



St John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster PA

The Messenger - NOVEMBER

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The Election Day Bake Sale will take place on November 7th! All proceeds will benefit the J2A Ministry. All donations are welcomed! See Sue Martin for suggestions.

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Amanda+

“Do not be dismayed by the brokenness in the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally.

The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.” – L.R. Knost

Dear St. John's Parish Family,

The quote on the left by L.R. Knost has become my daily mantra as of late. Every morning, I find myself watching the news, a cup of hot coffee in my hand, my eyes barely open, with kids and dogs vying for my attention, and without fail, my phone dings, and this message pops up on my screen. Do not be dismayed by the brokenness in the world...

When I first began the practice of reading this each morning, I thought, “Yeah, right. Have you seen the brokenness of the world, L.R. Knost? How in God’s holy name do we not be dismayed by war, senseless gun violence, political upheaval, poverty, the earth on fire, and every other broken situation surrounding us?!? Who is L.R. Knost anyway?” Like any good critic, I did some digging on this person and discovered L.R. Knost isn’t someone of the past who lived in a convent somewhere, completely removed from society. L.R. Knost is a middle aged woman living in Florida. She’s a social justice advocate, cancer warrior, mom of six, and a children’s rights advocate. She knows brokenness. She knows suffering. She also knows hope and the power of light that resides in each of us. She knows what’s possible when people choose love in the midst of the brokenness.

The broken world waits in darkness for the light that IS YOU. That line gets me every single morning. Friends, we have a role to play in healing this broken world because light heals – YOUR light heals. When we love as Christ loves, when we are extravagant in our giving, unconditional in our caring, the darkness slowly fades away and healing happens. I know the brokenness of the world can feel overwhelming and impossible, but may I remind us all that God doesn’t believe in the impossible. God believes in resurrection, and reconciliation, and a new way of being that is centered on community and compassion. God believes in the light that you hold because God gave it to you. God just asks that we let it burn bright for the world to see.

Wherever you are in your faith journey, and however you view the world, I encourage you to consider L.R. Knost’s holy words as an invitation to share your own God given light with the world around you. The healing of our neighbors, our nation, our world depend on it.

God’s peace,
Amanda+

Clapping in Church??

Director of Music, Douglas Beach

Is it appropriate?

An Expression of Personal Experience:

Often times in a church service, we feel the need to separate performance from worship, and rightly so! What we do on Sunday mornings is all for the glory of God, and our focus should reflect this praise.

However, you may also feel at times the desire to encourage a particular encounter by affirming that you have heard through sound; a common response to a meaningful sermon might be an audible "Amen!" from the congregation--ask Ruth McFarland what she thinks of being vocal in church!

It seems that we have been passed down a tradition of silence being the surest form of respect and holiness in a church service. Perhaps we feel that we don't want to interrupt the spiritual experiences of those around us by simply enjoying and taking in what we hear quietly. Indeed, the tone in a church service can often feel like a Library!

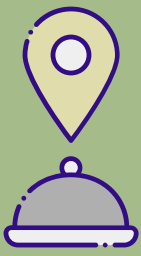
I would argue that while silence is respectful and retains nothing innately wrong, it also tends to isolate: by remaining silent, our focus can become that of conformity to a standard that keeps us from joining together in celebration and freely expressing our excitement and joy at what we have experienced in the house of God. How many Psalms speak of making a joyful noise unto the Lord, singing and playing of instruments, banging on the drum...even the rocks shall cry out in praise to our God!



As such, I do not wish to write to you today condemning silence at the finish of a music anthem or an electric sermon from Jen; more so, I am writing this to encourage an environment of audible involvement with your spiritual experience in the church setting. By clapping in church, you yourself are becoming part of the very praise you have witnessed.

Therefore, do not be afraid to praise the Lord in silence or in sound! St. John's is a place where the people are welcomed to meet God where they are!

So I say again: **Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord Our God!**



FOOD PANTRY

A ST. JOHN'S FEEDING MINISTRY

DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME

Our Food Pantry sees more and more need among our neighbors each month. Our shopping teams stretch our budget dollars as far as possible, but food donations are always welcomed! (see list below)

CANNED ITEMS:

- tuna
- chicken
- vegetables
- black beans
- fruit
- pork 'n' beans
- baked beans
- soup

OTHER FOODS:

- peanut butter
- spaghetti & other pasta
- pasta sauce
- rice
- cereal

You may place these items in the basket near the ushers or in one of the red carts (in Parish Hall or inside the glass doors from the courtyard).

If you're eligible to receive a turkey from your favorite grocery store's rewards program, please consider donating it to our food pantry; some lucky visitor will be very happy to use it! (If you bring it after hours, please place it in the freezer at the base of the stairs between the atrium and the Parish Hall.)

