



# St. John's Messenger

December, 2018

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## A NEW YEAR - A FEW NEW THINGS

Greetings brothers and sisters!

The beginning of December, as usual (but not always!) coincides with the beginning of our "New Year" in the Church. Advent marks the start of the Christian Liturgical Calendar. Advent and Christmastide will also bring with them a few small changes and opportunities. Let me share them with you.

First, during three of the four weeks of Advent at least, adult learning/formation opportunities will be offered between the morning liturgies. **On Advent I**, I will lead a discussion on "The Liturgical Year." As we start a "new year," what does this pattern of Christian life and worship mean and where does it come from? Why organize ourselves this way? **On Advent II**, **Don Durand** will do a presentation on his participation in a mission trip to Puerto Rico with our brothers and sisters from St. James Parish. **On Advent III**, join us to meet our new assistant priest, **Fr. Stephen Casey**. There has been much discussion around the desire to begin offering opportunities for learning and conversation for adults. Please join us for these times!

Second, a small adjustment will begin in JANUARY around "Coffee Hour." The fellowship we enjoy during these times ó after 8:00 a.m. liturgy and again after 10:15 a.m. ó are terrific and important. For those preparing and serving the coffee hour however, it makes for a very long morning. In an attempt to lessen this burden slightly, the second coffee hour will be limited to "just coffee" most mornings. Those preparing things will leave coffee, tea, hot water, etc., out for the post-10:15 crowd, and our nursery/security person, Maria, will then clean up what remains before she locks up. It is hoped that this small change will make life easier on our coffee hour personnel, while maintaining the fellowship time we have all come to cherish.

Third, I want to remind you all again of the need for a few volunteers (or one particularly energetic volunteer) to take over some scheduling responsibilities around those folks who serve at the liturgy in such roles as lectors, lay eucharistic ministers, etc. This is connected to the elimination of the "head verger" role that I spoke about in November. Please speak to me if this is something you might be willing to take on in part or in full. It is vitally important work in our life together.

Finally, as this calendar and liturgical year draw to a close, I want to say what a blessing St. John's has been to me. I'll have been with you 9 months by the close of the month ó starting on Easter Sunday and now, here with you for the Feast of the Nativity. Throughout this "year of change" for St. John's, it feels to me at least as if we have gotten on pretty well, with ministry flourishing, and the Spirit very clearly being alive and well among us. Thank you for your partnership, support and affection! 2019 will be a year of more change of course as, hopefully, the search committee finishes its work. In the meantime, we press on, knowing that the Spirit continues to guide and bless us in this great and holy place as it has for 165 years!

Peace and all Good. And a blessed Advent and Christmas to you all.

*Fr. Glenn +*

# GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

**DECEMBER, 2018**

## **I Am, WE Are, One World - Here, There, Everywhere**

Think about making a Christmas List í  
Not what you òWantö but what you already òHaveöí .  
Friends, family, food, a warm coat, a bed, smiles, hugs,  
feelings of love and caring, memories, faithí  
then observe which list is the longest and most satisfying. Repeat review often.

## **Global Partnership Challenge for December 2nd**

òMaybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store.ö  
Ask yourself what you really òneedö for Christmas.  
Wouldn't caring and sharing of kindness bring the greatest happiness?

## **Global Partnership Challenge for December 9th**

òFor it is in giving that we receive.ö Francis of Assisi  
The Community Breakfast is this week - we cook, we give, we share but  
the most powerful part for those of us helping is what we receive  
and how much we are ALL fed with love.

## **Global Partnership Challenge for December 16th**

Las Posadas - Spanish for lodgingö refers to the 9 days prior to Christmas, from the 16th to the  
25th, representative of the 9-month pregnancy and the search for a place for the baby to be born.  
Started in the 15th century, today people all over the world travel to a house each night to  
celebrate what's coming and share their caring. Hmmí a gift of caring.

## **Global Partnership Challenge for December 23rd**

As we gather together this week, rememberí And the angel said to them,  
òFear not, Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to ALL people.  
Unto you is born this day a Savior which is Christ the Lord.ö Luke 2:10-11  
Scripture says òto ALL people.ö I Am, We Are, One World - Here, There, Everywhere.  
May our gift of love from above be felt by our sharing love with ALL.

