

## MDG WEEKLY CHALLENGES—FEBRUARY, 2012

### My Heart Filled Month

Valentines, hearts, cards, candy, flowers.....February is a month focused on love. Therefore, Let us focus on love.....of neighbor, of those we know and those we don't, regardless of faith, color, ethnicity, history.....

*Love is a color only the blind can see....  
written on the John Lennon wall in Prague*

### MDG Challenge February 5th

Being a "bully" seems like an issue with children/teens, but not always.  
Stop and think about how you interact with others;  
if you made eye contact when you talk; Is peace felt in your words?

*There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread.  
Mother Teresa*

### MDG Challenge February 12th

Find an unexpected way to demonstrate your love/caring to a stranger this week.  
A gift of clothing, food, a handshake, a smile, a "thank you", a hug.....

*Love many things, for therein lies the true strength, and whosoever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is done well.  
Vincent Van Gogh*

### MDG Challenge February 19th

Several Lenten season's ago, we were asked to consider:  
"Who are the Christ-bearing strangers in my presence?"  
As we proceed into this Lenten season, ask yourself this question again.

*Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?  
Abraham Lincoln*

### MDG Challenge February 26th

"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.

*The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another.  
Thomas Merton*



# *St. John's Messenger*

**February, 2012**

*from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector*

## **TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

### **Dedication of Thanksgiving and Memorial Gifts**

On Sunday, February 19, The Feast of the Transfiguration, we will dedicate to the glory of God and give thanks for those memorial gifts we have received in the past year: the blue Advent vestments and altar hangings given by Betty Finney and her sister, Nancy Lititia Loux, in loving memory of their grandmother, Letitia Campbell Fenwick; the Moravian Star lantern given in the memory of Betty's son, David Campbell Finney; and the Exceptional Giving Fund established by Frank Cummins in loving memory of his wife, Maureen Shannon.

Transfiguration Sunday has been chosen by resolution of the vestry to be the annual occasion for the dedication of Thanksgiving and Memorial Gifts. It is a poignant selection. We recall in the Gospel for that Sunday the Transfiguration of Jesus and how the disciples Peter, James and John, witnessed a vision of the glory of Christ that was to come following his death and resurrection. The Transfiguration also marks the turning point in the ministry of Jesus as he then set his face toward Jerusalem and his passion and crucifixion. Transfiguration Sunday encompasses of both the glory of Christ and his suffering. It is our acknowledgement of pain of loss and the hope of God's promise.

Our dedication of Thanksgiving and Memorial Gifts is a pastoral occasion. As we honor the memory of "those we love but see no longer", we recall our joyful memories of them and the sadness that accompanies their death. We feel the sting of their absence but also remember the blessings of their lives with us. Our dedication of gifts given in their memory helps us to heal the brokenness of our hearts. Our dedication of gifts given to glory of God helps to strengthen our lives in faith.

With this intention in mind your vestry is exploring other ways of faithful remembrance: a new Book of Remembrance to record the dedication of Thanksgiving and Memorial Gifts; the relocation of our Book of Remembrance from its present site in the narthex of the bell tower to a more publicly visible location in the Lady Chapel; the replacement of the current book cabinet with a more accessible book stand.

These ideas are meant to compliment the newly established Exceptional Giving Fund – a matching fund program to encourage the growth of our endowments. Those gifts given to the Endowment Fund in excess of a thousand dollars will be matched by ten percent. A thousand dollar gift, for example, will be matched with a hundred dollar contribution from the Exceptional Giving Fund to become an eleven hundred dollar gift of memorial or thanksgiving.

The dedication of Thanksgiving and Memorial Gifts, large and small, in an important part our life in the church. Beyond being a source of endowment and special gifts, the dedication of gifts gives us all a way to express our feelings and our faith as we seek to follow Christ on the path toward our Transfiguration.

*John+*

## THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

**Got theology?** St. John's is shaping up to be a happening theological place during the month of February. Our young people will kick things off on **February 5<sup>th</sup> with "Youth Sunday"**, a special worship service designed and lead by our teens. Our teens will serve as lectors, ushers, acolytes, and Eucharistic ministers. David Kilp will be the guest preacher at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. service. At the 10:15 a.m. service, the music will be more contemporary in its flavor, featuring songs that are frequently sung at diocesan events. Expect to experience God in new ways during this special offering from our youth.

