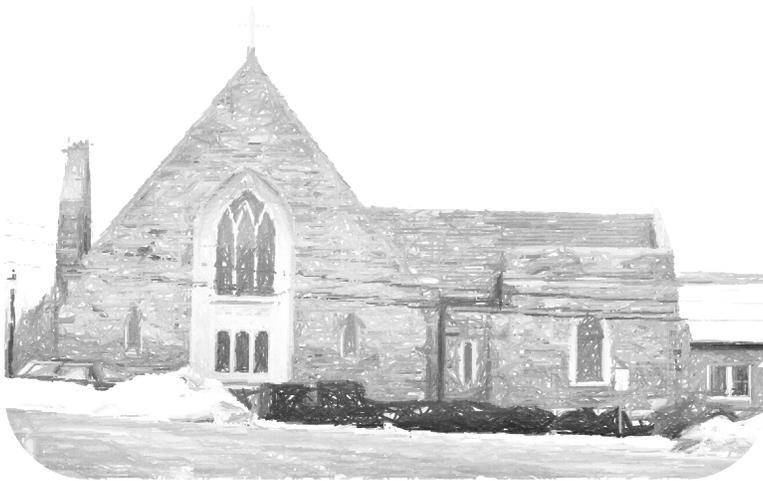


# St. John's HERALD

*Through the grace of God we D.A.R.E. to Hear the Story,  
Know the Story, Tell the Story, and Live the Story!*



## Prayer for July

***Each month we are asking that every gathering of St. John's people begin with the prayer below. Why not include the prayer in your personal devotions as well?***

***Let us pray:***

God our redeemer, we give thanks to you for freedom from oppression and sin. As Americans who cherish our freedom from political tyranny, give us wisdom to know the difference between fairness for everyone and fairness for the few. Teach us to say yes to your freedom by working for economic, social, and ecological fairness for all, as we realize that *injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere*. Amen!

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**St. John's Lutheran Church  
8808 Harford Road  
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Al Johnson

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The Rev. Richard Manning

**God's Work. Our Hands.**

by The Rev. Ryan W. Roberts

The current vision of our national church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is “God’s Work. Our Hands.” We are not on our own mission to get butts in the pews, to balance budgets, or to fill seats on committees. The church is striving in pursuit of God’s mission: sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. To discern how best to share the gospel in our community, we engage in the three great listenings: listening to God, listening to each other, and listening to our neighbors. When we have heard what God is leading us to do, then we allow God to reveal God’s kingdom through the work of our hands (and minds, and mouths).

As with most work, we depend on our employer (God) to provide the tools to accomplish the tasks laid before us. It is often said, “God doesn’t call the equipped; God equips those who are called.” God has given creation all we need to provide for all creatures; God created the cosmos with enough for all. What God has created belongs to God, but what use does God have for any created thing?

In one of our offertory prayers, we thank God for “our selves, our time, and our possessions: signs of [God’s] gracious love.” The language we use shapes the way we think, and when we say these are ours, we are both egregiously wrong and profoundly right. Human laws designate who gets to make decisions about the use, care, and disposition of objects, and we unfortunately call it “ownership”. If we use the words “ours, mine, yours, theirs” to indicate ownership, then we are being blasphemously selfish; it is already clear that every thing, all time, and each relationship belongs to God. But it is also true that God has placed all things into human stewardship. Genesis 1 is sometimes translated as saying that we shall have *dominion* over the cosmos, but it is far more accurate to say that we are made *stewards* of God’s creation. God has entrusted the work to us, and we have created laws to agree about who may make decisions about which portions of God’s property; those laws and those appointed decision makers should bear in mind God’s purposes and serve God’s aims.

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells a parable about talents of gold (an immense sum of money worth years of a day-laborer’s work) being entrusted to a master’s stewards during his long absence. Upon the master’s return, he demands that the stewards display the good use to which they have put the talents in their care, and he is infuriated that the one entrusted with the least hoarded his talent instead of risking it for the master’s sake. This steward thought his “safe” decision was for his own protection, but he acted out of fear of the master’s retribution instead of love of the master and gratitude for his generosity; he lost everything.

