



St. John's Messenger

April 2019

from The Rev. Glenn D. Miller, Interim Rector
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LENT 2019

Dear friends,

This month, as we put the parish newsletter together for April, we have just come off of a week where the world once again witnessed the horror of a mass shooting, this time targeting brothers and sisters of the Islamic faith in New Zealand. I would say that I struggle to make sense of it all, but point in fact, there IS no sense to this. My friend and colleague, Amy Butler, pastor of Riverside Church in New York, offered the following comments in the wake of this tragedy and they sum up my own feelings. I offer them to you this month with Amy's blessing.

"As I hear the news about the mass shooting at the mosques in New Zealand, I must confess I am overcome by one sensation more than any other: I am tired. I am tired because of the more than 300 mass shootings that occurred in the US alone in 2018 and nearly 50 in the infancy of this year.

"I am tired because of the endless anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant, anti-Semitic, anti-woman, anti-goodness and basic decency coming out of the highest offices in our land, and echoed in halls of power the world over, words that dehumanize and carry the force of deadly violence.

"I am tired of churches sitting passively or sinfully ignorant on the sidelines and sending thoughts and prayers for innocent victims (or saying nothing at all), and refusing to speak and act unequivocally in the name of Jesus Christ about changing conditions that create such violence in our world.

"Our silence and inaction are sin.

"The ceaseless onslaught of violence in word and deed is meant to dull our senses, to inure us to human suffering, to wear us down until we see no point in fighting. So I am also tired of being tired.

"We do not have to live like this. We do not have to accept the world as it is. With imagination and courage, we CAN remake the world as it should be.

"In this season of Lent, we are reminded that speaking words of truth may lead to suffering and rejection. But it is also the only way we will find our way to new life."

Blessings to you all, and to our sin-sick, suffering world, in these holy Lenten days.

Fr. Glenn +

FROM AMANDA KNOUSE, RECTOR-ELECT

Dear St. John's,

Greetings from Virginia! Over the past several months, I have had the joy and privilege of getting to know your community through your parish profile, my interactions with the search committee and vestry, and through the staff of St. John's. Immediately, I was inspired by your desire to love your neighbor, your passion for justice, and your compassion for each other. The Holy Spirit is certainly moving in Lancaster and I am thrilled to be a part of that movement as your next rector! I am both humbled and grateful for the support of the search committee and vestry. Their willingness to be vulnerable, ask difficult questions, and put their heart and soul into this work of discernment has been a true gift to me.

I am a product of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. Growing up in Huntingdon County, I spent my teenage years attending every diocesan conference and retreat offered and worshipping at St. John's in Huntingdon. During college, I served on the Diocesan Youth Commission and the Higher Education Committee while working as the youth minister at St. Luke's, Altoona. I graduated from Juniata College in 2004. In many ways, I feel like I'm returning home and am thrilled at the opportunity to serve in the diocese that formed me.

I completed my studies at Virginia Theological Seminary in 2008. Over the past decade I have served as the associate rector of St. James' Parish in the Diocese of Maryland, the Camp Director of the Bishop Claggett Camp and Conference Center, and in 2012 I was called as rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Delaplane, Virginia.

My husband, John, and our two children Ruth (6) and Caleb (4) are as excited about this call as I am! As we begin transitioning from life here in Virginia to life in Lancaster, there are many things I am eagerly anticipating. I am excited to hear your stories and learn about your passions and dreams for St. John's community. I am looking forward to visiting the local neighborhoods, schools, and nonprofits to build connections and discover where Christ's hands and feet are currently serving and where they might be needed. And I'd be lying if I didn't tell you I was looking forward to hitting up Central Market for some baked goods as well...

Although June may seem like a long ways off, it will be here before we know it! In the meantime, please know I am praying for each of you by name (thank you Tom for the directory!) and I look forward to putting faces to those names and prayers in just a few short months.

In Christ,

Amanda+

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

APRIL 2019

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

“And He said to them, Go Ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Mark 16:15

While “preach” has a verbal connotation, Jesus did not sit on a throne and preach, but rather was out and about among His people with caring and kindness...an example for each of us...

Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for April 7th

United Nations - World Health Day

“There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.” *Thomas Aquinas*
Any Sunday morning, any weekday event taking place at St. John’s is good for your health.

Smiles, caring, sharing, connecting with God and ALL His children,
brings a state of well-being to your heart.

His intent was nothing but friendship in creating and connection.....

Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for April 14th

Palm Sunday

“Just remaining quietly in the presence of God, listening to Him, being attentive to Him,
requires a lot of courage and know-how.” *Thomas Merton*

Take time in this reflective week while offering prayers to also gift yourself with moments of
silence to hear words from above and silently observe His love for you,
in His gift of His Son, our world, and ALL our brothers and sisters....Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for April 21st

Easter Sunday

“God loves EACH of us, as if there were only one of us.” *Saint Augustine*

Every single one of us....Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for April 28th

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

Think and consider action on how you might connect with someone or a new project that you
haven’t previously. Reflect on the possibility of sharing any of your talents that would
nourish and spread kindness.....Here, There, Everywhere.



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS



THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING DEDICATIONS IS: APRIL 14

We will be compiling our Easter Flower Dedication list for the bulletins from the following form. Please complete and return this form to the church office via the offering plate or the U.S. mail, along with your donation check made payable to: **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** and note **EASTER FLOWERS**. Thank you for your contribution, and if you have any questions, please call our church office.

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IN THANKSGIVING FOR: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

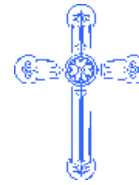
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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

April 14 - Palm Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I with Blessed Palms
- 10:15 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Blessed Palms



April 18 - Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar
- 8:45 p.m. Vigil until Midnight.

April 19 - Good Friday

- 7:30 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy of Stations and Communion, Led by Our Youth
- 12-3 p.m. Ecumenical Service at St. James Episcopal Church
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service at St. James Episcopal Church

April 20 - Great Vigil of Easter Eve

- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil with Renewal of Baptismal Vows (*with Incense*)

April 21 - Easter Day

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, with Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- 8:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- 9:30 a.m. Parish Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (*for Toddlers through 3rd grade*)
- 11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Renewal of Baptismal Vows



**ALL PARISH
EASTER
BREAKFAST
AT 9:30 AM
IN THE
PARISH HALL
ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

SERVING SCHEDULE – APRIL 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.

Note: Serving schedule online: <https://stjohns-lancaster.org/welcome/worship/serving-schedule/>

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 (L), David Dissinger (I)
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

APRIL 14	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	John Faust, Glenn Miller
Eucharistic Visitors	Phil Becker, Alice Ogwang	--
Lector / Intercessor	Nicole Pham	Danielle Di Pace (L), Fran Gouveia (I)
Server	--	Kylie Stone
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	Evelyn Carroll, Helena Carroll
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Hal Williams
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	Property Committee	Property Committee
Nursery	--	Mia Welaish

APRIL 18—Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM
Eucharistic Minister	David Dissinger, Peter Novosel
Lector / Intercessor	Steve Latshaw (L), Sue Zuke (I)
Server	Ian Thompson
Torch Bearer	Claire Thompson, Sophia Thompson
Crucifer	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Toni Ehrhart, Shelby Kilhefner, Jane Lee, Molly Moyer, Claire Phillips, Sherry Qualls, Leslie Tahsler, Gretchen Walden
Verger	Tom Bond
Ushers	Kim Bomberger, Toni Ehrhart, Bruce Waskowicz, Brad Zuke



APRIL 19—Good Friday	7:00 AM
Lector	Youth Group
Ushers	Youth Group



APRIL 20—Easter Vigil	7:30 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Emily Gross, Michael Stank
Readers	Brad Moyer, Sue Zuke, Fran Gouveia, Sue Tobie, Kim Bomberger
Server	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	Glenn Miller
Thurifer	Dave Pennell
Torches	Amelia Hale, Sophia Hale
Altar Guild	Leslie Tahsler, Gretchen Walden
Verger	Tom Bond
Ushers	John Gouveia, Steve Sherman, Brad Zuke

