



St. John's Messenger

May 2019

from The Rev. Glenn D. Miller, Interim Rector
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Dear Friends,

This week, as we began the most sacred time in the church year, we all looked on in horror as one of the most iconic symbols of the Christian faith burned. It seemed impossible, surreal. Notre Dame Cathedral, the `Lady of Paris, _ has stood strong and unchanging for nearly a millennium, watching over Paris, glorious symbol in many ways of our unchanging Christ watching over all of his people.

There is no way to minimize the catastrophe in Paris. But the signs of Christ's unchanging presence in the midst of this disaster have been palpable. The picture of Christians gathered during the blaze in the shadow of the Cathedral, singing `built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling _; the initial pictures of the interior after the fire, with the altar and cross and candles still intact, surrounded by smoldering ash; the realization that while much was lost, a great deal had miraculously been saved; and of course, the immediate outpouring of support and commitment to rebuild - over \$500 million committed within scarcely 48 hours. In the midst of tears of grief, even more tears of joy and hope and faith.

We know something of rebuilding after a disaster here at St. John's. I can only imagine that our people here reacted, and then acted, in very similar ways - initial shock and grief, then the realization that `even when steeples are falling _ the Church remains, and then bold and generous commitment to rebuild. And how fortunate we are that they did!

I have drawn on the vision and generosity of our forebearers at St. John's several times as we have moved into the final phase of our campaign this Spring. As the world watches what has happened at Notre Dame, and as we watch it rise again from the ashes, we have yet another source to inspire and motivate us. Here, in our own treasured house of prayer, we too must come together and finish the good work that the Spirit began in us, that this place too may continue for generations as a house of prayer for all people. Here, empowered by that same Spirit, we can show commitment and generosity equal to our task.

A blessed Eastertide to you all!

Fondly,

Fr. Glenn +

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

MAY 2019

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

`A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship and he who plants kindness gathers love. _ *Saint Basil*
It's the season for flowers, plants, new growth on our earth. It's also the season for more caring, friendship and kindness. We who plant more kindness will feel it grow in our hearts and bloom in our world. Here, There, Everywhere.

Global Partnership Challenge for May 5th

Cinco de Mayo

A celebration day associated with Mexican-American culture that first started in California in 1863, was in 2005 passed in the US Congress to be honored in historical significance. An appreciation of food, music, culture of our Mexican neighbors, both here in Lancaster County and around our world, can allow an increase in caring and understanding. Our family, God's family, has SO many interesting stories to learn about. Here, There, Everywhere.

Global Partnership Challenge for May 12th

Mother's Day

`We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do. _ *Mother Teresa*
As we `mother_ and care for those in our midst, remember the simplicity of a smile and the power and love it can give. to ALL God's Children. Here, There, Everywhere.

Global Partnership Challenge for May 19th

`I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood. _

Martin Luther King, Jr.

At the Community of Breakfast each month, all the tables are equal, the service to each person equal, the smiles, the well wishes, all equal. We know we are ALL brothers and sisters of the same God who loves us ALL - Here, There, Everywhere.

Global Partnership Challenge for May 26th

Memorial Day

`Peace demands the most heroic labor and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of conscience. _ *Thomas Merton*

Let us give thanks to all who have given service and do all we can to bring peace to ALL - Here, There, Everywhere



SOLES FOR SOULS 2019

Soles for Souls has been a `community_ project here at St. John's for a number of years. 2019 was again, a Lancaster `community_ reaching out in caring to a world `community_ by providing shoes that go all over the world.

Our Lancaster community is St. John's members and their friends at work, in various neighborhoods. St. John's Methodist in Paradise has partnered with us for several years, as has John Beck Elementary School in Lititz. This year our local community also included St. Edwards, James Street Mennonite, Lancaster City donors as well as folks at Landis Homes.

Phoenix Courier has since the start of our gathering, partnered to pick up without any payment and deliver the shoes to New Jersey where they are sorted and distributed. Without their caring help, we would have to raise money at \$1/pair to be picked up and transported.

