



St. John's Messenger

March 2019

from The Rev. Glenn D. Miller, Interim Rector
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POSTURES OF WORSHIP

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of this month, we will embark again upon the great journey of Lent. One of the singular joys of a liturgically oriented tradition such as ours are these cycles of the church year, which bring with them different `lenses_ through which we experience our faith. We confess `one_ faith, but there are a great variety of facets of that faith, and an equally great number of ways to experience that faith.

One of the ways I experience my faith differently is through different `postures._ Put simply, there are times that I'm called to my knees in prayer or confession. There are other times it beckons me to sit quietly. And there are still other times that I'm called to rise to my feet in joy and gladness. There are times my head is bowed, and times it's lifted up. Times my hands are clasped in prayer, and times that prayer flows through open, upturned hands.

At the outset of Epiphany, someone in the choir asked me `should we stand or sit for the prayers and the Eucharistic prayer?_ It was a reasonable question, because in many respects the choir in our tradition serves as liturgical leader, helping the congregation know what to do corporately. Yet, my feeling, for many years has been this: We may *encourage* one another towards one posture of piety or another from time to time, especially in different liturgical seasons. But that said, worshippers should feel the freedom to assume the posture that they want, regardless of the season! In any season, I look out from the altar each week, or at the altar rail itself, and I see folks in a great variety of postures.

For me, the season of Lent is one of a return to penitence, and thus I find myself wanting to kneel more than I might otherwise. Conversely, in Eastertide, the joy of resurrection life pulls me to my feet, and my face to heaven, like the disciples at the end of Easter on the day of Ascension, looking heavenward.

So, as we start the Lenten journey this year, `should you stand or sit or kneel?_ My answer is that you should do exactly what feels right and most meaningful to you. Kneel throughout Lent and stand during Easter perhaps. But if you choose to do otherwise, that's fine! Like the cacophony of voices on the Day of Pentecost, we may express ourselves differently, knowing that on our knees or on our feet, we are one people, of one baptism and one faith.

Blessed Lent to you all!

Fr. Glenn +

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

MARCH 2019

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

As we `MARCH_ forwardŰ We start a movement toward weather changes as Spring arrives,
We `move_ into the Lenten season of reflection inward and around us as we review all we have been
given and all we could share. We are blessed to have the opportunity to share the love we experience
from above with othersŰ .Here, There, Everywhere.

Global Partnership Challenge for **March 3rd**

Beginning of Lent

While the focus is often on `giving up_ a food item, let's think about giving up waste - begin to
be a stronger advocate of recycling - clothing, shoes, plastic, styrofoam, etc.,
act on giving up complaining or any negative reactions and focus on smiles and forgiveness.
We are not perfect, those around us are not perfect, but God and Jesus love us ALL -
Here, There, EverywhereŰ .follow their example.

Global Partnership Challenge for **March 10th**

`Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone -
we find it with another._ Thomas Merton

As we move ahead, give yourself the gift of a new acquaintanceŰ
a smile, a handshake, a welcoming greeting to a brother or sisterŰ Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for **March 17th**

St. Patrick's Day Blessing

"May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm on your face and the rains fall softly on your fields.
And until we meet again, May God hold you gently in the palm of his hand._

Global Partnership Challenge for **March 24th**

International Earth Day

`Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us,
producing varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs._ *Francis of Assisi*
The earth was given to us with expectation we would care for herŰ it's timeŰ .
Here, There, Everywhere for us ALL to care for our gift.

Global Partnership Challenge for **March 31st**

`We're born alone, we live alone, we die alone. Only through our love and friendship
can we create the illusion for the moment that we're not alone._ *Orson Welles*
Kindness and caring have never been more needed for ALL God's Children.



SERVING SCHEDULE – MARCH 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.

MARCH 3	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Purdy	Emily Gross, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lector / Intercessor	Steve Latshaw	Brad Moyer, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	Amelia Hale, Sophia Hale
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Voyagers	Voyagers
Nursery	--	Mary Ellen Kilp

MARCH 10	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	John Faust, Glenn Miller
Eucharistic Visitors	Phil Becker, Alice Ogwang	--
Lector / Intercessor	Eamon Nelson	Bob Kilp, Jeannie Zeller
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	Claire Thompson, Sophia Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Danielle Di Pace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	Global Partnership	Global Partnership
Nursery	--	Jenn Hreben

