



St. John's Messenger

May, 2009

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

ALLELUIA SUNDAY

Sunday, May 17 is Alleluia Sunday. For us at St. John's it will be a Sunday for a three fold, *Alleluia!*

Alleluia! number one will be for the annual visitation of our Bishop, the Right Reverend Nathan D. Baxter, tenth Bishop for the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. Bishop Baxter will preach and celebrate at the 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM services. We have our fingers crossed that the bishop will also be joined by his wife, Mary Ellen. As this is an "off" year for our teen confirmation class in the two year cycle of our Journey to Adulthood program, we hope to welcome in the sacrament of Confirmation some of our adults who are participating in our Tuesday evening Inquirer's Program. A special reception for the Baxters and our adult confirmands will be held between the services in the Parish Hall.

Alleluia! number two will be for our annual Parish Picnic. We will again be gathering at the Manor Township Park in the Shenk Pavilion following the 10:15 AM service. The park is located at the intersection of Millersville and Charlestown Roads. Hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings will be provided. You are invited to bring side dishes and desserts to share. For the kids there will be lots of games and face painting. For athletes of all ages there will be a friendly soft ball game. Be sure to bring along your gloves and bats. Bishop Nathan and Mary Ellen have also been invited. Maybe we will even get to see the Bishop's "stuff" on the mound.

Alleluia! number three will be our Alleluia Fund in-gathering for Operation Understanding. St. John's Jubilee Ministries has been a major recipient of this diocesan financial support. For 2009 we have been approved to receive a \$1,200 grant for our Eagle's Nest program. We anticipate a second grant of \$800 in support of the meal ministries we share with other downtown churches: "Dinner Out" at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and "Community Breakfast" at First Reformed Church. These outreach efforts are at the heart of our Jubilee Ministries, and are crucial to the well being of many adults and children in our city.

The Alleluia Fund also supports similar outreach ministries in other Episcopal parishes throughout Central Pennsylvania - an eight week summer program from children at St. John's, Carlisle; an after school program at St. Stephen's Cathedral; a food panty feeding 240 families at St. James', Mansfield; a city summer work camp at St. John's, York; 120 meals prepared for Cripus Attucks by St. Edward's, Lancaster; a transient housing program through St. Luke's, Mount Joy; mental and emotional support for challenged individuals at St. Paul's, Manheim; and at Prince of Peace, Gettysburg, a summer program for children suffering from homelessness and abuse.

Your gift to the Alleluia Fund makes these ministries possible. Simply make your check payable to "St. John's Church" and note "Alleluia". This will record your gift on you pledge statement. You may mail it in or place in the collection plate on any Sunday.

Whether for our Bishop, our Parish Picnic or to support our Alleluia Fund, we hope you will be able to be present on May 17 for our three fold *Alleluia!* on Alleluia Sunday.

John+

FROM PASTOR JENNIFER E. LOOKER

It is with great joy that I share some personal news- Craig and I are expecting our second child! I am twelve weeks pregnant, with a projected due date of November 7th. The pregnancy has been a healthy one so far, if a bit more symptomatic than my first. I can still remember Craig's look of astonishment when I started weeping during a commercial advocating animal safety and care. Or the time that I had a severe bout of nausea and insisted on drinking pineapple juice for days on end.

Like the first pregnancy, I find myself wondering about the life growing within me. And like the first pregnancy, I find myself worrying about how we will manage it all-especially with a growing toddler in the house. This was especially true a few nights ago, when I had a kind of melt-down moment with Craig at dinner. Anna Gail, who at the tender age of 17 months is all about being a "big girl", and doing "big girl things" has decided that she is much too old for a high chair. On this particular night, she decided that the only place (and I mean the only place) she was willing to sit during dinner was on Mama's lap. True, we could have been disciplined parents and waited out her tantrums, but we were both tired that night, and decided to simply give in. A very triumphant Anna Gail sat on Mama's lap during the rest of dinner.

About five minutes into dinner, she decided that not only was she too big for the high chair, but she was also too big for her child sized fork- she wanted to use Mama's. Again, we could have been disciplined parents and insisted that she use her own fork, but after a huge fit and multiple tears, a very tired Mama and Dada gave in and allowed her to play with Mama's adult sized fork- while Mama attempted to eat a salad with a baby-sized Elmo fork. It was at this point that I started to laugh, with tears in my eyes, and looked at Craig and said "And we're going to have another one?????"

