

from The Rev. Glenn D. Miller, Interim Rector
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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO YOU ALL!

As you read this, I hope you and your families have had a wonderful celebration of our Lord's birth (including the part of that celebration that took place here at St. John's, which for me was a truly magnificent worship experience), and that you are ready for a new year filled with blessings and opportunities for service.

One of the blessings and opportunities that I want to lift up to you here is a CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION EVENT set for SUNDAY JANUARY 13th, immediately following the late liturgy. The event will be a luncheon and brief program.

What are we celebrating on January 13th? Two things. First, the end of 2018 marks the formal completion of the Phase I Capital Campaign - "Honoring our Past, Welcoming our Future". Successfully completing a \$1 million fundraising campaign deserves a celebration all by itself! And that's just what you, the good people of St. John's have done!

In addition however, your Phase II Campaign Committee, led by myself and Rosemary Coverly, have been quietly at work over the past few months conducting the "quiet phase" of this second campaign. At our luncheon celebration on the 13th, we will announce how far along we have come in reaching the goal of this phase II campaign - retiring the construction debt for St. John's. We think you'll be pretty excited about what we have to share.

So, let's start the new year coming together after worship over food and fellowship, celebrating the accomplishments of the past, and celebrating as well the beginning of our final efforts in this project - what we might call "securing our future!"

"Happy New Year!"

Fr. Glenn+



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH *in*
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

19 December 2018

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Dear Members of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania,

In the 8th century Before the Common Era, the prophet Isaiah shared a message with the people of Judah offering words of warning and consolation about the coming invasion of the Assyrians from the North. Using an imperial framework for his prophesy, Isaiah shared God's Word of deliverance and salvation to an oppressed people.

Isaiah gives us names for this coming King: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Most important, though, is that in all of these roles, the Savior is human. Flesh and Blood. God among us, like us, to save us. It is a profound and beautiful paradox that God's supreme solution to our sinfulness is to come among us, as one of us. One of our Proper Prefaces for our Eucharistic celebrations reminds us that Jesus was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin, and that it is by his grace that we are able to triumph over evil, ourselves.

This Christmas, I invite you to consider what Name you have given Jesus. Comforter? Friend? Strength? Companion? Redeemer? Example? Deliverer? Leader? Healer?

The Jesus who comes to us, this Christmas, is *exactly* what each of us needs, in our own particularity.

Rejoice that God comes among us, to join us in our earthly walk, and to offer God's limitless and redemptive love, again, and again.

With love and best wishes for a Holy and Blessed Christmas,

Audrey C. Scanlan

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan
XI Bishop

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

JANUARY, 2019

öUltimately, we have just one moral duty; to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves,
more and more peace, and to reflect it towards others.

And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will be in the world.ö
Etty Hillesum, Author - An Interrupted Life and Auschwitz victim

Global Partnership Challenge for January 6th

January is the time when we make öresolutionsö for the New Year.
The definition of öresolutionö is öa firm decision to do or not to do something.ö
Consider a 2019 Resolution to be a Person of Peace...Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for January 13th

öJesus is counting on us to love and take care of all without exception.
He never asked us to preserve a doctrine or argue about ritual practices,
about who gets to do what or stand where.

He seems much more interested that everyone feel included,
welcomed, forgiven, restored, and empowered to believe that
they too can love as they have been loved.

We have a lot of loving to do. Jesus is counting on us.ö
The Compassion Connection, Catherine T. Nerney, SSJ

Global Partnership Challenge for January 20th Martin Luther King Day - January 21st

öDarkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.ö MLK

It's time...be a light, be love, be strong, be caring, be as God intended...
To ALL...Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for January 27th

öIt is important to expect nothing, to take every experience,
including the negative ones, as merely steps on the path, and to proceed.ö Ram Dass

We ALL have days when things did not go as planned.

As we ask for forgiveness for ourselves from above,
Be a light of forgiveness to those in our presence - Here, There, Everywhere.



SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee continued to receive applications until December 1st and has spent time reviewing applications, conducting several online video-conferences, and even an in-person interview.

This discernment process continues to be joyous in the number of people that have applied and the people with whom we have talked. They are an amazing mix of people of various ages, both male and female, ranging from no rector experience to almost forty years as a priest. They each bring different gifts.

