



St. John's Messenger

September 2019

from *The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector*
amandaknouse@stjohns-lancaster.org

Dear St. John's,

Welcome home! The number one thing I associate with September is the beloved homecoming celebrations that occur across the country. Classrooms and playgrounds are now bustling with the voices of eager students, football teams are taking the fields again, and universities are kicking off another program year with convocations and reunions. And yes, even churches are susceptible to the joy that comes with returning after a period of time away. After the whirlwind of vacations, traveling, work and play, September beckons us back into the comforts of home. St. John's, like many of you, has become my spiritual home.

The gospels tell story after story of Jesus going home to places of worship. Whether it's a stone altar in the wilderness carefully placed by a prophet of long ago, a beautiful extravagant temple in the middle of the city, or the home of a new friend met along the way, Jesus continuously comes back to places of worship. It's in these places of worship, surrounded by one another, that our priorities are challenged, our hopes are realized, and our need for grace is revealed. It's where we met Jesus.

I plan on using this month to connect with all of you and to connect with our prodigal father who welcomes each of us home, no matter how long we've been gone or where we've come from. As a new program year begins, I give thanks for the countless opportunities for worship, formation, and service that St. John's offers. I pray you'll take advantage of many of them!

Welcome home, friends.

Amanda

The Church

adapted from Margaret Angus, 2010

Here, a community gathers on Sundays,
and in between

A place of certainty and comfort in a world not solid
A source of faith, often tested and affirmed.

Here, children dangle their legs from wooden pews
Wondering when playtime would come again
Trading glances with other children
dressed in Sunday best.

Here, couples vow to love one another 'til death
Promising to lean on one another
in times of challenge
And celebrate together in times of joy.

Here, parents bring their babies to be blessed
Pledging to return to this place of faith
and community
Joining a family larger than their own.

Here, families say goodbye to their beloved
Remembering the way they spoke or laughed or loved
Wishing them well on their journey after life.

Here, time passes, doors open and close
One generation slipping into another
With a great cloud of witnesses cheering them on.

Here, friends meet over food and drink
A place to laugh and talk - no thought of time
Leaning into comfort, finding home.

WHAT HAPPENED TO SINGING THE LITURGY?



St. John's has a rich history of singing the liturgy and for some of you, the spoken word has been an adjustment! I wanted to share a little bit about why I have chosen to use the spoken word instead of Anglican or Gregorian chant.

The truth is I love to sing. If I walk past you during our procession you may have experienced that love. St. Augustine once said, "singing is praying twice." I tend to agree. Singing in community can be a transformative and holy experience. You'll likely hear me whistling a tune during the week or catch me playing my guitar and singing in the sanctuary between meetings and appointments. My struggle lies in my nerves, not my ability. Singing a solo, a cappella no less, is both nerve-wracking and often overwhelming for me. I am committed to leading worship with integrity and reverence and using the gifts I have been given - the moment I become a distraction is the moment I've forgotten my role. I often joke, my spoken word is holier than my sung word.

At the present moment, chanting is distracting to my worship leading. However, I am committed to growing and challenging myself. Our wonderfully gifted music director, Paul, and I have already begun the conversations around this growing edge. Hopefully, with time and practice, chanting will be just one more resource available to my ministry. I am also aware that chanting isn't for everyone. Some of you have expressed your delight in the change. Worship is beautiful and meaningful because of its diversity. There is room for all our preferences when the focus is on God and not just on what we prefer. As we continue to grow together in worship and as our relationships, ministries, and liturgy transform, I invite your feedback and ideas. Worship works because we do it together. Please know my door is always open to you and yours and I look forward to growing with you!

I remain faithfully yours,

Amanda

ECW.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The annual ECW Fall Retreat will be somewhat different this year, taking place at St. Andrew's Church in Shippensburg, PA. The dates are September 13-15. As in the past, registration and lodging arrangements are on your own. Please see Sue Martin if interested.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGES

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

SEPTEMBER 2019

Fall is coming, thoughts of preparing for the winter will be rising, but know ũ .
40% of the food we produce is wasted, an average of 400 pounds per person annually.
Globally, 1/3 of the food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted. Annually 9 million
people die of hunger - more than malaria, AIDS and TB combined. 1 out of 7 people in the
world goes hungry ũ think about how you/we can change this ũ
1 can of soup costs less than a specialty coffee. Think and act to help our world family because
I Am, WE Are, One World - Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for September 1st Labor Day

Challenge - Each day of this month, give thanks for something and don't repeat same thanks.
If it's hard to find something then be creative and bring your attention and response to reach out
to someone/something - Here, There, Anywhere.

