

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL CHALLENGES FOR NOVEMBER

Say the word "November" and the first thought for many is Thanksgiving.
Say "Thanksgiving" and thoughts go to Family, Food, Fall colors, Being Together.

So...think...

Family - "All of God's children" in the world are our family;
Food - What each of us might be able to bring to the table to share;
Fall Colors - The gifts of peoples of all colors at our table;
Being Together - Hearing and responding to those we are *called* to acknowledge.

MDG Challenge November 6

Imagine for a moment, if each person coming to worship brought just one food item to feed someone. If 300 people were at the two services, 300 food items could be bagged for giving our the door's of St John's. Hum...a candy bar for me, a can of soup for someone really hungry. Make a pledge to bring a food item at least once this month.

MDG Challenge November 13

Take on the foul five letter word "stuff" and turn it into a "stuffing"
which would fill the heart of someone else.

This week, look in your closets or around the house and ask yourself if there is anything there that's a burden to us that would be a gift to others?

Then take them to a participating drycleaners for the WGAL Coats for Kids Drive or to the Salvation Army, Water Street Mission, Matthew 25, or anywhere else you might know of for give away. The warmth of your caring will bring smiles.

MDG Challenge November 20

Give away a favorite dish this Thanksgiving.

Review Thanksgiving dinners in the past - food, family, fatigue.

We eat from the bounty and then we sleep from the abundance.

This year, consider giving away the ingredients for one of your favorite dishes:
sweet potatoes, corn, beans, turkey, to someone fatigued from hunger.
The absence of the item will be replaced by the memory of the sharing.

MDG Challenge November 27

Make a point this week, whether alone or with family, to eat "mindfully".

As you sit with a meal in front of you, take the time to consider what was involved in its arrival - how long it took to grow, how far it may have traveled, how many might have been involved along the way and in your presence, in its creation.

Give thanks.

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

November, 2011

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

159TH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On Sunday, November 13 we will gather at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall for our fall Annual Parish Meeting. This year the election of new members to the vestry will be held during the Parish Meeting. We will also receive reports from the Stewardship, Finance, Property, and Adult Formation and Education committees. The Rector's State of the Parish Report will be offered in lieu of the sermon at the 8:00 and 10:15 AM services.

We are grateful to the **Vestry Nominating Committee** for their dedicated work in preparing this year's slate of nominees. The committee who included Paul Dorgan, Leslie Morgan, Michael Stank, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer and chaired by Kathy Novosel, sought to involve the whole parish in the selection process. The change to the Nominating Committee following the by-laws we amended at the last Annual Meeting is to prepare of slate of candidates equal in number to the vacancies on the vestry. As of the October meeting of the vestry those who have offered to stand for election include Debbie Carter, Peter Eaton, John Herzog, and Glenn Miller for three year terms and Sue Heilman for a one year vacancy. As of this writing two candidates are still needed for a three year term and one candidate is needed for a two year term. Nominations from the floor will be invited at the Parish Meeting.

Drew Dorgan, **Stewardship Committee** Chair, and Robin Ott, Vestry Stewardship Steward, will present the 2011 Stewardship Report. Along with the number of pledges for 2012, including the number of new pledges and the projected pledge income for 2012, an analysis of our parish stewardship will also be presented.

Steve Latshaw, Treasurer, and Sherry Qualls, Vestry Finance Steward and Chair of the **Finance Committee**, will report on our financial status for this year and present the draft budget for 2012 under consideration by the Vestry. Developments in the Endowment Fund and plans for the acknowledgement of Thanksgiving and Memorial Funds will also be presented.

The **Property Committee** report will be made by Bill Gross, Property Manager and Jim Crothers, Vestry Property Steward. Major property repair and improvements made in 2011 will be highlighted and target projects for 2012 will be discussed. They will also introduce the Property Survey inviting in put from the whole parish on priorities for the future.

John Herzog, Director of our new **Adult Formation and Education (AFED) Committee**, and Lois Kelley, Vestry Education Steward, will give a summery of the work of the Adult Education "Think Tank" that met over the summer and the up coming plans of the AFED Committee for the fall and winter.

The Parish Meeting will conclude with a time for general questions and answers with the Rector, Wardens and all members of the Vestry.

If you are truly interested in what is "going on" in the mission and ministries of St. John's Church, this is the Sunday that you do not want to miss.

John+

THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

I always look forward to November at St. John's; particularly All Saints Sunday, the first Sunday of November. It sets a celebratory tone for the rest of the month. On this particular All Saints we will celebrate the baptism of six children at the 10:15 a.m. service. After the service, young people and adults from the Lancaster Convocation will gather at St. Thomas for the annual "Battle of All Saints" football game! We will share a lunch featuring homemade chili, and then gather for a friendly competition to secure the ever-coveted convocation trophy (currently in possession by St. Thomas). Rumor has it that diocesan staff will be attending this year's event- and that the game will be videotaped! Yes, the pressure is on.

The celebration continues with the second annual Stewardship Dinner on Saturday, November 12th. The menu looks absolutely incredible and will be served by a team of adults and youth. Those who attend will enjoy their meal on beautifully decorated tables in our parish hall. On the following morning, we will celebrate the stewardship artwork created by the ingathering of our pledges. With all of the pieces returned (we hope!) we will celebrate the revealed image of our common life together. That morning will also feature our annual parish meeting, in which we will share updates on our mission and shared ministry. Our children and youth will enjoy a special group lesson, which will allow most of the teachers to attend the meeting.

