

The Messenger



March 2020

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear St. John's Family,

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (Book of Common Prayer p.265)

On Ash Wednesday, we will hear once again the invitation to engage in the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Beginning on February 26, the following 40 days are an opportunity to nurture our relationships with God and one another through these timeless spiritual practices. The season of Lent seems to sneak up on us every year, however this year what would the next month and a half look like if we took the time to prepare by going back to the basics?

Prayer is the process of listening to and responding to God's daily call. Without prayer, personal and communal, our relationships with God and with one another suffer. Sixth-century monk, Dorotheus of Gaza describes prayer as a circle with God at the center and our lives as lines drawn from the circumference toward the center. As Dorotheus relates it, the closer the lines crowd in toward God, "the closer they are to one another; and the closer they are to one another, the closer they become to God." This Lent, how might intentional, daily prayer transform our relationships?



Fasting helps us get our own houses in order. By fasting and by living lives of moderation, we have more energy to devote to God's purposes and more compassion towards the well-being of others. We fast to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger, our deep need for God. The purpose of fasting is to turn our attention to both God and our neighbor. Consider what in your life has become all consuming...what habits are actually hurting you and preventing you from living the life God desires?

Almsgiving is the third spiritual discipline Jesus invites us to share. From the very beginning of His ministry, Jesus has been concerned about the poor and destitute. He healed the sick, preached the Good News to the downtrodden, fed the hungry, and walked the road to Calvary out of pure, unashamed love and concern for God's people. To be a follower of Christ means to live a life of charity. It requires giving in every sense of the word. How might we care for those in need this Lent? How might we follow in the footsteps of Jesus by showing compassion to the world around us?

Friends, Lent has arrived; may we take the time to get back to the basics through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I look forward to journeying with you to the cross and beyond...

I remain faithfully yours,

Amanda+

March Highlights:

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Weekly

Sundays:

- 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

March Birthdays

Pennell, Dave	2
Williams, Mike	2
Dissinger, David	3
Morgan, Brooks	6
Bailey, The Rev. Bob	7
Bowser, Adeline	7
Sellers, Ellen	8
Burch, Molly	9
Brown, Ken	10
Huber, Tim	11
Rodriguez, Julie	12
Loose, Ted	13
Wolf, Ray	13
Phillips, Emily	14
Lemonick, Leslie	16
Stone, Janelle	17
Wendler, Madalyn	17
Siewert, Alison	19
Latshaw, Karen	21
Trenary, Heather	21
Williams, Dawn	21
Hasircoglu, Betsy	23
Glazier, Penn	24
Dorgan, Paul	25
Henry, Kimberly	26
Gromis, Sharon	27
Clark, Dr. Neill	29
Cook, Webb	29
Wendler, Jeff	29
Gromis, Keith	29
Cliff, Joel	30
Snyder, Jim	31
Waskowicz, Bruce	31
West, Liz	31

Continued prayers for our Homebound:

Margaret Crothers, Michael Frantz, Ellen Keller, Fritz Lawrence, Don Lovett, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Joan Rahe, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney

Military: Brian Hobbins, Laurel Hobbins, Alex Kelly, Kirby Kinderwater, Kyle Kinderwater, Joshua Watkins, Cameron Watts

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE CONFIRMED AND RECEIVED IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

ALISON AND DAN SIEWART, ANNIE LATTANZIO-HALE, JULIA HALE, EVAN SIPES, ROSEMARY COVERLY, KEN KIEDROWSKI, SUE ZUKE, ANNE AND HELENA CARROLL, CLAIRE THOMPSON, NATALIE VISCO, OTTO WILLIAMS, NICHOLAS DI PACE, GREYSON WAY, MIA WELAISH

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.



