

# The Messenger



November 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear St. John's,

As cliché as it may be, I have always associated November with giving thanks. Every year, right around this time, I find myself considering what I would call blessings and/or gifts. It has become my custom to take an inventory of all that God has given. Gifts such as the chance to try again every morning I wake from my slumber, the gift of family and friends, laughter that makes my sides hurt, and work that is fulfilling and meaningful.

I am reminded of scripture passages such as Colossians 3:15 which reads, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." And Psalm 107 which states, "Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Gratitude is a condition of the heart we are called to cultivate and nurture.

This year, my inventory of thanksgivings looks a little different than in years past. Here are a few of my favorites:

- Opportunities to connect in ways I never imagined possible – from sitting in Adirondack chairs in front of the office, to zoom calls, and courtyard meetings.
- The feeling of deep joy while breaking bread with you after 8 long months of yearning for the Holy Eucharist.
- A staff that continually shows up with a myriad of gifts and skills, faithful attitudes, and a sense of community that continually inspires me.
- The laughter of children playing in the courtyard after working tirelessly on their iPads during virtual learning.
- Worship that inspires relationships amongst each other and the God we praise.
- Creative thinking and the opportunity to engage formation, worship, and fellowship in intentional and holy ways.
- Discomfort. I find myself grateful for restless nights and long-winded prayers because they remind me of our call to advocate for those who are suffering and to never give up the fight for justice and peace.
- Grace. So much grace. All day – everyday.
- God made flesh. Knowing Jesus felt every emotion, experienced heartache and frustration, all so we could experience God's peace, joy, and abundance.

This month, my heart is weary, yet full. I am so thankful for the opportunity to walk alongside you through all the ups and downs of this beautiful, broken world we live in. This month, I pray you find a few things to be thankful for, too!

I remain faithfully yours,

*Amanda*

### November Highlights:

- Pg 2 Vestry Nominees
- Pg 3 Annual Meeting
- Pg 4 Capital Campaign
- Pg 5 Election Day
- Pg 6 Financials
- Pg 7 Women's Gathering Wreath Sale
- Pg 8 Men's Gathering
- Pg 9 Youth Group
- Pg 10 All Parish Read

### Weekly

#### Wednesdays:

12:00PM Holy Eucharist :  
Rite II

#### Sundays:

10:00AM Holy Eucharist

Regular Check-ins on  
Facebook and YouTube

**November Birthdays:**

Carole Humphrey	1
Barbara Landis	3
Ian Thompson	3
Priscilla Farmer	6
Lois Gobel	8
Laura Stonerook	8
Chloe Brown	8
David Martin	10
Charles Rahe	13
Karen Ramella	16
Drew Dorgan	16
Elias Rodriguez	16
Helena Welaish	17
Carolyn Archer	19
Lauren Waskowicz	19
Linda Wallace	20
John Guetter	21
Mary Pennell	21
Karen Straub	21
Tammy Collier	22
Marylee Sauder	23
Charles Alexander	25
Barbara McGraw	25
Nathaniel Schick	26
Nhi Le	26
Margaret Crothers	27
Danielle DiPace	29
Evelyn Carroll	29
Daniel Kilp	30

**November Anniversaries:**

John & Fran Gouveia	18
Jeffrey & Sharon Gromis	19

**Continued prayers for our Homebound:**

Margaret Crothers, 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

**VESTRY NOMINEES**

## VESTRY NOMINEES FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

**LESLIE MORGAN**

Leslie Morgan has most recently been serving on the Stewardship committee, but she has also been a Sunday School teacher, a Youth Leader, and served as the Senior Warden. She has also served as the Chair of the Search Committee for the new rector, The Rev. Amanda Knouse. Leslie lives in Lititz with her husband, Bruce, and her children, Brooks and Kendall.

**MARYLEE SAUDER**

Marylee Sauder has been a member of St. John's since 2011. She has served on Vestry, chaired the Safe Church committee, and served on the Communications committee and MDG committee (years ago). She is an active community volunteer on sexual assault prevention and racial justice issues. Marylee has a corporate writing business and lives in Lancaster with her husband, Rick, and their daughter, Maria. Their other daughter, Nicole, lives in San Diego.