A simple pair of shoes can keep people from dealing with diseases, allow children to go to school, etc. Imagine if you had to walk to church on any Sunday from your home barefooted in varying weather.

Some of the shoes we get are brand new, some barely worn and some have had some journeys. Those with greater adventures are used to teach people in varied countries how to repair shoes and can then be a new life with a job.

Every year, our young people staying over night on Maundy Thursday line up and pass the boxes of shoes from the church onto the truck. If you've ever watched them in this project, the smiles on their faces extends to their hearts and something they won't forget. Get ready to smile as you read that this year we collected 1744 pairs!

Think of that number for a moment, imagine 1744 people - ALL ages, varied countries and circumstances lined up in smiling thanks for your generosity and caring to people Here, There and Everywhere.

Submitted by, *Barbara Landis*



SERVING SCHEDULE – MAY 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/>

MAY 5	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Jen Trenary	Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer, 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

MAY 12	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Nicole Pham	Emily Gross, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitors	Phil Becker, Alice Ogwang	--
Lector / Intercessor	Sue Purdy	Sue Zuke (L), Kim Bomberger (I)
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	Greyson Gustafson, Greyson Way
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Sue Martin
Coffee Hour	Rite 13 & J2A	Rite 13 & J2A
Nursery	--	Jen Gustafson

MAY 19	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Bond	John Faust, Glenn Miller
Eucharistic Visitors	Stephanie McGovern	--
Lector / Intercessor	Phil Purdy	Paula Wolf (L), Jeannie Zeller (I)
Server	--	Nicholas Di Pace
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	Evelyn Carroll, Helena Carroll
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Garth Alexander
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	--	Mary Ellen Kilp

MAY 26	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Purdy	Brad Moyer, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitors	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector / Intercessor	Sue Tobie	Jane Lee (L), Paula Wolf (I)
Server	--	Julia Hale
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	Amelia Hale, Sophia Hale
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Toni Ehrhart
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Lay Eucharistic Visitors	Lay Eucharistic Visitors
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

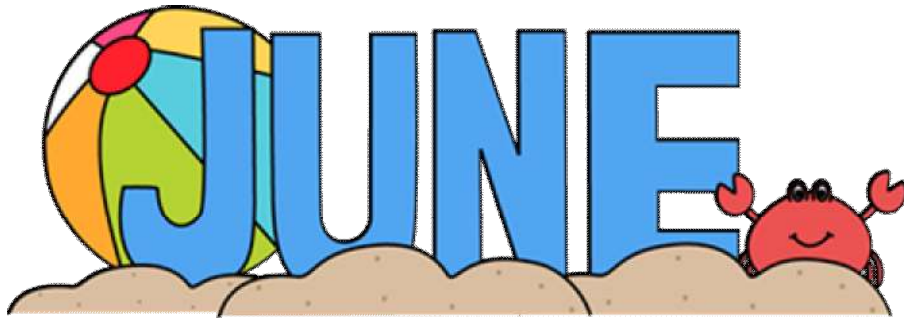
For **Ushers:** Contact John Gouveia

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.
- An up-to-date version of the Serving Schedule can be found online:
<https://stjohns-lancaster.org/welcome/worship/serving-schedule/>

SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE 2019

JUNE 2	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	Danielle Di Pace, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitors	--	Don Durand, Peter Novosel
Lector / Intercessor	Barbara Landis	Greyson Way (L), David Dissinger (I)
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	Fiona Mausolf, Lily Mausolf
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Glenn Miller
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour		TBD
Nursery	--	TBD



Deadline Dates!

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:
WEDNESDAYS**

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

COTTAGE GATHERINGS



You are Invited to a May Cottage Gathering

St. John's Capital Campaign Leadership Team warmly invites you to a cottage gathering to learn more about *Honoring Our Past...Securing Our Future* ' phase II of the capital campaign we started four years ago.

Enjoy a time of fellowship and sharing as we talk about the campaign's vision. No gifts or pledges will be requested. You will receive a packet of information to help you prayerfully consider the role you may play as we strive to complete our work.

