



# *St. John's Messenger*

**March, 2010**

*from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector*

## **LENT ON ICE**

I have grown rather tired of looking at snow. After two record breaking snow storms I feel I have had enough of the white stuff. Cars that are not still buried are jammed into bunkers of ice. Those few available parking spaces chiseled from the snow banks are guarded by long forgotten lawn chairs. Sidewalks have been reduced to ragged lines of trenches. Backyards look more like snowfields on the top of a glacier. I can't remember what summer felt like. I am starting to have doubts about the possibility of spring. I am losing confidence that life in any form might still exist beneath the frozen mantel sealing the earth like a tomb.

At this point my belief that winter will end is an act of faith. I need to call to mind visions of leafy trees and the smell of fresh cut grass. I need to recollect the sting of a skillet hot sidewalk on my bare feet. I need to trust that below the thick crust of snow, buried in the ice hard ground are all the elements of the next season of life waiting to be born.

This Lenten life is reflected in our Lenten ministries at St. John's. Our activities during this month are those that will lead us all to Easter, the Resurrection, our faith in God's promise of new life. In our Sunday Lenten worship we work to prepare the soil of our souls with the Penitential Order that invites us to look more deeply into ourselves. Our Sunday evening Lenten program challenges us to look beyond ourselves into the lives of women through out the world in their struggle to claim dignity and equality. Our Lenten disciplines seek to nurture hope for us and for our world that is some days hard to see.

During this Lenten month of March there are three particular events whose importance carries our attention to the horizon of hope. Our Confirmation Class Retreat, March 5 and 6, will ready our group of teens not only for the Bishop's visitation on May 16. The retreat is essential preparation for their Pilgrimage to Brazil, June 28 to July 8. On their retreat at the Black Rock Retreat Center our teens – Foster Clark, Sarah Gordon, Selena Hasircoglu, David Kilp, Julia Loose, Ellie Walsh, and Lauren Waskowicz – and their leaders – Bob Murphy and Betty Seiple – will experience my “extreme worship” in the Renewal of the Baptismal Covenants, and intense leadership development on the low and high ropes course.

Our spring Parish Meeting, Sunday, March 7, will also be an anticipatory gathering. We will be electing our delegates and alternates to the Diocesan Convention, June 11 and 12. Those standing for election are Drew Dorgan, Eric Freeman, Carl Hartman, Bob Kilp, Matt Lester, Bard Moyer, Kathy Novosel, Peter Novosel, Aaron Spicher, and Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer. In my State of the Parish Report, I will present the vestry's Mission Action Plan for 2010. Reports will also be offered on our goals for our ministries of Outreach, Pastoral Care, Stewardship and Finance.

On Saturday, March 13, the vestry will hold a special meeting to specifically address our ministries of Stewardship and Finance. We will assess the progress we have made in improving our accounting and reporting to the parish, take stock of our assets and resources, and begin to develop a plan that will take us beyond our past patterns of deficit spending and in the direction of sustainable growth.

Our Lenten desires are all very much the same: for ourselves to be freed from the entanglements of sin; for others to know liberation in their lives; for our youth to grow into the fullness of God's love; for our ministries to embody all of us baptized into Christ. Our Lenten hope is very much alive as we trust in the promises of God, pray for the thawing warmth of Christ's grace, and strive to break through this season of Lent on ice.

*John+*

## THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

It was snowing outside, in great billowing streams, with the wind blowing everywhere and visibility poor at best. The children were asleep, and in a rare quiet moment I took advantage of a favorite winter pleasure: gardening catalogs. In the deep of winter, wrapped in a blanket with a cup of hot tea, I happily lost myself in piles of new garden catalogs. In each catalog, page upon glossy page offered glimpses of a spring and summer yet to come. Dahlias the size of dinner plates, roses with names like “Blue Girl”, “Joseph's Coat” or “Queen Elizabeth”. In the midst of a raging snowstorm, I was dreaming about spring. Wondering if my tiny little yard had any room- even an inch or so- for something new. Maybe a few more daisies, or asters? Or maybe sweet woodruff with its little star-shaped flowers? In the dark night of winter, it was comforting to imagine the spring to come. It was comforting to remember the seeds that had been planted, seeds that would eventually bring forth new life.

In case you've missed it, St. John's has been planting some serious seeds. Our Millennium Development Goal program has begun in earnest, a program of commitment to two goals, “Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women” and “Improve Maternal Health”. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, a special viewing of “Half the Sky Live” will be shown at Penn Manor Cinema in Litiz. This is a remarkable, one-time opportunity to more deeply probe the issues presented by the book “Half the Sky”. Tickets are available online and may be available the night of the viewing.