Jesus’s parable has a lot to teach us about being a good steward. It doesn’t matter what or how much has been entrusted to us; we are called to respond by using God’s talents and other resources for God’s purposes and in pursuit of God’s aims: to reach more people with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. We rely on God’s abundance to aid us in accomplishing God’s mission (e.g. family, friendships, home, St. John’s, bank accounts, biblical foundation), but if we turn our stewardship *only* to maintaining the things already in our care, then we turn our backs on God’s mission. Good stewards, like the others in Jesus’s parable, care for the master’s property, managing the talents wisely but risking them in accord with his priorities. If we are going to call ourselves a church of Christians, then we must take risks, placing a higher priority on God’s love than our own worldly fears.

Martin Luther tells us that discerned action is preferable to paralysis, even if our action yields results we didn’t intend. Action is preferable because God has already promised forgiveness for any harm we do, and because inaction (or action “because we’ve always done it that way”) will only garner what we already have. God doesn’t want what already exists; it all belongs to God already! What God wants is real, honest relationship with all his stewards. Unsure what action to take? Pause and listen again, using the three great listenings to discern our course of action. Of course, Luther was far more succinct: “Sin boldly, but believe even more boldly in Christ, who is victorious over sin and death”.

Recognizing that everything belongs to God, we can center ourselves in gratitude. We no longer have to fear the loss of anything because nothing is ours in the first place. God has equipped us stay strong and share God’s gospel of love. We know where we are headed, and we can listen to discern the way. Let us take the task of stewardship into our hands; invest our selves, our time, and our possessions in God’s work; and take risks for the sake of the gospel. Do not be afraid, and sin boldly!

## Transition Process for St. John's Community Members

<b>Month, Year</b>	<b>St. John's Leadership</b>	<b>People of St. John's</b>	<b>DE-MD Synod Bishop's Office</b>
<b>August/September 2014</b>	PRAY	Attend public gathering to discuss the visioning process	PRAY
<b>December 2014</b>	Ministry Site Profile is completed; approved by Council for submission	PRAY	Meets with Call Committee to train on interview process
<b>January 2015</b>	Call Committee prepares for interview process	PRAY	PRAY
<b>February 2015</b>	Call Committee begins interviews	PRAY	PRAY
<b>April 2015</b>	Call Committee finishes interviews; recommends candidate to Council	PRAY	PRAY
<b>May 2015</b>	Council meets to call a congregational meeting and approve the compensation package	PRAY	PRAY
<b>June 2015</b>	PRAY	Meet and greet with primary pastoral candidate; call vote	Representation at the call vote
<b>July/August 2015</b>	New Pastor begins		

A tentative timeline for the process is provided above. While the timeline is not set in stone, it does serve as a guide for what will happen and a relative time frame for the transition process.

**Remember this is a tentative schedule. Things may move faster or slower. But always remember to **PRAY****

# Worship and Music



**Traditional services at 8:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. with no Sunday School hour in between services.**

**Inclement Weather Information**

Wondering “weather” or not there’s church?

In case of bad weather or poor road conditions, the postponement of St. John’s Sunday services or other church activities will be available on the church’s voicemail at 410-665-1234 as well as on the church’s website.



God bless and be safe!

## Ushers for July

### July

8:15 a.m.

- Jim Morrow
- Larry Conley
- Chris Johnson
- Jeanette and Milt Dutcher

10:00 a.m.

- Terri Meekins
- Terry Little
- Claire Miller



## Baptismal Anniversaries—July and August



- 7/2 Dominic Lancelotta
- 7/10 Victoria Jasinski
- 7/13 Jennifer Brock
- Jay Foreman
- 7/17 Garrett Morgan
- 7/18 Peter Gerber

- 7/19 David Nash
- David Nash, Jr.
- Amanda Weeks
- 7/20 Yoon Mee Chong
- Carly Coffman
- 7/22 David Evans
- 7/23 Kyle Cappucci
- Johannah Gray
- 7/28 Kira Shull
- 7/30 Laura Wolfe
- 7/31 Hayden Miller

- July Date Unknown:
- Linda Anderson
  - Nancy Ford
  - Kate Simon

- 8/2 Allison Meyers
- 8/8 Brynn Snyder-Mitchell
- 8/9 Jordan Glassband
- 8/10 Nathaniel Grisez
- 8/16 Kirsten Miller
- 8/17 Nicole Hum
- Brody Evans
- 8/18 Melissa Garrett
- Carlyn Wiles

- August Date Unknown:
- Virginia Wehr
  - Robert Spellman

## Congregation Council News

*T*he church Council met on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, to discuss congregational needs and ministry team reports. The meeting began with prayer and the approval of the May 2014 Council meeting minutes.

