

# The Messenger



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## Weekly

### Sundays:

**8:00 AM**

Holy Eucharist Rite: I

**9:15AM**

Formation for ALL!

**10:15AM**

Holy Eucharist Rite: II

### Wednesdays:

**12:05PM**

Healing Service with Holy Eucharist

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear St. John's family and friends,

"Many people have problems with giving money, yet most of them enjoy investing. Investing offers a promise of return; we experience excitement at the possibility our money will grow. We invest in the things that are important to us: our marriage, other meaningful relationships, our children's educations, national and personal security, our homes and neighborhoods. Some of us invest in the arts, or in cancer research, or in animal protection because these things are dear to us. When the church asks us to give, we are really being asked to invest, to invest in ministries and programs that change people's lives. Often these are programs that have changed or enhanced our own lives: meaningful worship, education, mission in places close by and far off. Our investment enables us to reduce the suffering of the poor and marginalized, open new options for the downtrodden, and offer new hope for those who feel lost. It is hard not to feel good about such investments. Who could resist?" - The Rt. Rev. Robert W. Ihloff

Have you ever read something that you found yourself shaking your head in agreement with the entire time you were reading it? This meditation is one of those readings for me. As John and I have been praying over the upcoming giving campaign, I'm starting to contemplate this idea of our pledge being an investment.

When we pledge at St. John's we are investing in seven year old acolytes and teenagers discovering themselves. We're investing in the education and formation of students who are enrolled in Eagle's Nest. When we pledge, we're investing in the recovery of those struggling with addictions and any other number of obstacles that bring people to St. John's. With each pledge we're investing in the legacy we've inherited from those who have gone before us.

As rector, I have the distinct privilege of seeing our investments grow and flourish. I am often invited into conversations with those who have benefitted from our ministries. I receive thank you notes, hugs, and stories about the impact St. John's has on families and individuals. I see the kids running around the campus, the widow spending a quiet moment with a loved one in our courtyard, and the community that gathers week after week for worship, AA, or bible study. I can say, without question, our investments are growing!

In the coming weeks, you will be receiving a pledge card inviting you to consider investing in the life giving ministries of St. John's. I guarantee you the return will be worth it!

I remain faithfully yours,

*Amanda*

**October Birthdays:**

Malcom Young  
 Andrew Mausolf  
 Nicole Pham  
 Karen Di Pace  
 Helena Carroll  
 Phyllis Gbur  
 Eric Freeman  
 Bart Smallwood  
 Andrei Latshaw  
 Bridgette Collier  
 Conor Brenton  
 Lucene Winters  
 Merle Schnee  
 Robbin Hobbins  
 Ed Gordon  
 Roy Keeler  
 Ken Smith  
 Anne Almy-Webber  
 Tracy Cliff  
 Laurel-Jeane Williams  
 Cynthia Minnich  
 Kathleen Magbag  
 Tom Bond  
 Sue Martin  
 Margaret Springer  
 Tom Stonerook  
 Amelia Dissinger

**October Anniversaries:**

John & Helen Miller  
 Ty & Carole Humphrey  
 Peter & Kathleen Plaxa  
 Ed & Sandy Grove  
 Julie & David Rodriguez  
 Dan & Priscilla Farmer

**Continued prayers for our Homebound:**

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

**Military:**

Brian Hobbins, Laurel  
 Hobbins, Alex Kelly, Kirby  
 and Kyle Kinderwater,  
 Joshua Watkins, Cameron  
 Watts. Amelia Dissinger,  
 Hunter Walden

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE****Together We Pledged!!**

Several years ago, a courageous congregation pledged to...

1. Make St. John's accessible to everyone who wanted to enter.  
*Results: the Elevator and Entrance Ramp.*
2. Provide a welcoming entrance to our beautiful sanctuary.  
*Results: the Atrium.*
3. Upgrade the outdoor space for our members, neighbors, and community ministries.  
*Results: a beautiful Courtyard and inspirational Labyrinth.*
4. Ensure St. John's end-of-life burial options.  
*Results: a more-than-doubled Columbarium Space.*

And We Pledged to...

