



St. John's Messenger

August, 2018

from The Rev. Glenn D. Miller, Interim Rector
gmiller@stjohns-lancaster.org

Dear Friends,

Each day, I receive an email "daily devotion" that I have come to treasure. Like anything of this nature, some days offerings are better than others. Some days speak to me more than others. Last week, I received the following:

"I ask all of you, dear brothers and sisters, to view these things that are happening in our historical moment with a spirit of hope, generosity, and sacrifice. And let us do what we can. We can all do something and be more understanding. If we illuminate with Christian hope our intense longings for justice and peace and all that is good, then we can be sure that no one dies forever. If we have imbued our work with a sense of great faith, love of God, and hope for humanity, then all our endeavors will lead to the splendid crown that is the sure reward for the work of sowing truth, justice, love, and goodness on earth. Our work does not remain here; it is gathered and purified by the Spirit of God and returned to us as a reward." Óscar Romero, from "The Scandal of Redemption"

This was one that struck me powerfully. I almost think that I don't really need to explain why it struck me. To say that these have been "difficult times" feels like a vast understatement. On the Sunday recently that I spoke on just one of the many troubling issues we are confronted with daily – the separation of children from their parents at the southern border – many worshippers spoke to me afterward, expressing not just their support for my words, but pouring out their heartbreak and daily anxiety and even sleepless nights as they struggle over the things happening in our time, and perhaps most especially, *what are we to do about it.*

I have thought almost as much about our common pain and anxiety over these things as I have the things themselves. And then, this gift from the late Bishop Oscar Romero was delivered to me. View it all "with a spirit of hope, generosity and sacrifice." Yes, we should be concerned. Even outraged at some things. And yes, we should, we *must* "do what we can" – for we can all do something. But Romero reminds us that our concerns, our passions, must not lead people of faith to despair. For despair is the absence of faith.

I know I needed to hear this in these troubled times. I suspect that you might need this word of hope too.

Blessings to you in these lovely, warm summer days.

Fondly,

Fr. Glenn

THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

Living into the Vision of General Convention 2018

The 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church is now over. Thousands of deputies, bishops, exhibitors, technical, A/V and support staff, visitors and news media pack up and head home to the 17 sovereign countries that make up the Episcopal Church: Taiwan and Micronesia, Honduras, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Churches in Europe: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and the United States.

While in session, General Convention (GC) set forth The Episcopal Church's Vision for the Triennium (the next three years) and perhaps even further into the foreseeable future. Hundreds of resolutions (about 400 this Convention) covering a spectrum of social, canonical, worship, faith and ministry topics were debated and decided over the course of only 10 days.

As General Convention comes to a close, the real work of the Church begins and continues on in our Parishes, Missions, Dioceses and Provinces. For while General Convention set the vision of The Episcopal Church (TEC), it is the mission we engage and the discussions we pursue here at St. John's and in parishes across the Church that bears the fruit of mission, the spirit of worship and the breath of inclusion. Our actions and experiences in these next three years set the stage for General Convention 2021...which will be held at the Convention Center in Baltimore, MD!

It is impossible here to provide more than a glimpse of what GC addressed while in session. In the months and years to come, take time to get acquainted with these resolutions and to live into them. A synopsis of just a few of the Resolutions passed by General Convention is printed elsewhere in the Messenger. And other resources abound in periodicals and on the internet.

An amazing resource is the [Virtual Binder at www.vbinder.net/menu](http://www.vbinder.net/menu). This website provides the Legislative Process, the Resolutions categorized by Committee and by 72 topic categories, and provides Committee Reports, Canons, and the 2019-2021 budget.

In addition, the GC deputies representing our diocese are available throughout the next several years to speak to groups and parishes and give a fuller, deeper understanding of the work of General Convention.

One last note. General Convention was not just about those long legislative sessions each day. The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) convened the ECW Triennial in conjunction with General Convention, including the Distinguished Woman Ceremony that recognizes a woman of distinguished ministry in each diocese.

Other major events included: an old-time Revival with PB Michael Curry preaching (click [here](#) for video or [here](#) for text), a Listening Liturgy to hear the stories of sexual harassment in the Church to seek justice and reconciliation, the Opening and Closing Eucharists which drew thousands, a Prayer Service outside T. Don Hutto Detention Center in Taylor, and a Texas Barbecue. These Holy Eucharists and events can be seen at <https://eventmobi.com/79gc>

I pray each and all of us will give time to study, reflect and give life to these great milestones in the life of our Episcopal Church.