We hope you can attend one of the gatherings below, hosted by fellow parishioners. Light refreshments will be served. Casual attire. RSVP to your host by phone or email: rcoverly@aol.com

Monday, May 6, 7 pm, Priscilla and Dan Farmer, 717-898-7553, 831 Darby Lane, Lancaster (East Hempfield).

Wednesday, May 8, 7 pm, Kendall and Tom Stonerook, 717-393-4003, 161 Hamilton Road, Lancaster (School Lane Hills).

Thursday, May 9, 7 pm, Janice and Kevin Henry, 717-299-2593, 120 Cotswold Court, Lancaster (Manheim Township).

Saturday, May 11, 3 pm, Sue and Dave Martin, 717-519-2691, Polly Ann and Ken Brown, and Eleanor and Fred Honaman, Community Room, 1576 Wisteria Drive, Lititz (Landis Homes).

Be included

in the

St. John's Episcopal Church Directory

We are creating a photo directory of the St. John's Parish Family. The directory will help us all put names to faces, help us connect with one another and help our new Rector get to know us. We would love to have all the families photographed for the directory. If you are unavailable, for any reason, at the times listed below contact Heather Trenary, vestry member and communications Committee Steward.

Photography Dates

Wednesday May 8th 2pm – 9 pm (New Date)

Thursday May 9th 2 pm – 9 pm

Friday May 10th 1 pm – 8 pm (New Time)

Saturday May 11th 10 am – 5 pm



Important Information

- No Cost to you
- 1 FREE 8x10 photo for each family
- You choose the photo (for the 8x10 and the directory)
- Pets and special meaningful items welcome
- Additional photograph packages available for purchase

Sign-up for your photography session

- www.stjohns-lancaster.org or St. John's Facebook Page
- Visit the following website:
<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ypzk0hm6/>
- Visit Sign up Tables each Sunday between services
- Contact Heather Trenary at 513-377-0881 or kanary77@gmail.com



SENIOR WARDEN

Christmas in July!

I always rolled my eyes and groaned when I heard this phrase. It really was a ploy by greeting card companies and QVC to sell things as part of the American fascination with buying the latest and the most coveted items on the market.

This year, however, the phrase takes on new meaning as a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. July will really be more like Christmas in that we will receive many profound and wonderful gifts!

Our new permanent Rector will take office on July 1 and will celebrate Eucharist with us on July 7th. The Rev. Amanda Knouse's arrival heralds a new era for St. John's. I am so looking forward to the morning of July 7th when I will have the privilege of introducing her to the congregation at each service. Please plan to attend! I know the summer means people going in all four directions of the compass, but I think you will want to experience this monumental Eucharistic celebration with her.

We will have said farewell to Fr. Glenn Miller at the end of June. But his efforts not only will bring a conclusion to his stewardship of the administration of our parish, it will more importantly mean that he will have guided us to a successful end to the 2nd phase of our Capital Campaign and reaching our goal! His efforts in concert with Rosemary Coverly have garnered over \$400,000 towards that goal. The Capital Campaign committee is to be commended for their efforts in organizing this campaign. I strongly encourage all of us to participate in one of the four Cottage Gatherings being held in early May.

Your Vestry has been intimately and proactively involved in the realizations of both of these gifts. Having voted to call the Rev. Knouse as rector, they stand ready to support her in her efforts as our new shepherd and administrator. Several matters of administration have been on our agenda.

The Vestry is also providing leadership in the Capital Campaign. You will see members of the Vestry at each of the Cottage Gatherings. Vestry members are deeply committed to the success of the campaign.

Vestry members have also spent time this spring getting involved in each of the areas of which they have been appointed as stewards. The Finance Committee is being reorganized. The Property committee continues its work of maintaining our campus. The Stewardship committee is preparing for the May Yard Give. The Ministries Council continues to coordinate efforts with Church school and other activities. The Communications & Evangelism committee is working to publish a pictorial directory of the parish. The newly formed Personnel committee is meeting to determine their agenda to support the new Rector's work with the parish staff. The work goes on and on. Much we do not see until the end of their efforts. We are grateful to the Vestry and all the committee members for their efforts to build up the community of St. John's.

So, Merry Christmas in advance!

