



St. John's Messenger

August 2019

from *The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector*
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Dear St. John's,

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(The Collect for the Feast of the Transfiguration)

This past February, I had the incredible privilege of traveling to the Holy Land with 37 other pilgrims from all over the country. Hosted by St. George's College in Jerusalem, we participated in the course, "The Footsteps of Jesus." From entering the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem where Jesus was born, to standing knee deep in the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized, we experienced one Holy site after another. Every place we traveled to caused me to pause and breath in deep the stories of Jesus and the disciples, but it was on the Mount of the Transfiguration that I found myself breathless. The church built on top of that mountain is stunningly beautiful with golden mosaics of Jesus, Elijah, and Moses.



The church itself is reason enough to visit, but it was the gardens and the view that took hold of my imagination. It is said that on top of that mountain Jesus was transfigured before his three dearest friends, Peter, James, and John. In that space, he allowed them to see him for who he truly was in all of his glory and splendor. It was a moment of deep vulnerability and trust between friends. A moment that would change their relationships and provide them with the courage they would need to walk with Jesus to Jerusalem in the days that followed. The transfiguration was an experience that would sustain them for the remainder of their ministries.

I remember standing in that holy space thinking about the power and privilege of being vulnerable with one another. Sharing our hopes and dreams, revealing our deepest passions and desires, opening ourselves up to one another can be risky and even terrifying, but the transformations that result from such vulnerability always makes it worth it.

On August 6th we will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. As we remember Jesus' transfiguration on Mount Tabor in Galilee, I am excited to embrace our own transfiguration as a community of faith. It has been a joy getting to know many of you over the past month and I look forward to learning even more in the weeks and months to come. Please know my door is always open and I am eager to hear your hopes and dreams for St. John's and our beloved community.

I remain faithfully yours,

Amanda+

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

AUGUST 2019

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

“No one is born hating another person because of color of their skin or their background, or their religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than the opposite.”

Nelson Mandela

Global Partnership Challenge for August 4th Friendship Day

“A friend is someone who helps you up when you’re down, and if they can’t they lay down beside you and listen.” *Winnie the Pooh*

1997 United Nations named Winnie the Pooh the World Ambassador of Friendship

Be a friend - to everyone - the world needs caring - Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for August 11th

“What can we gain by sailing to the moon if we are not able to cross the abyss that separates us from ourselves? This is the most important of all voyages of discovery, and without it, all the rest are not only useless, but disastrous.” *Thomas Merton*

We are blessed to be in such a culturally diverse community with so much to discover and learn from the people around us.

Widen your circle of acquaintances as you share your caring to our brothers and sisters
- Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for August 18th August 19th World Humanitarian Day

The purpose of World Humanitarian Day is to raise awareness of the plight of civilians around the world who have become caught up in conflicts, and also honor and raise support for those workers who risk and sometimes lose their lives helping.

Let us hold our brothers and sisters all over the world in our prayers - Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for August 25th August 27th Global Forgiveness Day

There is a story of two ex-prisoners of Auschwitz who meet after many years.

When the first one asks, “Have you forgiven your captors yet?”
the second man answers, “No, never.”

“Well then,” the first man replies, “they still have you in prison.”

Peace comes when caring dialogue and connection are started.

Every step ahead counts in friendship - Here, There, Everywhere



SERVING SCHEDULE – AUGUST 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/>

AUGUST 4	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Purdy	Danielle Di Pace, Glenn Miller
Lector / Intercessor	Nicole Pham	Heather Trenary (L), Jeannie Zeller (I)
Server	--	Hal Williams
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Hal Williams
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee / Lemonade	Walden/Cook Family	NEED A VOLUNTEER
Nursery	--	Mary Ellen Kilp

AUGUST 11	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Bond	Brad Moyer, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Lector / Intercessor	Nicole Pham	Eamon Nelson (L), Bob Kilp (I)
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Rob Williams
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Dave Martin
Coffee / Lemonade	Becker Family	NEED A VOLUNTEER
Nursery	--	Janelle Stone

AUGUST 18	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	Danielle Di Pace, Michael Stank
Lector / Intercessor	Gretchen Walden	Ken Kiedrowski (L), Brad Moyer (I)
Server	--	Nicholas Di Pace
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Tiny Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Peter Novosel
Coffee / Lemonade	Trenary Family	NEED A VOLUNTEER
Nursery	--	Phyllis Gbur



