



St. John's Messenger

July, 2018

from The Rev. Glenn D. Miller, Interim Rector
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Dear Friends,

I recently experienced what I am pretty sure was a *first* for me as a priest. In the middle of a recent sermon, the congregation broke into applause. It was humbling. I wish I could also say that it was applause for something wonderful. But sadly, it was applause for some things I was saying about our government's recent actions separating young children from their families at the southern U.S. border. I was grateful for the affirmation of my message of course. I am more grateful still for serving a congregation that seems to so clearly understand the Gospel and what it calls on us to say and do at times.

As a pastor of the church, it's always been important to me to be *non-partisan*. I have always taken the position that I must be pastor to all regardless of political or other affiliations. As St. Paul writes, in Christ *there is neither slave nor free, Jew nor Greek, male nor female*. That said, there is a clear and critical difference, however, between a pastor of the church endorsing a political candidate or party, versus taking a clear stand on issues that the Gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to address.

An example of the difference comes from early in my parish ministry years. Around the time I was ordained, Apartheid, the systematic oppression of blacks in South Africa, had finally become a front-burner issue in America. In the Lutheran church in America, we were debating in National Assembly one year whether to ban financial investments in South African countries as a means of protest.

As the debate raged on, both in our church's assembly and in the halls of our own government, what I came to understand was this: Good people, good *Christian people*, could certainly disagree over the *means* by which we helped end such a travesty of justice. But what was *not debatable* was the injustice itself. Some folks felt divesting was the right approach. Others disagreed. But no one was suggesting that disenfranchising an entire group of people because of their race was an acceptable thing.

As I mentioned in that sermon, the Gospel that Jesus proclaimed wasn't just about *religion*. Jesus was out to change the world. And so too must his followers be. We may disagree at times on the means or the details. And to be sure, there are plenty of times when things are more grey than black and white. But there are just as many times when the mandate of the Gospel is as clear as clear can be. At those moments, the church, and her members, must speak.

Thank you for *being church* at St. John's. God bless you.

Fr. Miller+

The Day Ireland Searched Its Soul

I have struggled these past months trying to reconcile the current USA political and social discourse with the Gospel. Perhaps you have experienced similar challenges. I know in truth, there are no easy, one-size-fits-all answers. In response I have committed to and pray for reconciliation, for the Spirit's leading, for justice and peace.

I am convinced that our core values as Christian people can and will ultimately turn us around and bring us to a peace of mind where we can heal and put away the rift—where we can reconcile and restore that Oneness that Christ seeks for all of us— a place of rest where we can find relief from the vitriol and vulgarity so prevalent in our culture, in the news media, in the political arena, and at times, even in our interactions with one another.

Colleagues and friends ask repeatedly: how can we begin again to live together as One in the Community of God: to reveal the Love of our Creator, to preach the Good News of Christ Jesus our Savior, to discern in truth the leading of the Holy Spirit? That is the call and crux of our Christian faith. Yet it seems these days a tough order to fill. Even as I write, a queasy uncertainty questions whether I even want to broach this subject at all.

Recently I returned from an amazing time traveling around the Emerald Green Island of Ireland--driving on the other side of the road with a manual transmission, no less! The days were filled exploring planned visits. Yes, I kissed the Blarney Stone--I have a photo to prove it! We saw Mizen Head and the great Wild Atlantic Way, the Lake at Gougane Barra, the 6th Century Monastic Community of Glendalough, and the enjoyed sites and music in Dublin.

And as with any travel, there were the unplanned experiences. For me, the most significant was the events surrounding the national referendum to repeal the Eighth Amendment of the Irish Constitution. It was, as one commentator put it, "the day Ireland searched its soul." The country was deeply divided: whether or not to repeal the Amendment that prohibited abortion, with limited medical exceptions.

I heard talk in the pubs and prayers in the churches. Most markedly were the posters that flooded every street in every county we traveled. It was hot—emotions ran deep. The decision each voter faced no doubt dug deep into the soul.

The Amendment was repealed in an unexpected landslide. But it was not the election results but rather the people's response that speaks a word to our own national and spiritual discourse:

The Irish people treated each and all with respect and dignity.

