

# The Messenger



January 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear St. John's,

Happy New Year (almost!). I always find the week between Christmas and New Year's to be a time of deep reflection. I like to look past over the past year and name the good, the challenging, and the moments of grace that swept over me unexpectedly. It was a tough year – a year I had hoped would have less Covid and more time together, but alas, the world had other things in store for us. Yet so much grace was to be found over the last twelve months. God showed up in 2021 and so did you.

We've grown as a community of faith in so many ways. We walked with one another through moments of deep darkness and despair, we celebrated each other's victories and joys, and we were faithful to our call to **Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love**. We worshiped, fed, held one another's prayer concerns with gentleness and compassion, we showed up when it mattered the most, and we witnessed the love of God made manifest through countless acts of generosity. I am beyond grateful for this past year and all that we have learned, experienced, and built as the body of Christ.

As we turn our gaze to a new year, I am hopeful, even excited, for what lies ahead. I am already praying over our mission as a congregation and am anxious (in a good way!) to see how we will live more fully into our call to **Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love**. Opportunities to grow in God will be abundant through forums and retreats, worship services, and gatherings designed to foster growth with one another and with God who connects us all. Service opportunities that include feeding the hungry, throwing our doors wide open and welcoming returning citizens, and offering a safe space for the youth of this city will continue to grow in the year to come. We will witness in love every time we stand up against an injustice, every time we help a friend or stranger carry a burden, and every time we proclaim the goodness of God in word and deed. With God's help, St. John's will continue to be a beacon of light in Lancaster and beyond.

Personally, I hope to Grow in God through regular scripture study and more intentional time in prayer. I feel a strong desire to spend more time with the homeless of our city this year, getting to know their stories and offering whatever assistance I can as I seek to Act in Service. And I hope to be a Witness in Love outside of St. John's on a more regular basis this year, whether that be on a basketball court in the city, a habitat build, or while taking a stroll downtown. I invite you to join me in considering how you might enter 2022 more intentionally as you also **Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love**.

I remain faithfully yours,  
Amanda+

### January Highlights:

- Pg 2 Office Hours  
Adult Forum
- Pg 3 Sock Drive
- Pg 4 Adult Forum #2  
Feeding Ministries
- Pg 5 Auction
- Pg 6 GPC Goals
- Pg 7 Financial Update
- Pg 8 Deacon's Message
- Pg 9 Youth News
- Pg 10 MLK Walk
- Pg 11 Calendar

### 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

# NEW OFFICE HOURS AT ST. JOHN'S

## Mondays:

### Office Closed.

Mondays will be an administrative day for our staff. *We are always available for pastoral emergencies.*



## Tues-Thurs:

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The office will be staffed by volunteers from the parish who are happy to assist any way the can!

## Fridays:

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

*Please note: Fridays are the Rector's day off.*

## ADULT FORUM CONTINUED...

Join us as we continue exploring Night Visions by Jan Richardson.

**Tuesday, January 4 @ 6:30 p.m. (on zoom)**

**Sunday, January 9 @ 9:15 a.m. (in person)**

*And so we take the ragged fragments  
the patches of darkness  
that give shape to the light;  
the scraps of desires  
unslaked or realized;  
the memories of spaces of blessing,  
of pain.*

....

*And so we lay them at the threshold, God:  
bid you hold them, bless them, use them;  
ask you tend them, mend them,  
transform them  
to keep us warm,  
make us whole,  
and send us forth.*



**January Birthdays:**

David Kilp	2
Stephen Sherman	4
Dylan Stone	4
Linda Novosel	5
Paul West	6
Joanna White	6
John Knouse	8
Nick Di Pace	10
Bruce Tahsler	10
Ally Latshaw	12
Mary Lou Broucht	13
Jen Trenary	15
Ken Watts	16
Mark Springer	18
Wayne McKee	20
Ricky Smith	21
Martha Lamb	22
Lyn Bailey	23
Emily Durand	23
Shelby Kilhefner	23
Jean Gordon	25
Kent Strickler	25
Sara Wendler	26
Chris Hasircoglu	27
Andy Latshaw	27
Sue Purdy	28
Lily Mausolf	29
Annie Lattanzio-Hale	30
Marion Wear	30
Sophia Thompson	31

**January Anniversaries:**

Fred & Eleanor	10
Honaman	
John & Pat Pankey	10
Kendall & Tom	26
Stonerook	

**Continued prayers for our Homebound:**

Ellen Keller, Don Lovett,  
Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa,  
Ricky Smith, Joanna  
Sweeney, Carolyn McCarty

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

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL VALENTINE SOCK DRIVE WARM HEARTS FOR WARM FEET



Socks are one of the most needed, but least donated articles of clothing for our homeless brothers and sisters. Please help us put cold feet into warm socks, by donating a pair of new socks. Gently used hats and gloves are also welcome.

