



St John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster PA

The Messenger - MAY

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS:

- 5.6 - AIDS Memorial Garden Clean-Up
- 5.14 - Mother's Day
- 5.21 - Graduation Sunday
- 5.29 - Memorial Day

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STRAWBERRY PICKING MINISTRY

PLEASE HELP STACEY+ AND JAMES SHARE THE JOY OF STRAWBERRIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. STRAWBERRIES WILL BE DONATED TO ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY AND THE MOTHERS AND CHILDREN AT BETH SHALOM. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HELP PICK, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A FINACIAL DONATION TO HELP PAY FOR THE STRAWBERRIES. WE WILL BE MEETING AT CHERRY HILL ORCHARDS PARKING LOT AT 8:30 AM ON JUNE 3RD. DON'T FORGET YOUR WATER BOTTLES! A SIGN UP SHEET CAN BE FOUND IN THE PARISH HALL - CHERRY HILL ORCHARDS 400 LONG LANE, LANCASTER, 17603

Rector's Message

Dear St. John's,

Spring is in full force, and I don't know about you, but I am loving the warmer temps, longer days, and the buzz of activity happening in our community. We are fully immersed in the great fifty days of Easter and before long we'll be preparing to celebrate the culmination of the Easter season with Pentecost on May 28th. Pentecost is known as the birthday of the church. On Pentecost, we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit descending upon the very first Christian community empowering them, and us, to continue the ministry of Jesus in the world. It is a joyous celebration where we are reminded that we are one body in Christ. That oneness is what we as a parish strive for through worship, study, and service.

To live into our oneness, we will be embarking on a new adventure beginning on Pentecost and continuing throughout the summer season. **We will celebrate Pentecost with a joint worship service at 9:00 AM on May 28 and continue that joint service through Labor Day.**

There are numerous reasons for going to one service over the summer. We are a growing community.

More than fifty new members have joined the St. John's community in recent years, and we feel moving to one service, over the summer, will help us get to know one another better! There will be a time of fellowship following worship in the courtyard each week to aid us in strengthening our community. We hope that by combining the two services for a short time, we will have more opportunities to build new relationships, deepen old ones, and live more fully into our shared mission.

In addition, there are countless parishioners who work behind the scenes (and sometimes in front) to create the worship services we attend. We hope by having one joint celebration each week, folks will be renewed and encouraged in their ministries. Since my arrival, St. John's has never participated in what is commonly known as the "summer slump" but rather engages in all that "Ordinary Time" has to offer – growth and discipleship. I, along with the rest of the staff, look forward to the months ahead and the community growth we will undoubtedly experience!

God's peace,
Amanda+

"I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

**MAY
6**

SPRING CLEANUP AT THE AIDS
MEMORIAL GARDEN: 9AM - 12PM

**MAY
7**

FIELD TRIP TO PRINCE STREET
CAFÉ FOR THE MIDDLES CLASS!
MEET AT 8:45 AT CHURCH.

**MAY
21**

GRADUATION SUNDAY!
ICE CREAM SOCIAL AFTER THE
10:15AM SERVICE.

**JUNE
18-23**

EPISCOLUTHER WEEK AT
CAMP MOUNT LUTHER!

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AN UPDATE

from the Rev. Faith D'Urbano

Dear St. John's family,

I've missed being with you for a long time - circa COVID - medical precaution meant not being on location in church with you.

I write now because I miss you even more.

No longer within whistling distance of St. John's Chestnut Street. I am living presently in Coatesville.

The fast moving from Lancaster was unexpected - a whirlwind of a few weeks I couldn't have done w/o help - lugging apartment furniture, lodging, packing, cleaning hard wood floors, bringing the Sacrament to me, closing the garden and yard, lending "forklifts."

I join you in worship from here via youtube recordings as I have over the three years.

I cheer you on in outreach, liturgy, and welcoming relationships with neighbors and community.

I will watch for photos, stories and word of your roles in the city, the diocese, and in the Way of Love to which you are committed.