APRIL 21 Easter Day	7:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Nicole Pham	John Faust, C. Weaver-Gelzer	Danielle Di Pace, Brad Moyer
Lector	Barbara Landis	Joel Cliff (L)	Jane Lee (L)
Server	--	Sean Cliff	Nicholas Di Pace
Intercessor	--	Steve Latshaw	Danielle Di Pace
Torch Bearer	--	Campbell Way, Greyson Way	Fiona Mausolf, Lily Mausolf
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Tammy Collier	Tracy Cliff, Shelby Kilhefner	Molly Moyer, Jane Lee, Sherry Qualls
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan	Rob Williams
Ushers	Webb Cook, John Graeter, Sharon Gromis, John Miller, Jim Snyder	Doug Brown, Tracy Cliff, John Gouveia, Julie Rodriguez	Nick Di Pace, Paul Dorgan, Toni Ehrhart, Bill Gross, Max Lester
Verger	Kathy Kyper	Kathy Kyper	Ben Creighton
Greeter	--	--	--
Nursery	--	--	Phyllis Gbur

APRIL 28	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Bond	Brad Moyer, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitors	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector / Intercessor	Heather Trenary	Eamon Nelson (L), Bob Kilp (I)
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	Claire Thompson, Sophia Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lorraine Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Dave Martin
Coffee Hour	Lectors	Lectors
Nursery	--	Tracy Cliff

SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY 2019

MAY 5	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Jen Trenary	Danielle Di Pace, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lector / Intercessor	Gretchen Walden	Charlotte Weaver Gelzer (L), Brad Moyer (I)
Server	--	Sean Cliff
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	Natalie Visco, Greyson Way
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Danielle Di Pace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	Usher Teams: B,C,D	Usher Teams: B,C,D
Nursery	--	Susan Bowser

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.

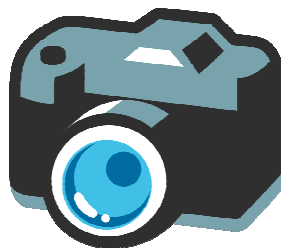
UNITED THANK OFFERING

Dear Members of St. John's Family,

On Sunday, **April 7**, we will have our Spring Ingathering for the United Thank Offering. In today's world, I think God works miracles through us - ordinary people. What we present through the UTO as an expression of thanks, God blesses and spreads throughout the world in UTO grants. Let us pray we will take time to remember our blessings every day and allow God to work some miracles by participating in this special ministry of thankfulness.

Sincerely,

Phyllis M. Gbur, UTO Coordinator



COMING SOON: ST. JOHN'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It has been many years since our congregational family has had a pictorial directory done. Such directories are a real asset for everyone in the parish, but especially for a new Rector coming on the scene in just a few months! (Fr. Glenn has commented on how helpful it would have been for him as a new priest to have had such a resource).

The Communications & Evangelism Committee, in concert with the Vestry, selected the Lifetouch Company to do our new directory. More detailed information will be coming, but for now, know that the pictures will be taken here at St. John's over a three-day period in early May, and that there is absolutely no cost to anyone unless you choose to purchase additional pictures.

Provision will also be made for our college students who are away, and for infirm members who cannot come out.

If you have questions, please reach out to Heather Trenary, Vestry Member and steward for Communications & Evangelism. (See page 8 for additional details.)

Be included in the St John's Episcopal Church directory

Lifetouch will be photographing all of our families for a new church directory.



What to expect

- A professional photography session, no session fees.
- View your images after your session and make your selections.
- You will receive one FREE 8x10 standard print and church directory plus other special offers.

Photography dates

Thursday, May 9th, 2 - 9 PM

Friday, May 10th, 2 - 9 PM

Saturday, May 11th, 10 AM - 5 PM

Sign up for your photography session

- Go to stjohns-lancaster.org
- Call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281, Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm EST
- Visit sign up tables after service starting on March 24th.

Lifetouch.

churchdirectories.lifetouch.com

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

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

	Amount Received
Received toward total 114 pledges of \$781,449	\$ 748,698
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	75,797
Bequests	155,000
Total received	\$ 979,495

Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 1,012,246

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 — Phase II:

During the quiet phase of the campaign to repay the debt of our wonderful renovations, \$380,800 has been pledged toward the \$600,000 goal, and we've received \$147,541 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

To all those who missed the Choral Evensong on March 17th, you missed a real treat! Paul Reese, our Minister of Music, was excellent in his selection and performance at the organ. The choir was simply outstanding. The St. Patrick's Day themed food was delicious as was the Guinness! When the choir does its next Evensong, do yourself a favor and attend. You will be so glad you did!