Global Partnership Challenge for September 8th

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism
and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality ũ
I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word. _ *MLK, Jr.*
09/11 hold the world in peace prayers, extend your caring to those Here, There, Everywhere.

Global Partnership Challenge for September 15th

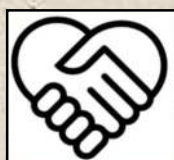
In the long run, the sharpest weapon of all is a kind and gentle spirit. _ *Anne Frank*
As we extend our caring to those in need, we also fill our own hearts with such warmth that the
gift causes a smiling explosion and peacefulness. Hold those coming for caring in any form in
your thoughts and prayers - Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for September 22nd

Isn't it amazing that we are ALL made in God's image, and yet there is so much diversity
among his people? _ *Desmond Tutu*
Celebrate that God brilliantly created us SO diverse, with SO many gifts,
to share with each other in loving ways - Here, There, Everywhere

Global Partnership Challenge for September 29th

Ultimately, we have just one moral duty to claim large areas of peace in ourselves,
more and more peace, and reflect it towards others. And the more peace there is in us,
the more peace there will be in our troubled world. _ *Etty Hillesum*
We can do this - to each other, to our community, to our world, because remember -
I Am, WE are, One World - Here, There, Everywhere



SERVING SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 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/>

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), C. Weaver-Gelzer (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
Web Streaming	Joe Way	Joe Way
Coffee Hr/Lemonade	Dodge/Thompson Family	Volunteer is Needed
Nursery	--	Tracy Cliff

SEPTEMBER 8	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Purdy	Danielle Di Pace, Glenn Miller
Lector / Intercessor	Sue Tobie	Jane Lee (L), Paula Wolf (I)
Server	--	Ian Thompson
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	Claire Thompson, Sophia Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Garth Alexander
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	--	Bruce Waskowicz
Web Streaming	Mike Williams	Mike Williams
Coffee Hour	Voyagers / Sunday School Teachers	Voyagers / Sunday School Teachers
Nursery	--	Mary Waskowicz

SEPTEMBER 15	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Bond	Brad Moyer, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Lector / Intercessor	Barbara Landis	Joel Cliff (L), Jeannie Zeller (I)
Server	--	Hal Williams
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	Fiona Mausolf, Lily Mausolf
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Toni Ehrhart
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	--	Sue Martin
Web Streaming	Joe Way	Joe Way
Coffee Hour	Ushers: 8AM & Team A	Ushers: 8AM & Team A
Nursery	--	Leslie Morgan

SEPTEMBER 22	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Molly Moyer	Danielle Di Pace, Michael Stank
Lector / Intercessor	Nicole Pham	Sue Zuke (L), Kim Bomberger (I)
Server	--	Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	--	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearers	--	Greyson Gustafson, Greyson Way
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Glenn Miller
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	--	Leslie Morgan
Web Streaming	Joe Way	Joe Way
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	--	Susan Bowser

SEPTEMBER 29	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Purdy	Peter Novosel, Emily Phillips
Lector / Intercessor	Sue Purdy	Bob Kilp (L), Heather Trenary (I)
Server	--	Helena Carroll
Crucifer	--	Glenn Miller
Torch Bearers	--	Evelyn Carroll, Campbell Way
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Hal Williams
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C (5th Sunday)
Greeter	--	Dan Farmer
Web Streaming	Joe Way	Joe Way
Coffee Hour	Global Partnership Committee	Global Partnership Committee
Nursery	--	Mia Welaish

SERVING SCHEDULE - LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER 2019

OCTOBER 6	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Nicole Pham	John Faust, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Lector / Intercessor	Gretchen Walden	Ken Kiedrowski (L), Eamon Nelson (I)
Server	--	Nicholas Di Pace
Crucifer	--	Bob Kilp
Torch Bearers	--	Amelia Hale, Sophia Hale
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	--	Rob Williams
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	--	Brad Zuke
Web Streaming	Joe Way	Joe Way
Coffee Hour	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Nursery	--	Jen Gustafson



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/>

SENIOR WARDEN

The Vestry met for the first time with our new rector, Amanda. We did not meet in July to give Amanda time to get to know the parish and its routine. July was anything but routine – note the new look for our Sunday bulletins!