Our Lenten Study is underway, entitled “Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: The World”. Under the leadership of Barbara Landis we journey to a different country every Sunday evening, exploring the culture, traditions and issues presented by individual women from that country. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. with a potluck that typically features dishes from that country or of a similar type. Directly following the potluck we take a closer look at each country presented. On March 7<sup>th</sup> we will journey to India. Melissa Deeken, Program Coordinator of NETwork Ministries in Chambersburg, PA, will speak about her experiences while living in India for a month. Melissa worked with a local group that aid children of prostitutes. On March 14<sup>th</sup> we will travel back to the United States to explore New Mexico, on March 21<sup>st</sup> we will journey to the Philippines, and on March 28<sup>th</sup> we will finish with a trip to Haiti..

What other seeds are being planted? Prayer. We will pray each Sunday for the issues presented by our Millennium Development Goals. We will pray for the broader, global issues as well as the local and immediate. A prayer service for the Millennium Development Goals will continue to be offered once a month in the chapel. Our prayers will be supported with outreach. We are planning a “Run/Walk for Congo”. Run for Congo Women is a grassroots movement that has supported women and children impacted by the devastating violence in the Congo. Run for Congo works directly with Women for Women International, an organization that helps women survivors of war rebuild their lives. Women who participate in their one year program receive help with the basics: access to food, water and shelter, but also education, health care and financial support. It is a program that is making a real and lasting impact. Both websites are worth checking out: <http://www.runforcongowomen.org> and <http://www.womenforwomen.org>.

In the weeks and months to come, we will take a closer look at the ministries that happen on a local level supporting women and girls. One example is our “Blankets and Sew-On” group, which send knitted items to the Milagro House, a ministry for women and children in need.

The issues presented by our two Millennium Development Goals can feel overwhelming at times- like the deep of winter with no sign of spring to come. The hope I have is in the seeds we plant: through prayer and outreach, fellowship and conversation, a shared commitment to making a lasting impact in both a local and global way. It only takes one seed for life to begin.

*Jennifer+*

## HOLY WEEK

### *Holy Week Services at St. John's*

#### March 28—*Palm Sunday*

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms—Rite I  
10:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms—Rite II

#### March 29—*Monday in Holy Week*

- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

#### March 30—*Tuesday in Holy Week*

- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

#### March 31 - *Wednesday in Holy Week*

- 12:05 p.m. Healing Service and Holy Eucharist

#### April 1 - *Maundy Thursday*

- 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar  
8:45 p.m. Vigil until after the 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

#### April 2 - *Good Friday*

- 7:00 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Communion  
12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with Communion  
7:30 p.m. Choral Good Friday Liturgy with Communion

#### April 3 - *Vigil of Easter*

- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil with Renewal of Baptismal Vows (*Incense*)

#### April 4 - *Easter*

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
8:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II w/ Renewal of Baptismal Vows  
9:30 a.m. **PARISH BREAKFAST!!**  
10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (*for Toddlers through 3rd grade*)  
11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Holy Baptism



## VESTRY'S WARDEN MESSAGE

"An Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent," is the phrase in the liturgy that catches me, a third of the way into the service, every year. The words don't seem to fit together comfortably. This year, I'm slower as we pass by this point in the service, and in the next few minutes I realize I've got the feel of an extra perspective, as if I were seeing and hearing in worship for more than my personal reasons. It's not a particularly comfortable sensation. One is so used to being an individual in church accompanying other individuals, all of whom agree (or are polite enough) to say "we" all together. "We confess" "we praise" "we pray" "we thank"—we all engage in rather an amazing act of imagination and intellect at least once a week, forming a union of spirit and body leading to the wholeness of sharing the Eucharist.

We are *invited* in—so here's a discovery: Lent isn't really a personal obligation, it's a communal opportunity. And we are asked to observe—to pay attention, pay moments of conscious awareness, to be careful and purposeful about what we see and do. And 'holy Lent'—those last two words don't yield easy meaning. "The Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent," says the rubric. *A holy Lent*, I think. What does it mean?

Holy: healthy; whole; connected; dedicated. Lent: the word is rooted in Old English, Old Slavic and Sanskrit as *langa tinaz*, the way people more than a thousand years ago wrote and said, 'longer days': the longer days of spring. Other European languages use the word 'lent' but only in English does the word have liturgical meaning: the long 40 days observance in spring.

We tend to be more focused on our shared faith in these long forty days ahead. Lent has shaping power to make us all aware that we are a whole body connected by our worship, dedicated together in the Baptismal Covenant. Your vestry is just taking up the long holy work of strengthening, discerning and serving the good of the Body of Christ, St. John's, the community, the parish, in the coming year. We hope to walk through more than the 40 days ahead, more closely in step with you than we may have been in the year just past.

When all of us leave a given worship service, we are simultaneously a unique being of spirit and body-- the whole community—while we are becoming our individual selves again. Vestry forms this mysterious being of community and personality with the intellect, mostly, on the strength of worship experienced the day before (we meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday). We may look like we're just sitting around in a big square shuffling papers, but our real task is to stop thinking of St. John's as a personal extension of our own interests, values, concerns and beliefs, and to stretch into knowing St. John's as a living community with a particular character, with particular gifts, with a particular call from God to answer, and with work we all have to be doing.