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

MARCH 1ST:

As we “march” ahead into the Spring season starting March 19th, we are also in the midst of the Lenten season when the suggestion is movement toward simplicity. If you have chosen to personally “remove” things, consider how you could “add” something to someone else less fortunate - food, clothes, shoes, donation, kindness... Here, There, Everywhere to ALL God’s Children - NO Exceptions

MARCH 8TH: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

Purple is the color recognized for this day being a combination of basic colors to recognize women’s equality and diversity. Remember to hold in prayers girls of every age; thank them for their presence in your life and share kindness to them - Here, There, Everywhere

MARCH 15TH: ST. PATRICK’S DAY MARCH 17TH

The symbol of St. Patrick’s Day is a three-leaf shamrock believed to ward off evil. Consider dressing in green, meeting with family or friends and celebrating friendship and caring among other brothers and sisters, as we are all from the same God who loves us ALL...Here, There, Everywhere

MARCH 22ND:

“Just remaining quietly in the presence of God, listening to Him, being attentive to Him, requires a lot of courage and know-how.” *Thomas Merton*. Allow yourself to step into meditative time to listen for messages from above.

MARCH 29TH: NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERAN’S DAY

“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.” *Francis of Assisi*, Let us give thanks to those who served and then do whatever we can to be an instrument of peace to everyone - 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



The Voyagers will not be meeting in March due to the many activities during the Lenten and Easter season. In planning our meetings, some of our Voyagers mentioned how much they enjoyed last year’s Lenten Weekend, and we have decided instead to encourage everyone to attend the extraordinary activities planned by this year’s Lenten Weekend Committee on March 20th and/or March 21st, as outlined elsewhere in the Messenger. It promises to be an inspirational Friday evening and Saturday morning. Let’s do it!

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

Are We There Yet?

With regard to phase II of our capital campaign, the reply is, “No, but we’re getting close.”

We estimate that we need an additional \$103,000 to cover the line of credit that will come due in October 2021.

This means that we have paid for or have pledges to cover 94% of our \$1.7 million project. An awesome accomplishment! Now it’s time to work together to secure gifts and commitments for the last \$103,000.

We’re entering the Lenten season – a time of self-reflection as individuals and as a community of faith. During this time of intentional prayer and discernment, consider how St. John’s and our St. John’s family bolsters our faith. Ask yourself what it means to walk together to the cross, what it means to have this family and these resources at our discretion -- resources that help strengthen our faith and mature as Christians.

A few years ago, this parish courageously turned a beautiful vision into a reality. This Lenten season the Capital Campaign Committee is praying for each of you and inviting you to walk with us to finish the work we began in good faith, asking ourselves:

**Lord, what do you want to do through me?
And praying that you’ll join us in replying,
“Yes, I will help complete the transformational work we started.”**

Capital Campaign Committee:

