

## MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL CHALLENGES FOR DECEMBER

December.....Christmas....Channukah....Kwanzaa....

Gifts...Decorations...Festive Times...Family - Our Own, Others, The World

While this time of the year pushes many into a faster pace to get things done, let's also think about periods of reflection and appreciation to happenings around us.

And to hold in our prayers ALL of God's children, without exception.

### **MDG Challenge December 4th**

"Plan a Day to Give Away - Yourself"

Search out and schedule a volunteer experience.

This challenge will stay on the table as an "Instant Challenge" as it surfaces on a day to day awareness basis. Nothing that you can give is as precious as your time.

### **MDG Challenge December 11th**

"Believing is all a child does for a living." Kurtis Lamkin

Say the word "Christmas" and we all think of children.

Remember, we are ALL God's children.

Be particularly open this week, to a gift that might make any one of God's children believe again in living. Remember the Angel Tree, the bell ringers outside stores, people living on the streets unsafely and living unsafely in homes.

Hold them in your prayers that they may believe again.

### **MDG Challenge December 18th**

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched...  
but are felt in the heart." Helen Keller

A moment of reflection....Take some moments this week to reflect over "Christmas's past" and notice what memories brings a smile to your face or really touches your heart. A snowy Christmas eve? Laughter of children/adults? Special words or a card from someone you haven't seen in a long time? A get-together baking party? Taking the time to play a game with others? Candles on Christmas Eve? Make a new moment.

### **MDG Challenge December 25th**

In celebration of the Birth of Christ this day, step back and picture all the different people who might have stopped by the manger that day to see what was going on. Imagine the varied places from which they might have come, the methods of travel, the collection of beliefs.

Visualize the smiles on their faces as they glanced at the infant born in such humble surroundings and how they might have been touched. We know of the reported gifts from the Wise Men, but imagine how mere strangers might have also taken the time to help.

Blessings to you all this sacred time.

### **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*

**December, 2011**

*from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector*

## **CHRISTMAS DAY - NEW YEARS DAY SUNDAY?**

This year, 2011, both Christmas Day and New Years Day are on Sundays. To those who ask, "Will St. John's have church?" the answer is a resounding, "Yes!" However, in true Anglican fashion, our service offerings will be a little different this year.

As Christmas Eve will be on a Saturday our service schedule will be slightly changed.

**3:30 PM** – Holy Eucharist Rite I with Christmas hymn, sermon and Hand Bell Choir. This service is particularly intended for those who wish to attend a traditional Christmas Eve service but do not want to drive in the dark.

**6:30 PM** – Holy Eucharist Rite II with Nativity Pageant. A "family friendly" celebration, this liturgy is simplified and offers communion by station. A Family Supper will be offered at 5:00 PM to help sustain hungry pageant players. Salad, sides and desserts are welcome but not necessary.

**10:30 PM** – Festive Holy Eucharist Rite II with a prelude of anthems and hymns, sermon and choral liturgy. Our most lavish service offering, this celebration includes incense, the great procession and candlelight singing of the "Silent Night".

For Sunday, Christmas Day, we will offer a combined service at the usual time of our Christmas Day liturgy – **10:00 AM**. Following the pattern of our typical Christmas Day celebration the liturgy will be Holy Eucharist Rite I with Christmas hymns and sermon. Other usual Sunday activities – Coffee Hour, Church School, and Adult Education – will be suspended.

For Sunday, New Years Day, our service schedule will return to normal with services at **8:00 AM and 10:15 AM**. A Rite I Holy Communion will be offered at the 8:00 AM service and Rite II Holy Communion will be offered at 10:15 AM. However, both celebrations will be preceded by a Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols. Coffee Hour will be held between the services but all Christian Education activities will be canceled.

Christmas falls on a Sunday every five to six years, except in Leap Years when the gap jumps to eleven years. The last time Christmas came on Sunday was 2005. That Christmas Day a number of "megachurches" decided to cancel Sunday worship all together. One church distributed DVDs to watch at home instead. As important as worship in our homes may be, as Anglicans we do not believe in home worship but in Christ worship. We prefer to worship God in God's house, the church, with God's family, the church.

On Christmas Day and New Years day we welcome all who wish to worship in God's house on the Lord's Day. The blue doors of St. John's will be open and waiting for you.

*John+*

# THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER



## *"A Visit from Brazil"*

"For you are all one in Christ Jesus". Christmas celebrates the incarnation of God's love for us in the person of Christ. It is a season of joy and wonder; one that is characterized by gratitude and thanksgiving. This particular Christmas season brings an additional gift: the presence of eight teens and two adults from our companion diocese Sao Paulo. This group will include:

### **Santo Andre Pereira Barreto (Companion with St. John's Lancaster)**

Douglas Uka Remno 17yrs

### **São João (Companion with St. James - Lancaster)**

Ruth Jorge de Oliveira 14yrs

### **Cristo Rei (Companion with St. James - Mansfield )**

Ana Beatriz Torres Omuro 15yrs

Pedro Ken-iti Torres Omuro 15yrs

Juliana Ikeda Ishikura 18yrs

Luany Kariny Nami Fukazawa 15yrs

Luan Jhonny Fukazawa 18yrs

### **Todos os Santos (Companion with St. Luke - Mechanicsburg)**

Ana Clara Antunes Campos 13yrs

### **Chaperones from Todos os Santos**

Rev. Leandro Antunes Campos

Janet Davies

They will arrive in the United States on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will spend their first four days (including Christmas!) with families at St. Andrew's in State College. On December 27<sup>th</sup>, they will travel to St. James in Mansfield, whose youth group recently traveled to Brazil on pilgrimage. The group will arrive in Lancaster on December 29<sup>th</sup> and stay with families from St. John's until January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Finally, the group will stay with families at Mt. Calvary in Camp Hill until their departure on January 5<sup>th</sup> back to Brazil.

Our teens and chaperones experienced warm and generous hospitality during their pilgrimage to Brazil two summers ago. We are eager to do the same! A special New Year's Eve party/lock-in is being planned for December 31<sup>st</sup> at St. John's. This event will include the group from Brazil and teens from our convocation and diocese. Our teens are working with Mary Ellen to plan other events during their stay. There will be many opportunities to welcome and support our Brazilian friends on their pilgrimage. Perhaps most basically: pray. Please consider praying for each teen, their chaperones and the host churches as we prepare to welcome them during this joyous season. Thanks be to God!

