

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL CHALLENGES

MDG Challenge: OCTOBER 2

When many hear the word “sustainability” they think “doing without” is the focus. This week, reframe your thinking and open discussions with yourself, your family that instead focus on “what if?” “What if?...we walked....we recycled....we shared....we sorted....What if? Assignment: Make a starter list of possibilities, no special order, write them down as they come into your awareness. Post the list for impromptu additions.

MDG Challenge: OCTOBER 9

Last week you worked on making a list of possibilities in addressing “sustainability.” This week take the list, and in discussion with yourself, your family, make a plan. Rank the offerings in “do-able/easy” to “challenging” order. Make assignments as to who will be in charge of this task. Be open to moments of brilliance from all.

MDG Challenge: OCTOBER 16

This week, review your list of challenges, start with your #1 choice and begin. As you start to do what you can to help clean up and sustain our environment, be conscious of how much water you might be wasting in washing your hands....does the flow have to be at full strength? Can you turn the water on and off easily while you are scrubbing thereby using less. How about when you are brushing your teeth? Remember those in areas around the world and in our own area that due to environment or natural disasters for whom clean water may not be available.

MDG Challenge: OCTOBER 23

If you were able to pick up St. John’s recycle bags at church to carry home your groceries or have recycle bags at home, make sure to use them. Move them from house to car and then from trunk into view so that you have them available. If you forget and have to use store bags, use the paper bags for recycling your newspapers and know that grocery stores have recycle boxes for those plastic bags you don’t want harming the environment.

MDG Challenge: OCTOBER 30

It’s Halloween and this week, while treats were brought for those knocking at our doors, let us all bring something to church to feed those who knock at our doors each week merely to be sustained. What if we took one of the bags from last week and made a “treat” bag for those in our community.

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REMEMBER:

Share your great ideas on the MDG Challenge Board in the Parish Hall,
so we all can be motivated to care for our gift of the earth.



St. John's Messenger

October, 2011

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

THE STEWARDSHIP RELATIONSHIP

Stewardship is about relationship – those most important relationships in life – our relationship with God, with each other and with the world in which we live.

Jesus in his parables often talks about stewards. A steward is a servant who is given authority and responsibility by the master to care for the master's household (Luke 16:1-18). The steward looks after the master's family members and guests (John 2:8), and sustainability manages the master's property as directed by the master (Matthew 20:8).

These stewardship parables are metaphors for how we are to live in life giving relationships. They remind us firstly that God is the Master. God is our creator and the creator of all life who holds ownership of all and everything. All that we have is given to us by God. We are God's servants, God's stewards. All that we have God has entrusted into our care. God trusts us and gives us responsibility for all that we have been given. God wants us to use what we have been given for the well being one another. We are to be servants of all on behalf of our Master. We are also to be careful in the use of what God has given us so God's life giving gifts can always increase and be available for generations to come.

A stewardship relationship might then be defined as the way we give back to God from what God has given us in love for God, compassion for others and respect for the earth. At St. John's we are experiencing and are putting into practice each of these three expressions of the stewardship relationship.

Our expression of our love for God is growing. The quality of our worship experience continues expand most especially through the renewal of our music ministries. Opportunities to more deeply reflect on our faith journey with God have doubled with the addition of a second Sunday morning study group. Along with our adult Bible study the Steering Committee for Adult Formation and Education (AFED) is presenting a series of topics designed to explore our understanding of our relationship with God.

Our compassion for others continues in our Jubilee Ministries and through new mission initiatives like the use of our facilities by the Bhutanese community. As we continue our practice of "Strive to Tithe" we provide greater care for the whole family of God. At St. John's "love thy neighbor" is the core of our community relationships and servant ministries.

Our teaching and learning respect for the earth is prompted this year by the adoption of Millennium Development Goal # 7, "Environmental Sustainability". We will be joining with Anglican Christians around the world in the thoughtful and prayerful consideration of our Bible based responsibilities and their application locally and globally.

The biblical basis for this year's stewardship theme, "Striving to Tithe: Connected and Formed" is Ephesians 4:24, "Be renewed in mind and spirit, and put on the new nature created in God's likeness". Living in a stewardship relationship leads to our being renewed. As we are rightly connected we are properly formed in the way God intended from Creation. All of us at St. John's are invited to discover our connection in a stewardship relationship as together we grow in the likeness of God. *John+*

THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

“Sacred Stories”

My family's bedtime routine is an ever evolving, ever complicated balancing act that includes bath time, tooth brushing, pajama wearing and most importantly to our children: story time. Our children love stories. The negotiation of how many books to read each night is a delicate and sophisticated process. Anna Gail would prefer that we read the “stack of doom” as she calls it, we prefer a more reasonable three or four books.

The experience of reading books together is the first part of what sometimes feels like a never-ending story routine: one that involves both book reading and story-telling. Will and Thomas are too young to participate in a direct way, but every night, immediately after reading books, Anna Gail asks us to tell her stories. This usually involves a detailed description of exactly what Anna Gail wants to hear. “Tell me about the time that Sister Bear was afraid of thunder and covered her ears under her blankets. Tell me that one Mommy!” We typically respond by telling the story as she presents it to us, but we also try to weave a larger theme with it: one of safety, security and love. We might talk about how Sister Bear was afraid of the thunder (which was very understandable because thunder is loud) and how Sister Bear used a great strategy by covering her ears.... but then.... Sister Bear also remembered that she was safe and cozy in her own bed in her tree house. Thunder and lightning couldn't hurt her and Mama Bear and Papa Bear would be there if she needed them.

This nightly routine of book reading and story telling can be exhausting at times. There are many nights when we just want the children to go to bed! But we rarely, if ever, skip the storytelling. Stories offer children a way to understand the world they live in. They present a safe place for sorting out feelings and emerging identities. They communicate important truths. This is also true for adults. The experience of sharing stories can be a transformative experience. One that invites both new understanding and shared points of view.