Tom Bond, Senior Warden

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Here's a quick update (as of April 17, 2019) on the financial support for our completed building renovations:

	Amount Received
Received toward total 114 pledges of \$781,449	\$ 748,898
Non-pledged (one-time or above pledged amt.)	76,017
Bequests	155,000
Total received	\$ 979,915

Total anticipated (pledges + other giving): \$ 1,012,466

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, over \$400,000 has been pledged toward the \$600,000 goal, and we've received \$151,231 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



Voyagers / Global Partnership

" Ahlan wa Sahlan!!"

This charming Arabic phrase means "hello and welcome!" Hello and welcome to those who dream of exploring the Middle East and learning more about the fascinating Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

St. John's parishioner Kim Bomberger lived and worked in Jordan as a Foreign Service Officer during 2014-2017, and the Voyagers invite you to join us as Kim shares her photographs and memories on Saturday, May 18, from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This final Voyagers meeting for the 2018-2019 season promises to be interesting and informative. We hope you will join us for fellowship and light refreshments.

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.

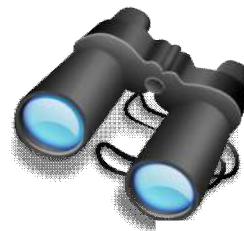
Please consider donating `gently used_ household items, clothing, toys, and books. Collections will be taken on Sunday mornings after Easter and Thursday, May 23rd, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We are looking for HELP! Wednesday evening and Thursday set-up, Friday and Saturday greeters and helpers, 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



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!

PROPERTY CORNER

What a great Spring Clean-up we had on the morning of April 13th! There was a great turnout with beautiful weather to get the tasks at hand completed. Thanks to all who contributed in one way or another to make our Church look beautiful for Holy Week!

Thanks to Janice and Kevin Henry for their continued work around campus with our planters, Lenten greens around our Sanctuary and the flowers for our Easter celebrations.

A warm welcome greeted everyone this Easter thanks to Carolyn Maxey and her friend Kate who planted flowers in the pots by our entrances for Easter.

A recent re-lamping of the lights in the Sanctuary was conducted to replace blown bulbs, which accounted for roughly a quarter of the bulbs. This condition is further jeopardized by light use when this space is in its idle setting (55F). These bulbs are getting more difficult to find.

A recent review of the wooden floors in our Parish House has revealed that our auditorium floors may have just one refinishing left. This space is used hard by two dance groups during each month and has seen its share of patch repairs and refinishing with an Eagle Scout project and just recently for Fr. Morris's farewell event held there. With the use of this space already increasing with its enhanced accessibility, the reflooring has been added to our list of long-range projects to be completed. It may be wise to have insulation added to enhance the sound absorption between the auditorium and the Parish Hall.

A considerable amount of work has been conducted with Select Security's fire alarm system to correct conditions associated with our notification devices in our atrium and Church.

Our recent life safety inspections have led to the replacement of one emergency lighting unit and the replacement of the batteries of one unit in the undercroft. More units are still needed in the basement of the Church.

As a result of our e-mail poll, it was decided not to pursue a 5-year \$180/month elevator maintenance agreement with ThyssenKrupp. Although covering most of the maintenance costs, it would only apply a 50% discount on weekends, which is when most of any issues would be realized. Therefore, it was felt to be of little use for our needs. We are currently locked into a similar agreement for our trash removal with Waste Management, which will not expire until next year.

After our last meeting a proposal was shared to increase our Building Use fee structure, which hadn't been done since our rates were instituted several years ago. With the increase in venue fees and our costs since its inception, it is prudent to adjust our fees accordingly.

Your Property Committee:

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

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

DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
May 5	Lorraine Nolan	Ray Wolf & Paula Y. Wolf	
May 12			
May 19	Patti Means		
May 26			
June 2	Phil & Hilary Becker		
June 9			
June 16			
June 23	The Gross Family	Mary Suzanne Farmer	
June 30			
July 7			
July 14			
July 21			
July 28			

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!"