I remember wondering during my first pregnancy how I would balance motherhood and ministry. I had high hopes that Anna Gail would sleep quietly and blissfully in my office while I accomplished great and productive things. Reality was something else. Being a mother was more demanding than I expected, but also more formative. It has informed how I go about ministry and what I believe about self and others. I've had to rely on the support of family, friends and community more than ever before, and that has been a good thing. Anna Gail has been a joy in my life, but also in the lives of others. She has often accompanied me on visits to shut-ins, and I am always struck by the simple joy she brings.

I can imagine that life will be hectic and occasionally overwhelming with two little ones in the house. But that being said- I have been so grateful for the love and support St. John's has shown my family these past couple of years. Balancing motherhood and ministry might be a juggling act at times, but I can't imagine a better place to try.

Jennifer+

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Spring In-Gathering

Dear Member of St. John's Family,

Our Spring In-Gathering for the United Thank Offering will be on Sunday, May 10, 2009.

Happy Mother's Day! How wonderful to have the chance on this day to put into action our thankful hearts by joining with all Episcopalians in this special offering. This ingathering unites our individual thankful prayers and offerings to help change the world and support and aid many individuals and families.

As always, 100% of our UTO collected offering is granted for worthwhile projects throughout the world! A grants list brochure is on the back table of the parish hall.

If you cannot be present on Sunday, May 10, please send your offering to the church office at 321 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17603, and we will be thankful to present it at the altar for you.

Sincerely,

Phyllis M. Gbur
UTO Coordinator

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

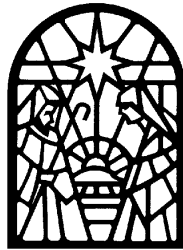
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**THE DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR THE**

JUNE MESSENGER:

MAY 18, 2009



Stained Glass Window Tour at St. John's

SUNDAY, MAY 10

(Between Services)

On Sunday, May 10 (between services), our Verger, Aaron Spicher, will be leading a walking tour of our stained glass windows at St. John's.

Come and learn about the history of our beautiful windows and who they memorialize. "Do you know which window is a 'Tiffany' window, and where it's located?"

Please contact Patti Means in the church office if you plan to walk with us on this special tour!

PARISH PICNIC!

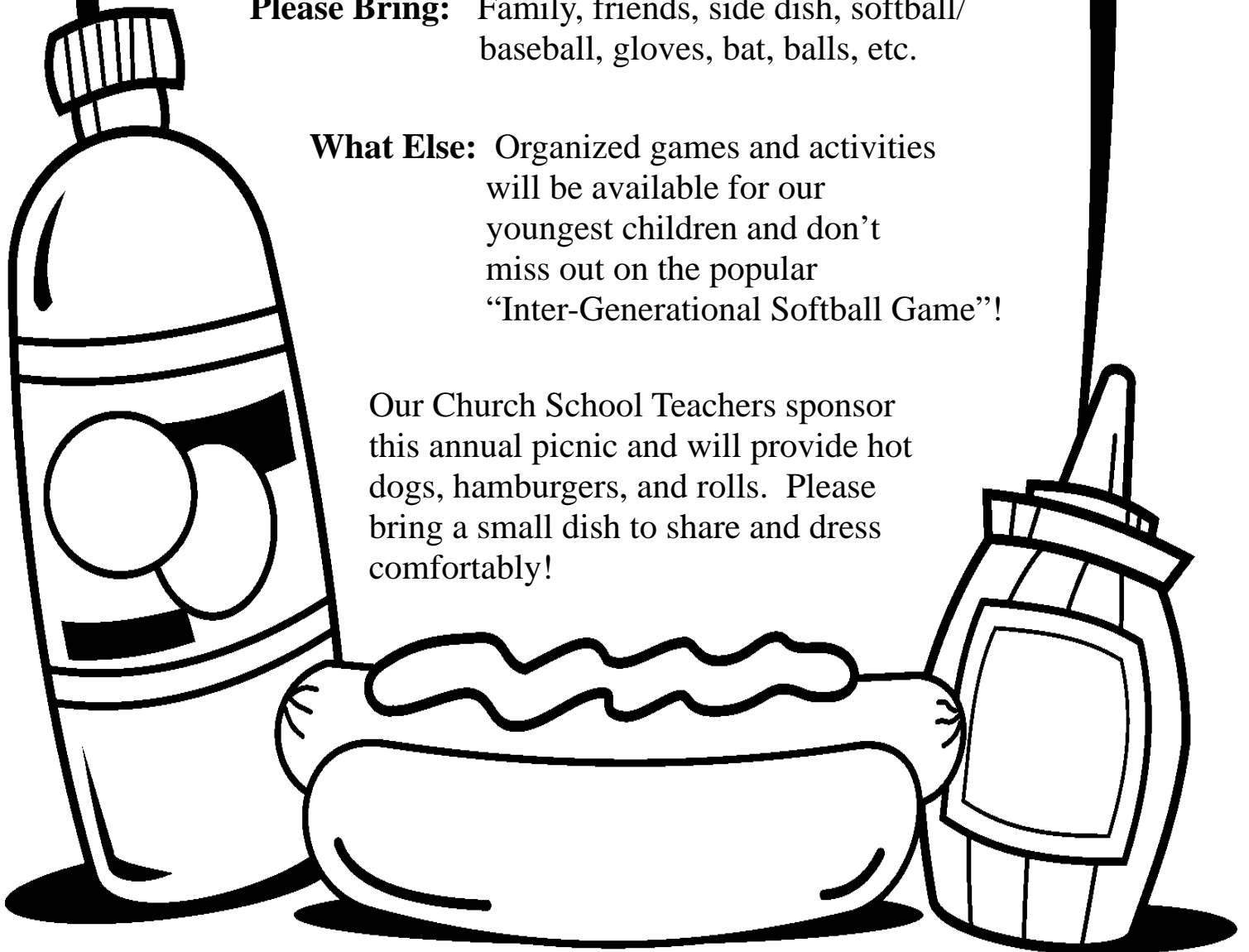
Save This Date!!!!

