



St John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster PA

The Messenger - JUNE

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This Month's Events:

- 6.5: Pentecost Celebration
- 6.10/11: Presiding Bishop's Visit
- 6.11: Gratitude Dinner 6:00PM
- 6.18: Community Breakfast 9:00AM
at First Reformed
- 6.26 Youth Pilgrimage Send-Off
- 6.30 - 7.6: J2A Pilgrimage



PENTECOST AT ST. JOHN'S

Join us for a single joint service
on June 5th at 9:00 AM!
Fellowship Hour
to follow the service!
WEAR RED

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*

OPEN & AFFIRMING

*The following statement was approved
anonymously by the vestry:*



CAPSULE STATEMENT:

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church.

MAKING STRIDES TO BE MORE LOVING:

St. John's Episcopal Church welcomes LGBTQIA+ individuals into the full life and ministry of the Church. This includes invitation to Baptism, Holy Communion, the sacrament of Marriage, and all other sacraments.

At St. John's, LGBTQIA+ individuals serve and have served in all capacities, clergy to vestry, choir to lectors, youth ministries to congregants over many years. We affirm that every person is a beloved Child of God and invite you to come as you are. We strive to listen with open hearts and to embrace each person's sacred story.

Our history as the "First Free Church in Pennsylvania" defines our commitment to social justice, removing barriers between people. We do not have all the answers, nor are we perfect representations of God's love; however, we are committed to learning and open to growing. We are committed to building relationships with our neighbors in Lancaster City through groups such as: Embrace Lancaster and Reconciling Ministries, Lancaster Interfaith Coalition, Citizens Climate Action, Church World Services, POWER, local schools, and others.

At St. John's "Love your neighbor" takes shape through active ministries including: Refugee Welcome Teams, Eagles' Nest Afterschool Program, college partnerships, Food & Clothing ministries, Martin Luther King, Jr Day Events, Prison Ministries, the AIDS Memorial Garden, and partnerships with other communities of faith for crisis response.

Our Baptismal Covenant asks us: Will you seek and serve God in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being? St. John's answers: We will, with God's help. We invite people of every age, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, economic standing, physical and mental ability. Wherever you are on your faith journey: come celebrate with us in our worship, our activities, our ministries.

Lemonade Time is Back!



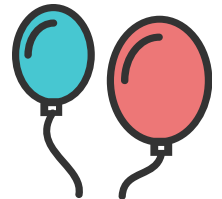
A sure sign of summer is having cold lemonade instead of coffee during the gathering time after services! Sign ups are requested for June 12 through Labor Day, using the clipboard at the coffee window.

How to get involved:

The process is easy as the premixed "Country Time" is available in the refrigerator in gallon jugs. Ice is provided in the pantry freezer, plastic cups are provided as are pretzels. You can add cookies if desired. After serving, you refill the refrigerated jugs for the following week. If you choose to move to the courtyard, there is a cart in the kitchen to ease down the elevator and out the door.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 - Molly Moyer
- 5 - Aaron Hasircoglu
- 5 - Julia Hasircoglu
- 6 - Debbie Carter
- 6 - Eamon Nelson
- 6 - Peter Plaxa
- 6 - Mary Waskowicz
- 7 - Jane Forrester
- 8 - Susan Bowser
- 8 - Francois Mollard
- 10 - June Easton
- 11 - Kim Bomberger
- 11 - Mike Williams
- 15 - Susan Dohren
- 15 - Phil Purdy
- 17 - Tyler Brenton
- 18 - Sally Goodhart
- 19 - Robert Kilp
- 19 - Kathy Plaxa
- 21 - Beth Mollard
- 24 - Mary Ellen Kilp
- 24 - Peter Novosel
- 27 - John Gouveia
- 28 - Molly Brenton
- 29 - Mary Sue Farmer