On Sunday, November 20th, we will gather after the 10:15 a.m. service for the annual "Advent Event". Enjoy a potluck lunch with desert and a visit from Saint Nick. Stay after lunch to create your own advent wreath, decorate cookies, assemble college care packages, wrap books and help children create holiday cards for homebound parishioners.

Finally, on Wednesday evening, November 23rd, we will gather at First Presbyterian for the downtown Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 p.m. The preacher for the evening will be the Rev. Randolph T. Riggs, D.Min. Pastor Riggs is the current President of the Downtown Ministerium, but in his sixteen Thanksgivings in Lancaster, he has never had the opportunity to address the community at this special evening service. He will retire in July, 2012, so this will be his one and only experience of being a Thanksgiving Eve preacher. There will be a combined choir from all the participating churches, and the annual Thanksgiving Offering in support of the Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter, a project of the Lancaster County Council of Churches which will be housed this year at the YWCA. Refreshments will be served following the service with an opportunity to wish each other a Happy Thanksgiving.

November is a month rich in opportunity for fellowship and community life. I hope you will join me in celebrating our shared life, in baptism, fellowship, liturgy, and yes, football!

Warmly,

Jennifer+



VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

Vestry Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2011

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

THANSGIVING AND MEMORIAL GIFTS - In an effort to encourage and support the giving of thanksgiving and memorial gifts to St. John's Church, the vestry approves the Finance Committee's following recommendations:

1. Commend the Worship Committee for designating Transfiguration Sunday as the annual occasion for the public dedication of Thanksgiving and Memorial Gifts made to the Memorial and Endowment Funds.
2. Reinstate the use of the Book of Remembrance to record annually those gifts made to St. John's Memorial and Endowment Funds.
3. Relocate the display case for the Book of Remembrance from its present site in the bell tower narthex to a more public and regularly visible location.

EMERGENCY CLOSING – Resolved, that the vestry of St. John's approves the following emergency closing policy:

It is the custom of St. John's Church to offer services of worship every Sunday morning. In bad weather we urge parishioners to use their best judgment and common sense when deciding to attend church services. If the weather is extreme and services are canceled a closure announcement will be posted on WGAL-TV.

TREASURER'S NOTE

The pledged and non-pledged income in September was down, but this is contributed to the weather. However, despite tropical storm Lee, our overall income continues to do better than expected. Revenue from all sources through the end of September is \$22,000 ahead of plan. On the expense side, we continue to show good stewardship. In every major expense category, we are either on or under budget. The net result is a year-to-date deficit that is only \$39,340. I say "only" because our planned deficit at this time was \$90,272.

On the investment side, our portfolio manager has been doing a good job in maintaining the value of our endowment fund. He is currently taking advantage of the various market adjustments to improve our portfolio by purchasing stocks that he believes are under valued by the market. These purchases are being made with funds that he had held out specifically for this purpose.

Overall, I believe that we are making good progress towards having a balanced budget which will permit us to expand our ministries. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself or any member of the Vestry or Finance Committee.

Submitted by,
Steve Latshaw, Treasurer

VESTRY'S WARDEN MESSAGE

What is it that St. John's offers, that you could not do without?

In the October vestry meeting, we asked ourselves that rather plain question. In silence, we took several minutes to think about our responses, and then we went round the meeting table with our answers. For many of us, the essential was some aspect of worship at St. John's: the choral Eucharist, the Easter vigil, the sense of God's presence in the Eucharist, the quality of the Rite One service, the liturgy of the Prayer Book as we move through the church year. The coffee hour fellowship was mentioned, and so was Eagle's Nest and our two priests. At the close of this period of reflection, we prayed, and each of us lifted our reasons of gratitude for St. John's when thanksgiving was called for; then we got down to business.

It's a cultural habit of Americans, churched or otherwise, to approach everything from the negative, and vestry members are no different. Once what's wrong has been identified, then we know what to fix and we go for that. But—surprise surprise—research over the past 30 years has shown that when organizations focus exclusively on their positive stories of a given institution, business or otherwise, solutions are swiftly found to emerge for seemingly intractable problems; profits go up by 200 and 300% (really!), the general mood of the organization improves and people not only work harder, they enjoy their work more. A positive view is *encouraging*. Encouragement. It's a powerful act of spirit. It's a distinctly *Christian* act of witness.

Every Sunday, during the prayers of the people, our liturgy offers us an opportunity to name our reasons for thanksgiving. I've realized that I have much more to say in intercession than I do in the time for giving thanks. What's that about? Do I really have more trouble than blessing in my life? I doubt it. Part of our Christian discipline is to express thanks for even those things we're not particularly feeling grateful for; St. Paul exhorts Christians in community to give thanks to God in all things. As Julian of Norwich wrote, describing Christ's assurance to her, "All shall be well and all shall be well *and all manner of things* shall be well." Trust God and give thanks, even in the dark times.

But how good can that be? Being encouraging isn't nearly hard enough, is it? There isn't enough negativity in the idea of looking for the positive; worse, you get no justification for complaining or backhanded cynicism or cranky comments on what's *really* wrong, and besides, what's *really* wrong will never get addressed, will it? Worse than that, if you can't point out what's wrong, you don't have a chance of being right. Ah... the addiction to being right is the payoff in always being negative!