Indeed those supporting the repeal were exuberant and those opposing voiced disappointment. But not a word of disrespect or disregard was spoken—rather a commitment to work together to pass legislation and to move on together.

And that is what I bring home. The manner in which the people of Ireland moved through a difficult issue with grace.

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

The Collect from Pentecost 3 seems to speak a word: *“O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”*

God gives us the grace to know the things that are right. It is a matter of discerning God’s desire, not a matter of debating our own ideas. AND God grants us the grace to do what we discern is the right that by God’s merciful guiding may do them...ö It is not a matter of staying stuck in the muck. God gives us a way out.

So, it would seem a good time and about time we begin in community to open this discussion safely, prayerfully, respectfully.

Barbara+

The call for a referendum to repeal Amendment 8 was precipitated by the death of a 31-year-old married Indian dentist who died at a hospital due to complications of a septic miscarriage after being denied a termination in 2012.



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

JULY 2018

Global Partnership Challenge for July 1st Independence Day Celebration

"The table fellowship of Christians implies obligation. It is *our* daily bread that we eat, not my own. We share our bread. Thus we are firmly bound to one another not only in the Spirit but in our whole physical being. The *one* bread that is given to our fellowship links us together in a firm covenant. Now no one needs to go hungry as long as another has bread, and he who break this fellowship of the physical life also breaks the fellowship of the Spirit.ö

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Global Partnership Challenge for July 8th

öMistakes are proof you are trying.ö

Global Partnership Challenge for July 15th

öIf in our daily life we can smile, if we can be peaceful and happy, not only we, but everyone will profit from it.

This is the most basic kind of peace work.ö Thich Nhat Hanh
Cost? Nothing! Value? Priceless!!!

Global Partnership Challenge for July 22nd

öThe measure of the quality of a Christian community is the way in which its weakest members are treated and its willingness to welcome everyone as an important part of the body of Christ.

Global Partnership Challenge for July 29th July 30th International Friendship Day

Proclaimed in 2011 by the United Nations with the intent of building communities and working toward world peace. Let us offer prayers for a unity beyond nationalities, religion, and skin color but most importantly take action with getting to know our neighbors, our brothers and sistersí Here, There, Everywhere.

FYI - Smiles and greetings work!



FROM LESLIE MORGAN - SEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIR

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Several members of St. John's Episcopal Church approached members of the Search Committee regarding how much they have enjoyed Fr. Glenn Miller. They spoke highly of his amiable personality, the quality of his preaching, and the ease with which he has transitioned to his interim position. As such, they suggested that we should consider stopping the Search Process for a new rector and just offer it to Fr. Glenn right now.

After speaking with Fr. Dan Marrow, the Canon for Congregational Life and Mission, who is our liaison with the diocese to help us in the search process, I also spoke to Fr. Glenn, who said he was touched and flattered by the very lovely "vote of confidence" that members have expressed about his leadership.

All that being said, Fr. Glenn cannot become our permanent rector for several reasons. As Fr. Dan and Fr. Glenn both pointed out, every interim rector signs a letter of agreement in which it is clearly stated that by virtue of being "interim," you are not a candidate for the permanent position. This is a clear rule of the diocese, and it was explained to the Search Committee and the vestry from the beginning by Fr. Dan.

Second, Fr. Glenn has pointed out that perhaps even more important than the rule is the value in the "study process" we are currently engaged in. This process in which we are engaged, including Appreciative Inquiry, the Focus Groups, and the Search Survey are important steps in understanding who we are as a parish and what we need for our new rector. As Fr. Glenn has pointed out, St. John's needs to let the self-study process work. We cannot possibly know if we have the right person for the job if we don't take the time to honor the process and gather the information.

I'm very glad the members who brought this matter to the forefront did so, as it shows a vested interest in the future of St. John's. The best thing we can do for that future is to continue faithfully in the process we have started, including completion of the survey so that we might gain the best picture possible of who we really are and what our needs as a congregation are. It is only through your cooperation and observations that we can create our compilation of who we are and what we are looking for.

In the meantime, as Fr. Glenn has said, "let's all trust in the Spirit to continue guiding us both in our mutual discernment processes." And by all means keep the questions, concerns, and suggestions coming. We want to hear from you!