1. Support these building plans financially.  
*Results: a two-phase capital campaign that raised a total of \$1.750 million in gifts and pledges.*
2. Accept the payment of all outstanding pledges in the months to come.  
*Results: the successful completion of the Honoring Our Past... Welcoming and Securing Our Future Capital Campaign.*
3. Pay off our construction loan by the October 11, 2021 due date.  
*Results: an Octoberfest Celebration on October 9.*

Together we pledged it! \* Together we made it happen! \*  
 Together we'll use the results in God's service.

**Congratulations!!**

**Blessed are You, faithful God,  
 Who has brought us to this moment on our journey.  
 With gratitude for all that has been,  
 and trust in what will be,  
 we say "yes" to your invitation to  
 welcome, serve, and grow.  
 Through the power of the Holy Spirit  
 we go forward in faith, hope, and love. Amen!**

## VESTRY UPDATES

During our September meeting:

Mary Waskowicz led us I devotions. Her message was that we live in and act in Hope. We then prayed for certain church members and families.

We have spent much of our time this year considering what should be done with our rental properties. Last month we decided that the best way to further our overall mission was to sell one property and take no action on the other at this time. We have had two realtors (one a church member) examine the property at 211 North Concord Street and give us their input on a reasonable selling price in the current market. Their estimates were nearly identical. Some potential buyers have stepped forward with offers. It is the vestry's intent to settle on a buyer at the October meeting.

In the past month we lost our Parish Administrator suddenly. The Vestry acted by offering John Knouse an eight-week contract to serve as Parish Administrator while the Rector and a Personnel Committee seek a permanent replacement.

We received an inspection report from the City of Lancaster Housing Authority indicating that certain repairs needed to be made. We approved a contract with Kuhn Enterprises to make the necessary repairs.

We also joyously approved the Endorsement of Jennifer Trenary as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

The Rector reported that Karen DiPace has volunteered to recruit a team of Nursery Attendants to serve until we could find a replacement.

Though our summertime pledges have slowed down, we continue to operate at a financial surplus. If current trends hold, we will finish the year close to a balanced budget for the second year in a row. As we approach our annual stewardship campaign, we feel this is important as we want to expand our ministries, and this is only possible with your continued and increased support.

The Capital Campaign loan balance was \$4,000. in mid-September. We are looking forward to celebrating the burning of the mortgage in October.

Because we have been apart for so long due to COVID protocols, there is one piece of exciting news that we may not be aware of. Since The Rev. Amanda Knouse has become our Rector, we have gained multiple new members. It is because at St. John's, we live and act in Hope.

John Gouveia  
Secretary of the Vestry

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## VESTRY NOMINEES

Each year, St. John's elects three new vestry members to serve a three year term. Serving on the vestry is both an honor and a privilege. Yes, it does require your time and commitment, but more importantly it requires your heart. If you have a heart for St. John's and the people who gather here, if you are invested in the future of our congregation and want to be a part of casting a vision for what lies ahead please email any of our nominating committee members: Webb Cook, Tim Huber, Molly Moyer, or Debbie Carter. Vestry nominees will be accepted through October with elections taking place at our annual meeting on Sunday, November 7th.



BRING YOUR PET (LEASHED OR CAGED),  
FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL, OR PICTURE!

A BUNCH OF CHURCHES ARE  
GETTING TOGETHER FOR:

## THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

Join us as we give thanks for our pets,  
celebrate creation, and remember the  
ministry of St. Francis.

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 6:00 PM

WHERE: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (COURTYARD)  
321 W. CHESTNUT ST., LANCASTER, PA 17603

During the outdoor service, a free will  
offering will be collected for Lancaster SPCA.