The leaders' work is to let go of caring about one program, to stop generalizing from one commitment to the entire congregation. Instead, vestry members find themselves looking at specific decisions with the sense of many eyes and ears simultaneously absorbing impressions at 360°. They find themselves with heart and mind stretched well beyond their own personal concerns, and with lessening time that constantly fills up with communal To Do lists and To Pray For lists.

In a few weeks, at the parish meeting on March 7, we'll be talking together about who we are and where we are as God's holy, called people. I hope you will all come to the meeting. The parish meeting isn't somebody else's responsibility—it's yours and ours. I hope you will sense the gift of community we have in each other as a part of observing a holy Lent. As your vestry starts into 2010, I hope you and we will all come to know each other more connected in service, in stewardship and in witness to God.

Respectfully submitted,

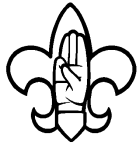
*Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer*  
Vestry's Warden

## PARISH REGISTER

### *Deaths*

D. Chester "Chet" Connor  
(January 14, 1910—February 14, 2010)

## YOU ARE INVITED



### *Eagle Scout Ceremony*

I would like to thank the congregation of St. John's Episcopal Church for helping me reach the rank of Eagle Scout. With all of your support through my fundraising, I was able to have the beautiful sign made for the church office.

I would like to invite everyone to my Eagle Scout Ceremony in the church at St. John's beginning at 4:30 p.m. on March 13, 2010.

Please RSVP to me at 717-295-4647 by March 6.

Thank you, *Max Heider*



THE DEADLINE FOR  
SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR THE

APRIL MESSENGER:

**MARCH 15, 2010**

## CONVENTION DELEGATES

### *Upcoming Election*

On Sunday, March 7, at our annual Spring Parish Meeting, you will be electing six (6) delegates to attend the 2010 Diocesan Convention, June 11 and 12. The names that will appear on the ballot are:

*Drew Dorgan  
Eric Freeman  
Carl Hartman  
Matthew Lester  
Bradley Moyer  
Kathy Novosel  
Peter Novosel  
Aaron Spicher  
Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer*



**MARCH 21st**

## NORTHWEST CLUSTER “LENTEN SCHEDULE”

### Theme: The Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1-12)

<u>Luncheon:</u>	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<u>Donation to Host Church:</u>	\$4.00/person
<u>Worship:</u>	12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
<u>Worship Offering:</u>	Lancaster Council of Churches: Costs related to the Temporary Homeless Shelter Expenses

### Host Location and Preacher Text

March 5:	Unitarian Universalist Church
Text:	Mt. 5:9 “the peacemakers”
Preacher:	Johanna Andritz (Christ Lutheran Church)
March 12:	St. John’s Episcopal Church
Text:	Mt. 5:5 “the meek”
Preacher:	Paul Eyer (St. Lukes United Church of Christ)
March 19:	Covenant United Methodist Church
Text:	Mt 5:6 “hunger and thirst for justice”
Preacher:	Cathy Shiley (Hamilton Park United Church of Christ)
March 26:	Hamilton Park United Church of Christ
Text:	Mt. 5:7 “the merciful”
Preacher:	Jim Day (Country Meadows)
April 2:	St. Peter’s United Church of Christ
Text:	Mt. 5:10 “persecuted for righteousness sake”
Preacher:	Peter Newport (Unitarian Universalist Church)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



### *Sunday School News*

*Karen Di Pace, Sunday School Director*

The Sunday School children are busy once again with our Lenten Food Drive. You can help stock the pantry too. Please join us with our weekly food themes, or any non perishable donations.

3/07 Cereal  
3/14 Soups  
3/21 Pasta and Sauce

The children are also busy preparing for the coming Easter season. Feel free to stop in and see what we are doing. Here are some upcoming events:

3/28 Last Supper Reenactment  
4/04 Children's Easter Egg Hunt!  
4/10 Liturgy of Light Preceded by Potluck Supper

Thank you all for getting your children to Sunday School during all that snow. I was impressed with our Sunday School turn out these past several weeks! Looking forward to the Springtime!

On a personal note, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all of the support you have shown me during this past few months, and the passing of my Father. Your prayers and words of encouragement meant a great deal to Nick and me. St. Johns is a special place and we are very blessed to be a part of this family.



### *Journey to Adulthood*

*Mary Ellen Kilp, Youth Director*

A special thank you to all who made this year's **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** such a success. We raised \$350 in support of our J2A pilgrimage to Brazil- how amazing is that?!? A very special thank you to Pam and Ted Loose, who with the support of Sue and Dave Martin helped organize and support the dinner. It was a great event, with some pretty fantastic pancake making/flipping skills displayed by our teens.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Are you interested in issues of social justice and peace? St. John's has committed to more deeply engaging with two Millennium Development Goals, "Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women" and "Improve Maternal Health". On **Thursday evening, March 4<sup>th</sup>**, a special video presentation on the book "**Half the Sky**" will be offered at **Penn Manor Cinema**. "Half the Sky" explores the issues confronting women and girls across much of the globe, focusing in particular on our two millennium development goals. This is an amazing, one time opportunity. Tickets can be purchased online. Feel free to contact Pastor Jennifer with any questions.

