



St. John's Messenger

October, 2018

from The Rev. Glenn D. Miller, Interim Rector
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I was a stranger and you welcomed me!

Dear Friends,

One of the things many churches struggle with is being "welcoming." That sounds counterintuitive in a way, since we know that, on some level at least, what the Church of Jesus Christ stands for most is welcoming *all*. But of course, as is often the case in life, going from "concept" to "practice" can be tricky. In many parishes I've served, folks have sometimes had a difficult time knowing how best to be welcoming to the stranger in our midst.

In my time at St. John's, I have found us to be a very welcoming place! Our greeters and ushers go out of their way to be welcoming, as do many individuals in the pews. Over the months I've been with you, I've had several occasions to have friends and family visit, and I have asked them afterwards, "Did you feel properly welcomed?"

The answers I've gotten have been enlightening, and I wanted to share what I've learned with you. Here's the good news: YES, St. John's *is* a welcoming congregation. Few if any visitors could show up and not be intentionally welcomed by members. This is good!

But what I've also heard is that at times, the "welcome" has unintentionally crossed a line that isn't necessarily helpful. Asking "are you visiting us today" is a great and appropriate question, best followed up with "Well, welcome! We are glad you're here. Let me know if I can be helpful."

But questioning beyond this may no longer feel welcoming to the visitor. "What brings you here? Are you an Episcopalian? Where do you live? Are you a member of a church? Do you have a family?" Questions like these and others may feel like we are just making conversation. But the experience for the visitor is likely to feel intrusive and thus counterproductive to what we are striving for in "welcoming the stranger."

Let me say two things in summary. First, I'd much rather that we had this problem than to have the problem of not speaking to visitors at all! And second, I know that these efforts are born out of nothing but the best of intentions. But because I know that St. John's wants to be a truly welcoming place, it's worth stepping back a bit and pondering just what being properly welcoming looks like.

My final advice is simple: If YOU were visiting a place, what would make YOU feel comfortable and welcomed, and *what would not*? If we all take that approach, I think we will more easily and naturally find the right words to say to new people in our midst. Thank you all for caring about these things so deeply! Thank you for being a welcoming community of Christ!

Fr. Glenn+

THE REV. DR. BARBARA J. SERAS

Just a few thoughtsí

I heard once that even the greatest saint cannot pray the Lord's Prayer without at least one wandering thought. Some thing at some moment captures the intellect and, if only for a brief interlude, spirits attention and focus away. More than a few preachers recognize that in the best sermons there are built-in, brief intervals of time when the listener gets lost in personal thoughts. In the best sense, a passage of scripture or a well-developed story or quotation preached will shake loose an old thought or memory buried deep in the soul.

Over the years, some of my most significant and beneficial decisions and discoveries have come during Liturgy. At times, celebrating Eucharist, I am not sure how I got from one part of the Eucharistic Prayer to the next. My colleagues, at least a few of them, have voiced a similar experience, described as best as anyone can, of being on "automatic pilot."

I've come to accept these experiences in Liturgy as the Spirit's stirring and nudging that gives to each of us a new or renewed perspective. I have come to trust these moments.

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Sunday mornings, standing at the altar and looking out to all in the choir and congregation is a unique moment. We connect with one another after a long week as we greet one another: "The Lord be with you. ó And also with you."

What does each of us bring this day to the Table? What decisions, hopes, cares, disappointments, concerns? God receives them.

For we continue: "Lift up your hearts ó We lift them up unto the Lord." Now as One, we connect with Christ. Most Sundays, looking up, there over us all is the "Mary Window" retelling the story of our salvation: of Jesus, God, born among us, becoming one of us, opening the way to life abundant and free. It is what brings us here.

It is this mental image that I will carry with me. "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!ö Now we enter more deeply into the mystery of the Eucharist.

And soon we come to the Table to do the most important activity each one of us will do the entire week: receive Christ. "Christ is present among us. Come as you are ó become what you receive. God's holy gifts for Christ's Holy People."

Perhaps some will say I make far too much out of this but I think not. From the earliest times, the Church Fathers (and Mothers) have called the Sacrament the "medicine of immortality."ö Said less eloquently: it is the sacred stuff that keeps us going through the weeks of our lives.

And what we do at the Table at Liturgy extends to all we do in all places, in all things and at every table: In the Parish Hall at coffee hour or at a meal. At Vestry meeting or Tuesday knitting or the Advent Event. Meeting in Becker House, around the coffee table downstairs or in the library. Lunch or counting the Sunday offering at the kitchen table.

Wherever we gather around the table, Christ is most assuredly with us. And while some things may change and people may come and go, this Truth remains...

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

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My time and ministry at St. John's is soon ending. In these three plus years, it has been my joy and my greatest gift to gather with you at table, to welcome Christ into our midst, and to be about the prayer and ministry and business of this parish.

I thank you. I thank God. And I bid you Godspeed as you continue to welcome those God calls to this amazing place and people called St. John's Church, Lancaster.

Christ be with us and stand between us until we come together again.

Barbara



VOYAGERS



The monthly *VOYAGERS* meeting on Saturday, October 27, will feature our Interim Rector, The Rev. Glenn D. Miller, speaking on "Lutheran/Episcopal relations from your current Lutheran Priest." We expect an exceptionally interesting and informative talk, up close and personal. All ages are invited to join us in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m. for an informal get-together for fellowship, food, and friend-making. We'll be looking for you!

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

OCTOBER, 2018

I Am, WE Are, ONE World - Here, There, Everywhere
October brings thoughts of *õwhoõ* we will be for Halloween.
Let us ALL, costume or not, be caring, kind, loving, accepting
in this month and as we move ahead, everyday.