As a committee we developed a list of both required and preferred qualities and traits, using information that we gathered during Appreciative Inquiry, Focus Groups, and the Parish Survey. We have measured each applicant against those standards, looking for the ones who on paper seem to meet those qualifications. Only then do we hold the video-conference interviews. These interviews are approximately ninety minutes long, and during that time we have found that we get a pretty good feel for that candidate's strengths and weaknesses, as well as a sense of who they are as a person.

Believe that the Holy Spirit is leading us through this challenge of discernment, and sit comfortably in the middle of uncertainty. Please continue to pray for the committee and the candidates to be open to the Spirit and the path that God may provide for us. We continue to pray that God will guide us in our decisions.

Submitted by,

Leslie Morgan
Search Committee Chair

PARISH REGISTER

Deaths

Barbara McKee
December 2, 2018

Transferred In

Ben Creighton

SERVING SCHEDULE – JANUARY, 2019

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.

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

JANUARY 13	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Purdy	David Dissinger, Emily Gross
Eucharistic Visitors	Phil Becker, Alice Ogwang	--
Lectors	Steve Latshaw	Brad Moyer, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	Hal Williams
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	Fiona Mausolf, Natalie Visco
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Danielle Di Pace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Dave Martin
Coffee Hour	Usher Teams: B,C,D	Usher Teams: B,C,D
Nursery	--	Janelle Stone

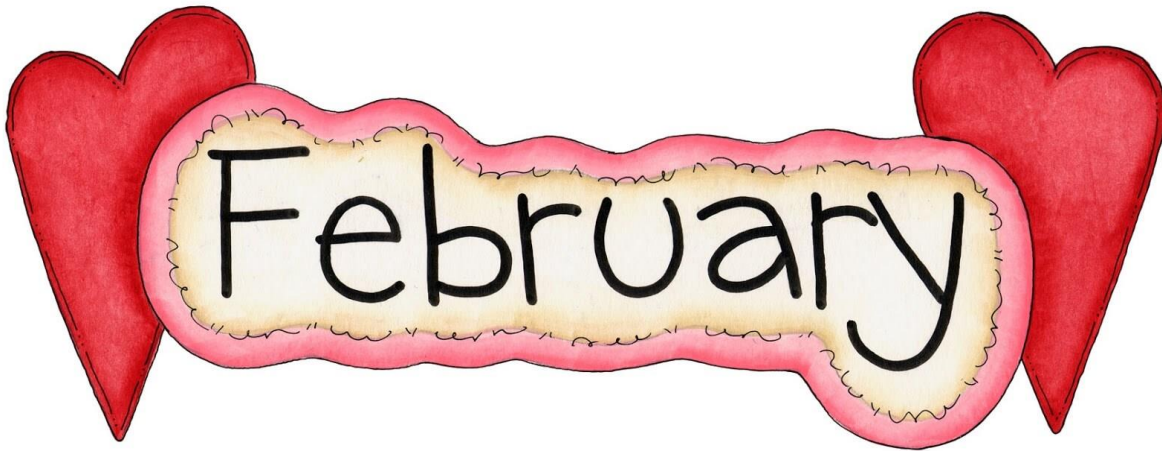
JANUARY 20	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Jen Trenary	Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitors	Stephanie McGovern	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lectors	Heather Trenary	Joel Cliff, Jeannie Zeller
Server	--	Sean Cliff
Crucifer	--	Rob Williams
Torch Bearers	--	Evelyn Carroll, Helena Carroll
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	--	Mary Ellen Kilp



JANUARY 27	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Purdy	John Faust, Glenn Miller
Eucharistic Visitors	Sue Martin, Karen Latshaw	--
Lectors	Phil Purdy	Bob Kilp, Danielle Di Pace
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	Claire Thompson, Sophia Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Garth Alexander
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	TBD	TBD
Nursery	--	Phyllis Gbur

SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY, 2019

FEBRUARY 3	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	David Dissinger, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lectors	Sue Tobie	Jane Lee, Paula Wolf
Server	--	Nicholas Di Pace
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	Campbell Way, Greyson Way
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Toni Ehrhart
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	TBD	TBD
Nursery	--	Leslie Morgan



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

For **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Crucifers, or Torch Bearers:** Contact the Church Office
 For **Eucharistic Visitors:** Contact the Church Office
 For **Altar Guild:** Contact Toni Ehrhart
 For **Ushers:** Contact 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 December 26, 2018) on the financial support for our building renovations, which are essentially complete:

	Amount Received
Received toward total 114 pledges of \$781,449	\$ 733,173
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	89,115
Bequests	155,000
Total received	\$ 977,288

Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 1,025,564

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 was to run through the end of 2018, so if you have not yet completed your pledge, please join the 76 families who have already done so.

