

The Messenger



February 2020

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- 8:00AM Holy Eucharist
- 9:00AM Fellowship
- 9:15AM Adult
Formation
- 9:30AM Sunday School
- 10:15AM Holy Eucharist
with Choir
- 11:30AM Fellowship

Wednesdays:

- 12:05PM Healing Service
with Holy Eucharist

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear St. John's,

Just a week ago, your vestry met for their annual retreat. They broke bread with one another and built community. They studied and embraced the sacred business of finances and investment accounts. They raised up and elected our wardens, treasurer, and secretary. Most importantly, your vestry began the holy work of casting a vision for the coming year(s). It was an inspired and life-giving weekend of good work centered on Christ and our shared mission to serve.

Debbie Carter was elected Senior Warden with Webb Cook as Junior Warden. Charles Wear has officially begun his term as Treasurer while Bob Kilp remains our beloved Secretary. All of your vestry representatives are devoted to working together to live into the new opportunities for ministry that are before us.

They have committed themselves to the following 1-year goals:

- ◆ *Create new small groups—by providing opportunities for parishioners to form deeper relationships*
- ◆ *Balance the budget without using additional withdrawals of our investments*
- ◆ *Raise up, integrate, and support the new staffing structure of the parish to include a quarter-time priest.*
- ◆ *Establish a relationship in a new local community*

In addition to 1-year goals, the vestry cast their nets a little further to include the following 3-year goals:

- ◆ *Increase our facility usage by 50%*
- ◆ *Complete Phase II of the Capital Campaign*
- ◆ *Move our rental properties toward marketable rates or use them for ministry*
- ◆ *Expand our Music Ministry at St. John's*

In the coming year, our vestry will be focusing on small groups, the ministry of presence (outreach to the vulnerable), newcomers, and pastoral care. If you'd like to know more about these ministries and how you can contribute to the life and breath of our beloved parish please reach out to a vestry member. They would be delighted to share!

I remain faithfully yours,

Amanda



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE

I AM, WE ARE...ONE WORLD: HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE



New Year, Changing World, New Visions, New Realities: What can each of us do to make it more caring? "The tighter you squeeze, the less you have." Thomas Merton

FEBRUARY 2ND: GROUNDHOG DAY

As we anticipate the prediction of more or less winter weather, let us all "emerge" and "Turn your face to the sun and let the shadows fall behind you" - Maori Proverb. Let your heart explode with joy as you emerge with more kindness and caring for ALL God's children - Here, There, Everywhere

FEBRUARY 9TH: VALENTINE'S DAY

"Jesus loves the little children, ALL the children of the World." Think about others you could send a card, flowers, candy, a surprise donation - clothing, shoes, food for their table, sharing whatever with ALL God's Children - Here, There, Everywhere

FEBRUARY 16TH: WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Organized by the United Nations, this day is to raise awareness of caring and equality for ALL. Hold ALL God's children in your prayers and then participate in an action that could be caring for our brothers and sisters from every place in our world.

FEBRUARY 23RD: SHROVE TUESDAY & ASH WEDNESDAY

According to National Geographic magazine, humans may have been eating a form of pancakes since the Stone Age. The objective was to use up additional foods as they moved into the Lenten time of being more mindful of consumption. Consider what you can do to live simpler and share with your neighbors - Here, There Everywhere

SOLES4SOULS

The St. John's Soles4Souls shoe drive is on again this year. We have been collecting and storing and request that you check in your closets or with friends for shoes they are no longer wearing for our shoe drive. They can be brought to the church at anytime until Palm Sunday. Please do not send shoe boxes; simply tie the laces together and rubber band the pairs together or we will do that as we pack them. Our goal is always to beat last year's number by a pair. So please help out if you can.



THE VOYAGERS



What is a LEV? What does a LEV do? Come join the Voyagers on Saturday, February 22, in the Parish Hall to find out and to hear some of the experiences that Stephanie McGovern and Phil Becker have had over the years that they have provided this invaluable ministry to St. John's. The Voyagers meet monthly for fellowship, discussions, and programs of interest for parishioners and their friends of all ages. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served.