The time for **confirmation retreat** has arrived! Our J2A teens will gather at Black Rock retreat center, from **March 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**, to prepare for confirmation later this spring. Please pray for our teens and their leaders as they commit themselves to this important spiritual milestone.

We are honored to share that **Max Heider** will become an **Eagle Scout** on Saturday, **March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.** at St. John's. Max designed and finished a beautiful sign for the Parish Office. Hope you can be there in support of his big day. The following day, on **Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>**, all are invited for an afternoon of games and **root beer floats at St. John's at 12:00 p.m.** Bring friends and a fun game to share- this is a really great family event!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual **Maundy Thursday Lock-In** at St. John's on **April 1st**. The evening will begin with the **Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.** Please see the flyer enclosed for more details. Our young people will lead a **Good Friday service the next morning at 7:00 a.m.** All are welcome to attend this creative and meaningful service.

## E.C.W. NEWS



### Spring Plant Sale!



How fitting that the Early Spring Plant Sale will be held on March 21st, just after the Equinox. Pansies and primroses will be available for sale to brighten our homes while we wait for outdoor blooms. Pre orders will be taken in the Parish Hall on March 7 and 14. Don't be disappointed by neglecting to preorder. Funds raised from this sale and the larger one in May assist ECW with our own hospitality activities as well as Diocesan requests.

Our Lenten Luncheon will be held on Friday, March 12. All interested and available women (and men) who can assist are appreciated. Work starts by 9:00 a.m. with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. The church service will begin at 12:15 p.m., so we have a short time to show our hospitality.

The Diocesan Lenten Retreat for women will be begin Wednesday, March 10 through Friday, March 12. Registration information is on the large bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Submitted by,  
*Sue Martin*

## ATTENTION ALL YOUTH !!!!

What? Maundy Thursday Youth Convocation Lock-In

Who? Young People, ages 13 and up

When? April 1st, 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Footwashing, 9:00 p.m. Lock-In

Where? St. John's Parish Hall

Why go? Fellowship with young people from other churches in the Lancaster Convocation. A special agape feast. Fun, games and the chance to enrich your faith. This is a great event-don't miss out!

What to bring? Yourself, a friend, a sleeping bag and pillow, toothpaste and toothbrush.

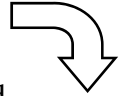
*The following morning, on April 2nd, bright and early at 7:00 a.m., our young people will present a special **Youth Good Friday Service** portraying the passion narrative. This special service will include dramatic reading and miming- don't miss out!*

# JUBILEE MINISTRIES

## *DATES TO KEEP IN MIND*

**Meal Ministry Dates**— “*Volunteers Are Always Welcomed!*”

**Dinner Out**—(Contact: Janice Henry)



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10: 4:30-6:00 PM**

Volunteers are needed as servers for a community meal to be offered at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church on the corner of Farnum and South Queen Streets. **St. John’s is also responsible for preparing this meal. Last month’s dinner was cancelled due to the snow storm. We will be using the same menu from last month. Janice Henry will be coordinating this meal.**

**Community Breakfast**—(Contact: Sue Martin)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 20: 7:30-11:00 AM**

A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, cereal, and pastries will be served to the downtown community at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the breakfast.

## *OTHER MINISTRIES*

**Blankets & Sew On** - (Contact: Jeannie Zeller)

*Ways to help:* Knit or crochet a prayer shawl. Yarn and patterns are always available in the Parish Hall. Help a child or adult to knit or crochet. Knit a hat or scarf for our community folks in need of some warmth this winter, or persons undergoing chemo treatments. We will supply the needles/hooks and yarn. As always, thanks for your prayers and support of this ministry. We meet every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall and every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Becker House.

**Door Ministry & Food Bank** - (Contact: Bill Thompson & Julia Groom-Thompson)

Non-perishable food donations can be delivered to 1) church office, or 2) given to the Ushers on Sunday mornings. Weekly food orders are then organized for “families” or “single” people and are distributed from our church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays to those in need.

**Eagle’s Nest News**—(Contact: Dave or Sue Martin)

The second Wednesday of each month the Eagles Nest program operates from 12:30 thru 5:00 p.m. Other Wednesdays of the month the program operates from the regular dismissal time of 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. We welcome Ms. Christi Brewer as our new director, as Janelle Yoder takes a maternity leave. The twenty five eager participants have had excellent attendance, good health, good appetites, and bring a joyous energy to our parish hall each Weds.

**Grocery Cards**—(Contact: Cynthia Minnich)

Total sales for January gave \$508 to Jubilee. This was a great month but we did use 5 Sundays to accomplish this. Keep up the good work!

