

The Messenger



March 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Greetings St. John's family and friends,

I miss you. I miss chaotic coffee hours and being invited into your homes. I miss coffee dates, passing the peace in person, and placing the holy sacrament in your outstretched hands. I miss preaching to a full church and the buzz of activity in Becker house throughout the week. There is plenty to miss these days. I fear many of us, myself included, are feeling what doctors call pandemic fatigue. We are tired and eager to return to worship, in-person gatherings, and life as we once knew it.

Many of you have asked me when we will be able to return to church for worship and service. My hope is SOON! According to the diocesan guidelines, we may safely return to worship when our infection rate for the county reaches 5%. We're currently at 8%. Your vestry is prayerfully discerning when and how we will regather in the coming weeks/months. As vaccines roll out, we are hopeful the "end" is in sight.

In the meantime, I invite you to remember that we aren't alone in our tiredness. I imagine after forty days and nights in the wilderness, Jesus was pretty tired, too. I imagine his walk to Calvary was more than exhausting and his time away from his disciples was overwhelming, yet he pressed on trusting in God's promises and relying on angels to wait on him. So must we.

Despite our physical distance, we are walking this journey together. The Holy Spirit continues to guide us and provides us the strength we need to carry on. Rest in that and know as we make our way to the cross and the empty tomb, Jesus will be waiting. Who knows maybe we'll even be able to experience Holy Week together this year. Stranger things have happened...

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Weekly

Sundays:

10AM Holy Communion

Wednesdays:

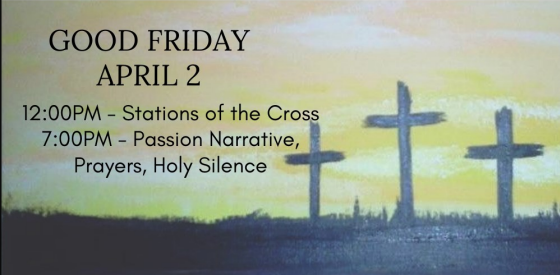

12PM Noonday Prayer
7PM Worship in the Courtyard

 <p>PALM SUNDAY March 28 10:00AM</p> <p>Palm Procession, Holy Eucharist, and Passion Reading</p>	 <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 1 7:00PM</p> <p>Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar</p>
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THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

HOLY WEEK

St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, PA 17603

 <p>GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2</p> <p>12:00PM - Stations of the Cross 7:00PM - Passion Narrative, Prayers, Holy Silence</p>	 <p>EASTER DAY APRIL 4</p> <p>8:00AM - Sunrise Service with Holy Eucharist 10:00AM - Festive Holy Eucharist followed by an Easter Egg Hunt</p>
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March Birthdays:

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

March Anniversaries:

Bruce & Mary Waskowicz	9
John & Nancy Houston	11
Andrea & Alina Latshaw	20
Dale Freeman & Sibyl	
Seachrist	27
Bruce & Leslie Tahsler	31

Our Homebound:

Ellen Keller, Fritz Lawrence, Don Lovett, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney

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

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Tim Huber led us in devotions. After a reading from the Book of Sirach, he summed it up by pointing out the importance of a positive mental attitude. It is a matter of choice. With that in mind we reviewed our 2020 Vestry Goals and then set our sights on goals for the near future.

Even though 2020 was a far different year than anyone expected, we managed to accomplish the goals we had set for ourselves.

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

Because the future will not look like the past for so many reasons, we decided that we would set a series of goals for the next two years. We will formally decide on these goals at our March meeting. The proposed goals are as follows:

- ◆ Safely worship, learn, and serve in-person.
- ◆ Make an informed and faithful decision regarding the Concord Street Properties.
- ◆ Financially sustain the current staffing structure and ministries of the church.
- ◆ Complete the Capital Campaign and be debt free by the end of the year.

To accomplish these goals, the Vestry reorganized itself by determining what the best structure would be to carry out our responsibilities. We agreed to accept the following assignments to succeed.