On the following **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, we will welcome **The Rev. Susan Minasian**, College chaplain at Franklin and Marshall for **"Theological Education Sunday"**. Chaplain Minasian has a Master of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary, where she is currently working on a Doctor of Ministry. She will be joined by students of Franklin and Marshall, who will offer special music in the form of a string quartet. Chaplain Minasian will offer the sermon at both services that day.

If you like your theology with a side of popcorn, don't miss this month's **Popcorn Theology** offering: **"Milk"**. Join neighborhood, community and St. John's friends on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. From Mary Lou Higgs, our popcorn organizer: "Sean Penn won an Oscar for this fact-based drama about Harvey Milk, the openly gay activist and San Francisco politician who was murdered along with Mayor George Moscone by disgruntled city supervisor Dan White in 1978. It's an intense and powerful film."

The Northwest Ecumenical Cluster will offer the annual **Friday Lenten luncheon and worship series**. This year's title will be **"Journeys to the Cross: ....."** Each preacher has been invited to fill in the blank. I have been invited to preach at the first service, on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. The luncheon will begin at 11:15 a.m. with the service following at 12:30 p.m. I will be preaching on "Journeys to the Cross: Mary, Mother of God". Look for a complete schedule of preachers and sermon titles to be published soon.

Finally, our MDG committee has prepared a really fantastic **Lenten series- for both adults and children!** The program is titled **"All Children of God, AWAKE!"** and will feature topics and speakers on the MDG goal of **environmental sustainability**. The program will be offered every Sunday evening during Lent. It will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall with a vegetarian potluck supper. Adult education will be offered in the parish hall between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Children will be invited to participate in a special program that is age appropriate and environmentally focused. At 7:00 p.m., adults and children will be invited to join together in the church for "Night Prayer", a brief service from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer. Music from the Taize tradition will be sung, including a roster of St. John's musicians to help lead us.

In short, February is a swinging month for theological education! I hope you will take advantage of one of the many opportunities to experience God's presence in a new way this month.

Warmly,

*Jennifer+*



# VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

Vestry Meeting: Monday, January 16, 2012

All resolutions passed unanimously.

1. Nominating Committee - Resolved that the vestry of St. John's Church, offer their genuine thanks and appreciation for the sustained commitment and stellar accomplishment of the 2011 Vestry Nominating Committee – Kathy Novosel, Michael Stank, Paul Dorgan, Leslie Morgan, and chair, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer – and discharges the committee of their duties.
2. Shirley Shaheen – Resolved that St. John's Church vestry expresses warm thanks to Shirley Shaheen for her six years of dedicated service as the Secretary to the Vestry.
3. Assistant Rector – Resolved that the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, in recognition of the five years of ordained ministry and leadership offered in support of our parish and our mission, names the Reverend Jennifer Looker as Assistant Rector of St. John's Church, Lancaster.
4. Offer in Compromise – Resolved that the St. John's vestry directs the disbursement from line item 01-5076 Payroll Tax Expense, a sum in the amount of \$11,600.00 to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.
5. Secretary to the Vestry – Resolved that the vestry of St. John's Church appoints Leslie Tahsler as Secretary to the Vestry.
6. Provide Mediation and Systematic Analysis – Resolved that the vestry of St. John's Church approves the employment of the Samaritan Center to provide services of mediation and approves the use of four (4) of the Samaritan Center vouchers allocated to St. John's, as a member of that organization, and directs the remainder of the cost for mediation, anticipated to be approximately \$600, to be charged to budget line item 01-5204.
7. Departing Vestry Members – Resolved that the vestry of St. John's Church offers their genuine thanks and appreciation for the sustained commitment and stellar accomplishments of the Vestry Class of 2012 – Phyllis Gbur, Kathy Novosel, James Crothers, Alan Walsh, Robin Ott, and Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer.

## **IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY CLOSING**

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.



## SATISFACTION SURVEY

At the December 19, 2011 meeting, the vestry directed that a satisfaction survey be conducted in the parish to gain a better understand our current membership's sense of what is going well, what we need to improve, and where we might look to focus for future growth.