AUGUST 25	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Purdy	Peter Novosel, Emily Phillips
Lector / Intercessor	Sue Purdy	Fran Gouveia (L), Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer (I)
Server	--	Helena Carroll
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Danielle Di Pace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Ted Loose
Coffee / Lemonade	Carroll Family	Zuke Family
Nursery	--	Jenn Hreben

SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER 2019

SEPTEMBER 1	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Nicole Pham	John Faust, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Lector / Intercessor	Steve Latshaw	Greyson Way (L), Danielle Di Pace (I)
Server	--	Julia Hale
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	--
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Lynn Hayford
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Dan Farmer
Coffee / Lemonade	Dodge/Thompson Family	NEED A VOLUNTEER
Nursery	--	Tracy Cliff

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:** Mary Waskowicz
 For **Coffee Hour Hosts:** Contact Gretchen Walden

- 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/>

Deadline Dates!

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:
WEDNESDAYS**

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

Thank You

WOW! What a welcoming we have received! Thank you so much for the hospitality, your thoughtful and generous gifts, and for welcoming us with open arms as we begin our journey together. We are so grateful for the love and support we've received, and we can't begin to tell you how excited we are to be a part of this wonderful parish family.

Love,
Amanda, John, Ruthie, and Caleb



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

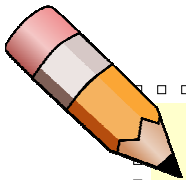
Honoring Our Past... Securing Our Future: Capital Campaign Phase II

Love God. Love your neighbor. This was the message of Pastor Amanda’s sermon based on the Good Samaritan Gospel in which she encouraged us to ask ourselves, “What will happen if we don’t respond to our neighbor when he is in need?” St. John’s needs approximately \$50,000 to meet our goal of \$600,000 toward paying off our renovations’ debt over the next three years. Failing to respond to this need will ultimately affect the operating budget or the endowment and perhaps St. John’s ministries. It's time to complete what we began four years ago. The remaining \$50,000 is within our reach!

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged support or made a significant gift. If you have not made your commitment, I encourage you to place your completed three-year pledge card in the offering plate or mail it to the church office; or you may email your intentions to me at rcoverly@aol.com.

As you consider your participation and sacrifice, be guided by the simple prayer, "Lord, what do You want to do through me?"

-- Submitted by Rosemary Coverly



School Supplies Collection for Fulton School Teachers

It has been suggested that we could increase our support of the school and staff by collecting donated supplies for them.

The annual Fulton Faculty and Staff luncheon is Friday, August 23, the last summer day before school starts. They enjoy our "grab" table with extra supplies for the classrooms. Possible items would be pencils, erasers, sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, markers, Sharpies for teachers, scissors (child and adult), glue sticks, tissues, Clorox wipes, small backpacks with non-violent themes, etc., etc., etc. Collection spot is the Eagle's Nest table in the Parish Hall, with a deadline of August 18. Thanks for your generosity. It is a reminder that we are supportive in many ways. Questions? See Jean Gordon, Debbie Carter, or Sue Martin.

LEMONADE TIME!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

Volunteers are asked to sign up for a summer Sunday hosting after the second service by using the clipboard schedule posted at the coffee window in the Parish Hall. It's 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. Thank you!

Questions?

See Sue Martin



Find us on
Facebook



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

WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

If you'd like to remember a loved one(s) with an altar flower or give thanks for a special occasion, please be sure to **stop by the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and add your name to the Flower Chart**. Details and **donation envelopes will also be available at the chart**. A **\$30** donation is appreciated and please make a notation on your check. If you are unable to travel to church but are interested in signing up, please contact our Parish Secretary, Patti Means, at 717-299-1188.

We would like to receive two (2) remembrances per Sunday for the church altar and one (1) for the chapel. This information will appear in both service bulletins. Following is the information we have received for the time-frame from **AUGUST through OCTOBER, 2019**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting our flower ministry at St. John's!

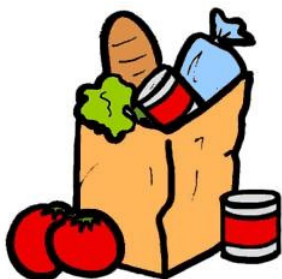
DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
August 4	Sherry Qualls		
August 11			
August 18	Sue Tobie		
August 25			
September 1	Patti Means		
September 8			
September 15	Linda Bruce	Steve Latshaw	
September 22	Molly Moyer	David Dissinger	
September 29	Sherry Qualls		
October 6	Patti Means		
October 13			
October 20			
October 27			

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!"