Leslie Morgan
Search Committee Chair

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee launched the survey on June 10th, 2018, and is excited that folks have begun to answer the survey. If you have been putting this task off, we want to encourage you to complete the survey as soon as possible. The responses will be closed on Sunday, July 8th at midnight. It is so important that every member take the time to complete the survey. The committee hopes that you will complete it online using the URL below or the link on our website under Leaders, Rector Search. If you are not comfortable completing this online, please fill free to complete it on paper. Extra copies are available in the Parish Hall, and paper copies can be returned there.

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZZu86itjcEZgEusD3>

Look in the bulletins and the August Messenger for a date when we will share the results of this survey and the next steps in the process.

Submitted by,

Leslie Morgan, Search Committee Chair

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*



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Stephanie Morrison and Barbara Russell
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SERVING SCHEDULE – JULY, 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 press "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.

JULY 1	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitors		Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lectors	Bob Lee	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
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Gromis & Rodriguez Families	Martin Family
Nursery	--	Tracy Cliff

JULY 8	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Purdy	John Faust, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitors	Phil Becker, Alice Ogowang	--
Lectors	Bob Lee	Brad Moyer, Jeannie Zeller
Server	--	Danielle DiP ace
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Vergers	--	Ben Creighton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Peter Novosel
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Webb Cook & Gretchen Walden	Jane Lee
Nursery	--	Mary Ellen Kilp

JULY 15	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	David Dissinger, Emily Gross
Eucharistic Visitors	Stephanie McGovern	--
Lectors	Nicole Pham	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Garth Alexander
Vergers	--	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Dave Martin
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Brenton Family	Forrester Family
Nursery	--	Leslie Morgan

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

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

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

For **Altar Guild:** Contact Toni Ehrhart

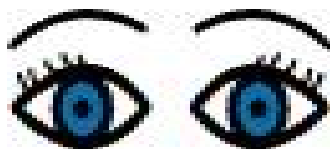
For **Ushers:** Contact Mike Gbur

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

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

JULY 22	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Nicole Pham	Brad Moyer, TBD
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lectors	Phil Purdy	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Toni Ehrhart
Vergers	--	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Morgan Family	Morgan Family
Nursery	--	Katie Mausolf

JULY 29	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Purdy	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitors	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	--
Lectors	Sue Tobie	David Dissinger, Jeannie Zeller
Server	--	Hal Williams
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Glenn Miller
Vergers	--	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B (5th Sunday)
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Toni Ehrhart	Toni Ehrhart
Nursery	--	Janelle Stone



SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST, 2018

AUGUST 5	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	John Faust, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lectors	Gretchen Walden	Danielle Di Pace, C. Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Hal Williams
Vergers	--	Ben Creighton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Waskowicz Family	TBD
Nursery	--	Jenn Hreben

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 Sunday service on August 5. All you have to do is arrive at 9:30 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.
3. Choir is an amazing opportunity to **SERVE**. 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, August 5, to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." 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 "name tag board" 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 June 26, 2018) on the financial support for our building renovations, which began in mid-June:

	Amount Received
Received toward total 114 pledges of \$781,553	\$ 698,157
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	74,754
Bequests	155,000
Total received	\$ 927,911

Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 1,011,307

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

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ST. JOHN'S VESTRY
DID NOT MEET IN JUNE.**

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 12:30 p.m. 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. Miller*



LEMONADE TIME needs VOLUNTEERS! CAN YOU HELP?

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 Fr. Miller, Doug Brown, Dave Martin and Andrew Carroll for the restoration of our columbarium to its final setting. We also thank Kathy Kyper for the new plantings behind the columbarium and the weeding throughout our campus. Through these many efforts, we are getting ever closer to the completion of our project. Remaining items include a rain downspout, banner, date stone(s), bench memorials, and more plantings, including a tree on the corner. There also remain some code compliance items that need to be addressed. We thank everyone for their assistance and patience, as we progress forward with the final portions of our project.