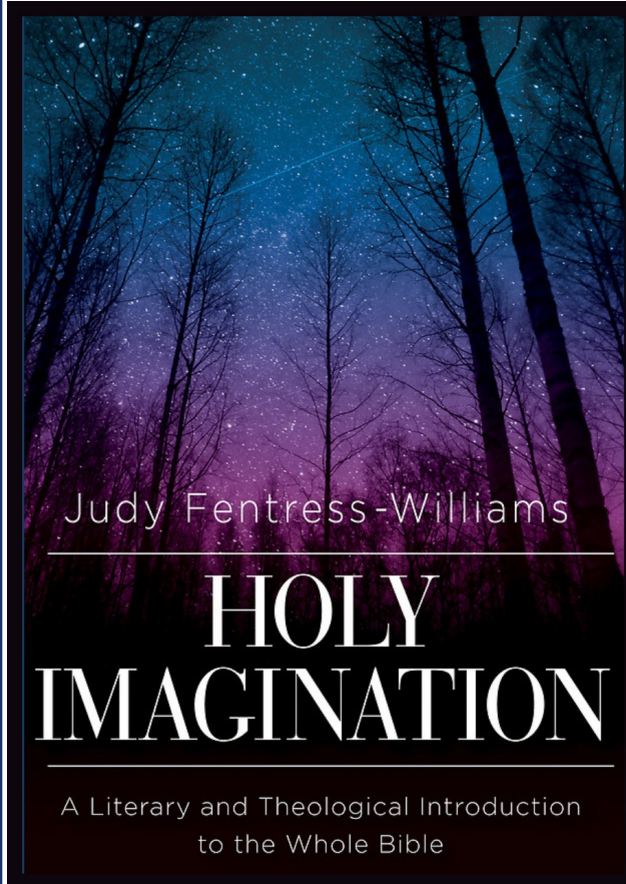
**JANUARY 9TH- FEBRUARY 14TH**

Donations will help support Paramedic, Debbie Logan's, "Refresh Lancaster" mobile hygiene unit which offers showers and medical support at designated sites throughout Lancaster City and County.

For donation drop off or pick up please contact your A.L.E.R.T Representative or Deacon Stacey at 717-799 9764 or [scatigano@gmail.com](mailto:scatigano@gmail.com)







# ADULT FORUM

BEGINNING JANUARY 23

"STUDYING SCRIPTURE REQUIRES DIALOGUE..."

Find scripture hard to understand? Or how it relates to your life? Then this is the forum for you! Grab a copy of Holy Imagination and prepare to encounter God in ways you may never have expected.

## OUR FEEDING MINISTRIES

John Chrysostom once wrote, *"Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead."*

We are a community of faith that takes seriously Matthew 25, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." Our feeding ministries continue to impact our siblings in Christ who are food insecure. Whether it's the blessing box, the food pantry, or community breakfasts as 1st Reformed, St. John's is known as a parish that feeds.

If you would like to become more involved in any of these ministries or have ideas for additional ways we can serve the hungry, please reach out to Amanda at [amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org](mailto:amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org).

In addition, your donations of nonperishable foods are critical to meeting the needs of the hungry. Food contributions can be brought to church on Sunday mornings or anytime during office hours. Thank you for making a difference!



# AUCTION



Collection: Items will be collected on Wednesdays from 6-8pm and Sunday mornings between services and for 15 minutes after the second service in the auditorium December 29th - January 12th. Please consider donating items that you believe will bring about \$25 or more.



The auction will run as an online auction only from January 18 - 24. This will be open to the public, and closer to the time, a link will be emailed to the parish. To participate, you will need to open an account with Proxibid.com.

## GPC Goals for January 2022

*I Am, WE Are, One World - Here, There, Everywhere*

“Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody’s business. What we are asked to do is love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy.” Thomas Merton



### Global Partnership Challenge for January 2nd

*Epiphany January 6th*

Epiphany - An illuminating discovery, realization or disclosure.