At this year's All Parish Retreat, stories will play a central role in our time together. The Rev. Robyn Szoke will lead us in a time of community sharing called “The Authority of Generations”. During Robyn's group sessions, each participant will be invited to tell a story of special significance in his or her life. As a part of this storytelling, each person will be invited to bring an object or symbol that represents or relates to the story. For example: one might bring a cooking bowl that symbolizes the time spent with a beloved family member in the kitchen. In the words of Robyn, “Consider a story that puts a smile on your face every time you think of it, something that you might even believe that has God in it.”

Each story will be weaved together under the leadership of Robyn and our retreat musician, Nate Young. Through the process of sharing stories and singing songs, we will learn more about ourselves and more about each other. All ages and points of view will be encouraged- including very young children. It is an intentionally intergenerational experience, one that relies upon the perspective, vision and wisdom of many. We are, at our core, a people of stories; stories that we share every time we gather to worship. We are also people with personal stories to tell. Stories about the grace and presence of God in sometimes surprising ways. On Saturday, October 22nd, we will have the chance to share those stories with one another. I hope you will join us as we experience together the “Authority of the Generations”.

Warmly,

Jennifer+

THE REV. PRISCILLA GINOLFI

“Oh Where Oh Where is Our Deacon?”

Have you wondered where your deacon has been? For the last part of the summer, I was on medical leave because of injuries sustained in a bicycle accident and then moving my (and your) daughter Sarah to Yale Divinity School. Blessed and lifted by your prayers, I am mostly healed, back to work in my job as the night-on call RN for Hospice of Lancaster County. However, I am still absent from you on some Sundays. Why????

On Sunday, @ 0700 August 21, 2011 in the midst of the violent wind and rain of Hurricane Irene, I received a call, not to the bedside, but to the truck where our patient who was homeless lived. When I finally located our patient with the assistance of bystanders, I provided care and advocated an admission to our in-patient center. My patient stayed dry in the truck, however I was outside in the rain for the better part of 3 hours, staying until my patient was safely in the transport vehicle. I was soaked through my not so water resistant raincoat. I longed to be with you worshipping and sharing Holy Eucharist, but was called elsewhere. Although this is probably the most dramatic situation, we night on call nurses make visits in blizzards before roads are plowed, thunderstorms, and yes, sometimes on beautiful starry nights often on Sunday mornings. I am so grateful that you pray for "our deacon Priscilla" in the Prayers of the People. I feel your prayers when working in my other role.

I am writing this 2 days after the anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, an event that changed our country dramatically. I was drawn to the stories of the "first responders", men and women who were called to help. Many lost loved ones and co-workers. Many lost their lives in their efforts to rescue others. Since 9/11, our country has experienced other disasters. Most recently, here in Central PA many were devastated by the destruction precipitated by Hurricane Irene and tropical storm Lee. There were also "first responders" who pumped out flooded basements, rescued stranded people and pets, and provided shelter and food to those who lost everything. One fireman, after more than 24 hours of rescuing, discovered that his home had been destroyed in the flood.

These stories are told in the media, however, think about how we are all called to be "first responders" in our daily lives. Stories that are not presented publicly yet have profound and wonderful results for those in need such as those suffering a loss, accident, severe illness. All of us at one time or another are called to have the "same mind of Jesus." That is to love and act as "first responders". We are often the only Jesus that some people will see.

Thanks be to God for all of you "first responders" at St John's. With love your sometimes absent in body but present in spirit deacon.

Priscilla

ALL SOULS SUNDAY

Parishioners are invited to add names of departed loved ones to be read during the Prayers of the People at each service on Sunday, October 30. These names will be added to the already-existing display of shimmering cards that will be hung in the nave for All Souls Sunday.

If you'd like to submit names, please take a note card from the rear of the church, print clearly, and drop it into the designated box at the rear of the church. The deadline for receiving names is: **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16.**

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

Vestry Meeting: Monday, September 19, 2011

Resolved that the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA

Resolution #1: Choir Room

Resolved that the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA approves from budget line 01-5138 an amount not to exceed \$4,400.00 to pay J & J Heating & Cooling for installation of 20' of baseboard radiators in the Choir Room.

Resolution #2: Parish Hall Exterior Painting

Resolved that the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA approves from budget line 01-5138 an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 to pay C.J. Diirner for the completion of Parish Hall exterior painting.

Resolution #3: St. John's Sunday

Resolved, that the vestry of St. John's, seeking to honor Karen DiPace for her dedicated service and strong leadership for Christ's ministry of Christian Education at St. John's Church, directs Kathy Novosel to draft a resolution of thanks to be read to the congregation this St. John's Sunday, December 18, 2011.

TREASURER'S NOTE

Last year at this time, I was very concern about our cash flow. We had received permission from Vestry to draw an additional \$75,000 from the Endowment Fund and needed every penny to meet our expenses. This year is a very different story. Pledged income is at 98.99% of budget. Non-pledged income has exceeded the budget amount for the year. Each of our normal quarterly draws from investment income was made in the second half of the quarters. Our cash position continues to be good.

Expense management continues to be excellent. Every major expense category is under budget. Granted there are a few line items that have exceeded plan, but they are offset by those line items that are under budget.

The net is a significantly better financial position than expected. At this point of the year, we had expected to be \$79,500 "in the red". Our actual Year-to-Date deficit is \$17,416, a difference of approximately \$62,100. While we are still seeing "red ink" in our financial figures, we all can be pleased with our efforts.

As always, please feel free to direct any questions or concerns to any member of Vestry, the Finance Committee, or myself.