## **Global Partnership Challenge for December 30th**

òIn order to carry a positive action, we must develop a positive vision.ö Dalai Lama  
As you take a moment to make your resolutions for the new year, make a *positive list* rather than  
a *negative list*. Reflect on the blessings you've received and how the unexpected adventures  
promoted growth. Then decide what caring actions you can act on to bring love to  
ALL our brothers and sisters - Here, There, Everywhere.



# EARLY REMINDER: CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

*Remember Your Loved Ones*



**DEADLINE** FOR SUBMITTING NAMES FOR CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS IS **DECEMBER 9.**

Please complete and return to the church office, along with your check made payable to: **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.** You may also place your donation in the offering plate on any Sunday. Thank you for your contribution.

**CUT HERE** =====

REMEMBERING (Names only please, not association): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MY CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018 CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE



### December 24—CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**3:30 p.m.**—Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
with St. John's Handbell Choir  
and Christmas hymns.

**6:30 p.m.**—Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
with Nativity Pageant and  
Christmas hymns.

**9:30 p.m.**—Prelude of Carols with  
Lancaster Brass Quintet.

**10:00 p.m.**—Festive Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
Incense will be used at this service.

### December 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

**10:00 a.m.**—Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
with Piano and Violin

## SENIOR WARDEN

### *With Gratitude...*

As this Messenger arrives in your electronic mailbox, Thanksgiving is a fond memory but the gratitude celebrated is more than a one-day experience.

In terms of St. John's Vestry, there are two things that top our list of things for which we are grateful. We are grateful for the election and the willingness to serve of our four newest members ó Debbie Carter, Ben Creighton, Tim Huber and Molly Moyer. We look forward to working with them and incorporating their wisdom as they begin their 3-year term. We welcome the öclass of 2021.ö

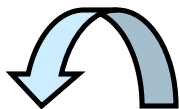
We are most grateful for and pleased to announce the recipients of this year's St. John's Award ó Rosemary Coverly, Kent Strickler, and Debbie Carter. As you know, the St. John's Award is a recognition of significant service to the parish and in turn to the church at large.

Rosemary and Kent have served for many years on the Finance Committee. The parish has been the recipient of their excellent leadership with both the first Capital Campaign to finance our recent renovation as well as our next Capital Campaign to retire our debt from that renovation.

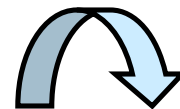
Debbie Carter has given service in many areas of our parish life and ministry. She has been an excellent and essential resource in our electronic communications, as well as working on the Stewardship Committee and Ministries Council. She is also a member of our chancel and handbell choirs.

In appreciation, during the services on Sunday, December 16, we will present them with the St. John's Award and recognize their contributions to our life as servants of the servants of God.

*Tom Bond, Senior Warden*



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## MEET THE VESTRY CLASS OF 2021

On Sunday, November 11 during the annual parish meeting, the following individuals were elected as the Vestry class of 2021. Vestry commissioning will take place on Sunday, January 27, 2019. We thank them for their commitment to St. John's.



### ***DEBBIE CARTER***

I have been at St. John's since 2001, other than during the four years I lived in New Jersey. I have served two previous terms on Vestry and would be honored to serve again. I make joyful noises with both the chancel and handbell choirs, and I serve as Food Pantry coordinator and on the Stewardship and Communications committees. I have also served with the capital campaign. I am mostly retired from teaching (high school computer science, math, and French) but still dabble in curriculum review from time to time. I love to travel, especially to Kiwanis (service) conventions and to visit my children and grandchildren (in MD, VA, and NC).



### ***BEN CREIGHTON***

After growing up in the Church of the Brethren, my first experience of the Anglican church occurred during a term abroad at Oxford University in my junior year of undergraduate studies, at St. Mary Magdalen's Church. After returning to the United States, I worshipped at Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, PA, before graduating and beginning to attend St. John's full-time in 2012. I have been a member of the Verger's Guild for a little over a year and am thankful for the opportunity this position has provided me to contribute to parish life.