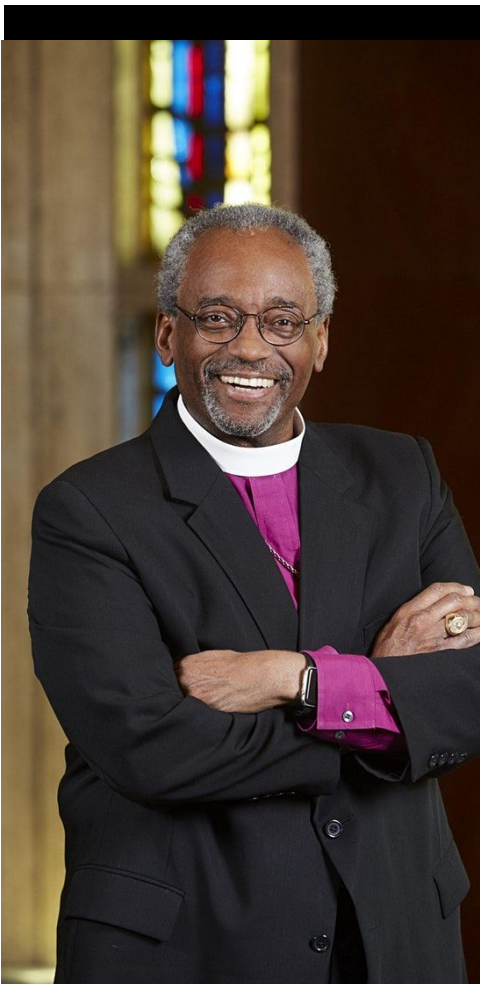


- 2 - Bob & Sally Goodhart
- 11 - Stephen & Heather Sherman
- 13 - Phil & Sue Purdy
- 21 - Ed & Jean Gordon
- 23 - Ronald & Debby Linton
- 24 - Dave & Sue Martin
- 25 - Ted & Pam Loose
- 25 - Jeff & Janelle Stone
- 25 - Rosemary Coverly & Kent Strickler
- 27 - Heather & Jennifer Trenary
- 28 - Jon & Jane Forrester



Presiding Bishop MICHAEL CURRY

Upcoming Visit



Prepare ye the way of the Bishop

Friday, June 10, at 7:30 PM, all are invited to attend Sung Evening Prayer/Compline (Prelude at 7:15 PM) at Saint James Episcopal Church, Lancaster.

On Saturday, June 11, 2022, the diocese will host a Worship Celebration at 10:30 am at the Zembo Shrine Auditorium, Harrisburg, PA. The Zembo is located at 2801 N 3rd St #2, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Following the celebration, a boxed lunch will be provided. This event is free to the public, but pre-registration is required--you can register at <https://presidingbishopvisitdiocpa.org>. The doors will open and activities will begin at 9:00 am.

Who is Invited – Everyone! You...your family...your friends and neighbors...your congregation. All are invited to participate in this worship celebration.

What to Expect – Seating for the Worship Celebration is limited and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The Worship service begins promptly at 10:30 am. Activities – The Worship service begins at 10:30 am, but fun, creative activities will be ongoing in the lobby beginning at 9 am. FREE Parking – Free ample parking is provided adjacent to the Zembo Shrine Auditorium.

Handicap Accessibility – The Zembo Shrine Auditorium does offer handicap accessibility and parking spots. If you require handicap assistance, please note on registration. Bus Transportation – We are encouraging people from all over the diocese to attend.

GRADUATION SUNDAY was celebrated on MAY 22ND

CONGRATULATIONS to St John's Graduates!

We are so proud of our graduates,
and want to take a moment to celebrate them!