Meanwhile, the real trap in being positive is complacency. If you're positive, cheery, encouraging and appreciative, *to the exclusion of the negative—no buts!*—that's just the beginning. There's tremendous energy available in genuine encouragement, but we aren't the source of that energy—we can't take credit for being right about what to fix, or for fixing it. I've noticed that most truly encouraging people are also truly humble. Encouragement is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit freely available to us all. When we let the energy from gratitude and appreciation fill us, the Holy Spirit will direct us in building up the Body, building on what's already good that rests on the indestructible foundation of Jesus Christ. What could be better?

So: what is it that St. John's offers, that you cannot do without? Give thanks for that blessing and release your encouragement. And if you find there is nothing that you cannot do without at St. John's, come and tell the priests or the vestry, and talk with us so we can begin to create a new blessing of encouragement and thanks together with the Holy Spirit, here in our parish.

Submitted by,
Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer

STEWARDSHIP

2011 Stewardship Calendar of Events

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"

Our 2nd Annual Stewardship Dinner will be held on November 12th with hors d'oeuvres starting at 5:00 p.m. and dinner served at 6:00 p.m. by our youth. The cost per person is \$50 and tickets are being sold in the Parish Hall after each service. The chef who will be preparing our wonderful meal is Ralph Mazzocchi, former owner of Mazzi's in Leola. Please contact Doreen Heider with any questions: 717-295-4647 or e-mail her at: dmmsheider@verizon.net



St. John's Stewardship Dinner

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Approximately 75 Guests

Hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

1st Course

Prima Donna Caesar Salad; Romaine lettuce tossed in Caesar salad dressing and Prima Donna cheese.

2nd Course

Braised Short Ribs in Rioja wine; served with potato paeve and steamed green beans in pimento butter. Potato paeve is thinly sliced and layered sweet and Idaho potatoes baked in a very hot oven with cream and parmesan cheese.

3rd Course

Tiramisu; Rum and espresso soaked lady fingers layered with Mascarpone and served with espresso crème anglaise.

1st and 2nd course will be served with bread and butter.

Coffee and tea will be served with dessert.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Dear Member of St. John's Family,

Our Fall Ingathering for UTO will be Sunday, November 20. The United Thank Offering is a way for each person to express tangible thanks to God. United with the prayers and offerings of Episcopalians, it's ministry reaches around the world – every single cent of our offerings!

In preparation for our ingathering, I would like to offer this prayer for your reflection:

*HEAVENLY FATHER, giver of all good gifts
Take our hands and lead us through the coming days.
Teach us to share your gifts and blessings with others
Along life's way.*

Translated from
The German Edition of *The Upper Room*

If you cannot be present on Sunday, November 20, you may send your offering to the church office at 321 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pa. 17603 and we will be thankful to present it at the altar for you.

Phyllis M. Gbur, UTO Coordinator

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

ECW - Please plan to attend our annual meeting on Sunday, November 13 in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. We will start with a pot luck salad bar (greens provided) to which you may add any ingredient. After a brief business meeting, the activity will be the preparation of the Angel Tree ornaments. Tracing, cutting, labeling and chatter make this workshop aspect of the meeting a great social opportunity for all women at St. John's. Do you need child care? Please see Sue Martin to ensure that, and to answer questions.

GROCERY CARDS

Total sales for September gave only \$372 to Jubilee. We are up \$60.00 from August but it's nothing to "shout about". Come on people – What's going on??? 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

Plastic Bags - A Problem & A Solution

The Problem:

- Next to cigarette butts, plastic bags are the most common type of refuse found in the ocean. In fact, every square mile of ocean water contains more than 46,000 pieces of floating plastic.
- The United States goes through about 1 billion plastic bags every year.
- About 1 million plastic bags are used every minute.
- Fourteen plastic bags contain enough petroleum to drive a car a mile.
- The average family goes through 60 plastic bags after only four trips to the grocery store.
- A single plastic bag can take up to 1,000 years to degrade. But it doesn't biodegrade. Instead, light breaks the bag down to tiny pieces that contaminate soil and water and are very difficult and expensive to remove. (Source for these facts: <http://www.reuseit.com/learn-more/top-facts/plastic-bag-facts> .)

At St. John's, the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) committee wants our parish to be a model of environmental stewardship and to take small steps toward sustainability. Therefore, we want to encourage all of us to adopt healthier habits, and that includes first recognizing and then eliminating all the plastic that surrounds us. If you start paying attention, you'll be amazed by the amount of plastic bags in your lives – used for newspapers, for groceries, for small purchases, etc.

The Solution:

St. John's canvas bags – handsome, practical and inexpensive -- are a wonderful alternative to plastic. They were designed and ordered by the talented Drew Dorgan and funded by the generous Blankets and Sew On group. They will go on sale after the retreat (on Sunday, Oct. 23). We are selling them for the bargain price of one for \$3, or two for \$5. Donations beyond the sale price are warmly welcomed. Each of us needs to do what we can to aid the ailing planet. These bags are a good place to start.

