



St John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster PA

The Messenger - JULY



lancaster convocation summer vbs programs

Art Camp

June 12th - 15th
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Saint Thomas Episcopal Church

301 Saint Thomas Road
Lancaster

Paint, play and create while learning about God's amazing love. No cost to attend! Lunch and snacks provided. For children ages K-8th grade.

Build In God

June 26th - 29th
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Hope Episcopal Church

2425 Mountain Road
Manheim

Join us for a week of bible stories, wood working and other fun games and activities! No cost to attend! Lunch and snacks provided.

Kids Camp

July 10th - 12th
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Saint James Episcopal Church

119 North Duke Street
Lancaster

Children will gather for songs, games, meditation and movement, Godly play and crafts! Lunch will be provided. For children ages 4-10.

Music Camp

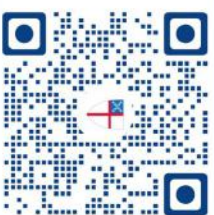
July 31st - August 3rd
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Saint Paul Columbia

340 Locust Street
Columbia

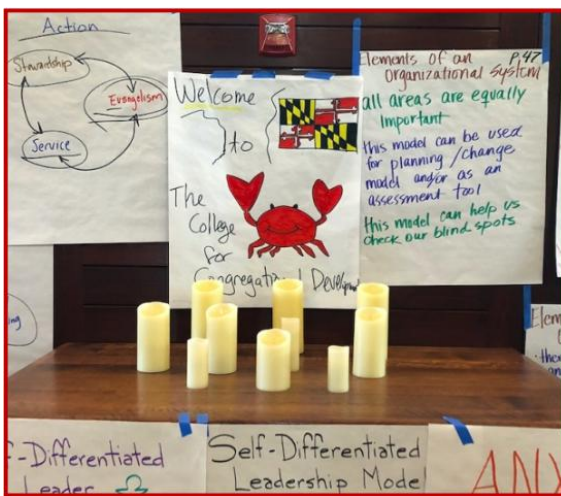
For more information, head over to saintpaulcolumbia.org

Scan the QR code for more information and registration options on all of the upcoming summer VBS programs!
Or log on to www.LancasterEpiscopal.org



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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Amanda+

1. Focused on and faithful to their unique reason for being—their primary task—as congregations. Congregations are local expressions of the Body of Christ.
2. Connected to and expressive of their unique ecclesial tradition, ethos, and character.
3. Self-renewing and responsive to the challenges and opportunities before them.
4. Sustainable or working toward greater sustainability in terms of a fit between the elements of their organizational life: vision for ministry, leadership, culture, size, property, finances, etc.
5. Fostering a culture of transparency, courage, flexibility, collaboration, and forgiveness in which the congregation and its leaders have a greater sense of choice.

Dear St. John's friends and family,

By the time you read this, Jen and I will have just returned from a week of continuing education at the Bishop Claggett Center in the Diocese of Maryland. For the past two years, we have been immersed in The College for Congregational Development. This program is defined as: the development of congregations of all sizes, locations, and conditions into more faithful, healthy, and effective communities of faith that are the points listed on the left.

Participation in the college has empowered Jen and I to live more fully into our ministries by providing us with additional resources and tools, and a network of support. We have grown as co-collaborators of ministry and expanded our vision of what is possible here at St. John's. Thanks to the work of the college, we were able to implement a sustainable and functional Caring Ministry and have reformatted how our vestry operates. In addition, the models we have learned have been a great resource in discerning next steps for programs such as Eagle's Nest and how far our reach extends as a community of faith.

If you would like to know more about the college, Jen and I would be happy to share our experience. Each year, new teams (lay leaders and clergy alike) are invited to participate. We would love to send others to share with us in this wonderful opportunity!

As the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus movement, I am often reminded of the vital need for lifelong formation. No matter how long we've been doing something or how effective we may be, there is still so much to learn and experience. I look forward to seeing how we grow and transform through our communal learning!

I remain faithfully yours,
Amanda+



Assistant Rector's Letter:

POST PRIDE



This past Saturday, June 17th, was Lancaster Pride, and St. John's proudly had a booth right in the middle of it all. Have you ever been to a Pride Festival? If you haven't, let me explain. It is EVERYTHING rainbow. And in recent years rainbow plus blacks, browns, pastel pink & blue and white. You see the pride flag began as a rainbow (well sort of, but that is another story), and then became more inclusive by adding black and brown stripes to the bottom to signify our siblings of color. Then we added in a triangular field with white, pastel pink and pastel blue to signify our transgender siblings. And most recently, the white part of the triangular field is yellow with a purple circle in it bringing in the intersex siblings. And every glorious color is on spectacular display at a Pride festival. In the decorations, the clothes, drag queens' hair, people's make-up, and temporary tattoos. A Pride festival celebrates everyone's right and ability to exist exactly as they are. People in the LGBTQIA+ community go to Pride so that we can feel at home and safe for just one day.