Warmly,  
*Jennifer+*

## NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!** to our new Vestry Stewards. They are: Debbie Carter, Peter Eaton, Mike Gbur, Sue Heilman, John Herzog, and Glenn Miller. We thank you for your service in Christ's name on the St. John's Vestry.

## VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

**Vestry Meeting: Monday, November 21, 2011**

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

Fairshare Pledge – Resolved, that the we, the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, hereby certify that this 2012 Fairshare Pledge of \$50,000.00 is made on behalf of our congregation; and that it is our intention to pay this pledge for Fairshare on an equal monthly basis. And be it further resolved, that this 2012 Fairshare Pledge represents a tithe of our anticipated annual operating expenses for the coming year.

## TREASURER'S NOTE

I would like to thank everyone that attended the Parish Meeting. I hope that you found it informative. Please keep in mind that the numbers that I presented for next year's budget were still being fine tuned. The Stewardship Committee has done a fine job and is in the process of putting the finishing touches on a very successful campaign.

As we near the end of the fiscal year, I am happy to report that we continue to do better than originally anticipated. As of this writing in the middle of November, we have not taken our final quarterly draw from the Endowment Fund. Without the draw, our deficit is only \$49,177 compared to the expected \$122,104. Factoring in the \$14,000 draw will reduce the deficit to approximately \$35,000. Our pledged contributions are running slightly behind budget, but are compensated by the non-pledged contributions.

Expenses were slightly higher due primarily to the necessary building and ground maintenance. However, even with the increase this budget area continues to be under the expected total. As we saw in Bill Gross's presentation, the Property Committee has been faced with some challenges and have done a marvelous job of maintaining the premises while being mindful of our limited finances.

Next year will bring a new and improved chart of accounts for tracking our income and expenses. As a result there will be some changes in the reporting format. I am hopeful that you will find the new format easier to understand while providing a clearer picture of the parish financial position.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns regarding the church finances, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Finance Committee or any of your Vestry Stewards.

Submitted by,  
*Steve Latshaw, Treasurer*

## VESTRY'S WARDEN MESSAGE

In 1847, Ebenezer Davies, a visiting Englishman, was invited to preach while in Cincinnati. Later he wrote, "At the close of the sermon, having pronounced the benediction, I engaged, according to English custom, in a short act of private devotion. When I raised my head and opened my eyes, the very last man of the congregation was actually making his exit through the doorway; and it was quite as much as I could manage to put on my top-coat and gloves and reach the door before the sexton closed it." Ebenezer Davies, *American Scenes and Christian Slavery; A Recent Tour of Four Thousand Miles in the United States*. (London; John Snow, 1849)

Americans have always been in a rush. Sometimes we notice ourselves hurrying through time; sometimes we are astonished to find time has gone past faster than we expected; somehow we are always surprised to discover that rush and hurry don't make us more efficient, that speed affords less profit than we imagined, that we get a hint of some other value we might want, when suddenly we are forced to stop a moment. Your vestry's year just past has been hard—we worked for most of the time with fewer members than usual; we were surprised by the former music director's taking a new job in mid-year; we have not been able to raise up a new leader for Jubilee Ministries yet; we've kept up with hard work of getting St. John's house in order—learning how to plan for building maintenance rather than letting the building reach emergency needs first; learning how to become good stewards of your trust in us; getting our finances from a state of savings and funds in many coffee cans to a gathered, intentionally ordered unity of giving and resources which reflect the whole church and provide for the whole church's work in mission and ministry. The heaviness of the year might have made us feel anxious or pressed on us a sense of falling behind, but we did not meet and work in this way. I believe myself, that we were changed by taking up the habit of praying through Compline at the close of each meeting, and praying for the members of St. John's each month, in that brief closing service.

Bishop Ronald Haines has proved one of the five most influential people in my life. He was an extraordinarily busy leader, working steadfastly while under rather constant attack from many of his peers for his decisions, including his decision to ordain the first openly lesbian priest in the Episcopal Church while he was Bishop of Washington, D.C. He never sounded rushed or hurried, anxious or angry as he went about his work. I asked him once why all these pressures did not affect him in that usual way. "You should ask yourself: *what's the good in that?*" he said. "It took a long time for things to get into the state they're in; it'll take a long time to make them look better, but they can get better right away if we keep ourselves from rushing. Nobody can really think in a hurry. Besides, I drop things and I get angry when I go too fast."

Here's an interesting thing: It's hard to hurry through Compline. The rhythm and language of the liturgy opens time to reveal us as we are, where we are, when we are: always moving and breathing in God's presence, in whom there is no rush or hurry that overlooks details, drops things, inclines to forgetfulness or defensive anger. True: we can't keep from being American, from holding an almost instinctive impatience with whatever it is that holds us back from going fast and even faster. But we can grow more mature as Christians by practicing the virtue of patience until we find ourselves formed more closely as the people God can call and into whom God can pour increasing energy for worship, witness and service. Vestry meets every third Monday of the month. Why not take time at the end of the evening on those Mondays, throughout this coming year, and read Compline yourself, where you are, joining us in prayer and praying for your vestry members once a month as they do the work of leadership you have laid on them for 2012?

Submitted by,

*Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer*

## MEET OUR NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

The Nominating Committee would like to introduce you to our new vestry members in their own words, by means of some brief biographical questions. Please look for their pictures on a poster in the parish hall, in the month of December.

### **JOHN HERZOG—3 year term**

**My vision for St. John's as we look to the future:** *My vision is still in the process of formation, but at the center of it will be a worship on behalf of the world by those who are called to be a "kingdom of priests" (Ex. 19:6, I Peter 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:6).*

**The gifts I bring to service, leadership and stewardship at St. John's:** *I have always tried to follow my sense of my gifts in what I tried to do in life. This has led me to 35 years as a college teacher (19 of them as department chair), three years as chair of our church congregation (weekly attendance of 400 – 500), and numerous roles as a musician. If I have had any success at any of these, it has been due to no small degree to the fact that I was able to work with superior people.*

**The part of St. John's mission statement that draws me most compellingly into ministry:** *That's a tough choice to make, but if compelled to make it, I would say the middle segment: "act in service."*

**Personal information:** *I attend the 10:15 service regularly. My spouse, Ruth, is deceased. I have two sons: Tim (age 44) and Nate (age 38), and two grandchildren (from Nate): Brynna and Griffin (ages 4 and almost 2).*