I'll be physical distance from you but not heart distance. And now, a bit more distant again, I can't be "with" you - yet will be with you in Spirit - we share God's same stars in the sky.

It is such a gift to continue as priest associate to a congregation by whom I am so inspired and feel proud!

Thank you for your help and all your kindnesses - a treasure. The support for my move from Lancaster that I have received from you over the last weeks has been a Godsend. Upon leaving to a new setting, I'm all the more grateful for the years I've had worshipping and working beside you.



Rogation Service
Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 4:00 PM
Bangor Episcopal Church in Caernarvon
~ FOUNDED 1722 ~

Rev. Mark A. Scheneman

2099 Main Street (PA Route 23)
Churchtown-Narvon, Pennsylvania

Bangor is at the corner of Main and Water Streets.
Parking available in lot off Water Street.

Come and join us as we offer prayer for and celebrate the gift of the created order. The informal service is outdoors in the historic churchyard. Bring lawn chairs – and pets for a blessing.



30-minute outdoor liturgy, then walking the bounds of the churchyard as **Father Mark** plays his bagpipes.



A light supper will be served by the **Women of Bangor** following the service.



Freewill offerings will go to the Animal Rescue League of Berks County.





Peter Novosel

"God will take care of things."



A Healer looks back on a life of service

Someone once wrote, "When you are in the service of your fellow beings you are in the service of God." St. John's very own Peter Novosel is the epitome of serving God's people. Recently, I had the privilege and joy of spending time with Peter. He brought with him a manila envelope with a lifetime of pictures. Childhood, family, his first waiting room, all threaded together with memories of service, love, hope and God. I hope that you are blessed by Peter's story as much as I was and remember we never really know someone until we take the time to listen to their story. Saints walk among us!

Peter Steven Novosel was born an only child in 1946, 20 miles outside of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. It was a very rural area and Peter's father worked for a British owned coal mine.

What was the best and worst thing about your childhood?

The best was the country. The mountains were wonderful! There were 5 of us childhood friends, 4 boys and 1 girl and we would ride our bikes everywhere and never had to worry about anyone bothering us. The area was beautiful and we were always out in nature doing or watching something. We didn't have any fancy electronics, we had mother nature. The worst part was the mine itself. Coal mining is an industry that deserves to die. As kids we would know to go to the streams above the mine where the water was sweet and clear, not orange from the sulphur below the mine. The mine killed animals and people. My father had black lung. I knew many people who became sick as a result of the mines.



Is that why you decided to become a physician?

I decided to study medicine much later but I think God used that to influence me, yes. When I became a doctor, family practice was just emerging. It really attracted me.

Are there other careers that you would like to try?

Yes, I believe I would enjoy being an architect or a baker. I have lovely memories of my mother making fresh pies from berries we picked. I still enjoy making pies because it reminds me of her.

Who was the most influential person in your life?

Oh, that is a tough one! There were so many! I would have to say Father James Dannelley. He was the vicar of an Anglo Catholic parish I attended in Guadalajara Mexico.

Mexico? How on earth did you wind up attending services in Mexico?

Well, that is a bit of story. Are you sure you want to hear it?



What is something you value? Sincerity. It is important to be sincere in all our relationships otherwise they simply will not work. Relationships are very important to me.

Guadalajara, Mexico

I was attending New York Medical College, it was 1968. Protests against the Vietnam War were growing more frequent so, 14 of us students “liberated” some medical supplies from school and went down to where the protests were taking place. At the time, the police were very heavy handed with the protestors and beat them. This was about...oh...2 years before the students in Kent State were killed. Anyway, our plan was to position ourselves in the alley and help people who were hurt. We stitched them up, we did what we could considering all the violence and anger that was going on. Well, a NY Times reporter spotted us and took some pictures. We were wearing our medical white coats and the photograph caught our school insignia.

What relationship is most important to you at this time?

