



RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ:

Recently, I listened to NPR's Terry Gross interview novelist Mary Karr on the "Fresh Air" program. Gross asked Karr about her spirituality, to which the author replied, "I pray. Throughout the day, every day. If I didn't, I'd probably kill every person riding in the subway car with me. So instead, every face I see, I pray for that person." Karr went on to explain that she employs an Ignatian spirituality technique of reviewing the day as she winds down in the evening, with an eye to being grateful for blessings received, and critical of her own missteps and shortcomings. All this resonated with me: Christians strive to live each day prayerfully, to be mindful of the blessings God has given us, perhaps revealed through other people, or in other ways. And to be aware of occasions when our response to someone or something falls short – either because of our indifference, or preoccupation, or emotional unavailability. I thought Karr's answer was incredibly relevant to modern listeners, challenging us – whether we're in a subway car, or the grocery store, in the doctor's office, or in church – to be thankful for the good gifts God has given us, and grateful for the blessings, the challenges, and the opportunities that may be presented to us in each new day.

This column in the newsletter is a vehicle for me to do many of those things – to reflect with appreciation on the month past, identifying God's hand in activities, in gatherings, and in individuals. I, and we, as a parish, have many things to be thankful for, and I'm always pleased to have this platform to highlight just a few of them!

We had an especially good parish picnic this year – well patronized, and with great fellowship lasting hours after the service was over. I must thank Deacon Alex and Ellen Dyakiw for their abundant generosity in allowing us to gather in such an ideal setting. The picnic was also the occasion to share with Deacon Alex the dozens of letters and cards you wrote, offering him thanks for, and encouragement in, his various ministries at St. John's and our community. As it often does, the picnic also gave us a chance to welcome some visitors and guests, at least some of whom I hope will join us again.



The week before the picnic, our Confirmation Class started. For me, facilitating the class gives me an opportunity to remind myself of Anglican angles on theology, scripture, worship, and other facets of our faith. My hat is off to our class for engaging so deeply with the subject matter. I'm looking forward to our times together over the next couple months.

The week after the picnic, our full choral quartet was back at the 10:00 service. While we had seen most of them occasionally during the summer as soloists, September 25 was the first time our "regulars" were back together since Corpus Christi Sunday in May. Some very special music is being planned for the bishop's visit on November 20 – one of many reasons it will be a fantastic day in the life of our parish.

This is a special double-issue of the *Herald*, for reasons described below. I invite you to read the pages that follow, and to plan to be with us for worship, fellowship, and study this fall.

I look forward to seeing you in church.

Yours faithfully,

(The Rev.) Christopher V. Pyles

THANKS TO OUR SUMMER GRASS-CUTTERS!

We extend our gratitude to Larry Roberson, Matt Perkins, and Jim Jackson for their dedication and generosity of time in cutting the grass all summer long, faithfully toiling each week – in warm weather and hot, in dry weather and wet – to keep our grounds looking beautiful. Thanks, guys!

OKTOBERFEST ON OCTOBER 1

What better way to kick off fall's finest month than by

enjoying fall's finest food?



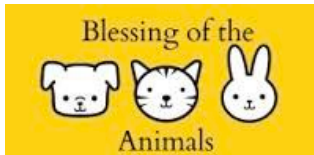
On Saturday, October 1, from 4-7 p.m., a variety of savory treats will be served in the parish hall: bratwurst,

spätzle, red cabbage, and much more. This is our first fundraising dinner since March; everyone is encouraged to be present to support it. Please join us, and bring friends!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PET BLESSING ON OCTOBER 2

Please be sure to notify your pets that they are especially welcome in church at the 10:00 service on October 2, when all

animals will receive a special blessing at the end of the service, as well as a blessed St. Francis of Assisi medal (if needed), to be added to their collar. For those pets unable to join us, a framed picture – or a representative stuffed animal – may be brought for a blessing.



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NEW GROUP USING THE PARISH HALL

From October 2 through December 4, the parish hall will be used on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 by the Bellefonte Community Choir to rehearse for the Christmas Concert on the Sunday of Victorian Christmas Weekend, December 11.

FATHER PYLES IN THE HOLY LAND

Father Pyles will be making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land the last week of October and the first week of November.

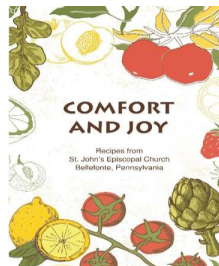


His touring group will visit Christianity's holiest sites, centered in and around Jerusalem, but including a side trip to Jordan. Other travelers include several diocesan clergy and lay people from Central

Pennsylvania. Father Fred Miller – former rector of All Saints, Hershey – will fill in on the Sundays Father Pyles is away.