### **DEBBIE CARTER—3 year term**

**The gifts I bring to service, leadership and stewardship at St. John's:** *I have been involved in community service most of my life, as a Girl Scout and later a leader, as a member of the board of a couple of non-profit organizations, and through my churches in the communities in which I have lived. I have sung in church choirs since high school, and I served on St. John's Lancaster Vestry for three years, including two years as Stewardship Chair. During most of my professional life, I have taught children and adults and/or written, used, and helped people use software. I am very interested in exploring the parish's ACS software and helping us to maximize our use of it.*

**The part of St. John's mission statement drawing me most compellingly into ministry:** *"Grow in God, Act in Service, Witness in Love" My personal ministry is something of a hybrid of the last two phrases of our mission statement ("act in service" and "witness in love"). A person can perform service without loving, but my own service is motivated by love, and (I hope) it IS a witness to God's love, which I share with others through my actions.*

### **Personal Information:**

*I regularly attend the 10:15 service. I was also a member of St. John's from 2001 to 2007, until I married my husband and moved to New Jersey. Fortunately, he was easily convinced that we needed to retire to Lancaster, and we've recently moved here, actually a few years ahead of our expected retirement. I am married to Bill Cater, whose last name is just enough different from mine to cause amusement and confusion! My four children (Joanna, Erica, Christopher, and Morgan) are all married and live in other states (Maryland, North Carolina, and Louisiana). They have graced us with 5 grandchildren, and another is due in December. My newest stepdaughter is Bill's daughter, who lives with her partner in Rochester, NY.*

### **PETER EATON—3 year term**

**My vision for St. John's as we look to the future:** *That St John's will continue to be a faithful refuge where people can, not only, be introduced to God's love, but be nourished to grow in their faith.*

**The gifts I bring to service, leadership and stewardship at St. John's:** *Chiefly, I love people and desire to be an integral part of St John's ministry to see people come to know God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I am organized, methodical, and approach problem solving with a passion. I serve as a Lector and am a new Eucharistic Minister at St John's.*

## MEET OUR NEW VESTRY MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

**The part of St. John's mission statement that draws me most compellingly into ministry:** *To witness in love. My wife Laurie and I were drawn to St John's because of the warmth of friendship that Ann and Gary Grosh extended to us. That same testimony of Christ's love is what we experience every Sunday at St John's. I believe there is no more powerful witness than that of extending compassion and the hand of friendship in Christ's name. I regularly attend the 8:00 a.m. service.*

**Family and personal info:** *Laurie and I met our freshman year at Pensacola Christian College, married mid-way through our senior year, and will be celebrating our 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary on January 1st. We have four adult children-- Luke and his wife Lauren reside in Panama City, FL, where he is a practicing Physician Assistant/anesthetist. Our daughter Lauren is a Patent Attorney currently living in Pasadena, CA. Our youngest child Chelsea is a senior Economics major at Bloomsburg University and will graduate this coming spring. Laurie has been a registered nurse for 28 years, and I am a certified registered nurse anesthetist/nurse practitioner in private practice here in Lancaster. Prior to my current career, I was a carpenter contractor in the Philadelphia metro area and Florida, and was a financial analyst for NCR, (National Cash Register), in New York City.*

### **GLENN E. MILLER, 3 year term**

**My vision for St. John's as we look to the future:** *As a member of Vestry, I hope to serve the Rector, Staff, and Parishioners in Saint John's mission to serve all persons, who are the created in God's Image, with any need and continues to grow as a place which promotes justice and peace in the Local and Worldwide community through Stewardship of the Parish's Financial, Property and Personnel Assets.*

**The gifts I bring to service, leadership and stewardship at St. John's:** *As a vocational trainer for persons with mental and Developmental disabilities I have the ability to be a team player, listen to varying ideas presented in various formats, and work with a diverse group of persons. My sense of humor helps too. I have been a member of Saint John's since 1992. I regularly attend the 10:15 service.*

**Personal Information:** *I am currently single and I have no children.*

### **MIKE GBUR, 2 year term**

**My vision for St. John's:** *I have always been a great supporter of our parish's many activities involving the Lancaster Community as well as the worldwide Millennium Development Goals. My vision would be to have St John's continue to be leaders in these areas.*

**Personal information:** *I am a retired Employment Counselor and Computer Operations Manager from the Commonwealth of PA. I am currently working PT as a courier at LGH.*

*I have been head usher for over 30 years at our 10:15 AM Service. As head usher I am also a member of St Johns Worship Committee. My faith and spiritual growth are grounded in our weekly and special worship services. Phyllis and I were married at St. John's and celebrated our 40th anniversary this past April. She is an Elementary School reading teacher and is currently acting as an interim Vestry member until this coming January. Our 2 sons David and Andrew grew up at St Johns and both are pursuing careers in fine arts.*

### **SUE HEILMAN, 1 year term**

**My vision for St. John's:** *that we continue to be a vibrant and relevant presence in each other's lives and in the city/county of Lancaster and the world, that we engage in more collaborative activities with our convocation, diocese and churches in our immediate neighborhood, that we continue to welcome opportunities to embrace the stranger(s) in our midst, that we maintain a strong prayer life, especially so that ALL people who enter our doors are touched by the LOVE of Christ, and that we continue to improve in ecologically sustainable ways of maintaining our buildings and grounds.*

## MEET OUR NEW VESTRY MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

**The part of St. John's mission statement drawing me most compellingly into ministry:**

*The command to live out our faith commitment in our daily lives, in our jobs, homes and neighborhoods, and the greater world.*

**The gifts that I bring to St. Johns are:** *a passion for peace, justice and the needs of the poor, and a love of this amazing community of people called St. John's. I am excited to see all the amazing newcomers to our parish and the gifts that they have to offer.*

**Family information:** *I am divorced with 3 adult children. Annika is 27 and lives in Pittsburgh. Zach is 26 and is in Syracuse, NY. Hannah is 23 in La Honda, California. All are happily engaged in improving the world through environmental education and research or international development.*

**Personal information:** *I moved to Lancaster in 1988. I work in oncology at LGH and Hospice of Lancaster County. I've previously served a 3 year term on the vestry, was Sunday School Director and teacher, went on a J2A pilgrimage to Recife, Brazil in 2002. Currently I am a member of the MDG and MLK Day committees, a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, and an Eagle's Nest volunteer. I normally attend the 10:15 service, though I work nights every other weekend at the hospital so I sometimes attend the 8:00 at the end of my shift.*

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you for striving to tithe! Our Stewardship Ingathering has received **156** stewardship cards (a new high representing over HALF of the total membership) totaling **\$353,531** for 2012. Our pledge average is **\$2,266**. Of the total pledges, **28** are new and **33** have increased. Thank you very much for your support of our mission and ministries at St. John's! It's not too late to make your pledge, and there are cards at the back of the church. Place your card in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Thank you sharing your gifts.

