



St. John's Messenger

June, 2018

from The Rev. Glenn D. Miller, Interim Rector
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“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with FIRE”. *John the Baptist*

You didn't have to be an Anglophile to be among the millions who were riveted to their TV screens at 5:00 a.m. on a recent Saturday to witness the royal wedding at Windsor. Americans seemed particularly drawn to this one, because of course the bride is an American herself. (We watched at our house, complete with my mother's English tea set!).

What struck me as perhaps the most profound moment of the day however wasn't the bride's dress (lovely) or the glorious pageantry (also lovely) or equally glorious music. No, it was Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's utterly marvelous sermon (or "address" as the media referred to it). As a colleague priest said afterward, "it was vintage Michael" - a sermon full of fiery love of Christ. Quoting Martin Luther King Jr. and Teilhard de Chardin, he beautifully wove together the themes of marital love and the unconditional love of God. It was, in a word, magnificent.

But what struck me with equal profoundness was the public reaction to this "address." From the news media coverage to the Facebook and Twitter posts following the nuptials, the "unchurched" world seemed, for the most part, genuinely moved and taken by the preacher's words. "Deeply moving," "A wonderful call to the world to love" and "A message that transcended sectarian divides with a universal appeal" were but a few.

I am, on the one hand, heartened by such reaction to this sermon; heartened to see that a preacher (and the "chief preacher" of the Episcopal Church in America no less!) could so deeply touch millions of listeners with the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus. But what struck me with equal force was how "new" this message seemed to be to so many hearers! Do they not know that, good as Bishop Curry was, there are places on every corner of the globe where that same message is proclaimed with equal passion and fire? (Even perhaps on the corner of Chestnut and Mulberry?) Have they not heard such good news before?

Frightening and sobering as it may be, the answer is clearly "NO." No, they have not. And THAT should give us more than pause. It should give us motivation to do something about it. It should stoke in us that fire of love the Bishop spoke of, that we might take it to the world every day, not just on the day of a royal wedding.

This is a big undertaking. But for now, I have a small, simple challenge for us all: If you find yourself in a conversation with a friend or neighbor or co-worker about Bishop Curry's fine sermon, consider saying some form of this: "It was a marvelous sermon. But you know what? I'm fed with that same message, that same spiritual food, every week in my congregation. I find the fire of divine love of which he spoke, EVERY WEEK, right in my parish. Maybe you'd like to come and see?" As the Bishop said, quoting a great hymn: "If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the LOVE OF JESUS, and how he died for all."

Blessings to you all as we enter these lovely summer days.

Fr. Glenn

Post Script

I love it when I hear back from anyone on my articles written or sermons preached. I learn and grow in my faith as we discuss and debate what I've offered for consideration and reflection. Over these past several years, I have come to recognize and respect the depth and breadth of opinions and experiences we share together at St. John's. There is never enough time at coffee in the parish hall or now in the atrium to chew over a matter of liturgy, a point of theology or an experience of prayer.

This past month especially, many have commented on the most recent Messenger article about standing during the fifty days of Easter in witness of the Resurrection. In that article, I wrote:

“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.”

I am a student of the Reverend Leonel L. Mitchell; he shaped and formed what I know of liturgy. Lee+ is well known for saying: “Probably more than any other contemporary religious group, Episcopalians are people of a prayer book. Not only do we use the *Book of Common Prayer* for the conduct of our public services, it is the guide for our private prayer and the source of most of our theology.”

Lee+ relies on the Latin maxim: “*Lex Orandi -- Lex Credendi*” which means the way we pray determines what we believe ... hence his classic, *Praying Shapes Believing*. He begins: “Worship, religious activity in all of its aspects” what we do and how we do it, as well as what we say and how we say it “underlies religious belief.” Hence any revision of the Prayer Book* has been “more than simply the alteration of a service book...it called for a readjustment of the language of our relationship with God and therefore affected that relationship itself.”

That's a mouthful.