My daughter. We have a very special relationship. Jen and I talk at least 4 times a week for at least an hour and she doesn't have to do that. She lives in Vermont and is the director of a library that helps people. It is a landmark library and keeps her very busy but she doesn't let that or other things get in her way. She makes time for me and includes me in her life. Wipes away a tear. I am so proud of her and grateful for our relationship.



GRATITUDE DINNER

JUNE 10, 2023
5:00 PM

Honoring our
Music Ministries

Look for an invitation in the mail.

Hosted by Stewardship Committee

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

It's not too early to start working on projects for November! We want new ideas, projects, and crafts to give greater diversity to the Bazaar. All skill levels are welcome!

FUNDRAISING

The money raised during the Bazaar goes toward the Eagle's Nest after school program - offering more items to the community will help raise more funds to help make a difference in the lives of these kids!

St. John's Holiday Bazaar is 7 months away; we need volunteers to come forward and add your name to our list with a commitment to make, bake, or give items to be sold during our 2 day sale.

We need you to use the talents God has given you to make this Bazaar a success.

Please speak to Amy Dissinger, or contact Marion Wear with any questions at 717-341-1407

ITEM IDEAS:

Wood Crafts: bird houses, bird feeders, tic-tac-toe boards, checker boards, cutting boards, yard ornaments, wooden toys.

Turned Items: bowls, ornaments, trees, candle sticks.

Crochet/ Knitted Crafts: toys, dolls, doll clothes, slippers, layette sets, crib blankets, fingerless gloves, hats, scarves, mittens, sweaters, Christmas stockings, dog sweaters.

Cloth Crafts: rugs, pillows, tote bags, pocket books, crib quilts, baskets, aprons, table runners, place mats, pot holders, pillow cases, dresser scarves, bibs.

Miscellaneous: Pine Cone crafts, Fire Starters, Basket Weaving, Stained Glass, Ceramics, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHARLES WEAR

St. John's Episcopal Church
Church Operating Income Statement

March 2023 vs 2022

Cash Basis in \$000's

	2022			2023		
	Actual March	Actual YTD	Budget Full Yr	Actual March	Actual YTD	Budget Full Yr
Income						
Pledge Income	\$41.0	\$138.8	\$384.6	\$38.9	\$145.7	\$415.0
Other Contributions	\$8.3	\$18.0	\$35.5	\$11.7	\$21.8	\$50.5
Investment Draws	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$63.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$63.6
Other Income	\$3.0	\$8.0	\$23.6	\$1.1	\$7.4	\$20.7
Jubilee	\$3.1	\$4.5	\$16.9	\$1.3	\$4.2	\$23.9
Total Income	\$55.5	\$169.3	\$523.5	\$53.0	\$179.0	\$573.7
Expenses						
Clergy	\$17.0	\$46.1	\$205.6	25.2	\$59.1	\$247.0
Lay Staff	\$5.1	\$16.6	\$90.8	10.0	\$25.0	\$116.5
Vestry/Finance/Comm	\$2.0	\$5.0	\$25.3	\$1.8	\$8.1	\$27.6
Utilities	\$5.3	\$13.6	\$29.5	\$9.0	\$20.0	\$39.2
Building Repairs & Supplies	\$4.5	\$8.2	\$38.4	\$2.5	\$5.6	\$33.6
Other Property	\$2.3	\$6.8	\$29.6	\$6.6	\$9.2	\$28.9
Worship/Ed/Community	\$2.4	\$4.4	\$14.1	\$1.9	\$3.2	\$17.2
Outreach	\$6.8	\$17.3	\$65.8	5.2	\$16.3	\$64.6
Jubilee	\$1.0	\$1.5	\$24.4	\$2.7	\$4.9	\$34.2
Total Expenses	\$46.4	\$119.4	\$523.5	\$64.9	\$151.2	\$608.7
Net Total	\$9.0	\$49.8	\$0.0	(\$11.9)	\$27.8	(\$35.0)

Gifts and contributions YTD through March are ahead of last year, but higher expenses have decreased our net income. March expenses were exceptionally heavy compared to an average budget month, due mostly to some February bills sliding into the March payment cycle. One notable exception is the real and dramatic increase in our water/sewer expenses, driven mostly by metered consumption. Property staff and committee members are investigating.