This survey has been seen and approved by vestry. The survey will be offered online to all those members with email access. You will receive an email from St. John's including a link to Survey Monkey, a website that specializes in on-line surveys and has clients ranging from non-profits like St. John's, to multinational companies like Toyota and Dannon Yogurt. The website is secure, and your email address will not be shared or available to anyone outside of St. John's. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete. Your views and your participation are important to the future of the parish.

All of you who do not have email will be sent a copy of the survey by surface mail, including a pre-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed for returning the document.

The survey will remain available for 3 weeks, from the time of your first notification by email. Please respond as soon as you can.

In the early spring, the vestry will announce a meeting to led by an outside, professional facilitator, at which the survey results will be presented, and interpretation of the data offered for discussion and reflection. This meeting will be open to all who took part in the survey, whether responding on-line or by mail.

The vestry is counting on your views. Look for the email or your paper survey in the early days of February.

Thank you!

*Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer*

## PARISH REGISTER

*We Welcomed the Following Individuals in to Baptism on  
January 1, 2012:*

*Emily Grace Moffatt*

Parents: Joseph & Elspeth Moffatt

*Elspeth Keeley Moffatt*

Parents: Joseph & Elspeth Moffatt

*Delia Mae Rhodes*

Parents: James & Courtney Rhodes

### DEATHS

Muriel L. Shetromph

10/16/34—1/19/12

## TREASURER'S NOTE

When is a deficit of \$56,000 a good thing? Answer: When the expected deficit was \$121,000. Between your generous contributions and the careful expense management by your parish leadership, we were able to maintain all of our various ministries and cut our deficit by 54%. I hope all of you feel as good about that as I do. Admittedly we still have work to do to eliminate the remaining shortage, but we have come a long way since I joined the Finance Committee 8 years ago. I truly believe that a balanced budget is within our grasp.

The end of year financial statement that is posted provides the details behind this good news. The format of this report will be changing slightly next month. As I mentioned at the Parish Meeting in November, we have revised the chart of accounts to be along the lines of our various ministry categories. Each of the Vestry Stewards will have oversight of a section of the budget. The intent is to move us from being a reactive (got to find the money somewhere) to a pro-active (planned expense and we have provided the money) way of thinking.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of the Finance Committee, your Vestry Stewards or myself.

Submitted by,

*Steve Latshaw*  
Treasurer

## MUSIC MINISTRY

As the light of the Epiphany (Bethlehem) star diminishes, the season of Epiphany leads our way towards Lent. This time gives me the opportunity to thank all of you, the bell choir at the 3:30 p.m. Christmas eve service, the chancel choir at the 10:30 p.m. service, Tara Weeks and Penn Glazier for their solos, the soprano section for their descants which we continue to hear about, and the college young people joining us.

A special thank you to the Amos Martin fund which provided funds for the Lancaster Brass Quintet. And thank you to Fr. John for providing funds for the violinist, Lisa Kong.

A special thank you to those members who expressed appreciation for the music Christmas Eve.

The bell choir will be playing during the season of Epiphany and Lent and the chancel choir will continue to do anthems looking forward to the great festival of Easter.

The chancel choir is always looking for additional singers to join us.

Your Interim Minister of Music,

*Michael Good*

## “SAFE-GUARDING GOD’S CHILDREN”

### *Training Offered for Those Working With Our Children*

For the protection of our precious children and youth, a sexual abuse prevention training is mandated by our bishop for all teachers, teen helpers and vestry. The training, however, is open to all interested in understanding the nuances of the sexual predator and the deleterious effects on their victims.

**February 25, 2012**

**9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

**St John’s Episcopal Church  
321 West Chestnut Street  
Lancaster, PA**

**Coffee and light fare will be served.**



Please notify Deacon Priscilla Ginolfi phone 717 560-0465, email [pghginolfi@yahoo.com](mailto:pghginolfi@yahoo.com) of the number planning to attend by Tuesday, February 15, 2012, so that certificates can be printed. Please do not call the church office. Thank you.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Our annual Lenten luncheon is scheduled to be held at St. John's on Friday, March 9. Volunteers will be needed to host. A planning meeting will be held on Friday, February 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Questions? Contact: Sue Martin.