Submitted by,

Steve Latshaw, Treasurer

VESTRY'S WARDEN MESSAGE

“No worship service should be without an opportunity for the worshippers to make an offering,” said my friend. “It is an *active* and profound theological truth that we practice giving as a response to God, so that when we are either least likely to respond to God wholeheartedly, or when we feel most grateful, we know an appropriate, true and holy way of acting.”

“Even in funerals?” I asked, dubious. “Yes,” she said, firmly. “Even in funerals. I know people are primed by cynical views of church to think that’s just desperation, baldly asking for money all the time, but think about it for a minute. There you are, in a grieving, sorrowful situation, directly confronted by the liturgy of the Resurrection, and if you are *not* given an opportunity to respond *to God* in that circumstance, you are stuck. Encountering God is always the point of being in church. Without a formal opportunity to respond, you won’t be able to either grieve wholly or rejoice fully then or later. In God we live and move and have our being. *We do*. Those aren’t just words. And the *offering* isn’t a beggar’s bowl, it’s an *act* of whole hearted giving, a rehearsal in worship of what you mean to do when you go out of the sanctuary and back into the world as a baptized Christian with a ministry to whoever you meet.”

I needed to look at the reasons I was intimidated by her sturdy statement of theology that I already believed. We were on our way back from a consultant meeting with a parish that was having severe financial trouble, and significantly (we thought), they did *not* have an offering time in their otherwise glorious Episcopal Sunday services. People merely dropped their envelopes into baskets set out on tables by the entry doors, and these were whisked away at the end of the service by the ushers for the counters to handle the next day. We asked the rector and senior warden why they *didn’t* have an offering. “Well,” they said, “it’s because taking the offering interferes with appreciating the choir and the music of the organist.”

So we were discussing the *act* of offering, on our ride home. “You give electronically,” I said to her. “How do you see that as taking part in the act of offering?”

“I always reach for the offering basket and hand it on or back,” she said. “Always. I hold it intentionally and put my heart in. The money is important, but I give my heart too.”

I know what she means. When I put my envelope into the offering plate, I press it down briefly—I’ve always done that, even when I was a child and I put my 25 francs CFA (Cameroon money) or my 25 piastres (Egyptian money) in as the basket went along the pew. The money matters, but I’ve always understood that without my gift of heart, the money is a little like bricks made without straw. My pledge or my gift of money alone is a brittle thing in a church community, not worthless, but worth less than money given along with my heart.

When I was a child, I was present in some congregations that sang the words of William How, Bishop of Wakefield when making their offering in worship: *We give thee but thine own, whate’re our gifts may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first fruits give.* (1864)

Learning Bishop How’s verses and singing the Doxology all the Sundays throughout my life, I’ve been formed as a Christian to understand that my heart is God’s. I’ve been formed to understand that all I have, all my blessings—and especially those that I have put much hard work into creating—are direct gifts of God’s abundance. My giving both in offering and in pledge, is an expression of my relationship with God, and that relationship cannot be whole or life giving, *except in a community* of believers such as St. John’s. We are blessed to be called as stewards. Submitted by, *Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer*

STEWARDSHIP

Striving to Tithe: Connected and Formed

Announcing:

**The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson, Guest Preacher
Sunday, October 9, 2011**

We welcome our guest preacher for Stewardship this year, preaching at both services and leading a workshop between services on October 9, 2011.

The Rev. Hutchinson was formerly the Stewardship Director at St. James Episcopal in Lancaster. She has recently completed her assignment as Interim Rector at St. Stephen's, Port Washington, NY. She is a graduate of General Theological Seminary and a long-time member of the Consortium of Endowed Parishes, an Episcopalian stewardship association dedicated to stronger and more effective stewardship in parish life. She is certified in congregational development, and holds an MBA from Millersville University. Stewardship is her passion, and we can look forward to a powerful sermon focused on the practice of gratitude as a formative Christian discipline in the parish community.

She will present a workshop during our education time between services, focusing on Episcopalian approaches to stewardship and strength in parish life. The place and more details will follow in bulletin announcements.

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*“Be renewed in mind and spirit, and put on the new nature
created in God's likeness.” Eph. 4:24*
Striving to Tithe: Connected and Formed

This fall our stewardship emphasis is a fresh take on the Christian discipline of tithing. Stewardship this year focuses on opportunities to recognize our deeply connected and interdependent life in the Body of Christ at St. John's. Our spiritual formation is in part individual, and in real measure, one of the effects of being together in worship, joining in fellowship and working in ministry. Poor formation is that shaping which we barely pay attention to; strong formation is the shaping we take part in with intelligence, imagination, discipline and good will. We will be looking at some of the direct connections between renewal of our spiritual practices and worship, and our effectiveness as connected members in mission and Christian community.

We have interesting and unusual activities and events planned for this Stewardship season. You will start seeing the evidence soon!

The Stewardship Group, led by Drew Dorgan, Stewardship Head, and Robin Ott, Vestry Steward, for Stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP (CONTINUED)

2011 Stewardship Calendar of Events

October 2	Stewardship theme in Sunday Message; Adult Formation, "Being Episcopalian and Being Stewards"
October 9	Guest Preacher and Workshop Leader, The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson
November 12	Stewardship Dinner in Parish Hall, "Renewal in Mind and Spirit"
November 13	Parish Meeting, with Stewardship Presentation: "The Big Picture, All Put Together"

MUSIC MINISTRY



from our Interim Minister of Music

Thank you to the women of the Chancel Choir who could make it to sing the Offertory, *As Newborn Stars Were Stirred To Song*, on Sunday, August 28.

Thank you to everyone who is singing in our Chancel Choir and we extend an open invitation to anyone interested in joining us. If you would like to join our choir or have any question, please contact me through the church office.