Blessings, *Barbara+*

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

FAQs

General Convention (GC), the highest governing body of The Episcopal Church (TEC) is bicameral: The House of Bishops (all Church's Bishops— active and retired) and House of Deputies (elected lay and ordained deputies from each diocese.)

Diocese of Central PA Deputies are available to speak/report to our parishes, groups and organizations:

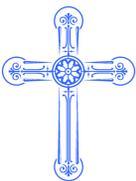
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan;

Clergy Deputies: The Rev. Canon Dan Morrow (Chair), The Rev. Canon Stephen Casey, The Rev. Canon Kate Harrigan, The Rev. Nelson Baliira and The Rev. Regina Bautista (Clergy Alternate)

Lay Deputies: Ms. Bonnie Chambers, Mr. Chuck Banks, Br. David Rutledge, Ms. Amy Swiernik and Ms. Cathy Rippeon (Lay Alternate)



PARISH RESIGTER



Deaths

Dorothy òCorkyö Hartman
October 12, 1922 - July 17, 2018

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

AUGUST, 2018

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

“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow mindedness,
and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts.

Broad, wholesome, charitable views of people and things cannot be acquired by
vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one’s lifetime.” Mark Twain

Global Partnership Challenge for August 5th

“The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.” Saint Augustine

OUR youth have gone on an adventure to Costa Rica; make a point to ask each one
to share with you an important event or something they learned.

A gift to them, a gift to each of us.

Global Partnership Challenge for August 12th

“However many holy words you read, however many you speak,
what good will they do you if you do not act upon them?” Buddha

Hmmí a can of food, a pair of shoes, a kind “hello,” a smile,
could be most healing and caring to our brothers and sisters.

Global Partnership Challenge for August 19th

“Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.” Thomas Merton

If you haven’t been to Long’s Park for the Sunday evening concerts,
you still have a chance to enjoy the art of music while surrounded

by God’s children of varied ages and ethnic diversity, no concerns of politics or economics.

Simply an appreciation of God’s gift of the beautiful outdoors, art-filled music
and smiles among ALL God’s children.

Global Partnership Challenge for August 26th

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world;

indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

Hmmí How can I help save the world?

Refuse straws, take reusable bags to the grocery store, stop buying bottled water
and get a thermos, recycle - magazines, newspapers, styrofoam, cardboardí .

WE are the responsible stewards of God’s gift to us, the earthí .

Here, There, Everywhere



CHURCH picnic

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26
5:00 PM - LONG'S PARK**

Be sure to join us on Sunday, August 26, at 5:00 p.m. for our once again rescheduled annual Parish Picnic. We will be meeting at Long's 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 sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall or click on the link below. Please contact Karen Di Pace if you have any questions: dipace5@verizon.net

At 7:30 p.m., 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.

"Hope to see you there!"

[St. John's Parish Picnic](#)



THE EPISCOPAL HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday
August 5, 2018

Bishop Scanlan has requested that congregations dedicate Sunday, August 5, for a special emphasis on the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Home in Shippensburg, PA. Our prayers of the people that day will be focused on this ministry, and there will be opportunity for every member to write an uplifting greeting or prayer which will be mailed to the Episcopal Home for the residents to receive. Fr. Glenn will also host a discussion on aging issues in the Auditorium during coffee hour. We hope that you will participate in this ministry on Sunday, August 5, 2018 (note: in November, as always, we will receive a special offering to support this ministry).

"For the body is not one member, but many." - Corinthians 12:14

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

We want to give the congregation a big "Thank You!" We received 141 responses from our survey that provided us with excellent information to use for calling our next Rector at St. John's.

We are meeting with Father Dan Morrow from the Diocese to help us plan the next steps of posting our opening in September and gathering résumés from interested candidates.

After we finish reviewing all of the data and preparing our Parish Profile, we will share the findings with the congregation in the form of a Parish Mini-Meeting.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Leslie Morgan, Search Committee Chair



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Fran and John Gouveia
1703 Marietta Avenue, Apt. 1C
Lancaster, PA 17603

STEWARDSHIP

Cottage Gatherings

Hosted by the Stewardship Committee

You are invited to attend any of the three (3) Cottage Gatherings leading up to our Fall Pledge Drive at St. John's. Please come enjoy fellowship and stewardship stories. Food and drink will be served. Please let the Host know if you plan to attend.