PLEASE NOTE:

The lower parking lot entrance door will be attended until 10:10AM
Late arrivals can enter through the back lot/kitchen door.
Questions? Please feel free to contact Dan Farmer.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE II by Rosemary Coverly, Co-Chair Honoring our Past...Securing our Future

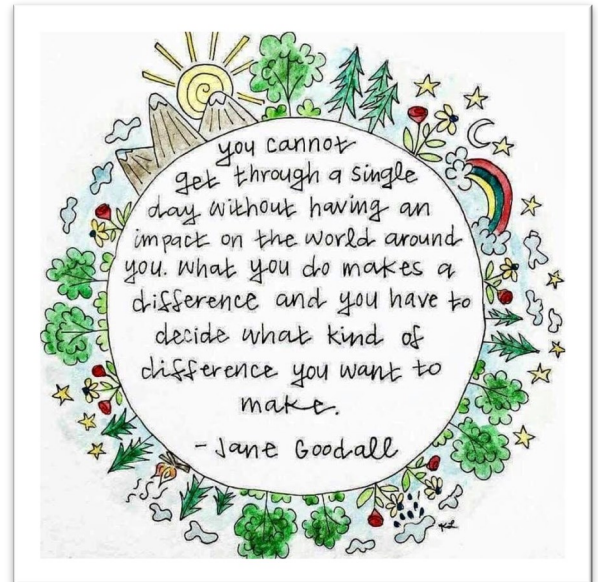
Thank you!

Pledge payments in December allowed us to reduce the balance on our construction loan by \$50,000. This, of course, reduced the amount we owe, but perhaps just as importantly, will lower the interest payments that are incurred each month. The balance on our one-million-dollar loan is currently \$256,400. We have made great progress.

The St. John's congregation – YOU – have been very generous! However, the current pledge balance will fall short of retiring this debt when it becomes due next year. If you would like to help ensure the financial health of St. John's with a new or additional gift or pledge to the Capital Campaign in 2020 or early 2021, a member of the Capital Campaign Committee or Pastor Amanda would love to discuss the options with you.

Capital Campaign Committee:

Phil Becker, Debbie Carter, Rosemary Coverly, Kent Strickler, Charles and Marion Wear



MARTHA'S MINISTRY

February brings more yarn and more needs to our doorstep. We are currently knitting and crocheting items for people living with dementia. Twiddlemuffs and Twiddlesleeves provide sensory stimulation for people living with dementia.

Please join us in our Parish Hall on Tuesdays from 2-4 pm if you're interested in helping. Not able to join us on Tuesdays? Ask Jeannie Zeller for the pattern and work on your own time. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.





*Gratitude Dinner
February 22*

**Dinner and program showcasing
St. John's Altar Guild**

**Please join us for dinner and a close-up view
of St. John's treasures. Tickets must be
purchased by Sunday, February 16th and
can be bought in the Parish Hall after
worship. Ticket costs are \$20.**

THE NATIONAL ALTAR GUILD ASSOCIATION PRAYER

by The Rt. Rev. E. Don Taylor, Vicar Bishop of New York City

Most gracious Father Who has called me Your child to serve in the preparation of Your Altar, so that it may be a suitable place for the offering of Your Body and Blood; Sanctify my life and consecrate my hands so that I may worthily handle those Sacred Gifts which are being offered to You. As I handle holy things, grant that my whole life may be illuminated and blessed by You, in whose honor I prepare them, and grant that the people who shall be blessed by their use, may find their lives drawn closer to Him Whose Body and Blood is our hope and our strength,
Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ADULT FORUM: The Refugee Resource Group

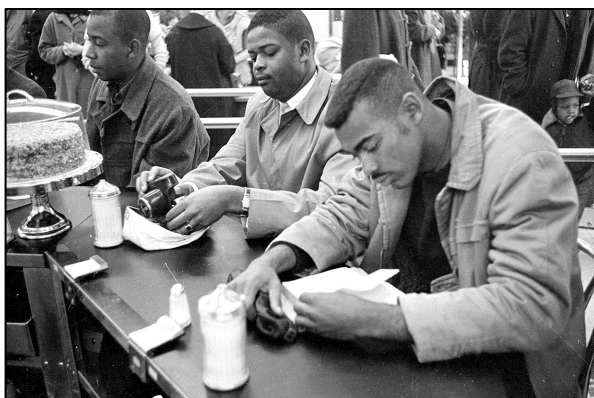
Lancaster City takes great pride in being known as the refugee capital of the world and throughout the years St. John's has had a vibrant ministry to those seeking a better life here in the United States. Jesus himself was a refugee and the call to serve our brothers and sisters in need continues. Please join The Rev. Beth Mollard, member of our diocesan Refugee Resource Group, for our February Adult Forum. The Refugee Resource Group is a diocesan group dedicated to helping the thousands of refugees in our area feel welcomed and supported as our neighbors. This three part series will explore who refugees are, common misconceptions about refugees, and ways we can help ease the suffering of those struggling to find a home.

"Once you allow yourself to hear the story of the 'other', extraordinary things happen."

The Rt. Rev'd David C. Rice
Bishop of San Joaquin

This three part series will take place at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 2, 16, and 23.