But his words underline the importance of what you and I do when we gather round the Table. Lee+ emphasizes the significance of our words and actions, both our personal pieties as well as our parish customs” all encompassed in our Episcopal worship. And for me, that reality and tradition has always and continues to be each week the most awesome and awe-inspiring experience.

Perhaps I sound a bit too over-the-top. But inside me, that is honestly what I feel as we, the worshipping community come together to bring to life the time honored Liturgy of Word and Sacrament into the next generation. *Praying Shapes Believing*... Yes, Lee+

Perhaps you might consider getting a copy of his classic, now revised by one of his students, Ruth Myers+ on the 25th anniversary of its publication. It's an easy read, opening ever more deeply the Spirit of our Common Prayer.

*Lee+, Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.
Barbara+*

“The Reverend Leonel L. Mitchell (July 1930 - May 2012) was an influential scholar of liturgy in the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and a major reviser of its 1979 Book of Common Prayer.”

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

JUNE 2018

öThe world is round so friendship can encircle it.ö

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Hugs and friendship reinforce thatí Hug, shake hands, smileí

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

Global Partnership Challenge for June 3rd

öTry to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.ö

Maya Angelou

In a time when being connected is seeming difficult,
if each one of us made
just one rainbow for anyone, it would make a difference.
Shine - Share!

Global Partnership Challenge for June 10th

öDon't judge each day by the harvest you reap
but rather by the seeds you plant.ö

Robert Louis Stevenson

We ALL have the potential to change what grows.
Be a creator, an artist, a friendí make love grow.

Global Partnership Challenge for June 17th

Father's Day

öAt the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test,
not winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal.

You will regret time not spent with a husband,
a friend, a child, or a parent.ö

Barbara Bush

Global Partnership Challenge for June 24th

öArt, freedom and creativity will change society faster than politics.ö

We are ALL artists in different creative waysí .create peaceí

We are ALL created by the same loving Godí ..

Here, There, Everywhere



PARISH RESIGTER

Confirmed

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

Transferred In

John Gouveia

CHURCH DIRECTORY



If you would like to receive a PDF file of our current Church Directory, please contact Patti Means, our Parish Secretary.

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*

SERVING SCHEDULE – JUNE, 2018

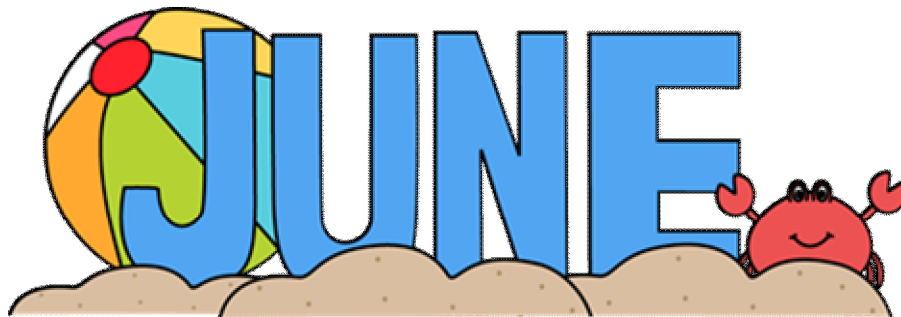
FOR ALL THOSE SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S: PLEASE NOTE!

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.

JUNE 3	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitors	--	TBD
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
Vergers	Kathy Kyper	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Becker Family	Dave & Sue Martin
Nursery	--	Mia Welaish

JUNE 10	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Purdy	John Faust, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitors	Phil Becker	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lectors	Sue Tobie	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	TBD
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Hal Williams
Vergers	Tom Bond	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Sue Martin
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Di Pace Family	Di Pace Family
Nursery	--	Jenn Hreben

JUNE 17	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Bond	David Dissinger, Emily Gross
Eucharistic Visitors	Phil Becker, Stephanie McGovern	--
Lectors	Gretchen Walden	Joel Cliff, Brad Moyer
Server	--	Sean Cliff
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Rob Williams
Verger	Kathy Kyper	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Ted Loose
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Cliff Family	Cliff Family
Nursery	--	Mary Waskowicz