SEPTEMBER 30 (Saturday)

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Home of Debbie Carter

25 East Grant Street, Suite 202

Lancaster, PA

Call: 717-299-1530

E-Mail: dpcarterpa@verizon.net

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OCTOBER 6 (Saturday)

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Home of Pam & Ted Loose

23 Iron Horse Drive

Lititz, PA

Call: 717-626-1006

E-Mail: ptloose@ptd.net

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OCTOBER 7 (Sunday)

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

St. John's Parish Hall

(Nursery Care Provided)

Host: Leslie Morgan

Call: 717-627-0065

E-Mail: LeslieTMorgan@gmail.com

SERVING SCHEDULE – AUGUST, 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.

AUGUST 5	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Purdy	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	Lynn Hayford, Lorraine Nolan
Nursery	--	Jenn Hreben

AUGUST 12	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Nicole Pham	David Dissinger, Emily Gross
Eucharistic Visitors	Phil Becker, Alice Ogwang	--
Lectors	Barbara Landis	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	--	Kylie Stone
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Rob Williams
Vergers	--	Ben Creighton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Sue Martin
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Huber Family	Sue Heilman
Nursery	--	Jen Gustafson

AUGUST 19	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Purdy	Brad Moyer, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitors	Stephanie McGovern	--
Lectors	Bob Lee	Fran Gouveia, Bob Kilp
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan
Vergers	--	Ben Creighton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Ted Loose
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Loose Family	Loose Family
Nursery	--	Mary Waskowicz

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.

AUGUST 26	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	Danielle Di Pace, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitors	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lectors	Sue Tobie	Brad Moyer, TBD
Server	--	Hal Williams
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Danielle Di Pace
Vergers	--	Ben Creighton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee / Lemonade Time	Zuke Family	Zuke Family
Nursery	--	Mia Welaish

SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER, 2018

SEPTEMBER 2	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Nicole Pham	John Faust, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lectors	Phil Purdy	Danielle Di Pace, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	Rob Williams
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Vergers	--	Ben Creighton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Coffee / Lemonade Time	TBD	TBD
Nursery	--	Phyllis Gbur



Deadline Dates!

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:
WEDNESDAYS**

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Here's a quick update (as of July 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	\$ 699,417
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	75,754
Bequests	155,000
Total received	\$ 930,171

Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 1,012,307

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 63 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



The **VOYAGERS** are happy to announce they will return to shore on September 22 and have a full slate of programs for the 2018-19 season ahead. Voyagers is a group of "over 55" parishioners and their friends which meets the fourth Saturday of each month from September through May (excluding December) from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m.

Over the years, a variety of programs of interest has been presented by former clergy and by current parishioners and community leaders on various topics. Each month's program is announced in the "Messenger" and in weekly bulletins. The get-togethers are open to all - Boomers, Gen Xers, and Millennials included - and all will be warmly welcomed.

Come sail with us! On September 22, our Associate Priest, The Rev. Dr. Barbara Seras, will present "What I Did This Summer," telling us about her trips to Ireland and with the pilgrims to Costa Rica. We're sure to have an interesting and fun-filled time. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

PROPERTY CORNER

Just because the Property Committee didn't meet in July doesn't mean that nothing is happening!

Please take the opportunity to look at our gardens and pot planters throughout our campus. A whole team of people has been involved with getting our campus looking beautiful! Kathy Kyper has taken the lead on our garden plantings and has been assisted by Pam Loose and Jon Forrester. Our entranceway planters have been enhanced by Carolyn Maxey and her friend Kate. Please take some time to extend your appreciation to these individuals who have worked so hard to beautify our campus.

And, while we're giving thanks, Kathy Kyper and Andy Carroll cleaned out some of the undercroft and Sunday School rooms to rid us of some construction debris and other items that were taking up our much needed space that we need for the start of Sunday School this year. This effort, along with the new flooring planned for installation, should make for a wonderful Sunday School area.

Some of the latest construction-related additions to our campus include two banners, one by our Atrium entrance and the other located off of Mulberry Street. The other addition has been the speaker system to the Atrium. Now, there is no more missing the announcements or the service while you are in the Atrium. We thank Joe Way for his assistance in both these needed improvements to our campus!