MARCH 17	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Bond	Brad Moyer, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitors	Stephanie McGovern	--
Lector / Intercessor	Heather Trenary	Danielle Di Pace, Joel Cliff
Server	--	Sean Cliff
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	Fiona Mausolf, Lily Mausolf
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Dan Farmer
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	--	Mary Waskowicz

MARCH 24	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Jen Trenary	Danielle Di Pace, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector / Intercessor	Phil Purdy	Paula Wolf, Jane Lee
Server	--	Kylie Stone
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	Greyson Gustafson, Campbell Way
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Garth Alexander
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Sue Martin
Coffee Hour	Vestry	Vestry
Nursery	--	Janelle Stone

MARCH 31	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Purdy	Peter Novosel, David Dissinger
Eucharistic Visitors	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	--
Lector / Intercessor	Bob Lee	Sue Zuke, Fran Gouveia
Server	--	Nicholas Di Pace
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	Natalie Visco, Greyson Way
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Toni Ehrhart
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Handbell Choir	Handbell Choir
Nursery	--	Leslie Morgan

SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL 2019

APRIL 7	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Purdy	Emily Gross, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lector / Intercessor	Nicole Pham	Greyson Way, David Dissinger
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	Claire Thompson, Sophia Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Glenn Miller
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Martha's Ministry	Martha's Ministry
Nursery	--	Katie Mausolf



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 John Gouveia
 For **Greeters and 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.

SENIOR WARDEN

St. John's Vestry met in January for its annual retreat. Retreat is the usual name for this gathering, but the day is not entirely spiritual. Yes, we do pray but much of the day is spent getting to know our new members and looking at the coming year and the challenges we face.

In past years, we have done some strategic planning or goal setting. We did not do this but rather spent the day reflecting on just who and what a Vestry is and its focus. Fr. Miller invited Mr. Rick Wolf, who has had quite a bit of experience leading groups like this in reflection on leadership, the importance of joy which is founded in faith, and true collaboration. It was an excellent discussion.

The Vestry did conduct some regular business but spent a bit of time on the role of Vestry Steward. Each member of Vestry has traditionally been assigned an area of parish life for which they were given responsibility of communicating the Vestry's mission action plans to their committees and then bringing back to Vestry reports of the committee activities. You may remember the listing of the Vestry on the back of the Sunday bulletin and their areas of responsibility.

The Vestry discussed and refined the role of steward. Communication to and from the Vestry is still the primary role of the steward, but some committees need assistance in restructuring. The Vestry steward should not be the committee chairperson. Some areas of parish life do not have a committee to support them. The Vestry as a whole will work to correct this in cooperation with the specific steward. All of this is most important as we near the arrival of our new permanent rector. The Vestry will need to assist her closely as she becomes accustomed to our parish life.

An important decision of resurrecting the Personnel committee was made. The former committee dissolved with the retirement of Fr. John Morris. A new committee will begin to work with the new permanent rector.

So, here is a list of the Vestry Stewards:

Executive Committee	Tom Bond, Senior Warden, and Debbie Carter, Junior Warden
Finance Committee	Tim Huber and Glenn Miller
Property Committee	Jeannie Zeller
Personnel Committee	Webb Cook and Tom Bond
Ministries Council	Peter Novosel
Jubilee Ministries	Sue Heilman
Pastoral Care	Jeannie Zeller
Stewardship	Nicole Pham
Worship	Ben Creighton and Molly Moyer
Communication/Evangelism	Heather Trenary

We will post this list on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for your future reference.

Finally, a request - please continue to pray for your Vestry as we pray for you. Faith is our motivation and prayer supports faith. May God who has begun the good work in us, bring it to fruition!

Tom Bond, Senior Warden

***Ash Wednesday Services, March 6
Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes***



7:30 a.m. (St. John's)

12:00 noon (St. John's)

***7:30 p.m. Lancaster Convocation Service
St. James Episcopal Church
119 North Duke Street, Lancaster***

ST. JOHN'S LENTEN WEEKEND



Mark Your Calendars!

March 29-31, 2019

***"Pregnant with the Light of Christ" --
Celebrating Mother Mary***

Music

Art

Meditation

Friday, March 29: 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Soup/Salad dinner provided by Lenten committee followed by entertaining program by Paul Reese - Mary in Music, evening ends with Compline and labyrinth walk.