Julia Hasircoglu

Graduating from Arcadia University with a Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies, plans to work in Trauma Surgery



Julia Hale

Graduating from Penn Manor High School Planning to attend West Chester University to study biology with an ecology/ conservation focus



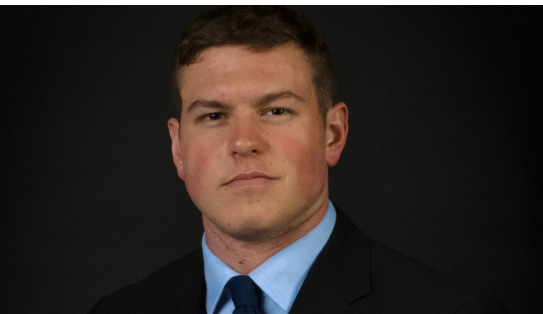
Evan Sipe

Graduating from Hempfield High School Planning to attend the Pennsylvania College of Technology for Computer Aided Drafting Design Engineering



Aidan Cliff

Graduating from Penn State University Plans to travel to Europe, then start a job with Deloitte



Brooks Morgan

Graduating from Robert Morris University Commissioned on May 14th as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.



Emily Sipe

Graduating from Elizabethtown College with a Masters in Occupational Therapy Plans to complete two internships and be employed in Early Intervention of pediatric community based care.



Lauren Waskowicz

Graduating from the North Carolina Medical School, and plans to work for Internal Medicine at Vanderbilt



Julia Loose

Graduating from University of Pittsburgh Plans to start as a regulatory medical writer



Natalie Visco

Graduating from Penn Manor High School Plans to attend West Chester University to study International Business



Kendall Morgan

Graduating from Warwick High School Plans to study psychology at Penn State University

Deacon's Letter:

What Love Looks Like



A 16th century depiction of the Vision of John the Divine, located at Patmos, Monastery of St. John.

For nine long months, our grandson, Ethan insisted that his mother was having a baby dinosaur rather than a baby sister. At first, our family giggled because we thought it was adorable that a five-year-old would want a baby dinosaur for a sister but as time went on, we became a bit concerned. Ethan is on the autistic spectrum. Change and transitions are difficult for him so having a new family member and it not being what he believed it to be, could prove emotionally difficult for him. We tried everything under the sun to help him consider another possibility. We tried baby dolls, story books, and conversations with his classmates who had a baby sibling. Nope. Ethan was firm in his belief. He was going to have a baby dinosaur for a sister.

On April 25th his sister Lily was born. We all held our breath as Ethan tip-toed in his mother's room to meet his new sibling. Ethan peered thoughtfully at the cooing bundle his mother was holding. Then ever so gently, he lifted her blanket to discover a pair of tiny toes. "This isn't a baby dinosaur!" He exclaimed in surprise. "This is MY baby sister!" And with a smile he kissed the wiggling toes.

Throughout the course of 2000 years everything depicting Jesus from early icons to recent paintings, to National Geographic's forensic 3D image of Jesus cannot be considered completely "accurate." It is impossible for us to create a truly accurate image of Jesus because we are conditioned by our own and the artist's cultural and individual experience. **Seeing Jesus becomes problematic when one culture dominates and one image of Jesus becomes the assumed image for *all* people.**

Actively, seeking out the rich multicultural images of Jesus can become a loving spiritual practice for us because it highlights the fact that Jesus is Emmanuel. That he is God with us. That he became one with us, he took on human nature. *He belongs to all of humanity.* Therefore, we become capable of seeing Jesus when we meet people who look, sound, and live differently than ourselves. We can then also see him in the poor, the abused, the addicted, the incarcerated, the immigrant, the oppressed, the neglected, the rejected, the people that everyone else ignores or shames. When we see our shared humanity in other people *then* we are no longer blind and are able to meet Jesus in everyone.

In seeing his sister's toes, Ethan was able to connect with their shared humanity rather than a caricature of dinosaur feet. And once he made *that* connection, all he has been able to see from that day forward is Love. Thanks be to God.





FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Since Covid, our Food Pantry has served about three times as many households per week as in the years prior to Covid (average: 25 vs. 9). Your generous contributions, plus some free or bargain-priced food from the Central PA Food Bank, have allowed us to continue to serve our neighbors.