If you have a question about your pledge, please contact Gina Keiser, our Financial Secretary, at: gina@stjohns-lancaster.org or 717-299-1188 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

-- Submitted by Debbie Carter

VOYAGERS



The **VOYAGERS** are privileged to announce a very special program to welcome in **2019!** Fellow parishioner, **Ken Smith**, has graciously offered to speak to us on the subject of: *“Hi There, Welcome Aboard”* to share with us his story of a 20-year career as a Naval Aviator, flying jets from 13 different US Navy aircraft carriers. Can you imagine landing at sea 785 times? It doesn't stop there -- he also logged more than 14,000 hours of flight time with American Airlines, and, after a brief hiatus when he retired in 2005, he flew for a charter airline, this time to fly troops home from Iraq.

Ken was the first Captain of a US commercial aircraft to fly directly into Iraq to pick up troops, shortening their travel time by about three days. After he logged over 5,000 hours of flight time on this mission, Ken decided it was time to hang up his Captain's wings for the third and final time. Ken now volunteers at Hospice and Community Care in the Veteran-to-Veteran program for those nearing the end of life.

Please join us in the Parish Hall on Saturday, January 26 from 10-11:30 a.m. All are welcome!

PROPERTY CORNER

What a Clean-Up Event We Had This Fall!

Warm thanks go to all who helped us prepare Godø's House for Christmas on December 8th! From window cleaning and pew polishing to pruning and leaf raking and everything in between, we had many hands making for light work, which was greatly appreciated. We hope to see everyone for our Spring Clean-Up.

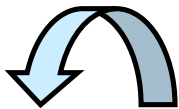
CHRISTMAS DECORATING

And, while we're talking about Godø's House looking nice for this special liturgical season, we extend our appreciation to Janice and Kevin Henry for taking care of the wreaths, greens and poinsettias for this special occasion.

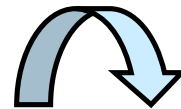
Warm Wishes!

The Property Committee extends its warmest wishes for a blessed Christmas Season!

May your New Year be healthy and happy!



Find us on
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Stay up to date on the very latest at St. John's by "liking" our Facebook page. Don't miss a mid-week snow cancellation, event reminder, or inspirational message. And...if you haven't subscribed to our blog to receive email notifications on a variety of topics (Events, Worship, Mission Fields, Pastoral Messages, Reflections from the Pew), go to www.stjohns-lancaster.org and click on NEWS/BLOG in the upper right. There's a lot happening at St. John's and our social media presence is growing. Be a part of it!

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 **January through March, 2019**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

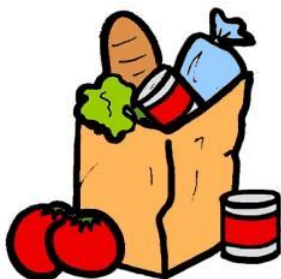
DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
January 6			
January 13			
January 20			
January 27			
February 3			
February 10			
February 17			
February 24			
March 3			
March 10			
March 17			
March 24			

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

Thank you to everyone that supported the J2A purchasing wreaths, greens and cookies. We greatly appreciate all the support for our teens.

Thank you to everyone that supported our college students with gift cards. The Sunday school made cards for them and we put the gift cards in the cards. The young adults really enjoyed getting mail like that.



Thank you to our wonderful Journey to Adulthood leaders, Dawn & Mike Williams, April & Joe Way, and Karen Di Pace. We could not have the awesome youth program without all of your help and support.

On January 8, 2019, we would like to invite any college student or young adult to join us for a night of fellowship and dinner. We will be gathering at St. John's at 6:00. Please RSVP to mekilp@yahoo.com or 717-475-2785. Looking forward to catching up with all of you.

All Youth, make sure you join us for a fun night of games at St. John's. We will be starting the evening with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on January 27 in the Parish Hall.