Submitted by,
Mary Lou Higgs

POPCORN THEOLOGY AT ST. JOHN'S

“The Adjustment Bureau” (2011, PG-13), **Friday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m.** Do we control our destiny, or do unseen forces manipulate us? Netflix says: A congressman (Matt Damon) who's a rising star on the political scene finds himself entranced by a beautiful dancer (Emily Blunt), but mysterious circumstances ensure that their love affair is predestined to be a non-starter. Screenwriter George Nolfi (*The Bourne Ultimatum*) makes his directorial debut with this romantic adaptation of Philip K. Dick's classic sci-fi short story "Adjustment Team." In his review, Roger Ebert writes that “The Adjustment Bureau is about the conflict between free will and predestination, and right there, you have the whole dilemma of life, don't you? Either it makes a difference what you choose to do, or the book has already been written, and all you can do is turn the pages.” These questions are raised in a science-fiction thriller with a romance at its core. It's a very intriguing film. Please join us in the **Parish Hall** on November 18 for a free movie, popcorn and snacks, as well as a group discussion following the film if you want to stay to discuss it.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen Di Pace, Sunday School Director

It's Fall and that means it's time for our Annual Fall Food Drive! The Sunday School is already underway with their weekly themes. Please help us to stock our food bank for the season. As always, you are free to bring anything, these are just suggestions. Following is this year's schedule:



- Nov 6 - Cereal Week (Hot or Cold)
- Nov 13 - Pasta & Sauce Week
- Nov 20 - Peanut Butter & Jelly Week
- Nov 27 - Rice & Meal "Helpers" Week



Everyone is invited to join us for our annual "**ADVENT EVENT**" to take place on **Sunday, November 20**. We will begin with a potluck lunch at 12 p.m. This will be followed by various activities for all ages. You can create your own advent wreath, decorate Christmas cookies, make cards for our homebound parishioners, assemble college care packages, book wrapping much more! Plus, we will have a special visit from St. Nicholas!! Please look for the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall and plan to spend a fun filled afternoon at St. John's!

I hope you all were able to join us for the Parish Retreat, Thank you for everyone who helped to make this wonderful day possible for us all!

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp, Youth Director

Have you checked out the **J2A and Rite 13 rooms** lately? If the rooms appear less than finished... it's because they are! Both rooms are being "made over" and painted by our youth. Be sure to take a peek at the final result.

Save the date for the annual "**Battle of All Saints**" football game at **St. Thomas**. On Sunday, November 6th, we will gather at St. Thomas for a 12:00 p.m. lunch featuring homemade chili, bread and desserts. Wear comfortable clothes and plan on staying for the game. St. Thomas is the current proud owner of the convocation trophy- and Pastor Jennifer wants it back!!! Seriously people- we need to step up our game:)

Speaking of good times, don't miss the **Advent Event on Sunday, November 20th**. Everyone's favorite saint will make his annual visit (thank you Fred!) and yes, there will be candy canes. The Advent Event also provides practice at important life skills such as: gift wrapping, wreath assembling, picture making and the always-appreciated cookie decorating.

Finally, spread some early Christmas cheer by **caroling on Sunday, December 11th**. Pack a lunch and plan on meeting after the 10:15 a.m. Service. This is a great way to find some meaning in the midst of the pre-Christmas crazies. Please let Pastor Jennifer or Mary Ellen Kilp know if you plan on attending.

Youth Calendar—Fall 2011

November 6th	All Saints Convocation Event
November 20th	Advent Event
December 4th	Fall Clean-Up
December 11th	Christmas Caroling
December 24th	Christmas Pageant



Join the
Youth Group

“BATTLE OF ALL SAINTS”



At 12:00 p.m. on **Sunday, November 6th**, we will gather at **St. Thomas Episcopal Church** for the annual “Battle of All Saints” football game. Once again, St. Thomas has generously offered to host lunch with chili and bread. This is a great, family friendly, intergenerational event. We’re hoping to win back the convocation trophy and need you support!!

“MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL” AUDITIONS

We will be hosting another audition for “Murder in the Cathedral” on Sunday afternoon, November 13 in our Auditorium between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

The Director, Matthew Sternberg, is a member of the Vestry at St. Edward’s Episcopal Church in Lancaster and will be visiting us on Sunday, October 30 to promote the auditions.

Production Details:

Director:	Matthew T. Sternberg
Asst. Director:	Rebecca Deibler
Music Director:	Ron Barnett

Four performances will be presented at St. Edward’s Episcopal Church, 2453 Harrisburg Pike, East Hempfield on March 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2012.

Rehearsals will start on or around January 14, 2012.



Sponsors: This production is a joint project of St. Edward’s, St. James’, St. John’s, and St. Thomas.

MICROSOFT PUBLISHER SOFTWARE

If there are any parishioners who are currently using *Microsoft Publisher* software and think they might be able to help out in our church office ‘in a pinch’—please contact our Parish Secretary, Patti Means, at either: patti@stjohns-lancaster.org or 717-299-1188, since there are times throughout the year that we could use your expertise! Thank you!

ADULT FORMATION / EDUCATION

I Believe in “Group Think”

Have you caught any of the recent buzz about Albert Einstein? According to an announcement made in September by the European Organization for Nuclear Research, mysterious particles called “neutrinos” have been timed traveling at speeds faster than light!! But the foundation of Einstein’s famous “theory of relativity” ($E=MC^2$) is that nothing travels faster than the speed of light!

Horrors! That would change everything! To give one tiny example, our beloved GPS gadgets might be running on principles that are false! Wow!

As expected, this has created shock and disbelief in the scientific world. Some have expressed anguish that all the scientific textbooks will now have to be rewritten. Others just can’t believe it, and point out that neutrinos exceeded the speed of light by only 60 nanoseconds (one nanosecond = one billionth of a second), or maybe since neutrinos are such exotic particles, we have to make special rules for them. Besides, hasn’t Einstein’s theory helped us make sense of so much in the universe without any evident glitches?