In religious thought, imagine Joseph, the Wise Men, whoever was there, seeing Jesus and saying “This is YOU!” as they look above. Ask yourself “what discovery, realization have I had this last year?” What am I being called to do?

### Global Partnership Challenge for January 9th

The Bible begins with “In the beginning, God created the Earth”...a place for us, His children. In the start of this new year, made a pledge and fulfill it to do something to care and preserve His creation - the smallest act could make a huge impact - Here, There, Everywhere

### Global Partnership Challenge for January 16th

*Martin Luther King Day January 17th*

“We may have all come on different ships, but we’re in the same boat now.” MLK

People say we're all in the same boat, but we aren't. We may all be in the same storming ocean, but some are in yachts and some are clinging to rafts. Working TOGETHER has never been more important - even the smallest step goes forward.

### Global Partnership Challenge for January 23rd

*International Holocaust Remembrance Day January 27th*

“Sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths, or the turning inward in prayers for five short minutes.” Etty Hillesum, Letters from Westerbork  
Take a moment, be quiet, and listen to what you might hear from above.

### Global Partnership Challenge for January 30th

Sunflowers follow the sun, but did you know....When it’s cloudy and gray they face each other and share their ENERGY. Imagine if we did this too....A new year, a new time, a new commitment to make the world more peace-filled as we turn and face each other, regardless of any differences, and discover and connect - Here, There, Everywhere



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Operating income for November was very strong based on above-budget contributions and a budgeted withdrawal from the unrestricted endowment investment account. Net expenses for the month were close to budget despite the replacement of the Becker House HVAC system. Our YTD performance is quite positive and should result in a significant operating surplus as was budgeted.

C. Wear  
Treasurer

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

	November			Year to Date		
	2021A	2020A	2021B	2021A	2020A	2021B
<b>Income</b>						
Contributions	\$35.5	\$39.6	\$33.6	\$348.4	\$372.3	\$370.1
Draw from Investments	\$20.0	\$0.0	\$3.7	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$40.5
Designated Gifts	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$11.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Grants	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$5.0	\$60.5	\$0.0	\$55.5
Other Income	\$3.8	\$7.1	\$0.8	\$32.5	\$43.5	\$8.8
Jubilee	\$3.4	\$3.2	\$4.9	\$14.5	\$30.7	\$53.9
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$62.7</b>	<b>\$49.9</b>	<b>\$48.1</b>	<b>\$486.9</b>	<b>\$466.6</b>	<b>\$528.7</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
Personnel	\$20.7	\$21.7	\$24.4	\$249.7	\$270.2	\$268.1
Property	\$12.2	\$7.7	\$7.0	\$83.5	\$77.5	\$77.3
Outreach	\$7.0	\$7.0	\$6.6	\$73.3	\$80.2	\$73.1
Other Ministries	\$5.6	\$3.3	\$3.1	\$38.4	\$27.5	\$34.5
Jubilee	\$1.5	\$1.7	\$5.0	\$6.9	\$28.8	\$55.3
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$47.0</b>	<b>\$41.5</b>	<b>\$46.2</b>	<b>\$451.8</b>	<b>\$484.2</b>	<b>\$508.3</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$15.7</b>	<b>\$8.4</b>	<b>\$1.9</b>	<b>\$35.1</b>	<b>(\$17.6)</b>	<b>\$20.4</b>

*Special Note: The 2021 YTD surplus of \$35.1k includes about \$21k of restricted funds currently categorized as operating income. These funds will be reversed and transferred to the Restricted Investment account before year-end and the operating surplus reduced accordingly.*

## DEACON'S MESSAGE

### Love is a Verb

*“So, Santa Clause IS real?” “ I don’t know... but God is.”- Two siblings after receiving their Angel Tree Gifts.*

Something extraordinary happened at the Seattle Special Olympics several years ago, I wonder if you have heard of it.

For the hundred-yard dash there were nine contestants, all of them so called physically or mentally disabled. All nine of them assembled at the starting line and at the sound of the gun they took off! But one little boy stumbled and fell and hurt his knee and began to cry. The other eight children heard the boy crying. They slowed down, turned around, saw the boy and ran back to him. Every single one of them ran back to him. One little girl with Down’s Syndrome bent down and kissed the boy’s knee and said “This will make it better.” The little boy got up and he and the rest of the runners linked their arms together and walked to the finish line. They all finished the race at the same time and when they did, everyone in the stadium stood up and clapped and whistled for a long time. And I bet you know why. Because deep down we know what matters in this life is much more than winning for ourselves. What really matters is helping others win too, even if it means slowing down and changing direction.