**MARY WASKOWICZ**

I've been a member of St John's since Bruce and I were married by Father Pete in 1991. We have three 20 somethings; Eric, Lauren and John. When my children were small I taught Sunday school and eventually led the Sunday school program. During that time we added the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for our youngest church school members. More recently, I served 10 years as the coffee hour coordinator and a few summers ago accompanied the last J2A group to Costa Rica. Currently I help with Community breakfast and volunteer with Eagles Nest. I am a CASA (court appointed special advocate), advocating for children who are taken from their homes because of abuse and neglect and also serve on the board of the Ephrata Recreation Center. I enjoy hiking, biking, reading and spending time with family and friends.

**ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY**

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the demand for our food pantry offerings has increased to 4 times what it's been in the past few years. Our members have generously increased their contributions, but expenses have surpassed contributions. Amazon offers some great prices, is easy to use, and donations can be sent directly to the church! We would love to have your support as we continue to feed those who are hungry in Lancaster. Thanks for considering this! --Debbie Carter, Food Pantry Coordinator

Click the following link to go directly to our wish list: [Amazon Food Pantry Wish List](#)

ONE FAITH

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR:

November 1, 2020  
12:00 PM

ONE BAPTISM



***Annual Meeting***

ONE LORD

**Zoom Information**  
**Meeting ID: 899 9004 5538**  
**Passcode: 309415**

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

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

*My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.*  
Isaiah 32:18

Thanksgiving, a time to be grateful. Amidst the social distancing, mask-wearing, loneliness, and for some, loss of loved ones, 2020 is challenging us to dwell on all that we have to be thankful for. However, as Christians, our faith in a loving God allows us to see through the darkness and appreciate the light that shines for all of us.

St. John's is one of these lights. Through this pandemic our church has been a sanctuary, not only for us as parishioners but for our community. Our spiritual lives have been uplifted in unique ways by a caring clergy. We have supported our neighbors with food, clothing, household supplies, education and a peaceful place to escape. Our renovated spaces have made these things possible. Our clear glass atrium is welcoming and brings the church alive to those passing by. Just ask our clergy and staff how often they wave to or chat with passersby or catch a glimpse of friends using the beautifully restored courtyard with its meditative labyrinth that invites anyone who desires to take time to reflect. Accessibility provided by the elevator and Chestnut Street ramp, although less used in recent months, continues to be a sign that all are welcome. And finally, the columbarium where Amanda has helped families find peaceful closure in this outdoor setting over these difficult months.

We highlight these now-essential church spaces for a few important reasons:

- ◆ **We made a bold decision several years ago to welcome the future by enhancing our campus to better serve God.**
- ◆ **We made the right decision. Although these spaces still feel new, we don't know how we managed without them.**
- ◆ **We have a responsibility to pay the debt that helped make them possible.**

The balance of our loan, \$208,000, is due next October. We are currently paying \$1,000 per month in interest. Outstanding pledges will cover \$113,000, leaving approximately \$100,000 to make us debt free. We can all be grateful to a generous parish community that provided the initial \$1.7 million for this amazing initiative. Closing the remaining \$100,000 gap over the coming months would be a beautiful blessing that would allow all of us to concentrate our time, talent and treasure on the rewarding work God has planned for us. Can you help?

### **The Capital Campaign Committee**

*Rosemary Coverly, Kent Strickler, Debbie Carter, Webb Cook, Charles Wear, Marion Wear*





## ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE



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**We are in need of bakers!**

**\*\* All treats must be individually wrapped. \*\***

**Please label items that contain nuts.**

**Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

The Election Day Bake Sale will be held in our courtyard and we need your help! Contributions of baked goods are needed. Without the Eagle's Nest bakers, more cookies are needed than ever before (packaged 4 to a baggie), as well as breads, bars, cupcakes, snack mix, muffins, etc. Anything homemade is desired! All items must be prewrapped or bagged. Please bring items to church on Sunday, Nov.1 or bring them to the courtyard on Tuesday, Nov. 3 between 7:00 AM and noon. The proceeds of the bake sale will benefit The Village support program for our neighborhood kids!



## ELECTION DAY PRAYER VIGIL WITH AMANDA+ & MATT+

Prayer has always been foundational to our common life. Every week, we gather to lift up our voices; to express our adoration, thanks, and petitions on behalf of ourselves and others. In many ways, prayer unites us as God's beloved in the world today. With Election Day coming, I invite us to hold vigil for our nation. Covid-19 prevents us from gathering in large groups, however we still have the opportunity to pray! Please join us by signing up for one or more time slots here at the church by clicking the link here: [Prayer Vigil](#). The polls open at 7am and so will our sanctuary for your prayers. Come sit in the quiet and offer up your prayers for our elected officials, for those they are charged with leading, and for our nation as a whole.