SAINT THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ART CAMP

JUNE 24-27
2019

NO COST TO ATTEND
AGES K-5TH GRADE

10AM-12PM
12PM LUNCH

PAINT, PLAY AND CREATE IN COMMUNITY..
LEARN ABOUT GOD'S AMAZING LOVE!

VISIT STTHOMASLANCASTER.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School & Journey to Adulthood

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

Journey 2 Adulthood (J2A) News!!!

What a wonderful group of youth we have at St. John's! Danielle Di Pace, Julia Hale and Natalie Visco showed their leadership skills at the Middle School Retreat called New Beginnings at Camp Mount Luther. They gave talks on topics such as God's love, prayer, self, friends, parents, siblings and school, then led the youth in small group discussions and skits. The Jr. High Youth that participated were Nicolas Di Pace, Helena Carroll, and Greyson Way. Thank you to Karen Di Pace, Bob Kilp, and Joe Way for the adult leadership they shared during the weekend.

Thanks to Dawn Williams for organizing and running the dyeing of Easter eggs with our Sunday school and youth on Palm Sunday. They all had a wonderful time.

Did you eat any of the Chocolate Easter Eggs? If not, you sure missed a treat! Thank you to April Way for making all the eggs and supporting our J2A! We had a note and donation from Greg and Carol Fryer, our guest priest the weekend of the Lenten retreat stating they only bought the eggs for \$5.00 a box but felt they are worth much more than that! I think we all agree on that. Thank you again, April, for your hard work and dedication to our youth!



Miniature Golf

On May 5, join us after the 10:15 service for a fun afternoon of miniature golf and ice cream at Scoops, in Mountville. We will meet at Scoops after the service to enjoy lunch, break into groups and have a fun time playing miniature golf at the annual J2A 'Sink-o-de-Putto' event, followed by ice cream. The cost for just golf is \$6.00. Cost of golf, ice cream and a soda is \$10.99, and a kid's meal with golf, ice cream, and a soda is \$8.50. Or, you can order what you like off their menu for the cost of a meal. All ages are welcome to come!

Berry Festival

Join the J2A for our annual Berry Festival on Friday, July 5, as we welcome our new Rector and her family to St. John's. Bring your friends and family as our J2A youth present an evening of live music featuring local band Blue Sky Falls. Feast on loads of blueberry, strawberry, and other local produce and berry-themed desserts. Cost: Free-will offering. All proceeds benefit the youth pilgrimage.

Thank you for all the support with our Journey to Adulthood Program. We could not have this wonderful program without the great adult leaders and congregation that we have.



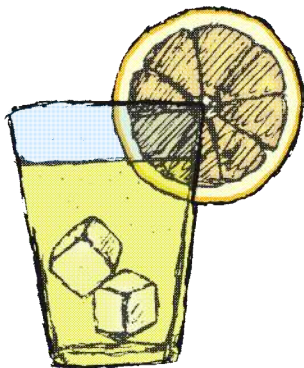


ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR 2019

May 5	Mini Golf (Scoops)
May 19	Graduation Sunday
June 2	Church Picnic (Long ŝ Park) and Teacher Appreciation
June 9	Pentecost

Second Saturday of each month: St. John ŝ 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.



LEMONADE TIME is once again scheduled to be our fellowship time after the second service starting Sunday, June 2nd. Volunteers are asked to sign up for a summer Sunday hosting, using the clipboard schedule posted at the coffee window. It ŝ an easy hosting responsibility (just mix and pour). All supplies and suggestions are provided. This will be an important social time to get to know our new rector on a different level (and vice versa) as well as providing a cool refreshment.

See Sue Martin with questions.

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, MAY 18.**

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)

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)

Total grocery card sales for **March 2019: \$6,420 with \$321 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**

LANCASTER GENERAL HEALTH FRESH EXPRESS

What is Fresh Express? Fresh Express is a year-round program operated by Central Pennsylvania Food Bank that distributes fruits & vegetables, milk, and eggs to low-income families each month.

Fresh Express Columbia operates on the fourth Friday of each month. It began in July 2018 and runs from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Park Elementary School (50 S. 6th Street).

Who does this program serve? Fresh Express is open to individuals and families in the Columbia area making less than 150% of the federal poverty level (about \$37,650/year for a family of 4).