Michael Good

GROCERY CARDS

Total sales for July gave only **\$314.00** to Jubilee. I don't think we can blame all of this on IRENE. Come on people – What's going on??? Everyone has to eat something. Let's make purchasing grocery cards the "in" thing to do!

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. 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

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Committee Update

*“Each of us can become a blessed channel of peace for the healing of Earth's wounds:
We can awaken from apathy and find creative,
non-violent ways to transform the abuses rampant in today's world.”*

*--Nan Merrill with Barbara Taylor
Peace Planet: Light for Our World*

There's a lot of passion and energy being generated by the MDG Committee at St. John's. For 2011-2012, the committee is going to focus especially on Goal No. 7: "Ensure Environmental Sustainability." We want to work with various ministries and individuals at St. John's to "educate, inspire, and urge action" about sustainability, with a special focus on water.

What is sustainability?

Sustainability is based on a simple principle: Everything that we need for our survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly, on our natural environment. Sustainability creates and maintains the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony.

Sustainability is important to ensuring that we have and will continue to have the water, materials, and resources needed to protect human health and our environment now and in future generations.

In other words, it's paying attention to what we do today so that our grandchildren and great-grandchildren can live in a healthy world.

What St. John's Can Do

As a parish, we can't truly "ensure sustainability," but we can take small steps toward that goal, and we can provide educational opportunities to our parishioners and neighbors. Changing habits starts with awareness, and that's where we'll begin. Each Sunday the service Bulletin will include a weekly challenge that we invite you and your family to take. They won't be difficult or time-consuming, but they will be geared to making you more aware of your footprint on God's earth.

We welcome everyone's ideas and your participation. We meet on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the living room of the Becker house. Get involved, especially if you are anxious about the state of the planet.

Submitted by,
Mary Lou Higgs

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Sunday, November 13, 2011 will find the ECW Executive Board hosting coffee hour, sharing a brochure about the mission of St. John's ECW, and inviting women of all ages to enjoy a salad bar supper together while creating the annual Angel Tree ornaments. Child care can be provided if desired.

Please see Sue Martin if you are interested in enjoying the child care component. The salad bar/ workshop will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. Bring anything to contribute to salad, except greens which are provided. We hope you'll join us!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen Di Pace, Sunday School Director

Thank you St. Johns teachers for a great start to the new school year! A very special thank you to Sue Hurlburt for joining our teaching crew this year! There is still a need for teachers. You don't have to help every week, it can be for as many weeks as you can give. Please contact Karen or Pastor Jennifer if you can help.

Our Kickoff picnic was a huge success with many tasty dishes shared by parishioners. Thank you, Aaron Spicher, for an awesomely challenging scavenger hunt of our stained glass windows. It was quite fun to study the windows for clues :-)

Looking forward the youth and Sunday School are planning a trip to the corn maze on 10/2.

We are also VERY excited for the 2nd annual St. Johns Parish Retreat on 10/22 at the Lancaster Liederkrantz! We hope to see you all there. This is something being offered for all ages, even our youngest are sure to have a great time. AND kids are free!! AND Stephen will be there! What more can a mom want :-)

Please save the dates for these future events- more details coming next month!

October 22:	Parish Retreat
November 20:	Advent Event
December 24:	Christmas Pageant at the 6:30 service.

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp, Youth Director

Many thanks to the teens and leaders who helped make this year's Education Sunday so memorable. Gathering time in the auditorium was a blast- thank you! In addition to Education Sunday, this September also includes a **special trip for our YAC class to Gettysburg**. The group will offer a presentation on their pilgrimage to Brazil to the congregation of Prince of Peace in Gettysburg. They will also enjoy a little sight-seeing of the battle fields and other historic sites.

October will offer a number of great events to participate in. We will kick it off with a **Corn Maze outing on Oct 2nd**. Plan on gathering at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall for lunch. Bring a brown bag or purchase a pretzel sandwich. Location TBA. October is also the time of year when we walk....for CROP! Wear your sneakers to church on Sunday, **October 16th, for "Sneaker Sunday"** and plan on participating in the **CROP walk**. Gather at Clipper Stadium at 12:00 p.m. and walk with other St. John's folks to make a difference for those in need.

Sunday, October 16th, will also include a special "**Acts of Mercy**" event in the parish hall between the services. This meaningful exercise simulates what it might be like to experience access to food in 1st, 2nd and 3rd world countries. Finally, save the date for this year's **parish retreat**. On **Saturday, October 22nd**, we will **gather at the Liederkrantz** to reconnect, recharge and reset. Our retreat leader, The Rev. Robin Szoke, has invited each participant to bring an object of importance to share with the larger group. Think about what you might bring and what it says to you about God's role in your life. All teens are also invited and encouraged to help with the worship service. Please be in touch with Pastor Jennifer if you are interested in helping out.

Youth Calendar Fall 2011

October 2nd	Corn Maize
October 16th	Acts of Mercy/CROP Walk
October 22 nd	All Parish Retreat
November 6th	All Saints Convocation Event
November 20th	Advent Event
December 4th	Christmas Caroling
December 24th	Christmas Pageant



SUNDAY—OCTOBER 16, 2011



CROPWALK

It's that time of year again! Please join us for the annual Lancaster CROPWALK.

This worthy event raises money to end hunger across the globe. Both walkers and sponsors are needed, and both can sign up in the Parish Hall. Sponsors can write a check to "St. John's Episcopal Church" with the memo line: "CROPWALK".

We will sponsor an entire group of St. John's walkers. Walkers will gather after the 10:15 a.m. service for a quick bite to eat and will travel together to the Barnstormers Stadium for the walk.

We welcome and encourage everyone to wear their sneakers to the church services on October 16 in support of CROP WALK SUNDAY!!!