Children/Youth	Joe Way
Communications	Marylee Sauder and Joe Way
Finance	Tim Huber
Formation	The clergy
Parish Life	Annie Lattanzio-Hale and Mary Waskowicz
Property	Webb Cook and Leslie Morgan
Stewardship	Debbie Carter
Outreach	John Gouveia and Mary Waskowicz
Worship	Molly Moyer

We recognize that our continuing success is dependent on the continuing support of all our members. This includes supporting the leap of faith that we have taken in committing St. John's to have a three-quarter time Assistant Priest beginning in June. Together we will all succeed. A positive mental attitude is a matter of choice.

2020 ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contributions for January were quite favorable due to prepaid annual giving, although lower than previous year (which was exceptional). In addition, an unbudgeted \$11,000 gift was received to defray specific staffing costs. January pension and Fair Share expenses were forgiven by the Diocese as a final COVID relief measure, which led to under budget spending in both staffing and outreach. Favorable building maintenance expenses offset the seasonal increase in utilities and snow removal. Although income lagged the prior year, the reduction in expenses more than compensated which is reflected in a higher overall surplus for the month.

C. Wear
Treasurer

St. John's Episcopal Church Operating Income Statement January 2021 Results Cash Basis in \$000's

	2021	2020	2021	2021
	January	January	Yr Budget	Avg Mo Budget
Income				
Contributions	\$43.0	\$65.6	\$403.7	\$33.6
Draw from Investments	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$44.2	\$3.7
Designated Gifts	\$11.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Other Income	\$3.3	\$1.5	\$70.0	\$5.8
Jubilee	\$2.1	\$5.2	\$58.9	\$4.9
Total Income	\$59.4	\$72.3	\$576.8	\$48.1
Expense				
Personnel	\$21.4	\$24.5	\$292.5	\$24.4
Property	\$7.5	\$11.0	\$84.4	\$7.0
Outreach	\$0.1	\$7.2	\$79.8	\$6.7
Other Ministries	\$5.2	\$2.8	\$37.5	\$3.1
Jubilee	\$0.3	\$5.2	\$60.4	\$5.0
Total Expenses	\$34.5	\$50.7	\$554.6	\$46.2
Net Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$24.9	\$21.6	\$22.2	\$1.9

ADULT FORUM

Click here to join!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86119535296?pwd=T056SHE0clc4cENLQm9CT3JqUjQvQT09>

Meeting ID: 861 1953 5296

Passcode: 985512

The Soul's Journey

by Kathrin Burleson

"The Stations of the Cross invite us to enter the drama, to let ourselves be transformed by the story and to make it our own, and to continue along the soul's journey that shapes each of our lives."

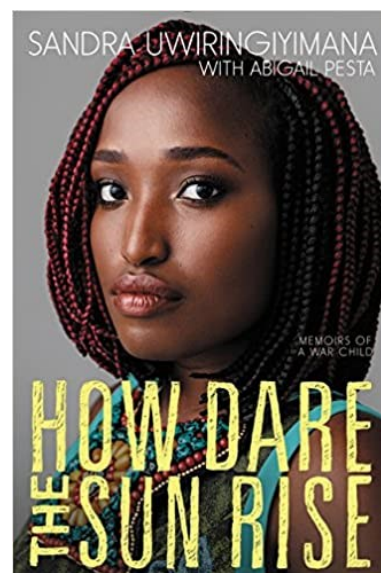
LENTEN ADULT FORUM
EVERY SUNDAY IN LENT
AT 11:00AM ON ZOOM

DIOCESAN BOOK STUDY

BOOK CLUB GATHERING - Diocesan Migration Ministries

Dates: March 15, 22, 29 and April 5 from 7-8 PM on Zoom

Diocesan Migration Ministry Resources will offer readers a book study series on the book ***HOW DARE THE SUN RISE*** by Sandra Uwiringiyimana via a Zoom forum to discuss her profoundly moving memoir about surviving a tribal massacre, immigrating to America, and overcoming trauma through art and activism. The book can be ordered on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) by **clicking here**. To register for the book study, **click here**. For additional questions, contact The Rev. Beth Mollard or Dave Martin.



