



St. John's Messenger

July, 2009

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

WELCOME OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST

I am willing to bet that you would be shocked to know that Pastor Jennifer has been with us at St. John's for three years. It was July 15, 2006 that she commenced her ministry with us as our Curate. She came to us as part of the diocesan program that placed newly ordained deacons in full time parish ministries and paid the parish for half of all expenses for a period of three years. (Sadly this program has been cut from the budget of the diocese.) The goals for this program were two fold: 1) to help parishes to grow by giving them the financial support for needed clergy; and 2) to provide a new clergy person with the opportunity to practice under supervision the skills learned in seminary - a time of curing or maturing toward becoming a fully rounded priest.

Now that Pastor Jennifer's curacy is coming to an end, she has agreed to stay with us at St. John's to become our Assistant Priest. This is more than just a change in title. When she began at St. John's her Position Description was very simple: share in the church's liturgies, assist the Church School teachers and Journey to Adulthood leaders, help provide pastoral care, and attend required meetings of the parish and diocese.

As our new Assistant Priest, Pastor Jennifer's Position Description is much larger and more detailed. Her ministry with children and youth will remain her primary focus, and she will continue to share in the liturgical and pastoral ministries of the church. However, her ministry has now grown to involve every dimension of our parish's mission. Additionally, her new Position Description lists fifty two specific ministry responsibilities.

The effect of Pastor Jennifer's ministry is everywhere apparent at St. John's. Our Church School is growing and vibrant. Our Journey to Adulthood program is even more robust. We have added summer Vacation Bible School, a Church School teacher retreat, a summer Church School program, Episco Disco, College Care Packages, convocation youth mission trips and the All Saints Football game. In worship, Pastor Jennifer has added liturgical dance, introduced alternative liturgies, revived the Christmas Pageant and enhanced the quality of our sung services. These are just some of our accomplishments in Pastor Jennifer's three short years of service.

We have also been blessed by the sharing in the new life and ministry of a young priest. We rejoiced with Pastor Jennifer in her ordinations to the priesthood. We celebrated with her and Craig in the birth of Anna Gail, and in all the joys of parenthood. We gave thanks with Craig upon his earning a master's degree from Penn State. We're anxiously getting ready for the birth of baby number two. Pastor Jennifer and her family are a wonderful leaven in the life of our St. John's family.

Our ministries at St. John's have been gifted by God through Pastor Jennifer's ministry among us. It has been our privilege to be a part of her life and vocational growth. We are honored by her representation of us at St. John's and by the vision for the future of our church that is manifest in her ministry. We are grateful and glad that she will be continuing her ministry in Christ with all of us at St. John's Church.

I am sure that you will join with me in welcoming our new Assistant Priest, the Reverend Jennifer E. Looker.

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FROM PASTOR JENNIFER E. LOOKER

Decorations are being made, banners have been displayed and a feeling of excitement is in the air- Vacation Bible School is right around the corner!!! **This year's Vacation Bible School, Camp E.D.G.E., or "Exploring and Discovering God Everywhere", will begin on July 12th, at 5:00 p.m., with a special cook-out/potluck event.** Bring a small dish to share, and enjoy hotdogs and hamburgers cooked on the grill. Remember to dress for the occasion- hiking boots, shorts, bright colored tee-shirts, khakis, hats and scout uniforms are both welcomed and encouraged! Following the potluck, the evening will continue with arts and crafts, music, discovery time, recreation time, snacks, and of course, bible stories. **The evening will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Camp E.D.G.E. will continue each night after from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., ending on Thursday evening, July 17th.**

We are blessed with a fantastic number of volunteers this year. **Karen Dipace, our Church School Director, has been hard at work as our Vacation Bible School Director.** Her ministry to St. John's is such a gift! Under her leadership, eight other adults have committed to serving as camp leaders. **Betsy Hasircoglu** will lead our pre-k to 2nd graders. **Sue Heilman** will work with our 3rd- 6th graders. **Mary Ellen Kilp** is busy collecting materials for her arts and crafts group. **Cindy Morris** will lead our Discovery time, an opportunity for children to engage in "hands-on" learning that directly relates to the theme, and bible story, of the night. **Fran Gouveia** will lead music, with a special offering of guitar music and true "campy" songs! **Tracy Cliff** has planned a delicious menu of snacks for the children to enjoy. **Leslie Morgan** will lead recreational time, allowing the children opportunities for movement and exercise each night. And finally, **Pam Loose** is hard at work prepping decorations (be sure to let her know if you'd like to help!).