The last half of the Vestry meeting was spent focusing on what the Vestry’s vision for the parish is for the remaining months of 2019. The dialogue was animated. Hope and excitement were very much a part of the discussion. The thoughts and opinions expressed can be summed up as ‘making our parish welcoming and inviting_ both within and without.

The Vestry recognized the need to get the word out about St. John’s to the wider community. We need to let them know we are here and that any and all are welcome. Given the current cultural climate in the U.S., we need to let everyone know that as disciples we are as welcoming as Christ is welcoming. Your color, ethnicity, gender, economic status, or sexual orientation – and yes, past religious affiliation not withstanding!

Our renovated facilities need to be boasted about and offered for use. We need to take advantage of opportunities like First Fridays, etc., to invite all to come and see what St. John’s is about.

As to being welcoming and inviting within, the Vestry talked about letting people know where things are through signage. Where are the classrooms for church school, where is the parish house, where is the auditorium, and most importantly, where are the restrooms.

Vestry members were asked to take each of these topics as well as others to their committees or groups and return to the September meeting with the results of their discussions.

Finally, the Vestry did take action in one area by passing a resolution of appreciation for Kathy Kyper for her service in enhancing and repairing our parish facilities, as well as serving as chairperson of our Property Committee. The full text of the resolution follows this article. When you see the list of her accomplishments, you will agree that she is due our gratitude.

Tom Bond
Senior Warden

(A note of correction is needed. I previously stated in an earlier article that Amanda was the first female rector in the diocese of Central PA. I meant to say our parish. There have been many women rectors both past and present. Let us remember them and honor their service to God’s people.)

VESTRY RESOLUTION

Resolution of Appreciation for Kathy Kyper

Whereas Kathy Kyper has devoted considerable amounts of time and personal resources towards the improvement of several areas of our parish complex;

Whereas the many projects she has undertaken include:

the repairing and painting the walls of the Vesting Room in the church undercroft - including organizing the vestments;

renovating the Guild Room - adding walls and door and organizing the supplies of the Altar and Flower guilds;

painting the rear wall of the nave (church), polishing plaques and reworking of a pew;

repairing the doors to the narthex (Chestnut Street entrance);

facilitating the cleaning of the marble floors of the nave;

working on the landscaping of the Courtyard and Chestnut Street areas;

and most recently undertaken the repair, painting and refurbishing of Becker House - 3rd floor rooms, parlor and stairway.

Whereas each project she has completed has been done with the utmost attention to detail aesthetics;

Whereas she has taken a leadership role with the parish Property committee;

Whereas she has also spent time bringing the attention of the rectors and various parish groups to the needs of the physical plant of the parish;

Therefore, the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church resolves to express its appreciation and that of the parish to Kathy Kyper for her service, talents and gifts and ask God's blessing upon her future service endeavors.

Resolved this day, August 19, 2019.

FROM FATHER GLENN MILLER

Dearest Friends,

Grace and peace to you all! In the happy chaos of beginning a new position, preparing for an international wedding, and then being out of the country for two weeks, I am just now getting down to expressing my gratitude to you all for everything surrounding my farewell at St. John's. The events of the final Sunday, and the gifts (completely unexpected and overwhelming) were more meaningful to me than you can ever know. Those of you who were there also know that the occasion was made even more special by the surprise presence of several friends, in particular my undergraduate chaplain and religion professor (brought by my best friend from college), who is one of the key people responsible for my becoming a priest. It was as perfect a farewell as any priest could ask for.