Who runs the program? Fresh Express in Columbia is a partnership between Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Community Action Partnership, and Lancaster General Health.

What exactly happens at Fresh Express? At 2:00, the Central PA Food Bank truck arrives, the driver unloads the food in boxes on large pallets and delivers them into the cafeteria at Park Elementary. Volunteers unpack the food and organize it on tables. At 3:00, LG Health staff will begin checking in clients at the registration desk and direct clients to the waiting room. In the waiting room, clients can sample recipes and watch a cooking demonstration. From 3:30-5:30, clients will walk through the cafeteria and select their food items, one client at a time. Each item is labeled with the quantity they can take based on their family size. At 5:30, leftover food is taken to other Columbia food pantries. Volunteers and staff clean up, and everyone is finished by 6:30.

What do volunteers do? Volunteers make this program possible! Following are the common volunteer tasks:

- Unpack food and help organize and display items; refill tables as needed
- Help staff with client registration
- Host the waiting area and let clients know when it is their turn to select food
- Help staff with cooking demonstrations and recipe sampling in the waiting area
- Explain the process to new clients and answer questions
- Keep shopping carts, shopping bags and boxes organized
- Clean up empty boxes and pack up supplies

Several members of St. John's have participated as volunteers and found the program well run and a great service to the Columbia community. If you are available in that Friday afternoon time slot and are interested in serving as a volunteer, the program is a worthwhile endeavor. Numerous volunteers come from other Episcopal churches within the Lancaster Convocation.

Volunteers should complete an online Child Abuse Clearance and a Criminal History check and bring the printed records with them to their first volunteer experience.

Location: 50 S. 6th Street, Columbia, PA 17512



Any questions?

Speak with Sue or Dave Martin.



EAGLE'S NEST

It's hard to believe, but we have wrapped up our last month of Eagle's Nest activities for the school year. We have kept our 4th and 5th graders from Fulton Elementary School quite busy this last month with a variety of community field trips and activities. We began with a trip to the Lancaster YMCA for a 'kid fit' session led by St. John's own Bob Lee. Bob generously donated his time and the use of the gym that day to lead our students in exercises, tug of war, relay races and a game of kick ball. Many thanks to Bob for providing our students and staff with a fun-filled day.

To explore Lancaster's thriving art scene, we were escorted to the Lancaster Museum of Art by local artist Kerry Sacco. Kerry took the students through the exhibit, which was the Lancaster County Young Artists, displaying artwork of students in grades 7-12 from schools throughout Lancaster County. The students were quite impressed with the creativity and quality of the artwork across mediums. We also took advantage of a beautiful Spring day and played on the playground in Musser Park. That was many students' favorite part of the day! Miss Kerry conducted an art lesson with the students when we returned to the church. Students impressed us with their creativity and use of color!

Our Easter celebration included a ham dinner and the opportunity to color eggs.



Our final session of Eagle's Nest concluded with an Auction. Students were given Monopoly money and had the opportunity to bid on a range of items including art supplies, games, puzzles, toys, cards, cooking supplies and assorted treats. We concluded with a pizza party.

We send our 5th graders - Richard, Jaslin, Kimora, Brooklyn, and Azareigh - on to middle school with loving support from their Eagle's Nest family and St. John's community. We hope to see our 4th graders - Anthiana, Elicia, Arabella, Marley, Natalia, Thomas, and Denali - return to Eagle's Nest next year. Many thanks to our adult and teen volunteers for their dedication and countless hours put into serving these students and this program. Eagle's Nest would not exist without these fine individuals. In conclusion, I wish to thank the clergy and generous members of St. John's for supporting this ministry. You have all played a role in having a meaningful impact on these students' lives and that is cause for celebration!

Jean Gordon, Director of Eagle's Nest Program

ALERT Project (All-Lancaster Episcopal Response Team) A Convocation Project

Betty Finney AIDS Memorial Garden Project

Saturday, May 4 9-12 noon

Linear Park - West Lemon Street between Water and Mulberry Streets

Park in Ponessa Counseling Services parking lot

Bring gloves, rakes, hoes, trowels, brooms.