COMING IN ADVENT:

Info about our popular Advent Calendar food boxes AND the opportunity to make a donation in honor of someone special, receiving a lovely presentation card & matching envelope, which you may give to the honoree to let them know of your donation.

EXTRAGIVE

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 17TH

We have seen firsthand the amazing things that can happen when our community comes together to give back! We are thankful to be a part of this year's Extra Give. You can support the St. John's Food Pantry by visiting our site online and donating on November 17th!

www.extragive.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. JOHN'S VERY OWN VET-TO-VET VOLUNTEER: KEN SMITH

Celebrating a life of
ministry through action

Hospice & Community Care is thrilled to announce that Ken Smith has been awarded the distinguished honor of being named the 2023 winner of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's (NHPCO) Volunteers are the Foundation of Hospice Award in the We Honor Veterans category.



"I get so much more out of this than I give. It's the least I can do to honor a fellow brother or sister in arms."

-CAPTAIN KEN SMITH

These awards recognize hospice volunteers who best reflect the universal concept of volunteerism in its truest sense – serving as an inspiration to others. Recipients of these national awards have demonstrated considerable commitment in terms of time, amount of responsibility assumed, and have made a notable impact by significantly strengthening a hospice program or the lives of patients and families served.

On October 3rd, Ken humbly accepted his award at the 2023 NHPCO Leadership Conference in Little Rock, AR. Ken has served as a Veteran Volunteer with Hospice & Community Care since June 2013. During his tenure as a Vet-to-Vet volunteer, Ken has amassed a significant number of contributions and milestones. He has dedicated over 2,000 hours of service and to date, has performed 325 in person military pinnings to honor veteran patients in our care.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS WELL-DESERVED HONOR, KEN!
WE'RE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF YOU FOR WINNING THIS AWARD
AND BEING RECOGNIZED AT A NATIONAL LEVEL!**



“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on this world.” -St. Teresa of Avila

November 5th

November 11th Veteran's Day

Give thanks and prayers for those who serve presently and have in the past but also prayers that our world environment will be more peaceful.

November 12th

November 13th - World Kindness Day

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." - Mother Teresa

Make a pledge and act on an act of kindness into our world - the smallest gift could be huge to someone in need - food, socks, hat, gloves, shoes, anything counts for our brothers and sisters.

November 19th

November 23rd - Thanksgiving

Take a moment and give thanks for what's in your presence and with what you've been blessed and then act on what you can share with someone that would bring the same gift of thanks and a full heart to someone else - Here, There, Everywhere

November 26th

"The planet does not need more successful people. The planet desperately needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers and lovers of ALL kinds." -Dalai Lama

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHARLES WEAR

	2022			2023		
	Actual Sept	Actual YTD	Budget Full Yr	Actual Sept	Actual YTD	Budget Full Yr
Income						
Pledge Income	\$21.4	\$299.0	\$384.6	\$23.1	\$315.9	\$415.0
Other Contributions	\$2.9	\$34.5	\$35.5	\$1.9	\$50.5	\$50.5
Investment Draws	\$52.1	\$52.1	\$63.0	\$0.0	\$30.0	\$63.6
Other less Transfers	\$0.4	\$21.2	\$23.6	\$1.9	\$39.1	\$20.7
Jubilee	\$1.5	\$11.2	\$16.9	\$0.9	\$12.0	\$23.9
Total Income	\$78.3	\$418.0	\$523.5	\$27.8	\$447.4	\$573.7
Expenses						
Clergy	\$21.5	\$148.3	\$205.6	20.0	\$179.9	\$247.0
Lay Staff	\$9.1	\$63.7	\$90.8	7.1	\$73.4	\$116.5
Vestry/Finance/Comm	\$1.6	\$15.0	\$25.3	\$1.8	\$20.7	\$27.6
Utilities	\$2.9	\$30.5	\$29.5	\$3.2	\$36.6	\$39.2
Building Repairs & Supplies	\$4.2	\$19.4	\$38.4	\$1.2	\$26.4	\$33.6
Other Property	\$2.4	\$20.9	\$29.6	\$2.6	\$22.0	\$28.9
Worship/Ed/Community	\$1.3	\$10.5	\$14.1	\$2.1	\$28.1	\$17.2
Outreach	\$5.6	\$50.9	\$65.8	5.1	\$49.5	\$64.6
Jubilee	\$5.7	\$16.3	\$24.4	\$2.2	\$24.1	\$34.2
Total Expenses	\$54.3	\$375.6	\$523.5	\$45.3	\$460.8	\$608.7
Net Total	\$24.0	\$42.4	\$0.0	(\$17.5)	(\$13.4)	(\$35.0)

We had a \$17.5k operating deficit in September but were able to manage without a withdrawal from our investment account. We will draw \$21.5k in October to provide a cash cushion, which still leaves another \$12.1k available in the budget to complete the year. Our YTD operating deficit is \$13.4k. Given our current income and expense projections, we expect to complete the year with a smaller deficit than the \$35.0k budgeted.