- What:** St. John's Annual Parish Picnic!
- When:** 12:00 p.m.—Sunday, May 17, 2009
- Where:** Manor Township Community Park
“Shenk Pavilion”

Please Bring: Family, friends, side dish, softball/
baseball, gloves, bat, balls, etc.

What Else: Organized games and activities
will be available for our
youngest children and don't
miss out on the popular
“Inter-Generational Softball Game”!

Our Church School Teachers sponsor
this annual picnic and will provide hot
dogs, hamburgers, and rolls. Please
bring a small dish to share and dress
comfortably!



VESTRY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Vestry's Warden Message

At our April meeting, the Vestry received some encouraging news regarding our financial situation. We still are behind in our budgeted revenue, however the amount has decreased. Please continue your faithful stewardship as we strive to balance our operating budget and grow our ministries.

The Vestry passed one resolution endorsing Jan Brown as a Candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jan as she continues her journey towards becoming a Deacon.

Bishop Baxter will be visiting our parish on Sunday, May 17, which is also the date of our annual Parish Picnic.

In closing , please do not hesitate to speak with myself or any members of the Vestry (contact information found on the back of the Bulletin) regarding any questions, comments, or concerns.

Submitted by,

Ted Loose, Vestry's Warden

ENERGY SAVING INITIATIVE

...from Our Property Manager

Sometimes I get so task oriented that I often miss the bigger picture. While easier for a multi-tasker, you know, those lucky people that can also chew gum, I have been noticing times when I walk into an empty room and find the lights “ON” or the thermostat on “HOLD” from the prior evening.

Our Property Committee and Church Staff are taking every opportunity to commit to energy efficiency, especially during these poor economic times. With this in mind, the committee approved locking access to thermostats that have been routinely found in a tampered state. Lights are a slightly different story. We were able to install motion sensor switches in the restrooms to conserve electrical energy.

However, we are only conserving energy provided no one tampers with these switches, which is happening on occasion. Our beautifully windowed buildings, while not providing energy efficiency from a temperature standpoint, allow the savings opportunity to make better use of daylight, reducing the need for electrical powered artificial lighting.

However, there are times when I walk into a room getting more light through the windows than from the light fixtures and the lights are still “ON”, wasting energy. While it may sound as though I am turning into an energy conservation officer, I am only asking everyone to join me in this initiative by adding energy efficiency to their task list when using or visiting our parish property.