In addition to our adult leaders, we are delighted to have the support of **Garth Alexander, Adam Kilp, Marla Lester, Laurie Macrone, and Carol Stigleman** throughout the week. We are also blessed with a fantastic group of teen helpers this year who will help lead Bible Story time, music and help in any way needed. The group includes: **Sarah Gordon, Julia and Selena Hasircoglu, Rachel Hreben, Joanie Kilhefner, David Kilp, Julia Loose, and Brandon Macrone.** Our teen helpers contribute so much to Vacation Bible School- I can't say enough good things about them. Many of last year's VBS participants wondered if they could "be a teen counselor one day".

A few things I'm particularly excited about this year: one, the inclusion of children from our refugee family community. A number of Bhutanese children will be joining us for VBS this year. What a gift for our Church School children and neighborhood children to develop these relationships. Secondly, I'm always excited by the inclusion of children from our Eagle's Nest program. It is so great to welcome our Eagle's nest friends back to St. John's for the week! And finally, I'm absolutely thrilled by the large number of adult and teen volunteers supporting this ministry. What a statement that makes about the importance of children's ministry in the life of St. John's- and what a gift to the larger community.

And finally, don't miss a special musical offering on Sunday, July 19th, at the 10:15 a.m. service. Our children and teen helpers have been meeting every Sunday morning in the All Purpose Room, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., to learn music and dance from the VBS program. All campers will be invited to share music they have learned during VBS as part of St. John's summer music series.

In short, our VBS program promises to be an exciting one. Please consider joining us for our VBS potluck/cook out – or just stop by throughout the week. **Registration forms are available in this month's messenger and in the parish hall. Please make every effort to return them to the parish office by Wednesday, July 8th.** Hope to see you there!

Jennifer+

PARISH REGISTER

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Henry Beck

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Howard R. Myers



**THE DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR THE**

AUGUST MESSENGER:

JULY 20, 2009

Reminder To Those Using Our Handicapped Parking Area:

We have limited space in our Handicapped parking area. Please pull forward so that no space is wasted. With careful parking we should be able to accommodate 5 or 6 vehicles. If you need to leave and are parked in, we will find the proper people to free you up. Thanks for your consideration.

VESTRY'S WARDEN MESSAGE

Your vestry had a very productive meeting in June. Our financial situation has improved over the last couple of months, however there are still many challenges. It is important for all of us to maintain our pledge commitments over the summer months.

The Finance Committee presented several resolutions to the Vestry that involved the consolidation of a couple of funds in our Endowment. These changes will maintain the integrity of the fund's purpose while simplifying the accounting.

Vestry approved the acquisition of a new copying machine for the office. Our current copying machine is no longer functional. With the new machine, we will be incurring approximately the same expense for one year (and for the next several years) as we paid for copying and printing expenses in 2008.

Also at this meeting, the Vestry accepted the resignation of Kent Strickler. On behalf of the Vestry, I would like to thank Kent for his service on Vestry and especially for his leadership role on the Finance Committee. Thank you Kent !

We are pleased to welcome Sherry Qualls to the Vestry. Sherry has been very active with the Finance Committee and we look forward to her joining us at our July meeting.

Finally, I encourage you to contact myself or any of the members of Vestry (our contact information is on the back of the weekly bulletin) with any thoughts, ideas or comments.

Submitted by,

Ted Loose, Vestry's Warden

ST. JOHN'S VOYAGERS



Voyagers Sharing and Shaping the Paper Trail

During its May meeting, the Voyagers met an extraordinary GI who served on the Italian and North African front during World War II. He was a loving father and a good artist who illustrated his v-mails home to his five year old daughter covered with small sketches of himself and his surroundings. His voice came through loud and clear even though he was not among us. His daughter, Barbara Graeter, read the best among this stack of precious correspondence and passed the rest around. Barbara was just one person among a group of Voyagers who shared saved paper "gifts" from the pre-email era. Dan and Priscilla Farmer told of a collection of post cards from his grandmother depicting old Lancaster from a time when mail arrived twice a day in the city. She used them to correspond with her school girlfriends. Terri Sullivan and Wayne Lefever told stories of letters to and from their sisters that kept these loved ones alive in their lives. Some of us simply chose to be listeners and to give the gift of an audience to help make these loved ones come alive again.