Saturday, March 30: 8:30-11:30 a.m. - Dick Ressel, local art speaker, teacher at Lancaster Catholic, judge, and artist who has exhibited and received recognition for both ceramics and paintings in regional, national, and international exhibitions, presenting Mary in Art; followed by panel discussion of Mary with guests- Greek Orthodox seminarian Isaac Lampart, Roman Catholic Deacon Peter Jupin, Lutheran Pastor Carol Fryer, and Fr. Stephen Casey

Sunday, March 31 - Guest Preacher, Pastor Carol Fryer

Sign up in the Parish Hall beginning March 3rd. Questions? Please contact Pam Loose, Linda Bruce, or Barbara Landis.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Honoring Our Past... Welcoming Our Future: Capital Campaign Update—Phase I

Here's a quick update (as of February 20, 2019) on the financial support for our completed building renovations:

	Amount Received
Received toward total 114 pledges of \$781,449	\$ 747,908
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	75,557
Bequests	155,000
Total received	\$ 978,465

Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 1,012,006

Thanks to everyone for your generous support of our goal of `making the doors a little wider and the invitation a little warmer_!

Phase I of the capital campaign was to run through the end of 2018, so if you have not yet completed your pledge, please join the 85 families who have already done so.

More good news!

During the quiet phase of the campaign to repay the debt of our wonderful renovations, \$370,800 has been pledged toward the \$600,000 goal, and we've received \$145,461 towards those pledges. Look forward to a spiritual journey and the opportunity to participate in the success of this ministry in the coming months.

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 March Voyagers Meeting will feature two of our own: Kathy Kyper and Bill Gross, who are instrumental in the Property Committee of St. John's. Their program will be ***"Providing the Warmer Welcome to All at St. John's"*** telling us about the many changes over the past few years with a brief tour of the campus.

Kathy and Bill will also talk about future wants and needs of the parish environs. We look forward to having you join us on Saturday, March 23, from 10:00 - 11:30 in the Parish Hall, followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

PROPERTY CORNER

The Property Committee thanks its many contributors of 2018 service to our Church, including those participating in the Fall Clean-up, Carolyn Maxey and her friend Kate for their plantings in decorative pots throughout our campus. Thanks are also extended to Janice and Kevin Henry for their coordination of decorating our Church for Christmas. The committee also wishes to extend its gratitude to Bruce Waskowicz for his service to the Church as Property Steward on Vestry. Bruce joined the many other members of the committee for whom Bill is extremely grateful.

The Capital Campaign gratitude dinner in the Parish Hall and celebration in our auditorium have highlighted the special appeal these spaces have to offer. While we expect more activity in these venues and our building use rates have not been updated in some time, the committee is in the process of evaluating our rate structure for the use of our facilities.

Grid-One water meter conversions have been completed on our property, including rental properties. New remote readers have been added to our meters, as required by Lancaster City Water.

We've had J & J Heating & Cooling out to fix the Becker House Heater, supplying the 2nd and 3rd floors. We may continue to see the decline of this heater, which was slated to be replaced this year (Property/Finance Plan) along with flat/crown roofs, computers, Church compressor/chiller, additions to BH alarm system, stained glass window restoration, Sunday School rooms' floors, steeple repointing, All Purpose Room/Nursery wing HVAC, Chestnut Street brick walk, replastering of Church and Becker House basements, and Church basement floor remediation/repair. And, this work in addition to 2016 items, including leaded window repair in the Parish House, North clerestory window covers, and Parish house and Church emergency lighting, which have yet to be completed.

Thyssen-Krupp was in twice in December to correct conditions involving the elevator being inoperable, including a Sunday. When discussing my dissatisfaction with this equipment, they suggested a maintenance plan at an additional cost. With the elevator being relatively new, the committee felt that service to this important accessibility device should still be handled under the manufacturer's warranty, which has just expired.

Since our last meeting in November, undercroft fluorescent fixtures have been converted to LED to conserve energy. Other fixtures will be considered after a trial period of these fixtures. Stained glass window memorial plates have been replaced along the parking side of the Nave. These memorials, which were removed for the refinishing of the stained-glass window frames are provided to remember those for which the clerestory windows were provided. Also, our boilers were inspected on January 22, 2019, as part of our Travelers Insurance policy.

Clark was in on December 13th and 19th to service one of the kitchen dishwashers for inadequate temperature. There have been incidents when notes have been left on the dishwasher indicating problems with no description of the problem or contact information for the one leaving the note. Please make the property manager aware of any issues on the campus by contacting Bill Gross at 717-405-0987 or wjgrossjr@aol.com.

PROPERTY CORNER (CONTINUED)

Matthews Memorials has been contacted regarding additional urns, support inserts, security bolts and their driver for our original columbarium. We are still in need of about 50 urns and supports in order to fill out this columbarium. This columbarium was relocated during our renovation project, running completely along the Parish House wall now.