HONORING OUR PAST...SECURING OUT FUTURE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

“Not an equal share, but an equal sacrifice”

IT'S TIME FOR ST. JOHN'S TO BE DEBT FREE! And what better time than Lent – this season of PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING – to consider a special sacrifice to complete what we started six years ago? What will a debt-free St. John's look like? No monthly interest payments and more time, energy, and resources to pursue our Jubilee ministries.

On December 1, 2020, we began our \$120,000 “Wrap Up Campaign.” The following chart shows what is needed to achieve our goal and the amount that has already been contributed to this final phase.

Where do you see yourself in this picture? For some, a sacrificial gift might be \$12,000, \$7,500, or \$5,000. For others, \$50 or \$100 each month for the remainder of 2021 would be a generous stretch. We're so close! If you are able, please consider a SPECIAL SACRIFICE along with PRAYER AND FASTING as you prepare for Christ's glorious Resurrection at St. John's.

Wrap-Up Campaign Gift Chart: Goal \$120,000		
Gifts Needed	Total Needed	Rec'd to date
1 @ \$12,000	\$12,000	
2 @ \$7,500	\$15,000	
3 @ \$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000
12 @ \$2,500	\$30,000	\$5,000
20 @ \$1,000	\$20,000	\$5,000
40 @ \$500	\$20,000	\$4,238
24 @ \$250	\$6,000	\$500
Other	\$2,000	\$870
Total	\$120,000	\$20,608

The Capital Campaign Committee with blessings from Pastor Amanda --
Rosemary Coverly, Kent Strickler, Debbie Carter, Webb Cook, Marion and Charles Wear

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE

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



“Love is our true destiny, We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another. “ - Thomas Merton

March 21st

“Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment.” - Buddha

March 7th

On our Lenten journey, let us discover a way we could reach out and touch the lives of someone in our community, in our world. The smallest step can make a huge difference - a can of soup, a pair of socks, a greeting to a stranger, a tip when you purchase, a gift of toothpaste or a brush. In today’s world connection is SO important to our brothers and sisters.

With the virus, the weather, the environment, personal connections - Ask yourself and then act how YOU can make a difference today as even the smallest motion can make a difference.

March 14th

St. Patrick’s Day - March 17th - Celtic Path

May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow.
 May the soft winds freshen your spirit.
 May the sunshine brighten your heart.
 May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you.
 And may God enfold you in the mantle of His love.— *Old Gaelic Blessing*

March 28th

Palm Sunday

“Be on your guard, Stand firm in faith, Be courageous. Be strong. Do everything in love.”¹
 Corinthians 16:13-14

As we celebrate this day, imagine waving the palm of caring and love in the community.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH LENT



CALLING ALL YOUTH



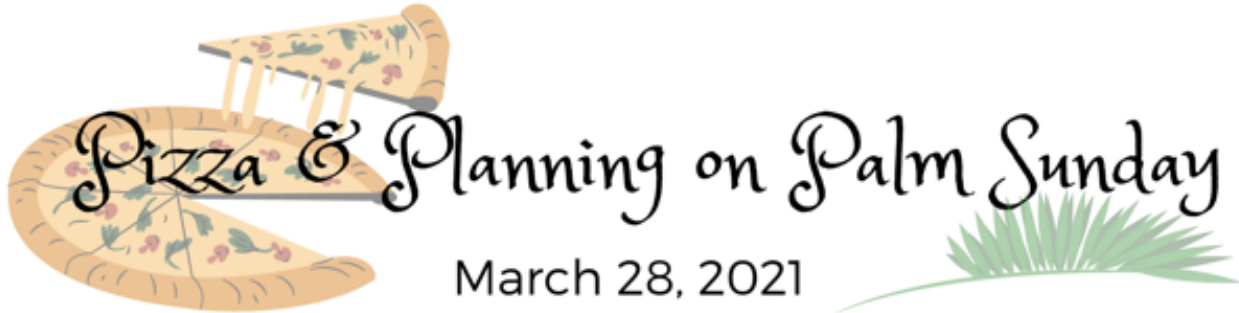
CHURCH SCHOOL

Ages 4 - Grade 8 on Zoom
Every Sunday at 9:00AM

Bring your pets and breakfast!