Finding out that we are wrong is hard to take, and it becomes increasingly harder as the stakes are raised as to the truth claims that we affirm to be true.

There’s another side to this that I’d like to suggest: There is strength—and comfort—in numbers. Einstein had convinced the whole scientific world with his theory of relativity, and now it will probably take a response from a major part of the scientific world to either exonerate him or to agree that he is wrong. Truth claims cannot be held solo.

So I believe in “Group Think.” The very possibility that an Albert Einstein could be proven wrong should make us wary of those views and opinions that we champion all by ourselves. Besides, there is so much rich stuff to be learned by the open exchange of views with others.

And you know what, Group Think is alive and well in St. John’s Adult Formation/Education right now. If you have attended a Popcorn Theology session (if you haven’t, Popcorn Theology is a time of viewing films and sharing reactions while munching popcorn), you know that it is not uncommon to hear one person express a view that someone else decides to challenge—very graciously, of course!! Melding contrary opinions frequently yields new and better options.

This month I’ll be sharing some ideas about finding unifying “pathways” through both Old and New Testaments. I’ve formed these views over 40 some years of doing this stuff, and I couldn’t begin to tell you the hundreds sources to which I’m indebted for them. I’m passing them on to you because they help me make sense of what I read, and they help me make sense out of faith and life. But who knows—one of you might shoot me down for one of my ideas, and we’ll all be the better for it. Or you might hear something that makes sense and works for you.

Join us at 9:15 in the All Purpose Room. Group Think is a wonderful way to grow.

Submitted by,

John Herzog, Director

JUBILEE MINISTRIES



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST—(Contact: Sue Martin)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19: 7:30-11:00 AM

"Volunteers Welcome!"

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.

Books for Breakfast are being collected during November and will be wrapped on Sunday, November 20. New or gently used books for all readers (children, teens, men and women) are popular. Children's books could feature non white skinned characters. Picture books, chapter books, and holiday books are good choices.

Remember our intended readers when deciding on the appropriateness of a title. Spiritual, science fiction, romance, mystery, and paperbacks are the best since hardbacks are difficult to move about the city in a bag or backpack. Leave your thoughtful offerings in the Parish Hall.

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.

It's a beautiful time of year and there's a lot to be thankful for. As you are counting your blessings, please keep our **Veterans' wounded warriors** in your thoughts and prayers. Our Blankets and Sew On group is part of a larger effort to provide pocket prayer shawls in time for the Veterans Day service at the Lebanon VA Hospital in the Diocese of Bethlehem. We can use help.

If you crochet or knit and would like to contribute one or two of these Pocket Prayer Shawls to our effort, please drop them off at the knitting table in the Parish Hall on any Sunday morning between services. I'm including the pattern for the Memory Prayer Cloth, which has a heart on it, for your use. We have been advised to make a nondenominational PPS for our veterans and, since God is love (thank you Desmond Tutu!) , what better than a heart.

Memory Prayer Cloth

In memory of Josh

Made by Tyra

Use size 6 Straight Knitting Needles

4 1/2" x 4 1/2" Square

Cast on 19 Stitches

Row 1: knit

Row 2: knit

Row 3: knit

Row 4: knit

Row 5: k2 p15 k2

Row 6: KNIT ALL EVEN NUMBERED ROWS

Row 7: k2 p15 k2

Row 9: k2 p7 k1 p7 k2

Row 11: k2 p6 k3 p6 k2

Row 13: k2 p5 k5 p5 k2

Row 15: k2 p4 k7 p4 k2

Row 17: k2 p3 k9 p3 k2

Row: 19 k2 p2 k11 p2 k2

Row 21 k2 p2 k11 p2 k2

Row 23: k2 p2 k11 p2 k2

Row 25 k2 p2 k5 p1 k5 p2 k2

Row 27: k2 p3 k3 p3 k3 p3 k2

Row 29: k2 p15 k2

Row 31: k2 p15 k2

Row 32: knit

Row 33: knit

Row 34: knit

Row 35: knit

Row 36: knit

Bind Off

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JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

BLANKETS & SEW ON *(Continued)*

St. Nick's Knits Sale will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 4th. As in the past, all profit from this sale goes to our Jubilee Mission to help in our community. Stop by our table to see some really lovely and unique items, including several knitted toys. We are so grateful for your support of this event!

Sacred Stitches' Fall Gathering will be hosted by St. Mark's, Lewistown on Saturday, November 5th, from 10 AM until 2PM. We will carpool, leaving our parking lot at 8 AM. As always, bring a bag lunch and your ideas and be prepared to share in the fun of meeting some new friends from our very large Diocese.

Veteran's Day at the VA Hospital in Lebanon, PA—All ingathered Pocket Prayer Shawls will be presented for blessing by Bishop Baxter and a clergy person from the Diocese of Bethlehem during the Veterans Day service in the hospital chapel. The service is at 10 AM on Thursday, November 10th. You are welcome to attend.

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.

EAGLE'S NEST NEWS—*(Contact: Sue Martin)*

The Election Day bake sale to benefit Eagle's Nest is coming up on November 8. Any baked items are welcomed, either on Sunday, November 6, or during the day of the sale. Help to attend the table on the Courtyard landing is also welcomed. See Sue Martin.