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## THE VESTRY CLASS OF 2021 (CONTINUED)



### ***TIM HUBER***

My wife, Mary, and I moved to the City of Lancaster in November of 2016, after living most of our adult lives in Lebanon County. I continue to practice law in Lebanon County with the firm of Buzgon Davis Law Offices. Mary is retired. We are both originally from Western Pennsylvania.

We have four adult daughters and four grandchildren. With the exception of our youngest daughter, they all reside in the Lancaster-Lebanon area. In addition to spending time with our family when we can, Mary and I are enthusiastic antique collectors and sports fans.

I have been active in church activities throughout my adult life. I have been involved in acoustic guitar groups and played solo in church for many years. I have also served as an instructor for adult conversion classes, a lector and assisted with parish festivals and other activities.



### ***MOLLY MOYER***

My name is Melanie Moyer but everyone calls me Molly. I am a third generation Episcopalian and have been a member of St. John's since 1962, when as a child, my mother and I moved to Landisville. Fr. Becker visited my mother, who was a patient in LGH that year, and told her that he didn't care where she was attending church, but that from that moment, we would be worshipping at St. John's! I met my husband, Bill, and his family when I was 11 and the rest is history. Bill and I were confirmed, married, and raised our family here, and when Bill died in 2010, he was buried here with his parents and my mother. My children, Brad Moyer and Katie Mausolf, her husband, Andy, and their children, Natalie, Fiona, and Lily, continue the family tradition by serving and worshipping at St. John's.

I am a graduate of Penn State (BA) and the University of Pittsburgh (MLS). I spent my professional career working as librarian at the Lancaster County Library and at Lancaster's United Way as the Director of LINC (Lancaster Information Center). I retired in 2016 from the Donegal School District as the School Librarian at the Donegal Primary School where I had the pleasure of teaching 700 first and second graders each year. In retirement, I keep busy volunteering weekly at my old library and in one DPS's kindergarten classes and as a Baby Cuddler in the NICU at Women's and Babies Hospital.

At St. John's, I have been fortunate to have served in many ways. I sang in the Choir as a child and as an adult with Bill. We also served as the Youth Group advisors prior to having our children. I taught Sunday School and helped in the Nursery for several years while our children were growing up and I have served on Vestry three times. Currently, I serve on the Altar Guild and as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. These ministries are so important because serving in this way I can reach out to my St. John's family as they worship by letting them know that I care about them and their spiritual well-being. St. John's is and has been a huge part of my life for the past 50+ years and it has helped me move forward on my journey to be more spiritual. Serving on the Vestry again will give me the opportunity to further increase my involvement and to bring to St. John's my efforts to help the church to continue to be the warm, welcoming and spiritual community that I have always experienced. I am honored to be considered for a position on the Vestry and very much welcome the opportunity to serve.

## VESTRY RESOLUTION

The following Resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, regarding the 2018 St. Johnø Award:

### **Rosemary Coverly and Kent Strickler**

Whereas Rosemary Coverly and Kent Strickler led St. Johnø parish in a successful capital campaign, raising one million dollars for the addition of our new atrium and renovations to make our facilities more accessible to those with special needs;

Whereas Rosemary and Kent have again agreed to facilitate a second capital campaign, with a goal of retiring our debt. And working with our interim Rector, Fr. Glenn Miller, have achieved a substantial step towards our goal even before the official start of the campaign;

Whereas Rosemary and Kent have given years of dedicated service to the parish Finance Committee as well as Kent's service on the Vestry;

The Vestry of St. Johnø parish resolves to express the appreciation of the parish to Rosemary and Kent by presenting them with the 2018 St. Johnø Award. Resolved this day, November 20, 2018.