Submitted by,

Bill Gross, Property Manager

TREASURER'S REPORT

Those of you who were able to attend the Parish Meeting in March heard me deliver a message that none of us wanted to hear. At the end of February we were \$11,000 behind our planned pledge income level. Since pledged income is the most significant line item in our revenue budget, this translated to being nearly \$11,000 behind in our total budgeted income. When one considers that our budget already had a deficit of \$88,000, it is easy to see how an additional \$11,000 would inflate the deficit to nearly \$100,000.

The good news can be seen below. You that heard of our dilemma have responded by catching up on outstanding pledges. In March our pledged income exceeded budget by \$3621. Thank You....Thank You....Thank You. Those who were not able to pledge also heard our call. In March non-pledged income was up for the second month in a row. The net result has reduced the income shortfall from \$11,000 to \$5812.

Expenses for the 1st fiscal quarter are being held in check extremely well. To date, our net operating expenses are \$17,750 below budget. This number includes the repair of the boiler room wall. The net of these 2 actions has reduced our projected deficit by nearly \$12,000.

	<u>Month</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Month</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Year</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Year</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Revenue</u>				
Pledged	\$31,955	\$28,333	\$77,170	\$ 85,000
Non-Pledge	\$ 3,670	\$ 2,917	\$10,163	\$ 8,750
Total Income	\$37,144	\$37,377	\$106,693	\$112,506
<u>Expense</u>				
Total	\$39,756	\$45,648	\$118,760	\$136,511

While we all can be smiling at our accomplishment, we must not stop being good stewards of the gifts that God has given us. Working together we can make 2009 the year that St. John's moves from having a deficit to having a balanced budget and maybe even a surplus.

As always, should you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Submitted by,

Steve Latshaw, Treasurer

Electronic Transfer Of Funds to St. John's

We now have the ability to receive your offerings through electronic transfer from your bank to our bank. This process will be done monthly with the transfers being completed on the 10th day of each month.

If you are interested in this service, you will need to complete an authorization form, attach a voided check, and return to the church office. Forms can be obtained from the church office.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about this new and easy process, please contact our Rector's Warden: *Cynthia Minnich*.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director

What a great month we had in April! The Sunday School would like to thank Mary Ellen Kilp, and all the Youth, for the fun-tastic Easter egg hunt that they put together. The children had a ball hunting and gathering. We also want to thank them for the great time had by all at the 'Sound of Music' sing along. What a memorable night.

Jen Hreben and Sibyl Freeman did a wonderful job with the second annual Liturgy of Light that took place on April 18th. We hope that everyone who attended enjoyed it.

We are all looking forward to a quiet month of May, and to our annual Church Picnic on May 17th. We hope everyone can attend. Rain or Shine...just ask anyone about last year!! We will be wrapping up our Pennies for Peace collection at the end of May. Look for the various collection buckets around St. Johns!

Summer Church School will begin on Sunday, June 14th. Children are invited to gather in the All Purpose Room at 9:30 a.m. for lemonade, cookies and a fun group lesson. We are looking for volunteers to sign up for one Sunday during the summer. Do you have a special interest? A hobby or area of expertise? This would be a great way to showcase it and share it with our children. Please speak with me or Pastor Jennifer if you are interested.

Plans are underway for our Camp E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School. This will run Sunday July 12th to Thursday July 16th, from 6-8:30 p.m. We still need some leaders, and many helpers. We can use help all week, or just for a day. Extra hands will be needed for our 'Camp Kick Off Cook Out' on Sunday July 12th, which will start a little earlier. Please contact me or Pastor Jennifer with any questions, or if you can help out.

If anyone would like to be added to our Nursery rotation, please let me know. Things are going well with Stephen, our Nursery care provider, but we still need to have a volunteer each week to help out. This would require your services during the 10:15 a.m. service only 4 or 5 times a year...even less if more people sign up! Please let me know if you can help out.

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp, Youth Director



Congratulations to Our 2009 Graduates:

*Mark Almy, Tyler Brenton, Ross Clark, Keith Gromis,
Kimberly Henry, Adam Kilp, Nhi Le, Yen Le,
Eric Loose, Carter Luck, and Julie Ott*

2009 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Tyler Craig Brenton is the son of Nancy & Rich Brenton. He will be graduating from Manheim Township High School and is planning on attending The University of Washington, Seattle to major in Foreign Policy/International Relations. Tyler was a part of the J2A group that went to Brazil and attended a Mission trip to Mississippi in 2007. Tyler was confirmed at St. John's.