Eagle's Nest has started it's tenth season with a lively group of 24 students from Fulton Elementary, our three McCaskey teen helpers and a dedicated group of volunteers. Thank you to Sarah Addicott, Barbara Graeter, Mike Higgs, Sandra Jackson, Cricket Johnson, Jackie Limroth, Sue and Dave Martin, Shirley Shaheen, Michael Stank, Sue Tobie, Director Christi Brewer, and Pastor Jennifer for their continued support. We can use more help! Due to health issues and traveling events, there are always a few holes in this list on any given Weds. If you could serve as a substitute, please contact the Martins.



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!!!



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

*Downtown Thanksgiving 'Eve' Service
at
First Presbyterian Church
140 East Orange Street, Lancaster
Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m.*

PROPERTY

It wouldn't hurt for us to jump the gun on Thanksgiving this year. In the secular world, Halloween celebration begins at the end of August, Christmas starts in October, Valentine's Day right after the New Year, etc. But Thanksgiving? Like, the day before? You think? For all the good things, events, and good people we've been busy with during the year, are we to just dust it all off with a few words, a turkey and a football game? Not likely.

The Property Committee is thankful right now, and has been, for the commitment, support and suggestions of so many of the St. John's family, whether by committee or as individuals. It has allowed us to complete a number of projects this year to complement the mission of the church by assuring safety and comfort to all, and by providing a clean and attractive environment for visitors and for church activities. Also it has allowed us to have the luxury of monitoring and repairing those usual incidents of wear and tear as we go along. Thanks, then, to Fr. John for his guidance and interest in this committee; to Bill Gross for his management: planning, monitoring, advising, contracting, and hands-on work; to the committee itself, a group of talented, knowledgeable, committed folks ever interested in the mission; to the Ministries Council for advice when needed and general support; to the Vestry for providing that which allows the completion of many useful projects; and to the volunteers, especially, for their selfless engagement in projects otherwise not imagined or done. But, mostly, thanks be to God for all of these and for the good will of the family of St. John's.

Jim Crothers, Property Steward

Projects Completed -

- Trees along Chestnut Street trimmed to prevent injury and damage.
- Cast iron baseboard heating installed in choir room to provide appropriate temperature for habitation.
- Roof and gutter repair to church building, snow guards installed, and some pointing done to the boiler chimney. Insurance claim submitted to reduce cost.

Coming Up -

- Painting of Parish House exterior - all areas now in red paint.



"FALL CLEAN-UP DAY" - ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP! - DECEMBER 4, 12:00 PM

Property Committee

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

Your Property Committee is asking for your input as we plan to best serve St. John's ministries. Please take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire on the next page and return it to us by mail, offering plate, or Becker House mail slot. We welcome any comments you may have, either attached or placed at the bottom of the form.

We Would Like Your Thoughts

The mission and desire of the St. John’s Property Committee is to enhance the experience of our church for all our parishioners, and to make our facilities safe, attractive and welcoming to everyone. Looking ahead as to where we should prioritize our efforts, we ask you to share your thoughts.

Please take a minute to indicate your opinion about each of the following projects that have been proposed for consideration. (Rate each from 1 – 5 in importance to you)

	Very important 1	2	Somewhat important 3	4	Not important 5	No opinion
Audio/Video – Make worship and fellowship spaces suitable for audio and video presentations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Columbarium – Add niches. All niches have been used or reserved.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courtyard Redesign – Replace/repair surface damage from rain, snow, freezing, and underground erosion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elevator Access – Add an elevator. Only sanctuary, parish hall, Becker House 1 st floor are accessible to all.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy Efficiency – Reduce loss of Heat/conditioned air in sanctuary and parish hall when doors are opened.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handicap Parking -- Add area and provisions for handicap parking or passenger drop off.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nave lighting – Update old lighting system. Bulbs for these fixtures are obsolete and difficult to find.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (explain) -- _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The members of the Property Committee thank you for your input and your time. Please add any comments below or attached to this form.

THE REV. PRISCILLA GINOLFI

Keeping Our Children Safe

It is truly unfortunate that an article such as this must appear in a church newsletter, however childhood sexual abuse knows no boundaries. The church is not immune. Here at St John's the safety of our precious children is a priority. In addition to asking for background checks for all who have contact with children in the nursery, Sunday School and youth programs, we follow the mandate from our Bishop Nathan Baxter in requiring all teachers, nursery workers and Teen leaders to complete the Safe Guarding God's Children training course developed by the Church Pension Group. It is a powerful workshop where actual abusers and victims of abuse are interviewed and tell their stories. Both of the abusers interviewed acted within church communities. The course will enable the community to recognize warning signs that could indicate sexual abuse. Child molesters are very skillful at using their power over children to avoid being caught. Sometimes there signs that people observe that are bothersome, but without training could be overlooked. None of us want to believe that abuse is occurring, however by not investigating, a molester is unchecked. Children often do not tell because the molester has frightened them, but abuse can be suspected when a child has developed changes in behavior, anxiety, bedwetting,, fearfulness, sleeplessness and withdrawing from pleasurable activities.

I have just recently been appointed as our Convocational Administrator for Safe Guarding God's Children by The Rev. Robyn Szoke, who is in charge of Children and Youth ministries in the Diocese. I have been a trainer for several years. Workshops will be offered live and on line. While workshops are required by teachers, youth leaders and nursery workers (including teens who assist in the nursery and Bible School) the workshop is open to all members, especially the vestry of St John's congregation. We are currently planning a training session in January 2012, date to be determined. The on line workshop is being developed by the diocese. The information is very valuable for parents of young children and teens.