JUNE 24	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	Brad Moyer, TBD
Eucharistic Visitors	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lectors	Bob Lee	Jeannie Zeller
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan
Verger	Tom Bond	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Jackson Family	Jon & Jane Forrester
Nursery	--	Phyllis Gbur

SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY, 2018

JULY 1	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Bond	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitors		
Lectors	Barbara Landis	David Dissinger, Danielle Di Pace
Server	--	Hal Williams
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Danielle Di Pace
Vergers	Kathy Kyper	Tom Bond
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Gromis & Rodriguez Families	TBD
Nursery	--	Tracy Cliff

July ★★

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.

CHOIR NEWS!



An Invitation to Sing in the St. John's Volunteer Summer Choir

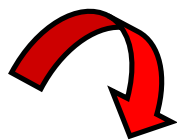


Ever wondered what it is like to sing in the choir? We are inviting all in the congregation to join current choir members to sing an anthem at one or both of two Sunday services ó June 24 and/or August 5. All you have to do is arrive at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, join us in the choir room to practice; and then sing in the choir at 10:15 a.m. No weekday rehearsals and no choir robes required! Why sing with us this summer? Here are 5 good reasons for you to volunteer.

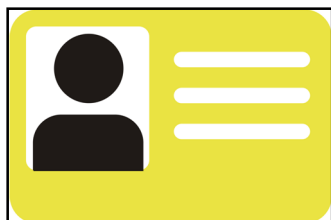
1. Choir is FUN! Plus you get a close view of what happens up near the altar.
2. There's no denying that singing is one of the best vehicles we have to WORSHIP God. Choir is an amazing opportunity to SERVE.
3. Music is a vital component of the worship experience and you can make a difference by singing.
4. We LEARN incredibly profound messages in both heart and soul through the lyrics of the songs we sing.
5. A good choir sings and illustrates JOY. Your joy increases the joy of everyone participating in worship that morning.

We invite you to join us on Sunday, June 24 and/or August 5, to ðmake a joyful noise unto the Lord.ö

If you would like to learn more about the choir, please contact Paul Reese, Minister of Music, or Marion Wear, Summer Choir Volunteer at: wearall@comcast.net or 717-584-6229.



NAME TAGS



So that we can better help Fr Glenn Miller learn who we are, and to be more hospitable to other visitors and members, all members have been provided with a new name tag. The ðname tag boardö is located in the East Tower (the passageway between the Atrium and the Parish Hall). Please pick up your name tag *before going into worship!*

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Here's a quick update (as of May 22, 2018) on the financial support for our building renovations, which began in mid-June:

	Amount Received
Received toward total 114 pledges of \$781,553	\$ 695,767
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	74,066
Bequests	155,000
Total received	\$ 924,833

Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 1,010,619

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 62 families who have already completed their pledges, that will reduce the amount that we need to borrow from the bank in the meantime. (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



VOYAGERS



Please note that Voyagers will not be meeting through the summer months and will return to shore in September!

BUILDING SECURITY AT ST. JOHN'S

Dear Friends,

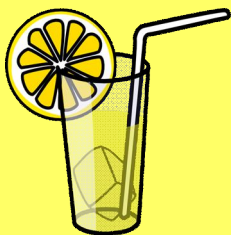
Now that our construction project is completed and we are fully in the building, we are enacting some new security measures to insure both the accessibility and security of St. John's.

Beginning a few weeks ago, we extended our employment agreement with Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky (our Nursery Caregiver) to now include closing up the buildings following Sunday morning liturgies. Having one person, properly trained, is already turning out to be a great blessing in insuring that the building is properly secured. In order for this to work, however, members will need to observe a few new procedures moving forward:

After regular Sunday services, all exits may be used up until 12:30pm. After 12:30, EVERYONE should use the lower level glass doors by the parking lot or the Atrium doors, both of which will lock behind you when you exit the building. This exit policy includes coffee hour volunteers and other keyholders. If you must use an alternate exit for any reason such as loading/unloading please let the security person know beforehand so adjustments may be made. Please do NOT prop doors open or leave unlocked once they are secured. If you must exit/open a secured door, please see security person, (and if you have a key, please MAKE SURE you've re-locked the door behind you!) This policy will of course be adjusted on special event occasions, such as interments, etc.