## THE BETTY FINNEY AIDS MEMORIAL GARDEN



For those new to St. John's - a very brief history - The Garden exists as a memorial to those who were afflicted with the HIV virus and succumbed to its effects. It also honors those who cared for the suffering. Several St. John's people were instrumental in serving the community by establishing this memorial garden. In particular Betty Finney, Father John Emmert, and Father Pete Greenfield. It is important this Memorial Garden be maintained as St John's and others from the community have committed to undertake and maintain this ongoing ministry.

Help is needed to prepare the Memorial Garden for its winter sleep. Save the date of Saturday morning **November 6, from 9AM—Noon**. There is plenty of work to be done. All ages are welcome and it can be a good family project as a part of service to both church and community. The Garden is located in the Linear Park off West Lemon Street near Water Street. Ample parking available in Ponnesa's parking lot adjacent to the Garden. The Garden is serviced mainly by folks from St. John's, the community, and a few people from other local Episcopal churches.

Lets come together, work together in a church/community project. In this pandemic time period it is difficult to manage a sign up. I am asking those who are interested relay a positive response to me via email ([mdsmartinduncan@aol.com](mailto:mdsmartinduncan@aol.com)). I will place a reminder announcement in the October 31 Sunday Bulletin with more needed details.

Thanks—Dave Martin

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON

### *Bird Baths and Beyond!*

The Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of animals and the environment, is celebrated on October 4<sup>th</sup> every year. Episcopalians are called on this day to recall and emulate the way St. Francis of Assisi lived: in simplicity and of service to others.

Generally speaking, the Franciscan way is to live knowing that all creation is the place to encounter our incarnational God. Concrete manifestations involve living simply or without taking more than necessary in order not to harm other people or creation. If we take too much, we limit people the opportunities to truly experience and savor God's gifts which surround us. The things of this world are God-like just as they are and reveals God to us in their specificity. Therefore, to deepen our relationship to God we need regular, mindful contact with the world in its beautiful simplicity. We can stop searching for the things and achievements we think will make us happy. The world is full of signs of God's presence, with God telling us what we need to hear through the bits and pieces we encounter from the worms who make the soil richer, to the shooting stars who make us smile in wonder. In an ongoing active way, we are converted to the gospel through God's daily work inside and outside of us.

In celebration of St. Francis, I encourage you to join me and actively seek God in everything and everyone you encounter. Will we be able to notice the God who created the leaf which found its way to the kitchen floor? Will we be able to hear the God who sings with the Whip-poor-will at dusk? Will we be able to see Jesus behind the eyes of an angry person? Can we try to love the person God created, in His image, who we strongly disagree with?

Like many people, I have a bird bath statue of St. Francis in my yard. A few months ago, I noticed a chunk near the bottom had broken off and so when I approached the bird bath with super glue in hand, I discovered a pair of chipmunks nestled in the hollow of St. Francis! How appropriate is that? At that moment God reminded me how he can use brokenness and make a home for all of us...including chipmunks! Thanks be to God!

Peace + All Good,  
Deacon Stacey



### **The Prayer of Saint Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy;  
O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



### St. John's Forms "Open & Affirming Committee"

For decades, St. John's has been a place known for affirming and welcoming others into relationship and community. In the 1980s, St. John's doors were flung open to those suffering from the AIDS pandemic. Today, we work with refugees, serve food to our neighbors, sponsor the Eagles Nest program for kids and so much more.

St. John's recently formed an "Open & Affirming Committee" to do more intentional work as a parish to create a safe, welcoming space for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. During its first meeting in September, the committee discussed the history of welcoming LGBTQIA+ people into the Episcopal Church and into St. John's. The committee's first tasks are to brainstorm on priorities and to begin to develop a Welcoming Statement that will let people know that St. John's is a safe space for all.

#### The committee discussed ways that St. John's can become more welcoming, including:

- Transitioning from being tacit about welcoming to being more proactive about it.
- Working to bridge gaps as we remember that people on all sides are hurting.
- Listening to others' stories and seeing everyone as our siblings.
- Being authentic and having the humility to know we don't know all of the answers.

This is the first step in many conversations and opportunities for this ministry within our parish.