### **Deborah (Debbie) Carter**

Whereas Deborah Carter has served St. Johnø parish on both capital campaigns as well as serving on the parish Stewardship Committee giving countless hours of organizational and communication tasks;

Whereas Deborah has served on the Ministries Council and collaborated with other parishioners in their efforts of ministry with the ECW, Church School, J2A and other youth ministry;

Whereas Deborah Carter has given countless hours in service to St. Johnø parish through her efforts in the area of electronics and computer work;

And, in her spare time, Deborah has ministered to her brothers and sisters at worship by singing in the chancel choir and as a member of the handbell choir;

The Vestry of St. Johnø parish resolves to express the appreciation of the parish to Deborah by presenting her with the 2018 St. Johnø Award. Resolved this day, November 20, 2018.

*This resolution came from the executive committee. The nominees were presented at the October vestry meeting and approved. This resolution serves the purpose of the text for the award. The motion carried.*

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

In November, the Search Committee had the pleasure of meeting several candidates for initial conversations via video conferences. Each candidate offers their unique skills, experiences, and personality to lead St. John's into the future.

After reviewing their resumes and support material, listening to their sermons online, and participating in the interviews, we discussed each candidate and narrowed our list for second interviews. These interviews will take place during early December and January.

When the candidates arrive for a two-day visit, they will visit the church, Lancaster City, and the suburbs. They will meet with the Search Committee, vestry, staff, and a realtor. If you meet with the candidates, we ask that you understand that you are an important part of a candidate's decision to join us. We ask that you answer their questions as honestly as possible. We also ask that if you meet a candidate, you keep your conversations private or share only with the search committee or vestry. Understand that you are only seeing part of the whole package that makes a rector. We want your input, but we need to take the whole person into account.

It is still our expectation that we will have one name to submit to the vestry by February. Vestry will then call that individual as our next rector, and we hope they will be able to join us in ministry by Spring or early Summer.

This is probably the most stressful part of the process for the Search Committee so far. We desperately want to bring us the most qualified candidate who we feel will help us continue what we love and still move us into the future. We want to represent all of you to the best of our ability. We want to ensure that we are fair to our candidates. Please continue to hold us, the candidates, and the whole process of discernment in your prayers.

Submitted by,  
*Leslie Morgan*  
Search Committee Chair



### *“St. Nick’s Knit Sale”*



The St. Nick's Knit Sale will take place on **November 25 & 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.

All sale proceeds go to our Eagle's Nest program.



Thank you for your support and if you'd like to become involved with this ministry, please contact Jeannie Zeller!





# SERVING SCHEDULE – DECEMBER, 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.

DECEMBER 2	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Bond	David Dissinger, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lectors	Bob Lee	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	Campbell & Greyson Way
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Rob Williams
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Dave Martin
Coffee Hour	Property	Property
Nursery	--	Katie Mausolf

DECEMBER 9	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Purdy	John Faust, Glenn Miller
Eucharistic Visitors	Phil Becker, Alice Ogwang	--
Lectors	Bob Lee	Danielle Di Pace, Fran Gouveia
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	Claire & Sophia Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	Handbell Choir	Handbell Choir
Nursery	--	Mia Welaish

<b>DECEMBER 16</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jen Trenary	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Eucharistic Visitors</b>	Stephanie McGovern	--
<b>Lectors</b>	Heather Trenary	Joel Cliff, Jeannie Zeller
<b>Server</b>	--	Sean Cliff
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Bob Kilp
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	--	Helena & Evelyn Carroll
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Danielle Di Pace
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team C
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Bruce Waskowicz
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Susan Bowser



<b>DECEMBER 23</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Phil Purdy	David Dissinger, Emily Gross
<b>Eucharistic Visitors</b>	--	--
<b>Lectors</b>	Eamon Nelson	Brad Moyer, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Server</b>	--	Hal Williams
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Dave Pennell
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	--	Fiona Mausolf, Natalie Visco
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 4	Team 4
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Lynn Hayford
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team D
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Sue Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Nursery</b>	--	Jenn Hreben



# CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

The Schedule for Lay Ministers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be published at a later date. Those who volunteer will be sent a schedule electronically.