Please direct any questions or special needs regarding security to Maria. While we are blessed to have Maria doing this important work, it will be to no effect if, once doors are secured, individuals unlock and leave them open. The safety and security of our upgraded facility will be a group effort. We appreciate your support and adherence as we enact these changes.

Yours in Christ, *Fr. Glenn*



LEMONADE TIME starts Sunday, JUNE 3!

Volunteers are requested to sign up for a turn to serve lemonade and pretzels after second service over the summer.

The regular coffee hour is between services during the summer months, and a quick light refreshment of lemonade only is offered at 11:30 a.m.

It's easy!! All supplies are provided; leave church after communion to prepare, clean up is quick and easy, and you're out and done by 12:00 noon. The sign-up clipboard is at the coffee window with responsibilities outlined. Please take a turn. Two people are good to have, but it can be a solo event.

See Sue Martin with questions.

PROPERTY CORNER

We thank the Brown-Cuthbert family for the restoration of our Memorial Garden. Doug took lead on the restoration of the columbarium, scheduling a work party to return it to its final setting.

We take this opportunity to thank the devoted members of our congregation who worked real hard in the planning and monitoring of our construction project, which lasted about twice as long as was originally anticipated. Under the leadership of Doug Brown, your committee consisted of some of the members of the property committee and included Ted Loose, Andy Carroll, Janice Henry, and Steve Latshaw. This project would not have been made possible without the dedication, experience, foresight, and prayers of Father John Morris and Father Glenn Miller, who tirelessly contributed to the project's success on many of their days off. We thank these members of this committee and the many others who offered insights throughout this project. Without them, we would not be where we are at today!

We appreciate everyone's understanding as we had to rush into some unscheduled tree maintenance. It was brought to our attention that one of our trees on Chestnut Street had some dead wood, which was just hanging in the tree. We took the opportunity of the required traffic control to have all our Chestnut Street trees tended to while we had the equipment in place. These trees were originally placed on a five-year scheduled frequency, which may have to be adjusted moving forward so as not to have such an accumulation of dead wood allowing injury and damage.

May's Life Safety inspection was completed on May 1st. Emergency lighting remains on our list of projects for this year. Testing of the alarm system revealed that the smoke detector in the courtyard classroom did not initiate an alarm. Select Security will be here to finish the door openers on both levels, at which time, I will have them look at this detector.

Jeannie Zeller has decided on planting a Red Bud Tree by the street and will be in touch with the city about this. There was a discussion about watering the new plantings. Jon Forrester volunteered to take care of this and Jeannie is, also, going to place an announcement in the bulletin asking for volunteers.

A few paint colors have been selected for the Chapel and will be presented to the Worship Committee at their next meeting. New blue kneelers have been purchased by a donor as a gift. Ultimately, we would like to purchase fabric to hang above the altar and we will consult the Altar Guild.

A Vestry task force has been selected to review our current Building Use program for space availability and costs recovery. It was felt our policy was in need of updating, due to our latest improvements.

The Parish House Sunday School floor is a change order with our contractor. Therefore, we are getting bids on carpet tile, regular tile and a higher quality tile. A discussion followed about the merits of each. We will get bids for the hallway to the janitor's closet and all the way to the All-Purpose Room.

Bill suggested that as the use of the auditorium increases we need to start thinking about sufficient air conditioning, adequate lighting, some furniture and storage.