Global Partnership Challenge for October 7th
*õTrue wealth is not measured in money or status or power.
It is measured in the legacy we leave behind for those we love and those we inspire.õ César Chávez*
Little people watch the actions of their parents and other adults.
Regardless of ages, let us all be examples of caring, respect and love
- Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for October 14th
*õAs we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation
is not to utter words, but to live by them.õ John F. Kennedy*
The Community Breakfast is an incredible time to LIVE your caring
of those you know and those you don't in our community.
Buying grocery cards helps Eagle's Nest. Small acts can pay back big.

Global Partnership Challenge for October 21st
*õI never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy,
as cause for withdrawing from a friend.õ Thomas Jefferson*
Political elections are coming soon; regardless of differences, our calling
is to work together, in a caring manner, that is caring for ALL! Here, There, Everywhere.

Global Partnership Challenge for October 28th
Day of the Dead Celebration - All Saints' Day 31 Oct - 02 Nov
õThere is no death, only a change of worlds.õ Chief Seattle
Take a quiet moment and review the blessings of those who have passed on
and the special moments shared. Then give thanks for how they touched your life.



SENIOR WARDEN

Reflections on a Foot

It has been a while since I have written anything for the Messenger ó not since May. May was not a good month for me ó I had to bury my older brother and I broke my right foot on the trip back from Ohio. For over 3 months, I was without one of my appendages. It is a common experience for humans. Many people have broken bones at one time or another. I broke my left foot back in the 80ø. During the 3 months of treatment and healing for my foot, I had a lot of time to reflect. I couldn't do much as I had to keep the foot elevated as much as possible. There were several feelings I experienced which were very much prevalent in my day-to-day activities.

One of those feelings was frustration (and, yes, anger at times). I was frustrated with myself for being a klutz, tripping over a curb and landing on the top of my right foot, breaking 3 bones. I was frustrated because I had to use crutches and a knee scooter to get around. I couldn't drive, I had to use Red Rose Transit or be transported by my wonderfully supportive family and friends. I couldn't perform the simple task of carrying something in my hands from one room to another ó my hands were busy with the crutches or the knee scooter.

The 3 months of elevating my foot (in a very heavy boot, by the way) presented me with something I have yet to master ó the virtue of patience! The summer of 2018 has been the longest of my entire life. The removal of the very heavy boot I wore could not come soon enough. Each x-ray didn't show enough healing. Each doctor's visit presented me with more days in the boot. Each day included something I couldn't do because of my broken foot. At times I would stare at the boot on my foot and think what it would be like to be able to do without it.

At this point you may be asking what the experience of my broken foot has to do with St. John's. Well, the 3 months of reflection constantly brought me back to St. Paul's *Analogy of the Body* in his 1st letter to the Corinthians. "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." "Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body" that would not make it any less a part of the body." "The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you." "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

St. John's parish is in time of transition. The transition can be exciting ó the advent of a new permanent rector. The transition can also be frustrating ó the process of finding a new permanent rector may take some time (many months). St. Paul's analogy is very much a reality for us at this time ó we are missing a part of our body. While Fr. Miller is a very capable leader, he is only temporary. We are also facing another aspect of this transition with Mother Barbara's retirement. While we commend her for her service and ministry, we face being without her service and ministry.

St. Paul's analogy also pertains to our day-to-day business. We are a body with many members. It is a parish of many and does not belong to just any one person. What we do in our daily ministry is not the work of one person but of many persons working together ó each doing her or his part. This also true of the decisions we make. No one person has a right to make decisions for the rest. The decisions must be made in collaboration ó common ground and common good. The downside to this is that it takes time. Process takes time. We should all think of that before we decide to do something that affects the rest of us without consulting our brothers and sisters.

SENIOR WARDEN (CONTINUED)

Our Vestry embodies St. Paul's analogy daily. In conjunction with Fr. Miller, we reflect on the life of the parish and its needs. We talk about the pros and cons of any decision we may make or a path we may choose. The Vestry Steward for Worship does not decide for the Communications Steward and committee that the parish no longer needs a website. The Vestry Steward for Evangelism does not tell the Worship Steward and committee what music the parish will sing in worship. Each steward offers his or her wisdom in the deliberative process ó each voice is heard and honored. Each decision is the decision of the whole and each member supports that decision. This also true of our many committees and ministry groups. We are not just a collection of individuals competing to get our own way or imposing our own individual vision for the parish. We are members of the one body of Christ ministering in God's kingdom.

Each Sunday we pray for those among us who are ill or in need. On September 30th we will hear the witness of our J2A pilgrims about their pilgrimage to Costa Rica. We look forward to hearing what marvels God wrought among them. We suffer when those among us suffer. We rejoice when those among us succeed and do good in the Kingdom. We grow as we work to build up the parish and its common good.

The good news is that there is always healing. My foot is healed. The parish moves forward. With every death there is always resurrection!

Submitted by,

Tom Bond
Senior Warden

Save the Date!

Gratitude Dinner
November 10, 2018

Expressing gratitude with Rafiki Africa
for the efforts in Alendu, Kenya

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018:

RESOLVED that the Vestry of St. Johnø support the fall pledge campaign by submitting their pledges at the September Vestry meeting or as soon thereafter as possible, and attending at least one of the three cottage gatherings being held in conjunction with the campaign.