WE ARE NOT ALONE—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)

Pastor Amanda's first sermon at St. John's focused, in part, on how much more can be accomplished by collaboration. Many of St. John's Jubilee Ministries demonstrate that concept.

The following ministries exemplify the outreach through which St. John's serves our community. Some are truly St. John's efforts and would help fulfill the criteria for our continuing Jubilee status. Listed here are the ministries, including the name of any partnering group or group that receives the benefit of the ministry. If you would like to know more about one of these ministries or are interested in volunteering, please contact Sue Heilman at 717-951-0731 or the church office at 717-299-1188.

Ongoing Ministries

Community Breakfast Program: 40+ members from St. John's serve a free monthly breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, cereal, and pastries 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.

St. John's **Food Pantry** serves the local community with food items and monetary donations from **our congregation**. Donations of nonperishable food items can be delivered to the church office or given to the ushers on Sunday. Monetary contributions help us buy food to fill gaps in 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?

Martha's Ministry is looking for knitters, crocheters, quilters, and crafty folks. One of our goals as a Jubilee ministry is fellowship. We gather together every Tuesday, from 2-4 p.m., in our Parish Hall to share ideas, friendship and, sometimes, tasty treats. Prayer shawls, sweaters and other items of this nature are prepared for an annual sale. Proceeds from this sale are used to benefit outreach ministries, usually **Eagle's Nest**. **Please join us when you have the time. Summer is here and we have plenty of yarn to share. Thank you!**

St. John's supports the **Alendu, Kenya, community and its LightHouse Academy school**. Office space for the U. S. part of the ministry is in the Becker House. Prayers and financial support come from the **St. John's congregation** as well as **other sources within the community**.

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WE ARE NOT ALONE—JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

St. John's partnership with **Robert Fulton Elementary School** includes a before-school-year luncheon in August for the entire staff. We support various school projects as requested, and we also serve as shelter in the event of an emergency,

St. John's participates with other volunteers to help facilitate **Fresh Food Express**, which is operated by **Lancaster General Health** and serves the community of Columbia.

In partnership with ALERT (All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team)

Several members of St. John's support a refugee family from Sudan, an **ALERT** and **Church World Service** project.

St. John's tends the **Betty Finney AIDS Memorial Garden** as we partner with **Lancaster City Department of Parks**. Assistance comes from several **ALERT member churches and neighbors from the Lancaster community**.

Seasonal Ministries

Eagle's Nest is an after-school program for 4th and 5th grade students from **Robert Fulton School**.

St. John's hosts a weekend of honoring **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, with both a Sunday concert and Monday Day Camp activities for **school-aged children from the Lancaster Community**.

The **Christmas Angel Tree** provides gifts for a variety of mostly young people in the community. **St. John's congregation participates as the project is an ECW** ministry.

Members of St. John's have responded to community emergencies, present and past. Requests come mostly through ALERT or the diocese; we provide volunteers and offerings for the winter overnight shelter for women and children, and volunteers for the Lancaster Food Hub, work camps, work mission trips, hurricane and wildfire relief, as well as offerings from special events. Items from St. John's Yard Give are given directly to community members and distributed to other community agencies.

St. John's has been a collection point for Styrofoam in a separate marked large garbage can by our dumpster for many years. Parishioners then transport the large amount to **DART's** drop-off shed on Pitney Road where it is recycled into picnic tables, rulers, etc.

Let us not forget that our campus provides gathering spaces for special worship services and activities, including weddings, funerals, concerts, receptions after special events, as well as meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Citizens' Climate Lobby, and Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness.

The people of St. John's, along with friends, neighbors, and members of other churches, have touched communities far and wide with their compassion, time, talents, sweat, giving, and love for one another in times of need.

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WE ARE NOT ALONE—JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

Financial Support for Jubilee Ministries

Jubilee Ministries are supported financially through the sale of grocery cards to our congregation. (The stores sell cards to us at a 5% discount and we sell them for face value.)

Total grocery card sales for **June, 2019 - \$5,980 with \$299 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 buy 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. Cards are sold on Sundays in the Parish Hall for **GIANT, JOHN HERR'S, STAUFFER'S & WEIS.**



PARISH PICNIC

TAKE 2!



Come one come all for another try at our Long's Park Parish Picnic. Our attempt earlier this summer was a little soggy. Meet at the picnic tables at the top of the amphitheater lawn **Sunday, August 18 at 5 p.m.** We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and paper goods. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall as the date approaches.