**Don’t forget:** It’s easier to use a grocery card at the store than to peel out cash or write a check. Your using one of our cards gives 5% of its value to our Jubilee missions.

## JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

Remember that a \$100 card can be used as often as it takes to use it up. You don't have to spend it all at one time.

AND YOU ARE NOT LOSING ANYTHING. YOU ARE GETTING FULL VALUE FOR YOUR CARD. THE STORE SELLS CARDS TO US AT A 5% DISCOUNT.

**Participating Stores: Darrenkamp's, Giant, John Herr's, Oregon Dairy, Stauffer's, & Weis**

### **Recycling** - (Contact: Sue Heilman)

Recycling containers for cans, plastic, glass, and styrofoam are available at St. John's. You can park in the Becker House parking lot (on Concord Street between Walnut and Chestnut) and walk to the left side of the dumpster where you will find the recycling containers sitting just outside the rear Parish Hall door.

### **Robert Fulton School Partnership**—(Contact: Dave & Sue Martin)

Collection of the following items can be found on the ledge next to the kitchen counter in the Parish Hall. Moo Money (bottle caps), Box Tops for Education, Printer Cartridges, and Campbell Soup Labels.

### **Shalom Ministry**—(Contact: Fran Gouveia)

This ministry is the guiding force for responding to the Millennium Development Goals.

## ST. JOHN'S VOYAGERS



### *Voyagers Sailing through Lent into Spring*

After an excellent presentation on the true stories of Hospice by Deacon Priscilla Ginolfi, the St. John's seniors will brighten and warm their hearts with discussions and presentations involving Lancaster Roots 300, homegrown genealogy, and a picnic in May in the beautiful, accessible area of the Black Rock Retreat Center.

On Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall, Dr. Beth Graybill, Director of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, will provide a revealing look at the relationship between the settlers led by Hans Herr and the Native American residents. This is a great topic for the first free church of Lancaster county and a lesson in welcoming. Dr. Graybill is one of the key organizers of the Lancaster Roots 300 celebration recognizing the settling of the county.

On Saturday, April 24th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall, we will welcome Andy Scheid and his exciting adventure of using the internet and local resources to discover his family both here and in Germany. He will provide insight and tips into how to begin this process for ourselves. Andy led two large reunions for his family, both here and in Germany. Our own Voyagers have pictures and stories of their own to share.

On May 22, also a Saturday, we are planning a picnic on the grounds of Black Rock retreat center, with their permission, to look at the site where our all parish retreat will be held and enjoy each other's company in a celebration of Spring!

We again invite any St. John's member with an interest in these programs to join us. We are an informal and friendly group and are in the habit of bringing friends and neighbors with us. You are also welcome to do so. No expectations except that you enjoy yourself and get to know your fellow parishioners better.

### ***Spread The Word!!!***

In this, our one year anniversary month, our 55+ senior group, the Voyagers, reminds all parishioners of our transportation and errand service. In the past year, we have delivered people to outpatient medical procedures, to multiple physical therapy sessions, to home after car trouble, to eye appointments where drops in eyes make it impossible to drive. We have delivered prescriptions, milk and bread, and chocolate, the necessities of life! Normally, all we need is a day or two notice. But calls in the midst of a sudden need will get our best effort.

For help, call *Kathy Novosel* at either 717-299-9738, or 717-368-2355.

## PROPERTY

The committee extends an invitation to all parishioners interested in fellowship and service as a member of the Property Committee. We value ideas and suggestions from many points of view. A volunteer to record the minutes of these meetings will be most appreciated. At our February meeting we were happy to welcome Danny Dorgan, who joined us to ask about kinds of Eagle Scout projects he might organize for the benefit of St. John's. Ideas from parishioners will be welcomed. The following items were discussed at the February meeting:

**Life Safety** - The executive committee reviewed a proposal from our fire alarm service company for a four-year phased in system. The property committee approved moving forward on this important work with a Vestry resolution which will include executive committee stipulations.

The February life safety inspection was completed. The liquid agent system over the cooking equipment in the kitchen was inspected and serviced.

**Property Use/Lease Fees and Policies** - The review of the policies for the use of our facilities was completed. The committee approved moving forward with a Vestry resolution to implement The Building and Use Policy.

**HVAC**- The committee approved the submission of a Vestry resolution for Freon leak repair of the church building's compressor coil, and for an annual maintenance agreement contract with J & J Heating and Cooling.

**Auditorium Improvements** - Ridge Builders was called in to work on leaks affecting the auditorium. This space will be monitored for further leaks.

**Nave/Chancel lighting**- The search goes on for appropriate, cost saving lighting for the nave and chancel. The sample fixtures installed at the back of the church showed most interest (3:1) in the high pressure sodium lamp. Our electrician and a few members of the committee met at First United Methodist Church to see innovative lighting in the all-purpose area and the lighting in the church itself, a personalized tour for which we are grateful. Janice Henry will review her sources for lighting architects/designers for more ideas.