## PARISH REGISTER—BAPTISMS

**Greyson Hjalmar Gustafson**

Parents: Geoffery Michael Gustafson & Jennifer Ann Gustafson

**Maxwell Howard Lester**

Parents: Matthew Randall Lester & Marla Pierson Lester

**Thomas Kent Looker-Fenn**

Parents: Craig William Fenn & Jennifer Elizabeth Looker

**John Van Noort Miller**

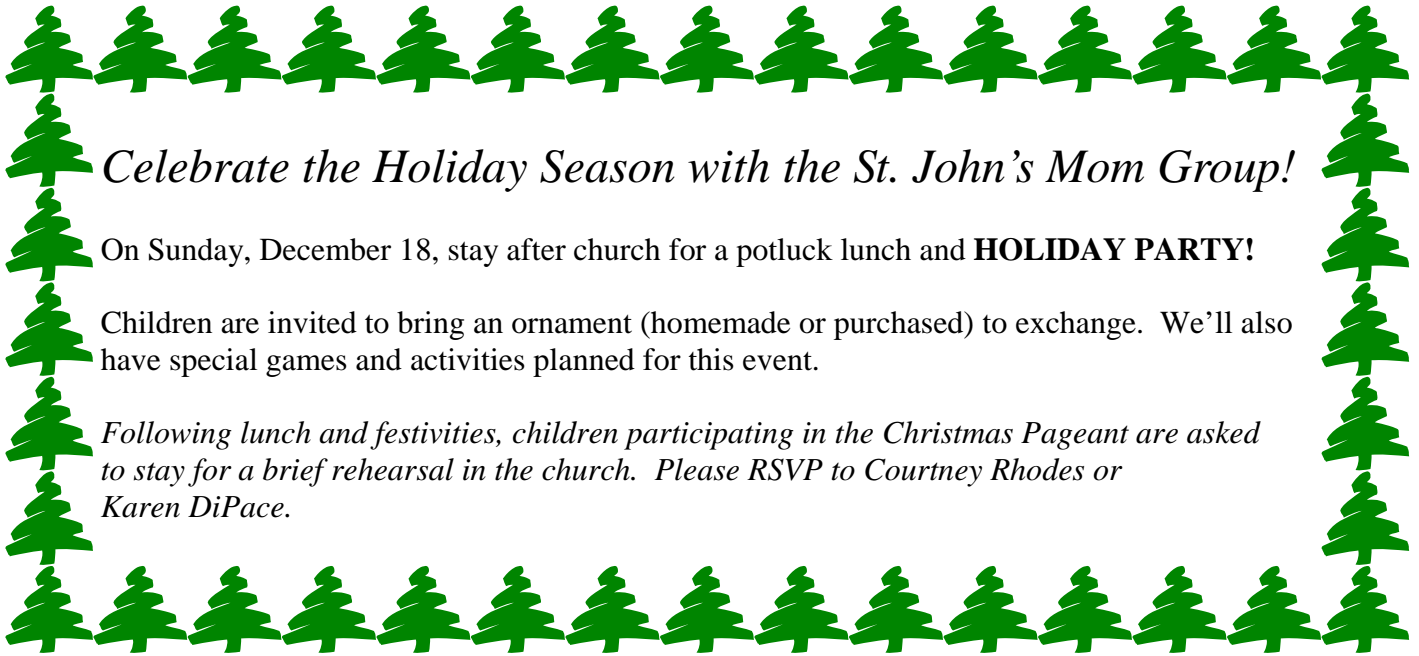
Parents: Benjamin H. Miller & Katherine G. Miller

**June Elizabeth Proetorius**

Parents: Jason L. Proetorius & Alexa E. Andersen

**Aliya Collier Scheetz**

Parents: Jeffrey John Scheetz & Bridgette Renee' Collier

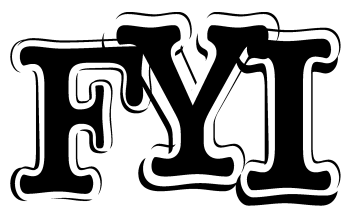


*Celebrate the Holiday Season with the St. John's Mom Group!*

On Sunday, December 18, stay after church for a potluck lunch and **HOLIDAY PARTY!**

Children are invited to bring an ornament (homemade or purchased) to exchange. We'll also have special games and activities planned for this event.

*Following lunch and festivities, children participating in the Christmas Pageant are asked to stay for a brief rehearsal in the church. Please RSVP to Courtney Rhodes or Karen DiPace.*



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

St. John's brass ornaments are being sold for \$15, of which \$5 will go to our Journey to Adulthood youth program. Look for them at the Grocery Card sales table in the Parish Hall. Great gift idea!

## GROCERY CARDS

Total sales for October gave \$515 to Jubilee Ministries. We are up \$140 from September but we had an extra Sunday sales day to work with. We need to sell like this even with only 4 sales day. Our regular buyers are doing an excellent job but we need more of you to participate. 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

### *Don't Add To Landfill, Save Lives Instead*

This holiday season, try a new form of gift giving, at least for a few people on your list. Rein in consumerism; don't buy "stuff" that ends up in landfills. Instead, consider donating to charities. The MDG Committee is recommending two charities in particular in our effort to take small steps toward sustainability: Jewish World Watch's Solar Cooker project, and Marion Medical Mission's Shallow Well program. Regardless of the amount of money spent -- \$5 to \$400 -- both the donor and the recipient will receive a card describing the donation (but not listing the amount!) and describing how the donation will be used.

The Solar Cooker Project protects refugee women and girls who have fled the genocide in Darfur, Sudan, from rape and other forms of violence -- and it slows deforestation.

The Shallow Well program saves lives by establishing wells in places where over 80% of the children under the age of 5 who die, do so from water-borne diseases.

Please see the thank you note to St. John's on page 9 of this edition of the Messenger. We provided \$600, enough to build 1-1/2 wells. Our first well was dedicated on Oct. 1 of this year in the village of Ilomba, Tanzania, and it is providing clean water for 350 people.