Resolution in honor of The Rev. Dr. Barbara J. Seras

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Barbara J. Seras was called to serve St. Johnø Episcopal Church Lancaster nearly three years ago as Assistant Priest, and

WHEREAS, since Mother Barbaraø arrival, she has faithfully and passionately preached the Gospel and administered the sacraments, and

WHEREAS Mother Barbara has loved and cared for the people of St. Johnø in all aspects of their lives, and

WHEREAS Mother Barbara has brought vision and passion to all aspects of her witness to Christ among us, and

WHEREAS, Mother Barbara provided dedicated service and leadership through the transition between the retirement of Fr. John Morris and the start of Fr. Glenn Millerø ministry, and

WHEREAS the Vestry and People of St. Johnø wish to express their profound thanks to her for service to us,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Vestry of St. Johnø Episcopal Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, does hereby express to The Rev. Dr. Barbara J. Seras its deep and sincere appreciation, affection and love, and commends her for her service among us, this 18th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2018.

The Rev. Glenn D. Miller
Interim Rector

Mr. Tom Bond
Senior Warden



**CURRENT COPIES OF THE VESTRY MINUTES, RESOLUTIONS,
AND FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE POSTED ON THE
BULLETIN BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL AT ALL TIMES.**

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

As of Monday, September 10th, our vacancy is posted in the database that priests use to find out about openings. This is the culmination of our Spring and Summer work. The Search Committee took the answers that you provided in the Appreciative Inquiry process, the focus groups, and the surveys, and they crafted answers to the standard questions required for the database. With leadership from Fran Gouveia, Ruth McFarland, and Joel Cliff, and thanks to support from Drew Dorgan's business, we were able to create a Parish Profile that highlights some of this work. This Parish Profile is located at our website (<https://stjohns-lancaster.org>) under the **Leaders / Rector Candidate info** tab. Please take a moment to examine their fine work.

The committee is now accepting applications from interested candidates. As we receive applications, the Search Committee is not permitted to discuss particular candidates with the rest of the parish. This is not to keep the parish in the dark, but rather to protect the applicants' privacy. We will share the number of candidates and the planned outline for the process, but we cannot discuss information about the individuals.

The plan is to accept applications for five weeks through the month of September and the first half of October. Assuming we get several applications that look promising, we will begin the video-conferencing interviews in late October and early November. If we don't receive enough acceptable candidates by the end of the five-week window, we will continue to leave the vacancy posted and continue to accept applications.

Please pray that St. John's will continue to be blessed with strong leadership. Pray that the Search Committee will ask the right questions and make the best judgements. Pray for patience with the process and an understanding that this discernment process is not to be rushed. Your Search Committee members include Leslie Morgan, Bruce Waskowicz, Debbie Carter, Andy Welaish, Alice Ogowang, Jeannie Zeller, Glenn Miller (not Father Glenn), Ruth McFarland, Fran Gouveia, Sue Heilman, Betsy Hasircoglu, Joel Cliff, and Joe Way. Please keep us in your prayers and stay in touch.

Submitted by,

Leslie Morgan
Search Committee Chair

PARISH RESIGTER

Transferred Out

Meagan Howell-Brogan
Frances Howell Brogan
Gabriel Howell Brogan
Beatrice Howell Brogan

STEWARDSHIP: GIVING JOYFULLY

This fall's pledge campaign focuses on the joy we experience when we share God's gifts with others. Throughout the campaign, in printed and spoken ways, parishioners will share their own stories of joyful giving.

Cottage Gatherings

Hosted by the Stewardship Committee

You are invited to attend any of the three gatherings leading up to our Ingathering Sunday at St. John's. Please come to enjoy fellowship and ministry stories. Food and drink will be served. Please let the Host know if you plan to attend.

SEPTEMBER 30 (Sunday)

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: Parishioner Glenn Miller

Call: 717-687-8387

E-Mail: stfrancisintheback@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP: A STORY OF JOYFUL GIVING

Several years ago, Dave Martin invited me to join the All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team (ALERT). I knew from experience that whenever Dave Martin asks me to do something, it will be in my best interest to go along. ALERT is a cooperative ministry of all the Episcopal Churches in Lancaster County formed to respond to the emergency needs within our communities. Each month we respond to a variety of needs including: assistance to refugee families, maintaining the Betty Finney AIDS Garden, supporting various food programs, home repair projects and much more.

I have been touched by how much gets done when people come together to share what they can. An amazing amount of work and progress occurs well beyond the ability of each one of us. I think this is the Spirit working in our midst. The story of the loaves and fishes gets played out in everyday life when sharing occurs.

This past August seven folks from St. James, four Franciscan brothers, and I went to Puerto Rico to help with restoration after hurricane Maria. We were hosted by the good people at San Pablo Episcopal Church in Arecibo, PR. The church ladies provided lunch and supper each day. Fr. Jose Pio joined us in our daily prayer and offered Mass on Wednesday. He listened to our stories of the events of the day and offered encouragement and appreciation for what we were doing. He also helped us obtain resources for the work we were doing. While none of these folks spoke English we were able to establish a loving bond with each of them. Mass was celebrated in English and Spanish simultaneously. I had a sense of what Pentecost was like with the Spirit present in all languages. We did have two people who translated important information, but the spirit of giving did not need interpretation. What I think is remarkable is that we were there to help them and they were there to help us. What a holy balance. There is discussion about returning next February. I am certainly interested in going back to participate in that experience of giving and receiving.

I think ALERT is special because of the diversity of the people involved. I believe St. John's has a diversity of talents that works so well when we come together. I think of stewardship in terms of joining with others. It is not so much my particular investment as it is connecting with others for a greater good. How am I connecting with others to respond to God's call?

As I was blessed by responding to Dave Martin's call, what blessings await you as you respond to the call to stewardship?

Submitted by,

Parishioner, *Don Durand*

EAGLE'S NEST NEWS

The Eagle's Nest Program is busy making preparations for the opening of its 17th year of operation on October 3rd. This Jubilee Ministry provides an after school program on Wednesday afternoons for select 4th and 5th grade students from Robert Fulton Elementary School, focusing on enrichment, student mentoring, academic support and building social relationships. We kicked off our season by hosting a luncheon for the entire staff of Fulton Elementary on August 24th in our Parish Hall.