At the close of the day and the poles, Matt+ and I will lead Evening Prayer as we remember our call to love one another and to participate in building up God's kingdom in this time and this place. The service will be streamed on our YouTube channel for all who would like to participate.

## CHURCH SCHOOL FROM SUE DODGE

Hello all!

No Zoom this coming Sunday!, November 1st We will meet in the Parish Hall from 10:00 - 11:00 for Children's Chapel. Masks on, please.

Totally optional Zoom on Monday, Nov 2, 6:30 - 7:45, for a **Baking Together Zoom**. Yes, this is the first you've heard of this... because I just heard of the need for more baked goods for the Election Day Bake Sale at Church. Here's the plan:

- Sophie and I will be on Zoom from 6:30 - 7:45 on Monday Nov 2, baking something in our kitchen.
- If you want to hang out & cook at the same time, join us from your own kitchen!
- Bake from scratch or buy a mix or buy a roll of cookies or cinnamon buns from the refrigerated section - we don't care!!
- Package up your goodies in little plastic bags or plastic wrap.
- Drive them to church early Tuesday morning, or - if your schedule doesn't permit that - Sue will come pick them up early Tuesday morning (just email me before Monday, please, so I can plan). And vote!

## A MEMO FROM THE TREASURER, CHARLES WEAR

Pledge and offering income for October and YTD is now running below budget, but more than offset favorably by other income, primarily unbudgeted designated gifts. Expenses remain below budget despite some significant roofing repair bills. Our actual net operating deficit of \$27,963 through October is close to the budgeted run rate. Our draw from investments remains at \$20,000 for the year, about half of the budgeted amount.

### St. John's Episcopal Church Budget vs. Actual as of October 31, 2020

#### Operating Statement: Cash Basis

	<u>October Actual MTD</u>	<u>2020 Actual YTD</u>	<u>2020 Budget YTD</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Pledge & Offering	\$26,030	\$330,880	\$339,083
Draw from Investments	\$0	\$20,000	\$40,445
Other Income	\$1,154	\$36,108	\$18,000
Jubilee Ministries	\$2,049	\$27,456	\$66,333
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$29,233</u>	<u>\$414,444</u>	<u>\$463,861</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
All Expenses	<u>\$39,611</u>	<u>\$442,407</u>	<u>\$489,906</u>
<b>Net Surplus/(Shortfall)</b>	<u>(\$10,378)</u>	<u>(\$27,963)</u>	<u>(\$26,045)</u>

## WOMEN'S GROUP

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WOMEN'S GROUP:  
FEASTING WITH FRIENDS

Tuesday November 10, 2020

6PM

McCleary Tavern

130 West Front Street Marietta PA

Please RSVP for this event with:

Mary Ellen Kilp at [mekilp@yahoo.com](mailto:mekilp@yahoo.com)

## YOUTH WREATH SALE

Hello St. Johns friends,

It's time to place your order for your holiday wreaths and flowers! **Orders are due by Sunday November 22nd and will be available for pick up on Sunday Dec 6th.** We can also arrange for alternate pick up that weekend, or delivery for those who cannot get out. All proceeds will benefit our youth pilgrimage!

Order forms can be dropped off at church, or mailed to the office at:

**321 West Chestnut St, Lancaster PA 17603**

**Checks payable to:** St. John's Episcopal Church  
memo line: *youth wreath sale*.

Thank you for your continued support!

Please contact Karen DiPace if you need more information,  
717-368-0319 or [karen.dipace@gmail.com](mailto:karen.dipace@gmail.com)



Annual Wreath Sale

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE

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



*“You do not need to know precisely what is happening or exactly where it is all going, what you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.”*

~ Thomas Merton

In a world of confusion and difficulty, look to see how you can share kindness in any way to those - Here, There, Everywhere

### NOVEMBER 1ST

*“If God had wanted us to be the same, He would have created us that way.”* ~ The Koran

Give Thanks and Celebrate the diversity of ALL God’s children.