Your Property Committee,

Kathy Kyper, Bruce Waskowicz, Jeannie Zeller, Andrew Carroll, Jane Lee, Cynthia Minnich,
Shirley Shaheen, Bill Gross, David Martin, and Jon Forrester

WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

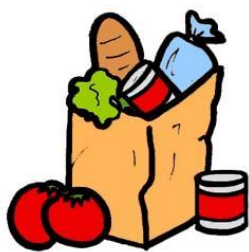
If you'd like to remember a loved one(s) with an altar flower or give thanks for a special occasion, please be sure to **stop by the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and add your name to the Flower Chart**. Details and **donation envelopes will also be available at the chart**. A **\$30** donation is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

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
June 3	Toni Ehrhart		
June 10	Charles & Marion Wear		
June 17	John & Barbara Graeter		
June 24	Dan & Priscilla Family		
July 1	Barbara Landis		
July 8			
July 15			
July 22			
July 29	Molly Moyer		
August 5			
August 12			
August 19			
August 26			

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!"

Vacation Bible School This Year with all
The Lancaster Episcopal Churches
Join the FUN !

**Have a (SNOW)
ball at VBS
this SUMMER!**



Monday, June 25 - Thursday, June 28, 2018
10 AM to 12:30 PM (lunch provided)
Ages 4 -12 years
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
301 St. Thomas Rd., Lancaster, PA
717-569-3241

**Expedition
NORWAY**

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen Di Pace, Sunday School Director

Everyone is invited to join us for the Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 3. We will be at Longø Park at 5:00 p.m. for food and fellowship along with music in the park that begins at 7:30 p.m. Please sign up in the Parish Hall so we can get a head count, and let us know what you will be bringing. We will provide burgers and hot dogs.

This year, Vacation Bible School will take place at St. Thomas Episcopal Church from Monday, June 25, through Thursday, June 28, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We will be enjoying "Expedition Norway!" Lunch will be included. Children grades Pre-K to 5th are invited to take part. Older youth are invited to help, as well as adults. Please let Karen Di Pace know if you can help or if your child will be participating!

Also save the date for our annual "Berry Festival" on Friday, July 6. 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 great summer!

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Youth Co-Directors

TEACHER APPRECIATION

A big thank to our youth leaders, Bob Kilp for leading the Young Adults. Joe & April Way for leading the J2A group. Dawn and Mike Williams for leading the Rite 13 group. THANK YOU!

Congratulations to our Confirmands

Conor Brenton
Sean Cliff
Webb Cook (Adult)
Danielle DiPace
Ian Dodge
Max Lester
Tierza Mendez
Kendal Morgan
Kylie Stone
Hal Williams
Rob Williams

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)



Join us at the
Church Picnic!

PARISH PICNIC

Join us on June 3, at 5:00 p.m. for our annual Parish Picnic. We will be meeting at Longø Park at the top of the hill by the bandstand. We will be the first group of tables on the right hand side at the top of the hill. 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 of entertainment by the Honey Island Swamp Band, a blues, roots, country and soul band from San Francisco via New Orleans. 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. 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 blueberries, strawberries, and other local produce and berry-themed desserts. Cost: Free will offering. All proceeds benefit the 2018 youth pilgrimage to Costa Rica.

Submitted by,

Mary Ellen Kilp

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2018

June 3	Graduation & Youth Sunday
	Church Picnic 5:00 p.m. at Longø Park
July 6	Berry Festival

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, JUNE 16**

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!

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 **April: \$6,180** with **\$309** to Jubilee Ministries.

Total grocery card sales for **May: \$4,560** with **\$228** for 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

NEW ADDRESS



John and Barbara Graeter
1707 Marietta Avenue, Apt. 3G
Lancaster, PA 17603

(Phone and E-Mail Remain the Same.)

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you to all who participated in May's focus groups. The information that we gathered was important as we crafted questions for the survey. Below, please find information about the focus group findings and about the upcoming survey.

First, the focus groups provided information about all sorts of topics, but because of the sometimes limited sampling of people that attended them, it is hard to create reliable statements about how the congregation is feeling about these issues. Take, for example, the Music focus group. There were six people in attendance, and half of them were in the choir. Any information gathered by this focus group would obviously have a bias.

Second, there were some people who came to almost every focus group meeting. Their devotion and dedication to this process is commendable, but we want to be sure that their voices don't count "more" as a result of their strong representation in the answers given by the focus groups.

