

# The Messenger



June 2021

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## Weekly

### Sundays:

8:00 AM  
Holy Eucharist Rite: I

10:00AM  
Holy Eucharist Rite: II

### Wednesdays:

12:00 PM  
Healing Service with  
Holy Eucharist

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear St. John's,

It is quite simply amazing what a little time and a couple hundred thousand vaccines can do to change a community! Last week, we received updated guidelines from the diocese regarding how we gather as a community of faith here at St. John's. At first, I was ecstatic that many of our safety measures have been lifted, but then after a little time, I began to question. Are we sure we're safe to remove masks if we're vaccinated? What about those who because of their age or medical history prevent them from being vaccinated? Can we really belt out our favorite hymns again? How is this happening and so quickly??? Perhaps you share some of these questions.

When things change, the spirit always pushes me to pray and to spend time listening. Over the past several days, I have sought the wisdom of our vestry, numerous colleagues, and our staff. We all realize our community's sensitivity to these changes and the mixed emotions they bring. We are called to hold the tension between joy and possibility and doubt or fear. That's what walking the Way of Love is all about – holding tensions and remembering we belong to one another.

As we continue to walk in the way of love, I am hopeful that life and ministry will begin to feel fuller in the days to come. Below you will find several changes we will be making, effective immediately, that will impact our time together:

- Those who are fully vaccinated will be free to worship/serve/congregate without masks. Those who are NOT vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.
- We will no longer require a signup sheet for worship services. However, we will continue some social distancing measures to help those unable to be vaccinated feel safe. Once our church reaches capacity, additionally seating will be made available in the parish hall where the service will be livestreamed.
- We will continue to livestream our 10:00 AM service and will continue the practice of having a full text bulletin for those unable to attend worship in person. Our books are back in the pews for those who have missed perusing the pages!
- We will be reinstating an informal fellowship hour on Sunday mornings. Utilizing our courtyard, our Fellowship Hour Coordinator, Gretchen, will be reaching out for assistance.
- Eucharist will continue in one kind only for the time being. During worship, you will be invited, by the ushers, to the front steps of the chancel to receive the sacrament.

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**June Birthdays:**

Melanie Moyer	1
Sibyl Seachrist	2
Julia Hasircoglu	5
Aaron Haircoglu	5
Eamon Nelson	6
Peter Plaxa	6
Deborah Carter	6
Mary Waskowicz	6
Jane Forrester	7
Susan Bowser	8
Mike Williams	11
Adelyn Scheetz	11
Susan Dohren	15
Phil Purdy	15
Donald Lovett	16
Tyler Brenton	17
Robert Kilp	19
Kathleen Plaxa	19
The Rev. Beth Mollard	21
Jane Lee	24
Dr. Peter Novosel	24
Mary Ellen Kilp	24
John Gouveia	27
Eric Kilhefner	28
Molly Brenton	28
Mary Suzanne Farmer	29

**June Anniversaries:**

Bob & Sally Goodhart	2
Stephen & Heather Sherman	11
Phil & Susan Purdy	13
Ken & Connie Burch	20
Ed & Jean Gordon	21
Ron & Deborah Linton	23
Phil & Hilary Becker	24
Dave & Sue Martin	24
Pam & Ed Loose	25
Jeff & Janelle Stone	25
Kent Strickler & Rosemary Coverly	25
Heather & Jennifer Trenary	27
Jon & Jane Forrester	28

**Continued prayers for our Homebound:**

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

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

- Singing is allowed!
- There will be other changes made in the coming weeks/months, however we wanted to highlight the most important changes at this time.

Please know you are more than welcome to continue wearing a mask and taking the necessary precautions that make you feel most safe. Masks are always available in the back of the church if you need one. If you have questions or would like to discuss these changes my door is always open. I look forward to seeing you soon!

I remain faithfully yours,

*Amanda*

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## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY

A meeting was called to solicit feedback from the parish regarding two rental properties on Concord Street owned by St. John's. The vestry has been investigating possibilities after we learned of the condition of 211 North Concord Street. To this point the following actions have been taken. We assisted the tenant in 211 in finding new housing. A team of people cleaned out the personal property that was left behind by the tenant. The building is now vacant. Vestry members have taken a tour of the vacant building. The Senior Warden and members of the property committee have contacted real estate agents and property developers to get opinions of what needs to be done to make the property habitable and what needs to be done to sell the property. The church also owns 209 North Concord Street. At this time there is some maintenance work/updating that needs to be done but it is not an urgent need. The meeting was attended by 32 people in person and 12 people via Zoom.