John Gouveia



*As we prepare our Church for the
Celebration of Easter,
please join us on Saturday morning,
April 13th from 9:00 a.m. until noon
to beautify St. John's.*

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

YARD GIVE

ST. JOHN'S 3rd ANNUAL YARD GIVE

FRIDAY, MAY 24 (12:00 - 7:00 PM)

&

SATURDAY, MAY 25 (7:00 AM - 12:00 PM) *RAIN or SHINE!*

The St. John's "Yard Give" will offer members of St. John's an alternative way to support the ministries of our parish and be good stewards of our environment. We would like to welcome our neighbors to join in the fellowship of St. John's.

Please consider donating "gently used" household items, clothing, toys, and books. Collections will be taken on Sunday mornings after Easter and Thursday, May 23rd, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We are looking for HELP! Thursday evening set-up, Friday and Saturday greeters, and Saturday clean-up. Please consider volunteering! Please contact Pam Loose (ptloose@ptd.net) if you'd like to volunteer or have questions. Thank you.

Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee



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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!



The shoe gathering at St. John's is taking place again this year as we gift those shoes, boots, sneakers, and other 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*

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Global Partnership Committee is inviting all interested readers at St. John's to join us in reading the book, *BLOOD BROTHERS* by Elias Chacour. He was the Archbishop of Nazareth from 2006-2014 of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church and is noted for his efforts to promote reconciliation between Arabs and Jews in Israel.

We will gather sometime in mid-May to discuss it, possibly with a guest speaker. Details forthcoming. Questions? Ask Sue Heilman or Brad Zuke.

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS

The LIPW Movie on the last Friday in April, APRIL 26th at St. John's at 7:00 p.m., will be "From Paris to Pittsburgh." We were unable to show it in February, but we now have the DVD and are excited to share this uplifting look at how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. Rachel Brosnahan, star of "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," is the narrator. We will take a summer break and show 2 more films this year in September and October. All are welcome!

Also, Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness is sponsoring a play called "For We Were Strangers in the Land," based on recent immigrant stories, on **Sunday** afternoon, April 7th at 2:00 p.m. at Tellus 360. We are asking a \$10 donation, with kids 12 and under free. Light refreshments and discussion with the playwright, director and cast included. Please consider coming.

Questions, please ask Sue Heilman.

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

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
April 7			
April 14	Patti Means	John & Barbara Graeter	
April 21			
April 28			
May 5	Lorraine Nolan	Ray Wolf & Paula Y. Wolf	
May 12			
May 19	Patti Means		
May 26			
June 2			
June 9			
June 16			
June 23	The Gross Family		
June 30			

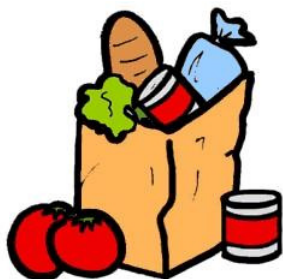
★ **GREEN AREAS INDICATE GREENS ON THE ALTARS.**

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!"**



VOYAGERS

Visit to Donegal - April 27, 2019

"Beauty, reverence, serenity, spirituality" -- Portia Brian
"An oasis of peace and tranquility in a madcap runaway world" -- Wayne LeFevre
"A serene and holy place" -- Lisa Kuzdro

Where, oh where is this place? Donegal Presbyterian Church, c. 1740, the oldest church in continuous use in Lancaster County, and the most notable center of the early Scots-Irish in America.

Our own Wayne LeFevre, a member of the Donegal Society and an ardent photographer of Donegal's campus, has arranged for us to visit Donegal for a tour of the church campus and a light catered lunch in the church's stunning new fellowship hall on Saturday morning, April 27; tour at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch.