The work around our campus has also resulted in the need for some clean-up and reorganization. The Sunday School area and the undercroft are in desperate need of clean-up in preparation for Sunday School in the fall. As the damaged floor in the Sunday School was not part of the construction project, a Request for Proposal was issued to have the floor redone in the hallways to reduce trips and falls. This project is currently slated for July after preliminary testing is completed. Our aim is to have our children welcomed back into a very inviting space in the fall. Stay tuned. Again, we appreciate everyone's patience while we move forward.

The moving of the baptismal font was quite an undertaking! Even after finding interested contractors to review the project, none were interested in assuming the risks for the many challenges it presented. It was only through our contacting Weaver Memorials that Vickie Martin and her husband Jeff, offered to move the very large and heavy font. Its movement to the Atrium also would not have been possible without the assistance of Paul Reese, our organist, who aided with the rigging and muscle for the bowl, which was extremely heavy.

And, while we're talking about help, please check out the painting of the Chapel and the Narthex entrance at the blue doors. While Kathy Kyper took lead on both projects, she was assisted in the Chapel by Dave Martin and Paul Reese. Please check out this beautiful work and thank them when you have an opportunity!

With improved access to our auditorium, some improvements are being requested to our air conditioning system to remove air to enhance the movement of chilled water to provide the cooling we need for this space during the hot summer months. Fortunately, we have been blessed with a mild increase in temperature to still allow use of this space without the unbearable heat. We appreciate everyone's understanding while we make this transition.

Joe Way and your Property Committee have taken the initiative to improve the sound in the Church and the Atrium to enhance everyone's worship experience. Proposals have been received to replace some of the lavalieres used by our clergy during worship, while adding speakers to our Atrium to improve our sound quality. Our older lavalieres use 9-volt batteries, which have been requiring replacement of batteries after each service to get through both of our services. The new lavalieres will operate using AA batteries, which handle our power requirements more efficiently. We hope to benefit from better sound quality with this much needed upgrade.

Your Property Committee is one of the few ministries that serve to benefit the many other ministries at St. John's. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month. If interested, please consider joining us. Our next meeting will be August 7th in the Becker House. We hope you can join us!

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 **July through September 2018**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

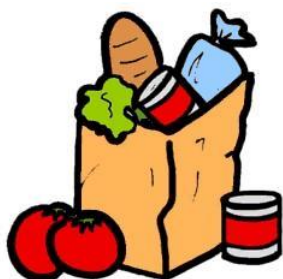
DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
July 1	Barbara Landis		
July 8			
July 15			
July 22			
July 29	Molly Moyer		
August 5			
August 12			
August 19	Sue Tobie		Sue Tobie
August 26			
September 2	Patti Means		
September 9			
September 16			
September 23			
September 30			

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

I would like to thank everyone who helped & participated with Vacation Bible School: ðExplore Norwayð at St. Thomas. We hope to continue our convocational offerings throughout the year.

We are hoping that we will be able to reschedule our rained-out parish picnic for later in the summer. Look for more information in August.

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual ðBerry Festivalð on Friday, July 6th. There will be food, music, and fun for everyone! There is no cost to attend, however, donations are greatly appreciated to benefit the J2A pilgrimage.

Looking ahead...classes will begin on Sunday, September 9th. Save the Date!!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our church school program, and have a great summer!



Karen Di Pace

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Youth Co-Directors

“Costa Rica”

Please keep our J2A youth and chaperones in prayer as they travel to Costa Rica for their pilgrimage: July 26 - August 2.

They will be blessed and "sent off" during the service on Sunday, July 22. Our chaperones are: Mother Barbara Seras, Joe & April Way, and Bruce & Mary Waskowicz.

Our youth attending are: Conor Brenton, Sean Cliff, Danielle Di Pace, Ian Dodge, Max Lester, Tierza Mendez, Kendall Morgan, Kylie Stone, and Hal & Rob Williams.

Please keep them all in your prayers!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)



Congratulations to Our High School Graduates!

Brooks Morgan is graduating from Warwick High School. He was involved in Football, Wrestling, Civics Club, and Hype Club, and he did an internship with the Lancaster Barnstormers. Brooks just earned his Eagle Scout award and works at the Barnstormers. At St. John's, Brooks is a Crucifer, Lector, LEM and part of the youth program. He was Rector for Happening this past year. Brooks plans to attend Robert Morris University in the fall. He is the son of Leslie and Bruce Morgan.