Think of the people on your gift list this holiday season: teachers, family members, office colleagues. And remember, gift giving goes on all year: birthdays, anniversaries, marriages, memorial gifts. Don't just give gifts; give the gift of life.

If you want to donate to one of the MDG 2011-2012 charities, contact an MDG committee member to get the necessary form. Filling it out will take one minute. And remember, there is no minimum amount required by either organization.

Submitted by,

*Mary Lou Higgs*

## POPCORN THEOLOGY AT ST. JOHN'S

**Saint Ralph** – (2004, PG-13) This heartfelt and endearing Canadian film was written and directed by Michael McGowan. A review in "Spirituality and Practice" notes that McGowan has assembled a remarkable cast of actors to deliver this 1950s-era drama about a boy who takes on a big challenge in hopes of receiving a miracle cure for his mother who is in a coma. The doctors say it will take a miracle to wake her up. When 14-year-old Ralph discovers he has a talent for running, he becomes convinced he should run in the Boston Marathon. Told it would take a miracle for him to win this prestigious race, he connects the dots and decides that by winning he can also make his mother well. But to pull off this seemingly impossible feat, the loner has to enlist the help of a wide community of people. The movie may be too sentimental for some, but it does show that amazing things abound in the lives of those who are open to them. God works in mysterious ways.

Please join us in the St. John's Parish Hall on Friday, December 16, for a free movie, popcorn and snacks, as well as a group discussion following the film if you want to stay to discuss it.

## “THANK YOU, ST. JOHN’S” - FROM TANZANIA



Life-giving water flows for this village.



Volunteer photo Mission Trip 2010

*Why we go:  
A typical water  
source in Malawi,  
Tanzania and  
Zambia.*

*"I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward." Mark 9:41*

This new shallow well was installed

October 1, 2011

in the village of  
Ilomba, Tanzania

And will serve 350 people.

Thank you for your Prayers  
and support

*Thank you,  
St John's !!*

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## *Sunday School News*

*Karen Di Pace, Sunday School Director*

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Sunday School fall food drive. We really stepped it up and filled those baskets! Please keep in mind that this is an ongoing need for our community, so any non perishable donations are welcome throughout the year.

I also want to thank all of our Advent Event helpers for making this event possible. Without everyone's help we could not make this happen. I hope you all had fun!!

In December we are looking forward to the Christmas holiday! There are some fun and exciting holiday events planned this month!

**12/4** - Look for our Sunday School teachers as they host the 2nd coffee hour. This is a rare opportunity to see them outside the classroom! We hope you will all stay and help with the Parish Clean up after church as well!

**12/11** - We will be Christmas caroling at Willow Valley after church. All are welcome to come back to the DiPace home in Willow Street for cocoa and cookies afterward!

**12/18** - The St. Johns moms will be hosting a Christmas party after church! We will provide a meal, games, crafts and fun. Families are asked to bring cookies to share and a wrapped child's ornament (handmade or purchased) to exchange-one per child. Please contact Karen or Courtney to let us know if you can make it.

**12/24** - will be our annual Christmas Pageant! Please note the new service time of 6:30. We are trying something new this year...a family supper from 5-6pm. We will have lasagna, salad and bread, bring a dessert to share. Children will begin getting in costume at 6pm for the pageant. Please contact Karen to rsvp for the dinner, or if you can help.

There will be NO Sunday School on 12/25 or 1/1. Merry Christmas!!!

## *Journey to Adulthood*

*Mary Ellen Kilp, Youth Director*

### **YOUTH NEWS—DECEMBER, 2011**

Cookies, pretzels and wreaths... oh, my! Our **J2A youth have been busy preparing and selling a variety of holiday inspired items** to raise money for their pilgrimage. Looking for stocking stuffers and last minute holiday gifts? You won't be disappointed! And speaking of our J2A youth, many thanks to the teens who served as waiters and waitresses at the second annual Stewardship Dinner. It was a great night and your presence made all the difference!

December is a great month for fellowship at St. John's. On **Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**, hang out with friends and make a difference with the **all parish clean up**. Purchase a pretzel sandwich or slice of pizza for lunch and wear something comfortable for cleaning. On the following **Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**, enjoy an afternoon of **Christmas caroling** with the residents at Willow Valley. Bring a lunch (or purchase a pretzel sandwich) and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies after caroling.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

On **Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will honor **Karen Dipace, our Church School Director, with the “St. John's Award”** for her ministry at St. John's. All children and youth are invited to learn a song to perform that Sunday. Please join Pastor Jennifer in the auditorium beginning on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> to learn the music. Anne Gokey will be teaching sign language to accompany the music- it should be fabulous stuff!

Our **Christmas Eve pageant** is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. , with a 5:00 family dinner w/lasagna, salad and rolls. We will need youth to serve as lead parts, narrators and tech support. Help with costumes is also appreciated. Please let Pastor Jennifer or Mary Ellen Kilp know if you are interested in participating.

### **Lancaster Convocation Youth-Lock In**

*December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve*

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy fellowship with teens from Sao Paulo, Brazil!

More information TBA!

**Support our J2A!** - We hope you will consider supporting the St. John's Journey to Adulthood (J2A) program this year. We are working hard to raise money for our pilgrimage currently slated for the summer of 2013. While the group has not yet gone through a full discernment process to determine where their pilgrimage might take them, they know it will likely require significant resources. Each Sunday, please visit the J2A table in the Parish Hall where we be selling a variety of items. Here is a sampling of what we'll be selling during the next few months:

**Pretzel Sandwiches** – There's no need to worry about lunch following Sunday service. J2A sells pretzel bread sandwiches after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. You have a choice of ham or turkey for just \$4 each. For an additional \$1 you can purchase a drink and chips. Yum!

**Wreaths & Greens** – Get into the holiday spirit by ordering wreaths and greens for your home. We'll be taking orders for 22" and 28" wreaths, 22" candy cane wreaths, window sprays, door swags and white pine roping. New this year, poinsettias and cyclamen! Stop by the J2A table to place your order. Orders will arrive by December 4.

**Auntie Anne's Discount Cards** – Need a stocking stuffer? Please consider purchasing Auntie Anne's discount cards. The cards provide \$40 in savings on Auntie Anne's products. The cards cost \$10 each (we earn \$5 from each sale).