What we were able to do with the notes from the focus groups is look for patterns of answers that we wanted to explore more with the whole congregation. For example, there was lots of discussion in various focus groups regarding pastoral care issues. As a result, we crafted questions about pastoral care. Similarly, there was lots of talk about different kinds of worship. We want to be sure to examine that as part of the survey, too.

A smaller group of the Search Committee is creating the survey, and a first draft has been shared with the whole committee for review and comment about the length, format, and content of the survey. We hope to be ready to share it with the congregation on June 8th. Please watch for email blasts and bulletin announcements.

When it does come time for the congregation to complete the survey, we need everyone's participation. When we say everyone, we mean all adults in your home, along with any children you feel are old enough to complete the survey. It will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. If you are comfortable and able, we ask that you complete the survey online, by using the links available in the email blasts or bulletin announcements. If that is not something you are able or comfortable doing, that is fine. We want you to complete a paper-copy survey if you are not able or comfortable doing the survey online. The committee plans to make copies available during the coffee hour and lemonade time following the services.

Please keep talking to us about any ideas, concerns, or desires you have regarding the Search Committee. It is our hope to adequately represent what the congregation wants and feels, and it is only through your participation in the survey and your continued engagement with the Search Committee that we will be able to do so accurately.

Your Search Committee members include Leslie Morgan (Chair), Debbie Carter, Joel Cliff, Fran Gouveia, Betsy Hasircoglu, Sue Heilman, Ruth McFarland, Glenn Miller (lay member, rather than Fr. Glenn, our Interim Rector), Alice Ogwang, Bruce Waskowicz, Joe Way, Andy Welaish, and Jeannie Zeller. Please keep us in your prayers and stay in touch.

Submitted by,

Leslie Morgan, Chair

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Each May, US Postal Service letter carriers participate in the Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive by delivering notices to customers and then collecting food donations the following week. These donations are then brought to local food banks, pantries, and shelters.

Thanks to Andy Latshaw, who works at the Leola Post Office, the food collected by the Leola branch's letter carriers was directed to the St. John's food pantry. Andy and Alli, shown in the photo, brought this year's haul — in over a dozen postal bins filled with customers' donations — to St. John's, where we unloaded and (later) sorted the food. (Thanks also to J2A leaders for the temporary use of their classroom for sorting!)

In addition to our parish members' generous donations of food and money, our food pantry depends on such food drives throughout the year — by scouts, the VFW, and other organizations — and we're very thankful to be on the receiving end of so many postal customers' generosity.

Note: Because of its increased accessibility from the street level (through the courtyard), the new ground-level alcove of the Parish House will become the distribution location for our food pantry. Stay tuned for more details and photos!

Submitted by Debbie Carter



From the Stewardship Committee: Our Annual Yard Give, Saturday, May 26, was a great success!

Parishioners and friends brought us their no-longer-needed items, visitors provided new homes for many of these treasures (and gave us over \$350 in donations), and the remaining items were taken to local charities (Lancaster County Council of Churches, Lancaster County Public Library, Community Aid, Re-Uzit Shop, and Lancaster Creative Reuse), so they were kept out of our landfills —

an environmental stewardship bonus!

An Invitation from Faith D'Urbano

Interested members of St. John's are invited to join me on June 20th, along with members of other faith communities in Lancaster, and in partnership with "POWER," an interfaith movement, for a rally in Harrisburg, advocating for changes to the funding formula for education in PA. The rally will take place in the Rotunda of the Capital building in Harrisburg at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20th. No-cost bus transportation is available leaving at 11:00 a.m. from Park City Mall. For information on any aspect of the event, please contact The Rev. Faith D'Urbano at faith_d_urbano@yahoo.com. Information is also posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

SOLES 4 SOULS

WEARING OUT POVERTY™

May 22, 2018

Patti Means
St Johns Episcopal Church
321 West Chestnut St
Lancaster, PA 17603

Dear Friend,

2017 was a landmark year for Soles4Souls and we couldn't have done it without you. We know your efforts to help make it such an impactful year required a lot of work, time commitment and energy! Because of generous people like yourself, we are able to achieve our mission of creating sustainable jobs and providing relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. **Thank you!**