Our St. John's Church has two unusual connections with Donegal. In a garden area fronting the Donegal Church stands a bronze memorial tablet recounting the famous 1777 event which occurred under the Witness Tree. The tablet was presented to Donegal in 1919 by Rev. George Israel Browne, rector of St. John's 1908-1920. During Fr. Browne's tenure, our parish house was erected. The second connection is here at St. John's. The stained glass window at the head of the south aisle, just outside the chapel, is a memorial to Della Breneman Hartman who, before her marriage, was organist at Donegal.

Set in the midst of its 22 acre campus and glebe fields, the little stone church, its c. 1960 twin (the Christian education building) and its c. 2007 1.8 million dollar fellowship hall are complemented by wide sweeping lawns, flower gardens, groves of tall old trees, a wild flower meadow/ labyrinth, and the Donegal Spring emitting 2 million gallons of water daily.

In the church narthex hangs a splendid copy (the original is in a bank vault) of Donegal's 1740 deed from William Penn's sons, Thomas, Richard and John. *And*, possibly, Donegal's 18th century pewter communion service from London will be on display.

Oh, yes! There is a squirrel on the organ, and a horse is buried beneath the pulpit!!!

Won't you join us to visit this extraordinary gem?

Cost per person: Tour - \$3; Light lunch - \$10 = **Total \$13**

Limited to: 32 people

Deadline for receipt of reservations with payment - Monday, April 8

Caution: Portions of the outdoor terrain are uneven and inaccessible to those using walkers.

Transportation on your own. Limited carpooling may be available.

Contact Barbara Graeter (717-397-1288) with questions or for reservations.
(If there is no answer, please leave your name, phone number, and a good time to reach you.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School & Journey to Adulthood

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

Thank you to everyone who supported our youth in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner. We greatly appreciate all the support for our youth.

It is Lent and that means it is Chocolate Egg time! April Way is making eggs in the masses. They will be available between services on Sundays. You can also order eggs from her. The cost is six eggs for \$5.00. They are delicious!

Join us for a fun day of lunch and Mini Golf at Scoops on Sunday May 5 following the 10:15 service. Watch for details in the bulletin.

Save the date: July 5, 2019, we will be having our annual Berry Festival in our beautiful courtyard at St. John's. Let's welcome our new Rector and her family with a fun evening of food and fellowship.



**Peanut Butter & Coconut
Chocolate
EGGS**

J2A will be selling our legendary
Peanut Butter or Coconut Chocolate
Eggs between services. Pre-orders
are accepted. See April Way.

\$5 per box of 6



ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2019

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.





The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH *in*
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

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 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.

New Beginnings #2 is Friday, April 5 - 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! Do not let the cost keep you from coming. We have scholarships available for YOU!

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.



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

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, APRIL 20.**

A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, cereal, and pastries will be served to the downtown community at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street.

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

FOOD PANTRY (*Contact: Debbie Carter*)

Non-perishable food donations can be delivered to the church office or given to the Ushers on Sunday. Monetary contributions are also welcomed for buying food to fill gaps in food donations. Please write "Food Pantry" in the Memo line on your check. Food boxes are organized for families and single people and are distributed from 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*)

Our membership has dwindled to four women who provide the knit projects for our annual St. Nick's Knit sale. We are very blessed by the contribution of baked goods, canned garden food, candies and handmade lace items from parishioners who have donated items for the last two sales. With this extra help, we have been able to continue offering all sale profits to our Eagle's Nest program.

We are thankful for those of you who contribute shawls to our prayer shawl ministry. Many of our pocket prayer shawls are knitted by a member of St. Peter's U.C.C. We are an ecumenical group, occasionally hosting people from other faiths. We invite you to join us any Tuesday in the Parish Hall between 2 and 4 p.m. Please keep up your good works, which are vital to this ministry. Many thanks!

GROCERY CARDS (*Contact: Sue Tobie*)

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

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

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

ALERT Work Day

Saturday, April 6, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Come when you can and stay as long as you can!
Bring a brown bag lunch and a cooler if you have one.
Beverages will be provided!



**Lancaster County Council of Churches
Community Food and Resource Distribution Hub
812 North Queen Street, Lancaster, PA**

(Free parking next to the building.)

Sample Jobs: Food bagging for clients, painting, cart repairs, clothing for the season to be hung, carpenter projects, and landscaping and mulching.