Ross Matthew Clark is the son of Neil Clark and Susan Burlingame. He will be graduating from Hempfield High School and is planning on attending Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, and plans to swim for Susquehanna University. Ross was confirmed at St. John's.

Keith Philip Gromis is the son of Sharon & Jeff Gromis. He will be graduating from Hempfield High School and is planning on attending Gettysburg College to double major – History & Music Education. Keith is involved in the Chancel Choir at St. Johns. Keith was confirmed at St. John's.

Kimberly Olsen Henry is the daughter Kevin & Janice Henry. She is graduating from Manheim Township High School and is still deciding what university to attend. Kim would like to major in Business/Pre Law. Kim was a part of the J2A group that went to Brazil. Kim was confirmed at St. John's.

Adam Joseph Kilp is the son of Mary Ellen & Bob Kilp. He will be graduating from Columbia High School and is planning on attending Penn State University (Harrisburg Campus) to major in Criminal Justice. Adam is a server, Eucharistic Minister, youth participant for the Diocese, Part of the J2A group that went to Brazil. Adam was confirmed at St. John's.

Nhi Le is the daughter of Khon & Nuong Le. She is graduating from McCaskey High School and is part of the Graduation IB program. Nhi's future plans are to attend the University of Vermont or Penn State University to major in Science. Nhi has been involved as a server and was part of the J2A group that went to Brazil. Nhi was confirmed at St. John's.

Eric Martin Loose is the son of Pam & Ted Loose and the Grandson of Dave & Sue Martin. He will be graduating from Warwick High School and is planning on attending Loyola College in Maryland. Eric was a part of the J2A group that went to Brazil and attended a Mission trip to Mississippi in 2007.

Jonathan Carter Luck is the son of Jerry & Kathy Luck. He is getting his graduation certificate from Elizabethtown High School. Carter has been home-schooled because he spends much of his time out of state training Motocross. After graduation he will be training full time motocross and will be racing full time.

2009 COLLEGE GRADUATES

Mark Christian Almy is the son of Anne & Benton Almy–Webber, his father is the late Ken Almy. He will be graduating from The American University with a degree in English Literature. Mark was confirmed at St. John's.

Yen Le is the daughter of Khon & Nuong Le. She is graduating from Penn State with a major in Public relations. She would like to get a job in her field. Yen was confirmed at St. John's.

Julie Christiana Ott is the daughter of Robin and Dieter Ott. She graduated in December 2008 from Dickinson College in Carlisle with a degree in Bachelor of Art in history. She is working part time now and is looking for a full time job. Julie was confirmed at St. John's.

**Episcopal Diocese of Central PA
Summer Youth Conference 2009**

June 21-26, 2009

Messiah College, Grantham, PA

SEUSSOLOGY:

A Seussical Look at Life

Rates and Deadlines:

May 1 - \$295

June 1 - \$335

Scholarships are available upon request

Special Discounts for siblings:

1 sibling - \$50 off; 2 sibs - \$75 off; 3 sibs - \$100 off

Please Contact Kelley Paulsen at

gkezap@yahoo.com

or 814-574-1989 with any questions!

**Be Sure To Bring the Wospel
in Your Gospel!**

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

Meal Ministry Dates— “Volunteers Are Always Welcomed!”

Dinner Out—(Contacts: *Dave Martin & Janice Henry*)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13—4:30-6:00 p.m. St. Paul's United Methodist Church,
South Queen and Farnum Streets, Lancaster.

Volunteers are needed as waiters at this month's dinner. We are also responsible for the food preparation. The Dinner Out Team would like help from the good cooks of St. John's. Look for the recipes on the preceding Sundays before Wednesday May 13. Follow directions and have the **unbaked** dish in the kitchen refrigerator before the afternoon of the 13th. Your help with this ecumenical meal will be greatly appreciated. See Janice Henry for more information.

Community Breakfast—(Contact: *Sue Martin*)

SATURDAY, MAY 16—7:30-11:00 a.m. at First Reformed United Church of Christ,
40 East Orange Street, Lancaster.

OTHER MINISTRIES

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

Meets 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 to knit hats, scarves, etc. for donation to those less fortunate. Our pocket prayer shawl ministry is still going strong. Please stop by for some yarn and patterns to knit these shawls. They only take about 1/2 to 3/4 of an hour to make. If you want to make one for the armed forces, khaki or navy wool (not synthetic) yarn must be used.