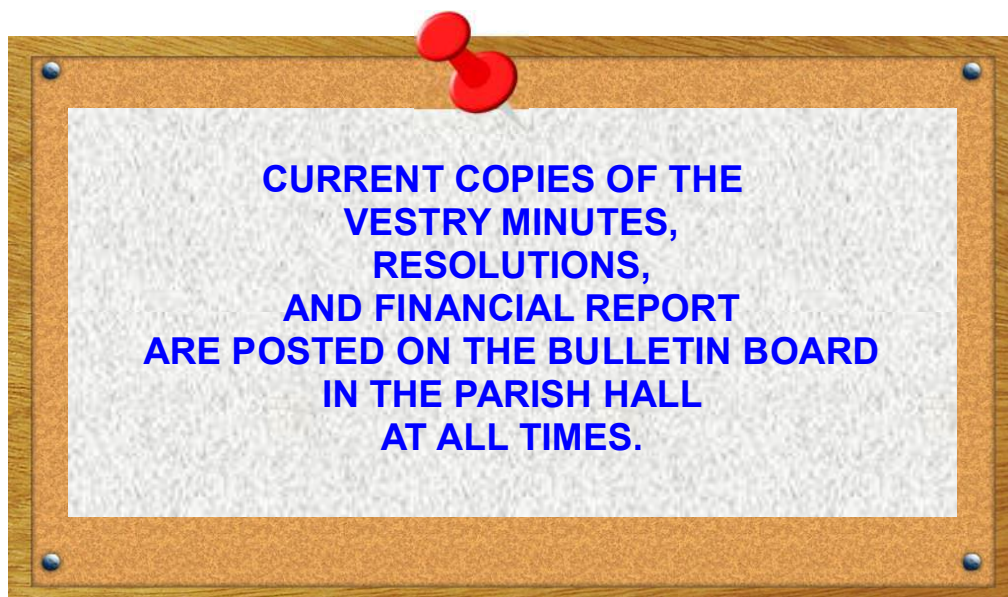
I must also say that what's even more gratifying is seeing how beautifully the new chapter of your life in Christ is clearly going! This more than anything is what any priest, interim or otherwise, longs for when leaving a congregation. I am so pleased for you and Amanda. What great things lay ahead for you all!

On a personal note, the "wedding of the century" that you all heard about *ad nauseum* was utterly perfect. I'll try to send a few pictures along in the coming days. Again, many thanks for an extraordinary farewell and more important, an extraordinary 16 months of ministry with you.

Fondly and with much love,

Fr. Glenn

P.S. All Saints in Hershey seems to be holding up well under Fr. Stephen and me so far!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Thanks to the generous support of the St. John's family we continue to pay down our renovations' debt. However, we remain short of the goal to complete our obligation in 2021. We all appreciate the beauty of the atrium, the accessibility provided by the elevator, the serenity of the courtyard, and the peaceful assurance of the expanded columbarium. Please consider a first or additional pledge or gift to ensure that these special places do not become a burden to the next generation of worshipers. Pledge/gift cards are located at the back of the church or you may email your intentions to me at rcoverly@aol.com.

Thank you to everyone who has helped secure the future of St. John's and its ministries through this initiative. The congregation and the community are reaping the fruits of your sacrifice.

Submitted by

Rosemary Coverly

VOYAGERS



Let's Set Sail!

The Voyagers will sail off on its new season beginning on Saturday, September 28, and we hope you will join us in the Parish Hall from 10-11:30 a.m. We are pleased and privileged to announce that our new Rector, The Rev. Amanda Knouse, will be our guest speaker on this new journey and will talk to us about "Getting to Know You" and more! As usual, the galley will be open and offer light refreshments! We look forward to seeing you.

PLEASE NOTE: The lower parking lot entrance door will be attended until 10:10 a.m. Late arrivals can enter through the back lot/kitchen door.

Questions? Please feel free to contact Dan Farmer.

STEWARDSHIP

Cottage Gatherings

(Hosted by the Stewardship Committee)

You are invited to attend any of the three Cottage Gatherings leading up to our Fall Pledge Drive at St. John's. Please come enjoy fellowship and stewardship stories. Food and drink will be served. Please let the host know if you plan to attend.

September 24 - Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 PM - home of Karen and Nick Di Pace, 4 Thornhill Lane, Willow Street . Call or email: 717-368-0319 or dipace5@verizon.net

September 28 - Saturday, 6:30-7:30 PM - home of Pam and Ted Loose, 23 Iron Horse Drive, Lititz. Call or email: 717-413-0678 or ptloose@ptd.net

September 29 - Sunday, 11:45-12:45 - Parish Hall (nursery care provided), hosts Leslie Morgan and Glenn Miller. Email: stfrancisintheback@gmail.com or LeslieTMorgan@gmail.com



Mark 16:15

No Experience Required!