Pastor Amanda will hold a short Evening Prayer service at 7 p.m. before the Long's Park Summer Music Series featured performer, Isle of Man blues guitarist and singer Davy Knowles, takes the stage. Knowles currently tours as a solo artist, but is formerly of the blues-rock band Back Door Slam.

Join us for a fun evening of food, fellowship and entertainment. Contact Karen at karendipace@gmail.com or 717-368-0319 with any questions.



An Invitation to Sing in the St. John's Volunteer Summer Choir

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Ever wondered what it is like to sing in the choir? We are inviting all in the congregation to join current choir members to sing an anthem at Sunday service on August 11. All you have to do is arrive at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, join us in the choir room to practice; and then sing in the choir at 10:15 a.m. No weekday rehearsals and no choir robes required!

Why sing with us this summer? Here are 5 good reasons for you to volunteer.

Choir is FUN! Plus you get a close view of what happens up near the altar. There's no denying that singing is one of the best vehicles we have to WORSHIP God.

Choir is an amazing opportunity to SERVE. Music is a vital component of the worship experience and you can make a difference by singing. We LEARN incredibly profound messages in both heart and soul through the lyrics of the songs we sing.

A good choir sings and illustrates JOY. Your joy increases the joy of everyone participating in worship that morning.

We invite you to join us on Sunday, August 11, to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." If you would like to learn more about the choir, please contact Paul Reese, Minister of Music, or Marion Wear, Summer Choir Volunteer at wearall@comcast.net or 717-584-6229.



CITIZENS' CLIMATE EDUCATION

FOR the LOVE of the EARTH
Excerpts from "For the Love of the Earth"

A Letter on Creation
from the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. often said: "We shall either learn to live together as sisters and brothers, or we shall perish together as fools." His words feel especially poignant today as we awaken to the chilling realities of global climate change. We are interconnected. We are tied into networks of mutuality as brothers and sisters on this fragile planet, and the truth is we need each other.

When it comes to climate change, what affects one part of the planet affects the whole planet, and what affects one part of the human family affects the whole family. As members of the Anglican Communion we share a commitment to face the imminent threats to our climate and to the biodiversity that sustains all life. These threats know no national or natural boundaries.

Friends, we Episcopalians have seen the devastation of surging storms and the ravages of climate change in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Florida Keys, Puerto Rico, California, Houston and beyond. We have seen too many of the children of God suffer the interconnected pain of economic, racial and environmental injustice.

We today are presented with a simple choice: will we live as friends, as brothers and sisters, as Beloved Community, or will we be subsumed under the rising waters of chaos? If we choose community, we can move – and protect – mountains. I know we can do this because of the old spiritual that speaks of God's relationship to God's creation: "He's got the whole world in his hands."

We human beings have been charged with being trustees, caretakers and stewards of God's creation. We can and must do this. With the policies we advocate on Capitol Hill, with the solar panels on our church rooftops ... with the prayers on our very lips.

My prayer is that we in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion will follow the way, the teachings and the Spirit of Jesus by cultivating loving, liberating and life-giving relationship with God, with all in the human family, and with all of God's good creation. For it is certainly true that "he's got the whole world in his hands." It is also true that he has placed it in ours.

Your brother on the Jesus Way,
The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

- You are invited to come to the Parish Hall on Saturday, August 10, for climate education / action
- Citizens' Climate Lobby, Lancaster meets the second Saturday of each month at St. John's, noon-2pm. All are welcome!

Be encouraged with sisters and brothers to make a difference! www.citizensclimatelobby.org

Questions? Contact Faith D'Urbano+ faith_d_urbano@yahoo.com

**Striving for justice and peace among all people?
Respecting the dignity of every human being?
Defending the rights of the poor and needy? (*Proverbs 31:8-9*)**

How do we live into these mandates?

We must go “beyond the traditional avenues of Christian charity to the work of justice - changing the systems that necessitate charity in the first place.” (Episcopal Public Policy Network, EPPN)

Educational inequity

Did you know that in state funding of public education, of all the states in the union, Pennsylvania has the widest gap between its funding of wealthy districts and its funding of poor school districts? Our state gap is twice that of the national average. Numerically, Pennsylvania children in poor districts receive from the state 33% less per pupil than do those in its richest districts.

Defining Pennsylvania’s regressive state funding of schools: giving the poorest districts the least money per student and, at the same time, giving to the wealthiest districts the greatest amount of money per student.