The Council received correspondence from Bishop Herz-Lane thanking St. John's Congregation for the \$250 contribution to the Bishop's Intervention Fund.

Pastor Ryan motioned that the Personnel Team review and revise our existing Children and Youth Protective Policy and report back by the September Council meeting, which the Council approved.

### **Executive Committee Report:**

The Transition Team has been formed with their first meeting to be held on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. The members of the team are Lee Smith, chairman, Dave Ermer, Donna McDonough, Amanda Rash, Bonnie Rogers, and John Stevens. Bishop Herz-Lane and Pastor Ryan will also be in attendance at the meeting.

The Executive Committee's calendar planning meeting will be on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service. All ministry teams and organizations should give their proposed meeting dates for the 2014-2015 calendar year to Carol Erpenstein or Tony Jasinski **prior** to August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ministry Team Reports:**

Written reports were received and filed from the Worship and Music and Property teams. It was also reported that, to date, there are 98 children registered for Vacation Bible School.

1. *Worship and Music Team Report*—Worship services have been planned through November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. *Property Report*—Much time has been spent working to alleviate the various water problems inside and outside the church building. By cleaning out drains, most of the problems seem to have been resolved. Houck Services, Inc. have looked at the leaking roof over the parlor, and they will be submitting a proposal to do the repair work. Closets and other storage areas are in the process of being cleaned out. Gardens around the church have been weeded.

### **New Business:**

Houck Services, Inc., submitted a proposal, which was approved by Council, to repair the roof at a cost of \$1,980.00 and the gutter at a cost of \$590.00. The \$1,980.00 will be paid for through the Building Fund and the \$590.00 will be paid through the Property Fund.

It was motioned and approved that the Council instruct the Personnel Ministry Team to develop a bereavement clause to be included in all personnel contracts by the August 21, 2014 Council meeting.

Also, it was motioned and approved for the St. John's Secretary, Carol Erpenstein, be permitted to take computer courses at a cost not to exceed \$400.00.

It was noted that a nominating committee should be formed in order to nominate persons to serve on the 2015 Church Council.

Also, a date for the Council crab feast needs to be set. Council members are asked to forward to Tony Saturday dates in September and October that they **would not** be available to attend the crab feast.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. with all present praying the Lord's Prayer.

## Did You Know?

Council meeting minutes will be posted on the bulletin board directly outside of the church sanctuary. Make sure to check them out!

## Congregational Care

### Please remember these individuals in your prayers:

**For health and healing:** *Clara Westphal, Edna Stratmeyer, Michael Vogtman, Bob Stadnik, John McLaughlin, Bett Murphy, Linda Watts, Mary Curnoles, Carolyn Robey, Bill Ortloff, Brenda Hedges, Dick Weger, Shirley Watkins, Pat Becker, Mary Jo Rother, Sheena Bittner, and Bob & Mil Baxter*



**For family and friends:** *Noah Jones, Bernadette Mackebee, Raymond E. Miller, Sr., Linda H. Murphy, Joe Janovec, Terri Kordek, John Bielat, Rachel Minton Snyder, Claire Svehla, Randy Powell, Eleanor Wenzing, Dick Erdman, Cheri Laumann, Pat & Linda Barnett, Leadane Hartman, John Kurcharski, Bill Schreiber, and Jeana Huber*

**For the military and their families:** *Lt. Christopher H. Hall, Maria Burgos, Brian Hedges, Chaplain Chris Frigm ... and all those in harm's way.*

**For those grieving—families and friends of** *Larry Shepard, Walt Whitmire, Betty Layer, Michael Scheindlinger, and Doris Downes*