## “THANK YOU, BLANKETS & SEW ON!”

This Advent/Christmas season our family was most blessed by the talents of the Blankets and Sew On ministry. We were reminded of their ministry through our beautiful handcrafted nativity which brought our girls great joy and was noticed by each person we welcomed into our home. Our oldest daughter revealed her shy yet excited smile when unwrapping her matching hat and sweater. And a wonderfully multi-colored prayer shawl provides continued comfort to close friends as their family is confronted with terminal illness and end of life decisions. As each beautifully knit item is seen by others, it gives us opportunity to share this ministry of the church and the outreach of St. John's. Thank you! Sew On, Ladies!

Fondly,

*The Carroll Family*

# MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## *Lenten Education Program - February 26 to April 1*

**TIME & LOCATION:** 5:00—7:00 p.m., Parish Hall at St. John’s Episcopal Church.

**TITLE:** All Children of God, AWAKE!

**FORMAT:** Simple potluck vegetarian supper, starting at 5. For the potluck, bring whatever you want, just make sure it’s vegetarian. The programs will begin at 6, end at 7. Then anyone who chooses to do so will go to a brief compline (“night prayer”) service in the church. Childcare and youth programs will be offered. The Lenten program is sponsored by the Millennium Development Goals committee, which is focusing this year on environmental sustainability.

### **SCHEDULE:**

- 1) February 26<sup>th</sup> – “Accepting Responsibility.” Based on the story of the creation, we have to come to terms with the fact that we are in charge of God’s creation, we’re the stewards, we’re the “responsible parent.” Brad Zuke will lead this session, the umbrella under which the other sessions will fall.
- 2) March 4 – “Reduce, re-use, recycle.” – Timothy Breneisen will address the group. Tim manages the City of Lancaster’s refuse and recycling program. He will provide a current snapshot of the city’s waste program, will review the benefits of recycling, and will provide information about future plans.
- 3) March 11 – “Create Peace.” Joe Moore, clerk of Lancaster Friends Meeting, and Joe DiGarbo, also from Lancaster Meeting, will share their experiences in the Palestinian Territories and Jerusalem. They periodically travel to the Mideast to provide training workshops with a goal of helping people learn non-violent approaches to interpersonal conflicts, which, for many Palestinians, stem from the military occupation of the West Bank and the siege of Gaza.
- 4) March 18 – “Let’s Eat.” The topic will be food and the importance of eating a variety of fresh, local and organic foods. Our speaker will be Linda Aleci, F&M professor and chair of Lancaster’s “Buy Fresh, Buy Local” initiative.
- 5) March 25 – “Think Globally, Act Locally” – We’ll look at our immediate neighborhood. Fritz Schroeder of Live Green, an urban greening initiative in Lancaster, will share with us what Live Green is doing to build a green infrastructure in the city, with a special emphasis on water.
- 6) April 1 (Palm Sunday) – And Now? The Next Step... This will be a wrap-up session, in which we summarize what we have learned and discuss what we want to learn next. Each of us will have an opportunity to make a personal commitment to help our planet. It’s the start of Holy Week, and the labyrinth will be in place. We ask participants to bring in a pair of still wearable shoes and place them on the labyrinth as they walk it. The shoes will then be donated to Soles4Souls. Since its beginning following the Asian tsunami, Soles4Souls has distributed over 16 million pairs of shoes to people in 127 countries.

Submitted by,  
*Mary Lou Higgs*

# ASH WEDNESDAY—2012



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

at

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:00 AM**

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Holy Eucharist Rite II with Imposition of Ashes (no sermon).

**Noon**

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Holy Eucharist Rite II with Imposition of Ashes and sermon.

**7:30 PM**

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Holy Eucharist Rite II with Imposition of Ashes and sermon.