PARISH COOKBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

The cookbook fund-raiser project has been completed, and books are now available for purchase for \$12 after Sunday services and in the office during regular hours. There are 150 recipes submitted by parishioners in categories including Appetizers/Beverages, Salads/Soups, Main Dishes, Bread/Rolls, Cookies/Candy, and Desserts, as well as many kitchen hints and tips. If you would like to purchase a copy by mail, send your check for \$17.95 (\$12 plus \$5.95 postage) per book made payable to St. John's Episcopal Church to the church office. Start your Christmas shopping now!



HOLIDAY FOOD BOX COLLECTION FOR FAITHCENTRE



The last two Sundays in October (23rd & 30th) and the first two Sundays in November (6th & 13th), we will be collecting the following items for food boxes that the FaithCentre will be putting together:

- * Sugar – 1 lb. box
- * Cake mix - any flavor
- * Hot chocolate – any size box
- * Tuna fish - 6 oz. cans
- * Mac and cheese - 7.25 oz. box
- * Mixed fruit – 15 oz. cans
- * Stuffing mix – 6 oz. box
- * Soup (any kind) – 10.75 oz. cans
- * Cookie mix (any flavor) - bags
- * Coffee (reg. or decaf) – sm. cans
- * Icing – any flavor
- * Tea (any flavor) – small box
- * Sauerkraut – 15 oz. cans
- * Stuffing mix – 13.3 oz. box

The FaithCentre needs these items by the week of November 13th, so we ask that all donations be brought by that Sunday. The need is very great – St. John's is always incredibly generous with these food drives; let's continue that tradition for this holiday season. Many thanks!

ART FUNDRAISER ON OCTOBER 22

Jonathan Preston, who attends our 10:00 service, is offering a class titled "Paint Like a Wolf" as a fundraiser for St. John's on Saturday, October 22, beginning at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.



The class will celebrate the work of the great German-American artist Wolf Kahn, offering participants a look at Kahn's style of painting, which combines realism and color field; he is best known for his New England landscapes. There will be a practicum component, but no art skills are needed. Just bring yourself and your excitement for creating some art!

The cost of \$35 will include all the materials (canvas, paints, etc.), snacks, and a variety of beverages (both adult and soft). Registration will be somewhat limited due to the way tables and chairs will need to be arranged. A sign-up sheet is now available on the table in the back beginning October 2. Non-parishioner friends are very welcome to join us – all are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP SEASON BEGINS IN OCTOBER



Each fall, the product of our stewardship campaign shapes and forms our mission and ministry in the following year. All of us have expectations of the church: for worship, fellowship, Christian growth and education, outreach. Similarly, God has expectations of all of us who call ourselves disciples. Therefore, a goal of stewardship season is identifying how to close the gap between our expectations and our giving. Scripture challenges us to give back the first part of the fruits of our labors to God; as the letter of James tells us, "All good gifts come from God." This time of year especially, we are reminded that good stewardship is not just the means to church life; it is the end, and the goal, of life itself.

REMINDER: DOES YOUR HOME HEATING OIL COME FROM JJ POWELL? All churches and their members who are Powell customers and on the EasyPay or Prebuy program can request that three cents of every gallon of fuel oil that they purchase be given to their church. This is money that JJ Powell is donating – *it will not cost the customer any more per gallon.* Call JJ Powell today (Bellefonte office: 355-4749; headquarters in Philipsburg: 800-432-0866) to sign up.

PLAN AHEAD TO FALL BACK ON NOVEMBER 6



Before going to bed on November 5, remember to turn your clocks back one hour as we return to Eastern Standard Time. It's also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and CO₂ detectors.

THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR IS COMING!!!



The annual holiday bazaar at St. John's Church will be held Friday, November 11, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, November 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch and food to take away will be available both days: soups, Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, and desserts; the baked goods table will be full of cookies, cakes, pumpkin rolls, and pies; hand-made craft items will be available; and, as always, there will be a white elephant table; theme baskets; a Chinese auction; and much more.

Please support St. John's most popular fundraiser, and join us for the bazaar on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 & 12, and indicate how you can help on the sign-up sheets which are now on the table in the back. Thank you, and see you at the Bazaar!