Do you know who else shows up at Pride? Protesters. Every Pride Heather and I have been to has had protesters. Sometimes they are quietly handing out tracts with words that tell us we can convert and come to God. Some are loud, using voices or signs to scream obscenities or hateful slurs and phrases. Heather read on social media that this year, 2023, a comment from someone who said, "Churches only show up at Pride to harass and convert the queer community." People still believe that about us. About Church. That is the reason St. John's shows up at Pride. We want to change that.

We showed with a different narrative. We were not so quiet because we had Heather, Maria, and Ben Webber, who I heard was dancing to bring people to the table. While I was there, I heard Heather say my name, and point to me what felt like 100 times. She told people that St. John's has a non-binary priest, and to check out the shirt they are wearing. My shirt said "This priest loves you" and had the requisite rainbows on it. Heather told people how Bishop Scanlon ordained me using gender-neutral language and they/them pronouns. People looked astounded. People looked grateful. People also looked confused that this is really the Church. I saw a look of love wash over a person talking with Heather as she told that person that Jesus still loves them, and if the pain is too great to walk through the doors, that St. John's streams the services.

St. John's was out in full force (29 volunteers!!!!) giving people rainbow temporary tattoos. We had a beautiful glass bowl filled with Holy Water and invited people in to hold a stone, say a prayer, and drop it in the Holy Water. I watched people clutch the stone, close their eyes, and stand in the middle of the chaos of Pride silently praying over the stone and place it in the holy water. I saw people begin to believe that the church could be at Pride just to remind them that they are Children of God.

Of all 29 volunteers, each of them has a story about Pride. I challenge you to go ask them what they saw at Pride as they volunteered at the St. John's table.

In love,
Jen+ 3



St. John's

YARD GIVE

August 11/12 • 7AM-11PM

PARISH HALL
& AUDITORIUM

DONATION COLLECTION:

JULY 12TH - AUGUST 9TH

WEDNESDAYS 5-7 & SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH

Clothing • Toys • Household Items • Linens

please do not donate damaged items

Volunteers needed! Contact Pam Loose for
more information at ptloose@ptd.net

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Imagine the possibilities for
Eagle's Nest participants...

Stop by the Holiday Bazaar display in the Atrium. We will be highlighting some of the talented and creative artists and crafters who are helping to make our 2023 bazaar the best it can be. The display will be changed all summer long to share some of the amazing and creative ideas.

Paul West

Paul's major interests in music — playing guitar, singing, songwriting and arranging. He also has many years experience crafting with wood and tile to create functional works of art to share with family and friends. Please stop by the table to admire the Trivets in two sizes that he is creating for our sale!

Liz West

Liz enjoys several hobbies including music, cooking and sewing. She has produced costumes for many musical theater productions and special occasions. For the last 10 years she has spent time earning the art of quilting. Last year Liz blessed us with Balsam filled hot pads which sold out quickly. This year she will again make Hot Pads which are beautifully pieced and quilted.

Karen Lee Garon

Karen came to us from Northern Virginia with her husband Rich. Her love for crafting has produced gift tags, knitted fingerless gloves and placemats. She enjoys doing cross stitch and small water color scenes. She also makes Christmas trees from Mussel shells..

Our Holiday Bazaar will be open to the public. This is an old tradition of St. John's which hasn't been done for many years. Money raised will support our After School Program — the Eagle's Nest.

Contact Deb Smith or Amy Dissinger with any questions you have about donating your time and/or talents to this year's Bazaar. Just leave a message for Deb Smith at 717-283-5858 or Amy Dissinger at 717-341-1407. Thank you!



TREASURER'S REPORT

	2022			2023		
	Actual May	Actual YTD	Budget Full Yr	Actual May	Actual YTD	Budget Full Yr
Income						
Pledge Income	\$27.2	\$190.8	\$384.6	\$28.6	\$201.2	\$415.0
Other Contributions	\$2.2	\$24.8	\$35.5	\$3.4	\$31.8	\$50.5
Investment Draws	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$63.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$63.6
Other less Transfers	\$1.5	\$13.3	\$23.6	\$4.2	\$16.0	\$20.7
Jubilee	\$2.3	\$7.6	\$16.9	\$1.7	\$7.3	\$23.9
Total Income	\$33.1	\$236.5	\$523.5	\$37.9	\$256.3	\$573.7
Expenses						
Clergy	\$15.6	\$77.2	\$205.6	19.0	\$97.7	\$247.0
Lay Staff	\$6.6	\$25.8	\$90.8	8.2	\$41.1	\$116.5
Vestry/Finance/Comm	\$1.4	\$8.3	\$25.3	\$1.9	\$12.7	\$27.6
Utilities	\$3.3	\$20.3	\$29.5	\$3.2	\$26.4	\$39.2
Building Repairs & Supplies	\$1.7	\$10.7	\$38.4	\$5.9	\$13.7	\$33.6
Other Property	\$2.3	\$13.3	\$29.6	\$2.3	\$13.8	\$28.9
Worship/Ed/Community	(\$2.2)	\$3.0	\$14.1	\$1.3	\$7.2	\$17.2
Outreach	\$10.2	\$27.8	\$65.8	4.9	\$26.1	\$64.6
Jubilee	\$1.6	\$4.2	\$24.4	\$3.4	\$10.5	\$34.2
Total Expenses	\$40.3	\$190.6	\$523.5	\$50.2	\$249.1	\$608.7
Net Total	(\$7.2)	\$45.9	\$0.0	(\$12.3)	\$7.2	(\$35.0)