Members of the committee include Annie Lattanzio-Hale, Barbara Landis, Marylee Sauder, Heather Trenary, Jen Trenary, Bruce Waskowicz, Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky (Chair), Amanda Knouse (Clergy) and Matt MacDougall (Clergy).

Please watch this space for updates on the committee's activities, and please reach out to committee members with questions or ideas.

Submitted by Marylee Sauder

*"Honor God by accepting each other, as Christ has accepted you." - Romans 15:7*

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR WREATH SALE!

Guess what? There are only 85 days until Christmas! Know what that means? It's never too early to think about holiday decorating. Mark your calendars for our St. John's holiday wreath sale! Please use the form here to place your order: <https://stjohns-lancaster.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/J2A-WREATH-ORDER-FORM-2021.pdf>

You can also contact Karen DiPace or any J2A youth or leader for more information! Orders are due by 11/14 and wreaths will be ready for pick up on Sunday 11/28. If you cannot make it that day not a problem, we will be glad to make other arrangements including delivery. Thank you for supporting the J2A!

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE

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



*"The measure of our compassion lies not in our service of those on the margins but in our willingness to see ourselves in kinship. And so that means the decided movement towards awe and giant steps away from judgment."*

FR. GREG BOYLE, S.J.

#### October 3rd

*"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love."* St. Francis of Assisi. Today is the Celebration Day of St. Francis of Assisi - let us demonstrate that caring - Here, There, Everywhere with Everyone.

#### October 10th

*"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten we belong to each other."* Mother Teresa. It's been a rough road dealing with Covid, differences, separation, but take a quiet moment and ask yourself "What have I learned and how can I make it better?" Small steps can be huge.....

#### October 17th—LGBT Awareness

Love/caring is not something you just feel, it's something you do. We are ONE family, ultimately from the same Father, who loves us and asks that we do the same.

#### October 24th

*"Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone -*

*we find it with another."* Thomas Merton

Reach out your caring to a new contact - email, card, smile, thanks—widen your gratefulness of love so our world we be more connected than separated.

#### October 31st

November 1st and 2nd Dia de los Muertos  
Dia de los Muertos—the Day of the Dead—is a lively Mexican holiday that draws on indigenous and European traditions. Assured that the dead would be insulted by mourning or sadness, Dia de los Muertos celebrates the lives of the deceased with food, drink, parties, and activities the dead enjoyed in life. They are still with us, only differently.



## Election Day Bake Sale November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Calling St. John's bakers! **Nov. 2** is our semi-annual Courtyard Bake Sale to benefit our Eagle's Nest After School Program. Our neighborhood precinct is full of faithful voters and Eagle's Nest supporters. And our St. John's family is full of creative bakers. So, let's get it together! Donations may be brought to church on Sunday, Oct. 31, or to the courtyard on Election Day. Questions or volunteer time may be brought to the attention of Sue Martin. Thank you.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

Greetings to you from the desk of the Music Director! We have made the transition from summer to fall, and what a whirlwind that transition has already been! The chancel choir is in full swing, and we've already had one handbell choir rehearsal--there is much to be grateful for and look forward to this fall!

This past Sunday, we sang "O Worship the King", one of my favorite hymns! I wanted to share a little about that hymn with you here:

*O worship the King, All glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, And girded with praise.*

"O Worship the King" draws upon the splendor of 19th-century monarchy as a metaphor for the magnificence of the Almighty. Attributes of an earthly monarch are magnified to communicate the characteristics of the King of kings—one who by nature cannot be described.

The hymn is based primarily on the rich imagery of Psalm 104:1-7: "Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight."