Did you know that St. John's Streams our sermons on YouTube? Thanks to the time and efforts of the Communication Committee, we have over 150 videos archived on our channel. We need volunteers to help us with the Sunday streams. **No experience required.** The time commitment is small and is whatever you can offer. Joe Way, a church member and tech consultant, will provide training. We are a dedicated group that works to highlight all the good news and happenings at St. John's and we hope that you will join us. For additional information please contact a committee member:

*Debbie Carter, Jill Gross, Bob Kilp, Leslie Tahsler,
Heather Trenary, Joe Way, or Jeannie Zeller*

PROPERTY CORNER

First of all, a big THANK YOU goes to Kathy Kyper, Dave Martin, Paul Reese, and Pam Loose for their hard work in painting the Becker House! What a beautiful job! Thanks are also due to Carolyn Maxey and her friend Kate and Janice and Kevin Henry for beautifying our campus by maintaining the flower pots throughout our campus!

A recent power outage, lasting about half an hour, placed the routing of phones out of service. As this system was donated to the church and under our use for about 6-8 years, discussions with one service provider found the system was no longer serviceable. However, we continued to discover options for handling this situation and found a service company who indicated that our system is still operational and serviceable. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we got our system back to its original order.

Fluorescent fixtures are in the process of being converted to LED. This conversion to save electricity has been completed in the undercroft (minus the Choir Room) and most of the Becker House. LED lamps were used in the Becker House main level during renovations there.

A+ Masonry repointed the courtyard side of the Parish House and is planning to replace the date stone by the end of the month. The grass on the north side of the parking lot is mostly dead at this point, but plans are in the works to have the grass replaced with other plants.

Select Security was in late last month to test their detectors, which was incorporated into our monthly life safety inspection. Plans are in the works to add windows to office doors to be compliance with Safe Church protocol.

The Church has had a number of accidents in recent weeks involving falls. Everyone is reminded to contact Bill Gross in the event of an accident, no matter how minor, so that adequate documentation may be obtained. Documentation also permits the opportunity to correct any conditions on our campus that may have contributed to the incident to prevent recurrence.

Our atrium front entrance doors have required 15 resets *of the circuit breaker* in the last 3 months! In addition, we are still having issues with the atrium door into the Nave, despite having numerous adjustments by Paul Risk, the General Contractor for the addition. The weight of the door is causing it to bottom out on the tile floor. Another hinge is being considered to more evenly distribute the door's weight.

An elevator inspection was conducted on May 30 with one violation noted, which has since been mitigated. Adequate signage was not in place in each of the elevator lobbies, telling occupants to use the stairs during a fire/fire alarm. Our service vendor continues to address issues with the elevator going out of service. We appreciate everyone's understanding while we continue to address this situation.

Matthews columbarium has been contacted on numerous occasions to obtain more columbarium supplies, such as urns, shelves and tamper resistant screws. We need about 50 urns, 100 shelves and about 200 screws for remaining cremains to be added to this space.

A concrete slab, covering one of the Becker House basement windows is deteriorating to the point that a hole has formed over the opening. Although sufficient warning of the opening has been provided, this measure is temporary and should be remedied as soon as possible.

PROPERTY CORNER

J & J Heating & Cooling was called to evaluate the auditorium air conditioning. Earlier this year they made modifications to prevent air from migrating and accumulating in the units on this level. As a result of their recent review, they are recommending lowering the unoccupied temperature to 78 degrees and providing earlier start times for occupation of this space. As a result of this recommendation, the unoccupied temperature has been lowered from 85 to 78 degrees and a longer cooling period will be instituted.

Your Property Committee:

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



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!



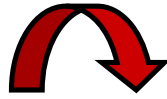
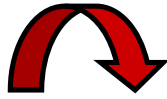
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT GUIDELINES

Announcements are a great way of keeping each other informed of the many activities happening here at church. If you are planning to submit an announcement for the weekly Sunday bulletins, please be sure it:

- **Is Short and Concise**
- **Includes**
 - ◇ **Heading**
 - ◇ **Date and Time**
 - ◇ **Contact Information**

Announcements need to be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Patti Means, no later than Wednesday mornings.