*Thank you and Merry Christmas!*

## LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 30	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	Danielle Di Pace, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitors	--	--
Lectors	TBD	TBD
Server	--	Rob Williams
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	Nicholas Di Pace, Greyson Way
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Garth Alexander
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D (5th Sunday)
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	LEVø	LEVø
Nursery	--	Jenn Gustafson

## SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY, 2019

JANUARY 6	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Tom Bond	John Faust, Peter Novosel
<b>Eucharistic Visitors</b>	--	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
<b>Lectors</b>	Nicole Pham	David Dissinger, Greyson Way
<b>Server</b>	--	Kendall Morgan
<b>Crucifer</b>	--	Bob Kilp
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	--	Claire & Sophia Thompson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	--	Lorraine Nolan
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	--	Brad Zuke
<b>Coffee</b>	Rite 13 / J2A	Rite 13 / J2A
<b>Nursery</b>	--	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 Webb Cook

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.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Here's a quick update (as of November ??, 2018) on the financial support for our building renovations, which are essentially complete:

	Amount Received
Received toward total 114 pledges of \$781,449	\$ 711,896
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	87,618
Bequests	155,000
Total received	\$ 954,514

**Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 1,024,067**

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 the end of 2018. However, if you are able to join the **70** 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](mailto:gina@stjohns-lancaster.org) or 717-299-1188 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

*-- Submitted by Debbie Carter*

## VOYAGERS



The VOYAGERS will **not** be sailing in December! Please watch for the announcement of our January 2019 meeting in the next "Messenger." We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

## PROPERTY CORNER

We thank Debbie Carter for her donation to support work on our Auditorium HVAC system! Work there will enhance the efficiency of comfort to this level of our Parish House. This work is scheduled to start shortly.

Although not happening in time for the start of Sunday School, our asbestos floor remediation of the Sunday School hallways was completed, with the carpet tiles in the hallways being installed on the following Friday. We thank Janice and Kevin Henry for their role, especially their expertise in this effort!

D. J. Diirner and Sons have been contacted regarding a roof leak on the Chestnut Street side of the Nave. They plan to be out to assess the situation and to make repairs.

We had our second inspection of the Church grounds on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from the City of Lancaster, which resulted in a full return of our escrow. The inspector was very cooperative, being willing to stop back later that same day to review the front rain garden, in which no remediation had been performed. We took advantage of the inspector's expertise regarding the care and maintenance of the grass and gardens. The inspector was very helpful with care and maintenance suggestions. In fact, some reseeded of the grass plots around the parking lot was required.

A review was conducted of our mortar joints, during which it was determined that more work is needed. A+ Masonry was called in to look at these areas, which include the Becker House, with its water penetration in the areas of the Assistant Rector's office and the grandfather clock on the main level. We would like these leaks corrected prior to starting any refinishing. Unfortunately, the exterior paint finish isn't making this goal any easier, as moisture is not allowed to evaporate. The quote also includes re-pointing the entire Parish House wall facing the courtyard, which should start in December.

We are continuing to experience issues with the front entrance at our Atrium. We appreciate everyone's patience as we work with Paul Risk to get this situation rectified. The door sub-contractor has been unable to figure out why the electrical breaker for the opener is tripping. This situation causes the opener not to function. We hope to have this situation rectified as quickly as possible.

Your Property Committee is one of the only committees that enhances all the work of our many ministries. It works behind the scenes to ensure St. John's functions with its many ministries to make a pleasurable worship and outreach experience for all who use our facilities. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month in the Becker House. We hope you can join us in this vital ministry to our parish. Meetings start at 7 p.m. We hope to see you then.

Your Property Committee,

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

# FALL CLEAN-UP

**SAT, DEC 8th**  
**9AM - 12PM**  
**ALL WELCOME!**

## 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 **December 2018 through February 2019**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
December 2	Leslie Tahsler	Jeannie Zeller	
December 9	Patti Means		
December 16	Dan & Priscilla Farmer		
December 23			
December 30	Molly Moyer		
January 6			
January 13			
January 20			
January 27			
February 3			
February 10			
February 17			
February 24			

 *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  
&  
*Journey to Adulthood*  
Mary Ellen Kilp, Youth Director



We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

If you ordered a wreath from the J2A, please remember pick-up is Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the All Purpose Room.

We are planning a family Christmas caroling and potluck meal on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. Please save the date and look for more information to come soon, or contact Karen with any questions.

Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a rehearsal for the Christmas pageant during Sunday school. Children will meet in the church by 9:15 a.m.

On Christmas Eve, we will have a family dinner at 5:00 p.m. Lasagna, salad, bread, and drinks are provided. Bring a dessert to share! Please R.S.V.P. to Karen Di Pace at e-mail: [dipace5@verizon.net](mailto:dipace5@verizon.net) by the 21<sup>st</sup> so we can be sure to have enough food. After dinner, we will get the kids ready for the Christmas Pageant which will take place at the 6:30 p.m. service. If you will not be at the dinner, please arrive by 6:00 p.m. for costumes.

There will be no Sunday school classes on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> - enjoy the holiday! Classes will resume at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, hopefully back in our classrooms!!

Don't forget to save the date for MLK Day events on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will some great activities for the children! look for more information next month!

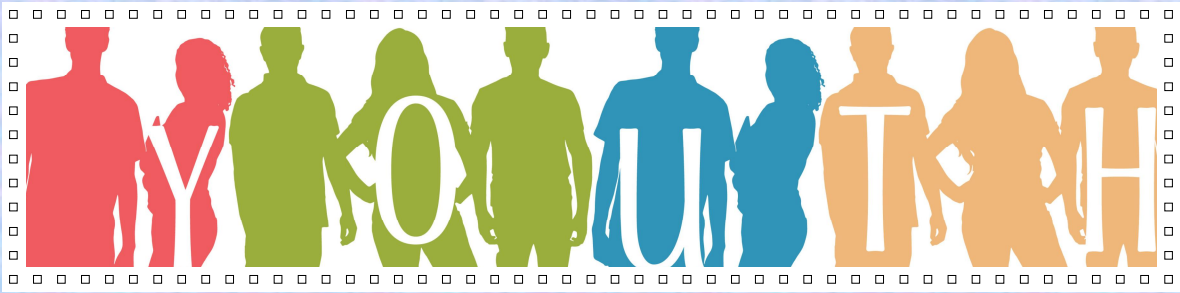
Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about our Church School or J2A program.

Wishing you all a very ðMerry Christmasö and ðHappy New Yearö!

*Karen & Mary Ellen*







## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2018/2019

December 2	Pick up wreaths
December 8	Babysitting so parents can get ready for the holidays
December 15	Wreaths Across America, Indiantown Gap, service project
December 16	Family Night: Potluck Meal and Christmas Caroling
December 24	Pageant
January 6	Rite 13 Coffee Hour
January 18 . 20	Happening Planning meeting
January 27	Bowling/laser tag
February 3	Scout Sunday / Souper Bowl of Caring
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
March 30	Dinner / Talent Show

## YOUTH CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

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

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

Third Saturday of each month: breakfast at First Reformed in Lancaster from 7 a.m. . 10 a.m.



### *Deadline Dates!*

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
WEDNESDAYS**

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

## EAGLE'S NEST

Our Eagle's Nest after school program began October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We currently have 12 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Fulton Elementary School enrolled in the program. Our staff of dedicated volunteers work hard each Wednesday to mentor and guide these students through a variety of activities that may include games, arts and crafts, homework assistance, journaling, field trips, meal planning and cooking and family meal sharing. We are blessed to welcome the return of the following volunteers this year: Dave Martin, Sue Heilman, Maria Sauder, Claire Phillips, Lexi Smith, Michael Stank, Kendall Stonerook, Bruce Tahsler, Mary Waskowicz, and our high school volunteers Max Lester and Tierza Mendez. We welcome Deb Noll, a new volunteer and 3 new 9<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers, who had also been former Eagle's Nest students, Destiny Pena, Diego David, and Aleena Lyerly. What better endorsement for the program than to have former students return and serve as volunteers themselves?

In October, our Eagle's Nest students attended a performance of Treasure Island at the Fulton Theatre. Somehow sword fighting seemed to be a favorite scene! On Halloween, we enjoyed a party, complete with pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, and bobbing for apples. Our November field trip was an excursion to the Pottery Works, where 12 students were able to select and paint a unique piece of pottery. A wonderful Thanksgiving meal was then prepared and shared by all, including our personal thoughts on gratitude.