We appreciate everyone's understanding as we work through some air conditioning issues. First, a radiator was switched to the two-pipe system of our Parish House, which resulted in condensation forming and draining onto the floor by our main level restrooms. Second, the motor to the Church's chiller pump burned out on Sunday July 17th, resulting in warm services later that morning. We are pleased to report both of these situations have been resolved.

Speaking of resolution, your construction committee is getting ever-closer to finishing our project. We are slowly working through some final items with the architect, builder and code compliance to get resolution. In addition, there remain other items to be taken care of in-house. If interested in taking on some projects, please contact Bill Gross at the Church Office.

Your Property Committee is one of the few ministries that serve to support 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,

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

FROM PARISHIONER, PETER J. PLAXA

To My St. John's Family,

I have been a homebound parishioner for the last 10 years. Several weeks ago, I had the pleasure of attending the Wednesday Healing Service.

My goodness gracious!! The convenience of the parking lot, the wide ramp, the Courtyard is gorgeous and looks eternally peaceful. The access doors and enormous elevator is impressive and highly functional to say the least.

As I entered the breezeway, I couldn't believe what I was seeing! My mouth opened and stared in blissful amazement! Whoever had the idea of moving the baptismal font into the breezeway with the skylight directly above, needs to be inducted into the St. John's Hall of Fame.

The new wide door and the view of the church is just breathtaking. I couldn't believe how the new and the old blended so perfectly. Our St. John's has never looked so beautiful or more inviting.

It was so rewarding to feel the joy and power of the healing service again. I just had to share how magnificent it felt to be able to go back to my beloved St. John's. I am still smiling ear to ear as I am writing this to you all.

To the architects, construction crew, and to all St. John's parishioners--a job well done! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Peter J. Plaxa

HELP US SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

No Experience Needed!

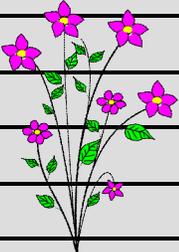
We are happy to report that our new web streaming camera is up and running! We are looking for members who would be interested in helping with the web streaming of our church services for all to see. ***No experience required.*** The time commitment is small and is whatever you can offer. Joe Way, a 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*

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

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
August 5			
August 12			
August 19	Sue Tobie	Jeannie Zeller	Sue Tobie
August 26	Stephanie McGovern		
September 2	Patti Means	Ray & Paula Y. Wolf	
September 9	Ray Wolf		
September 16	Molly Moyer	Steve & Karen Latshaw	
September 23	Molly Moyer		
September 30			
October 7	Patti Means		
October 14			
October 21			
October 28	Libby Balbani		

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!"

“CHURCH SCHOOL KICK-OFF!”

September 9, 2018

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM



PRINT: Name *(Last)* _____ *(First)* _____

Address _____

City _____, PA Zip _____

Parent/Guardian #1: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Parent/Guardian #2: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Gender _____ Grade Level *(entering)* _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Any special medical or dietary needs _____

In the case of an emergency, I authorize any medical care deemed necessary by an accredited physician, nurse, paramedic, or hospital while my child is involved in this church activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Health Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Do you give permission for your child's picture to be taken? YES NO

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen Di Pace, Sunday School Director

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far! We have rescheduled our Parish Picnic for Sunday, August 26th, at 5:00 p.m. at Longø Park. Please see picnic details in this newsletter or weekly Sunday bulletins. Sign-up will be in the Parish Hall and online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49afa722a64-stjohns>.

We will be kicking off our Church School year on Sunday, September 9th. Please plan to arrive by 9:00 a.m. and meet in the Parish Hall. Teachers will escort the children to their classrooms for the new school year. Please complete a registration form for your child. We will also be having an ice cream social after the 10:15 a.m. service to celebrate the new school year. We hope everyone is able to stay and join us!

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

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported our Very Berry Festival. A great time was had and good food was shared.

As you are reading this newsletter our Journey To Adulthood group will be experiencing their Pilgrimage in Costa Rica (July 26 to August 7). Please keep, Sean Cliff, Danielle Di Pace, Conor Brenton, Ian Dodge, Max Lester, Tierza Mendez, Kendal Morgan, Rob Williams, Hal Williams, and Kylie Stone, along with their chaperones, April & Joe Way, Mary & Bruce Waskowicz & Barbara Seras. Please mark your calendars for September 30; the group will be sharing about their pilgrimage at both services.