A summary of the concerns raised, and some answers provided follows:

- Are the buildings deeded separately? Yes.
- Would insurance cover the damage? No. This was neglect over a period of years.
- How bad is the roof? It is bad enough to have caused significant water damage and mold throughout the building.
- Have we received any professional assessment as to the real estate value? Yes. We have received estimates of \$140,000 for 211 as is. If it were fixed up, we could get \$240-250,000 for it. However, it would require about \$70-100,000 to repair. The plumbing, wiring and roof all need to be replaced. We could get about \$165,000 for 209 as is. It would need about \$30,000 in repairs to get us about \$240-250,000 for it.
- What about continuing to rent? We received \$900 per month in rent for each building before 211 became vacant. If we did the repairs, we could charge, at minimum, \$1200.
- Do we have legal action against the property manager? We do not believe so. These conditions appear to have been in place prior to the rental agent being hired. We no longer have the rental agent.

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- Does the diocese own the properties? Yes, all property is technically owned by the diocese, to sell property we must have approval from the Standing Committee.
- Why were they purchased? At one time 209 was used to house a staff member. It has been a rental property for over 20 years. We purchased 211 to house staff when the Becker House was being upgraded. It has also been a rental property for about 20 years.
- How would the funds be used? This would be a Vestry decision.
- Have we considered a line of credit to do the repairs? We have not gotten that far yet.
- A lively conversation regarding whether to sell or hold onto these properties was discussed. There are many opinions regarding what to do with these properties. One thing we all agree on is the need to do something! The current condition/operation of these properties are not serving our mission. There was also agreement that the vestry would be supported in their deliberations regardless of outcome. We are a united community even amid our diversity.

The Vestry will meet on Sunday, June 20 to decide what the next step or steps should be.

## SOLES4SOULS

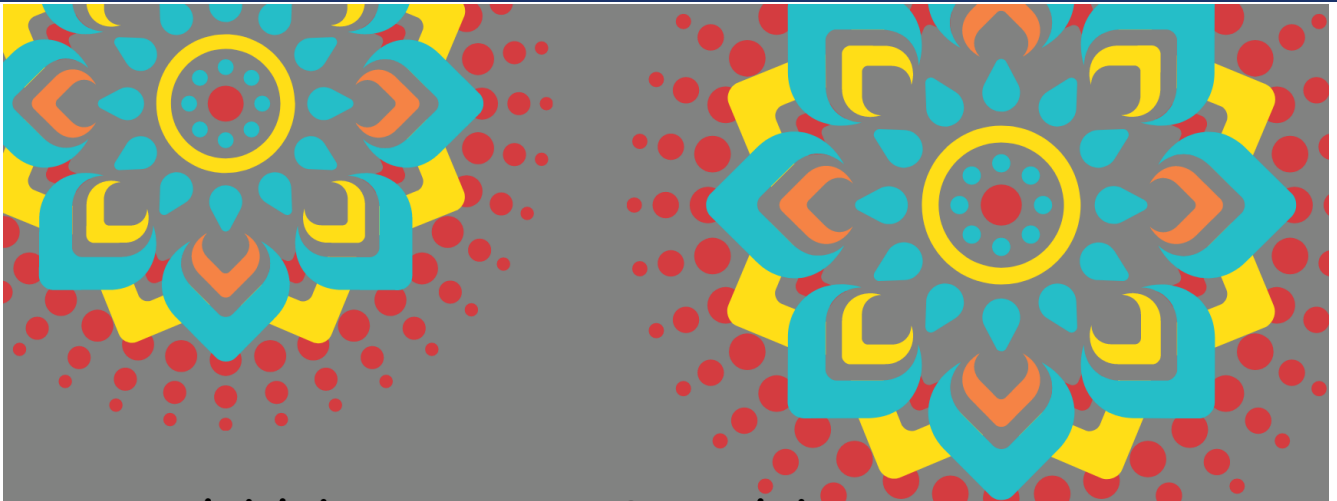


Thank you to everyone who contributed!

**SOLES4SOULS SENDOFF**

1079 pairs of shoes donated!





# GRATITUDE EVENT

HONORING ST. JOHN'S  
FOOD MINISTRIES

HOSTED BY THE  
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

**JUNE 5, 2021 4:00-6:00**

ST. JOHN'S COURTYARD

FEATURING: WINE AND  
APPETIZERS

COST: BRING FOOD BANK  
DONATIONS



***NEEDED: Worship Team/Music Ministry & Minister Visitors***

Do you feel God is calling you to prison ministry or are you curious?