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.


Volunteering for Missions

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

Eagle's Nest After School Program - (Contact: Dave & Sue Martin)

The 2008-09 Eagles Nest Program closed on the last Wednesday in April. It was, in general, a good year with many new opportunities for the children. For the most part, the children were delightful to work with and the many volunteers have made it easy for the youngsters to feel safe and at home in the loving and helpful environment provided by the adults. So, many huge pats on the back are in order to the following volunteers for their time, effort and patience:

Fran Barber, Sue Breneman, Karin Bleecker, Frank Cummins, Faith D'Urbano, Barbara Graeter, Sue Heilman, Mary Lou Higgs, Mike Higgs, Cricket Johnson, Liz Johnson, Jackie Limroth, Pastor Jennifer Looker, Dave Martin, Sue Martin, Maureen Shannon, Shirley Shaheen, Aaron Spicher, Michael Stank, Sandra Wengert, and F & M Students: Suzannne Carney, Rachel Haimowitz, Seymone Killins, Tyler Plante, AND our Director: Janelle Yoder.

The children of Eagles Nest are so fortunate to have this additional support system in their lives. We look forward to next year with enthusiasm.

Election Day Bake Sale—(Contact: Sue Martin)

It has become a tradition. A bake sale will be held in the Church Courtyard during Election Day, Tuesday May 19, to benefit the Eagle's Nest Program. Donations of food items and/or money are requested. Please help if you can. Baked items can be brought to the Parish House on the Sunday prior to Election Day (May 19). Please label and place items in small plastic bags.

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.



Refugee Resettlement Update; Lancaster's Bhutanese Community Keeps Growing

St. John's has had three months' experience with Bhutanese refugee resettlement, and it has been a joyful, enriching time for many of us. The Refugee Resettlement Committee has dealt with several surprises, and we are learning to be flexible and open to the possibilities.

Our first family – the Chimariya family – arrived in early March and lasted only one week because they wanted to be reunited with the rest of their family in Louisville, Kentucky. In a very short time, the Chimariya family touched our lives – and we theirs – and they are now corresponding with us from Kentucky.

Our current family – the Kafley family – arrived on March 31. The family consists of:

- Kamal Kafley (husband—born 3/10/74)
- Renuka Kafley (wife—born 1/10/76)
- Ristha Kafley (daughter—born 12/22/02)

Dadi Kafley, a younger brother, aged 22, arrived one week later. The four of them are living happily at 516 W. James St., #6, and they are grateful for the love and support and warm welcome they are receiving from St. John's parishioners and neighbors. You can find them most Sundays at coffee hour between services.

Ristha is going to kindergarten at Wharton Elementary. She arrived speaking almost no English, but now, after only a few weeks, she is speaking quite a few English phrases, is eating breakfast and lunch at school and tells her parents she prefers American food to what her family eats. Our partner church, Mechanics Grove Church of the Brethren, is collecting books for her.

The latest curve ball tossed our way is the fact that Kamal's parents and remaining brother, Ganga, are arriving in Lancaster on April 28. St. John's didn't agree to sponsor the final three members of the family, so we are working with Church World Service to determine how to handle housing and finances for this expanded family. It will be lovely to see the family reunited.

WISH LIST: Here's what is needed/wanted from St. John's parishioners:

- Your prayers for safe travel for the rest of the family, and for a good solution for how they can be housed and financed.
- Phone calling cards. The most desired gift in the Bhutanese community is a \$2 phone calling card. We're told the OK card is best (it buys 15 minutes to a loved one in a Nepali refugee camp), though the National card also is good (it buys 11 minutes). We're told you can buy the OK card at some Hess gas stations or at Indian markets. You can find the National card at the Asian market near McCaskey.
- A DVD player. Anyone have an old one?
- And, after we have the DVD player, educational children's DVDs for Ristha.
- Any job leads you may hear about. Right now we are focusing on Food Stamps and Social Security cards, but finding jobs for Kamal and Dadi soon will be our highest priority.

The Refugee Resettlement Committee thanks everyone at St. John's for your generous support of this ministry. Helping these warm and friendly people settle comfortably into Lancaster shrinks the world a little bit for all of us. If you'd like to contribute in any way, please contact Mary Lou Higgs at mlehiggs@earthlink.net or Sue Hurlburt at sahurlburt@comcast.net.