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A Combined Service with the clergy and congregations of  
St. Edward's, St. James' and St. Thomas'



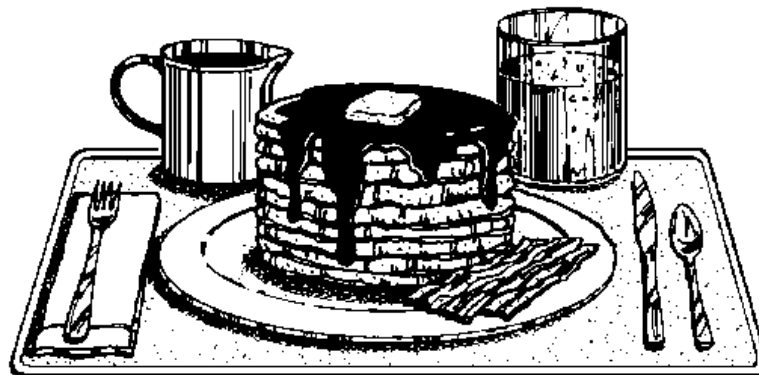
**Shrove Tuesday**  
**"Pancake Supper!"**  
**February 21**

**5:00-6:30 pm**

**\$5.00 Adults**

**\$2.00 Children**

**The supper will be prepared by our**  
**Journey to Adulthood Youth**  
**and served in the Parish Hall.**



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## *Sunday School News*

*Karen Di Pace, Sunday School Director*

I hope you are all staying warm and having fun this winter! In Sunday School, we are starting to gear-up for Spring! This month, we anticipate the beginning of the Lenten season. I hope you can try to make at least one of the weekly Lenten offerings being held on Sunday evenings. Look for more details in this edition! We will also be having our annual Lenten Food Drive. This will begin the first Sunday of Lent, February 26, and run through Easter, April 8. Please see our weekly themes posted in the Parish Hall.

February 26	Soup Week
March 4	Cereal Week
March 11	Canned Fruit & Vegetables Week
March 18	Canned Meat, Fish, & Beans Week
March 25	Pasta & Sauce Week
April 1	Peanut Butter & Jelly Week
April 8	Bring Your Favorite Item Week

## *Journey to Adulthood*

*Mary Ellen Kilp, Youth Director*

We will kick off the month of February with "**Youth Sunday**" on **February 5<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:15 a.m. service. This service will feature music selected by our teens, including a special offertory anthem. Our teens will offer leadership in every part of the service- lecturing, ushering, acolyting and even offering the sermon (thank you, David Kilp!). Make a point to thank our teens for their leadership that day.

The next "**Happening**" event is just around the corner. Older teens will be invited to gather **February 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> at Camp Mount Luther**. Retreat participants will explore their faith under the guidance and leadership of other teens. David Kilp will be serving as one of the retreat "co-rectors" and will happily share information if you ask (please do!).

Don't miss the annual "**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**" at **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, applesauce and fruit salad. The food is good, the company fantastic and the money raised all benefits the J2A pilgrimage. Seriously good times. Come back the next evening for the **Ash Wednesday service** hosted by St. Edward's, St. James, St. John's and St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The service will be held at St. John's at 7:30 p.m.

Are you a middle schooler? Save the date for the **Middle School retreat at Camp Mount Luther from March 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**. Be prepared for snow (sledding!) and dress warmly. Please see Mary Ellen Kilp or Pastor Jennifer for information.

The annual "**Lenten Retreat**" at the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Center will be scheduled sometime during March, depending on the **migration of the birds**. This convocation event is appropriate for children and adults of all ages. Easy walking trails provide an up-close view of migrating geese and swans. More information will be posted soon- this is a great event!

## 2012 YOUTH CALENDAR

February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Sunday
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Happening @ Camp Mount Luther
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ash Wednesday
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Escape Middle Creek Wildlife Area
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Middle School Diocesan Retreat
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday Lock-In
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth Day
May 5	Mini Golf Tournament
May 6	Graduation Sunday
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Convocation Memorial Weekend Event
June 17 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Youth Summer Conference
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan Youth Mission Week
July 22 <sup>nd</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan Junior High Week

## POPCORN THEOLOGY AT ST. JOHN'S

*Friday, February 17, 2012—7:00 p.m.—Parish Hall*

**Milk** – (2008, PG-13). The always-amazing Sean Penn won an Oscar for his role in this fact-based drama about Harvey Milk, the openly gay activist and San Francisco politician who was murdered along with Mayor George Moscone by disgruntled city supervisor Dan White in 1978. It's an intense and powerful film.