The next few months promise to be equally busy with opportunities for fellowship and ministry. We will be having Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday along with Scout Sunday on February 3. Help to support our Food Pantry Ministry and join us for soup after the 10:15 a.m. service. The next J2A fundraiser will be the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner on March 5.

Diocesan events coming up will be the "Happening" retreat; this is a special retreat for Sr. High teens, and it is scheduled for the weekend of February 15th - 17th. The Middle School Retreat called New Beginnings will be on April 5th & 7th at Camp Mount Luther. See below for the details.

Please make sure to mark your calendars with all of the events coming up!

Happy New Year!

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2019

January 6	Rite 13 Coffee Hour
January 8	College and Young Adult Gathering
January 18 . 20	Happening Planning meeting
January 27	Game night
February 3	Scout Sunday / Souper Bowl of Caring
February 15 - 17	Happening at Camp Mount Luther (grades 9 . 12)
February 24	Winter Activity (Laser tag, bounce room) (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
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. to 7 p.m.

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

New Beginnings #2

A retreat for youth in grades 6-8

What is New Beginnings? “New Beginnings” is a unique ministry in the Diocese of Central PA that shares the love of Christ with the middle school-aged youth of today. Throughout the retreat weekend, the high school youth will minister to the middle school youth. “New Beginnings” speaks, listens, and challenges middle school youth to be positive about themselves, their friends, families and their communities, in a critical time in their lives. This ministry reminds them that we are all children of God, we are special, we are loved, and there is nothing that we cannot overcome with Christ.

Who can go to New Beginnings? Anyone in grades 6-8 may attend. You can attend the weekend as many times as you want during these years.

When is New Beginnings? The “New Beginnings” check-in begins at 6 pm on Friday April 5th and continues through a special Eucharist at 11 am on Sunday the 7th. (The entire weekend concludes around 12 noon). Activities include a series of songs, skits, movie clips, and small group discussions. Topics such as God’s love, prayer, self, friends, parents, siblings and school are explored, with talks introduced by the high school youth and adult members of the team.

New Beginnings #2 is Friday, April 5, 2019 - Sunday, April 7, 2019.

Where is New Beginnings? Camp Mount Luther, just outside of Mifflinburg, PA

How much does New Beginnings cost? Only \$100.00 per participant! That includes housing in cabins with other youth, all meals, a t-shirt and an entire weekend of activities!

How do I register for New Beginnings? Go to www.diocesecpa.org Then go to New Beginnings and fill out the information on the link. Please fill out the information if scholarship is needed.

In order to prepare materials for the retreat, the registration deadline is March 29, 2019.

What do I need to bring with me when I come to New Beginnings? After your registration has been sent in and accepted, you will receive a few additional forms to fill out along with a packing list for the weekend.

What if I have more questions? Please feel free to email or call Mary Ellen Kilp or Theda Tallman at cpayouthcom@gmail.com or 717-475-2785.

Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Happening #12

February 15th-17th, 2019



All youth in grades 9-12 are invited for an exciting weekend of fun, friendship, and faith!

Youth leadership is a key feature of the Happening program. The entire weekend is led “by youth for youth” with adult supervisions and guidance. Happening is not a traditional church retreat. As a Happener, whether you are a high school student or an adult (yes adults may happen, too!) you will have the opportunity to talk about God, as God is reflected in your daily life, with your peers, the people who will be experiencing the same event with you. Happening is truly an event designed with you and your faith in mind!

Finally, a key piece to a happy Happening is dedication to a friendly, accepting, and understanding environment. No matter who you are, where you come from, or what your favorite cereal happens to be, you are welcome with open arms.

Please register by February 8, 2019!

www.diocesecpa.org:

Cost: \$125.00 – Scholarships are available.

Please contact Mary Ellen Kilp or Theda Tallman at cpayouthcom@gmail.com for questions. Hope to see you there!

Happening #12 Planning Team

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19.**

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)

A Christmas miracle! With thanks to our helpers and our shoppers at our St. Nick's knit sale, our Eagle's Nest Ministry received **\$1,200!** Do you knit, crochet, quilt, sew, or know someone who does and would like to join us in continuing our mission at St. John's? Much thought has been given to ending our Christmas sale, to announce that the last sale was the end for us. Please let someone in Martha's Ministry know how you feel about the possibility. We've referred to the last two sales as "miracles." Actually, the miracles were a direct result of a few extra contributors to our table. Maybe, if we all spread the word, the sale won't become a thing of the past. What do you think? We welcome your ideas.