Many thanks to Claire Phillips for organizing the luncheon and preparing the beautiful menu. Other volunteers that assisted in preparing the meal, setting up the dining room, serving our guests and cleaning up include Michael Stank, Bruce Tahsler, Dave and Sue Martin, Mary Waskowicz, Jean Gordon and 2 former EN students, Vicki and Zyair. Father Glenn greeted guests, provided the blessing and proved to be quite a capable server throughout the meal.

Mother Barbara was also in attendance to provide support and join in the fellowship with our community partners. It was a great way to start the year.

Sue Heilman and I braved the heat on August 29th and attended Back to School Night at Fulton Elementary. Fulton's Community Partners set up tables on the playground and parents had the opportunity to visit displays and learn more about programs. We had multiple students show interest in participating in our program this year, by signing up to start the registration process.

Throughout the month of September, I will then be working with the Fulton staff to facilitate the registration process, so that we have students ready to start on our first day in October.

We are still looking for volunteers, so if you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested in joining this ministry, please contact me at: jgordon125@comcast.net

Submitted by,

Jean Gordon

Director of Eagle's Nest Program



PARISH HALL HOSTING SUGGESTIONS



COFFEE SERVING AND CONSUMING

Please limit the amounts made to insure less waste (sometimes of whole pots full).

Remember to use the Magic Eraser pad to wipe stains out of mugs (don't use it as a clean up cloth).

Please make a small donation when taking a cup of coffee. This receipt not only pays the coffee bill, but provides for the dishwashing chemicals needed to operate our machines, as well as paper supplies used in the kitchen. Calculations have proved that it only costs \$.12 per cup, but receipts usually don't cover this much.



KITCHEN SERVING AND CLEANING UP

Our dishwashers are sterilizers, not thorough cleaning machines. Rinsing is needed before loading.

As per health regulations, allowing items to air dry is the recommended method. You can "tip" off the accumulated hot water left on top of the mugs rather than towel dry. Most items are so hot coming out of the dishwasher that they immediately air dry and can be directly put away. (Exception is plastic, which needs some wiping dry).

Sterilizing surfaces with a bleach wash (bucket, cloth, gloves and bleach provided) is the safest way to relieve the kitchen of any bacteria. The only moment in the week when this isn't necessary is Thursday p.m. after the cleaning crew leaves!

Please remember to sign out on the clipboard by the phone when leaving the kitchen. This provides a good reminder of everything you are responsible for and will lead to accuracy, not an "oops, forgot that." Hopefully this will also help to have leftovers discarded or taken away so a build-up doesn't occur in the refrigerator.

"THANK YOU!"

SERVING SCHEDULE – OCTOBER, 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.

OCTOBER 7	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	David Dissinger, Emily Gross
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lectors	Eamon Nelson	Danielle Di Pace, Bob Kilp
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	Nicholas Di Pace, Greyson Way
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Rob Williams
Vergers	--	TBD
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Nursery	--	Katie Mausolf

OCTOBER 14	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Nicole Pham	Brad Moyer, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitors	Phil Becker, Alice Ogwang	--
Lectors	Barbara Landis	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	--	Hal Williams
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	Claire Thompson, Sophia Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan
Vergers	--	TBD
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Sue Martin
Coffee	Stewardship Committee	Stewardship Committee
Nursery	--	Jenn Hreben

OCTOBER 21	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Bond	Danielle Di Pace, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitors	Stephanie McGovern	--
Lectors	Bob Lee	Joel Cliff, Jeannie Zeller
Server	--	Sean Cliff
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	Helena Carroll, Evelyn Carroll
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Danielle Di Pace
Vergers	--	TBD
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Ted Loose
Coffee	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	--	Mary Waskowicz



OCTOBER 28	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	John Faust, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitors	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lectors	Gretchen Walden	Brad Moyer, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	Rob Williams
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	Fiona Mausolf, Natalie Visco
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Vergers	--	TBD
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Dan Farmer
Coffee	Martha's Ministry (Jeannie Zeller)	TBD
Nursery	--	Janelle Stone

SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER, 2018

NOVEMBER 4	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Bond	David Dissinger, Emily Gross
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lectors	Steve Latshaw	Danielle Di Pace, Bob Kilp
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	Nicholas Di Pace, Greyson Way
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Garth Alexander
Vergers	--	TBD
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee	Lectors	Lectors
Nursery	--	Jen Gustafson

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.

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 September 19, 2018) on the financial support for our building renovations, which are nearly complete:

	Amount Received
Received toward total 114 pledges of \$781,553	\$ 702,887
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	77,220
Bequests	155,000
Total received	\$ 935,107

Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 1,013,773

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 64 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

UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION!!!

In preparation for the 2018-2019 Church Directory, we are requesting that you stop by the Chestnut Street side of the Parish Hall beginning on September 30 until October 28, to review your personal information. If everything looks correct, simply place a **CHECK MARK** beside it. If you are unable to do this, please feel free to call Patti Means, Parish Secretary, to review by phone: **717-299-1188**

COLLEGE STUDENT INFORMATION: We are also in need of college student information to include in the new directory. This information can be forwarded to Patti Means, Parish Secretary, in the church office via e-mail: **patti@stjohns-lancaster.org**

Thank you for helping to keep our records accurate! The new directories will be distributed at the annual parish meeting on November 11.

Questions? Contact: Patti Means

PROPERTY CORNER

We thank Janice and Kevin Henry and Kathy Kyper for their assistance with maintaining our gardens. Despite the recent rains, the new plantings have required more water than what nature has provided. Funny how that isn't the case with the weeds, which seem to have no problem in any climate. Thanks are also due to Andy Carroll, who made arrangements with Erb Brothers to evaluate our landscaping of the courtyard. Some very good suggestions for adding planters were made for this space.