In stanza one, the monarch's role of protector of the realm is captured in "Our Shield and Defender." Psalm 84:9 is one of many passages referring to God as our Shield: "Behold, O God our Shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed." The "Ancient of Days" parallels the lineage of an earthly monarch—the family line that leads to the throne. References to God as "Ancient of Days" are found in Daniel 7:9, 13 and 22: "As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire". The final stanza turns to humanity as a part of creation: "Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail. . . ." In antithesis to the majesty and all-powerful nature of the Almighty described in earlier stanzas, we find a monarch that manifests "mercies how tender, how firm to the end. . . ." Unlike earthly kings, the unique nature of this ruler is captured in the final line of the hymn: "Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend." This hymn captures in 19th-century terms the fuller nature of God's relationship to humanity.

Composer Sir Robert Grant (1779-1838) was born and died in India—a country that by this time had long played a major role in the British Empire. He was a public servant distinguishing himself in law, serving as a member of Parliament, judge advocate general and governor of Bombay. Despite his Scottish roots, Grant was Anglican, not Presbyterian. His father Charles was a leader in the evangelical wing of the Church of England and also played an active civic role with William Wilberforce in the emancipation of African slaves in the British Empire. Robert was born in India when his father went there to negotiate an end to barriers set up against missions by the British East India Company.

What a rich history of theology we have inherited in our hymns! There is nothing more beautiful than the marriage of art and worship--some would say the two go hand in hand!

Peace to you all,

Douglas Beach



## ADULT FORMATION: THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL



### A Palestinian Christian narrative of lament and hope

Please join us on Sunday, October 10th for an opportunity to meet the author of “The Other Side of the Wall.” The Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac will be joining us from Palestine via zoom. Whether you’ve followed along with the book or not, you don’t want to miss this conversation! Our forum will take place in the parish hall at 9:15AM.

To read more about Munther’s work, please check out his blog at: <https://christatthecheckpoint.bethbc.edu/munthers-blog/>

## CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD

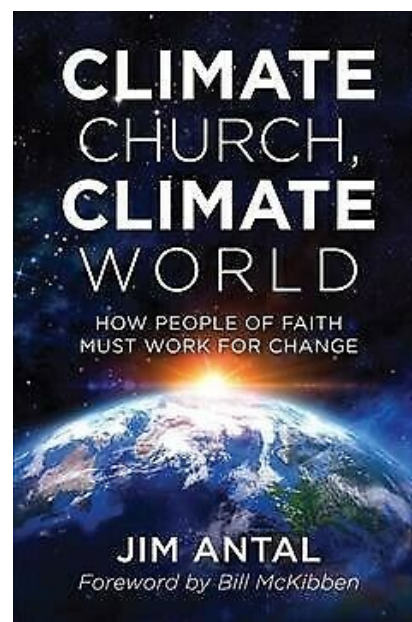
**WHEN: OCT. 17, 24, 31, NOV. 14, 21 @ 9:15AM**

**WHERE: ALL PURPOSE ROOM**

**HOW: PURCHASE THE BOOK**

Climate Church, Climate World argues that climate change is the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced. Hunger, refugees, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, war—climate change multiplies all forms of global social injustice. Environmental leader Reverend Jim Antal presents a compelling case that it’s time for the church to meet this moral challenge, just as the church addressed previous moral challenges. Antal calls for the church to embrace a new vocation so that future generations might live in harmony with God’s creation.

After describing how we have created the dangers our planet now faces, Antal urges the church to embrace a new vocation, one focused on collective salvation and an expanded understanding of the Golden Rule (Golden Rule 2.0). He suggests ways people of faith can reorient what they prize through new approaches to worship, preaching, witnessing and other spiritual practices that honor creation and cultivate hope. (<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/37512978-climate-church-climate-world>)



## ANNUAL FALL CLEANUP: SATURDAY, NOV. 6 FROM 9AM—NOON

Bring your gloves, your tools, and eat a big breakfast, as we will have plenty to do to prepare our beautiful campus for the upcoming winter.



# Daughters of the KING



## **Daughters of the King (DOK) – Harriet Lane Johnston (HLJ) Chapter**

Hey friends! Have you seen DOK on the church calendar of events and wondered: Who is this group? Well I am here to tell you all about it.