To join, email Sue Dodge
at lalimule@verizon.net or
contact the church office.

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS & YOUTH



Join us in the courtyard after the church service for an outdoor,
socially-distanced pizza lunch!

We will fill eggs for the egg hunt and together we'll plan

- 1) the youth Good Friday service
- and

- 2) the Easter party for the littles of our parish

WOMEN'S GATHERING

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



WOMEN'S GATHERING

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

7:00 PM

JOIN US ON ZOOM:

[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/96473248358?](https://zoom.us/j/96473248358?)

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT KAREN DIPACE AT
KAREN.DIPACE@GMAIL.COM**



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Everyone is invited to join us for an afternoon of fun in the sun (maybe)! The youth are planning a snow tubing outing at Iron Valley Tubing (or hike- depending on the weather) on Sunday, March 14th @1pm. Look for details in the March 7th Bulletin.



GRANDPARENTS... SPECIAL FRIENDS... WOULD YOU LIKE A FAMILY FORMATION NEWSLETTER?

THE WAY OF LOVE AT HOME

Four or five times a year we send an issue of our family formation newsletter home to our church school and youth families. Our hope is to give families of our younger parishioners a way to deepen their connection to God from home. Inside you'll find child- and youth-friendly prayers, activities, crafts, links to resources, St. Francis' corner, and more.

Perhaps you'd like a copy to share with your grandchildren or other youngsters in your life?

To be added to our mailing list, please email Sue Dodge (lalimule@verizon.net) or Equilla Curry (equilla@stjohns-lancaster.org). Please let us know where you'd like the newsletter mailed and the ages of the kids with whom it will be shared.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TOILETRIES DRIVE



SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH

TOILETRIES DRIVE

During covid, the St. John's food pantry has been handing out 25 - 30 boxes of food per week. Clients can also use help with basic supplies such as toiletries. Can you help by donating one of the items on the list?

MARCH 1 - 31, 2021

1) BUY LOCAL AND BRING YOUR DONATION TO CHURCH OR

**2) ORDER FROM OUR AMAZON WISHLIST AND SHIP DIRECTLY TO ST. JOHN'S.
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SJFOODPANTRY](https://tinyurl.com/sjfoodpantry)**

If you have questions, please contact
Sue Dodge at lalimule@verizon.net or 717-368-7206

Requested Items

toilet paper
diapers
wipes
tissues (small packs)

bar soap
shower gel
shampoo & conditioner
(12-15 oz)
lotion
deodorant

toothpaste
(no tooth brushes needed)
feminine hygiene products
disposable razors
shaving cream
hand sanitizer
disposable masks

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 Stewardship Committee Auction (Online) 9:00 AM Sunday School (Zoom) 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Online) 11:00 AM Adult Forum (Zoom) 12:00 PM Music Ministry Search Committee (Parish Hall)</p>	<p>1 Stewardship Committee Auction (Online) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (AP)</p>	<p>2 Stewardship Committee Auction (Online) 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (Zoom) 2:00 PM Martha's Ministry (Zoom) 2:00 PM Music Leader Meeting 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM VH Dance (Auditorium) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP)</p>	<p>3 Stewardship Committee Auction (Online) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (AP) 12:00 PM Noon Day Prayer (Facebook Live) 7:00 PM Worship at Courtyard</p>	<p>4 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Council of Trustees 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Handbell Practice (Auditorium)</p>	<p>5 Rector's Day Off 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Stewardship Committee Auction Pick-Up</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM Community Breakfast (AP) 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Stewardship Committee Auction Pick-Up</p>
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