Following is a listing of the upcoming films we'll be showing in 2012:

**March 16, 2012 -- Whale Rider** (2003, PG-13). Netflix says: "A Maori tribe must contend with the distinctly nontraditional concept of having a female leader when the intended heir to the throne dies during childbirth, leaving his twin sister to prove herself." An inspiring coming-of-age tale. Round up every teen-aged girl you can find to watch this with us.

**April 20, 2012 -- Food Inc.** -- (2008, PG). Drawing on Eric Schlosser's *Fast Food Nation* and Michael Pollan's *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, this Oscar-nominated documentary explores the food industry's detrimental effects on our health and environment. It will change the way you think about food.

**May 18, 2012 -- The Help** – (2011, PG-13). Netflix says, "In 1960s Jackson, Miss., an aspiring writer crosses taboo racial lines by conversing with a black housekeeper, and their ensuing friendship upsets the fragile dynamic between the haves and the have-nots. It is based on a best-selling book.

**June 15, 2012 -- Gandhi** (1982, PG). Netflix says: "This awe-inspiring biopic about Mahatma Gandhi (Ben Kingsley), the diminutive lawyer who stood up against British rule in India and became an international symbol of nonviolence and understanding, brilliantly underscores the difference one person can make. Epic and unforgettable, the film swept the 1983 Oscars, winning eight awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor (Kingsley), Best Screenplay and Best Director (Richard Attenborough)." Most of us haven't seen this film in nearly 30 years. It's a good way to end our Popcorn season before a two-month summer break.

## ADULT FORMATION / EDUCATION

This is one of those years when Lent and Easter come early, and it seems that the changes keep us out of breath. Lent arrives before February ends, and daylight savings time arrives shortly after that with Spring's official opening a bit over a week later. And before we can count to ten we'll be making lists of things that must get done before Summer arrives.

With all of that blur of activity just ahead, I'd like to use this Messenger article to lay out a few things that are coming up in Adult Formation/Education so that you can consider them before your busy schedule pushes them off the radar.

The Epiphany series that presents six different New Testament "snapshots" of Jesus will be finishing up in February with perspectives from Peter and Paul. These different views of Jesus were developed when early Christians had to grapple with real life situations and make sense of them by trying to figure out the significance of Jesus for the problems they faced. St. Paul alone came up with about a half-dozen different takes on Jesus in this way. This way of thinking about Jesus — "what does he mean in this situation we face" — is an approach that our AFED study is trying to draw out, looking at both the situations of early Christians and at our own.

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, Brad Zuke will be presenting an information session on the EFM (Education for Ministry) program of the Episcopal Church. This is a high caliber educational program for lay adults that has been used for a number of years, and has generated a lot of enthusiasm in those who have completed it. Brad's session will introduce the program, in part, to measure the level of interest people might have for bringing EFM to Lancaster.

And we have two programs that will be offered during Lent. The MDG Committee will present an evening program, "To Serve Christ in All Creation" with the "soup and bread" supper that has been appreciated in past years. Sunday at Nine (the morning program between the two services) will have a series of videos on the life of Jesus that feature the historical, political and cultural setting in which he lived and ministered. Watch for more information on the two Lenten programs in later announcements, and bring your coffee to the All Purpose Room at 9:15 Sunday mornings to join the discussions.

Submitted by,  
*John Herzog, Director*

## 2012 VOYAGERS' SCHEDULE

**FEBRUARY 25:** Tim Frey of Lancaster City Police to talk about identify theft and issues targeting especially seniors.

**MARCH 24:** Mother Joanna White—1/2 day Lenten retreat wisdom and humor.

**APRIL 28:** Father Peter Greenfield—transforming toxic situations into opportunities for blessing.

**MAY 26:** Hanging In There—Resources for staying independent...contacts with agencies and organizations that will help you to stay in your own home.

***EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE PARISH HALL!!***



# JUBILEE MINISTRIES

**BREAKFAST**



**FELLOWSHIP**

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**—(Contact: Sue Martin)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18: 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.

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

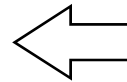
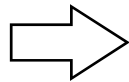
Nonperishable food donations can be delivered to the church office or given to the Ushers on Sunday. Weekly food bags/boxes are organized for families or single people and are distributed from our church office on Tuesday and Thursday to those in need.