Please join us Tuesdays from 2-4 pm in the Parish Hall for a time of crafting and fellowship. You will be welcome.

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Sue Tobie)

Total grocery card sales for December will be reported in the February "Messenger."

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

EAGLE'S NEST



Our Eagle's Nest After School program, serving twelve 4th and 5th grade students from Fulton Elementary School, has continued to enjoy a variety of enrichment activities. Local Lancaster artist Kerry Sacco provided the students with a drawing lesson. Our budding artists turned basic shapes into 3d objects and then let their creativity flow! We look forward to continued lessons with Miss Kerry in 2019.

We spent a full day of Christmas crafts and activities including making picture frames for parents, bead art, scavenger hunt in the church, games, and cookie decorating. Our student and adult bakers have been quite busy making and decorating Christmas cookies. They certainly enjoyed tasting along the way.

Our young bakers were proud to serve their creations to friends and family at our Christmas Party on December 19th. The Eagle's Nest students had the honor of decorating the Christmas tree and putting out the Crèche. The students processed into the church where Father Glenn told them some stories and we sang songs. The celebration concluded with cookies and ice cream in the Parish Hall. Angel Tree gifts were distributed to the students at this time. What a wonderful ministry, and many thanks to all who have provided gifts to these terrific students.

One final thank you goes out to Jeannie Zeller and her faithful Knitters for their recent donation to our Eagle's Nest program. Your generous donation from the proceeds of your recent sale will allow us to continue to provide quality enrichment activities and materials to our students.

Submitted by,

Jean Gordon
Director of Eagle's Nest Program

Deadline Dates!

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:
WEDNESDAYS**

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

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Discover The World Through St. John's International Book Club

Imagine exploring the world from the comfort of your own home without travel headaches or jet lag! The Global Partnership Committee invites you on a journey to discover the world through reading this winter. We are launching an International Book Club, and our first book will be *The Bread of Angels: A Journey to Love and Faith*, by Stephanie Saldana. Saldana writes beautifully about her experience living in Syria in 2004, studying the role of Jesus in Islam, and of the people who helped her rediscover God and the meaning of her life along the way.

We hope you'll enjoy curling up with the book on a cold winter night and join us for a lively discussion in February. Look for further details in the bulletin and in February's "Messenger"!

Questions? Please contact Sue Heilman or Kim Bomberger.

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.



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ANDY CARROLL

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MLK DAY EVENT

*Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
at St. John's*

*Monday, January 21st
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

Volunteer at our Kids Camp!

Every year St. John's hosts a day camp and birthday celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It's an absolutely beautiful event and we encourage you to consider volunteering for part or all of that day. Adults, middle school and high school students are welcome to be helpers! Over the course of the day (Monday, January 21, 2019, from 9:30 am to 3:00 p.m.) students in grades 1-5 will explore the question "What's Right?" through games, discussion, stories, movement and art. The Kids' Camp is an exciting, high-energy day, and children leave feeling that they've contributed to keeping Dr. King's legacy alive. There is no fee and lunch will be provided.

Planning is already underway. Many volunteers are needed!!! If you are interested in planning or helping that day, please contact Sue Dodge at lalimule@verizon.net or 717-368-7206.



*Music for Everyone Community Chorus
at St. John's*

*Sunday, January 20th
3:00 p.m.*

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend with a special performance by the Music For Everyone Community Chorus: (<https://musicforeveryone.org/music/community-choir/>) at 3:00 on Sunday, January 20, 2019, at St. John's Episcopal Church. The concert is a gorgeous way to celebrate and remember Dr. King through voices uplifted in song and praise.

No School? Come join us as we honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“WHAT’S RIGHT?”

Monday, January 21, 2019 • 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



- MEET WITH A SPECIAL RABBIT
- ART AND MUSIC
- YOGA
- PREPARE & SHARE LUNCH

*This program day is appropriate for **children in grades 1-5**. It is open to children of St. John's and their friends as well as our community neighbors. Participants are asked to arrive promptly at 9:30 a.m. and stay until the program concludes at 3:00 p.m.*

DETACH and return this form by FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019.