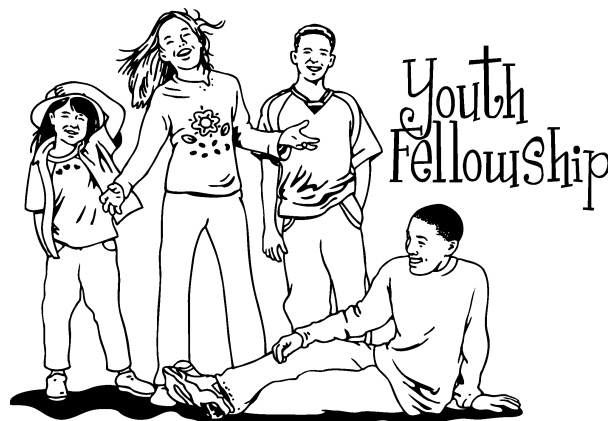
**Crafts** – We've been busy making homemade stocking stuffers, including one-of-a-kind ornaments and jewelry. We'll be selling them at the J2A table.

**Christmas Cookies** – Save some time this season by ordering homemade cookies from us! We'll be taking orders from November 27 through December 4. Delivery is slated for December 18.

**Thank you for supporting J2A and all of the fundraising efforts of our youth!**

# YOUTH CALENDAR!

December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Acolyte Sunday / Parish Clean Up
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Caroling at Willow Valley
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. John's Day (Special Music at 10:15 a.m.)
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Family Dinner, 5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant, 6:30 p.m.
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Service, 10:00 a.m.
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve Lock-In with Brazil Teens
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner with Brazil Teens
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	MLK Day at St. John's
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Contra Dance
February 17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Happening (Diocesan Youth Event)
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ash Wednesday Convocation Service
March 16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Middle School Conference (Diocesan Event)



# INTERGENERATIONAL FORMATION / EDUCATION

Intergenerational ADVENT SESSIONS:

## *“The Coming Of Jesus In Our Lives”*

**Adults AND YACs (Young Adults in Church)**

Come one and all! Come to all or any of the Sunday sessions!

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Dates: 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

Time: 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Place: All Purpose Room (off of the Courtyard)

Bring: A Spirit of Advent-ure!

*Sessions will be facilitated by teams of parish adults and youth.*

<b>ADVENT I Sunday, November 27</b>	Session leaders will pose a series of questions to the group and invite responses.	Sample: We use four weeks to get ready for Jesus. Why not use just one week?
<b>ADVENT II Sunday, December 4</b>	Same format as Advent I, new questions.	
<b>ADVENT III Sunday, December 11</b>	Following an audio clip from our Presiding Bishop, three panelists will present individual reflections. Participants will then have the opportunity to reflect on the presentation in small groups.	Sample: What things in the world, remind you of our promised Emmanuel—“God with us”?
<b>ADVENT IV Sunday, December 18</b>	Same format as Advent III, new topic.	

## ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR!

Although the Lancaster County Alternative Gift Fair is over, we can continue to shop on-line at [www.GiftsThatGiveHope.org](http://www.GiftsThatGiveHope.org) until December 17th. There are local, national and international gift options. Thanks for considering blessing those you know and those you don't know this wonderful concrete way!

Questions, call Sue Heilman at 717-951-0731

## ADULT FORMATION / EDUCATION

Bill B. has been a good friend of mine for about 40 years. He's sort of a Renaissance Man — off-the-charts brilliant, an inventor, problem solver, loves to cook, loves music, loves to sail! He has raced across Buzzard's Bay and across the Atlantic. He is one of the best sailors in New England. He introduced me to ocean sailing and taught me most of what I know about it and guided me in buying and fitting out my first sailboat.

When he sails, he is super-cautious. He tells me that he always expects the engine to quit or something to break (it rarely does). His own 30 ft. boat is amply supplied with back-up gear in case something gives 'way. He's always thinking about "plan B" or even "plan C." One time when the sailing was rather rough, I commented on how nice it would be to have a bigger boat. Bill replied, "there's always a bigger wave." For him there are no perfect boats — only, perhaps, perfect storms. So you make the best preparation you can.

Advent is here, and it's about the future and about what is possible. It's a good time to test out the gear and think about preparation. But more than that, it's a good time to reread the charts and adjust our focus on the God who is in our present and our future. That's why we confess each week:

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come again

That's also why we keep encouraging people to give some thought and time to spiritual formation. So sort out the gear — the wind is piping up. Time to set sail!

Submitted by,

*John Herzog, Director*

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The Angel Tree is in the Parish Hall with name tags of community children waiting for the taking. The names are from the programs at Crispus Attucks, Eagle's Nest, our Door Ministry, as well as some generic items to share with Robert Fulton School, and other names that pop up. To be really helpful with your giving, we suggest that:

1. Read the delivery label on the back of the tag and comply.
2. Don't buy clothing unless a size is indicated.
3. Consider age appropriate non clothing items using the suggested lists provided.
4. Visit the Eagle's Nest gallery of photos (green tags) to view a specific child and read of their interests.



Remember all gifts are due back by December 11, using gift bags and depositing at the lighted tree in the Parish Hall.

**Questions?** Ask Connie Burch and Leslie Tahsler, co-chairwomen of this favorite annual project.

# JUBILEE MINISTRIES



## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST—(Contact: Sue Martin)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17: 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.

## 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.

Our thanks to everyone at St. John's for the recognition and blessing received by the members of Blankets and Sew On as part of Jubilee Sunday. This little band of knitters/crocheters/sewers exists and grows because of the love and support received by each and every one of you at St. John's so, in a sense, you were all honored with us. We are truly grateful. Deliveries of warm lap robes, hats and scarves were made to Conestoga View for their residents. Milagro House thanked us for our delivery of hand-made articles of clothing including one absolutely beautiful blanket bearing the likeness of Elmo in each of its crocheted squares. Very cool indeed.

***Prayer Shawl Requests:*** If you know of a person in need of a prayer shawl, please alert someone in our group. We have several large shawls waiting to comfort someone in need. Many thanks for your help on this. We hope to continue hearing from parishioners as the need for these shawls continues.

**ST. NICK'S KNITS:** Sunday, December 4th in the Parish Hall between services and after the 10:15 service. We have a great assortment this year, including hand-knit stuffed animals, tea cozies, a man's beautiful richly-cabled sweater, which will be offered at silent auction, and lots more. As always, all profits of this sale go to the Jubilee mission at St. John's.