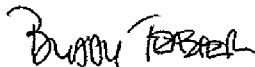
Together this past year, **we distributed 2,798,317 pairs of shoes** providing short-term and long-term relief to those living in poverty and recovering from disaster all over the world. Behind each of these figures is a name...a face...a story. Like 11-year-old Musa who takes shelter in a Nigerian refugee camp. And the children from a Honduran community who walk up to five miles to get to class. And hurricane victims in the U.S. and Caribbean. Donating the gift of shoes means they, and many others, now have shoes that **protect them from injury and disease; allow them to attend school and help them rebuild their lives.**
But shoes are just a part of the story.

Through Clothes4Souls, our clothing division, we also distributed **4,574,378 pieces of clothing.** Donations of clothing offer those we serve much needed protection from the elements. Your energy and efforts are the reasons this kind of impact is possible. We invite you to keep Soles4Souls' mission in mind should you find other opportunities for us to work together. We stand ready to help! **Thank you again for your help and kindness!**

Thanks again for helping us with our mission of **"Wearing out Poverty"™!**

Contribution Date: 4/16/2018
Total Pairs: 1561

With deepest thanks,



Buddy Teaster
CEO

PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please contact the church office and we will include their name for 4 weeks. Continued prayers for that person will necessitate another contact with the church office.

John Anders
 Bob Bailey
 Tom Bond
 Frank Burris
 Ralph & Patricia Clare
 Paul & Molly Clark
 Nancy Cook
 Bill & Sharon Engle
 Marie-Therese Enselme
 Linda Frederiksen
 Carol Greenfield
 Alina Grobicki
 Shannon Hickman
 Vonda Kirchner
 Terry Koogle
 Kelly Lynch
 John Miller
 Cynthia Minnich
 Kevin & Mary Nourie
 Jace Riehl
 Ricky Ross
 Elena Russo
 Jim Seilo
 Sister Catherine Grace
 Stephanie Smith
 Christian Stigelman
 Martha Stroh
 Amy Swiernik
 Lamar Swisher
 Joana Torres & Kids
 Elliott Ullman
 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
 Dyllys 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, Joshua Watkins, and Cameron Watts

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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bauer, June	17
Bowser, Susan	8
Brenton, Molly	28
Brenton, Tyler	17
Brogan, Frances	22
Carter, Debbie	6
DeLeo, Faith	13
Dohren, Susan	15
Farmer, Mary Suzanne	29
Forrester, Jane	7
Hasircoglu, Aaron	5
Hasircoglu, Julia	5
Kauffman, Haley	17
Kilhefner, Eric	28
Kilp, Mary Ellen	24
Kilp, Bob	19
Lee, Jane	24
Lovett, Don	16
Mollard, Beth	21
Moyer, Molly	1
Nelson, Eamon	6
Novosel, Peter	24
Plaxa, Kathy	19
Plaxa Jr, Peter	6
Purdy, Phil	15
Scheetz, Adelyn	11
Seachrist, Sibyl	2
Swisher, Katherine	10
Waskowicz, Mary	6
Williams, Mike	11

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Becker, Phil & Hilary	06/24/1972
Breitegan Jr, Jim & Phyllis	06/11/1983
Burch, Ken & Connie	06/20/1981
Cummins, Frank & Tina	06/28/2012
Frantz, Michael & Magbag, Kathleen	06/17/1989
Gordon, Ed & Jean	06/21/1986
Kauffman, Kim & Rick	06/21/1986
Linton, Ron & Debby	06/23/1973
Loose, Ted & Pam	06/25/1988
Martin, Dave & Sue	06/24/1961
Purdy, Phil & Sue	06/13/1975
Rahe, Scott & Deborah	06/07/1997
Sherman, Stephen & Heather	06/11/1976
Stone, Jeff & Janelle	06/25/1994
Strickler, Kent & Coverly, Rosemary	06/25/2002
Suliveras, Anthony & Katherine	06/22/2002



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