BISHOP'S VISIT ON NOVEMBER 20

We will end the liturgical year with a bang as we welcome our bishop, Audrey Scanlan, to St. John's on Christ the King Sunday. There will be extraordinary music to mark the occasion, and a good-sized class of Confirmands and Recipients (those already Confirmed in the Roman Catholic or Lutheran Church) to present. There will be ONE SERVICE ONLY on November



20, at 10 a.m., with a fantastic reception to follow. Please be present to welcome the bishop, and to congratulate those who are affirming or reaffirming their life in Christ.

THE CROP WALK IS COMING ON OCTOBER 30

What is the CROP Hunger Walk? It's the original charitable walking event in the U.S. The CROP Walk's parent organization – Church World Service – is passionate about ensuring sustainable access to proper, nutritious food, supporting more than 2,500 local hunger-fighting groups across the U.S. This year alone, about 1,400 hunger walks will take place across our country, and more than 160,000 people will walk.



What does money donated by sponsoring a walker buy? Depending on where the money is applied, anything from nutrition packets for infants, seeds and gardening tools, emergency food packages, livestock, or installing a water pump in a village might be done.

Church World Service recognizes that there is no single way to end hunger, so they look at a variety of ways to help those in need.

How can I help? St. John's would like to send as many walkers as possible to this year's event (2 p.m. on Sunday, October 30). Walkers are asked to get sponsors to make a pledge to support the Walk's cause. The goal of each walker is to raise a minimum of \$150. The walk is between 3-4 miles long (beginning at Faith United Methodist), so a sponsor might agree to donate \$5 per mile walked. A walker would then need only 9 or 10 sponsors to make his or her goal.

How will it all work? You can now sign up to walk at the table in the back. Once they arrive, sponsorship forms will be on the table in the back. Please take one, and invite friends, coworkers, family members, and others to sponsor your walk. Return your completed form and packet to Betsy Quigley in church on the day of the walk. Everyone's participation is encouraged, either through walking or sponsorship!



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

October 2	Paula Hough
October 9	No Coffee Hour Columbus Day Weekend
October 16	Matt Perkins Gwen Fetters
October 23	Shannon Hilderbrand
October 30	Tina Scott
November 6	TBA
November 13	Nancy Andrews Sara Witmer
November 20	Reserved
November 27	No Coffee Hour Thanksgiving Weekend

OCTOBER COLLECTION COUNTERS

John Fusco & Bette Shugert

NOVEMBER COLLECTION COUNTERS

Charlie Hilderbrand & Jim Jackson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.
October 2	Dcn. Dyakiw	Dcn. Dyakiw
St. Francis		T. Quigley
October 9	Dcn. Dyakiw	Dcn. Dyakiw
Pentecost XXI		S. Witmer
October 16	Dcn. Dyakiw	Dcn. Dyakiw
Pentecost XXII		C.Hilderbrand
October 23	Dcn. Dyakiw	Dcn. Dyakiw
Harvest Festival		K. Grossman
October 30	S. Mauger	Dcn. Dyakiw
Pentecost XXIV		C. Fyfe

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November 6	Dcn. Dyakiw	Dcn. Dyakiw
All Saints		D. Cree
November 13	Dcn. Dyakiw	Dcn. Dyakiw
Pentecost XXVI		C. Fyfe
November 20	Dcn. Dyakiw	Dcn. Dyakiw
Christ the King Bishop's Visit		T. Quigley
November 27	S. Mauger	Dcn. Dyakiw
Advent I		C.Hilderbrand

ALTAR SERVERS' ROTA - 10 A.M. MASSES

October 2	Book/Server	S. Dillon
St. Francis of Assisi	Crucifer Torchbearers	T. Scott G. Holland G. Clayton L. Quigley C.Hilderbrand
October 9	Book/Server	S. Dillon
Pentecost XXI	Crucifer	T. Scott
October 16	Book/Server	T. Scott
Pentecost XXII	Crucifer	D. Cree
October 23	Book/Server	S. Dillon
Harvest Festival	Crucifer Torchbearers	G.Hilderbrand P.Hilderbrand T. Scott C.Hilderbrand
October 30	Book/Server	C.Hilderbrand
Pentecost XXIV	Crucifer Torchbearers	S. Dillon C. Holt T. Scott

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BIRTHDAYS

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November 6 Book/Server **T. Scott**
All Saints Crucifer **G.Hilderbrand**
 Torchbearers **P.Hilderbrand**
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October 5	David Cree
	Laura McGinley
October 8	Tracy Stover
October 10	Gage Hilderbrand
October 11	Jacob Fitzgerald
October 12	Charlotte Saylor
October 15	Barbara Roberson
October 18	Bryan Hough
October 20	Deborah McGinley
October 22	Madison Arrington
October 25	Zebulon Green
October 29	Parker Hilderbrand
October 31	Taylor Stover

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November 1	Mark Eminhizer
November 5	Matthew Reid, Jr.
November 7	Carol Fyfe
November 16	Harry Witmer
November 19	Fred Raymond
November 20	Zackery Fitzgerald
November 21	Dylan Arrington
	Charles Hilderbrand, Sr.
November 24	Fr. Christopher Pyles
November 26	Daniel Hough
	Leigh Meeker
November 29	Emma Jobeth Lucas
November 30	Charles Hilderbrand, Jr.