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS



SCREENING: Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness will show a 30-minute documentary on the 1960 lunch counter sit-ins in Nashville, Tennessee on Friday, February 7 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. This film presents archival footage of the sit-ins along with present day reflections from some of the participants. A discussion of the film, led by Pastor Devin Jeffers, will follow. The event is free and open to the public. Snacks will be served. For more information, contact Barry Stoner, 717-821-8026.

BISHOP'S VISIT—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

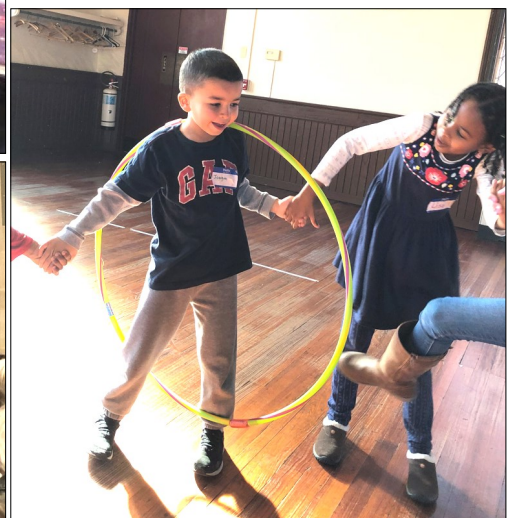
On Sunday, February 9th, Bishop Audrey Scanlan will be joining us for worship at the 8:00AM and 10:15AM services. During worship we will renew our baptismal covenants, raise up and celebrate those being confirmed and received, and give thanks for the community of St. John's.

A number of teens and adults have been preparing for this powerful sacrament. Let's join together to support them!



A RECAP OF MLK WEEKEND

THANK YOU to everyone who made this year's Martin Luther King Jr. weekend such an inspiring time of community building, song, and service. Once again, the Music For Everyone Community Chorus filled our sanctuary with incredible music and heart. Our day camp on Monday, led by the ever-so-talented Sue Dodge, was filled with energetic kids from around the community, and thanks to the countless volunteers, Dr. King's dream continues!



ALL THINGS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

JR. HIGH YOUTH RETREAT

A program based on *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis.

Walk into an old wardrobe closet and see if you can find the lion's love!

This is a retreat that helps participants explore the deep power of faith and belief through a fantasy experience.

Aslan is on the Move

Date: March 27 – 29, 2020

Location: Camp Mount Luther

Cost: \$100.00 (Scholarship is available)

Register at: www.diocesecpa.org

Contact Mary Ellen Kilp if you have any questions!

**NARNIA****EPISCOPAL
YOUTH
EVENT**

Date: July 7-11, 2020

Youth: Rising 10th Graders - Recent Graduates

Location: University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

Cost: \$500.00 (Scholarship is available)

Contact Mary Ellen Kilp if you have any questions!



HAPPENING #13

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU,
MY PEACE, I GIVE TO YOU. JOHN 14:27

Date: February 14-16, 2020

Youth: Grades 9 - 12, Adults are also welcome to participate

Location: Camp Mount Luther, Mifflinburg, PA

Cost: \$125.00 (Scholarship is available)

Deadline is February 10, 2020

Sign up at <https://diocesecpa.org/diocesan-youth-events>

Questions: Contact Mary Ellen Kilp or Our Youth Rector, Danielle Di Pace.

A THANK YOU NOTE

You may have noticed or heard that the Parish Hall and office spaces are in the midst of a much needed face lift! Floors have been refinished, furniture purchased, and paint applied! And you may be wondering how that's possible with a deficit in our budget. Thanks to a number of anonymous donors and a great deal of free labor from talented parishioners, a number of these projects became possible.

The Rector and Vestry want to offer thanks to all of those who have contributed and enabled us to make our Parish Hall and office more attractive to members and the public at large. One donor paid for the cost of refurbishing the Parish Hall floor. Another donor has paid for the work and the new furniture in the Parish Office. These individuals recognize that those we serve appreciate being served in well-kept and functional surroundings.

Lastly, we wish to recognize the work of Kathy Kyper and the Property Committee that she chairs. This group works tirelessly to assure that the entire campus is well cared for. Maintaining our campus, while keeping our costs at a reasonable level, would not be possible without the good stewardship efforts of this committee. Individual and small group gifts are sincerely appreciated, however we all can play a part in keeping our property attractive and well-kept by supporting the efforts of our Property Committee.



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 SATURDAY, NOV. 16 (Contact: Sue Martin)

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!

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!

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.

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.