**God reminds us that even the weakest part of us can count toward something good and whole.**

Due to the continuing Covid numbers Lancaster County Prison remains on lock down. GED classes can no longer be held in the prison classroom therefore many individuals are needing to learn on their own in their cells. One woman recently shared her joy when she told me how her cellmate was helping her with her math workbook. It was amazing to me to witness the twinkle in her eye while she explained how in -turn she was helping her cellmate with her English.

Even the despair of incarceration is able to be transformed through the loving act of helping others.

Beth Shalom, House of Peace is a transitional living house for recently released mothers who are reunited with their children. The house mother Miss Lenara, (pictured below) shared with me the surprise and gratitude after families received their Angel Tree gifts from St. John’s. I learned that **the true gift for them was realizing that people thought of them enough to help them** celebrate our Savior’s birth with toys and basic household items such as sheets and dishes. That was part of their Christmas miracle and, I believe, ours too.

As we continue to grow our relationship with the young mothers and children of Beth Shalom, lets us remain grateful and alert for the many opportunities God gives us to Love.

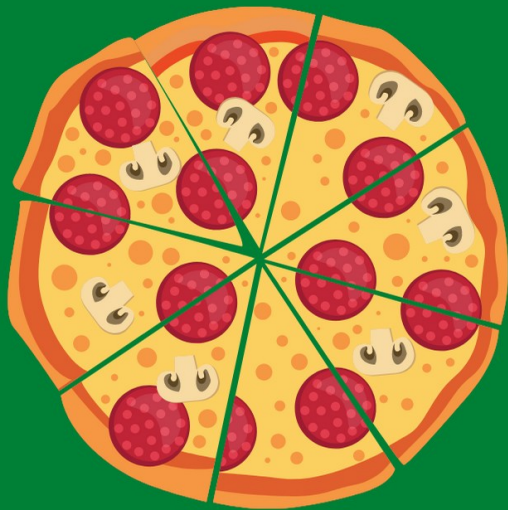
Thanks be to God!  
Deacon Stacey





**YOUTH EVENTS!**

**YOUTH FORMATION  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13TH  
6:30-8:30PM**



**WHAT: PIZZA DINNER & OUR FIRST  
OF MANY REGULARLY PLANNED  
FORMATION EVENTS**

**WHO: ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12  
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!**

**@ ST. ED'S 2453 HARRISBURG PIKE  
LANCASTER, PA 17601**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: JOHN KNOUSE AT  
KNOUSETRAP@GMAIL.COM**


**January 23rd  
from 1-4pm  
@  
Overlook Skate Park  
301 Golf Drive,  
Lancaster**



**Join us adults as we relive  
our childhoods with an  
afternoon of old-school fun!**

**Cost is:  
\$10.00/person  
\$25.00/family**

**We will eat lunch together,  
and if we're lucky, all knee  
cartilage will remain intact!**



Celebrate the Life and Legacy of Dr.  
Martin Luther King, Jr  
at the


# MILK TREASURE WALK

Outside at Saint John's Episcopal Church  
321 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster City

Saturday, January 15 through  
Monday, January 17, 2022

Free, self-guided  
Please wear your mask and social distance!

Look for the first station at the base of the stairs  
into the glass atrium on West Chestnut St,  
just before the corner at Mulberry St



# JANUARY 2022

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
26	9:00 AM Joint Service: St. John's Day	27	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall) 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting	28	9:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Martha's Ministry 2:30 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM VH Dance 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:30 PM Advent Adult Forum	29	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	30	2:30 PM Food Pantry	31	Rector's Day Off 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Community Meal Prep (Kitchen) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	1	
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16	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (In-person) 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (In-person & Online) 12:00 PM Vestry Meeting	17	MLK Day 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Hand bell Practice	18	Online Auction 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Martha's Ministry 2:30 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM VH Dance 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP)	19	Online Auction 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	20	Online Auction 2:30 PM Food Pantry	21	Online Auction Rector's Day Off 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Community Meal Prep (Kitchen) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA (Parish Hall)	22	Online Auction
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