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2016 ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

Please write names on the blanks below; use the reverse side for additional space, if needed. The All Souls service will be **at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2**. Please have your list returned to the church (mailed to the office or dropped in the offering plate) by **Sunday, October 23**.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,

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and let light perpetual shine upon them.

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Oktoberfest, 4-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall
2 St. Francis. MP 7:45 Low Mass 8 Conf. Class 9 Sol. Mass 10 Blessing of Pets Coffee Hour	3 7 p.m. Men's Group	4 Bazaar Craft Group, 1 p.m. in the parish hall	5 Low Mass with healing in the Chapel, 9:30	6 Breakfast Feeding Ministry, 7-9 a.m., parish hall	7 Community Lunch at the Presbyterian Church, 10:30 a.m.	8
9 Pent. XXI. MP 7:45 Low Mass 8 Conf. Class 9 Sung Mass 10 No Coffee Hour	10 Columbus Day Office Closed 7 p.m. Men's Group	11 Bazaar Craft Group, 1 p.m. in the parish hall	12 Low Mass with healing in the Chapel, 9:30	13 Breakfast Feeding Ministry, 7-9 a.m., parish hall	14 Diocesan Convention	15 Diocesan Convention
16 Pent. XXII. MP 7:45 Low Mass 8 No Conf. Class Sung Mass 10 Coffee Hour	17 7 p.m. Men's Group	18 Bazaar Craft Group, 1 p.m. in the parish hall	19 Low Mass with healing in the Chapel, 9:30 Vestry Meeting, rectory, 7:30	20 Breakfast Ministry, 7-9 a.m., parish hall	21	22 "Paint Like a Wolf" Art Fundraiser in the parish hall, 7 p.m.
23 Harvest Fest. MP 7:45 Low Mass 8 Conf. Class 9 Sol. Mass 10 Coffee Hour	24 7 p.m. Men's Group	25 Bazaar Craft, 1 p.m., parish hall	26 Morning Prayer in the Chapel, 9:30	27 Breakfast Ministry, 7-9 a.m., parish hall	28 Supper Club 7 p.m.	29
30 Pent. XXIII. MP 7:45 Low Mass 8 No Conf. Class Sung Mass 10 Coffee Hour	31 7 p.m. Men's Group					

November 2016

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		1 Bazaar Craft Group, 1 p.m. in the parish hall	2 All Souls Day. Low Mass in the Chapel, 9:30	3 Breakfast Feeding Ministry, 7-9 a.m., parish hall	4 Community Lunch at the Presbyterian Church, 10:30 a.m.	5
6 Solemnity of All Saints. MP 7:45 Low Mass 8 No Conf. Class Sol. Mass 10 Blessing of Pets Coffee Hour	7 7 p.m. Men's Group	8 Bazaar Craft Group, 1 p.m. in the parish hall	9 Low Mass with healing in the Chapel, 9:30	10 Breakfast Feeding Ministry, 7-9 a.m., parish hall	11 Holiday Bazaar, 9-5 in the parish hall	12 Holiday Bazaar, 9-1 in the parish hall
13 Pent. XXVI. MP 7:45 Low Mass 8 Conf. Class 9 Sung Mass 10 No Coffee Hour	14 7 p.m. Men's Group	15	16 Low Mass with healing in the Chapel, 9:30	17 Breakfast Feeding Ministry, 7-9 a.m., parish hall	18	19
20 Christ the King. Episcopal Visitation; Sol. Mass 10; Reception following	21 7 p.m. Men's Group	22	23 Low Mass with healing in the Chapel, 9:30	24 Breakfast Ministry, 7-9 a.m., parish hall; Parish office closed for Thanksgiving	25	26
27 Advent I. MP 7:45 Mass 8 Mass 10 No Coffee Hour	28 7 p.m. Men's Group	29	30 St. Andrew's Day. Low Mass with healing in the Chapel, 9:30			