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an Order of women of the Episcopal Church (and all denominations in communion with us) who have taken a vow to adhere to two main life rules: Rule of Prayer and Rule of Service. The Order has spread throughout the world and encompasses women of all ages and in various stages of their spiritual journeys. One thing is the same, “no matter where we are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.” (<https://www.doknational.org/page/WhoWeAre>)

Ok ok, Heather. That sounds great and looks like you took it directly from the national website (ok the part in quotes I did, hence the reference), but what does that mean? We are Christian women that dedicate our lives to service of others and daily prayer. Our group currently consists of mostly members of our neighbor St. James where the HLJ Chapter officially resides as each chapter needs the sponsorship of a local parish. Did you notice the currently? St. John’s women are welcome to join. We get together twice a month. Once for a prayer meeting together, once for business. Business like organizing assemblies; HLJ Chapter hosted the diocesan Spring Assembly on Zoom in March 2021 focusing on Joy in our Lives; devising our plan to return together out of the pandemic; planning service projects, recently the Central PA diocesan focus is on Human Trafficking. We strengthen each other in our prayer and service together as a group.

How did the DOK group come to meet at St. John’s you might wonder? Well, Jen and I had recently been inducted into the Chapter in Indiana....then I took a job out here in Lancaster. So when we moved here we began looking for a local chapter and found HLJ. When the pandemic hit we as so many others were unable to meet inside. The summer of 2020 allowed for some opportunity to meet in local parks but I think we all felt a pull to a place that felt like ours and there wasn’t the right outdoor space at St. James. That is when I came up with the idea of using the beautiful labyrinth with plenty of space for the daughters to spread out and Amanda obliged. Winter came we had to go back to Zoom but as nicer weather came in 2021 so did the delta variant. And here we are able to use the Labyrinth for prayer and organization of service projects.

We use the parish hall in case of inclement weather, where we can open windows and spread out. Thanks be for the graciousness of St. John’s. Oh and somehow Jen and I are now Co-Presidents of the HLJ Chapter. So if that doesn’t deter you and you would like more information please contact Heather (513-377-081 or [kanary77@gmail.com](mailto:kanary77@gmail.com)) or Jen Trenary (513-543-9886 or [jkanary76@gmail.com](mailto:jkanary76@gmail.com)) or check out the national website: [www.doknational.org](http://www.doknational.org)

Submitted by Heather Trenary

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Pledge income for August improved from June and July, but we are still running about \$20k behind 2020 on a YTD basis. Total contribution income is about \$35k behind 2020. On the plus side, overall spending for the year is also down which offsets about half of the lagging income. Despite our income shortfall, cash flow has been good and has sustained our operating checking balance over the slow summer months. As a result, no budgeted income from our endowment account has been taken so far this year.

In other news, a financial review of our 2020 books is currently underway by accounting firm Sager, Swisher and Co. LLP per routine policy. Work has also begun with Vestry on the 2022 operating budget.

C. Wear  
Treasurer

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

	August			Year to Date		
	2021A	2020A	2021B	2021A	2020A	2021B
<b>Income</b>						
Contributions	\$26.8	\$35.9	\$33.6	\$251.0	\$286.3	\$269.1
Draw from Investments	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$3.7	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$29.5
Designated Gifts	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Other Income	\$5.0	\$1.3	\$5.8	\$98.6	\$35.0	\$46.7
Jubilee	\$1.9	\$3.7	\$4.9	\$10.0	\$23.3	\$39.2
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$33.6</b>	<b>\$40.9</b>	<b>\$48.1</b>	<b>\$359.5</b>	<b>\$344.5</b>	<b>\$384.5</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
Personnel	\$23.4	\$23.4	\$24.4	\$185.1	\$204.0	\$195.0
Property	\$6.2	\$9.0	\$7.0	\$51.6	\$54.2	\$56.2
Outreach	\$7.0	\$7.0	\$6.6	\$52.1	\$58.9	\$53.2
Other Ministries	\$5.2	\$1.4	\$3.1	\$24.3	\$21.0	\$25.1
Jubilee	\$0.4	\$5.5	\$5.0	\$3.6	\$23.1	\$40.2
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$42.1</b>	<b>\$46.4</b>	<b>\$46.2</b>	<b>\$316.7</b>	<b>\$361.2</b>	<b>\$369.7</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$8.5)</b>	<b>(\$5.5)</b>	<b>\$1.9</b>	<b>\$42.8</b>	<b>(\$16.7)</b>	<b>\$14.8</b>

# CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Church School is in full swing, and what a joy it is to have our littlest members back in the building! We welcome Ericka Sipe and John Knouse to the teaching team, joining Jen Hreben, Janelle Stone, Sue Dodge, Joe and April Way, and Mary Ellen Kilp.

Students in the elementary classes made bright and beautiful collage crosses during their lessons last month, while the middles plotted and planned to build a prayer lean-to as an autumnal project. The middles also enjoy checking on the Blessing Box, leading to some interesting discussions about both food insecurity and being careful to not jump to conclusions about others based on what clothes or car a person arrives in. J2A continues to meet every Sunday morning and are working on discerning their pilgrimage next summer! We ended the month with an acolyte refresher course. All of our church school students are exploring how to be part of the church community and what it means to live out what Jesus wants and needs us to do.

## Church School & Youth Calendar

### October

3 (Sun) - All Parish Breakfast /  
No class  
17 (Sun) - Pizza & Corn Maze  
31 (Sun) - Holiday Wreath & Greens  
Sale Begins

### November

6 (Sat) - Fall Cleanup at church  
7 (Sun) - All Saints Day Service /  
No class /  
Battle of the Saints @ St. Thomas  
14 & 21 (Sun) - Knits Sale  
28 (Sun) - Advent Begins



FAMILY AND YOUTH DAY  
AT OREGON DAIRY

# Oregon Dairy Corn Maze

Enjoy an evening of fun and challenges as we find our way to the "2021 World Cow"!

**OCTOBER 17 • SUNDAY • 4 PM - 7 PM**  
**2900 OREGON PIKE, LITITZ, PA 17543**  
**\$15.00 INCLUDES PIZZA & ENTRANCE FEE**

Enjoy fall with loved ones! There is plenty of activities for everyone; from friendly animals, corn hole, Yardzee, Checkers, Tic-Tac-Toe, Connect 4, Jenga, Skee Ball, Tire Playground, Straw Tunnel, Tractor Rides, Barrel Train Rides navigating a corn maze, and more.

RSVP by: October 15 to [mekilp@yahoo.com](mailto:mekilp@yahoo.com) or text 717-475-2785 so we can make reservations and get a group discount.



# OCTOBERFEST

## BEER, BRATS, AND THE BURNING OF THE BANK NOTE!

WE HAVE OFFICIALLY COMPLETED OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND NOW IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE! JOIN US FOR GREAT FOOD, FESTIVE MUSIC, AND THE JOY OF BEING TOGETHER TO GIVE THANKS!

Saturday  
4-7pm

OCT  
9

St. John's  
Courtyard

RSVP TO [RCOVERLY@AOL.COM](mailto:RCOVERLY@AOL.COM) OR 717.490.3440 BY OCT 3  
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL ALSO BE SERVED!  
FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

# OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (In-person) 9:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Forum 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (In-person & Online)	<b>27</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall) 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Marthas Ministry 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM VH Dance 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP)	<b>29</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry	<b>1</b> Rector's Day Off 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Community Meal Prep (Kitchen) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Birthdays & Anniversaries 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (In-person) 9:00 AM Parish Family Breakfast 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (In-person & Online)	<b>4</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall) 7:00 PM—Ministries Council	<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Marthas Ministry 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM VH Dance 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP)	<b>6</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service 3:30 PM Eagle's Nest 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Food Pantry	<b>8</b> Rector's Day Off 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Community Meal Prep (Kitchen) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM CCL - Lancaster Meeting (PH)  4:00 PM Capital Campaign Celebration!
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