Questions? Feel free to contact *Pastor Jennifer* at 717-299-1188.

EAGLE'S NEST NEWS!

Our opening day is Wednesday, October 5, 2011 with children arriving for their first session at 3:15 p.m. Dismissal is at 5:30 p.m. All volunteers are asked to meet with Christi Brewer, our Program Director, **PROMPTLY** at 1:00 p.m. Christi will provide an orientation with information about the new students, the new programs, and expectations. We are always anxious to have new volunteers. Please consider supporting this dynamic Jubilee Ministry. See Sue Martin with questions.

"THANK YOU!"

A huge thank you goes to Alice Ogwang and daughters Stella, Christine, Lillian, Priscilla, and Sharon. These lovely women donated a "ton" of new underwear, sox, backpacks, and school supplies to the children of the School District of Lancaster. Most of the clothing was delivered to the Homeless Student Project office at Carter/McCrae. The backpacks and mountains of paper, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, notebooks, etc. were distributed to the Fulton School teachers when they came for their annual kick off luncheon on Aug. 26. It was truly a Christmas like experience! What a wonderful family activity which has benefited so many children.

ADULT FORMATION / EDUCATION

I'm sitting at my laptop on September 12, and I cannot help basking in the memories of yesterday, the 11th—as in 9/11. And it was a day to be remembered, not only as the anniversary of those terrible events ten years ago, but also for the day at St. John's which included the consecration of our education "teams" for the coming year, and our first Adult Formation/ Education (AFED) Fair. It was exciting to see people huddled in conversation by the display booths, exchanging information and ideas, and I want to express special words of thanks that are due for all of this.

First, I want to thank all of you who paused to chat with us at the Fair—I hope you were encouraged by what you discovered. And for those who were not at the Fair, an invitation to you remains open to talk with us about what we have planned, but also and especially what you would like to see planned. This fall's program is now under way, and it is a "work in progress." AFED is "starting small," and as it moves through this year and into the next, we hope to implement a number of additional ideas as we revise current ones. Two issues that will always need to be addressed are 1) that we learn things in differing ways, especially with all the new electronic devices available, and 2) our schedules make different demands on us. We would like to hear your concerns and suggestions especially on these two matters along with the other things you would like us to consider.

I want to thank also those individuals who created and "manned" the various display booths. I really don't know who all to thank here (and I fear of omitting some people) so perhaps I should simply say to all participants that your care and creative energy was evident in both the displays themselves and in the warmth of your conversations with those who visited with you. Thank you—thank you! But I do need to recognize two individuals. Judy Donnelly offered to coordinate the whole Fair operation and did a wonderful job in details both great and small. Thank you, Judy. Special recognition is due also to Lois Kelley whose quiet but firm leadership guided the "Think Tank Servant Leaders" through the process of discerning the type of AFED program that might be best for St. John's, and in the process was herself a model of that servant leadership. Thank you, Lois.

Yesterday was also 9/11 in the sense that those numbers have come to symbolize. I spent the latter half of the day with my son (and daughter-in law), whose phone call asked me to join him on our boat on the Chesapeake, and then to be with them for the evening meal. I was moved by his simple prayer before dinner—thanks for this family time together, and love and grace to those most deeply bruised by the 9/11 events, and whose family gatherings have been harshly altered. Our prayer was and is that those closest to these events felt remembered, honored and loved by the hundreds of ways that the day was commemorated.

Submitted by,

John Herzog, Director



PARISH DIRECTORY



Please be sure to visit the Parish Hall and review your personal information (*name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, and birth dates*). **This information will be posted from October 2-23.** We ask that you make any necessary revisions and on Sunday, November 13, copies of the new parish directory will be available for distribution at the Parish Meeting. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with accurate information for our church database. It is *greatly* appreciated!

Patti Means, Parish Secretary

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

BREAKFAST



FELLOWSHIP

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST—(Contact: Sue Martin)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15: 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 always needed to help prepare and serve the breakfast.

"Volunteers Welcome!"

BLANKETS & SEW ON - (Contact: Jeannie Zeller)

Please join us on Wednesday evenings in the Becker House from 6:00-8:30 p.m. as we share fellowship and ideas. Come and join us in the living room of the Becker House on Wednesday evenings for some friendly knitting.

Calling All Knitters, Crocheters and Sewers!!! We have yarn. We have patterns. We have fabric. How can you help? Knit or crochet hats for newborns, chemo caps for those undergoing chemotherapy, warm hats for needy kids in town, scarves to help warm homeless folks, prayer shawls, pocket prayer shawls for Veterans Day, items for our annual St. Nick's Knits sale, the list goes on..... We are still collecting pillowcases sewn for the ConKerr Cancer group. If you'd like to sew a few, stop by our table for some colorful fabric any Sunday morning.

How YOU Have Already Helped: Besides contributing items, if you have purchased something at last year's sale, check out the ways we have been able to help out at St. John's.....

MDG: We will be able to help with an upcoming MDG project.. Watch for details coming soon.

Eagle's Nest: We were able to contribute a little more than \$700. towards operating expenses this year.

Christmas monetary gift to a needy family in the community. This year's St. Nick's Knits sale will be a little different since we will add knitted toys to the mix, along with our usual assortment of scarves, dressy shawlettes, hats, socks, sweaters, layettes. Postscript to last year's sale: Many thanks to our own Nancy Puffer for her two **additional** knitted Nativity sets which she recently completed and delivered to two very happy parishioners. Wow!!!

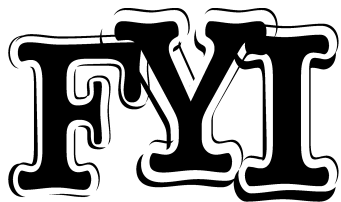
Sacred Stitches, our Diocesan group, meets on Saturday, November 5th at St. Mark's, Lewistown. Bishop Baxter will stop by to bless our collection of pocket prayer shawls which will then be delivered to the Veterans' Hospital in Lebanon, PA in time for Veteran's Day.