Volunteers

We have 3 volunteers every time we're open (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30 - 3:30). All distribution happens outside in the courtyard, we have a pop-up canopy (open sides) for rainy days, and we'll match you with experienced volunteers the first few times you serve.

*Please contact Debbie Carter or Marion Wear if you'd like to explore this possibility.

Food & Toiletry Donations

We could especially use any of these toiletries: toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, toilet paper, and for our Blessings Box (which is located outside of Becker House entrance):

- * single serving, ready-to-eat entrees (ravioli, spaghetti, soup, tuna or chicken salad "kits")
- * fruit cups
- * peanut butter or jelly cups
- * protein bars
- * crackers (small packs)
- * small water bottles
- * deodorant



OUTREACH

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE

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

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of their skin, or their background, or this religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the heart than its opposite."

-Nelson Mandela

Global Partnership Challenge for June 5th Pentecost:

"And they were filled with the Holy Spirit"
Acts 2:4

We are ALL on assignment to reach out to those we know and those we don't with love as we follow the example of Jesus.

Global Partnership Challenge for June 12th:

"In the long run, the sharpest weapon of all is a kind and gentle spirit." -Anne Frank

In a time of violence occurring over and over, offer prayers for peace but also BE a weapon of peace with smiles, kindness and caring to those Here, There, Everywhere.

Global Partnership Challenge for June 19th Father's Day

"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years." -Mark Twain

Let us give thanks for their caring and gifts, whether or not they are actually still in our presence.

Global Partnership Challenge for June 26th

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."
-Mother Teresa

The "stones" of our Food Pantry, Community Breakfast, AA meetings environment, Blessing Box, welcoming environment and outreach, put caring, peace filled ripples out into the community - Here, There, Everywhere - each day.
Blessings to ALL.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING INCOME STATEMENT

April operations ran a small surplus for the month due to under budget income and expenses. Contribution income dropped as typical trend given advanced annual gifts realized in the first quarter. Expenses were down primarily due to low staffing costs and Jubilee expenses, despite significantly higher utility costs.

Operating expenses for the remainder of 2022 will increase as recent staffing hires return personnel costs to near budget levels. The impact of inflation, particularly on energy and property expenses, will likely grow larger as the year unfolds. Our large YTD operating surplus of \$53.1k, after adjusting for prepaid pledges and future transfers, is estimated to be closer to \$20k which will aid our goal to complete the year on budget.

C. Wear
Treasurer

St. John's Episcopal Church						
Operating Income Statement						
April 2022 Results						
Cash Basis in \$000's						
	April	2022 YTD	Budget FY	April	2021 YTD	Budget FY
Income						
Pledge Income	\$24.7	\$163.1	\$384.6	\$18.1	\$126.6	\$365.0
Other Total Contributions	\$4.7	\$20.4	\$35.5	\$5.3	\$16.7	\$38.7
Investment Draws	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$63.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$44.2
Designated Gifts	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$10.0	\$0.0	\$11.0	\$0.0
Grants	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$60.5
All Other Income	\$3.8	\$14.5	\$12.6	\$2.3	\$15.2	\$9.6
Jubilee	\$0.8	\$5.3	\$16.9	\$0.3	\$5.6	\$58.9
Total Income	\$34.1	\$203.4	\$523.5	\$26.0	\$175.1	\$576.8
Expenses						
Personnel	\$18.1	\$80.8	\$296.4	\$22.2	\$89.1	\$292.5
Vestry	\$0.0	\$0.3	\$0.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.4
Finance	\$1.1	\$3.4	\$9.2	\$0.7	\$3.4	\$6.6
Communications	\$0.9	\$3.3	\$15.6	\$1.1	\$6.4	\$14.3
Property	\$8.5	\$37.1	\$97.5	\$5.7	\$29.0	\$84.4
Education	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1.7	\$0.3	\$0.3	\$2.8
Worship	\$0.7	\$4.4	\$9.8	\$0.3	\$2.2	\$10.5
Community	\$0.1	\$0.9	\$2.6	\$0.0	\$0.4	\$3.1
Outreach	\$0.4	\$17.6	\$65.8	\$9.7	\$24.0	\$79.8
Jubilee	\$1.1	\$2.6	\$24.4	\$0.9	\$2.2	\$60.4
Total Expenses	\$30.9	\$150.3	\$523.5	\$40.9	\$156.9	\$554.6
Net Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$3.2	\$53.1	\$0.0	(\$14.9)	\$18.2	\$22.3