Perhaps one of the best spontaneous presentations of the gathering came when Betty Finney shared thank you letters she received just in the past month from St. John's graduates who have left or are leaving for college and future adventures. Our younger parishioners showed that the art of letter writing is not lost. Their notes were creative, homemade and filled with genuine humor and gratitude for their time as servers, torch bearers and eucharistic ministers for St. John's. Betty shared that she has over 28 scrapbooks at home filled with special letters from students during her college teaching career.

As a group, we realize that we are, as so many parishioners our age, the "keepers of the keys". Not only are we keeping these family stories alive for grandchildren, nieces and nephews, but we have stories of our own that may not be told once we are no longer here. Our June meeting was dedicated to identifying and making a wish list of stories and letters that need to be passed along. As always, folks are encouraged to come and simply be listeners. We are laughing and sharing and getting to know each very well.

* The entire parish is invited to join us on Saturday, July 25th, at 10am in the Parish Hall for a powerpoint presentation by the Lancaster Historical Society's Heather Tennes on simple but effective ways to preserve those precious letters and pictures that we all have. She will be bringing kits with her that can be purchased at the time of the meeting. This is truly a vital part of being faithful to the concept of the communion of saints. Mark this date on your calendar.

Submitted by,

Kathy Novosel

TREASURER'S REPORT

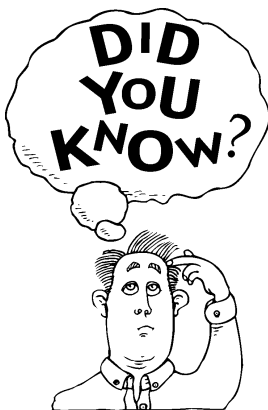
May pledge income exceed budget by \$582, which lowered the Year-to-Date shortfall to \$10,212. Non-pledge and previous year pledge makeup both exceed our projected monthly and Year-to-Date totals. These 2 groups help our overall revenue position to be only \$312 behind total projected revenue. On the expense side of the ledger, we continue to exercise extremely good stewardship of our limited resources. Property is currently \$18,800 under budget. Coupling Property with Administration and Ministries both being under budget, our total expenses are over \$30,600 less then anticipated. This brings our Year-to-Date deficit to only \$2211. This is nearly \$30,355 less then expected. Kudos to everyone who has worked hard to keep St. John's moving forward and growing. The table below summarizes our current position. While you look at these numbers, think about where we would be if pledge income matched the budget.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>May Actual</u>	<u>May Budget</u>	<u>Year Actual</u>	<u>Year Budget</u>
Pledged	\$28,914.91	\$28,333.33	\$131,454.48	\$141,666.67
Non-Pledged	\$ 2,990.00	\$ 2,916.67	\$ 17,064.50	\$ 14,583.33
Total Revenue	\$34,551.44	\$33,377.08	\$191,198.50	\$191,510.42
Total Expense	\$34,065.68	\$45,607.17	\$193,410.35	\$224,077.50

In July you will be receiving your mid-year statement. As always, please review it for correctness. Our Financial Secretary works hard to be as accurate as possible, but sometime mistakes do pop up.

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

The Church school is off to a fun start to the summer. Pastor Jennifer has begun her music and movement program. Please join her from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the All Purpose room. You will learn the songs that we will be singing at our VBS Camp E.D.G.E (Experience and Discover God Everywhere). Even if you will not be attending VBS, this is a fun time for all. On Sunday, July 19th the children will share some of their music with the congregation. You won't want to miss it! Starting July 26th join Sibyl Freeman and Sue Heilman in working on our Peace Mural. This is a great opportunity for our children to use their creativity toward a great cause.

Everyone is invited to take part in this year's Vacation Bible School. Children Pre-K to 6th grade can participate. Teens and Adults can be 'Camp Counselors' or help in other ways. Here are some of the ways you can help out. Please use the form on the reverse to sign up.

We will begin on Sunday July 12th with a 'Camp Cookout Kickoff' at 5:00 p.m. We will need extra volunteers from 4:30-6:30 to help out. You can help set up, serve food, clean up, and/or bring a dish to share.

Before VBS we will need help preparing, collecting and making decorations. Camp theme items that can be borrowed would be greatly appreciated. We also have MANY Supplies that we hope to have donated or lent to us. The less we need to purchase from budget the better!!