St John’s received an \$8000 Shaped by Faith grant from the Diocese to support our resettlement program and partnership with Church World Service. We also received an anonymous \$6000 gift for our general operating fund in March.

Several new 2023 operating pledges were received in March, bringing the total amount pledged as of March 31 to \$402.9k with over 100 families participating.

As requested and approved by Vestry, the split between stipend and housing allowance of our Assistant Priest was adjusted effective March 31. Also approved by Vestry, securities valued at \$42.4k representing accumulated general memorial gifts were transferred to our unrestricted investment account on March 10.

Respectfully submitted,
C Wear, Treasurer



**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR
VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH
THE SOLES 4 SOULS INITIATIVE!**



Birthdays

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| 1 - Ginny Young | 18 - Brad Zuke |
| 2 - Don Doolittle | 19 - Jon Forrester |
| 2 - Dave Overbagh | 20 - John Graeter |
| 3 - Barbara Graeter | 23 - Sal Barbieri |
| 3 - Julia Loose | 24 - Eric Loose |
| 3 - Linda MacDougall | 25 - Jen Hreben |
| 5 - John Lee | 26 - Theodore Bowser |
| 6 - Vivian Doolittle | 26 - Ruth McFarland |
| 6 - Michael Hreben | 27 - John Houston |
| 6 - Debby Linton | 27 - Eleanor Watts |
| 8 - Graham Henry | 31 - Gray Springer |
| 9 - Ruth Knouse | |

Anniversaries

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| 6 - Lois & Michael Gobel |
| 28 - Scott & Sherry Qualls |
| 29 - Anne Almy-Webber & Ben Webber |
| 29 - Michael & Susan Bowser |
| 29 - Bob & Maggie Lee |
| 31 - Bob & Lyn Bailey |
| 31 - Penn & Mary Glazier |

Church
CALENDAR

Monday, May 1st
5:00PM Executive Committee
6:00PM Ministries Council
6:00PM Daughters of the King

Tuesday, May 2nd
1:30PM Martha's Ministry
2:30PM Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 3rd
12:00PM Healing Service
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 4th
9:00AM Minister's Meeting
2:30PM Food Pantry

Friday, May 5th
Rector's Day Off

Saturday, May 6th
9:00AM AIDS Memorial Garden Clean-Up

Sunday, May 7th
8:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30AM Sunday School
10:15AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Monday, May 8th
6:00PM Caring Ministry

Tuesday, May 9th
1:30PM Martha's Ministry
2:30PM Food Pantry
4:00PM Finance Committee

Wednesday, May 10th
12:00PM Healing Service

Thursday, May 11th
9:00AM Minister's Meeting
2:30PM Food Pantry

Friday, May 12th
Rector's Day Off

Sunday, May 14th
Mother's Day
8:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30AM Sunday School
10:15AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Monday, May 15th
6:00PM Daughters of the King

Tuesday, May 16th
1:30PM Martha's Ministry
2:30PM Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 17th
12:00PM Healing Service
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18th
9:00AM Minister's Meeting
2:30PM Food Pantry
6:30PM Men's Gathering

Friday, May 19th
Rector's Day Off

Saturday, May 20th
9:00AM Community Breakfast
at First Reformed Church

Sunday, May 21st
Graduation Sunday
8:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30AM Sunday School
10:15AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
12:00PM Vestry Meeting

Monday, May 22nd
6:00PM Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, May 23rd
1:30PM Martha's Ministry
2:30PM Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 24th
12:00PM Healing Service
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 25th
9:00AM Minister's Meeting
2:30PM Food Pantry

Friday, May 26th
Rector's Day Off

Sunday, May 28th
Pentecost
9:00AM Joint Service

Monday, May 29th
Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30th
1:30PM Martha's Ministry
2:30PM Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 30th
12:00PM Healing Service