Please Join Us for a Zoom Q&A Meeting

All Are Welcome

**WHEN:** June 6, 2021

**TIME:** 1 p.m.

**HOST:** *Lancaster County Prison Chaplain, The Rev. Stacey Catigano, Deacon, St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster.*

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

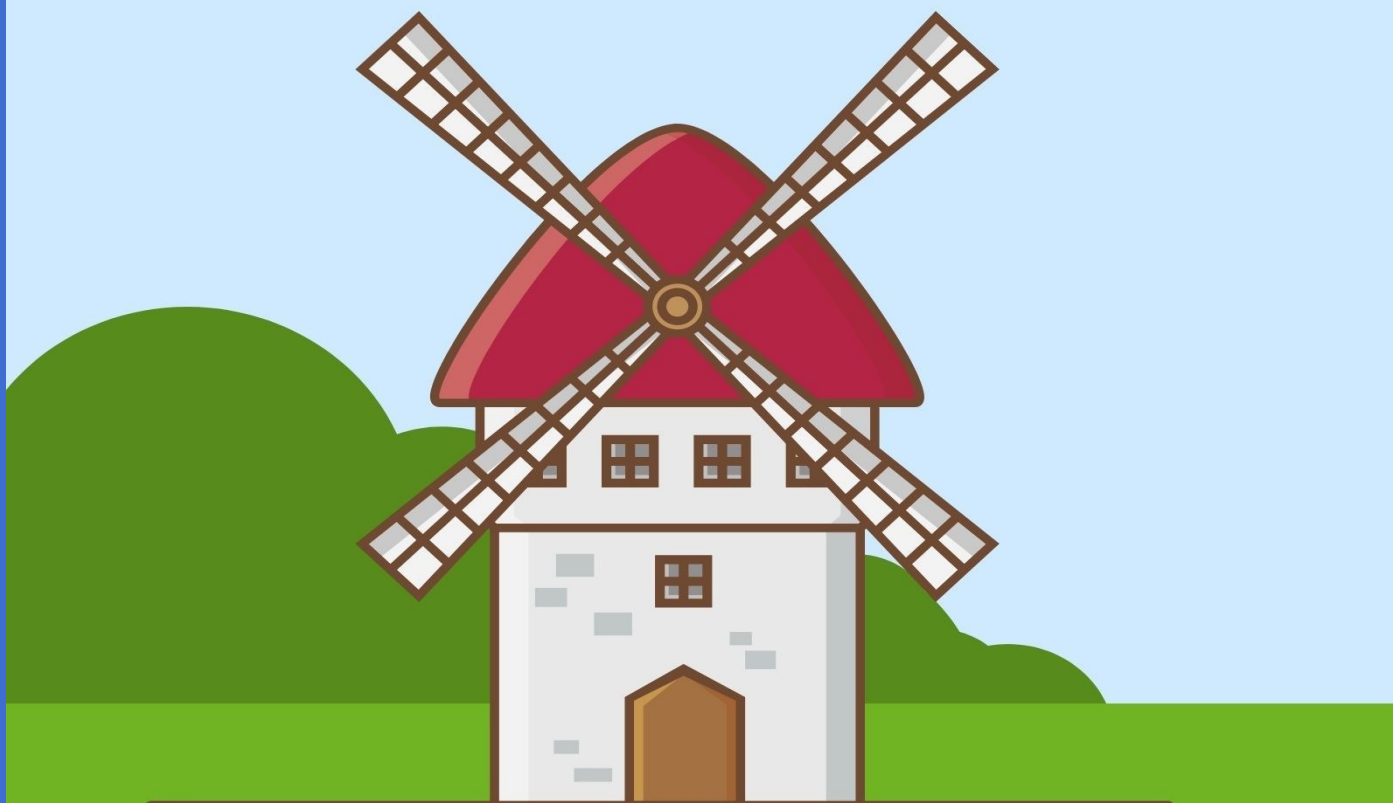
**Prison Minister:** *The Ven. Jane Miron, Archdeacon, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Lancaster.*

**Worship Team Leader:** *The Rev. Jennifer Mattson, Rector, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Lancaster.*

**Stephen Minister:** *Anne Kryder Almy-Webber, St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster.*

**MEETING SIGN UP/ CONTACT:** Deacon Stacey (717) 799 -9764 or [Scatigano@gmail.com](mailto:Scatigano@gmail.com)

*I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. - Matthew 25:36*



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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**MEN'S GROUP**

**MINI GOLF**

**OUTING**

VILLAGE GREENS STRASBURG

**Thursday, June 17, 2021**

**7:00pm**

Village Greens Miniature Golf  
1444 Village Rd, Strasburg, PA

\$8.25 per golfer

[HTTPS://VILLAGEGREENS.COM/](https://villagegreens.com/)

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE

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



“My dear people, let us love one another since loves comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. 1 John 4: 7-8

Smiles, thank-you's, greetings, all can make a friendship start or be nourished. There never was a more important time for friendship to be encircling.