During VBS we will need all the help we can get. Teens are welcome to come and be our 'Camp Counselors', Adults can also help in many ways. We can use you for a day, or the whole week, whatever you can give. Our VBS will run from 6:00- 8:30 p.m. Sunday July 12th to Thursday July 16th. Helpers are asked to arrive about 15 minutes early.

After VBS we will need to take down decorations, and send out follow up postcards. We may also need some help in returning any borrowed items.

Please return the back of this page indicating how you can help out this Sunday! Registration forms should be returned as soon as possible as well. Additional forms are available at church. You can contact Pastor Jennifer or Karen DiPace if you have any questions.

Thank you all for making VBS possible!!

The following are ways in which you can help out with our Vacation Bible School this year. Please cut off the bottom of this page, complete the information, and return to Pastor Jennifer or Karen DiPace. Or you may place them in the offering plate on Sunday. Whatever you can do to help out will be greatly appreciated!

Craft Items: Child sized shoe boxes, paper plates, sm. Ziploc bags, 75 river rocks, 10-tacky glues, 4 rolls masking tape, 10-brown shoe polish, star shaped cookie cutters, 225 ft each of. 20 gauge gold craft wire, 24 gauge gold craft wire, 24 gauge silver craft wire, 24 gauge copper craft wire, 75 ft of gold ribbon, 600 ft hemp, yarn, wooden beads, about 30 13x16 rucksacks, unlined index cards, 200 colored index cards, 2 rolls 1 in. masking tape, water balloons, 2 pair work gloves.

Non perishable Food Items: 2 cans pizza sauce, 2 bags mini pretzels, 1 large container raisons, 3 cups sunflower meats, 5 boxes honey grahams, 1 large box cheerios, 2 boxes cocoa crispies, 1 large bag M&M's, 3- 10oz. packages mini-marshmallows, 2 bags semi sweet choc chips, 1 large container lemonade mix, 8 bottles juicy juice, 400 napkins, 200 small paper cups, 200 small paper plates.

Perishables (please bring July 12th) 4 packages refrigerated cookie dough, 3 cans whipped cream, 2 containers each of fresh blueberries, fresh strawberries, fresh raspberries, 3- 8oz. cans crescent rolls, 2 packages pepperoni slices, 1 large jar parmesan cheese, 1- 4 cup packages shredded mozzarella.

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Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

I can help BEFORE Camp E.D.G.E. :

_____ Pray for VBS _____ Make decorations _____ Help Decorate (Sat 7/11)

Provide supplies _____

I can help DURING Camp E.D.G.E. :

_____ Pray for the children _____ Greet Participants _____ Be a registrar _____ Take Photos
_____ Help with the children

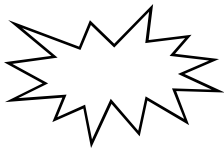
****Kick off Sunday July 12th 5:00 p.m.*****

Help with kick off cookout at 5:00 p.m. _____ Clean Up _____

Bring a potluck dish for the cookout _____

I would like to help AFTER Camp E.D.G.E.:

_____ Send follow-up postcards _____ Take down decorations _____ Return donated items



YOUTH NEWS—JULY 2009



Diocesan Youth Summer Conference: St. John's was well represented at this year's Diocesan Summer Youth Conference. Julia Hasircoglu, Selena Hasircoglu, Joanie Kilhefner, Rachel Hreben, Adam Kilp, David Kilp and Ellie Walsh spent the week of June 21st to June 27th at Messiah College. The conference theme this year was "Suessology", a look at the intersection between Dr. Suess and the life of faith. Bob Kilp served as an adult counselor, and Mary Ellen helped throughout the week as needed. Be sure to ask one of our teens about their experience!



Vacation Bible School: Many thanks to our young people (and their families) who are helping with this year's Vacation Bible School- it makes such a difference!



Baseball Game: Please join families and young people from the Journey to Adulthood program for a baseball game on July 19th, at 6:00 p.m., at the Barnstormers stadium. Tickets are reasonably priced and every seat has a great view! Don't miss out on this fun event. Please contact Mary Ellen Kilp for information about tickets.

August Pizza Party with Ice Cream Sundaes: On Sunday, August 2nd,

St. John's will welcome a J2A group from Massachusetts.



This group of 10 young people and 3 chaperones have chosen Lancaster as their group pilgrimage destination. They are hoping to explore the life of the Amish as a part of their journey.