Submitted by *Mary Lou Higgs*

PROPERTY

The Property Corner

Boiler Room Wall – We will be applying the penetrating epoxy to the wall per the McSherrys' recommendation after the 30 day cure period and the boilers have been shut down.

Eagle Scout Project – Max's plan was approved by HARB and City Council for his sign at the front of the Becker House. Max and his crew are also making excellent progress painting the wrought iron fence and railings around the property. Check it out during your next time at church.

Life Safety – ESCO Security will be providing us with a quote for a card access system and a quote for additional smoke detectors.

HVAC – The committee is revisiting geothermal. We're awaiting a quote from Ken Leaman of J. K. Mechanical. Funding opportunities for Energy efficient Lighting and Green Energy were also discussed. This project provides an opportunity for much needed improvements to our courtyard and parking lots.

Spring Clean-Up – Due to church scheduling conflicts, the Spring Clean-up was held on Saturday, April 4th. Very good results were realized during the Easter Holiday. Our thanks go to all who helped.

City Inspection of Rental Properties – Inspections occurred on 3/30/09 by Michael Bireley from Lancaster City. The inspections found a few tenant related issues, being handled by the committee.

Property Use/Lease Fees & Policies – The committee will be looking at other lease agreements to get ideas for our own.

Auditorium Improvements – Ceiling Fans, stage panels, lighting and patching/painting of walls were all discussed. Unused electrical circuits have been removed, while wiremold was painted to match the wainscoting.

Roof Leaks – Bryan Horning of Ridge Builders has found nothing at this point for the auditorium leak. We will monitor his repairs at 211 N. Concord prior to patching/painting the third floor ceiling there. 211 will need new roof cover within a year. Bryan will provide a quote for this and capping of dormers.

All Purpose Room Floor – Refinishing by Personalized Commercial Cleaners was done on 3/31/09.

Please feel free to contact anyone on the Property Committee with questions or concerns.

Your Property Committee,

*Phil Becker, Jim Crothers, Bill Gross,
Janice Henry, Kevin Henry, and Cynthia Minnich*

MUSIC MINISTRY

...from the Music Desk

I'd like to begin this article by coining a phrase: it takes a team to do Holy Week at St. John's. More specifically, it takes a very dedicated volunteer team to make 10 services happen...and happen well. Staff members cannot go it alone; and in these days of review and reflection we are especially cognizant of how much time, energy, creativity, and talent are put out during this significant time in our church's liturgical calendar. Without volunteerism our best-laid plans as staff would exist only on paper. All of you who folded bulletins, created floral arrangements, served on altar guild, lectured, torched, led processions, ushered, and more, helped create a memorable Holy Week 2009. Your servant spirit is remarkable, gratifying, and appreciated.

For musicians Holy Week is a tour de force of preparation and execution, and to the volunteerism exhibited among our St. John's Choirs I tip my hat. Six services required your attendance and participation. And at each one you arranged your schedules so those coming to worship could do just that...and receive a blessing as each part of the Easter Story unfolded. Children's Choir and parents, thank you for doing all it took to help us combine the two vocal choirs Easter morning. Bell Choir members who descanted at each service, thank you for attempting a creative touch and adding color to two services. Lastly, Chancel Choir, thank you for being the backbone of all that happened. You helped weave the musical threads together throughout the entire week. Again, thank you for helping bring to life all that Liturgy Team planned for this year.

And now for the future....

For Mother's Day Sunday, May 10, the Children's Choir will share "You Shall Have a Song" as their final anthem. They will be assisted by flautist Karen Largent.

As musical highlights for Bishop Baxter's May 17th visit the Handbell Choir will present their final anthem for this part of the year ("JuBELLation") and will be accompanied by trumpeter Jeremy DeVries, a student at Lampeter-Strasbourg High School. In addition, both vocal choirs will combine to present "A Prayer Litany", originally sung by the Children's Choir but arranged for full choral harmony.

And then comes....

!!!!! SUMMER MUSIC 2009 !!!!!

Beginning Sunday June 14 our third annual Summer Music 2009 kicks off, giving our St. John's musicians a much-deserved break. Your suggestions or personal offers to participate are welcome...and have already helped to line up a variety of folks. Let's see.. so far we have harp, handbell, clarinet, flute, string bass, vocals, keyboard, just to name a few. If you've heard of any musicians within our parish or community that've brought you joy, send me contact information and we'll do our best to include them.