**Nave Wall Leak& Roof** - Morris Maintenance cleaned gutters and upper roof areas after a recent thaw. As many loose slates were seen on the lower roof, a contractor was invited to quote on this for both upper and lower roofs and for flashing repair.

**Rental Properties** - 211 N. Concord will need new roof cover within a year. Exterior painting at the rear of this building is required. A toilet ball cock valve was replaced. Replacement of sheet flooring in the bathroom and kitchen is needed.

**Sacristy Ceiling** - A plaster contractor repaired damaged plaster in the sacristy. A light fixture will be replaced after the ceiling is painted. Floor cover options were discussed.

**Becker House Parking** - Someone backed their car into the shed, compressing the wall against the door and keeping it from opening. This was corrected with no further consequence. Be careful out there. Easy does it.

**Wish List** - Nave/chancel lighting, HVAC improvement, church slate roofing, elevator, courtyard, columbarium, handicapped accessibility, painting, auditorium stage curtains and fan/lights are all being provided to Vestry as items for future consideration.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Andersson, Zach	14
Burch, Molly	9
Clark, Neil	29
Dissinger, David	3
Dorgan, Paul	25
Ginolfi, David	13
Glazier, Penn	24
Gromis, Keith	29
Gromis, Sharon	27
Gross, Emily	14
Hasircoglu, Betsy	23
Heider, Mike	25
Henry, Kim	26
Hickman, Brandon	9
Hobbins, Matt	28
Johnson, Cricket	17
Juslin-Asplin, Betty	24
Lahr, Joan	8
Latshaw, Karen	21
Latshaw, Jane	12
Lemonick, Leslie	16
Loose, Ted	13
Miller, Ed	21
Miller, Kate	1
Mone, Jennifer	12
Morgan, Brooks	6
Murdoch, Sarah	25
Pennell, Dave	2
Rahe, Zach	14
Rodriguez, Julie	12
Sanderson, Luke	26
Scheivert, Kristine	6
Snyder, Jim	31
Stienstra, Jim	18
Stigelman, Mikayleigh	17
Stone, Janelle	17
Walsh, Ellie	27
Walsh, Marjie	12
Waskowicz, Bruce	31
Wendler, Madalyn	17
Zimmerman, Phil	23

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Freeman, Dale & Sibyl	3/27/1992
Houston, John & Nancy	3/11/1990
Mausolf, Andy & Katie	3/17/2007
McGee, Vince & Shirley	3/16/1957
Tahsler, Bruce & Leslie	3/31/1979
Waskowicz, Bruce & Mary	3/09/1991



*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please contact the church office and that particular person will be prayed for, for four (4) weeks. Continued prayers for that person necessitates another contact with the church office.



*Lillian Bennett  
Karin Bleecker  
Nancy Eckenrode  
David Finney  
Linda Frederiksen  
Laura & Jill Greenawalt  
Mary Lou Higgs  
Liz Johnson  
Sarah Voth Kroll  
Henry Lempp  
Jessica Lorenz  
Karen McComsey  
Mary Selene Miller  
Ken Nolan  
Dorothy Patterson  
Jenny Hart Robinson  
Ryan  
Father Eugene Smith  
Ingrid Smith  
The Rev. Erica Wood  
Margaret Woodbridge  
Debbie, Eric, & Mike*

*For Our Homebound Parishioners  
and  
Those Suffering from Addictions*

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Please remember those who are serving in our armed forces. If you would like to add or delete anyone from this list, please be sure to contact Patti Means in the church office.

*Brian Hobbins, Matthew James,  
Howard Kane, III, Alex Kelly,  
Kyle Kulka, Joseph Lombardo,  
Sean McCormick, Karl Miller,  
Julian Sellers, David Smith,  
John S. Waltz, Joshua Watkins*

Please share with us information about your loved one(s) who are serving our country.

If you are in need of either an Episcopal service medal or Anglican rosary, please contact the church office.

### *A Prayer For Those in the Armed Forces of our Country*

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *If Your Personal Information Changes...*

Please be sure to contact the church office with changes to your personal information: change of address, telephone, or e-mail.

*"Thank you for your cooperation!"*

*Patti Means, Parish Secretary  
717-299-1188 or [patti@stjohns-lancaster.org](mailto:patti@stjohns-lancaster.org)*

## SERVING SCHEDULE – MARCH, 2010

### FOR ALL THOSE SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S: PLEASE NOTE!

If you are unable to fulfill your serving duties, it will be your responsibility to find a replacement. Once you have located a replacement, please be sure to call the Church Office with your name, the name of your replacement, and the date you were scheduled to serve. If you reach our voice mail system, **simply dial "0"** to leave your message. If you call the Church Office after working hours, your call will still be received by a staff member prior to the Sunday service.