YARD GIVE

AUGUST 5 / 6

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**Please consider donating items to our parish Yard Give.
Collection will begin in July on Sundays & Wednesdays.
Start cleaning out your basements and closets!**

Items Needed:

**Clothing in good
condition: especially
children's clothing**

**linens, toys,
children's books
kitchen items**

**Please do not donate
damaged items.**

**Our guests are
greeted with
"Take what
you need,
Give what
you can."**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED! CONTACT
PAM LOOSE IF YOU
ARE INTERESTED IN
HELPING**

VESTRY REPORT

Nick DiPace started our meeting with the Prayer for the Church from the Book of Common Prayer. While this is always appropriate, it was even more so as we examined how we are doing in accomplishing the goals we set for ourselves. Here then is a report card for you.

Goals Review: A quick review of our Goals showed that overall, we are on track.

Goals (1-2 years)

1. Help a Refugee family resettle: We are on track per regular reports in the Vestry minutes.
2. Resume Parish breakfasts/Fellowship Opportunities: We started this month. More involvement from parishioners will enable this ministry to flourish.
3. Create a Pastoral Care Ministry infrastructure.
 - a. Identifying those who are not present and understanding why. We are just beginning this effort.
4. Expand food pantry to meet the growing needs of community.
 - a. Assess the current needs of the community. We have expanded the food pantry, and have begun assessing needs through Fulton Elementary School, more work is needed.
5. Be recognized in the Lancaster Community as Open & Affirming.
 - a. Formal, regular communication from/to. The committee has produced an excellent statement that the Vestry is supporting. A survey of the current state of the Parish is in progress.
6. Create a "Formation Needs" task force/review of Sunday school, nursery, adult formation. The task force has not yet been formed.
7. Establish a Newcomer's Ministry that included welcoming families and integrating newcomers into life and ministry at St. John's. This effort has just begun by recruiting parishioners to be a part of the team.

Goals (3-4 years)

1. Create a system for dealing with capital expenses.
 - a. How do we plan for and fund? Vestry took action to begin funding for capital improvements. A Task Force consisting of members of the Property, Finance, and Stewardship Committees has been appointed and began meeting to provide a priority list of our needs, resources identified, and ideas for raising funds.
2. Complete an evaluation of space usage on the St. John's campus. The Rector has been working closely with a select group of parishioners. A brochure has been produced to advertise the space that we feel could be attractive to outside customers. The Undercroft has been cleaned out in order for us to have storage space organized.
3. Discern the long-term plan for 209 North Concord Street Property. This was completed and approved by Vestry at its April 2022 meeting.
4. Explore new models for staffing needs and secure long-term financial stability for staffing. A new model for staffing has been implemented this Spring. However, the more challenging work of securing long-term financial stability is in the beginning stages.
5. Grow! In faith, in numbers, in service. We think we are doing this, but how do we measure it.

As you can see, we still have more to do, but we are making considerable progress towards our goal.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:00am Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist Rite II	30 12:00pm –1:00pm NA	31 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 5:00pm –8:00pm Dance Mosaic 6:00pm –7:00pm AA (AP)	1 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm –1:00pm NA	2 9:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Food Pantry 6:30pm –8:00pm NA	3 Rector's Day Off 12:00pm –1:00pm NA	4 6:30pm –8:00pm NA
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