All young people and families are invited to welcome them with a special pizza/ice cream party after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, August 2nd. This special event will provide time for fellowship and pilgrimage sharing.



Please RSVP to Mary Ellen Kilp or Pastor Jennifer

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

Meal Ministry Dates— “Volunteers Are Always Welcomed!”

Dinner Out—(Contact: Janice Henry)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8—4:30-6:00 p.m. St. Paul's United Methodist Church,
South Queen and Farnum Streets, Lancaster.

Community Breakfast—(Contact: Sue Martin)

SATURDAY, JULY 18—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.

We are busy this summer with many small projects and many of us are also completing prayer shawls. We will display yarn and patterns for the pocket prayer shawls in the parish hall between services during the summer months. Please stop by and get one (or two) started. Do you need to brush up your knitting/crocheting skills? Stop in any Wednesday evening at the Becker House parlor (6:30-8:30 pm). Someone will get you started and we'll all enjoy your presence in the group.

Our display at the 2009 Diocesan Convention attracted many people. It was a Sacred Stitches display, but many visitors were interested in the how-to of starting a group similar to our group at St. John's. In fact, the Pocket Prayer Shawl workshop on Saturday morning turned into a "how-to start your group" with information on websites that offer free patterns. By the time you read this, the summer Sacred Stitches gathering at St. Andrew's, Lewisburg will be over. In addition to the usual fellowship and sharing of ideas, we will listen to three people who will share their stories surrounding the gift of a prayer shawl and we'll learn ways to present our prayer shawls after they have been blessed at the altar.

As always, many thanks for your prayers and continued help with this ministry.

Companion Parish - (Contact: Dave Martin)

An organization meeting for establishing an active Companion Parish Committee will be held on Sunday, June 28 in the Parish Hall at 9:15 a.m. A working committee will be established to renew our relationship with Santo Andre. If interested, please attend or if you have any questions please contact Dave Martin.

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.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

Grocery Cards—(Contact: Cynthia Minnich)

Total sales for May were \$8,220. This is one of the lower sales months for this year and May even had 5 Sundays. Has everyone given up eating? 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. 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.

Don't forget to continue buying cards this summer. The need for Jubilee funds is ongoing.

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Participating Stores: **Darrenkamp's, Giant, John Herr's, Oregon Dairy, Stauffer's, and 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.

“A GARDEN GROWS IN LANCASTER”

For a couple of years Shalom Ministry has shared news of development projects taking place in poor countries. Last week I came across a website that offers a closer look at a community development project that was planted, and which thrives, right here in Lancaster. It addresses the challenges all countries experience when their young people are facing a future of scarce jobs and little hope of earning a decent living, whether their country is at war, experiencing financial devastation, or just the day-in day-out poverty of the inner city or rural areas that lack opportunity.

The project is **Dig It! Garden**, which was created by Shirlyn Kamara and her husband Sahib Saboor. They bring Lancaster City youth together to raise vegetables and to learn the importance of eating well. By extension the program offers experience and discussion in a whole and healthy lifestyle. After hearing of the garden, Franklin and Marshall professor and member of the B'hai faith, Dr. Michael Penn, contacted Shirlyn and offered his program for helping adolescents to connect with their community. No written report can do justice to the inspirational work that Threshold Foundation is doing in our city. Please go to thresholdpa.org. View the video by clicking on Dig It! Garden on the list at the left. I've often mused that many of the grassroots helping organizations that operate in Kenya and Bangladesh help to solve poverty in the U.S. My first thought on viewing the Threshold video is that this would benefit poor communities throughout the world.

Refugee Resettlement Update: **All we need is Jobs!**

As of mid-June, the Kafley family is settled in two apartments in the West End of Lancaster: The parents and two of the brothers (Dadi and Ganga) are living at 516 W. James St., #6, the original apartment furnished by St. John's. Kamal, his wife Renuka, and their daughter Ristha recently moved into their own place at 417 W. Walnut, #1. That apartment also has been fully furnished by donated items from St. John's parishioners and neighbors, as well as from our partner church, Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren in Quarryville. The two apartments are an easy 5-minute walk apart, which is important for an extended family that is very used to living together.

Six-year-old Ristha finished kindergarten and will be in first grade in the fall. She is beginning to learn to read. This summer she will be going to summer school to ensure that she continues to learn English. She is smart and cheerful and is rapidly becoming Americanized.