Much time has been spent preparing for the start of Sunday School, with the addition of cabinetry, cleanout of the space and preparation for the new flooring in the hallways. This work is tentatively scheduled for the first half of October, with remediation being performed the first week and carpet tile installation the second week.

Select Security was here to rectify some issues with their system and the latching of our Atrium entrance. The Atrium initiating/warning devices were originally connected to the Parish House and not the Church, where they were originally intended based on the fire separations. They were also given a list of the new zone descriptions to account for the zone ranges for each of our buildings, which have changed due to the upgrade to our system. Also, references to "breezeway" have been replaced with "Atrium."

A review of our project landscaping was conducted by the city on August 23rd, at which time it was determined that roughly 80% of our escrow will be returned to us. There was some confusion on the use of the rain garden bordering the parking lot. The city team was of the impression that the parking lot was draining into this rain garden and it was to have plantings, which are not shown on the plan. On a related matter and prior to the inspection, the downspout from the rear of the All-Purpose-Room/Nursery addition was redirected to this rain garden to reduce the impact on our sewer system and make use of this intended space. Some of the escrow will also be returned upon the city's planting of the tree on the corner in Aaron Spicher's memory. That planting will occur later this year.

Unfortunately, it was also discovered that the project landscaper had not followed the recommendations of this team in their selection of plantings for our front rain garden. This situation is now being handled by Paul Risk Associates and their landscape subcontractor.

We are continuing to address issues with the front entrance at our Atrium. Paul Risk called in their door subcontractor to look at an issue with the automatic door not latching and the breaker for the opener tripping. Also, a downspout was redirected to the Atrium landing to eliminate water draining onto the sidewalk around the bike racks and front steps.

We have been dealing with several issues related to a changeover in our gas meters, driven by a combination of requirements by our gas supplier (UGI), including their desire to relocate our meters outside. This may not be the last change in our meters due, again, to new and upcoming changes from the supplier.

Your Property Committee is one of the few ministries that support many of the other ministries at St. John's. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month. If interested, we hope to see you at our next meeting on October 2nd in the Becker House.

Your Property Committee,

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

WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

If you'd like to remember a loved one(s) with an altar flower or give thanks for a special occasion, please be sure to **stop by the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and add your name to the Flower Chart**. Details and **donation envelopes will also be available at the chart**. A **\$30** donation is appreciated and please make a notation on your check. If you are unable to travel to church but are interested in signing up, please contact our Parish Secretary, Patti Means, at 717-299-1188.

We would like to receive two (2) remembrances per Sunday for the church altar and one (1) for the chapel. This information will appear in both service bulletins. Following is the information we have received for the time-frame from **October through December 2018**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
October 7	Patti Means	John & Barbara Graeter	
October 14			
October 21			
October 28	Libby Balbani		
November 4	Graeter, Latshaw, Means	Graeter, Latshaw, Means	Graeter, Latshaw, Means
November 11			
November 18			
November 25	Patti Means		
December 2	Leslie Tahsler		
December 9	Patti Means		
December 16			
December 23			
December 30			

 *GREEN AREA INDICATES GREENS ON THE ALTARS.*

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

We hope the new school year started off well for everyone!

Join us on Friday, Oct. 5th for St. Francis Fest with the blessing of the animals in our courtyard. Bring your pets to be blessed!

Saturday, Oct. 6th is the Acolyte festival at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. Information is available on the National Cathedral website (<https://cathedral.org/event/national-acolyte-festival-2018/>). If you have never been to the Cathedral it is a great time to go check it out! If you are interested in going please contact Joe Way.

Sunday, Nov. 4th is the annual battle of All Saints to be held at St. Thomas. This is a great time for families to spend together with chili, treats and flag football!

Looking ahead save the date for our Advent Event on Dec 2nd!

Please remember to check the serving schedule to see when you are scheduled to torch, or serve in the nursery. If you cannot be there, please switch with someone if you can, or let me know and we will be glad to find you coverage.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved in the church school or nursery program please feel free to contact me at Karen.dipace@gmail.com; we can always use more help!

Karen Di Pace

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp, Youth Director

Journey to Adulthood has started the calendar year! We blessed our leaders for the school year: Rite 13: Dawn and Mike Williams, J2A: Joe and April Way. We enjoyed an ice cream social our first day back to classes. Our youth were excited to be back together in their classes.

We are so blessed at St. John's for our amazing youth. Tierza Mendez is the Rector for Happening #12. We are hoping most of the J2A youth will be attending Happening #12 in February.

Join us on Sept. 29, 2018, for a fun evening with friends from the Lancaster Convocation. We will meet at St. James in Lancaster for a Contemporary Christian Music service at 5:00 p.m. We will have dinner together at St. John's at 6:30 and then get lost in the corn maze at Oregon Dairy about 7:00 p.m. Make sure to bring your flashlights and \$12.00 for the corn maze. This will be a fun evening with a group of friends from the Lancaster Convocation! Families are both welcomed and encouraged. Please RSVP to Karen Di Pace so we can be sure to get enough pizza! If you have any questions please contact Karen.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join us on September 30, at the 8:00 or 10:15 service to hear about the J2A's pilgrimage to Costa Rica. They will be sharing the food they enjoyed in Costa Rica during coffee hour between services.

October 5 will be the Francis Fest and Blessing of the Animals starting at 6:00 p.m. We invite all families to join us that evening with a special pet to be blessed. We will again be blessing Lancaster City's Mounted and K-9 members and I hope that several other important animal service and support groups will join us as well.