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

**DEADLINE FOR  
SUBMITTING FOR THE**

**MARCH MESSENGER:**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2012**



**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.

# PROPERTY

Phil Becker, Jim Crothers and Bill Gross attended the meeting of January 2, hosted by Cynthia Minnich. Fr. John attended Ministries Council. We welcomed Randy Krueger to our committee. He brings extensive maintenance experience to our committee.

## **Manager's Report**

I was very pleased with the support received this Christmas Season while greening and de-greening. Through our many services, outreach programs and hosting, our property looked very festive during this important time of year. Thanks to all of you for your support.

Chancel flood light bulbs were ordered at clearance prices and are in the process of being installed and aligned.

211 N. Concord Street had heating issues, which were a result of a clogged filter and obstructed vents, which were remedied by me and J & J heating & Cooling. ... *Bill Gross*

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**Survey** – Jim Corrigan returned the survey tally, which was distributed by e-mail to committee members. The committee discussed the feasibility of combining courtyard redesign, handicap parking and accessibility. This would include two handicap parking spaces in the lot. The courtyard redesign would include an enhanced storm water system.

**Rental Properties** –211 reported some heating issues: dirty filters, vents and an obstructed chimney, fan found to be constantly running on the unit. Flooring remains to be installed at 211.

**Auditorium Improvements** –Monitoring the auditorium leaks at the roof and along the cloister tower wall.

**Leaded Windows** –Most covers have been installed to cut down on energy use, as well as protecting the glass.

**Sacristy Ceiling** - Refinishing to be done this winter if no leaks found.

**Campus Painting** - Completed

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

**Leaf Removal** - Completed

**Campus Signage** – Sherry Qualls will be handling signage for the Sunday school rooms and other areas of the property.

**Heider Nephew** – Needs community hours. Attending Stevens Trade School. Would be able to help with the poly window coverings.

**Parish Hall Floor** –Planning to refinish the floor of the Parish Hall. ECW indicated interest in supporting this effort.

**Alarm System – Phase 3** – Will proceed with phase 3 of the fire alarm system this year.

**January Life Safety Inspection** – Battery replaced for emergency lighting in the boiler room.

**Next Meeting** – The next Property Committee meeting will be on Monday February 6th, 2012 at 7 p. m. in the Becker House.

## Property Committee

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

**SEE PROPERTY SURVEY RESULTS ON FOLLOWING PAGE.....**

# *And the survey says...*

1. Courtyard Redesign
2. Handicap Parking
3. Energy Efficiency
4. Nave Lighting
5. Columbarium
6. Elevator Access
7. Audio/Visual

The above projects are prioritized, based upon the input from 90 surveys we received from you. We thank everyone for participating in the property survey. From these results, your Property Committee is now focusing on a courtyard redesign project. It will incorporate handicapped parking in the lower lot and ramp access to the courtyard, providing access to our All Purpose Room and the Sunday School level of the Parish House. Drainage improvements will be made to the courtyard to facilitate adequate retention and disposal of rain water.

Any one wishing to provide additional thoughts on the survey is asked to please contact Cynthia Minnich at [Cynthia@stjohns-lancaster.org](mailto:Cynthia@stjohns-lancaster.org)

## 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.



*Joe Becky  
Lillian Bennett  
James Breitegan  
Tom Calabrese  
Margaret Crothers  
David Dissinger  
Providence Eshelman  
Joey Falzone  
Linda Frederiksen  
Lynn Hayford  
Daniel Kilp  
Kirchener Family  
Lois & Family  
Mary Selene Miller  
Nancy Mone  
Michael Nemith  
Dorothy Patterson  
Peter Plaxa  
Jeff Scheetz  
Gray Sellers  
Christian Stigelman  
Judy Tighe  
Sam & Family*

*For Our Homebound Parishioners*

*and*

*For Those Suffering from Addictions*

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Please remember those who are serving in our armed forces. If you would like to add or delete anyone from this list, please be sure to contact Patti Means in the church office.