Please avoid contacting Aaron Spicher, personally, with this type of information. Aaron will receive your information through the Church Office. *"Thank you for your cooperation!"*

MARCH 7	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Max Heider, Kathy Novosel	Jan Brown, Dan Dorgan
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Stephanie McGovern	Joanna Sweeney, C. Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Lector</b>	Kathy Novosel	Eric Waskowicz
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Lauren Waskowicz
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Garth Alexander
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	—	Max Hreben, Brooks Morgan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Leslie Morgan
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	YAC	YAC
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Mary Waskowicz
<b>Flower Friend</b>	—	—

MARCH 14	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith	Eric Freeman, Sibyl Freeman
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	—	Don Durand, Jan Brown
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Breneman	Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Server</b>	—	John Waskowicz
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Brad Moyer
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	—	Emma DiPace, Amelia Dissinger
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team	Team
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Sue Martin
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	Voyagers	Voyagers
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Jen Hreben
<b>Flower Friend</b>	—	—

## SERVING SCHEDULE - MARCH, 2010

MARCH 21	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Kathy Novosel, Merle Schnee	James Glazier, Brian Gross
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Bill Moyer, Kathy Novosel	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
<b>Lector</b>	Peggy Craige	Paula Wolf
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Sarah Gordon
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Dave Pennell
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Kaitlin Grosh, Madalyn Wendler
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team	Team
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team C
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Peter Novosel
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	Jubilee Ministries	Jubilee Ministries
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Tracy Cliff
<b>Flower Friend</b>	—	—

MARCH 28	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith	Carl Hartman, Barbara McGraw
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	—	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
<b>Lector</b>	Bill Moyer	Jeannie Zeller
<b>Reader</b>	Kathy Novosel, Ray Manlove, Joanie Kilhefner, Bill Moyer, Shelby Kilhefner, Ricky Smith, Cricket Johnson, Aaron Spicher, Jim Snyder, John Miller	Frank Commins, Eric Waskowicz, Ellie Walsh, Dave Martin, Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin, Steve Latshaw, Alan Walsh, Carl Hartman, Bruce Morgan
<b>Server</b>	Max Heider	Ellie Walsh
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Phil Becker
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Aaron Hasircoglu, Aidan Cliff
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team	Team
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team D
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Bruce Waskowicz
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	Blankets & Sew On	Blankets & Sew On
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Phyllis Gbur
<b>Flower Friend</b>	—	—

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S:**

For Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Crucifers, or Torch Bearers: Contact Betty Finney  
 For Eucharistic Visitors: Contact The Rev. Priscilla Ginolfi  
 For Altar Guild: Contact Cynthia Minnich  
 For Ushers: Contact Mike Gbur  
 For Greeters or Coffee Hour Hosts: Contact Bruce & Mary Waskowicz

\* Contact telephone numbers for these people can be found in the new Parish Directory and copies are available in the Parish Hall on any Sunday.

## “LOOKING AHEAD!” TO APRIL, 2010

<b>APRIL 1—Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Jan Brown, Sue Purdy
<b>Lector</b>	Phil Purdy
<b>Server</b>	Ellie Walsh
<b>Crucifer</b>	David Kilp
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Gross, Mike Gbur

<b>APRIL 2—Good Friday</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Breneman
<b>Server</b>	Aaron Spicher
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1
<b>Ushers</b>	Phil Becker, Mike Gbur, Charlie Rahe

<b>APRIL 3—Easter Vigil</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Sibyl Freeman
<b>Lector</b>	Fran Gouveia
<b>Reader</b>	Eric Freeman, Jan Brown, John Gouveia, Jeannie Zeller, David Dissinger
<b>Server</b>	Eric Freeman
<b>Crucifer</b>	Dave Pennell
<b>Thurifer</b>	Judy Arnold
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2
<b>Ushers</b>	Doug Brown, Paul Dorgan, Mike Gbur

<b>APRIL 4—Easter Day</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Merle Schnee, Aaron Spicher	Eric Kilhefner, Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith, C. Weaver-Gelzer	Jan Brown, Brian Gross, Emily Gross, Peter Novosel
<b>Lector</b>	Merle Schnee	Kathy Novosel	Paula Wolf
<b>Server</b>	Aaron Spicher	Dan Dorgan	David Kilp
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Brad Moyer	Adam Kilp
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Kaitlin Grosh, Aaron Hasircoglu	Emma DiPace, Michael Hreben
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Ushers</b>	Phil Becker, Mike Kilhefner, John Miller, Jim Snyder	Nick DiPace, Sharon Gromis, Bruce Morgan, Julie Rodriguez	Bill Gross, Matt Lester, Len Jackson, Charlie Rahe
<b>Greeter</b>	—	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	—	<b>PARISH BREAKFAST</b>	—
<b>Nursery</b>	—	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
<b>Flower Friend</b>	—	—	—