Also in September, fees for our Fulton operating account were renegotiated without affecting service for a savings of about \$60 per month. Our brokerage service, previously provided by TDAmeritrade, has been moved over to Schwab as a result of Schwab's earlier acquisition of TDA. Lastly, we received our preprinted 2024 pledge envelopes ahead of schedule.

Respectfully submitted,
C Wear, Treasurer

ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATION & ANNUAL MEETING



Sunday, November 5, 2023

9:00 a.m. - Joint Worship Service

10:30 a.m. - Parish Breakfast & Meeting

Fall Clean-Up

Join us on November 4th from 9AM to noon to help take care of our beautiful space! This is only one of two important days of the year where our community comes together to be good stewards of our campus. Bring a rake and gloves if you have them!

WORLD AIDS DAY

A CELEBRATION TO COMMEMORATE THE AIDS PANDEMIC

THE BETTY FINNEY AIDS MEMORIAL GARDEN

Friday, December 1st
6:00 PM

Janice Stork - Linear Park
W Lemon - Water St Intersection

[The Holiday Bazaar]

Martha's Ministry Group is in the Ninth Inning and the Bazaar is days away! Doug Beach has coordinated several musicians to perform throughout the day, and there will be an organ recital on Saturday at 1:00 PM.

Baked goods can be dropped off November 9th & 10th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the church kitchen--please mark your containers and label your donations. If you cannot deliver them at the appointed times, call or text Deb Smith!

TRANS LOVING COMMUNITY

ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL
1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

This ministry is inclusive of anyone who may identify as LGBTQ+ or is an ally of someone who does.



4:30 PM - 6:30 PM



Bring a snack or drink to share!

If you are interested or have questions see Dani or Stacey in church or email Stacey at: scatigano@gmail.com.





YOUTH WREATH SALE

It's time to place your order for your holiday greens to support the St. John's youth! The wreaths and greens supplied by Good Harvest Farms are always fresh and beautiful! You can drop off your completed order forms at St. John's anytime before **Sunday, Nov 19th**. You can also email your orders to Karen at karen.dipace@gmail.com

Forms can be found in the back of the church and on our website: www.stjohns-lancaster.org All checks can be payable to St. John's with "youth wreath sale" in the memo line. Pick up will be **Sunday, December 3!**

Tuesday, November 14th

5:30 - 7:00 pm
Interfaith Prayer Service, St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N Front St, Harrisburg, PA

Wednesday, November 15th

7:30 am to 9:00 am
Interfaith Prayer Breakfast with Legislators

10:00 am to Noon
Advocacy Appointments with Legislators and staff

OR

10:00 am to Noon
Recitation of Names of the Lost on the Capitol Steps

12:15 pm to 1:15 pm
Lunch

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Solemn Procession: Witness Walk around the Capitol Mourning the Victims of Gun Violence

3:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Press Conference in Capitol Rotunda

Days of Interfaith Prayer & Action

The Saving Lives: Ending Gun Violence Committee invites you to join them on Nov. 14 & 15, in Harrisburg, PA. This in-person gathering with multiple events over two days, aims to create awareness, foster dialogue, and inspire action towards a safer future for all.

Through engaging discussions, powerful conversations, and thought-provoking presentations, we will explore the urgent need for change in our communities. Together, we can make a difference and work towards a society free from the devastating effects of gun violence. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the movement for a safer world.

To register, [click here](#).

Vestry Nominees for the Class of 2026



Drew Dorgan

I was baptized at St. John's and married at St. John's. I served at St. John's for years as a Sunday school teacher, a youth leader, and on the Stewardship committee. I helped Art Lord publish a history of St. John's and have helped with various communications committees. On the Diocesan level, I served on the Standing Committee and am currently on the Diocesan Reunification Discernment Committee. Disappointingly, my gifts surveys always come back with administrative gifts instead of singing or making beautiful things. But alas, I would still like to put those skills to work on Vestry!



Gretchen Walden

I felt at home at St. John's from my first visit here in 2014. A cradle-Episcopalian and empty-nester, I moved to Lancaster in 2016 and have served St. John's on Altar Guild and as a Reader and have dabbled in Eagle's Nest, Food Pantry, Coffee Hour leadership, Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sales; searching for my place. Vestry is the ministry that keeps calling and calling; so this time I'm going to answer. Thank you for this new opportunity.