God created us ALL - not exactly alike but unique to share caring with each other -

#### June 6th

Failure is a bruise, not a tattoo.  
As we meet those around us that have not always made good decisions,  
let us learn how caring can make a huge difference in their moving ahead,  
remembering we are ALL God's children.

#### June 20th: Father's Day

Express your thanks to those who have “fathered” your life and demonstrated caring and love.

#### June 27th

June 24th is the Feast of St. John the Baptist  
Consider this being a holy day for communion with the earth, sunlight and the beauty of all creation. Give a gift to the earth, our gift of home from God, by taking on another way to preserve and honor our environment.

#### June 13th

“The world is round so that friendship many encircle it.” Teilhard de Chardin

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## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Are you looking for a fun way to get involved at St. John's? How about joining the Communications Committee?

The Communications Committee is regrouping as the church — and the world — begin to open up. We'll be holding a “Hear All About It” Communications meeting on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please come hear about the fun ways you can get involved.

#### Communications' tasks include guiding and helping with:

- Live streaming
- Social media (You know you want to post fun stuff!)
- St. John's website
- The Messenger
- Church emails
- Banners
- Marketing
- Public relations
- Any ideas you have for how to reach out to the parish and the community.



There is plenty of fun to go around. No one will be tasked with too much, and no one will be asked to participate in activities beyond their comfort zone.

If you have questions, please reach out to Amanda ([amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org](mailto:amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org)), Joe Way ([joeway@gmail.com](mailto:joeway@gmail.com)) or Marylee Sauder ([maryleesauder@comcast.net](mailto:maryleesauder@comcast.net)). We hope to see you on June 20<sup>th</sup>! If you can't be there in person but want to participate, please let us know!

## May 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

April operating income was lower than expenses, resulting in a \$16,261 monthly deficit. This is our first monthly deficit of the year, but well within historical patterns and norms. Contribution income YTD is \$28,119 behind 2020, but \$7,325 ahead of 2019. April and YTD expenses are running below budget. April closing balance of our operating checking account was \$75,098, a healthy surplus due primarily to unspent PPP funds.

**C. Wear**  
Treasurer

### St. John's Episcopal Church Operating Income Statement

#### April 2021 Results Cash Basis in \$000's

				Year to Date		
	2021A	April 2020A	2021B	2021A	2020A	2021B
<b>Income</b>						
Contributions	\$22.0	\$29.6	\$33.6	\$141.9	\$170.0	\$134.6
Draw from Investments	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$3.7	\$0.0	\$48.5	\$14.7
Designated Gifts	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$11.0	\$16.0	\$0.0
Other Income	\$2.3	\$2.3	\$5.8	\$15.2	\$6.9	\$23.4
Jubilee	\$0.2	\$2.1	\$4.9	\$5.5	\$14.6	\$19.6
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$24.5</b>	<b>\$34.0</b>	<b>\$48.1</b>	<b>\$173.6</b>	<b>\$256.0</b>	<b>\$192.3</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
Personnel	\$22.2	\$24.1	\$24.4	\$89.1	\$103.1	\$97.5
Property	\$5.7	\$4.6	\$7.0	\$29.0	\$29.8	\$28.1
Outreach	\$9.7	\$7.2	\$6.6	\$24.0	\$28.5	\$26.6
Other Ministries	\$2.3	\$2.5	\$3.1	\$12.4	\$11.5	\$12.5
Jubilee	\$0.9	\$1.3	\$5.0	\$2.2	\$12.7	\$20.1
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$40.8</b>	<b>\$39.7</b>	<b>\$46.2</b>	<b>\$156.7</b>	<b>\$185.6</b>	<b>\$184.9</b>
<b>Net Surplus/ (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$16.3)</b>	<b>(\$5.8)</b>	<b>\$1.9</b>	<b>\$16.9</b>	<b>\$70.4</b>	<b>\$7.4</b>



## STREAM TEAM



### Lights, Camera, Action!

Since March of last year, St. John's Youtube channel has been viewed nearly 20,000 times and streamed over 5,600 hours worth of content. During the pandemic, online streaming was our only option to keep our community together. As we begin the transition back to in-person services, St. John's will continue to live stream, but we need your help!

