band Blue Sky Falls. Feast on loads of blueberry, strawberry, and other local produce and berry-themed desserts. Cost: Free will offering. All proceeds benefit the 2018 youth pilgrimage to Costa Rica.

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

Submitted by,

Mary Ellen Kilp

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2018

May 6	Mini Golf (Scoops) (Convocation)
May 13	Teacher Appreciation
May 20	Pentecost
June 3	Graduation & Youth Sunday
	Church Picnic 5:00 p.m. at Long's Park
July 6	Berry Festival



JUBILEE MINISTRIES

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

A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, cereal, and pastries will be served to the downtown community at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street.



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

Eagle's Nest has successfully completed its 16th season with Jean Gordon in the Director's position. Jean was well supported by faithful volunteers: Sue Heilman, Sandra Jackson, Dave Martin, Sue Martin, Claire Phillips, Maria Sauder, Michael Stank, Kendall Stonerook, Bruce Tahsler, Mary Waskowicz, and teens: Max Lester, Tierza Mendez, and Lexi Smith. Also important to the "village that it takes" are Patti Means, Mother Barbara, and Paul Reese. Thank you to all of these folks who invest a great deal of time and talent to the enrichment of these 4th and 5th grade students, whose needs are many.

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're always looking for knitters, sewers, and crocheters. Can you help?

Join us on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m. in the Parish Hall or knit on your own time. We always need prayer shawls for our ministry at St. John's.

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Sue Tobie)

Total grocery card sales for **March**: **\$7,360** with **\$368** 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, Stauffer's, & Weis

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you so much for attending the Appreciative Inquiry session and the various Focus Groups. All of these gatherings provided information about how we view St. John's now and what we want for our future. We plan to share these findings from both the Appreciative Inquiry and the Focus Groups during the Parish Mini-meeting on May 6th during the coffee hour between the two services.

While we don't have all the information at the time of publishing, we can only share what we are calling our Fabulous Five. These are five areas that we appreciate about St. John's. They are Community Outreach, Youth Programs and Involvement, our Church Family, the Welcoming community, and Diversity. We will share more from the Appreciative Inquiry process and the Focus Meetings at the Parish Meeting, so don't miss it.

The next important step is for our congregation is to allow everyone a voice in agreeing or disagreeing with our findings. In addition, and probably most importantly, we need every member to rank the various characteristics of our community and the priest that we feel we need to continue our ministry. This will be done with a survey that will start in late May and run to June. We cannot overemphasize the importance of your participation. This survey will be available in both paper and digital form.

Please continue to pray for the Search Committee as we work to determine our needs and wants as a congregation, and translate these into the Parish Profile that will be shared with prospective candidates for Rector.

Submitted by Leslie Morgan, Chair

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

St. John's Food Pantry strives to meet one need of our Lancaster neighbors by providing boxes of food to people in need. We gave out over 400 boxes in 2017, and we've averaged just under 9 boxes per week so far this year.

Our prep team sorts, buys food to fill gaps, and packs boxes; that team includes Linda Wallace and Charles and Marion Wear, all relative newcomers to St. John's, who jumped right into ministry!

Our Tuesday and Thursday volunteers present their friendly faces to neighbors who come to our door.

Submitted by Debbie Carter



Many thanks to all who contributed to the combined Lenten food drive for St. John's Food Pantry and the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank..

(Collected items are shown above in our new Atrium!)

A.L.E.R.T.

ALERT (All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team) demonstrates how much more can be done when joined with others. St. John's church showed good support for the work project at the Lancaster Council of Churches on March 24. Joining with other ALERT churches, 13 members of our parish painted, sorted, repaired and organized at the Center. On May 5, ALERT will be working to get the Betty Finney AIDS Memorial Garden renewed for the season. This garden is located at the Linear Park, just off of West Lemon and Water Streets, adjacent to Ponessa Counseling Services. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Episcopalians from other parishes as well as support a worthy project. See the weekly bulletin for details.

The Rev. Beth Mollard is working with the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania to develop a video identifying the issues faced by refugees as they move into our community. There is ongoing need to assist the refugee family with homework, language development, transportation and recreation activities. The ALERT program is a great opportunity to provide service beyond our parish boundaries. Contact either Dave Martin or Don Durand for more information.



Dignity.
Help her and others
stay in school.

Little Dresses for Africa has identified a need among the young women in 3rd world countries and it is being addressed with the "sani pants" sewing project. The distribution of these simple, washable pants and the discussion surrounding good hygiene enables girls to not only manage their periods more easily, but maintain their dignity in the community.

You are invited to join the Diocesan ECW Board to help with this project.
Women interested in attending this one day service retreat, should contact Eileen Sullivan at elieensullivan51@gmail.com or Cindy Mohr at seymour5602@gmail.com

WHERE: St. Andrew's in the Valley
WHEN: May 13, 2018
START: 9:00 a.m.
WHAT TO BRING: Scissors, sewing machines and thread. Most importantly your helping hands and caring heart.
Lunch and drinks will be provided.
We will be accepting monetary donations to offset the cost.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The Diocesan Board of ECW is planning a one (1) day service retreat, a sewing project for the Little Dresses for Africa. It takes place at St. Andrew's in the Valley on Saturday, May 19, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m. Lunch is provided. St. John's ECW has always had a presence at Diocesan events and encourages participation. Please contact Sue Martin if you have an interest in attending this meaningful event.