On a personal note, Ken and I joyously welcomed our grandson, Luke Douglas Hinton, to the world on August 6th. Luke was wearing a tiny blue hand-knitted hat the first time we laid eyes on him in the recovery room. I didn't knit it. I am thankful for his safe entry into the world and so grateful for the caring person who contributed that tiny hat to Womens' and Babies hospital for this little newborn.

DOOR MINISTRY & FOOD BANK - (Contacts: Aaron Spicher & Norma Murphy)

Nonperishable food donations can be delivered to the church office or given to the Ushers on Sunday. Weekly food bags/boxes are organized for families or single people and are distributed from our church office on Tuesday and Thursday to those in need.

Fulton School Partnership—If you shop at a Turkey Hill store and purchase any of their milk items, **BE SURE TO SAVE THE "MOO" MONEY BOTTLE CAPS** and bring them to church on Sundays. There is a collection container at the Eagle's Nest area of the Parish Hall. We're also collecting Box Tops for Education, Printer Cartridges, and Campbell Soup Labels. Every little bit helps and we appreciate your help!!!



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

HERE ARE A FEW POINTS OF INTEREST WHICH YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

You may designate St. John's Jubilee Ministries as your UNITED WAY recipient by using ID #267758.

The total cost for Sunday flowers is \$62.00: Altar flowers are \$42.00 and chapel flowers are \$20.00.

To identify your cash gifts, we must have your name included with the cash, in order for you to receive credit for your donation.

Our portable defibrillator (equipped with child and adult pads) is located in the east tower of the Parish Hall, opposite the coat rack.

There are so many in our world who need our prayers for healing and peace. Please consider praying this prayer as we strive to find ways to be of comfort and support.

May those
whose lives are gripped in the palm of suffering
open even now
to the Wonder of Life.
May they let go of the hurt
and meet the true self beyond pain,
the uncarved block
that is our joyous unity with Holiness.

May they discover through pain and torment
the strength to live with grace and humor.
May they discover through doubt and anguish
the strength to live with dignity and holiness.
May they discover through suffering and fear
the strength to move toward healing.



--- Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro

PROPERTY

Manager's Report

I believe we have the leak in the Sacristy handled and plan to refinish the interior this winter. However, the leaks in the auditorium continue and will probably need to be addressed this year. J & J Heating/Cooling was out today to take a look at the heating in the choir room and provided two quotes. *Bill Gross*

New, Ongoing or Completed

Priorities – The committee reviewed the questionnaire and offered input for the distribution.

Rental Properties – Exterior painting in need of being completed at these properties. Flooring also remains at 211 during a brief vacated period by our tenant.

Auditorium Improvements –The auditorium continues to leak at the roof and along the cloister tower wall. Discussed the feasibility of solar panels and will be entertaining estimates for such a project along with roof replacement.

Leaded Windows – have been measured for protective covers. We received a quote for cut lexan pieces that we would install for \$ 1,300. Mike Heider provided a quote under \$900. Bill has provided a template for the shape of the window tops, with which Mike will cut material.

Sacristy Ceiling – Contractor advised that membrane roof systems have been known to last 40 years and suggested that we review the masonry infiltration. If no leaks are found, the refinishing here will be done over the winter months.

Becker House Heater – No progress on the heat exchanger that is wearing out.

Choir Room Heat – A proposal for 20 feet of cast iron baseboard radiators in the amount of \$4,388 was accepted by committee and will be forwarded to Vestry for approval. We have been unable to reach set temperature within the choir room. The highest temperature has been 64°F.

Church Tree Pruning – Work expected within the month.

Roof Repair – Vestry passed a resolution for an insurance claim for snow/ice roof damage on the lower roof of the Chestnut Street side of the church (\$2,986), Chapel snow guard installation (\$989), and performing miscellaneous repairs to the roof, gutters and chimney (\$2,263), as quoted by contractor. This work will be coordinated with the painting of the red portions of the Parish House.

Parish Hall Screens - A suggestion for installing window screens for the Parish Hall was considered and was thought to serve little purpose.

Campus Painting – The committee recommended the remaining painting of the Parish House for \$6,950 as per quote by contractor.

Auditorium Use - Brad Moyer and Tim O'Donnell joined us regarding having a play in our auditorium. The play is Guard's Guards by Steven Briggs. They are currently looking at either April 13, 14, 20, & 21 OR July 20, 21, 27, & 28 for the shows and two weeks prior for rehearsals. lancasterstaging@gmail.com. The committee felt this should be sent through the approval process.

September Life Safety Inspection –The AED was sent out for a program update, allowing it to be used for children (<8yrs/<55lbs) when pediatric pads are installed in place of the adult pads, which are normally in place.

Next Meeting – The next Property Committee meeting will be held on **Monday, October 3, 2011** at 7:00 pm at the Becker House.

Fall Clean-up – Sunday December 4, Noon

Property Committee

Phil Becker, Jim Crothers, Bob Fields, Bill Gross, Grant Hansel, Mike Heider,
Janice Henry, Kevin Henry, Wayne McKee and Cynthia Minnich

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
Jim Breitegan
Frank Bricker
Jim Breitegan
Cecilia
Jim Crothers
Nancy & Joseph Eckenrode
John Felice & Family
Linda Frederiksen
Dyls Glew
Mary Lou Heilman
Katie Mausolf
Thomas McTear
Mary Selene Miller
Russell Miller
Dorothy Patterson
Barbara Ramella
Rhonda & Earl
Esther Spangler
Christian Stigelman*

*For Our Homebound Parishioners and
For Those Suffering from Addictions*

**DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR THE
OCTOBER MESSENGER:
OCTOBER 17, 2011**

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, Laurel Hobbins,
John Humphreys, Matthew James,
Howard Kane, III, Alex Kelly, Kyle Kulka,
Shelley Leister, Thomas Leister,
Joseph Lombardo, Nicholas Lombardo,
Sean McCormick, Karl Miller,
Jamie Olejniczak, David Smith,
John S. Waltz, Joshua Watkins*

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*

2011 PARISH RETREAT

*Reconnect,
Recharge,
and Reset.....*



At This Year's St. John's "All Parish Retreat!"