As a result of our construction project, we are currently working with Select Security regarding the rezoning of the alarm system, after which our keyholders will get an update. We thank those who have stepped up to the plate to work with the fire company and secure our facilities during an alarm activation.

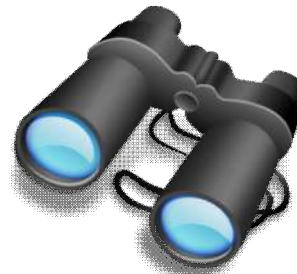
With Holy Week just about upon us, Spring Clean-up will be held on April 13th starting at 9 a.m. We hope to accomplish many of the tasks needed to have our Church looking beautiful for this special time in our Christian lives. We hope to see everyone then.

Respectfully submitted by your Property Committee:

*Jeanne Zeller, Andrew Carroll, Jon Forrester, Bill Gross, Jane Lee,
Dave Martin, Cynthia Minnich, Shirley Shaheen, and Bruce Waskowicz.*



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*Shrove
Tuesday*

PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY MARCH 5TH

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
321 W CHESTNUT ST LANCASTER
PARISH HALL 5:30-7:00 PM
\$5 ADULTS ~ \$2 CHILDREN**

Attention: Men of St. John's!

Please join us on **Saturday, March 9th at 8:00 a.m.** in the **Parish Hall** for our first Men's Group Breakfast. We will have a Hot and Cold Cereal Bar, Milk, Orange Juice, and Coffee.

Topics of the morning:

Who I am at St. John's and Who I am away from St. John's

Future Meetings: When, Where, and Time as well as topics for consideration.

Please RSVP on the sheet in the Parish Hall, or email way@mac.com so that we can plan for the event.



The shoe gathering at St. John's is taking place again this year as we gift those shoes, boots, sneakers, footwear to the ***Soles 4 Souls*** project. From now until Palm Sunday, shoes can be placed on the Chestnut Street side of the Parish Hall. We do not need the shoe boxes, so simply put them in a bag and drop them off.

Oh, and don't forget to ask neighbors, friends, anyone, for their shoes taking up space that they would like to gift. This gift can be life changing for people all over the world.

Blessings, *Barbara Landis*

ANNUAL ECW EARLY SPRING PLANT SALE!



March brings flowering plants for us to look forward to. The annual ECW early spring plant sale is coming! As in the past, a variety of colored primroses, in individual pots, and ready-to-use pansy bowls are available. Also, as in the past, the prices have not changed. The primroses cost \$3.00 a piece and the pansies are \$12.00 for a 12" bowl, or a 16" oval.

Plants must be pre-ordered, either on Sunday, March 17 or 24, in the Parish Hall during coffee hours. Delivery is Saturday, March 30, or Sunday, March 31. Just in time to add Spring to your home or give as a gift during the waiting period before the warm weather produces more.

This is the only fund-raiser for ECW and is used for the annual Diocesan assessment, as well as kitchen and hosting supplies. Your support is appreciated and please see Leslie Tahsler or Sue Martin with questions. **"THINK SPRING!"**



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

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
March 3	David Dissinger		
March 10	Barbara Landis		
March 17			
March 24			
March 31			
April 7			
April 14	Patti Means		
April 21			
April 28			
May 5			
May 12			
May 19	Patti Means		
May 26			



GREEN AREAS INDICATE 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!"**

LANCASTER CONVOCATION... HAS TALENT!

**BENEFIT TALENT SHOW W/DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH**

**POTATO BAR
W/ SIDES**



6 PM- 8 PM



**ST THOMAS
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

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PLEASE RSVP TO: SAINTTHOMASCHURCH@COMCAST.NET

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE AND SHARE THEIR TALENT! IN SUPPORT OF THE
LANCASTER CONVOCATION HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORT, MORE INFO TO COME!