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

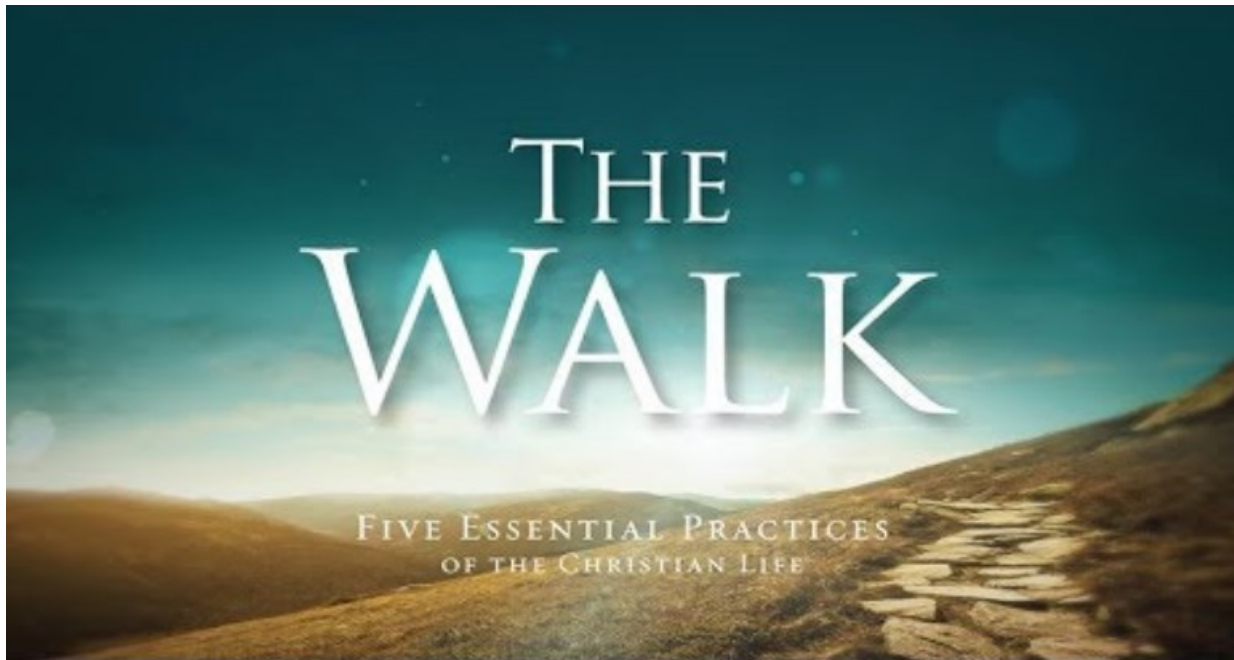


Our theme this year is Narnia. Aslan is on the Move! A program based on *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.

This event begins at 7 p.m. on March 27 and ends at 1 p.m. on the 29th and is open to all children in grades 7 – 8. 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. The cost is \$50.00 for teen leaders and \$100.00 for youth. Register [here](#).

Adult Forum



BY ADAM HAMILTON

"Our praise is not merely in words, but from the heart and with every part of our being. We are meant to be a living hallelujah."

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| March 1 | Worship and Prayer: A Living Hallelujah |
| March 8 | Study: The Importance of Listening |
| March 15 | Serve: Here I am, Lord, Send Me |
| March 22 | Give: Where Your Treasure Is |
| March 29 | Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light |

9:15 A.M. IN THE AUDITORIUM

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HAPPENING RECAP

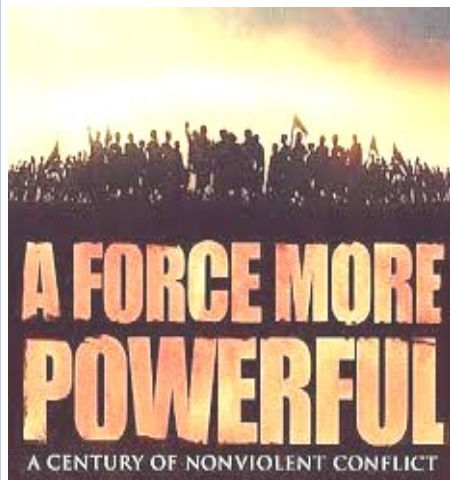


A Happening Recap!



February 14 - 16, 2020 was Happening #13 with Danielle Di Pace as our Rector for the weekend. We had a group from The Diocese of Central New York join us for the weekend and helped to staff the retreat. We had a great retreat. Danielle did an amazing job leading the retreat along with other youth from St. John's including Julia Hale, Kendall Morgan, Evan Sipe and Natalie Visco. The youth staff gave inspiring talks over the course of the weekend for the new "Happeners". Our new Happeners from St. John's were Nicholas Di Pace and Hal Williams. Adult Happeners were Nick Di Pace and Mike Williams. It was a wonderful weekend for all who attended. The youth learned how powerful prayer can be and shared in many "God moments".

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS



SCREENING: On Friday, March 6 at 7:00pm, Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness will continue sharing *A FORCE MORE POWERFUL: A CENTURY OF NONVIOLENT CONFLICT* with the 30-minute documentary on Denmark’s nonviolent resistance to the Nazi occupation during World War II. This film shows how the Danes adopted a strategy of “resistance disguised as collaboration”—successfully undermining Nazi objectives by sabotaging and obstructing their demands. A discussion of the film will follow. The event is free and open to the public. Snacks will be served.

For more information, contact Sue Heilman 717-951-0731. This event will be held in St John's Parish Hall.