If you have questions or are interested in the workshop please speak with Father John, Pastor Jennifer or myself. If every adult can protect just one child, they will forever change one life. If we can change one life, together we will make a difference in this generation of children.

In prayerful love,
Deacon Priscilla

Franklin & Marshall College Hosts Popcorn Theology

F&M college students and St. John's parishioners meet quarterly to share a film followed by discussion. Popcorn provided. Our campus host is the Rev. Susan Minasian, F&M College Chaplain. All films are shown in the Adams Auditorium of Kaufman Hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following Friday nights: **December 2, February 17, and April 20.**

Each movie will be preceded on Tuesdays from 11:30am-12:30pm by a *Commonground Topic*: **November 29**—Government Professor, Dr. Stephen Medvic “Is there a place for politics in religion?”; **February 14**—Couples with different belief systems and how they survive the difference in marriage; and **April 17**—The environment and people of faith: Friend or Foe?

Contact: *Sibyl Freeman*

“CONGRATULATIONS!”

Honored Woman Luncheon

Congratulations to **SUE MARTIN!!!** Sue will be acknowledged at this year’s Annual Gathering of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Lewistown, Pa. on November 5. Sue will be recognized as an Honored Woman with a luncheon and presentation of a certificate and a small gift of thanks for her service to the community. Helping to celebrate Sue will be members of the Martin family and a strong showing of our St. John’s ECW including many of our Blanket and Sew-On members. Please share with Sue your congratulations.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Many thanks to both the Chancel and Hand Bell Choirs for their contributions to St. John’s music program. A special thanks to Sue Zuke and Penn Glazier for singing a beautiful duet on Sunday, October 16. The Chancel Choir is progressing quite well but we would like to have a stronger tenor section. If you are interested or know of anyone else you think would like to participate, please let me know. The Hand Bell Choir is hoping to recruit one more person with some music experience to have a full choir. Again, please contact me if you are interested.

As we remember Holy Days of All Saints and All Souls, composer Gabriel Fauré says of his “*Requiem*”:

“My Requiem was composed of nothing... for pleasure, if I may say so!”

Michael Good, Interim Minister of Music



Christmas Flower Memorial

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NAMES FOR CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS IS DECEMBER 11.

Please complete and return to the church office, along with your check made payable to: **ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**. You may also place your memorial donations in the offering plate on any Sunday. Thank you for your contribution.

IN MEMORY OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

AMOUNT: _____

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
Eric Burkhart
Tom Calabrese
Cecilia
Nancy & Joseph Eckenrode
Joey Falzone
John Felice & Family
Linda Frederiksen
Thetis Harvey
Cynthia McCarter
Thomas McTear
Kate Miller
Mary Selene Miller
Russell Miller
Dorothy Patterson
Steve Purdy
Christian Stigelman
Judy Tighe
Lucene Winters*

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

**DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR THE
DECEMBER MESSENGER:
NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

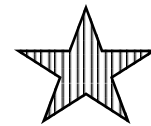
SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alexander, Charles	25
Almy, Ruth	29
Alvarez, Sebastian	14
Archer, Carolyn	19
Bleecker, Bradleigh Anne	7
Brown, Chloe	8
Byrnes, Savannah	7
Carroll, Evelyn	29
Chandler, Linda	2
Chandler, Nathaniel	27
Collier, Tammy	22
Crothers, Margaret	27
Di Pace, Danielle	29
Dorgan, Drew	16
Farmer, Priscilla	6
Gromis, Caroline	11
Guetter, John	21
Hollinger, Amy	6
Kelley, Lois	9
Kilp, Daniel	30
Landis, Barbara	3
Le, Nhi	26
Lombardo, Anthony	5
Looker, William	7
Martin, Dave	10
McCormick, Murphy	16
McGraw, Barbara	25
Pennell, Mary	21
Rahe II, Charles	13
Ramella, Karen	16
Schick, Nathaniel	26
Scott, Hagar	23
Seachrist, Marjorie	1
Stonerook, Laura	8
Thompson, Ian	3
Waskowicz, Lauren	19
Woolson, James	20

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Breitegan, Jim & Loie	11/24/1949
Carter, Debbie & Cater, Bill	11/24/2007
Durand, Don & Judy	11/17/1979
Gouveia, John & Fran	11/18/1995
Gromis, Jeff & Sharon	11/19/1983
Lombardo, Anthony & Thelma	11/24/1984
Schein, John & Liz	11/23/2002
Sweeney, Joanna & Mel	11/12/1955

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

John Van Miller

Deaths

Esther L. Spangler

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!



Copies of the new 2011-2012 Parish Directory will be distributed at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, November 13, beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

If you are unable attend, copies will be available each Sunday in the Parish Hall, or feel free to call or stop by the church office throughout the week and we'll make sure you receive your copy.



LANCASTER'S 4TH ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR!