***Sacred Stitches News:*** The fall gathering of Sacred Stitches was hosted by St. Mark's, Lewistown on Saturday, November 5th. More than 150 Pocket Prayer Shawls were ingathered for the veterans at the Lebanon VA Health Center. (Several members of our group joined with knitters from St. Luke's, Diocese of Bethlehem, at the Veterans' Remembrance service held at the VA Medical Center on Thursday, November 10th for the blessing and distribution of the PPSs to our Veterans.)

The people of St. Mark's gifted us with an awesome Sacred Stitches banner which we will be able to display at all future events. Although we were not a part of the ECW meeting being held the same day at St. Mark's, we were able to give our hugs and best wishes to our very own Sue Martin as she was honored by the group for all she has done.

***Coming Events:*** Spring Sacred Stitches hosted in early March by the Church of the Nativity in Newport.

## 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.

## JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

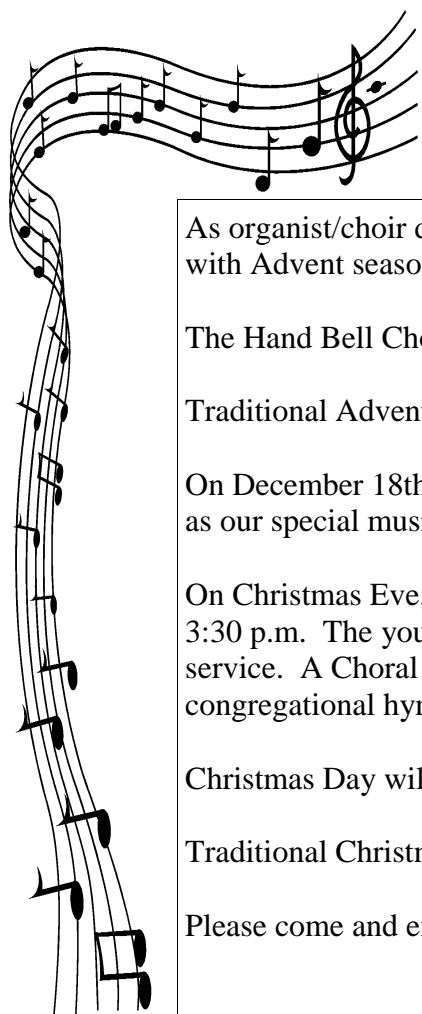
**Fulton School Partnership**—If you shop at a Turkey Hill store and purchase any of their milk items, **BE SURE TO SAVE THE “MOO” MONEY BOTTLE CAPS** and bring them to church on Sundays. There is a collection container at the Eagle’s Nest area of the Parish Hall. We’re also collecting **Box Tops** for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



**MARTIN  
LUTHER  
KING, JR.  
- DAY -**

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

Plans are underway for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration held at St. John's for school children in grades 1-5. Mark your calendars for Monday, January 16 to be here for a day of activities honoring Dr. King's peaceful way of protesting what isn't right. Teen and adult volunteers are greatly needed. More details will appear in the January “Messenger”.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

As organist/choir directory at St. John’s, I wish you season greetings. The new church year, with Advent season, is upon us and following is our musical happenings:

The Hand Bell Choir will be playing on Sunday, December 4th.

Traditional Advent Lessons & Carols will be celebrated at both services on December 11th.

On December 18th, “St. John’s Day”, our Church School students will sing an offertory anthem as our special music.

On Christmas Eve, the Hand Bell Choir will be playing at the early service beginning at 3:30 p.m. The youth pageant and familiar hymns will take place at the 6:30 p.m. family service. A Choral Eucharist, Rite II service will begin at 10:30 p.m. with a musical offering of congregational hymns, Chancel Choir, vocal soloists, and instrumentalists.

Christmas Day will include congregational hymns with Holy Eucharist, Rite I.

Traditional Christmas Lessons & Carols will be celebrated at both services on January 1st.

Please come and enjoy the sounds of Advent and Christmas at St. John’s!

*Michael Good*

# PROPERTY

## Manager's Report

I thank Phil and Hilary Becker for hosting our meeting this month.

We are converted over to heat already, due to the unseasonably low temperatures we have been seeing. I insulated the boiler heating loop to help conserve heat and reduce the frequency that the boilers are firing. I believe we'll see some savings as a result. A lock box had to be installed on the thermostat in the Nursery due to tampering with the settings. It has been found set in the upper 70's on some Sundays.

I met with Wayne Lefevre and Dan Bender of Erb's Landscaping this past Wednesday regarding landscaping above the first columbarium area. Dan was very informative about caring for some of our existing plants.

It was brought to my attention that one of the auditorium doors is broken and the drinking fountain is dispensing too low. ... *Bill Gross*

**Survey** - The Property Committee is asking for indication from the Parish as to which projects, of those listed on the questionnaire sent with the Messenger, should be given its attention. Distribution of this list has been as wide as could be made so that appropriate assessment of opinion might be achieved. These projects are somewhat beyond the usual maintenance and safety issues, and will require thoughtful opinion.

**Rental Properties** – Wayne and Barb McKee have started the painting at 211 N. Concord. Flooring remains here for a brief vacated period by our tenant.

**Sacristy Ceiling** – If no leaks are found, the refinishing here will be done over the winter months.

**Campus Painting** –The remaining painting of the Parish House for \$6,950 by C. J. Diirner was approved by Vestry at their September meeting. Thanks to some moderating temperatures, Diirner started prepping for the painting and should be completed by early December.

**Snow Removal** – Bill had everything confirmed with Chad of Morris Maintenance regarding the unexpected early snow. Unfortunately, Chad didn't believe there was enough snow to plow the parking lots. Fortunately, Doug Brown shoveled the Chestnut and Mulberry Street sidewalks on Saturday night. Wayne McKee and Phil Becker helped out on Sunday morning. Bill thanked these people who helped.

**Leaf Removal** – Bill will continue notifying committee members when leaves will be collected.

Next week they will be collected on Monday morning on Mulberry Street and Tuesday afternoon on Chestnut Street.

**Campus Signage** – Janice indicated that Sherry Qualls will be handling signage for the Sunday school rooms and other areas of the property. Bill received a complaint stating that there isn't any signage that indicates the Mulberry Street parking lot is St. John's. Bill will be taking care of this situation.

**November Life Safety Inspection** –No unusual conditions in need of attention. Select Security completed their annual inspection and testing of the fire alarm system.

**Heider Nephew** – Mike indicated a need for community hours for his nephew, who is attending Stevens Trade School. We decided he would be able to help with the poly window coverings.

**Next Meeting** – The next Property Committee meeting will be on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in the Becker House.