May was a routine month for financial operations. Income and expenses were consistent with historical patterns and monthly average budgets. Our monthly operating deficit of \$12.3k required a checking account drawdown, but we are still operating with a healthy cash surplus and no budgeted investment draws have been needed so far this year.

Water consumption for the parish hall and Becker house, an earlier expense concern, was in the normal range for May and should be reflected in the next quarterly billing. There were no transactions for the investment accounts during the month. Ending balances reflect market valuations and net dividend and interest income.

Respectfully submitted,
C Wear, Treasurer



FOOD PANTRY

JUNE 19TH WORK DAY



What happens when the food pantry volunteers of St. John's combine forces with volunteers from the Parish Resource Center? You get an amazing morning of cleaning, organizing, and putting the new dedicated Food Pantry workspace into top order!

Rhoda Shirk, Director of Community Initiatives for the Parish Resource Center, brought multiple volunteers to St. John's as part of a yearly Volunteer Day initiative.

St. John's volunteers included Karen Lee Garon, Sue Tobie, Deb Smith, Tim Huber, Kendall Stonerook, Christine Shevock, Debbie Carter, and Rosemary Coverly, Paul and Liz West headed up the event.



Liz expresses her heartfelt thanks for all of the effort as well as appreciation for everyone pitching in to do whatever was needed to get the job done!

The Food Pantry Ministry continues to say thank you to everyone in leadership and membership who support the ministry and have made this new space possible!



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE



I AM, WE ARE, ONE WORLD - HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE

"To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace." Thomas Merton

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE FOR JULY 2ND

"Reflect today on how true freedom requires a balance of independence and an interdependence with others, the earth and with all living things." Edward Hays

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE FOR JULY 9TH

Religious Tolerance Day

A reminder to be caring to those who may hear God's voice in a different language or a different form of practicing - Here, There, Everywhere - We are ALL His children.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE FOR JULY 16TH

Nature is the art of God. Get outside, give thanks for the beautiful environment we live, take a walk, attend a concert at Long's Park, remember that we need the earth and the earth needs us.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE FOR JULY 23RD

The only way forward, if we are going to improve the quality of the environment, is to get everybody involved. Eliminate plastic usage, recycle, smallest changes can make a difference.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE FOR JULY 30TH

"The world is round so that friendship may encircle it." Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Celebrate the circles we are building at St. John's and look for more ways to be connected and create connection for our brothers and sisters - Those we know and those we don't by their names - Here, There, Everywhere.

School Supply Drive

Although it seems as if the schools have just recently closed for summer break, the staff are thinking about starting up! Some teachers will be moving to another grade level, another building, or returning to what they left behind during their scurry to start a well deserved vacation.

St. John's is ready and anxious to support the staff at our neighborhood Robert Fulton Elementary School. As in the past we honor these teachers with a cheer, pat on the back, and an armload of fresh supplies for their start up. At the annual Kick-Off luncheon, they are gifted with classroom supplies, donated by us, as appreciative neighbors.

Think about an empty teacher desk when choosing appropriate items. Nothing is wrong! Donations can be left at the "Eagle's Nest" table in the parish hall. Contact Sue Martin with questions at mdsmartinduncan@aol.com



Suggested Items:

- Sharpies
- Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Staplers
- Calculators
- Kleenex Boxes
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Stickers
- Post-Its

FULTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS' LUNCHEON

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST:

Grade 4-5



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil pouch | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic folders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No. 2 pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Glue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil sharpener | <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters | <input type="checkbox"/> Calculator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washable markers | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue or black ballpoint pens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erasers | <input type="checkbox"/> Book socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal organizer/calendar | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three-ring binder | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunchbox or bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three-hole-punch | <input type="checkbox"/> Index cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loose-leaf paper or spiral notebooks | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruler |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Subject dividers |

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In addition to school supply collection, which is listed above, we are looking for folks to help cook, serve and cleanup after our yearly luncheon. If you are able to assist, please email John Knouse at Johnknouse@hotmail.com

In addition to the listed supplies above, teachers are often in need of sanitary supplies such as hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, tissues, etc.

HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR TEACHERS!

IN ADDITION TO THE SCHOOL DRIVE:

If there's one thing that is for certain that our volunteers from the Eagle's Nest After-school Program knows is true, it's that all teachers deserve a raise. Teaching has never been easy, but in 2023 and beyond, more and more challenges seem to face our educators each year. At Saint John's we are fortunate enough to have a fantastic relationship with the staff and administration at our local Robert J. Fulton Elementary School.

Starting now through August 15th, we will be collecting school supplies for the staff at Fulton and will provide them an opportunity to supplement additional classroom supplies (which often come at their own expense) and we will do so at our annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on August 18th at 11am.

Church Prayer List

Claire Phillips, Kate, Nancy Strasburg, Debbie Carter, Justin and Lisa, Paula Wolf, Pat Pankey, Ella & Colleen, Matt Patterson, Michael Yoder, Carmen, Jesse Rutledge, Jasmine, Dee and family, Janelle and Tim, Michael Stank, Bati, Marvin and Liz Lyons

Anniversaries

4 - Bruce & Leslie Morgan
7 - Patrick & Martha Lamb
10 - David & Barbara Weaver
15 - Peter Novosel & Linda S. Novosel
15 - Nick & Karen Di Pace
25 - Andrew & Anne Carroll

Friends at Home

Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, Carole Humphrey, Tiny Nolan, Darlene Bentley, Carolyn Archer, Peggy Zuke

Birthdays

2 - Campbell Way
5 - Tiny Nolan
5 - Christine Shevock
6 - Meagan Howell-Brogan
6 - Kathy Kyper
7 - Deb Smith
8 - Toni Ehrhart
8 - John Modene
9 - Susan Blevins
9 - Selena Hasircoglu
9 - Sue Tobie
10 - Cynthia DiStefano
10 - Ellen Keller
11 - Cooper Williams
12 - Doug Brown
12 - Fran Gouveia
14 - Amanda Knouse
14 - Becky Modene
15 - Margaret Brown
19 - Sandra Jackson
19 - Bernice Labeda
22 - Andy Welaish
22 - Mia Welaish
23 - Hal Williams
24 - James Glazier
25 - Mike Bomberger
28 - Jean Brown
29 - Michael Bowser
29 - Foster Clark
31 - Nicholas Di Pace

Serving in the Military:

Amelia Dissinger, Brian Hobbins, Laurel Hobbins, Alex Kelly, Kirby Kinderwater, Kyle Kinderwater, Brooks Morgan, Joshua Watkins, Hunter Walden, David Wolfe

Church CALENDAR

Sunday, July 2nd

9:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:30AM Adult Forum

Monday, July 3rd

Episcopal Youth Event
5:00PM Executive Committee
6:00PM Daughters of the King

Tuesday, July 4th

Independence Day
Office Closed for Holiday
NO FOOD PANTRY

Wednesday, July 5th

Episcopal Youth Event
12:00PM Healing Service

Thursday, July 6th

Episcopal Youth Event
9:00AM Minister's Meeting
2:30PM Food Pantry

Friday, July 7th

Episcopal Youth Event
Rector's Day Off

Sunday, July 9th

9:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:30AM Adult Forum

Monday, July 10th

6:00PM Caring Ministry

Tuesday, July 11th

1:30PM Martha's Ministry
2:30PM Food Pantry
4:00PM Finance Committee

Wednesday, July 12th

12:00PM Healing Service

Thursday, July 13th

9:00AM Minister's Meeting
2:30PM Food Pantry

Friday, July 14th

Rector's Day Off

Saturday, July 15th

9:00AM Community Breakfast
at First Reformed Church

Sunday, July 16th

9:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:30AM Adult Forum
12:00PM Vestry Meeting

Monday, July 17th

6:00PM Daughters of the King

Tuesday, July 18th

1:30PM Martha's Ministry
2:30PM Food Pantry

Wednesday, July 19th

12:00PM Healing Service

Thursday, July 20th

9:00AM Minister's Meeting
2:30PM Food Pantry
6:30PM Men's Gathering

Friday, July 21st

Rector's Day Off

Sunday, July 23rd

9:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:30AM Adult Forum

Monday, July 24th

6:00PM Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, July 25th

1:30PM Martha's Ministry
2:30PM Food Pantry

Wednesday, July 26th

12:00PM Healing Service

Thursday, July 27th

9:00AM Minister's Meeting
2:30PM Food Pantry

Friday, July 28th

Rector's Day Off

Sunday, July 30th

9:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:30AM Adult Forum