*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*

## GROCERY CARDS

Total sales for December gave \$423 to Jubilee. Our sales were down slightly from November but since we were missing a sales day, that was actually good. Our total 2011 giving to Jubilee was \$5,357. That amount is increased slightly from 2010 but we need to work harder in 2012. Our giving goal of \$6,000 and is still more than \$600 away.

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**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alexander, Garth	1
Bleecker, Michelle	14
Brenton, Nancy	12
Burlingame, Susan	18
Carroll, Andrew	22
Carroll, Anne	28
Clark, Natalie	23
Cliff, Sean	19
Di Pace, Emma	21
Donnelly, Ryan	26
Farmer, Dan	8
Glazier, Mary	19
Glew, Dyls	23
Gordon, Emily	24
Grosh, Kaitlin	19
Kilhefner, Joanie	7
Latshaw, Alexandru	9
Le, Thong	10
Maxey, Carolyn	17
Michel, Rodney	7
Miller, Ben	10
Miller, Jed	10
Morris, John	2
Murphy, Bob	26
Ogwang, Alice	2
Qualls, Scott	12
Rahe, Joan	24
Roden, Lynn	3
Ross, Glenn	25
Springer, Katherine	24
Stone, Kylie	3
Stonerook, Christopher	24
Strickler, Rosemary	4
Sullivan, Teresa	10
Thompson, Joseph	16
Way, Greyson	14
Way, Joe	13
Webber, Ben	7
Wendler, Callen	12
Wendler, Isabella	14
Wenger, Rylan	24
Woolson, Mary	21
Yackly, Clara	21
Youngquist, Phyllis	14
Zuke, Sue	3

### *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.*

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bedi, Michael & Melissa	02/12/2000
Davis, Paul & Maggie	02/26/1993
Henry, Kevin & Janice	02/20/1982
Kane, Howard & Edith	02/24/1962
Limroth, David & Jackie	02/15/1958
Nemith, Michael & Nancy	02/07/1952

## OFFERING ENVELOPES



If you ordered a box of offering envelopes, they are ready to be picked up in the Parish Hall. If you do not have a box and would like one, please contact Barb Baker, our Financial Secretary, on either Mondays or Tuesdays each week at: 299-1188.



## *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)

## SERVING SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY, 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!"*

<b>FEBRUARY 5</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Laurie & Peter Eaton	Judy Arnold, Frank Cummins
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	—	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
<b>Lector</b>	Fred Bush	David Dissinger
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Julia Hasircoglu
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Kylie Stone, Danielle DiPace
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Dave Pennell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Bruce Waskowicz
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	YAC	YAC
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Mary Waskowicz

<b>FEBRUARY 12</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	James Glazier, Merle Schnee	Karin Bleecker, David Dissinger
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	—	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Tobie	Fran Gouveia
<b>Server</b>	—	Michael Hreben
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Brooks Morgan, Tierza Mendez
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Glenn Miller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 4	Team 4
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Dave Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Property Committee	Property Committee
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Jen Hreben

<b>FEBRUARY 19</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ricky Smith	Sibyl Freeman, Sarah Gordon
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	Peter Novosel, Robin Ott
<b>Lector</b>	Peter Eaton	Matthew Hobbins
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Rachel Hreben
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Conor Brenton, Aidan Cliff
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	David Kilp
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 5	Team 5
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team C
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Brad Zuke
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jubilee Ministries	Jubilee Ministries
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Tracy Cliff

<b>FEBRUARY 26</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Laurie Eaton, Peter Eaton	Selena Hasircoglu, David Kilp
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	—	Joanna Sweeney, C. Weaver-Gelzer
<b>Lector</b>	Ricky Smith	Bob Kilp
<b>Server</b>	—	Dylan Stone
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Kylie Stone, Danielle DiPace
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Garth Alexander
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team D
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Leslie Morgan
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Vestry	Vestry
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Phyllis Gbur

<b>MARCH 4</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Merle Schnee	Barbara McGraw, Brad Moyer
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Stephanie McGovern	—
<b>Lector</b>	Kathy Novosel	Jane Lee
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	John Waskowicz
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Emma DiPace, Amelia Dissinger
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Dave Pennell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team 1
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Ted Loose
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Ushers: 8am & Team D	Ushers: 8am & Team D
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Andy & Anne Carroll