Bulletins, first and foremost, are created for our worship and liturgy. We will do our best to accommodate as many requests as possible. However, please remember the newsletter, blog, and our social media accounts are even better ways to communicate upcoming events/activities.



UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION!!!

In preparation for the regular 2019-2020 in-house Church Directory (not the picture directory), we are requesting that you stop by the West Chestnut Street side of the Parish Hall now until Sunday, September 8th to review your personal information. If everything looks correct, simply place a **CHECK MARK** beside it. If you are unable to do this, please feel free to call Patti Means, Parish Secretary, to review by phone: 717-299-1188

COLLEGE STUDENT INFORMATION: We are also in need of college student information to include in the new directory. This information can be forwarded to Patti Means, Parish Secretary, in the church office via e-mail: patti@stjohns-lancaster.org

Thank you for helping to keep our records accurate! The 2019-2020 directories will be available in the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 15.

Questions? Contact: Patti Means, Parish Secretary



Volunteer Breakfast

All Community Breakfast volunteers are invited to a special breakfast prepared by Amanda+ and John Knouse. Every month you feed the hungry of Lancaster, now it's our turn to feed you! Come enjoy a hot breakfast and help us create a vision for the future of this incredibly important feeding ministry!

**Saturday, Sept. 28th
8:00AM-9:30AM
St. John's Parish Hall**

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

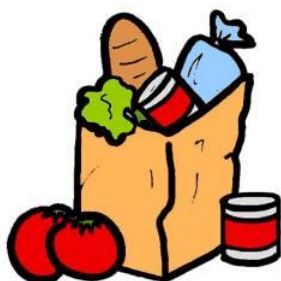
DATE	(1)	(2)	CHAPEL
September 1	Patti Means	Jeannie Zeller	
September 8	Barbara Landis	Ray Wolf	
September 15	Linda Bruce	Steve Latshaw	David Dissinger
September 22	Molly Moyer		
September 29	Sherry Qualls	Ray Wolf	
October 6	Patti Means	John & Barbara Graeter	
October 13			
October 20			
October 27	Libby Balbani		
November 3			
November 10			
November 17			
November 24	Patti Means		

FOOD PANTRY

FOOD PANTRY STAPLES—ALWAYS WELCOMED!

Peanut butter, pasta noodles, pasta sauce, canned tuna, canned chicken, boxed macaroni & cheese, "Helpers" (chicken or tuna), rice, boxed rice mixes, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and cereal.

Bring your donations to the rear of the church on any Sunday or to the church office during the week. "THANK YOU!"



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**Beginning
September 8,
2019**

Note to parents: please drop your kids off in their classrooms and enjoy a cup of coffee before worship! Your kids will join you in worship at 10:15AM by processing in with the worship leaders!

9:30AM - Classes begin!

10:10AM - Transition from class to worship via a letter from the St. John's Traveler

10:15AM - Procession into worship

Ages: Prek - 6th

SUNDAY SCHOOL

“CHURCH SCHOOL KICK-OFF!”

September 8, 2019 - 9:30 a.m.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM



PRINT: Name (Last) _____ (First) _____

Address _____

City _____, PA Zip _____

Parent/Guardian #1: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Parent/Guardian #2: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Gender _____ Grade Level (entering) _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Any special medical or dietary needs _____

In the case of an emergency, I authorize any medical care deemed necessary by an accredited physician, nurse, paramedic, or hospital while my child is involved in this church activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Health Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Do you give permission for your child's picture to be taken? YES NO

ST. JOHN'S EDUCATION

ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:30 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 8

Lower Level of Parish Hall:

Pre-School/Ages 3-5:

GREEN Room ' Jenn Hreben, Janelle Stone

Grades 1-3: *Early Elementary*

ORANGE Room ' Pam Loose, Joe Way

Grades 4-6: *Upper Elementary*

BLUE Room ' Sue Dodge, Jen Gustafson

Grades 8-12: *Youth Group*

RED Room ' Mike & Dawn Williams, John Knouse

Nursery: *Infants—5 Years*

PARISH HALL (See Sign by Kitchen Hall)

Contact: Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky or Karen Di Pace

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

Upcoming Training at St. Thomas Episcopal Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:00 A.M. - 12 NOON

St. Thomas Episcopal Church (301 Saint Thomas Road, Lancaster) is offering a Safeguarding God's Children training for everyone who is involved with children, vestry, and staff on Saturday, September 7 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. To register, please be sure to visit: sainthomaschurch@comcast.net

Please be sure your that you also have your required clearances on file with our church office; they are: PA State Police Clearance, Child Abuse History Clearance, and FBI Clearance if you lived in Pennsylvania for less than 10 years. To apply for these clearances, please visit: <http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/clearances/index.htm>

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, SEPTEMBER 21**

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.