Mark your calendars for a fun filled weekend with youth from across the diocese August 17 ó 19. Watch the bulletin for more details.

All youth join us on September 9, for our first day of classes starting at 9:00AM. Join us after the 10:15 a.m. service for an ice cream social.

Here is the J2A pilgrimage itinerary, for those of you who would like to follow along with the pilgrims:

Day 1 ó On the Journey (Thursday, July 26) Welcome to Costa Rica, one of the most awe-inspiring destinations in Central America! Our journey toward the heart of God takes us from the city to the coast, through the jungle, and back again; it will be a week of challenge, discovery, hard work, laughter, and beauty. After landing in San Jose we set our sights on the coastal town of Jaco. This small town is our home away from home for the next several days. As we settle in and meet our hosts, may our hearts and minds be open to the wonder and learning this adventure will bring.

Day 2 ó Faith and Action (Friday, July 27) The day begins in the surf town of Jaco. This beautiful town is known for its amazing waves and laid-back attitude. But even though Costa Rica is the most developed and prosperous of the Central America nations, many challenges still exist. As we immerse ourselves in the culture today, we spend some time helping the local church with a work project and a Surf Camp for the local

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

kids. As we engage in these activities during the day, we are challenged to think about what it means for our faith and our actions to be in line with one another. In the evening, we begin a daily ritual of spending time in discussion and personal reflection as we look back on the day.

Day 3 ó Be Strong and Courageous (Saturday, July 28) Sometimes doing new things can be difficult and intimidating, and today's adventures may be new experiences for many of us. A mountain hike in the rainforest will be a challenge for some, while hosting an outreach for children in a local park may be the greater challenge for others. In our lives of faith we face the same types of challenges. Trust, perseverance, and obedience are often the best ways to embrace new and unknown challenges.

Day 4 ó On the Sabbath Day - Rest & Recreation (Sunday, July 29) It is the Lord's day today, so we begin with the unique opportunity to worship in a local church with Christian brothers and sisters from all over the world. The afternoon affords us the opportunity to enjoy the beach that Jaco is famous for. Whether the recreation is swimming, surfing, or just lying on the beach, it is certain to be a time of rest and rejuvenation.

Day 5 ó A Journey Of Awe & Wonder (Monday, July 30) Today brings a change of scenery and a change of location. The journey leads us away from the sunny coast toward the northwest and the Monteverde Cloud Forest. Our drive will take us through lush natural beauty: cloudy mountain passes, dense jungles and alligator-infested waters. Each new vista brings with it the opportunity to be filled with childlike wonder and appreciation for God's creation. The afternoon brings new adventures: ziplining and hiking in the Monteverde Nature Preserve. When evening comes, what stories will be shared about the experiences we had today?

Day 6 ó Breathtaking Adventure (Tuesday, July 31) The journey thus far has allowed us to see Costa Rica from many different perspectives - from the sunny beaches in a small town, to the trails of a nature preserve, and the amazing heights of a zipline in the cloud forest. The view today is from the Tenorio River where a whitewater rafting adventure awaits. These thrills and the views are sure to take your breath away.

Day 7 ó To Celebrate and To Share (Wednesday, August 1) The adventure in Costa Rica is winding down. After some final exploration time around Monteverde, the journey leads back to where it began, the town of Alajuela on the outskirts of San Jose. A hearty meal, a time of celebration, and a sharing of stories, memories, and prayers await you this evening as the transition toward home begins.

Day 8 ó Always on the Journey (Thursday, August 2) As we depart this lovely country, we take the lessons of this adventure with God along with us. The challenges, the discoveries, the friendships, the work, the beauty will all be a part of who we are. May the things we learned about ourselves, about one another, and about God be an everlasting part of this journey that is life.

Contact for families: Please contact St John's if you need to get in touch with your family member. They can contact the Wonder Voyage office in case of an emergency. Please speak to Joseph Way if you have any other questions about contacting your family member during the trip.

More details:

Oceans Edge: This team house in Jaco is owned by Ocean's Edge ministries. It is a beautiful place to call home.