What? Maundy Thursday Youth Lock-In

Who? Young People, ages 12 and up

When? April 18th, 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with
Foot washing, 9:00 p.m. Lock-In

Where? St. John's Episcopal Church
321 West Chestnut Street
Lancaster, PA

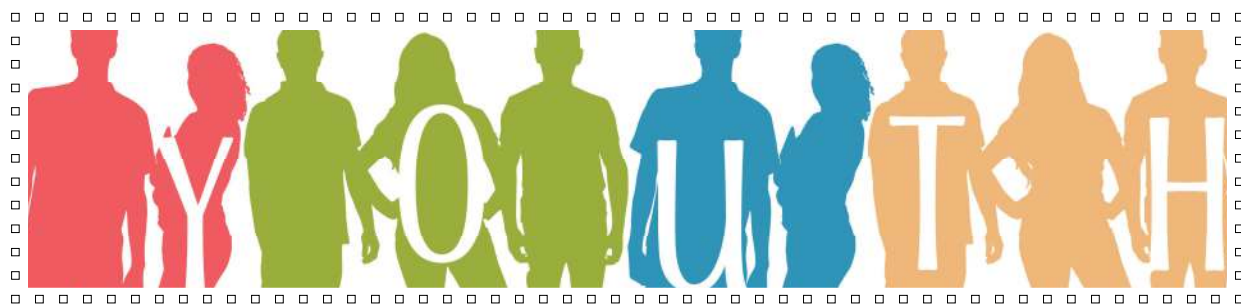
Why go? Fellowship with young people from other churches in the
area. A special agape feast, and the chance to explore your
faith in a deeper way.

What else? Bring a friend, a sleeping bag and pillow, toothpaste and
toothbrush.

The following morning, on April 19th, at 7:00 a.m., participate in a special
Youth Good Friday Service portraying the passion narrative. This special
service includes dramatic reading and miming- don't miss out!

Please rsvp to Mary Ellen Kilp at mekilp@yahoo.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday School & Journey to Adulthood

Karen Di Pace, Sunday School Director and Mary Ellen Kilp, Youth Director

Make sure to mark your calendars for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner on March 5. We will be serving dinner from 5:30 - 7:00 in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children your dinner will include pancakes, sausage, applesauce and fruit salad. The supper will be prepared by our Journey to Adulthood youth.

New Beginnings #2

April 5 – 7 at Camp Mount Luther

All youth in grades 6 - 8 are invited to `New Beginnings,` 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.

The `New Beginnings` check-in begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 5th, and continues through a special Eucharist at 11 a.m. 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.

Please register by April 1, 2019. Visit diocesecpa.org/youth or click [here](#) to register.
Cost: \$100.00 - Scholarships are available.

Saturday, March 16th. Please join us at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster for a benefit talent show with dinner. See the flyer (p. 14) for more details.



ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2019

March 5	Shrove Tuesday
March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 16	St. Thomas Convocation Dinner and 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 (Long's Park) and Teacher Appreciation
June 9	Pentecost



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

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

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

Since 1988, St. John's has been designated by the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church as a Center for Jubilee Ministry because of the "direct and dynamic link between our theology and our ethics," demonstrated in numerous outreach and neighborhood ministries. St. John's takes very seriously God's call to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and care for the sick. (*Matthew 25:35*)

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (*Contact: Sue Martin*) **SATURDAY, MARCH 16.**

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*)

If you haven't weighed in with someone in Martha's Ministry about the continuation of the annual St. Nick's Knit Sale, please let your voice be heard. If you can knit, sew, or crochet, please join us any Tuesdays in the Parish Hall from 2-4 p.m.

GROCERY CARDS (*Contact: Sue Tobie*)

Total grocery card sales for **February 2019: \$6,440 with \$322 going 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

EAGLE'S NEST



In February, our Eagle's Nest program decided to challenge the winter blues by planning a day of fun for our 4th and 5th grade students from Fulton Elementary School on their recent early dismissal day. Miss Claire led the students in a multi-step bread baking activity. Their patience was rewarded and each student was able to take home a warm loaf of bread, straight from the oven at the end of the day. They even used the extra dough to provide the entire group with freshly baked bread sticks with our spaghetti and meatball dinner, which they also helped prepare. Mr. Dave guided groups of students to decorate home made sugar cookies, which they also took home to share with their families. Sampling was encouraged, of course!

Students also had the opportunity to complete a few craft activities. Miss Mary led the students in the making of friendship bracelets, something she learned to do while in Costa Rica this summer with the St. John's youth. Miss Deb led students in the making of Valentine cards and all students made Valentine bags that would hold their candy and cards brought in by Volunteers.

We included a few games as well, but most importantly, simply enjoyed the fellowship, friendships and joy in watching these students have such enriching experiences. Many thanks to all the Volunteers, adult and teen, who work so tirelessly to make these days special for the students.