**Fall Clean-up** – Sunday December 4, Noon 'til ???

**Church Greening** – Sunday December 18, after the 10:15 coffee hour.

## 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.



*Tom Calabrese  
Joey Falzone  
John Felice & Family  
Linda Frederiksen  
Jo Ann Graybill  
Imelda  
David Liedtke  
Allen Means  
Mary Selene Miller  
Dorothy Patterson  
Colette Stephens  
Christian Stigelman  
Sarah Wewers*

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

**DEADLINE FOR  
SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR THE  
JANUARY MESSENGER:  
DECEMBER 12, 2011**

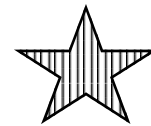
## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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](mailto:patti@stjohns-lancaster.org)*

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Addicott	Sarah	7
Andersson	Annika	19
Bedi	Mike	31
Blizzard	Morgan	9
Braught, Jr.	Charles	8
Brenton	Rich	26
Brown	Jan	24
Crothers	James	25
D'Urbano	Faith	17
Dorgan	Danny	29
Drew	Natalie	24
Eshelman	Dorothy	29
Farmer	Richard	17
Gehman	Lin	7
Gross	Jill	9
Grove	Edgar	31
Hennessy	Adrian	10
Honaman	Eleanor	8
Honaman	Fred	16
Jackson	Len	19
Jarba	Victoria	30
Jewer	Michael	10
Kilp	Adam	30
Latshaw	Steve	24
Looker	Anna Gail	2
Lorenz	Bob	15
Lyet	Dotty	28
McDivitt	Ruth	7
Meikrantz	Marcia	2
Miller	Bonnie	10
Moyer	Bradley	12
Noble	Joan	9
Parmer	Shirley	15
Rader	Dorothy	4
Reed	Nancy	28
Schnee	Donna	25
Stonerook	Kendall	18
Westphal	Shannon	9
Zeller	Jeannie	29

### *The Birthday Prayer*

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

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dissinger, David & Amy	12/17/1995
Grosh, Gary & Ann	12/27/1995
Johnson, Cricket & Liz	12/28/1954
Kilhefner, Michael & Shelby	12/01/1984
Latshaw, Steve & Karen	12/28/1969
Lorenz, The Rev. Bob & Joan	12/27/1958
Saunders, Fred & Lynne	12/28/1985
Schnee, Merle & Donna	12/26/1960

## NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!



Copies of the new 2011-2012 Parish Directory are available in the 'Welcome Center' at the rear of the church on in the Parish Hall. You may also stop by the church office throughout the week. One per family, please.

### "NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER WITH TEENS FROM BRAZIL!"

Join teens from our companion diocese Sao Paulo for a pork and sauerkraut dinner on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Dinner will begin at 12:00 p.m. We will need donations of pork, sauerkraut and mashed potatoes. A sign-up sheet will be available in the parish hall. Please plan on signing up or RSVP to Mary Ellen Kilp.

## SERVING SCHEDULE – DECEMBER, 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!"*

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

DECEMBER 11	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ricky Smith	Karin Bleecker, Frank Cummins
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	—	Karen Latshaw, Robin Ott
<b>Lector</b>	Fred Bush, TBD, Peter Eaton, Julie Rodriguez, Sue Tobie, Mary Lou Higgs	Frank Cummins, Matthew Hobbins, Bill Gross, Selena Hasircoglu, Lauren Waskowicz, Paula Wolf
<b>Server</b>	—	Julia Hasircoglu
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Tierza Mendez, Brooks Morgan
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	David Kilp
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 5	Team 5
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Dave Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Usher Teams C & D	Usher Teams C & D
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Leslie Morgan

<b>DECEMBER 18</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Merle Schnee	David Dissinger, Sarah Gorgon
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	—	—
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Tobie	Bob Kilp
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Michael Hreben
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Kylie Stone, Madalyn Wendler
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Dave Pennell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team C
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Peter Novosel
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jubilee Ministries	Jubilee Ministries
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Elspeith Moffatt

## CHRISTMAS EVE—SERVING SCHEDULE

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>10:30 PM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Merle Schnee Sue Purdy	Lauren Waskowicz Eric Waskowicz	Frank Cummins, Eric Kilhefner, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Lector</b>	Drigan Lee	—	Jeannie Zeller
<b>Server</b>	David Kilp	John Waskowicz	Joanie Kilhefner
<b>Crucifer</b>	Bill Dorgan	Glenn Miller	Dave Pennell
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	—	Brian Gross Emily Gross
<b>Thurifer</b>	—	—	Judy Arnold
<b>Ushers</b>	John Miller Mike Kilhefner Julie Rodriguez Jim Snyder	Doug Brown Matt Lester Nick DiPace Bruce Waskowicz	Paul Dorgan Sharon Gromis Len Jackson Charlie Rahe

## CHRISTMAS DAY—SERVING SCHEDULE

<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Aaron Spicher
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Gross, Mike Gbur

## LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY, 2012

JANUARY 1, 2012	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Laurie & Peter Eaton	Selena Hasircoglu, Barbara McGraw
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	—	—
<b>Lectors</b>	TBD, Sue Tobie, Laurie Eaton, Merle Schnee, Peter Eaton, Bob Lee	Frank Cummins, Selena Hasircoglu, Jeannie Zeller, Wayne McKee, Steve Latshaw, Jane Lee
<b>Server</b>	—	Rachel Hreben
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	—
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Brad Moyer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Brad Zuke
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Courtney Rhodes

### 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.



## The Lancaster Chamber Singers Christmas Concert at St. John's

Friday, December 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lancaster Chamber Singers will present their annual First Friday Christmas concert at St. John's on December 2 at 7:00 p.m. Classical guitarist Anthony Derrico joins the choir and conductor Jay W. Risser as they present *Wondrous Mystery*, the beautiful music of Christmas. Selections include Biebl's stunning *Ave Maria*, *The Three Kings* by Healey Willan, Pachelbel's *Magnificat*, and Malcolm Sargent's *Silent Night*, one of the most beautiful arrangements of this beloved carol, as well as carols with audience and choir. A second concert will be presented Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. Tickets may be obtained from any choir member and will also be available at the door.

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES:**

**3:30 P.M.**—Holy Eucharist, Rite I with the Hand Bell Choir.

**6:30 P.M.**—Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Family Service with Pageant.

**10:30 P.M.**—Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Incense and Chancel Choir.

**Christmas Day**—10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Hymns.