Monte Los Lirios Lodge - Monteverde: The views from this family-run hotel are breathtaking. It is a place of tranquility for your time in the Monteverde region.

Hotel Aeropuerto - Alajuela: This beautiful hotel puts us close to the airport and still affords us wonderful Costa Rican hospitality.

Brent Richardson: Brent started his journey with Wonder Voyage while serving as a youth minister. He now leads summer trips while working full time in the corporate world. He and his wife, Jamie, have been married 10+ years, and they have three young children. Brent and his family have a passion for ministering to their neighbors through a family church in their home.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, AUGUST 18**

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 are always welcome! For those who volunteer regularly, please don't forget to let Dave or Sue Martin know if you can't help so they can reach out to those listed as substitute helpers. Thanks!

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)

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



EAGLE'S NEST

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

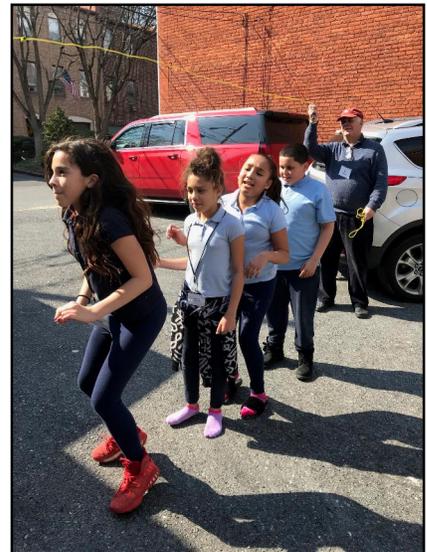
In October, our Eagle's Nest program will begin its 17th year of operation as an after-school program for select 4th and 5th grade students from Robert Fulton Elementary School. The program is offered every Wednesday after school from October through April.

The success of this wonderful enrichment program relies on the relationships formed between the students and the volunteers across activities that include academic support, games, crafts, team building activities, social skill development, cooking and meal preparation and a shared meal in a family style setting. Community field trips are also planned each month on the early dismissal day.

This Jubilee program continues to need volunteers to support these terrific neighborhood students. We would love to have you join us with whatever time or talents you may have to offer.

If interested, please contact me at jgordon125@comcast.net

Jean Gordon
Director of Eagle's Nest Program



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

We as a small committee yearn to interact more with others in our awesome congregation so this coming school year we are changing things up a bit. We remain committed to working with Roger and Dorothy and the work of Rafiki Africa in Alendu, Kenya, and are happy that St. John's continues to provide office space for them on the 3rd floor of the Becker House. We hope that all of us who shop at Central Market continue to patronize their food stand.

In addition to this, we are hoping to provide multiple opportunities to learn about countries and cultures different from ours in the fall and winter months. We are partnering with the J2A Youth who went to Costa Rica so that we can learn more about that country and other parts of Latin America thru song, food, art and fun facts during the Autumn months. This might include a Global Arts Display on the First Friday in November, to which we would invite local refugee families (along with members and friends of St. John's) to submit art or poems or photos or bring music/dance alive that night. Do dream with us as we begin to plan how to share more deeply in the other cultures around us in Lancaster.

It is an exciting time, as always, to be planning ahead for enriching activities at St. John's. Join us anytime at our monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. or speak with a member of the committee: Sue Heilman, Roy Keeler, Brad Zuke, Barbara Landis, Ken Brown, or Kim Bomberger.

Peace!

Sue Heilman



A.L.E.R.T.

Needed Personal Items for the Refugee Family

Periodically, churches from ALERT donate personal items which are not available through the food stamp program to the refugee family. It is St. John's turn during the month of August. A basket will be placed within the atrium for donated items on Sunday August 12 and 19. Mariam, the working mother, has 6 children, from diapers to late teenagers. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. Following, is a list of needed items.