YWCA’S ANNUAL RACE AGAINST RACISM 5K

Calling all runners, walkers, joggers, trotters, and strollers! St. John’s is putting together a team to take part in the YWCA’s annual Race Against Racism 5K run/walk. This year’s race is being held on Saturday, April 25th at 9am at Musser Park downtown. The cost is \$30 for participants over the age of 14 or \$12 for participants 14 and under. Young runners under the age of 12 can participate in the Kids’ Fun Run dash at 9:45am for \$5. Anyone who is interested in participating can sign up online through the YWCA’s website, ywcalancaster.org.

22 Years Running!
YWCA **race**
against
RACISM
April 25, 2020

Be sure to join the “St. John’s Episcopal Church, Lancaster” group when you register! Also, please e-mail Matt MacDougall at matt@stjohns-lancaster.org so we know who has registered.

But wait, there’s more! Running in conjunction with the Race Against Racism 5K is Humanity Fest, a multicultural event showcasing our community’s cultural diversity through food and locally made crafts. Humanity Fest will take place in Musser Park from 7 to 11:30am on the day of the race.

LENTEN WEEKEND

MARCH 20-21

All welcome

Friday- 5:30-8:30

Soup/salad dinner. Art teacher, Dick Ressel sharing art of the Last Supper. Candle lit Labyrinth will be available

Saturday 11:00-2:00 Explore a unique piece of art with Pastor Amanda followed by lunch with a few disciples.

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Mission Trip to Puerto Rico



With God's blessing and the help of friends in Puerto Rico, our recent trip to Arecibo was a success. Fifteen missionaries from churches in Lancaster spent the week in Puerto Rico by helping out repairing damage caused by hurricane Maria.

We repaired the roofs on three houses, renewed our relationship with the people of San Pablo church and made new friends. Perfect weather and good organization enabled the team to complete the projects on time with low stress. Daily morning and evening prayer provided the spiritual juice to stay focused and energized.

Fr. Pio, pastor of San Pablo, has an ambitious project for us next year: build a new house from the ground up! Talk to Sherry or Scott Qualls, Dave Overbagh, Don or Elizabeth Durand for more details.



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, MAR. 21

(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.**

Total grocery card sales for February: **\$4,480** with **\$224** to Jubilee Ministries.

**GIANT
JOHN HERR'S
STAUFFER'S
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MARCH 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.

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
8:00AM Service					
LEM	Molly Moyer	Tom Bond	Mary Huber	Sue Purdy	Molly Moyer
Lector	Sue Purdy	Nicole Pham	Steve Latshaw	Sue Tobie	Phil Purdy
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1
Ushers	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM
Web Streamer	Joe Way	Joe Way	Joe Way	Joe Way	Joe Way
Coffee Hour	Team 6	Team 7	Team 8	Team 9	Team 10
10:15AM Service					
LEM	C. Weaver-Gelzer, P. Novosel	M. Stank, G. Miller	B. Moyer, D. Di Pace	C. Weaver-Gelzer, M. Stank	P. Novosel, B. Moyer
Lector	Heather Trenary	David Dissinger	Jane Lee	Kim Bomberger	Fran Gouveia
Intercessor	Bob Kilp	Eamon Nelson	Paula Wolf	Danielle Di Pace	C. Weaver-Gelzer
Server	Natalie Visco	Julia Hale	Nicholas Pace	Helena Carroll	Otto Williams
Crucifer	Hal Williams	Otto Williams	Glenn Miller	Dave Pennell	Ian Thompson
Torches	L. Mausolf, F. Mausolf	S. Hale, A. Hale	G. Way, G. Gustafson	E. Carroll, C. Way	S. Thompson, C. Thompson
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1
Bell Ringer	Danielle Di Pace	Lynn Hayford	Garth Alexander	Toni Ehrhart	Glenn Miller
Verger	Kyle Smith	Kyle Smith	Tom Bond	Tom Bond	Kyle Smith
Ushers	Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team A
Greeter	Dave Martin	Peter Novosel	Bruce Waskowicz	Ted Loose	Leslie Morgan
Web Streamer	Joe Way	Joe Way	Joe Way	Joe Way	Joe Way
Coffee Hour	Team 6	Team 7	Team 8	Team 9	Team 10
Nursery	Katie Mausolf	Mary Ellen Kilp	Jen Gustafson	Jenn Hreben	Phyllis Gbur



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