Sunday, November 20, 10am—4pm

Lancaster Farm & Home Center (1383 Arcadia Road)

Offers 30 active local and global non-profit organizations with opportunities to support them financially with gift card for person you're honoring. Children's activities, fair trade items, and local food vendors available. St. John's MDG volunteers will be staffing the "Partners In Health" table. Donations can also be made online anytime until December 16: www.giftsthatgivehope.com/lancaster. Questions? Please feel free to contact Sue Heilman at 717-951-0731 or heilmangirl@gmail.com

SERVING SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER, 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!"*

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

NOVEMBER 13	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee, James Glazier	Sarah Gordon, Sue Purdy
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Joanne Sweeney, C. Weaver-Gelzer
Lector	Fred Bush	Joel Cliff
Server	—	Aidan Cliff
Torch Bearer	—	Michael Hreben, Brooks Morgan
Crucifer	—	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	—	Carolyn Maxey
Coffee Hour	ECW	ECW
Nursery	—	Phyllis Gbur

NOVEMBER 20	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Selena Hasircoglu, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Sue Tobie	Frank Cummins
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer	—	Dylan Stone, Jim Woolson
Crucifer	—	Brad Moyer
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	—	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Jubilee	Jubilee
Nursery	—	Anne Carroll

NOVEMBER 27	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Novosel, Peter Eaton	C. Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Don Durand
Lector	Laurie Eaton	David Dissinger
Server		Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	—	Kylie Stone, Conor Brenton
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	—	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	J2A	J2A
Nursery	—	Anne Gokey

DECEMBER 4	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton, Merle Schnee	Judy Arnold, Lauren Waskowicz
Eucharistic Visitor	Kathy Novosel	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Peter Eaton	Fran Gouveia
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Julia Hasircoglu
Torch Bearer		Aidan Cliff, Emma DiPace
Crucifer		Garth Alexander
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Voyagers / Sun School Teachers	Voyagers / Sun School Teachers
Nursery	—	Janelle Stone



NOVEMBER, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 20TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST ALL SOULS SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Ritel 9:00 AM Church School Gathering (Aud) 9:15 AM Adult Formation/Education (AP) 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Choir Room) 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 12:00 PM Welcome Brunch (PH) 7:15 PM AA (AP)	31 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bhutanese Cultural Dance (Aud) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM VA (AP)	1 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bhutanese Cultural Dance (Aud) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 7:00 PM Hand Bell Choir (Choir Room)	2 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 3:15 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 6:00 PM Blankets & Sew On (BH) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	3 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bhutanese Cultural Dance (Aud) 7:00 PM Worship Committee (BH) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	4 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bhutanese Cultural Dance (Aud)	5 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Baptismal Conference (PH)
6 21ST SUN AFTER PENTECOST ALL SAINTS SUNDAY J2A Battle of All Saints Event 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Ritel & Renewal of Baptism 9:00 AM Church School Gathering (Aud) 9:15 AM Adult Formation/Education (AP) 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Choir Room) 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II & Holy Baptism 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 7:15 PM AA (AP)	7 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bhutanese Cultural Dance (Aud) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Property Committee (Phil Becker's Home) 7:30 PM Ministries Council (BH 2FL)	8 EAGLE'S NEST BAKE SALE (Breezeway) ELECTION DAY 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bhutanese Cultural Dance (Aud) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (PH) 7:00 PM Hand Bell Choir (Choir Room)	9 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 12:30 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 6:00 PM Blankets & Sew On (BH) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Finance Committee (2nd FL BH)	10 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bhutanese Cultural Dance (Aud) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM HARB (PH) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM MDG Committee (BH) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	11 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bhutanese Cultural Dance (Aud)	12 STEWARDSHIP DINNER 5:00 PM Hors d'oeuvres (Aud) 6:00 PM Dinner (PH)
13 22ND SUN AFTER PENTECOST PARISH MEETING 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Ritel 9:15 AM Church School (AP) 9:15 AM Parish Meeting (PH) 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Choir Room) 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 12:00 PM Auditions for 'Murder in the Cathedral' (Aud) 6:00 PM ECW Annual Meeting (PH) 7:15 PM AA (AP)	14 MESSENGER DEADLINE 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Executive Committee (BH)	15 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 7:00 PM Hand Bell Choir (Choir Room) 7:00 PM Lancaster Convocation (Mt Hope)	16 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 3:15 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 6:00 PM Blankets & Sew On (BH) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	17 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	18 10:30 AM Hamilton Arms Eucharist 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Popcorn Theology (PH)	19 8:00 AM St. John's Serves Breakfast at 1st Reformed 6:30 PM Contra Dance (Aud)
20 ADVENT EVENT BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES CHRIST THE KING UNITED THANK OFFERING 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Ritel 9:00 AM Church School Gathering (Aud) 9:15 AM Adult Formation/Education (AP) 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Choir Room) 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 12:00 PM Advent Event (PH) 7:15 PM AA (AP)	21 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (PH)	22 9:00 AM MESSENGER MAILING 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 7:00 PM Hand Bell Choir (Choir Room)	23 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 6:00 PM Blankets & Sew On (BH) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Downtown Thanksgiving Eve Service at First Presbyterian	24 Fr. John - Vacation OFFICE IS CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	25 Fr. John - Vacation OFFICE IS CLOSED 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	26 Fr. John - Vacation
27 1ST SUN OF ADVENT Fr. John - Vacation 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Ritel 9:00 AM Church School Gathering (Aud) 9:15 AM Adult Formation/Education (AP) 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Choir Room) 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour	28 Fr. John - Vacation 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM VA (AP)	29 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Commonground Topic (F&M) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Chamber Singers Rehearsal (Church) 7:00 PM Hand Bell Choir (Choir Room)	30 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 3:15 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 6:00 PM Blankets & Sew On (BH) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	1 7:00 PM Worship Committee (BH) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	2 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM LANCASTER CHAMBER SINGERS CONCERT (Church) 7:00 PM Popcorn Theology (F&M)	3 10:00 AM Voyagers (PH)