Baby Wipes	Shampoo
Diapers, Size 4	Hair Conditioner
Body Lotion	Toothpaste
Deodorant	Women's Sanitary Pads (<i>no tampons please</i>)
Tissues	Paper Towels
Dish Soap	Paper Napkins
Laundry Detergent	

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Convention Resolutions At A Glance

Resolution A068 ó Plan for the revision of the Book of Common Prayer: The detailed resolution (17 öresolvesö) called for the creation of the Task Force on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision (TFLPBR), consisting of 10 laity, 10 priests/deacons and 10 bishops who will insure ... öthe revision will continue in faithful adherence to the historic rites of the Church Universal,ö will ömemorialize the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as a Prayer Book of the church preserving the psalter, liturgies, The Lambeth Quadrilateral, Historic Documents, and Trinitarian Formularies ensuring its continued useö... öwill continue to engage the deep Baptismal and Eucharistic theology and practice of the 1979 Prayer Bookö...öand will report back to the 80th General Convention [in 2021]í ö

A028 Salary for the President of the House of Deputies -

Recognizing öcontinuing evolution of The Episcopal Church and the increased demands on the time and energy of the President of the House of Deputies,ö ... and öthere exists a great barrier in identifying and recruiting qualified candidates for President of the House of Deputies because of the lack of compensation for this position, which forecloses other full-time employment;ö ... ö authorize and direct its Executive Council to fix a salary for the President of the House of Deputies as an officer and agent of the Council and as an agent of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society [DFMS].ö

A066 Add Thurgood Marshall, Pauli Murray, and Florence Li Tim-Oi to Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2018, and C027 The Celebration of the life and work of Dorothy Day, Christian Activist adds Dorothy Day, Christian activist, to Lesser Feasts and Fasts, recognizing her ministry among the poor.

A178 Halt the Intensification and Implementation of Immigration Policies and Practices that are Harmful to Migrant Women, Parents and Children -

In this lengthy resolution, we ö...acknowledge specific vulnerabilities and needs of immigrant women, parents and children in the current immigration crisis, both in the United States and globally;ö... öacknowledge that the U.S. government's intensification of and implementation of

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punitive immigration policies and practices, such as the detention and separation of children from parents and the practice of housing children in military bases, is inhumane and unjust,ö... öThat The Episcopal Church decry and call for a halt to the implementation and intensification of inhumane and unjust immigration policies and practices such as detaining and separating children from parents; ignoring the reproductive health needs of women and girls in detention centers and converting military bases to immigration detention centers for children,ö and ödirect the Office of Government Relations and urge all Episcopalians to advocate for our governments to address the specific needs of women and children migrants and others with special vulnerabilities...ö and ...öurge Episcopalians and Episcopal Church-related agencies and organizations to support ministries in states that provide vulnerable migrants with basic needs, legal support, and advocacy.ö

B005 Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue -

Recognizing “gun violence in the United States as a public health crisis that requires federal government study to mitigate...calls upon the Congress of the United States to repeal the Dickey Amendment and oppose similar efforts that seek to limit the scope of federally funded agencies to do research and share statistics related to gun violence, sales and distribution of untraceable guns, and unlicensed gun sales, and... the Office of Government Relations, members of the Episcopal Public Policy Network and individual Episcopalians be encouraged to advocate for funding and other policy measures that would encourage...the Centers for Disease Control and any other appropriate federal government entities to study thoroughly gun violence in the United States and its impact on public health.ö

B021 Support Aid to Palestinian Refugees -

“*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention strongly call upon the United States Government to maintain its historic commitment to alleviating the poverty of Palestinians and restore its full planned 2018 funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)...ö

C009 Becoming A Sanctuary Church -

öí in obedience to the many biblical injunctions imploring us not to wrong or oppress the alien in our midst and Jesus' own mandate to extend care for the stranger, and in accordance with our Baptismal Covenant, reaffirms resolution 2015-D057 supporting the New Sanctuary Movement;ö and öurge its members, as people of faith and people of conscience, pledge to challenge and question any unjust immigration law, policy, or practice that is inconsistent with our biblical mandate to ñnot wrong or oppress a resident alienø(Exodus 22:21)...ö

C033 Respecting the Dignity of Immigrants -

öConvention of The Episcopal Church reject and deplore racist and unjust treatment of immigrants of any residential status...ö and öreaffirm GC2009-B006 which advocates for comprehensive immigration reformö and ödirect the Episcopal Office of Government Relations to advocate on this Churchø behalfö and ... ösupport the passing of federal legislation that presents a pathway to citizenship for undocumented youth and young adults known as DREAMers...ö

A086 Authorize Rites to Bless Relationships -

öThe Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenantö í öauthorized for use by the 78th General Convention, to be added to the öEnriching Our Worshipö series, for use in jurisdictions

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of the Episcopal Church in which 1) the couple desiring marriage are of the same sex; and 2) the civil jurisdiction in which the marriage would occur does not allow marriage of same-sex persons; and it shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to officiate, specific Canons cited shall be satisfied and in dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority holds a theological position that does not embrace the blessing of the relationship of same-sex couples, shall invite, as necessary, another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, and further this Church continue to honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality, and that no bishop, priest, deacon or lay person shall be coerced or penalized in any manner as a result of his or her conscientious objection to or support for this rite...