Enjoy the beautiful facility and grounds of the Lancaster Liederkrantz, this year's retreat location. Visit their website at:
<http://www.lancasterliederkrantz.com/>

Reconnect with friends and family and be inspired by The Rev. Robyn Szoke, our retreat leader. Be refreshed by new musical offerings, lead by our teens and Nate Young, our retreat musician.

When: Saturday, October 22nd
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15.00 (children under age 16 are *FREE*)

What Else? The Lancaster Liederkrantz is located just 15 minutes from Lancaster with ample parking available.

Childcare will be provided.

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Hall on any Sunday, or contact the Church Office.

Don't miss this meaningful opportunity for fellowship!

Please contact Pastor Jennifer with any questions.



2011 PARISH RETREAT (CONTINUED)

RETREAT SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:55 a.m.—Registration / Breakfast

9:00 - 9:25 a.m.— Welcome / Morning Prayer

9:30- 10:55 a.m.—Group I / Breakout Sessions

11:00-12:25 p.m.—Group II / Breakout Sessions

12:30-1:25 p.m.—Noonday Prayer / Lunch

1:30- 2:55 p.m.—Group III / Breakout Sessions

3:00- 4:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist



MEET OUR RETREAT LEADER

The Rev. Canon Robyn Szoke
Canon for Children's and Youth Ministries—Diocese of Central PA
Associate Rector—St. John's Episcopal Church, Carlisle, PA

The Rev. Robyn J. Szoke was called to St. John's, Carlisle, in September 2004 and serves as Associate Rector. Mo. Robyn is a native of northeast Pennsylvania. She graduated from West Chester State University and taught in public schools for a number of years. She and her family were members of the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Discerning a call to the ordained ministry, she was sponsored for ordination by the Diocese of Bethlehem and prepared for ordination at the Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem and then at the General Theological Seminary in New York. She also received a Master's Degree from Lehigh University.

Ordained to the Diaconate in 1988 and to the Priesthood on January 17, 1989, Mo. Robyn served congregations in Allentown, Wilkes-Barre and Pottstown before accepting a call to serve on the Bishop's Staff of the Diocese of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) in 1995 where she was responsible for Children's Ministries and the Diocesan Resource Center. Then, the Presiding Bishop called her in 1999 as Staff Officer for Children's Ministries and Christian Education on his staff at the National Church Center in New York City.

In the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, Mo. Robyn has served on the Discernment Committee for Calling a New Bishop, the Diocesan Communication Task Force, and the Children's Ministry Department.

As a mother and grandmother, Mo. Robyn enjoys bicycling, reading, and grand parenting in her "off time"!

2011 PARISH RETREAT (CONTINUED)

An Invitation to Discover the Authority of All Generations

October 22nd will be a special time for families to have fun, enjoy community and engage in some activities that strengthen their faith. We offer a special invitation to participate in a time of gathering to share and hear our special stories. We invite you to prepare by considering a story about something that is "special to you" and bring a symbol or something representing that story. Consider a story that puts a smile on your face every time you think of it, something that you might even believe that God is in it..

Young people are also included and invited to share their stories as well. The symbols you bring will be placed on the altar for the as visible reminders of how God is at work in the lives of the dear people of St. John's. The Breakout Sessions will include:

1. **STREAM EXPLORATION**—"Wow! I didn't Know That!" — Led by *Dave and Sue Martin*
God's creatures live in the air, land, and water. This activity is designed to allow exploration of the creatures that inhabit a small stream in Lancaster County. Put on your shorts and old sneakers to wade into the stream, collect and examine the surprises you will find. Don't forget to bring along your curiosity and adventuresome spirit. Collecting tools and containers will be provided.
2. **MINDFULNESS IN NATURE** — Led by *Barbara Landis*
We will be moving intentionally slow and wide awake as we search through the grounds to perhaps see what we have never seen before. This session will result in dwelling more deeply in the present moment, savoring the Divinity within our discoveries. There will be time for reflection. (Barbara will rewrite this to reflect her session, which may occur indoors.)
3. **LEARN TO KNIT** - Led by *Blankets and Sew On*
Our accomplished St. John's knitters are prepared to teach anyone the relaxing, enjoyable and useful skill of knitting. Join the circle for one-on-one instruction and good conversation. You need only to bring a pair of #8 US knitting needles. Yarn will be provided.
4. **A NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT** - Led by *Sue Heilman and Garth Alexander*
Designed for elementary level kids, a search list will include finding acorns, special rocks, certain kinds of leaves, and other special treasures to bring back for a nature exhibit and a prize for those who complete their list. Younger kids can come with a parent.
5. **NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY** - Led by *Matthew Lester*
Wander through the grounds of Lancaster Liederkrantz while Matt shares his best advice about getting unusually good pictures. Those who have seen Matt's work know what a great opportunity this provides. This intergenerational activity requires only a camera. Digital would be helpful but any type of camera is acceptable.
6. **MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS** - Led by *MDG Committee*
Watch a solar cooker demonstration. Get some tips on how to reduce your water and energy consumption. Learn how to break huge goals into small steps to do your part to help heal the earth.
7. **BIKE RIDE** - Led by *Brad Zuke*
Enjoy a scenic bicycle ride on the beautiful back roads of Manheim. Bring your own bicycle and comfortable clothes to wear. Cyclists of any ability are welcome- but be prepared for a good workout!
8. **FREE TIME!** - Organize a game, take an early nap, spend time with your children, the choice is yours.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Almy-Webber, Anne	23
Breitegan Jr, Jim	31
Brenton, Conor	18
Carroll, Helena	8
Commins, Meredith	19
Di Pace, Karen	7
Dissinger, Amelia	39
Donnelly, Judy	23
Drew, Nicholas	14
Freeman, Eric	12
Gbur, Phyllis	11
Gordon, Ed	19
Grosh, Ann	9
Gross, Brian	17
Hanna, Rana	10
Latshaw, Andrei	15
Luck, Jonathan	19
Magbag, Kathleen	24
Manlove, Ray	13
Martin, Sue	27
Mastros, Grace	13
McCaskey, Betty	27
McCormick, Kristin	31
McCormick, Patrick	23
Miller, Donna	25
Miller, Bill	21
Minnich, Cynthia	24
Pfeiffer, Robert	26
Rivera, Julia	23
Scheivert, Aidan	16
Scheivert, Alex	5
Schnee, Merle	19
Shaheen, Shirley	21
Shetromph, Muriel	16
Spicher, Aaron	31
Springer, Maggie	28
Stonerook, Carolyn	5
Stonerook, Tom	29
Van Aulen, Isabella	30
Woolson, Matt	1