In 2015, with strong bipartisan backing, the Pennsylvania Legislature moved to address this glaring inequity. The Fair Funding Formula was devised as a vehicle through which state money earmarked for school districts would be distributed to all children fairly. Right now, however, less than 10% of state funds are distributed according to that 2015 fairness formula. Pennsylvania continues to sit dead last in the nation on fairness in funding basic education. Why? Because the fair formula was (and remains) designed to be applied only to “*new money*” allocated for public school education, and not to apply to any state funds previously allocated.

Concerning, but why particularly concerning to me? To us?

As a priest and a school counselor of 20 years, I am compelled to respond to educational inequities I know firsthand. Besides the immediacy of children losing ground, the stalled status-quo not only doesn’t champion equality, it serves to further entrench race and class inequities.

To us as citizens, it is morally troubling for Pennsylvania to demonstrate an utter lack of resolve to change this situation.

Who loses?

- Pennsylvania operates under an educational caste system. While race is not explicitly included in the state’s historical funding formulas, the results clearly show a persistent pattern of racial bias¹.
- Those most negatively affected by this system are students in majority non-white school districts. The School District of Lancaster (87% non-white student population) is shortchanged by \$40 million per year. Where is that \$40 million now going? The direct relationship between a district’s percentage of white students and its distance from the per-pupil fair funding level points to the answer. In schools composed of 60% or more white students, current spending-per-student is \$500-\$2000 *more* than the Fair Funding Formula would allot if it were applied. Schools composed of 60% or more of non-white students receive \$500-\$2000 *less* per student than what the Fair Funding Formula would allot.

For more than two years the Lancaster Clergy Team and people of faith have been working with POWER (Pennsylvanians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild) to remedy this injustice.

Join us for the next grassroots striving-for-justice meeting:
Wednesday, August 7, 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, 75 E. James Street, Lancaster, 17062

1. Want more information? Visit bit.ly/RacialBiasFunding.

Submitted by, *Faith D’Urbano*

COMMUNITY!
LIVE MUSIC & CONTRA DANCING in the PARK

Saturday Evening, August 17

LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE

Contra dancing is sorta like square dancing. All new dancers are welcome!

Music:

*Mathew Clark - fiddle and feet
Max Carmichael - guitar and bouzouki*

Caller:

Bob Isaacs

Location:

*Lancaster County Park:
Williamson Pavilion #11
733 Williamson Road, Lancaster, PA 17603*



Timeline:

- 5:30 pm - Potluck Supper
- 6:15 pm - New Dancers Workshop (We'll teach ya the basics!)
- 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm - Dancing

Admission:

- Adults \$10 Students \$6
- Children 15 and younger are always FREE.
- Bring the whole family!

COME DANCE!

Other Information:

- First-timers receive a "next time get in free" pass.
- The **third Saturday** of the month, **September - April**, the dance is in our **own upstairs auditorium at St. John's.**

For more information, directions to the park, dance tips and more, visit LancasterContra.org

What's contra like?

**Don't miss FREE easy basic instruction, 6:15 pm or
Come to simply watch and listen**

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

Caroline Ely
Ray Hulse
Vonda Kirchner
Allen Means
Lorraine Nolan
Diane Yackly

And Our Homebound

Margaret Crothers
Michael Frantz
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!"

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Becker, Phil	26
Bentley, Darlene	27
Cliff, Aidan	3
Collier, Rich	7
Creighton, Ben	5
Cummins, Frank	19
Durand, Don	28
Durand, Liz	30
Gbur, Mike	14
Gobel, Michael	26
Gordon, Sarah	1
Gustafson, Iylan	10
Houston, Nancy	2
Hreben, Rachel	21
Kane, Edith	23
Largent, Karen	22
Loose, Pam	9
McGovern, Stephanie	31
Mendez, Elijah	26
Miller, Helen	12
Morgan, Bruce	4
Morgan, Kendall	4
Morrison, Stephanie	23
Nemith, Nancy	26
Pfeiffer, Darleen	24
Qualls, Sherry	31
Sherman, Heather	12
Smith, Ashley	27
Smith, Stella	30
Sweeney, Joanne	9
Wendler, Emma	6

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dorgan, Paul & Drew	08/18/1984
Hasircoglu, Chris & Betsy	08/18/1990
Rahe, Charlie & Joan	08/24/1963
Tobie, Sue & Alan	08/21/2010
Watts, Ken & Eleanor	08/26/1967



Please Note:

*Birthdays and
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