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries LENT II 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Cocoa Hour (AP) 9:00 AM Coffee Hr, Knitters (PH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Lenten Evening Program (PH) 7:15 PM AA (AP)</p>	<p>1 NW Cluster Lunch/Meeting Here 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Property Committee (BH) 7:30 PM Ministries Council (BH 2FL)</p>	<p>2 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VA (PH) 7:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room)</p>	<p>3 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Healing Service 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 6:30 PM Blankets &amp; Sew On (BH) 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)</p>	<p>4 7:00 PM Worship Committee (BH) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 12 Step (AP)</p>	<p>5 J2A Confirmation Retreat at Black Rock Retreat Center 11:30 AM Ecumenical Lenten Lunch/Worship at Unitarian Church (J Andritz, Preacher) 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)</p>	<p>6 J2A Confirmation Retreat at Black Rock Retreat Center</p>
<p>7 LENT III PARISH MEETING Plant Sale Orders Taken 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Cocoa Hour (AP) 9:00 AM Coffee Hr, Knitters (PH) 9:00 AM Parish Meeting (PH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 12:00 PM Church School Teachers (BH) 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Lenten Evening Program (PH) 7:15 PM AA (AP)</p>	<p>8 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Executive Committee (BH)</p>	<p>9 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VA (PH) 7:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room)</p>	<p>10 ECW Retreat 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Healing Service 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 4:45 PM Serve Dinner @ St Paul's 6:30 PM Blankets &amp; Sew On (BH) 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)</p>	<p>11 ECW Retreat 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 12 Step (AP)</p>	<p>12 ECW Retreat LENTEN LUNCHEON HERE 11:30 AM Ecumenical Lenten Lunch/Worship at St John's (P Eyer, Preacher) 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)</p>	<p>13 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Special Vestry Meeting (BH) 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM Max Heider's Eagle Scout Ceremony (PH/Aud)</p>
<p>14 Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries Daylight Savings Time Begins LENT IV Plant Sale Orders Taken 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Cocoa Hour (AP) 9:00 AM Coffee Hr, Knitters (PH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 12:00 PM Youth Root Beer Float &amp; Game Day (PH) 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Lenten Evening Program (PH) 7:15 PM AA (AP)</p>	<p>15 MESSENGER DEADLINE 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (AP)</p>	<p>16 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VA (PH) 7:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room)</p>	<p>17 11:30 AM MDG Prayer Service (Chapel) 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Healing Service 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 6:30 PM Blankets &amp; Sew On (BH) 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)</p>	<p>18 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 12 Step (AP)</p>	<p>19 10:30 AM Hamilton Arms Eucharist 11:30 AM Ecumenical Lenten Lunch/Worship at Covenant UM (C Shiley, Preacher) 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:30 PM Popcorn Theology (PH)</p>	<p>20 Spring Begins! 8:00 AM Serve Breakfast @ 1st Reformed 6:30 PM Traditional Dance (Aud)</p>
<p>21 ECW PLANT SALE EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS SUN LENT V 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Cocoa Hour (AP) 9:00 AM Coffee Hr, Knitters (PH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 12:00 PM Newcomer Brunch (PH) 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Lenten Evening Program (PH) 7:15 PM AA (AP)</p>	<p>22 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 4:00 PM Flower Guild Meeting (BH)</p>	<p>23 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VA (PH) 7:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room)</p>	<p>24 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service (Fr Lorenz) 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 6:30 PM Blankets &amp; Sew On (BH) 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)</p>	<p>25 THE ANNUNCIATION 9:00 AM MESSENGER MAILING (PH) 7:00 PM Worship Committee (BH) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 12 Step (AP)</p>	<p>26 11:30 AM Ecumenical Lenten Lunch/Worship at Hamilton Park UCC (J Day, Preacher) 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)</p>	<p>27 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Voyagers (PH)</p>
<p>28 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 AM Liturgy of the Palms-Rite I 9:00 AM Cocoa Hour (AP) 9:00 AM Coffee Hr, Knitters (PH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:15 AM Liturgy of the Palms-Rite II 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Lenten Evening Program (PH) 7:15 PM AA (AP)</p>	<p>29 MON IN HOLY WEEK 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>30 TUES IN HOLY WEEK 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VA (PH) 7:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room)</p>	<p>31 WED IN HOLY WEEK 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Healing Service &amp; Holy Eucharist 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 6:30 PM Blankets &amp; Sew On (BH) 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)</p>	<p>1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 12 Step (AP) 7:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, Stripping Altar 8:45 PM Vigil until after 12PM Good Friday Service 9:00 PM Youth "LOCK-IN"</p>	<p>2 (Office Closed) GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 AM Good Friday Liturgy w/Communion 11:30 AM Ecumenical Lenten Lunch/Worship at St Peter UCC (P Newport, Preacher) 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Stations of the Cross w/Communion 7:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy w/Communion</p>	<p>3 HOLY SATURDAY 7:30 PM Easter Vigil w/Renewal of Baptismal Vows (Incense)</p>



Don't forget to order your Spring plants this month on March 7 and 14!

*St. John's Singles—Young & Old*

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*Everyone!*

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