VOYAGERS



The **VOYAGERS** will not be meeting in May due to the Memorial Day holiday and in order to give the Yard Give some space and support. We had a great time and wonderful speakers this season. Thanks, again and again, to Tom Bond, Kathy Kyper, Barbara Landis, and Paula Wolf for their educational and enlightening programs. Have a great summer, everybody!

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS

The Peace Action Network of Lancaster, Interchurch Peace Witness,
Lancaster Against Pipelines and 1040 for Peace invite you to

An Evening with Kathy Kelly

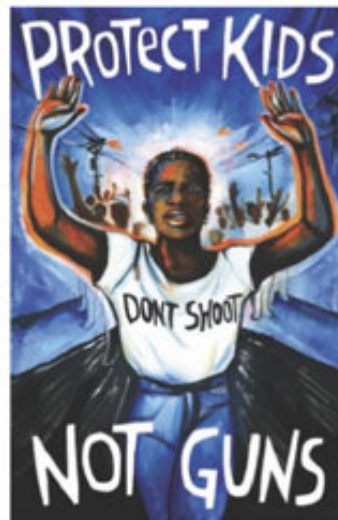
- Co-coordinator of *Voices for Creative Nonviolence*
- Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times
- One of the founding members of *Voices in the Wilderness*
- Traveled to Iraq twenty-six times
- Renowned story-teller as an American peace activist, pacifist and author

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 beginning at 7 p.m.

**Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster
328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603**



KATHY KELLY



NO ARMS, NO ARMIES!

Supporting youth calling for an end to weapon assaults around the world, Kathy will connect the proliferation of guns and indiscriminate shootings in the U.S. with U.S. wars and international weapon proliferation. Embracing creative nonviolence, Kathy will highlight her experiences of living with those afflicted by wars drawing particular attention to U.S. involvement in the war against Yemen.

Music by Voices for Peace

\$10 donation per person requested to sustain the work of Voices for Creative Nonviolence; no one turned away for lack of funds. Checks made payable to VFCN are not tax-deductible. Contact 717-271-8180 or penner@dejazzd.com for more information.

Please join with your
brothers and sisters in faith...



Commonwealth Interfaith Service: Prayers for Justice & Peace

Monday, May 7, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Beth El Temple, 2637 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA

Free parking available in the lot next to the Temple
(enter lot from Front or 2nd Streets; enter Temple from parking lot entrance)

The many sponsoring organizations invite you with open arms to
celebrate the rich diversity of faith traditions in Pennsylvania

**Come celebrate our 10th year in raising a
collective voice for a more just and
peaceful world**

Help us to build a culture of shalom, hospitality, and welcome!

Come early for music before the service...

Stay after for a reception featuring foods from many traditions
Share a time of fellowship with your brothers and sisters in faith!

Please join us!

For additional information:

Rev. Sandy Strauss at (717) 545-4761 or s.strauss@pachurches.org

SUE HEILMAN CAN PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM LANCASTER IF NEEDED.

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
Kelly Lynch
Cynthia Minnich
Kevin & Mary Nourie
Chase Riehl
Ricky Ross
Stephanie Smith
Christian Stigelman
Kent Strickler
Martha Stroh
Amy Swiernik
Lamar Swisher
Joana Torres & Kids
Gary Weaver
Jack & Dottie Welsh
Melissa Williams
Angelica Zander
Paul
Khyzeer
Mike
Andrew
Cheryl
Lonny



*...and for our
homebound
parishioners*

Margaret Crothers
Bette Lou Forsyth
Michael Frantz
Dyls Glew
Cricket Johnson
Ellen Keller
Fritz Lawrence
Don Lovett
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,
John S. Waltz, and Joshua Watkins*

If Your Personal Information Changes...

**Please be sure to contact the church office
with changes to your personal information:**

change of address, telephone, or e-mail.

"Thank you for your cooperation!"

*Patti Means, Parish Secretary
717-299-1188 or patti@stjohns-lancaster.org*



**Copies of the *Messenger* are
available in the Welcome Center
at the rear of the church and in
the Parish Hall.**

**Copies of the Vestry reports are
posted on the bulletin board in
the Parish Hall.**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ashton, Rob	21
Bowser, Theodore	26
Burch, Ken	3
Fields, Amy	29
Fields, Bob	8
Forrester, Jon	19
Graeter, Barbara	3
Graeter, John	20
Gromis, Jeff	28
Gustafson, Greyson	19
Henry, Graham	8
Hogg, Ryan	23
Houston, John	27
Hreben, Michael	6
Kane, Jr., Howard	27
Kilhefner, Mike	8
Lee, John	5
Linton, Debby	6
Loose, Eric	24
Loose, Julia	3
McFarland, Ruth	26
McGee, Shirley	12
Means, Patti	23
Rahe, Debbie	9
Rahe, Emily	12
Rahe, Scott	5
Rahe, Zachary	15
Rowland, Jessica	5
Segarra, Sonia	31
Smith, Danny	9
Smith, Betsy	12
Springer, Graham	31
Watts, Eleanor	27
Zuke, Brad	18

Please Note:

*Birthdays and
 Anniversaries
 will be celebrated
 in church on the
 1st Sunday
 of each month!*

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bailey, Bob & Lyn	05/31/1969
Bowser, Michael & Susan	05/29/2010
Glazier, Penn & Mary	05/31/1969
Gobel, Michael & Lois	05/06/2017
Hogg, Bob & Linda	05/12/1984
Lee, Bob & Maggie	05/29/1985
Qualls, Scott & Sherry	05/28/1983
Smith, Peter & Betsy	05/08/1982



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