All ages are welcome!

The Garden exists as a memorial to those who were afflicted with the HIV virus and succumbed to its effects. It also honors people who cared for those who were suffering.

CITIZENS' CLIMATE EDUCATION

LANCASTER'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

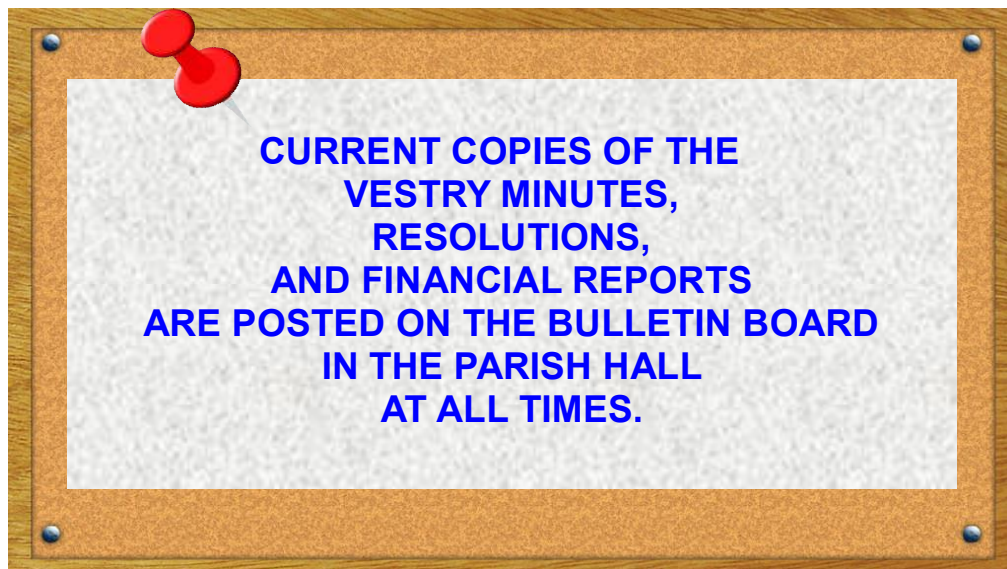
Mayor Danene Sorace will present the Lancaster Municipal Operations Climate Action Plan on **Thursday, May 9th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Ware Center**. The plan represents strong commitment and responsibility to the earth.

Speakers will include Mayor Sorace, NPR's Marie Cusick, who will deliver a keynote speech regarding climate policy in Pennsylvania, and Senior City Planner Douglas Smith, who will discuss details of the plan. Time for Q&A will be provided after the presentation.

This event is free and open to the public. Space is limited. Registration questions? Contact Faith D'Urbano+

Almighty God, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty. _

Prayer for the Conservation of Natural Resources (BCP, 827)



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

Edward Davis
Julie Gittens
Georgia Hertzler
Allen Means
Lorraine Nolan
Fr. Patrick Peters
Catherine & Theresa Snodgrass
Tina
Ben
Kay

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.**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ashton, Rob	21
Bowser, Theodore	26
Burch, Ken	3
Forrester, Jon	19
Graeter, Barbara	3
Graeter, John	20
Gromis, Jeff	28
Gustafson, Greyson	19
Henry, Graham	8
Hogg, Ryan	23
Houston, John	27
Hreben, Michael	6
Kane, Howard	27
Kilhefner, Mike	8
Lee, Bob	5
Linton, Debby	6
Loose, Eric	24
Loose, Julia	3
McFarland, Ruth	26
McGee, Shirley	12
Means, Patti	23
Springer, Gray	31
Watts, Eleanor	27
Young, Ginny	1
Zuke, Brad	18

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bailey, Bob & Lyn	05/31/1969
Bowser, Michael & Susan	05/29/2010
Glazier, Mary & Penn	05/31/1969
Gobel, Lois & Michael	05/06/2017
Hogg, Bob & Linda	05/12/1984
Lee, Bob & Maggie	05/29/1985
Qualls, Scott & Sherry	05/28/1983



Please Note:

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