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 in need and are distributed from the courtyard entrance to our Parish Hall on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. *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're looking for knitters, crocheters, quilters, crafty folks.....

One of our goals as a Jubilee ministry is fellowship. We gather together every Tuesday, from 2-4 PM, in our Parish Hall to share ideas, friendship, and sometimes tasty treats. Please join us when you have the time.

We have plenty of yarn to share!



GROCERY CARDS (*Contact: Sue Tobie*)

Total grocery card sales for **July, 2019 - \$5,820 with \$291 going to Jubilee Ministries**

August, 2019 - \$5,100 with \$255 going to Jubilee Ministries

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

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

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

EAGLE'S NEST



The Eagle's Nest Program is busy making preparations for the opening of its 18th year of operation on October 2nd. This Jubilee Ministry provides an after school program on Wednesday afternoons for select 4th and 5th grade students from Robert Fulton Elementary School, focusing on enrichment, student mentoring, academic support and building social relationships. One of the highlights of our program is the opportunity to prepare the evening meal with the students and enjoy our meal in a family style setting.

We kicked off our season by hosting a luncheon for the entire staff of the Robert Fulton Elementary School on August 23th in our Parish Hall. Many thanks to the Eagle's Nest volunteers for organizing the luncheon, preparing the beautiful menu and serving our guests that day. Our new rector, Amanda, greeted our community partners as they arrived, providing a warm welcome and the blessing before the meal. Following the meal, Christmas came early and the school supplies were presented to the staff! Many thanks to Debbie Carter, who led the drive to organize the collection of school supplies for our community school and to the overwhelming generosity of every person who graciously donated.

Mary Waskowicz, Deb Noll, and I will attend the Back to School Night at Fulton Elementary on August 29th. Fulton's Community Partners set up tables on the playground and parents have the opportunity to visit displays and learn more about programs. Throughout the month of September, I will be working with the Fulton staff to facilitate the registration process, so that we have students ready to start on our first day in October.

We are still looking for volunteers for our Eagle's Nest program, so if you are interested, or know if someone who would be interested in joining this ministry, please contact me at: jgordon125@comcast.net

Submitted by,

Jean Gordon

Director of Eagle's Nest Program

Deadline Dates!

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:
WEDNESDAYS**

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

REFUGEE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP OPPORTUNITY

As of September 11, ALERT will be officially disengaging itself from their responsibilities to the Mariam Abdelaziz family. From a welcome team made up of volunteers from the Episcopal churches of Lancaster County (Circle of Friends), the family received assistance in transitioning into a new country. We have walked along side of the family since their arrival in 2015. They have obtained adequate housing and an automobile for providing their own transportation, have established health care, are adjusting to cultural differences, have come a long way with English, found employment for both mother and the oldest daughter, and are able to manage their finances. They have obtained their Green Cards and will begin the process of obtaining citizenship, and are slowly working their way from government support.

The family does need continued support in areas which in I believe St. John's could be of assistance. Mariam, a working mother with 6 children, continues to struggle with recurring migraines could use help with developing more effective parenting skills. Khadidja, a young woman, holding a part-time job and attending HACC, could certainly use support with tutoring sessions. Ibrahim, a 14-year-old 10th grade student at McCaskey, always needs encouragement at both academics and sports activities. Nouracham, an 18-year-old senior at McCaskey, also needs encouragement in socialization and academic support in certain school subjects. Djalale, an 8th grader, needs a big brother who can help him use his accomplishments and talents to become a leader. Rania, a second grader, needs out-of-school reading opportunities along with out-of-home experiences. The youngest of the crowd, Hawaa, needs experiences to get her ready for formal education. They will need help as they prepare to take their tests for citizenship (with the exception of Hawaa, who was born in the USA).