To continue this exciting and vital part of our ministry, St. John's is urgently in need of volunteers! If you can click a mouse button, you have the skills to join our STREAM TEAM! If you are up to the challenge, we will provide hands-on training either before or after services. Please reach out to Joe Way at [way@mac.com](mailto:way@mac.com) or 717-333-9130 if you need more information. I look forward to hearing from you!

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## FAMILY FORMATION

WOULD YOU LIKE A

# Family Formation Newsletter?

It's a great way to connect with kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or neighbors!

*Kindly email [equilla@stjohns-lancaster.org](mailto:equilla@stjohns-lancaster.org) or [lalimule@verizon.net](mailto:lalimule@verizon.net) to get your name (or your grandkids' names, or your neighbors' kids' names) on the mailing list.  
We send out hardcopies via snail mail.*

*We will also post it on the St. John's website.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEACON

*In appreciation and celebration of Black Music Appreciation Month, I am honored and certainly humbled by the privilege of having artist Maria Thompson Corley generously share her wisdom with us in this month's Deacon Message.*



*Maria Thompson Corley (MM, DMA, The Juilliard School) has appeared as a solo and collaborative pianist on radio, television, and concert stages in Canada, the United States, Central America, the Caribbean, Bermuda and Europe, including performances in Budapest at the Liszt Academy, and in Carnegie Recital Hall, Aaron Davis Hall and Alice Tully Hall, all in New York City. She has collaborated with such artists as Metropolitan Opera soprano Priscilla Baskerville, internationally renowned clarinetist James Campbell, Peter Kenote, a violist in the New York Philharmonic, and Dara Morales, principal second violinist in the Philadelphia Orchestra. Her engagements as a soloist with orchestra include the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Gunther Schuller, the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, and the Allegro Chamber Orchestra. She has also performed with the Philadelphia-based Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra. Maria Thompson Corley and cellist Sara Male formed Duo Chiaroscuro in 2011; the group has recently begun a series of concerts for people with special needs, or other challenges to strictly observing concert protocols. Dr. Corley has recorded CD's for Naxos, Albany, and independent labels. Excerpts from her discs have been featured on*

*radio, nationally and internationally. Her recording of Margaret Bonds's "Troubled Water" was included in the HBO special, "Kabreeyah's Salad Days" and her recording of Leslie Adams's "Etude in C Sharp Minor" was included in award-winning director Timothy Greenfield-Sanders's documentary, Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am. Maria Corley is also a published composer and arranger (Walton, Classical Vocal Reprints), voice actor (Unisys, University of Pennsylvania, SunTrust) and writer (Huffington Post, Broad Street Review). An award-winning poet, her first novel, Choices, was published by Kensington, and her current release, Letting Go, is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Createspace.*

When most people think of African American music, they focus on gospel, jazz, reggae, soul, R&B, hip-hop, or some more regional form. Similarly, when most people think of African American female musicians, the first people who probably come to mind are singers. This phenomenon is also true for those who enjoy Western classical music, and for good reason; until very, very recently, women of African descent who do anything else but sing have been overlooked. I'm grateful to say that, at least in the realm of composing, times are changing; hopefully, for good.

Although my training in classical piano began when I was 4, I learned about African American composers well into my twenties. My education included the established canon—Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Beethoven, Debussy, Prokofiev, to which a few Canadians were added when I lived in the Edmonton area, and an American or two after I arrived at Juilliard. However, aside from spirituals, repertoire by composers of African descent was hard to find. That said, I can't claim to have been intellectually curious. My teachers were of European descent, and I had a long list of music by dead European males I'd always wanted to play, so I went along with the program.

One of the first inklings that something was missing came when my piano literature professor said that music by Black composers wasn't performed because it hadn't risen to the level of meriting inclusion into the mainstream. Maybe I misunderstood him (I hope so). Regardless, the comment has stuck with me

for nearly thirty years. At the time, I didn't have a single piece or name with which to refute him. If I'm honest, I recall having the sinking feeling that he might be right. That I could accept, even reluctantly, the idea that an entire group of undoubtedly musical, innovative people hadn't mustered even one classical composer with music worthy of study dismays me. That I was a member of that group is even worse. The Schomburg, with its repository of music by African Americans, was within reach. I visited, but did no research. I even performed powerful excerpts from operas as a collaborative pianist for Opera Ebony, but somehow, that was enough for me.