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Sue Tobie)

Did you know that it's easier to use a grocery card at the store than to peel out cash or write a check...and the amount remaining on your card is recorded on your receipt? Whenever you purchase 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.**

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

PANCAKE SUPPER

Pancake supper

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 5:00PM - 7:00PM



\$5 for Adults
\$3 for Children
or
\$10 per Family

Enjoy homemade
pancakes with sausage,
fruit, applesauce,
and juice!

This fun community event supports our youth at St. John's,
so invite a friend and enjoy a great meal for a great cause!

LENT

**Ash Wednesday Service with the
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist**

**Wednesday, February 26
at 12:00PM & 7:30PM**

*Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in
us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God
of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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321 W. Chestnut Street
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DIOCESAN EVENT

The Union of Black Episcopalians, The Bishop Nathan Baxter Chapter, in partnership with
The Episcopal Church of Central Pennsylvania and The St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral and School, presents

THE FEAST OF THE BLESSED ABSALOM JONES CELEBRATION AND ESSAY CONTEST



Join us in celebrating a man of
admirable faith and an unwavering
commitment to Jesus.
All are welcome.

WHEN: Saturday, February 29, 2020 at
11 am. Reception and Essay
Contest to Follow.

WHERE: St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral
221 N. Front St.
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Special Guests: The African Episcopal Church
of St. Thomas, Philadelphia, PA, Pennsylvania
Diocese Choir and Rector

Preacher: The Very Rev. Dr. Canon Martini
Shaw, 17th rector of the Historic African
Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan, XI
Bishop

Concelebrant: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Nathan D.
Baxter, X, retired bishop, CPA; The Very Rev.
Dr. Amy D. Welin, Dean; The Very Rev. Dr.
Canon Martini Shaw

Honorary Chair: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Nathan D.
Baxter, Bishop Retired

Chair: Anthony Alexander

**Co-Chair and Essay Contest
Coordinator:** Karen Love

CONTACT: The Rev. Shayna J. Watson,
swatson@ststep.org, (717) 236-4059



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH in
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

If you were at the Annual Meeting this past November, you may remember index cards being passed out with the invitation to small group ministry. Over the course of the past six months, the vestry and I have been discerning a call to create and foster small groups in an effort to build deeper relationships within our parish. The church began through small group ministry and there are innumerable benefits to gathering together outside of Sunday morning worship. With a new year upon us and a vestry committed to building relationships inside and outside of our church walls, now is a great time to put together these “living room” groups. The plan is to have a group of 6-8 meet once a month or so in homes to share a meal and conversation. It’s as simple as that.



If you didn't already fill out one of the index cards at the Annual Meeting and would like to participate in a group please email your name and contact info to: amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org

We will begin forming groups soon!

SUNDAYS IN LENT @ 5:00PM
MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

The Blessing of the Light with Evening Prayer

Please join us Sunday evenings in Lent for a contemplative prayer service. Come as you are to experience the gift of stillness through light, prayer, and song. This is service that embraces peaceful silence and invites a deeper journey inward.

For those interested, after worship we will gather for a simple supper and conversation about our experiences of holy places.



NOVEMBER SERVER SCHEDULE

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 to let us know of the change.

8:00AM Service	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
LEM	Tom Bond	Sue Purdy	Nicole Pham	Phil Purdy
Lector	Steve Latshaw	Phil Purdy	Barbara Landis	Gretchen Walden
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Ushers	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM
Web Streamer	Joe Way	Mike Williams	TBD	TBD
Coffee Hour	Scouts	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
10:15AM Service	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
LEM	D. Di Pace, G. Miller	C. Weaver-Gelzer, B. Moyer	P. Novosel, M. Stank	D. Di Pace, G. Miller
Lector	Greyson Way	Fran Gouveia	Jeannie Zeller	Brad Moyer
Intercessor	Hal Williams	Ken Kiedrowski	Joel Cliff	Sue Zuke
Server	Nicholas Di Pace	Ian Thompson	Kylie Stone	Helena Carroll
Crucifer	Bob Kilp	Glenn Miller	Dave Pennell	Otto Williams
Torches	C. Way, G. Way	S. Thompson, C. Way	S. Hale, E. Hale	E. Carroll, C. Way
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Bell Ringer	Lorraine Nolan	Glenn Miller	Greyson Way	Lorraine Nolan
Verger	Kathy Kyper	Kathy Kyper	Kathy Kyper	Kathy Kyper
Ushers	Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D
Greeter	Brad Zuke	Bruce Waskowicz	Ted Loose	Leslie Morgan
Web Streamer	Joe Way	Mike Williams	TBD	TBD
Coffee Hour	Scouts	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
Nursery	Leslie Morgan	Janelle Stone	Mary Waskowicz	Susan Bowser



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