October 6 is the Acolyte Festival in Washington, DC, at the Cathedral (<https://cathedral.org/event/national-acolyte-festival-2018/>). If you are interested in going please contact Joe Way.

October 14 after the 10:15 service we will be going to Harvest Days at Landis Valley. Come for demonstrations, exhibits, live music and activities, as well as horse-drawn wagon rides and a children's discovery tent. Taste heirloom varieties of apples and watch them become apple butter and cider. Witness wool go from sheep to shawl. Pick a pumpkin of your very own and then decorate it. Cost is \$12.00; please contact Dawn Williams for questions.

Do you have youth in grades 9 - 12? Would they be interested in an opportunity to see how issues, policies, and structures are updated within our Diocese? Youth delegates and alternates are welcome to join us for Convention in Williamsport on October 19-20. We will meet and talk about the resolutions, so that delegates can voice their opinions. Come join us for a learning experience. Please contact Mary Ellen Kilp for more information.

On November 3, please join us as we prepare and clean up the AIDS Memorial Garden. Watch for details in the bulletin.

Submitted by,

Mary Ellen Kilp



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR: 2018-2019

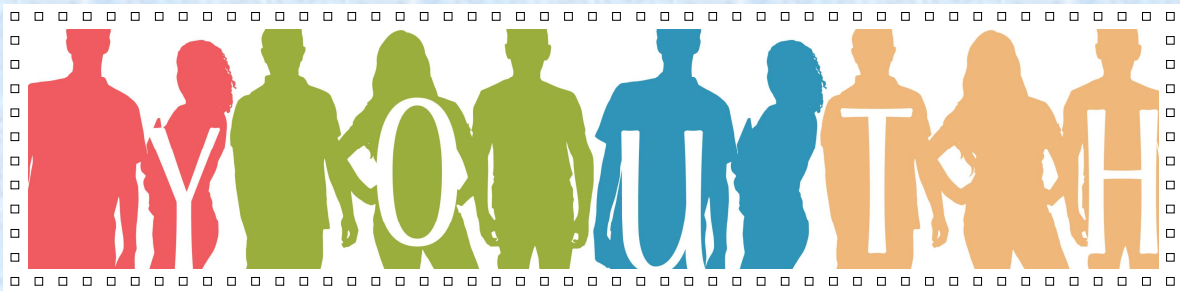
October 5	Francis Fest (youth helping with this event)
October 6	Acolyte Festival in Washington, DC
October 14	Harvest days for families
October 19 . 20	Convention for youth grades 9 . 12 in Williamsport
October 16	CROP Walk
October 27	Flashlight Corn Maze
October 28	Start of wreath sales
November 4	Battle of the Saints (All ages)
November 16-18	Winter Retreat for grades 6-12 at Camp Mount Luther
December 2	Advent Event (gift cards for college students) Pick up wreaths
December 8	Babysitting so parents can get ready for the holidays
December 15	Wreaths across America, Indiantown Gap, service project
December 24	Christmas Eve Pageant
January 18 . 20	Happening Planning meeting
January 27	Bowling/laser tag
February 3	Scout Sunday / Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday
February 15 - 17	Happening at Camp Mount Luther (grades 9 . 12)
February 24	Winter Activity (Start Easter eggs)
March 5	Shrove Tuesday
March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 15 . 16	New York City, Nightwatch at St. John the Divine

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

March 30	Dinner / Talent Show
April 5 - 7	Diocesan Jr. High Retreat
April 14	Palm Sunday
April 18	Maundy Thursday
April 19	Good Friday
April 21	Easter
May 5	Mini Golf (Scoops)
May 19	Graduation Sunday
June 2	Church Picnic (Longs Park) Teacher Appreciation
June 9	Pentecost
July 7	Berry Festival

Second Saturday of each month: St. John's Marietta Church dinner with special needs children & youth, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Third Saturday of each month: Community Breakfast at First Reformed UCC in Lancaster, 7 a.m.- 10 a.m.



JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20**

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)

Excitement is building! St. Nick's Knit Sale will be here before we know it: November 25 and December 2, between services and after the 10:15 a.m. service in our Parish Hall. Please mark your calendars and join in the fun! We will have a variety of knitted, crocheted, and sewn items as well as some surprises. Please contact Jeannie Zeller if you are able to contribute items for the sale. As always, all sale proceeds go to our Eagle's Nest program. Thank you for your support of this ministry. 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 **August: \$5,520** with **\$276** to Jubilee Ministries.

Did you know that it's easier to use a grocery card at the store than to peel out cash or write a check...and the amount remaining on your card is recorded on your receipt? Whenever you use one of our cards, 5% of its value goes to our Jubilee ministries. It is truly a "WIN-WIN" situation! Grocery cards also make great gifts!

Remember that a \$100 card can be used as often as it takes to use it up. You don't have to spend it all at one time...AND YOU ARE NOT LOSING ANYTHING. YOU ARE GETTING FULL VALUE FOR YOUR CARD. THE STORE SELLS CARDS TO US AT A 5% DISCOUNT. Sunday sales in the Parish Hall for:

**DARRENKAMP'S (will be honored until October 31),
GIANT, JOHN HERR'S, STAUFFER'S, WEIS**

ST. FRANCIS FEST



Francis Fest “Blessing of the Animals”

*Friday, October 5, 2018
Starting at 6:00 p.m.*

St. John's will again hold a "Blessing of the Animals" in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the environment and animals, on Friday, October 5, starting at 6:00 p.m. The service will be offered outdoors in the new courtyard and parking lot. Rain date is Friday, October 12.