Submitted by,

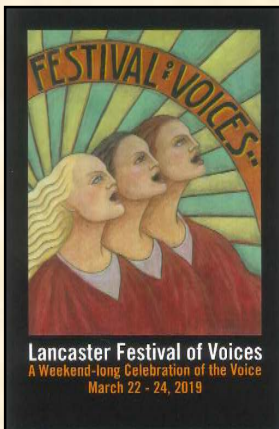
Jean Gordon, Eagle's Nest Director

"LANCASTER FESTIVAL of VOICES" March 22-24

FREE Weekend-Long Choral Celebration!

Trinity Lutheran Church

31 South Duke Street, Lancaster, PA



Friday, 3/22 6:30 p.m. Concert

Featuring: McCaskey Gospel Choir, LaLaLuna, MFE Community Chorus

Saturday, 3/23

Afternoon Choral Workshops

3:15 - 4:00 p.m. `Adding Depth, Expression, and Meaning to your Performance`

4:15 - 5:15 p.m. `Singing for Healing`

7:00 p.m. Concert

Featuring: Chromatic Expansion, Testostertones, Anything but Quiet, MFE Community Chorus



Sunday, 3/24 3:00 p.m. The Big Community Sing at Tellus360 (24 East King Street, Lancaster)

All events are free & open to the public. For complete line-ups: LancasterFestivalofVoices.com
Music for Everyone is the umbrella non-profit in Lancaster dedicated to cultivating education and transformation through the power of music.

INVITATION

DRAW OUT THY SOUL & DRAW DOWN THY CARBON:

A LENTEN CLIMATE JUSTICE EMPHASIS

During Lent you are invited to meet with others over the Friday lunch hour for conversation and prayer – and to consider joining with others in a Lenten practice of fasting.

“The kind of fasting I have chosen...spend yourselves (draw out thy soul -KJV) on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed.” Isaiah 58.

The Episcopal Church urges us to pray, fast, and also act to address the health effects of environmental degradation impacting the poorest among us. Be inspired by doing this in community with others. Each person is encouraged to choose (or not) each’s own mindful ‘fasting’ practice. Fasting from food during the Friday lunch hour is not at all required!

Read the (faithandclimate.net) weekly blog meditation on climate change & hunger, homelessness and health. The Rev. Jerry Lee Miller, Church of the Brethren Pastor (retired), will lead the one-hour Lenten focus.

All invited!

Sponsored by: Peace and Social Justice Committee,
Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

Where: Community Mennonite Church, 328 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, 17603
Parrot Gallery Room – lower-level door on Concord Alley

When: Noon -1 p.m., Fridays March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 4, 12, 19

(Parking is readily available in the church lot - Concord Alley and Grant Street)

Submitted by, *Faith D’Urbano*+

ST. JOHN’S PARKING LOT

While we are blessed to have a small parking lot of our own at St. John’s, it is indeed relatively small. In recent weeks, a number of our infirmed and handicapped members have found the lot full when they’ve arrived on a Sunday morning, and have been forced to find alternatives that are very difficult or even dangerous for them in their particular situations. So a gentle reminder: If you are able to walk a block or two without difficulty, please consider leaving our limited parking spaces for those who truly need them! Consider this a part of your ministry to St. John’s! Thank you.

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

Grace D'Urbano
Dee Dreer
Jessie Eckhart
Allen Means
Jenny Rettew
Deb Smith
Linda Yackly

And Our Homebound

Margaret Crothers
Michael Frantz
Dyllys 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.**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bailey, Bob	7
Bowser, Adeline	7
Burch, Molly	9
Clark, Neil	29
Cliff, Joel	30
Cook, Webb	29
Dissinger, David	3
Dorgan, Paul	25
Glazier, Penn	24
Gromis, Keith	29
Gromis, Sharon	27
Gross, Emily	14
Hasircoglu, Betsy	23
Henry, Kimberly	26
Johnson, Cricket	17
Latshaw, Karen	21
Lemonick, Leslie	16
Loose, Ted	13
Morgan, Brooks	6
Pennell, Dave	2
Rodriguez, Julie	12
Sellers, Ellen	8
Snyder, Jim	31
Stone, Janelle	17
Texeira, Jax	6
Trenary, Heather	21
Waskowicz, Bruce	31
Watts, Kristi	15
Wendler, Jeff	29
Wendler, Madalyn	17
Williams, Dawn	21



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Freeman, Dale & Seachrist, Sibyl	03/27/1992
Houston, John & Nancy	03/11/1990
Latshaw, Andy & Ally	03/20/2005
Mausolf, Katie & Andy	03/17/2007
McGee, Vince & Shirley	03/16/1957
Tahsler, Bruce & Leslie	03/31/1979
Waskowicz, Bruce & Mary	03/09/1991



Please Note:

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