Lastly, our handbells have had quite the workout during these past years. As with anything mechanical eventual repair and refurbishment is necessary. In June our three octave set will travel to Plumsteadville and receive an overhaul at the Malmark factory.

Yours,

Randy Day, Minister of Music

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Fundraising Opportunity Available

The annual Courtyard Book Sale is looking for a new facilitator if it is to continue.

Desirables:

1. Great community activity with neighbors invited.
2. Huge intergenerational parish activity - everyone loves books (!) .
3. Storage space available (after it is purged of old books) .
4. Can easily raise \$200, more if marketed well.
5. Street banner is ready for public advertisement.
6. Many good books are donated of which you can have first pick.

ECW has faithfully supported this activity and is ready to find a new group who has the energy and interest. Please contact Sue Martin with questions.

Spring Plant Sales

Thank you for supporting the two sales held this Spring. Sunday, May 3 is the Courtyard opportunity to shop for those summer bedding plants you enjoy tending to each year. There will be some available for purchase and prices are reasonable, in fact - lower than last year!

Submitted by,

Sue Martin

SHALOM MINISTRY MEETING

"What's Next?"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Buchanan Park Pavillion

Covered Dish!

All are welcome who wish to participate in St. John's mission to reduce global poverty and injustice.

Contact: Fran Gouveia

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.



*Annika Andersson
Chet Connor
Kate Dwyer
Providence Eshelman
David Finney
Linda Frederiksen
George Glew
Anna Hammond
John
Lauren Kulka
Vera Jane Latshaw
Thomas Ludwig
Ken Nolan
Nancy O'Hara
Dorothy Patterson
Charles Pennell
Maureen Shannon
Nadeline Kate Stigelman
Clifford Yackly
Elaine Williams
Kathy & Janice
Mike & Diane*

For Our Homebound Parishioners

and

For 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.

*Tim Graeter, Brian Hobbins, Matthew James,
Alex Kelly, Kyle Kulka, Joseph Lombardo
Sean McCormick, Karl Miller, 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*

SERVING SCHEDULE - MAY, 2009

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!"*

MAY 3	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith	Eric Freeman, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Jan Brown, Don Durand, Honamans
Lectors	Sue Breneman	Jeannie Zeller
Server	—	Lauren Waskowicz
Crucifer	—	Brad Moyer
Torch Bearer	—	Amelia Dissinger
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour Host	Handbell Choir	Handbell Choir
Nursery	—	Alan Walsh

MAY 10	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Novosel, Max Heider	Sue Purdy, Dan Dorgan
Eucharistic Visitor	Kathy Novosel, Bill Moyer	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Peggy Craige	Paula Wolf
Server	—	Ellie Walsh
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearer	—	Kaitlin Grosh, Aaron Hasircoglu
Altar Guild	Team 5	Team 5
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	—	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour Host	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
Nursery	—	Cindy Morris

SERVING SCHEDULE - MAY, 2009 (CONTINUED)

MAY 17—BISHOP'S VISIT!	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Intercessor	Ricky Smith	???
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin, Honamans
Lector	Ray Manlove	Eric Waskowicz
Server	Max Heider	Brian Gross
Crucifer	—	Adam Kilp
Torch Bearer	—	Rachel Hreben, Selena Hasircoglu
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	—	Jill Gross
Coffee Hour Host	Jubilee Committee	Jubilee Committee
Nursery	—	Jen Hreben

MAY 24	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith	Karin Bleecker, Adam Kilp
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	Peter Novosel, Robin Ott
Lector	Patti Means	Jan Brown
Server	—	Daniel Kilp
Crucifer	—	Phil Becker
Torch Bearer	—	—
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	—	John Gouveia
Coffee Hour Host	Blankets & Sew On	Blankets & Sew On
Nursery	—	Emily Gross

MAY 31	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Novosel, Merle Schnee	Jan Brown, Brian Gross
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Phil & Sue Purdy
Lector	Kathy Novosel	Dianne Cooney
Server	—	Sarah Gordon
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearer	—	—
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Sue Martin
Coffee Hour Host	Vestry	Vestry
Nursery	—	Phyllis Gbur