The tide turned when I got a position at Florida A&M University, a historically Black college. My colleague, Dr. Mary Roberts, introduced me to "Troubled Water" by Margaret Bonds, a fantasia on the spiritual "Wade in the Water." Later, I added "Juba" by William Grant Still and "Deep River" by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor to my repertoire. Then, in 1997, I met Dr. Darryl Taylor, the founder of the African American Art Song Alliance. Through him, I formed a connection with Dr. H. Leslie Adams, a renowned African American composer of art songs. Prior to a performance Darryl and I gave of his *Nightsongs* at Weill Hall, Leslie asked if I'd like to learn his solo piano etudes as well. I agreed. (The debut was on September 9, 2001. I arrived home just before all flights were suspended). A few years later, having been connected by Darryl to the former CEO of Videmus Records, Louise Toppin, I released a recording of 12 Adams etudes as my first solo CD.

Buoyed by the positive reception, I decided to record more music by African American composers, this time focusing on works by women. The result was *Soulscapes* (2006)...and that was it. With two children, one on the autism spectrum, a failing marriage, and a need to focus on paying my bills, investing large amounts of hours and dollars in recordings that I wasn't sure anybody really wanted seemed foolish. I continued to perform works by composers of African descent, but it never became my focus.

Fast forward to the pandemic. With time on my hands and a growing awareness that people (including two phenomenal London-based Black female pianists) actually appreciated and were inspired by *Soulscapes*, an offer from another pianist I've never met in person (neither Black nor female) to help me if I ever decided to record again birthed an idea: I had acquired more knowledge and curiosity, so why not find and record another collection of piano music by Black women?

Well, time and money. But I had time, and I'd been offered help with the money, so I took a leap of faith, buying some scores, commissioning one, writing a few more, determined to include a wide selection of female composers from across the diaspora. I picked way too much difficult music, but with only sporadic performance opportunities, God had given me a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for spending huge swaths of time banging away on the piano. I'm still not sure it makes sense to spend the funds required to record and release this project properly, especially since a GoFundMe campaign fell short, but I'm trusting that I wouldn't have gotten this idea without a good reason.

If this article has made YOU curious about this previously-neglected body of music, I'm performing a free concert on Saturday, June 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Church of the Apostles UCC. Composers on the program have roots in Africa (Emahoy Tsegué-Maryam Guèbrou, a nun from Ethiopia, and Nigerian-American Nkeiru Okoye, a recent Guggenheim winner), the West Indies (Eleanor Alberga and Errollyn Wallen, who are renowned in Great Britain, and Maria Thompson Corley, born in Jamaica), Canada (I was raised there), and the United States (Florence Price, Julia Perry, Betty Jackson King, Joyce Solomon, and Krystal Folkestad (formerly on faculty at LBC)). I promise a wide array of styles in manageable bites (most of the pieces are less than five minutes long) which, when digested, will prove my Juilliard piano lit teacher wrong.



CONGRATULATIONS  
CLASS OF 2021

**Anne Kinderwater Carroll, Millersville and Shippensburg Universities**

Anne earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership. On her mother's 90th birthday, August 24, 2020, Anne successfully defended her dissertation "Teacher Attitudes and Perceptions Influencing the Recognition of Giftedness in Underrepresented Elementary Suburban Populations." She is now prayerfully allowing the next steps to unfold, so that she can best serve teacher candidates to address equity in leadership, curriculum, and instruction.

**Danielle Di Pace, Lampeter Strasburg High School**

In high school, Danielle played soccer and ran track. She was a part of the Interact club, the Varsity club, MiniTHON, and National Honor Society. She is so grateful to her siblings and her parents for their endless support. She would also like to thank her St. John's family for being there for her every step of the way. Danielle will attend the University of Vermont in the fall to major in Environmental Geology.

**Emma Di Pace, LaSalle University**

Emma graduated from La Salle University in January with a double major in Religion and Spanish and a minor in Education. During her time at La Salle, Emma was a student leader for La Salle Christian Fellowship, a member of the La Salle Votes team, and was involved in Neighborhood Tutoring, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Resident Student Association. She also had the opportunity to participate in a La Sallian Immersion and Volunteer Experience to Nyeri, Kenya, where she spent 3 weeks with the boys of St. Mary's Secondary School. Her favorite course was called Women and Social Change, a course she took at Riverside Correctional Facility with half La Salle students and half women who were incarcerated. Some of her favorite memories of La Salle are ice skating with her friends, doing puzzles with her roommates, and venturing into Philly on the weekends. Her favorite part of La Salle was all of her friends that quickly became family. She is currently working as a nanny and as an Instructional Assistant at Kennett Middle School, and she hopes to do something involving Religion.