Bring (if you have them): Paint brushes, caulking gun, roller frames, hand tools, clothes that you can get dirty, and gloves.

The Distribution Hub serves all of Lancaster County! In addition to the food hub, with its massive, commercial refrigerator and freezer, the building houses a kitchen for nutrition and financial classes, an expanded clothing bank, a client lobby, a room for the PA Workwear program, offices, and a garage with spaces for nine vehicles for the Wheels to Work program.

See **Dave Martin** or **Don Durand** for more information.

EAGLE'S NEST



This month our Eagle's Nest students, from Fulton Elementary, have had the opportunity to take two community field trips on their recent Early Dismissal Days. The first day involved a walk to the Pottery Works, where our students and teen helpers were able to select and paint a piece of pottery. The creativity was impressive, as was the silence as they were busy working! The group visited Lancaster Cupcake on the walk home and ordered a special treat to take back for snack, a well-deserved reward.

Last week our field trip took us to the Lancaster Police Station where we were given a guided tour of the facility by Detective Morant. We were given a very informative, behind-the-scenes tour of each floor of the building, including the offices, roll call room, interview rooms, jail cells and shooting range. The students were also given the chance to look inside a patrol car. Our tour concluded with an exciting presentation and demonstration by a K-9 officer and his drug-sniffing dog. The students were particularly impressed with the dog's level of obedience and strength, and that all of his important work commands are given in Czech. They loved being able to pet him as we left.

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, we enlisted our young cooks' help in baking Irish Soda Bread and shamrock cookies and making Shepherd's Pie for dinner.

Miss Mary provided St. Patrick's Day bead patterns and the students all enjoyed assembling and ironing their creations as well. This is always a favorite activity! Thankfully, the weather is starting to warm and we are finally enjoying some outdoor time in our beautiful courtyard. What a blessing it is to have this beautiful space to share with our students each week, after living through the construction zone last year!

Jean Gordon, Director of Eagle's Nest Program

EARTH ACTION APRIL

Sat., April 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Earth Day Festival**
F&M College, Hartman Green

Sat., April 6, 7 p.m. **Don Brown**, Environmental Lawyer (EPA, UN, COP)
"Climate and Ethics"
Six Climate Things We NEED to Know - NOW
Community Mennonite Church, 328 W. Orange St.

Sat., April 13, 1 p.m. **Alan Peterson, MD "Climate Change & Health"**
Come at noon - Citizens Climate Education
St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St.

Tues., April 23, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Earth Day Celebration**
Lombardo Welcome Center, Millersville University

Sat., April 27, 7 p.m. James Balog's film, ***The Human Element***
"During his four-decade career as a photographer and explorer, James Balog focused his lens on the complex relationship between humans and nature."
Community Mennonite Church, 328 W. Orange St.



This Fragile Earth, Our Island Home
(Book of Common Prayer, p. 370)

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

Allen Means
The Rev Patrick Peters
Tina
Lorna
Ben
Key

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Barton, Ron	15
Becker, Hilary	18
Brown, Sophie	23
Cuthbert, Angela	13
Dodge, Sue	20
Dohren, Jim	13
Faust, John	2
Frantz, Michael	15
Gross, Bill	12
Grove, Sandra	17
Henry, Janice	14
Henry, Kevin	7
Hogg, Robert	25
Humphrey, Ty	27
Lee, Drigan	23
Lee, Maggie	29
LeFevre, Wayne	15
Linton, Ron	22
Mann, Gwynneth	23
Miller, Glenn (parishioner)	14
Sauder, Maria	3
Scheetz, Aliya	5
Stank, Michael	12
Tahsler, Leslie	26
Thompson, Claire	27
Van Aulen, Beth	18
Van Aulen, Jack	6
Waskowicz, Eric	16
Way, April	1
Weaver-Gelzer, Charlotte	18
Wendler, Owen	9
Williams, Rob	23



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gbur, Mike & Phyllis	04/30/1971
Graeter, John & Barbara	04/12/1958
Gross, Bill & Jill	04/20/1985
Kilp, Bob & Mary Ellen	04/22/1989
Ogwang, Alice & Benson	04/12/1972
Springer, Bob & Maggie	04/24/1982
Way, Joe & April	04/19/1997



Please Note:

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