The biggest challenge for the family is finding work in these tough economic times. They are being persistent, they have excellent attitudes, and some of the brothers are closing in on jobs. Within a week we expect to have good job news for at least one of the men.

Kamal, whom many of you see at coffee hour between services, is eager to drive. He has gotten his learner's permit and he will take his driver's test in July. He is getting lessons from various people on the resettlement committee, but parallel parking eludes him. He also plans to take his GED test this summer. He taught school in the refugee camp and would like to teach again in the US, but he realizes he needs various types of certification. He plans to start with his GED.

Kamal is a leader within the Lancaster Bhutanese community, and he is working hard to organize the community to address shared issues and concerns. Currently more than 130 Bhutanese live in Lancaster City – nearly 30 families – and they are all facing the same challenges. They have a formidable grapevine – news is shared seemingly instantaneously -- and they take great comfort in their community. They have had a few community meetings at St. John's parish hall on Sunday afternoons. Parents of young children have been told about vacation Bible school at St. John's, and it's likely that several Hindu children will participate this year.



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

- Any and all job leads. St. John's financial support for the family will end soon, and the family will need to be self-sufficient. The Kafleys have three able-bodied men who need jobs, and Renuka also is looking for work. (The parents can provide child care for Ristha.)
- 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.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

- A DVD player.
- A keyboard for Ganga.
- \$100 to cover the cost of the GED test for Kamal. (If you write a check for this family, just make it out to St. John's Episcopal Church and write "refugee resettlement – GED" in the memo line.)
- Your continued prayers for this family and for all refugees struggling to resettle in a foreign land. Being a refugee requires vast amounts of courage and stamina.

The Refugee Resettlement Committee thanks everyone at St. John's for your continual supply of warmth, generosity and good humor as we welcome the Kafleys into our midst. If you'd like to be involved 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

1. We have completely converted to our cooling system for the summer and will be applying penetrating epoxy to the Boiler Room Wall.
2. Max Heider has made progress on his Eagle Project and has completed painting wrought iron fence and railings. Signage for the Parish Office is progressing and we thank Max for his efforts.
3. We plan to solicit quotes from various companies to pursue geothermal system.
4. Property Committee is looking into lease fees and policies for use by parishioners and others.
5. City inspections of our Rental Properties has us doing repairs and upgrades to various items such as pointing and roof work.
6. Auditorium Improvements are in progress with repair of damaged walls and painting. Also future ceiling fans, stage curtains, lighting and other functional changes are being addressed. A big thank you to Bill Gross for his diligence and hard work.
7. Life Safety issues are continually being upgraded with emergency lighting and smoke detectors.
8. Nave Lighting is being looked at for better fixtures for better light and efficiency with easier maintenance.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Phil Becker

MUSIC MINISTRY

...from the Music Desk

This weekend (June 12-14) was my own denomination's Annual Meeting held at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove. During the nearly two-hour drive there I mulled over what would be appropriate for a first summertime installment topic in this column. Because I will leave in a just over 24 hours to visit my parents in Florida, my thoughts angled toward Father's Day and my Dad.

My Dad, Elmer Day, and my mother, Barbara Day, ages 39 and 36, chose to adopt me from a family of ten children orphaned by their father and left with their mother who was temporarily incapable of taking care of them. In my home church four families answered the call to be foster families, one of those the Days. They already had two daughters who were 12 and 15 years older, so I grew up mostly as a single child. Being the only son brought special challenges for them and for me!

But on this Father's Day 2009 I reflect on an aspect of my Dad that warrants remembering. He had no formal music lessons and was never in any musical organization till in his late 30s. But when it was discovered that I might have musical ability, he paid dearly for the best piano teachers in our town. He also paid outright for a spinet piano that received an onslaught of use for almost five years.

Yet before the piano lessons he shared with me the gift of singing. Dad couldn't harmonize and stay on key, but a spot-on melody was no problem. While taking trips he, my Mom and I would sing in three-part round. We'd also see how many verses of hymns and choruses from church could be recited by memory. One day when I was six Dad and I were asked to sing a duet for church. As it was obvious that I would have to sing the alto, Dad sat down with a blank sheet of paper, created staff lines and spaces, and proceeded to jot down what would be our first of many duets: "Everybody Ought To Know Who Jesus Is." He stood me on a chair next to him so I could reach the microphone, poking me in the back when my shyness nearly drowned out my voice. For a man who feared class recitation to the point of barely being able to speak, he gave me the gift of handling fear of public performance or speech.