You are invited to bring your animal companions for a short service and blessing followed by refreshments and opportunities to visit with special local non-profit organizations providing rescue, support or service training to benefit our community. Lancaster City's Mounted and K-9 units will also be on hand for the event. Free-will donations will be accepted for the non-profit, Canine Partners for Life (<https://k94life.org/>).

We ask that you bring your special pet leashed or in a cage or carrier for their comfort and safety. Also, feel free to bring a picture of your pet for blessing if you feel that bringing him or her to the event would be too stressful.

This is the perfect event for inviting your family, friends and neighbors to participate! All are welcome.

Animals have always been a part of our human experience. They teach us so much about faithfulness, friendship, love, forgiveness and acceptance. In addition, their unique and keen senses are now being employed to provide us with all kinds of service and support as we better understand their ability to defend, search, detect health issues, and sense out our emotional support needs. They act as our eyes, ears, hands and feet and the list goes on and on. St. Francis recognized the great blessing and value of animals and now we continue that tradition, recognizing that we are only at the beginning of recognizing their true worth and how much they bless our lives!

Come and share in a service of celebration and thanksgiving for our pets.

For more information or if you would like to help during the event, contact Marion Wear, Event Coordinator, at 717-584-6229 or marion.s.wear@gmail.com.

ART EXHIBIT

One World - Many Visions Art Exhibit

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“First Friday” - November 2, 2018

In honor and recognition of the many facets of our community, St. John's will be hosting an art exhibit in our Auditorium on "First Friday," November 2, 2018.

The goal of this venture is an exhibition that will be varied art, inclusive of photography, paintings, fabric arts, poetry, etc., from our parish members and friends who have traveled to different places in our world. We are also in hopes of a Costa Rican section, reflective of our young people's adventure this summer!

More details will be included in the November "Messenger" but if you have something you would like to share or suggest, please contact Barbara Landis at bfldesign1@comcast.net.



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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*

FROM FAITH D'URBANO

Faith and Justice Assembly

The Lancaster County Clergy Partnership for Education asks us to stand in solidarity with one another to advocate for fair funding of education for Lancaster County's public school students.

Please come out to the **Faith & Justice Assembly** to stand in support with persons of many faith traditions.

Students, parents, community activists, citizens, and faith leaders will gather to support legislation that would correct inequities that now cost the Lancaster School District over \$40 million dollars in reduced funding per year.

Governor Tom Wolf and Senator Scott Wagner and other elected and appointed officials will attend. Each has been asked to respond to the proposal for **Education Funding Equity** - dividing state education dollars according to the **justice standards** of the Fair Funding Formula.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
31 S. Duke Street.
Sunday, Sept. 30, 4 p.m. ó 6 p.m.

The FAITH & JUSTICE ASSEMBLY is sponsored by the Lancaster Clergy Team working with POWER (Pennsylvanians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild).

Would you want to add your voice in song? Individuals willing to sing are invited to be part of a combined choir. Rehearsal is at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran just before the event.

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"Who is my Neighbor in a Climate Threatened World?"

An evening in Honor of St. Francis...

Praise be Yours, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Brother Sun,
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water,
Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire,
Praised be You my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth who sustains and governs us,
Praised be You my Lord through those who grant pardon for love of You and care for one another.

Canticle of St. Francis, adapted

Join in marking yet another celebration of St. Francis. Having in mind Francis's love of creation and his devotion to his Lord of Love, as well as having in mind the ongoing impact of Hurricane Florence, Citizens Climate Education will host - with song, poetry, prayer, and conversation - the theme: "*Who is my Neighbor in a Climate Threatened World?*" Please join us! All are welcome.

Lancaster Community Mennonite Church, Concord & W. Orange St., Thursday, October 18, 7 p.m.

*St. John's: A Place to be on a Saturday Night?
Really?*

Yep, especially, coming soon, on Saturday, October 20th!

Why?

St. John's can boast a hub of music and fun happening each third Saturday, monthly, September through April.

This month, on October 20, the resident Contra Dance extends a "**Thank You**" to St. John's.

Rent is paid by the Dance, yes, but the dance "owes" a debt. In appreciation for being "housed" at St. John's, the Contra Dance wants to show its sincere appreciation in a particular way. Musicians and dancers come from afar to our auditorium to "play." St. John's auditorium provides a fabulous space for people, and has for years.

Come on third Saturday nights and see. But, please, **venture to St. John's on Oct. 20**. Every St. John-er is free! (Actually, ages 15 and under are always free!)

The new dancer workshop (I recommend it) starts at 6:15 p.m. The music kicks in from 7 to 10 p.m. On Oct. 20 it's the Gooseberries Band - fiddle, tenor banjo, accordion, and piano. Wear soft soled shoes or sneakers, dress in whatever's comfortable. No need to bring a partner!

If you'd ask about St John's Contra Dance's reputation: Good music!! Good space!
FRIENDLY!!!

With co-dancers' help and repeating directions by a caller, kids, youth, and adults all catch on to the beat of live music.

So, St. John-ers, on Oct. 20 please enjoy a THANK YOU complimentary admission. *Come to dance or come only to tap your feet and watch!*

Experience body, mood, and social well-being in motion! See you there!

Two personal notes:

- I'm an olden days õwall flowerö type who's now danced contra since my kids were in high school. I love contra in a barn; in the park - a great setting. But, *I want you to know*: St. John's auditorium - makes for charm that's unique!
- In so many ways, St. John's hospitality and outreach, as you know, fosters community in the community. This dance is one of our avenues to offer that wholesome positive connection for which we humans are made. For that I am grateful.