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The full text of all resolutions considered can be seen on Virtual Binder at www.vbinder.net/menu. Resolutions are numbered and classified by their origin: A Resolutions submitted by Interim Bodies or by Legislative Committees during the General Convention. B Resolutions are submitted by Bishops. C Resolutions are submitted by Provinces or Dioceses. D Resolutions are submitted by Deputies.



“Take a Peek!”

*Our Chapel has been painted
and the St. John's original
front entrance at the Narthex
on West Chestnut Street
was restored with thanks to
Kathy Kyper and Paul Reese.*



HEALING
SERVICE



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Manheim
Cordially invites you to

A Healing Service with Anointing and Laying of Hands

On

Saturday August 4, 2018 at 4 pm

*If you are going through health crisis,
Let us pray together for healing
If you are in remission,
Let us pray together and offer thanks
If you are in good health,
Let us praise God for His sustaining Grace*

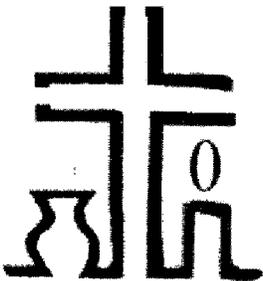
**Priests from Lancaster Area Episcopal Churches will participate
in Laying of Hands and Anointing
This sixty minutes service includes Holy Eucharist
(Reception to follow)**

**Liturgist: The Rev. Father John Emmert
Preaching: The Rev. Mother Jennifer Mattson
Anointing: The Rev. Canon Peter Greenfield
The Rev. Mother Barbara Seras
Divine Liturgy: The Rev. Father Sud Tiwari
The Venerable Jane Miron, Deacon
Soloist: Ms Kelly Emmert**

Come; let us celebrate Christ in our life!

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Manheim
90 South Charlotte Street
Manheim, Pa. 17545-1802
717-665-6584**

***The Healing Mass is offered for Alzheimer's Patients
and for their caregivers.***



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

Ruth Hunn
Vonda Kirchner
Michael Lee
Andy Mausolf
Ron Wenger
Bonnie
Juan

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.**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Becker, Phil	26
Bentley, Darlene	27
Breitegan, David	25
Breitegan, Phyllis	18
Cliff, Aidan	3
Collier, Rich	7
Cummins, Frank	19
DeLeo, Justice	2
DeLeo, Liberty	11
Durand, Don	28
Durand, Liz	30
Gbur, Mike	14
Gobel, Michael	26
Gordon, Sarah	1
Gustafson, Iylan	10
Houston, Nancy	2
Hreben, Rachel	21
Kane, Edith	23
Kauffman, Kim	3
Largent, Karen	22
Lester, Matt	21
Lester, Miriam	29
Loose, Pam	9
McCormick, Patty	7
McGovern, Stephanie	31
Mendez, Elijah	26
Miller, Helen	12
Mone, Chris	13
Morgan, Bruce	4
Morgan, Kendall	4
Morris, Cindy	11
Morrison, Stephanie	23
Nemith, Nancy	26
Pfeiffer, Darleen	24
Qualls, Sherry	31
Rahe, Derek	15
Sherman, Heather	12
Smith, Ashley	27
Smith, Stella	30
Sweeney, Joanna	9
Walsh, Alan	23
Wendler, Emma	6



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dorgan, Paul & Drew	08/18/1984
Hasircoglu, Chris & Betsy	08/18/1990
Morris, Cindy & John	08/24/1974
Rahe, Charlie & Joan	08/24/1963
Tobie, Sue & Alan	08/21/2010
Walsh, Alan & Marjie	08/22/1992
Watts, Ken & Eleanor	08/26/1967
Young, Malcom & Ginny	08/21/1965



Please Note:

*Birthdays and
Anniversaries
will be celebrated
in church on the*

*1st Sunday
of each month!*