**Emily Sipe, Elizabethtown College**

Emily earned her Bachelor of Health Science this year. She will continue her studies at Elizabethtown to obtain her master's degree in occupational therapy.

**Hal Williams, Hempfield High School**

Hal has been an active member of St John's Youth since 2015. At school he was a 4 year member of the Hempfield Marching Knights marching band, holding several leadership positions during the band's multi-year run as Cavalcade of Bands division champions. An Eagle Scout, Hal completed his Eagle Scout Service Project at St. John's by designing and building wall-mounted can storage racks to support the parish's food ministry. Hal has been admitted to Rochester Institute of Technology's Combined Accelerated Pathways program, where he will pursue a BS/MS in Computing Security.

**Ian Thompson, J.P. McCaskey High School**

At school, Ian was part of the International Baccalaureate program, as well as a member of the tennis team, ski club, golf club and National Honor Society. He enjoyed working with tech department, doing set work and sound design for plays, as well as livestreaming lots of events during Covid times. He hopes to be able to continue doing that work in college. Ian will be around next year; he's taking a gap year to work and hike before heading to the University of Maine in fall 2022.

**James Joseph Woolson, Temple University**

James attended Temple University on a Provost Scholarship completing his B.S. degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering in December 2020. James played trumpet for the Diamond Marching Band, serving as a section leader during his fourth season. He also served as treasurer for the Theta Tau engineering fraternity and was named to the Eta Kappa Nu honor society. James currently resides in Philadelphia and joined Centauri/KBR in King of Prussia as a Signal Processing Engineer. James wishes to thank his church family for their support and encouragement.

**Michael Hreben, Gettysburg College**

Michael earned his Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and is looking for a job in venture capital.

**Nicholas Rahe, Penn Manor High School**

Congratulations to Nicholas, grandson of Charles Rahe.

**Sean Cliff, Manheim Township High School**

Sean is pursuing the International Baccalaureate diploma at Manheim Township. He was on the golf team and swim team (and worked hard to make it to states in both this year!) and he was active in the Interact Club. These days, Sean caddies at Bent Creek Golf Course and works at Mojo's. Sean will be attending Florida State University in the fall to study International Relations.

**Zachary Rahe, Hempfield High School**

Congratulations to Zachary, grandson of Charles Rahe.

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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

On Pentecost Sunday, Pastor Amanda shared a formidable two-part image of how the power of the Holy Spirit works within us and throughout the world. She helped us visualize that sometimes the Spirit's impact is explosive and spectacular. At other times it's a slow, one-step-at-a-time, infusion of power. The Holy Spirit has been present during St. John's entire capital campaign journey. We have experienced both the explosive and the channeled power of the Spirit's presence. Several extremely large gifts have had tremendous impact, and hundreds of equally important, more modest contributions have kept us going for the long haul. As we come closer to retiring our debt, it is clear that we would not have arrived at where we are today without the Holy Spirit moving each generous member of this congregation in the appropriate way.

This chart shows where we are to date in our final thrust to make St. John's debt free. Will we reach success with a few explosive gifts? A whole lot of smaller ones? Or will we continue to experience a combination of the two? The Holy Spirit is walking beside each of us to help us discern what role we will play.

	<b>Goal to Retire Debt: \$120,000</b>	
<b>Gifts Needed</b>	<b>Total Needed for success</b>	<b>Pledges/Gifts Rec'd: 5/24/2021</b>
1 @ \$12,000	\$12,000	\$49,253
2 @ \$7,500	\$15,000	\$10,000
3 @ \$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000
12 @ \$2,500	\$30,000	\$17,800
20 @ \$1,000	\$20,000	\$21,042
40 @ \$500	\$20,000	\$4,538
24 @ \$250	\$6,000	\$1,150
Other	\$2,000	\$1,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>109,883</b>
	<b>Additional Gifts Needed to Meet Goal: \$10,117</b>	

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> marked the end of our 2020-2021 church school year! What a crazy pandemic year it was! **Many thanks** to all the families who gathered their littles and middles – sometimes with their PJs, pets and breakfast – to join us on Zoom. We loved seeing all those eager, happy faces each week. Even those of you who only turned on the camera to answer a question or two – you know we loved having you there!