Penn Glazier

I have been a member of St. John's since 1986. I have worked with youth, taught Sunday school, and am still singing in the choir. I am originally from Washington, D.C. In addition to music, I enjoy riding a bicycle, and hanging out with horses, dogs, and cats. I am married to Mary Hendricks Glazier. Our son is James Hendricks Glazier.

Church Prayer List

Michael Stank, Pat Pankey,
Jeannie Zeller, Kent Strickler,
Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa,
Ella & Colleen, Matt Patterson,
Michael Yoder, Kevin, Judy Modene,
Angie Stamm, Andrew Gilpin,
Jesse Rutledge, Ann Marie,
Ralph Thomas, Cheryl & Rhoda

Friends at Home

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

Serving in the Military:

Amelia Dissinger
Alex Kelly
Brooks Morgan
Brian Hobbins
Joshua Watkins
Kirby Kinderwater
Kyle Kinderwater
David Wolfe

Birthdays

1 - Carole Humphrey
3 - Barbara Landis
3 - Ian Thompson
3 - Sandra Patrone
6 - Sarah Modene
8 - Chloe Brown
8 - Laura Stonerook
8 - Lois Gobel
10 - Dave Martin
10 - Claire Phillips
13 - Charlie Rahe
16 - Elias Rodriguez
16 - Drew Dorgan
16 - Karen Ramella
17 - Patricia Pankey
17 - Helena Welaish
18 - John Pankey
18 - Barbara Weaver
19 - Dianne Andrews
19 - Carolyn Archer
19 - Lauren Waskowicz
20 - Linda Wallace
21 - John Guetter
21 - Karen Straub
22 - Tammy Collier
23 - Marylee Sauder
25 - Alex Alexander
26 - Nate Schick
29 - Danielle Di Pace
29 - Evie Carroll
30 - Daniel Kilp

Anniversaries

17 - Don Durand
18 - John & Fran Gouveia

Church CALENDAR

Wednesday the 1st

12:00PM Healing Service
7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM J2A Class

Thursday the 2nd

9:00AM Minister's Meeting
2:30PM Food Pantry
7:00PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Friday the 3rd

Rector's Day Off

Saturday the 4th

9:00AM Fall Clean Up

Sunday the 5th

All Saints' Sunday
9:00AM Joint Worship Service
10:30AM Parish Breakfast & Meeting
1:00PM Interfaith Power & Light

Monday the 6th

4:30PM Trans Loving Community
5:00PM Executive Committee
6:00PM Daughters of the King
6:00PM Ministries Council

Tuesday the 7th

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

Wednesday the 8th

12:00PM Healing Service
7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM J2A Class

Thursday the 9th

9:00AM Minister's Meeting
2:30PM Food Pantry
7:00PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Friday the 10th

Rector's Day Off

Saturday the 11th

Holiday Bazaar (Public)

Sunday the 12th

Holiday Bazaar (St. John's Only)
8:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15AM Sunday School
10:15AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:30AM Adult Forum

Monday the 13th

6:00PM Caring Ministry

Tuesday the 14th

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

Wednesday the 15th

12:00PM Healing Service
7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM J2A Class

Thursday the 16th

9:00AM Minister's Meeting
2:30PM Food Pantry
6:30PM Men's Gathering
7:00PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Friday the 17th

Rector's Day Off

Saturday the 18th

9:00AM Community Breakfast
at First Reformed Church

Sunday the 19th

8:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15AM Sunday School
10:15AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:30AM Adult Forum
12:00PM Vestry Meeting

Monday the 20th

6:00PM Daughters of the King

Tuesday the 21st

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

Wednesday the 22nd

12:00PM Healing Service
7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM J2A Class

Thursday the 23rd

9:00AM Minister's Meeting
2:30PM Food Pantry
7:00PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Friday the 24th

Rector's Day Off

Sunday the 26th

8:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15AM Sunday School
10:15AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:30AM Adult Forum

Monday the 27th

6:00PM Stewardship Committee

Tuesday the 29th

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

Wednesday the 31st

12:00PM Healing Service
7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM J2A Class

Kids of all Ages
are invited to the

Advent Event

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023
PARISH HALL, FOLLOWING THE 10:15 SERVICE

Make an Advent Wreath (\$12) • Write
Christmas Cards to Parishioners •
Decorate Cookies • Pack Care Packages
for College Kids • Or Just Hang Out!

Please sign up in the Parish Hall

Contact Sue Dodge with questions



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A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 246