Aidan Cliff is graduating from Manheim Township High School. He was involved with International Baccalaureate Program, Golf Team, Swim Team, and National Honor Society, and was a Mini-THON leader and Class Treasurer. Aidan works at Bent Creek Cart Barn and also caddies and is a lifeguard for Lititz Rec. At St. John's, Aidan is a Torch Bearer, Server and Lector. Aidan plans to attend Penn State University in the fall, majoring in Finance. He is the son of Tracy and Joel Cliff.



Congratulations to Our College Graduates!

Molly Brenton graduated from Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland. She received a Bachelor of Art with a major in Communications and a minor in French. She graduated Cum Laude. Molly is the daughter of Richard and Nancy Brenton.

Selena Elizabeth Hasircoglu graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a master's degree in Clinical Dietetics and Nutrition. Selena is preparing to take her Registered Dietitian board exam. She will be doing some personal training and nutrition seminars this summer. She is the daughter of Chris and Betsy Hasircoglu and the granddaughter of Ken and Eleanor Watts.

Julia Daria Hasircoglu graduated from Susquehanna University with a bachelor's degree in Biology. Julia is starting a job as a medical scribe in the emergency department at Hershey Medical Hospital. She will be applying to physician assistant school. She is the daughter of Chris and Betsy Hasircoglu and the granddaughter of Ken and Eleanor Watts.

Aaron Christopher Hasircoglu graduated from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology with an associate's degree in Water & Environmental Technology. This summer Aaron is working in Acadia National Park as a crew member at Echo Lake Camp. He is the son of Chris and Betsy Hasircoglu and the grandson of Ken and Eleanor Watts.

Join The J2A For Our Annual Berry Festival On.....

"BERRY FESTIVAL!" FRIDAY, JULY 6! Bring your friends and family to the Courtyard as our J2A youth present an evening of "live" music featuring the local band "Blue Sky Falls." Feast on loads of blueberry, strawberry, and other local produce and berry-themed desserts. Starts at 7 p.m. (Rain location: Parish Hall)



Cost: Free-will offering. All proceeds benefit the 2018 youth pilgrimage to Costa Rica. Come out and enjoy the fun!!

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, JULY 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 Welcome: 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)

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.

Total grocery card sales for **June: \$6,240** with **\$312** 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

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.



Continued Prayers For

Tom Bond
Bill & Sharon Engle
Andy Mausolf
John Miller
Elena Russo
Jim Seiko
Sister Catherine Grace
Jack & Dottie Welsh
Ron Wenger

And Our Homebound

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 the church office.

*Brian Hobbins, Laurel Hobbins, Alex Kelly,
Kirby Kinderwater, Kyle Kinderwater,
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.**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Archer, The Rev. William	5
Blevins, Susan	9
Brown, Doug	12
Brown, Jean	28
Clark, Foster	29
Di Pace, Nicholas	31
Ehrhart, Toni	8
Freeman, Aidan	3
Gbur, David	14
Glazier, James	24
Gouveia, Fran	12
Hasircoglu, Selena	9
Heider, Max	22
Howell-Brogan, Meagan	6
Jackson, Sandra	19
Keller, Ellen	10
Kyper, Kathy	6
Lawrence, Nelson	26
Le, Yen	18
Moffatt, Emily	30
Myers, Irene	14
Nolan, Lorraine	5
Russell, Barbara	1
Snyder, Hallie	26
Tobie, Sue	9
Way, Campbell	2
Welaish, Andrew	22
Welaish, Mia	22
Williams, Hal	23

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Carroll, Andy & Anne	07/25/2000
Di Pace, Nick & Karen	07/15/1995
Dohren, Jim & Susan	07/15/1967
Fields, Bob & Amy	07/17/1971
Largent, Karen & Todd	07/02/2006
Lovett, Don & Ann	07/25/1953
Morgan, Bruce & Leslie	07/04/1998
Novosel, Peter & Shore, Linda	07/15/2006



Please Note:

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