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WITNESS

Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness (LIPW) is sponsoring several October events related to the church's witness on questions of justice:

“Climate Change: The Reality and the Church’s Response” is the important topic Tori Goebel will address on **Thursday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.** at Lancaster Bible College. Tori Goebel is the Communications Director of Young Evangelists for Climate Action (YECA), a mobilizer of young Christians who live out their faith by openly responding to the climate crisis. Their mission is three-fold: mobilize Christians to act and advocate together, influence Church leaders to set an example and support climate action, and hold our political leaders accountable for responsible climate policies.

Tori Goebel will be speaking in the Hospitality Center of the Teague Learning Commons Building. The public is invited. *Tickets are free but are required for admission.*

Free tickets are available through the College's events office: 717-560-8241. Tickets may also be downloaded at www.lbc.edu/events/. At the website, click on “Click here to reserve your ticket,” and then scroll down to “YECA event with Tori Goebel” and click “Select.”

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“Occupation of the American Mind” A Fourth Friday free film will be shown on **October 26th at 7:00 p.m.** in our Parish Hall. This 2016 documentary is about Israel's public relations battle for the hearts, minds and tax dollars of the American people in the face of widening international condemnation of policies that have been called harsh and illegal. You may watch the trailer [here](#).

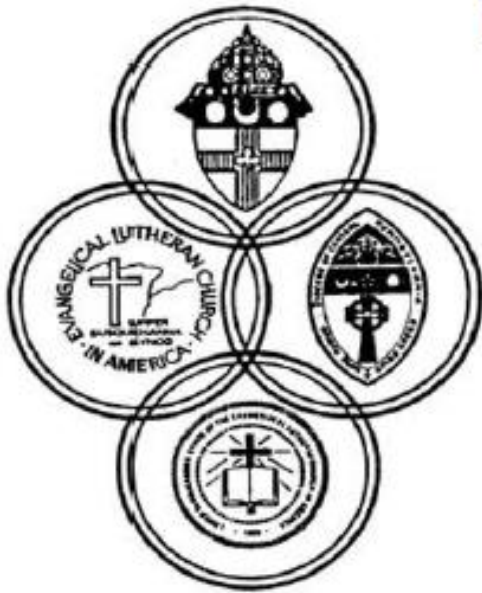
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“Biblical Basis of Christian Peacemaking” Ron Sider, Distinguished Professor of Theology and Public Policy at Palmer Seminary, will be speaking on Saturday evening, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 W. Orange Ave., Lititz. His talk is free and open to the public; click [here](#) for more information. (Dr. Sider is a member of the group of church leaders, which included our Presiding Bishop, who developed the faith declaration “[Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis](#).”)

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Questions? Please ask Sue Heilman, LIPW board member / St. John's representative

Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic Day of Dialogue



A Christian Response to Violence

Monday, November 5, 2018

Diocese of Harrisburg
4800 Union Deposit Road
Harrisburg, PA 17111

The day begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM.
Lunch will be provided.

This year's Day of Dialogue will focus on how Christians can respond to violence in society. The day will feature three speakers who will each discuss a different aspect of the topic:

- *Christian Response to Gun Violence - Bryan Miller - Executive Director of "Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence" Philadelphia, PA*
- *Christian Response to the Violence of Racism - Rev. Dr. Gayle Fisher-Stewart - Assistant Pastor at Calvary Episcopal Church, Washington, DC. Founder of the Center for the Study of Faith in Justice.*
- *Christian Response to Violence - Peace and Non-Violence - Michael Long - Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Peace and Conflict Studies at Elizabethtown College.*

The day will also offer prayer together according to the three traditions represented by LARC, as well lunch together and time for dialogue and discussion.

COST OF THE DAY (includes lunch):

\$30.00 — single registration

\$50.00 — two registrations from the same parish

\$20.00 each — three or more registrations from the same parish

Make checks payable to: DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG
please indicate: LARC day in the "memo line" of your check

Detach the registration form and mail with your check by
October 24th.

REGISTER ON-LINE

www.hbgdiocese.org/larc

OR MAIL REGISTRATIONS TO:

2018 LARC Day
Office for Ecumenism
Diocese of Harrisburg
4800 Union Deposit Road
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Questions? 717-657-4804 ext. 313

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church: _____

Any dietary restrictions? _____

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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

Billingsly Family
June Easton
Bill & Sharon Engle
Thetis Harvey
Cynthia Minnich
Norma Murphy
Deb Smith
Ron Wenger
Andrew
David

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.**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bond, Tom	26
Breitegan, Jr. Jim	31
Brenton, Conor	18
Carroll, Helena	8
Cliff, Tracy	23
Di Pace, Karen	7
Dissinger, Amelia	30
Freeman, Eric	12
Gbur, Phyllis	11
Gittens, Julie	14
Gordon, Ed	19
Gross, Brian	17
Hobbins, Robbin	19
Latshaw, Andrei	15
Lester, Marla	27
Magbag, Kathleen	24
Martin, Sue	27
McCormick, Patrick	23
Miller, Bill	21
Minnich, Cynthia	24
Moyer, Amanda	13
Pfeiffer, Bob	26
Pham, Nicole	5
Schnee, Merle	19
Sellers, Gray	26
Shaheen, Shirley	21
Springer, Maggie	28
Stonerook, Cara	5
Stonerook, Tom	29
Van Aulen, Isabella	30
Winters, Lucy	19
Woolson, Matt	1



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Farmer, Dan & Priscilla	10/09/2004
Grove, Ned & Sandra	10/12/1985
Humphrey, Ty & Carole	10/28/1965
Means, Patti & Allen	10/08/1988
Miller, John & Helen	10/31/1959
Moyer, Brad & Amanda	10/24/2014
Murphy, Bob & Betty	10/16/2010
Pfeiffer, Bob & Darleen	10/01/1977
Plaxa, Peter & Kathy	10/24/1981
Rodriguez, Julie & David	10/03/1998



Please Note:

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