It has been my privilege to call my parents from time to time and have my own students play for them long-distance over the phone. If they could only see the shocked, hesitant, and then pleased look when my students finally finish, the conversation is ended, and I tell them why I made the call. Thank you to my parents for my early music education is given some sort of small, yet tangible payback as they hear pieces I learned and that are now being learned by a new generation.

So thank you, Dad, for giving me a start, both financially and practically, on this musical journey of 40-plus years. Credit is due you in so many ways. And not to be forgotten, thank you, Mom, for helping me read the treble clef!

Yours,

Randy Day,
Minister of Music

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Macrone, Lauri	7/1
Day, Laura	7/2
Landis, Dale	7/2
Bush, Fred	7/3
Freeman, Aidan	7/3
Rich, Barbara	7/3
Ogwang, Priscilla	7/4
Archer, The Rev A William	7/5
Nolan, Lorraine	7/5
Crawford, Donald	7/6
Widdowson, Jeri	7/6
Craige, Nelson	7/8
Blevins, Susan	7/9
Breneman, Sue	7/9
Craige, Peggy	7/9
Hasircoglu, Selena	7/9
Keller, Ellen	7/10
Brown, Doug	7/12
Gouveia, Fran	7/12
Abernathy, Tevonte'	7/14
Myers, Lorraine	7/14
Brown, Margaret	7/15
Meikrantz, Marlee	7/16
LaPorte, Simone	7/18
Le, Yen	7/18
Murdoch, Ben	7/18
Ott, Robin	7/18
Jackson, Sandra	7/19
Hurlburt, Susan	7/21
Heider, Max	7/22
Glazier, James	7/24
Conklin, Michael	7/25
Ogwang, Sharon	7/26
Brown, Jean	7/28
Clark, Foster	7/29
DiPace, Nicholas	7/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

DiPace, Nick & Karen	7/15/1995
Fields, Bob & Amy	7/17/1971
Kline, Jeffrey & Alvina	7/24/1993
Largent, Todd & Karen	7/2/2006
Latshaw, Andy & Ally	7/17/1999
Morgan, Bruce & Leslie	7/4/1998
Novosel, Peter & Linda	7/15/2006
Tyson, Alan & Mary Jane	7/14/1943



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.



*Abby Asplin
Chet Connor
Patricia Constein
Linda Frederiksen
George Glew
Jill Greenawalt & Mother
Anna Hammond
Carl Hartman
Kim, Maureen, & Melissa
Lauren Kulka
George Miller
Ryan
Wilmer Shelley
Wengert Family
Clifford Yackly*

*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,
Howard Kane, III, 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 - JULY, 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!"*

JULY 5	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith	Sue Purdy, Adam Kilp
Eucharistic Visitor	—	—
Lectors	Sue Breneman	Jeannie Zeller
Server	—	Sarah Gordon
Crucifer	—	Brad Moyer
Torch Bearer	—	—
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Robin Ott
Coffee Hour Host	Kilp Family	Kilp Family
Nursery	—	Mary Ellen Kilp

JULY 12	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Novosel, Merle Schnee	Michael Stank, Brian Gross
Eucharistic Visitor	—	—
Lector	Peggy Craige	Paula Wolf
Server	—	David Kilp
Crucifer	—	Phil Becker
Torch Bearer	—	—
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	—	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour Host	Loose Family	Loose Family
Nursery	—	Betsy Hasircoglu

SERVING SCHEDULE - JULY, 2009 (CONTINUED)

JULY 19	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Moyer, Max Heider	C. Weaver-Gelzer, Daniel Dorgan
Eucharistic Visitor	—	—
Lector	Ray Manlove	Jan Brown
Server	—	Ellie Walsh
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearer	—	—
Altar Guild	Team 5	Team 5
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	—	Sue Martin
Coffee Hour Host	St. John's Voyagers	Zuke Family
Nursery	—	Alan Walsh

JULY 26	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Novosel, Merle Schnee	Eric Freeman, Judy Arnold
Eucharistic Visitor	—	—
Lector	Kathy Novosel	Frank Cummins
Server	—	Lauren Waskowicz
Crucifer	—	Garth Alexander
Torch Bearer	—	—
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	—	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour Host	Graeter Family	Martin Family
Nursery	—	Mary Waskowicz

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.