That said, we are looking forward to in-person Sunday school again! We're all a bit zoomed out, so we'll take a break for the summer, but we will **see you on August 29<sup>th</sup>** to welcome you back to Sunday School. And... if you gather more friends or family who'd like to be in Sunday school next year, bring them along. We'd love to have them join us!

- Sue,

## WOMEN'S GATHERING: SAVE THE DATE

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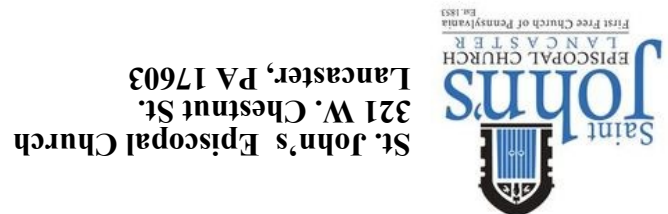
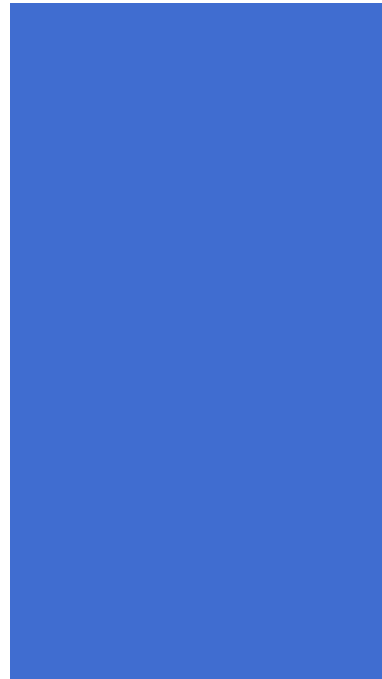
# IN THE PARK

06/27/2021

4PM

## JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (In-person) 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (In-person & Online)	31 Memorial Day (Office Closed) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	1 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Marthas Ministry (Courtyard) 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) 7:00 PM Lawrence Carroll Memorial	2 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service (Sanctuary) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	3 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Youth Task Force	4 Rector's Day Off 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	5 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Gratitude Event
6 Birthdays & Anniversaries First Day for Doug, New Minister of Music 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (In-person) 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (In-person & Online) 11:00 AM Eagle's Nest Meeting (Becker House) 1:00 PM Prison Ministry Meeting (Zoom)	7 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall) 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM Daughters of the King Meeting (Courtyard)	8 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Marthas Ministry (Courtyard) 2:30 PM Capital Campaign Meeting (Zoom) 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Finance Committee (Zoom) 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM VH Dance (Auditorium) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM Convocation Meeting	9 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service (Sanctuary) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	10 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry	11 Rector's Day Off 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	12
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20 REFUGEE SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (In-person) 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (In-person & Online) 11:00 AM Communication 12:00 PM Vestry Meeting	21 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall) 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM Daughters of the King Meeting (Courtyard)	22 Clergy Gathering: Renewing of Vows (St. Andrews) 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Marthas Ministry (Courtyard) 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)	23 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service (Sanctuary) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	24 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry	25 MESSENGER DUE Rector's Day Off 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	26 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wedding
27 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (In-person) 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (In-person & Online) 4:00 PM Women's Gathering (Pot Luck at the Park)	28 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall) 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting	29 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Marthas Ministry (Courtyard) 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)	30 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service (Sanctuary) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	1 2:00 PM Bishop out of the Box 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry	2 Rector's Day Off 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	3



## BLESSING BUCKETS

**Returning mothers are required to purchase cleaning supplies and clean apartments before occupying with their children. You can help by purchasing “Blessing Buckets” filled with cleaning supplies!**

1. Blessing Buckets will include a variety of items such as a mop, floor cleaner, rolls of paper towels, all-purpose cleaners, window cleaner, liquid dish soap, rags, sponges, dish towels and toilet brushes, etc. Parishes participating will collect the items and will be picked up for distribution. A lovely addition to each bucket would be a prayer card and notes of encouragement. Buckets will be blessed before distributing!

2. Can't get a Blessing Bucket together? You can make a donation directly to Beth Shalom: <https://www.tabornet.org/beth-shalom> (use the DONATE button)

**Is your parish interested in helping? If yes, please RSVP to Deacon Stacey (info below). Then collect the items (or make monetary donations) by Sunday, June 13, 2021.**

**To make arrangements for pick-up Blessing Buckets or other questions contact:**

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