Many thanks to all who supported the Election Day Bake Sale, either through the donation of baked goods or purchasing them. This money is greatly appreciated, as it allows us to enrich the lives of our students through activities like the theatre, arts, etc. I thank all of you in this congregation for your generous support of this ministry. To see the faces of these students light up each week is truly a gift.

Blessings,

*Jean Gordon*  
Director of Eagle's Nest



# JUBILEE MINISTRIES

## **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15.**

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 the courtyard entrance to our Parish House on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to those in need. We need a few more volunteers - can you spare an hour a month to help our neighbors?

## **FULTON SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP** (Contact: Dave or Sue Martin)

Please continue to donate Box Tops for Education, Turkey Hill Moo Caps, and spent printer cartridges. Collection containers are 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)

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.

**SEE PAGE 8** for information about the annual **"ST. NICK'S KNIT SALE."**



## **GROCERY CARDS** (Contact: Sue Tobie)

Total grocery card sales for **October: \$5,200** with **\$260** to Jubilee Ministries AND  
**November: \$2,520** with **\$126** 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:

**GIANT, JOHN HERR'S, STAUFFER'S, WEIS**

**Previously purchased Darrenkamp's cards will only be honored by the new owner, Giant Foods, at the Willow Street location for 6 months from their opening in mid-November.**

## ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

### *“Angel Tree”*

The Angel Tree in the Parish Hall is ready for the picking!

Gifts will be offered to recent refugees, Eagle's Nest, a community family, as well as Fulton School requests.

To spread the generosity, please take one tag per family at this time. There will be more opportunities in future weeks.

Gifts are due (in gift bags) on Sunday, December 9.

Don't forget to sign the clipboard listing. If you have questions, please feel free to contact either Helena Carroll or Julia Hale.



## 2018-2019 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Listed below is additional information that was received after we published the new church directories. Please include this information in your copy. Copies of the new directories are located in the Parish Hall or contact the church office if you are unable to travel to church.



**Ben Creighton**  
[bjcreight@gmail.com](mailto:bjcreight@gmail.com)

**Cynthia DiStefano**  
510 Willow Valley Lakes Drive  
Willow Street, PA 17584  
[cdistefano2016@gmail.com](mailto:cdistefano2016@gmail.com)

## DISASTER RELIEF - CALIFORNIA FIRES

We have read and viewed on the news in recent weeks about the devastation from fires in California. Communication has been established with St. John's Episcopal Church in Chico CA. The following is an excerpt from their Parish Administrator:

There are several ways to help:

- 1) Donate a monetary amount through the Diocese at [www.norcalepiscopal.org](http://www.norcalepiscopal.org) or send them a check with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo. Send to The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, 350 University Avenue, Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95825.
- 2) Donate gift cards: Visa, Shell gas or other gas cards, department store cards like Target or Walmart, or grocery cards, either Raley's or Safeway. Also Visa cards are very useful.
- 3) Donate monetary amount and send directly to St. John's with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo of the check. Gift cards or check can be sent directly to St. John's Episcopal Church, 2341 Floral Ave., Chico, CA 95926.

We are requesting that "care packages" not be sent at this time. Throughout the city of Chico, shelters and donation centers are overflowing, but as the resources diminish, we will need to replace. It would be a far more organized event to be able to purchase "as needed", and get what is actually required. We currently are housing Team Rubicon, a veteran-based non-profit organization. This disaster team is working diligently with all agencies. We have been able to offer them our parish life center, cots and blankets from Red Cross, and a few home cooked meals. Their workforce numbers are about to increase and the needs are continuing to grow. We are also assisting St. Nicholas's parish, which, though the church did not burn down in Paradise, this congregation will not be able to go back to for many months. . They will be opening an office on campus and are now under our care. We are also supporting East Avenue Church with gift cards and work support as their campus is a full-fledged shelter.

Thank you again for your generosity and compassion. Rest assured that any gifts will be used to directly assist those who are suffering from, and assisting in the care of the Camp Fire devastation.