I am asking St. John's to step forward to continue support of this family by becoming a big brother, sister, father, mother, grandmother/father to each one of the family members. We would be filling a huge void in their lives as the Circle of Friends from ALERT disengages from the family. Please contact Dave Martin at 717-519-2691 if interested in becoming part of this support system. The call to engage is being made.

Submitted by, *Dave Martin*

LANCASTER'S ANNUAL AFRICAN FESTIVAL

Come dance and taste and see at Lancaster's Africa Festival, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1:00-5:00 p.m. in Binns Park. There will be an African Fashion Show, lots of food, dance, and crafts for sale. Please come join the fun!

This is a project that Dorothy and Roger of Rafiki Africa initiated and continue to spearhead. Be sure to see the flyer on the next page, and if you'd like to volunteer, be sure to sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS (LIPW) will be showing a free film about immigration on our southern border on the last Friday of September, the 27th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Title and summary of the film will be announced in the bulletin on September 15 and 22 and on the Parish Hall bulletin board. October 25th, we will show a film about drones used in war. Please join us. Questions? Please contact Sue Heilman.

11TH ANNUAL

Rafiki African Festival

AFRICAN FOOD VENDORS

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

FASHION SHOW

AFRICAN CRAFT & MECHANDISE

FREE
ADMISSION!

12:00PM-5:00PM | SEPTEMBER 14

Binns Park, 120 N. Queen Street
Lancaster, PA

www.rafikiafricanfestival.com

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FRANCIS FEST - BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Friday, October 4, 2019
Starting at 6:00 p.m.

St. John's will again hold a `Blessing of the Animals_ in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the environment and animals, on Friday, October 4, starting at 6:00 p.m. The service will be offered outdoors in the new courtyard and parking lot.

You are invited to bring your animal companions for a short service and blessing followed by refreshments and opportunities to visit with special local non-profit organizations providing rescue, support or service training to benefit our community. Lancaster City's Mounted and K-9 units will also be on hand for the event. Free-will donations will be accepted for our non-profit participants.

We ask that you bring your special pet leashed or in a cage or carrier for their comfort and safety. Feel free to bring a picture of your pet for blessing if you feel that bringing him or her to the event would be too stressful. Toy pets are welcome, too!

This is the perfect event for inviting your family, friends and neighbors to participate. All are welcome.

Animals have always been a part of our human experience. They teach us so much about faithfulness, friendship, love, forgiveness and acceptance. In addition, their unique and keen senses are now being employed to provide us with all kinds of service and support as we better understand their ability to defend, search, detect health issues, and sense out our emotional support needs. They act as our eyes, ears, hands and feet and the list goes on and on. St. Francis recognized the great blessing and value of animals and now we continue that tradition, recognizing that we are only at the beginning of recognizing their true worth and how much they bless our lives.

Come and share in a service of celebration and thanksgiving for our pets.

For more information, contact Marion Wear, Event Coordinator, at:

717-584-6229 or

marion.s.wear@gmail.com

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

Karin Bleecker
Shannon Hickman & Family
Vonda Kirchner
Ted Lamparter
Cynthia Minnich
Lorraine Nolan
Donna Schnee
Diane Yackly
Hannah & Jennifer

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

Thanksgiving for Healing

Allen Means

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.**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ail, Suzanne	3
Clark, Ross	12
Cummins, Tina	29
Dissinger, Amy	13
Eckert, Marianne	18
Forry, Steve	19
Freeman, Dale	12
Harvey, Thetis	11
Heilman, Sue	13
Kuser, Alvena	8
Lee, Bob	22
Lester, Max	27
Logan, Deborah	6
Lovett, Ann	14
Macleish, Sea	3
Mann, John	21
Mausolf, Fiona	18
Mausolf, Katie	12
McGee, Vince	2
Miller, John	1
Morgan, Leslie	4
Murphy, Betty	15
Noble, Henry	22
Snyder, Barbara	9
Springer, Bob	19
Stigelman, Carol	14
Stone, Jeff	11
Visco, Natalie	19
Waskowicz, John	7
Welaish, Graham	17
Wolf, Paula	3

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Archer, Rev Bill & Carolyn	09/08/1956
Clark, Neil & Burlingame, Susan	09/24/1988
Knouse, Rev Amanda & John	09/13/2008
Snyder, Jim & Barbara	09/07/1963
Welaish, Andrew & Mia	09/05/2010



Please Note:

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