Pre-Registration is Requested.

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**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Camp - January 21, 2019
St. John's Episcopal Church • 321 West Chestnut Street**

Child's Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Another Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies, Medical Concerns or Restrictions: _____

I give permission to have my child released to these persons: _____

Daytime Contact and Telephone Number: _____

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

A.L.E.R.T.

The following letter was recently sent to St. James The Fisherman Episcopal Church, and God's Beloved in Brunswick County, N.C. St. John's was a significant part of this endeavor. Thanks to all of **YOU** who supported this endeavor. Any questions should be directed to Dave Martin or Don Durand, representatives from St. John's to ALERT.

St. James The Fisherman Episcopal Church
4941 Main Street
Shallotte, NC 28470

Dear Rev. Frank Russ, Rev. Jean Miller, Members of St. James the Fisherman, and God's Beloved in Brunswick County, NC:

Enclosed you will find numerous checks totaling \$3,904.24 for Brunswick Family Assistance and \$300 for St. James's discretionary fund. This is the result of the ten Episcopal Churches in Lancaster County holding fund raisers to help the people of North Carolina recover from Hurricane Florence. Here's a sample of what we did:

One church held a Polka Mass and then had a beer and brats reception afterward. That was a fun afternoon. Two churches held a combination Evensong Service and organ recital and are donating the free-will offerings they received. Another church held a "Concert of Compassion" which featured two singers singing show tunes. They were accompanied by the organist of yet another of our churches. Afterward, we all enjoyed desserts made by the church members.

ALERT, a cooperative ministry of the ten Episcopal Churches in Lancaster County, made a contribution as part of their "Prayers and More" program. Our bishop also contributed some money on behalf of the entire Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. And there are several checks from individual Episcopalians who felt called to help out. Please use this money as the Spirit leads you to help the people of Brunswick County with their needs as they recover from the hurricane.

You will also find enclosed several cards. The people of our churches felt called to reach out in love to their sisters and brothers in Brunswick County by writing their hopes and prayers for them. Please distribute these to people who need a visible sign of God's love and care for them.

Our bishop is also helping us fund a mission trip, so we eagerly await news of when we can travel to North Carolina and contribute our time and labor to help you rebuild. More than anything, we can't wait to meet all of you. In the meantime, please let us know if there is some other way we can help out from here in Pennsylvania. And may God bless you richly for all the good work you are doing.

Faithfully,

The People of Bangor Church, Narvon, PA
The People of St. Edward's, Lancaster, PA
The People of St. John's, Marietta, PA
The People of St. Luke's, Mount Joy, PA
The People of St. Paul's, Columbia, PA

The People of Hope Church, Manheim, PA
The People of St. James, Lancaster, PA
The People of St. John's, Lancaster, PA
The People of St. Paul's, Manheim, PA
The People of St. Thomas, Lancaster, PA

The Right Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of the Diocese of Central PA

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
Eamon Nelson
Barbara Russell
Mike Skilling & Family
Deb Smith
Paula Wolf
Claudia

And Our Homebound

Margaret Crothers
Michael Frantz
Dyls Glew
Cricket Johnson
Ellen Keller
Fritz Lawrence
Don Lovett
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*



**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.**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bailey, Lyn	23
Burch, Connie	29
Di Pace, Nick	10
Durand, Emily	23
Gbur, Andrew	28
Gordon, Jean	25
Hasircoglu, Chris	27
Hogg, Linda	10
Kilhefner, Shelby	23
Kilp, David	2
Latshaw, Ally	12
Latshaw, Andy	27
Lisman, Kathryn	26
Mausolf, Lily	29
Miller, Howard	29
Purdy, Sue	28
Rivera, Deborah	14
Sherman, Stephen	4
Smith, Ricky	21
Springer, Mark	18
Stone, Dylan	4
Strickler, Kent	25
Tahsler, Bruce	10
Thompson, Sophia	31
Trenary, Jennifer	15
Van Aulen, Ben	15
Watts, Cameron	29
Watts, Ken	16

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Crothers, Jim & Margaret	01/31/1953
Honaman, Fred & Eleanor	01/10/1953
Stonerook, Tom & Kendall	01/26/1985



Please Note:

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