In peace and grace,

Sherry Wallmark, Parish Administrator  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
530.894.1971

As a response, the ALERT group (ALL LANCASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM) released \$400 from the prayers and more endeavor to St. John's Church in Chico. Following, ALERT will also release \$700 to purchase gift cards to be sent to St. John's.

If anyone is moved to personally support the work in Chico for the fire victims and for those who are assisting in recovery, please do so taking **individual** action by purchasing suggested gift cards mentioned in the above message from the parish administrator and send them to St. John's Church in Chico, CA.

Questions should be directed to Don Durand or Dave Martin (ALERT representatives from St. John's).

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE



DECEMBER 8, 2018  
ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR  
LANCASTER, PA

The 11th Annual **GIFTS THAT GIVE HOPE FAIR** is **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th** from **10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** at the **Farm and Home Show Center** (near the mall). Please visit that day to give to many local and international nonprofits, including **WORLD BICYCLE RELIEF** and **RAFIKI AFRICA**. Available also are: Great international food and drink, an educational kid's scavenger hunt about Human Rights, and Fair Trade products like Beads for Life jewelry, lotions, aprons: Coffees, teas and chocolates from different countries: locally made crafts/candles by women returning from prison: baskets from Ghana and many more items. See you there!



### **CONTRA DANCING** at ST. JOHN'S \* **EXTRA-ORDINARY** THIS MONTH **Saturday Evening, December 15th**

It's a CONTRA "CLUB" special event ó simply a contra dance, with splash of color and sound!

The sound is a disc jockey doing vinyl. The tunes will swing across an entire assortment of non-traditional musicí music to appeal to a wide range of age groups: Swing, pop (60's to the present), tango, and maybe a bit of òelectronica.ö You don't want to miss this!

The disc jockey will also be òcallingö the dances - making the dancing easy to catch onto. Though always a friendly time, December's contra club promises a treat. If you want, wear something white to catch the glow of "black light" effect.

**WHEN:** December 15, 2018, 7 to 10 PM, New Dancers Workshop at 6:15 PM

**WHERE:** Right here in our own enchanting St. John's Auditorium

**COST:** Adults - \$10 Students - \$6 Children 15 and under – free!

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Casual comfortable clothing (including something white), soft-soled shoes or sneakers to protect the floor.

**WHY:** Experience something brand new!

New dancers are always welcome! The New Dancers Workshop at 6:15 PM will show everyone the basics. The workshop is highly recommended for anyone who has never danced contra before or who just wants to review. Bring the whole family! No need to come with a partner, but please bring anyone who wants to have fun. Many dancers bring a snack to share at the break. Questions? Ask **Faith D'Urbano+**

## 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**

Howard Eckhart  
Thetis Harvey  
Christopher Lechowicz  
Barbara Russell  
Joanna Torres & Family  
Carrie & Family  
Jim & Family  
Claudia

### **And Our Homebound**

Margaret Crothers  
Michael Frantz  
Dyls Glew  
Cricket Johnson  
Ellen Keller  
Fritz Lawrence  
Don Lovett  
Barbara McKee  
Nancy Nemith  
Peter Plaxa  
Joan Rahe  
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](mailto: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.**



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Brenton, Rich	26
Crothers, Jim	25
D'Urbano, Faith	17
Dorgan, Dan	29
Gross, Jill	9
Grove, Ned	31
Hayford, Lynn	6
Honaman, Eleanor	8
Honaman, Fred	16
Jackson, Len	19
Kilp, Adam	30
Latshaw, Steve	24
Means, Allen	29
Meikrantz, Marcia	2
Moyer, Brad	12
Parmer, Shirley	15
Schnee, Donna	25
Stonerook, Kendall	18
Watts, Wyatt	3
Zeller, Jeannie	29

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dissinger, David & Amy	12/17/1995
Kilhefner, Mike & Shelby	12/01/1984
Latshaw, Steve & Karen	12/28/1969
Schnee, Merle & Donna	12/26/1960



### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:



**Nancy Nemith  
c/o Rose Barnhart  
319 North 7th Street  
Wrightsville, PA 17368**

### *Please Note:*

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