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Farmer, Dan & Priscilla	10/09/2004
Grove, Edgar & Sandra	10/12/1985
Keller, Michael & Ellen	10/05/1991
Lengle, Stephen & Michelle	10/31/1998
Means, Allen & Patti	10/08/1988
Miller, John & Helen	10/31/1959
Murphy, Robert & Betty	10/16/2010
Pfeiffer, Robert & Darleen	10/01/1977
Plaxa Jr, Peter & Kathleen	10/24/1981
Rodriguez, David & Julie	10/03/1998
Rodriguez, Raul & Vanessa	10/17/2009

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Weddings

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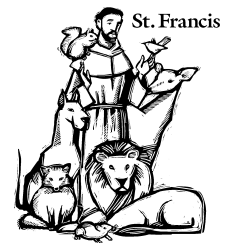
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Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi (October 4)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.
 O Divine Master,
 grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to
 eternal life. Amen



SERVING SCHEDULE – OCTOBER, 2011

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!"*

OCTOBER 2	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Michael Stank, C. Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Joanna Sweeney, C. Weaver-Gelzer
Lector	Peter Eaton	Joel Cliff
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Julia Hasircoglu (Aidan Cliff)
Torch Bearer	—	Kylie Stone, Conor Brenton
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 5	Team 5
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Carolyn Maxey
Coffee Hour	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Nursery	—	Mary Ellen Kilp

OCTOBER 9	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Judy Arnold, Sibyl Freeman
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	—
Lector	Sue Tobie	Jane Lee
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Michael Hreben
Torch Bearer	—	Emma DiPace, Amelia Dissinger
Crucifer	—	David Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	—	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	Property Committee	Property Committee
Nursery	—	Brigid Hillen

OCTOBER 16	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Novosel	Karin Bleecker, David Dissinger
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Don Durand, Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Fred Bush	Fran Gouveia
Server	—	Rachel Hreben
Torch Bearer	—	Michael Hreben, Brooks Morgan
Crucifer	—	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	—	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Jubilee Ministries	Jubilee Ministries
Nursery	—	Katie Mausolf

OCTOBER 23	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Frank Cummins, Sarah Gordon
Eucharistic Visitor	Kathy Novosel	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Laurie Eaton	Bob Kilp
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	—	Kylie Stone, Madalyn Wendler
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	—	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	Handbell Choir	Handbell Choir
Nursery	—	Mary Waskowicz

OCTOBER 30	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Selena Hasircoglu, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
Lector	Ricky Smith	Paula Wolf
Server	—	John Waskowicz
Torch Bearer	—	Aaron Hasircoglu, Aidan Cliff
Crucifer	—	Garth Alexander
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C (5th Sunday)
Greeter	—	Dave Martin
Coffee Hour	Rite 13	Rite 13
Nursery	—	Jen Hreben

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER!

NOVEMBER 6	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Novosel	Barbara McGraw, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	Peter Novosel, Robin Ott, Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Kathy Novosel	Jeannie Zeller
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Lauren Waskowicz
Torch Bearer	—	Kylie Stone, Conor Brenton
Crucifer	—	David Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 5	Team 5
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	Vestry	Vestry
Nursery	—	Tracy Cliff



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.

POPCORN THEOLOGY

“Paper Clips”

Join us for Popcorn Theology on Sunday, October 23 to view **“Paper Clips”** (2004, G). Perhaps the best movie you’ve never heard of. Netflix says: Whitwell Middle School in rural Tennessee is the setting for this documentary about an extraordinary experiment in Holocaust education. Struggling to grasp the concept of 6 million Holocaust victims, the students decide to collect 6 million paper clips to better understand the size of the calamity. The film details how the students met Holocaust survivors and how the experience transformed them and their community.

PLEASE NOTE that our October film (which is about the Holocaust) is going to be shown on Sunday night, October 23, instead of the regularly scheduled Friday night. That’s because we want to invite members of the Sharai Shomayim synagogue, to add richness to our discussion following the film. Friday night is when they have their Shabbat service. Out of consideration to them, we are moving the movie to Sunday evening. Please join us for a film that will stick with you every time you reach for a paper clip.’

Submitted by, *Mary Lou Higgs*

OCTOBER, 2011

7:15 PM AA (AP)