### NOVEMBER 8TH

#### November 13th World Kindness Day

*“Abraham Joshua Herschel diagnosed racism as an “eye disease” - an inner blindness resulting in the inability to see the image of God in each and every person, which therefore is to see it in none.”*

We are ALL God’s children.

### NOVEMBER 15TH

*“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean.... But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”* ~ Mother Teresa

Our Community Breakfast reaches out to our community brothers and sisters with love and caring minus any judgement. We feel blessed to share.

### NOVEMBER 22ND

*“My deepest vocation is to be a witness to the glimpses of God I have been allowed to catch.”*

~ Henri Nouwen

While a difficult year, give thanks for all that you have learned and give attention to how you are being called to respond to our brothers and sisters.

### NOVEMBER 29TH

#### Advent Begins.....

As we step into this time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, think and act on your generosity to the neighbor next to you and to those neighbors who are strangers. The smallest gift could mean everything to our brothers and sisters.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## MEN'S GATHERING

FOOD \* FELLOWSHIP \* FUN  
WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

6PM

THE KNOUSE HOUSE

1919 BLOOMINGDALE AVENUE

LANCASTER PA

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT JOHN KNOUSE

AT JOHNKNOUSE@HOTMAIL.COM





## YOUTH GROUP

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



# YOUTH GROUP THANKSGIVING MEAL & BOOK DISCUSSION

Sunday November 15, 2020

12 PM to 4 PM

**Book:** Make to Make a Difference by Max Lucado  
(Focusing on Chapter 1)

Turkey and beverages will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share.

For more information, contact:

John Knouse, Dawn Williams or Mike Williams .

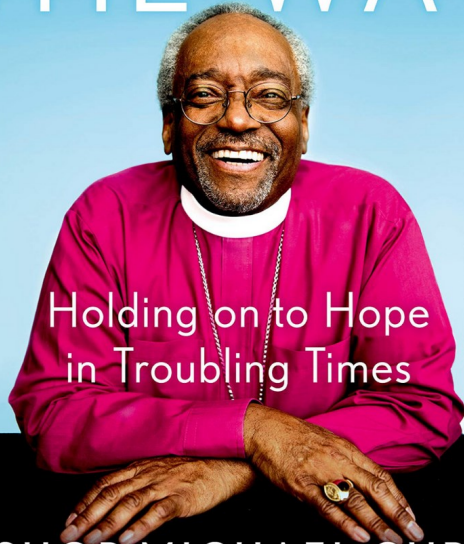
### THE COLLECT FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## PARISH WIDE BOOK STUDY

"A profound and essential book."—Jon Meacham,  
#1 New York Times bestselling author of *Destiny and Power*

# LOVE IS THE WAY



**BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY**  
PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
with SARA GRACE

OUR ALL PARISH READ  
FOR NOVEMBER IS:

# LOVE IS THE WAY

Join us on Wednesday,  
November 18 at 7:00PM for our  
book discussion on zoom.

Meeting ID: 854 8653 8033  
Passcode: 321310

## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER

During this time of pandemic, your Vestry has continued to meet, through Zoom and/or in-person (socially-distanced, of course) to celebrate our life together (however distanced) and tackle ongoing and new challenges.

Our Food Pantry and The Village are meeting some new and increased needs of our neighbors, and you are coming forward to offer your time, talent, and treasure to help meet these needs.

At the recent Diocesan Convention (online), Amanda was elected to the Council of Trustees, and Drew Dorgan was elected to the Standing Committee, which she will serve as President.

We hope to see you on Zoom for our annual parish meeting: Sunday, November 1 at 12:00 noon.

**Debbie Carter**, *Senior Warden*



NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Birthdays & Anniversaries Youth Retreat: All Hallows Eve Celebration 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with Holy Baptism 10:00 AM Sunday School (on Campus) 11:00 AM Coffee Hour (Zoom) 12:00 PM Annual Meeting	2 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM The Village (PH)	3 Election Day Prayer: Vigili and Bake Sale (All Day) 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Marthas Ministry (Parish Hall) 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM VH Dance (Auditorium) 7:00 PM Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	4 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM The Village (PH) 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Healing Service (Sanctuary) 12:00 PM NA (AP)	5 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry	6	7 9:00 AM AIDS Memorial Garden Clean Up
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“O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency, bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.”

— Samuel F. Pugh



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