**For our homebound parishioners:** *Richard & Alma Arnold, Murhl & Evelyn Bauer, Bob & Mil Baxter, Alice Belth, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Joan & George Cooper, Mary Curnoles, Carmen & Norma DeMarino, Lucille Dembeck, Ruth Derrickson, Georgia Franz, Ellie Fry, Mabel Gehring, Betty Glassband, Henry & Bernice Graf, Paul Huber, George Hutschenreuter, Paul Insley, Stew Jung, Eddie Kempske, Mildred Kempske, Bunny Kucharski, John Lotterer, Evelyn McGuire, Jerry Mead, Margaret Middleton, Eurith Morris, Edie Petr, Roland & Virginia Randall, Nancy Ritz, Carolyn Robey, Ruby Schaum, Elaine Schlicht, Bill & Midge Schaake, Larry Shepard, Mary Sigmon, John Sperl, Charles & Dot Stairs, Gerry Stipek, Edna Stratmeyer, Cass Tracey, Helen Trainor, Elaine Turek, Emma Volz, Dick Weger, Clara Westphal, Helen Wheeler, Phyllis Williams, John Winebrenner, Fran Wolinski*

### How do I add someone to our congregation's prayer list?

Write their name and information on the "Sunday Secretary" sheet in the narthex/lobby adjacent to the back doors of the Sanctuary

**OR** Email the church office at [office@stjohnsparkville.org](mailto:office@stjohnsparkville.org)

**Please note:** Names on the "family and friends" and "those grieving" lists are removed after six weeks unless you update the pastor or the church office. You may always request that someone's name be added if special prayers are needed. Please be sure to get permission from your family/friends to add their names. Remember that not everyone is comfortable sharing prayer concerns publicly. Thank you!

## Congregational Care (Continued)

### Attention All St. John's Ministry Leaders!

We need your assistance in maintaining the church's website, [www.stjohnsparkville.org](http://www.stjohnsparkville.org). The website needs more information—and that information should be current for all pages in order to depict an accurate picture of the wonderful St. John's family and the great accomplishments, activities, and unifying moments.

We are asking for St. John's Ministry Leaders to begin to own their particular ministry's pages, developing articles and maintaining current information and images on those website pages.

If you are interested in learning how to do this OR to at least provide regular updates to your specific webpage, please contact Michelle Evans at [webcontenteditor@stjohnsparkville.org](mailto:webcontenteditor@stjohnsparkville.org) to arrange a time for brief training or to answer any questions you might have.

## Celebrating Each Other! Congregational Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

### Wedding Anniversaries:

#### July:

- 7/1 Barbara & Robert Berner
- 7/5 Peggy & Dennis Buckless
- 7/13 Julie & Chris Perzan
- 7/17 Linda & David Kocan
- 7/21 Laura & Matthew Sparks
- 7/24 Stephanie & Kevin Platt
- 7/25 Rachel & Christopher Hills
- 7/28 Anny & Christopher Franz
- 7/30 Alma & Richard Arnold

#### August:

- 8/1 Dana & Tammy Heyl  
Candi & Chad Votta, Sr.
- 8/3 Sheri & Roy Klein
- 8/4 Virginia & Roland Randall  
Melissa & Matthew DeWitt
- 8/5 Linda & Dennis Anderson
- 8/6 Katrena & Will Collinworth
- 8/7 Brenda & Stewart Graf  
Mandy & Robert Gray
- 8/8 Lisa & Keith Duerling
- 8/9 Donna McCann
- 8/12 Carmen & Norma DeMarino
- 8/15 Theresa & Larry Magill  
Breonna & Ryan Roberts
- 8/18 Kimberly Townsley Fannin
- 8/21 Ruth & John Winebrenner  
Dana & Tammy Heyl  
Leah & Dan Menges
- 8/26 Erin & Scott Dougherty
- 8/28 Mary & Robert Lentz  
Patricia & James Denk
- 8/29 Marion & Thomas McDonough

Did we miss your celebration? If so, please notify the church office at 410-665-1234 or [office@stjohnsparkville.org](mailto:office@stjohnsparkville.org). We appreciate your assistance! Many blessings!

Save  
The  
Date!

"God's work,  
Our hands."  
Sunday  
September 7, 2014



**Birthdays:**



- 7/1 Patricia Dunn  
Lauren Klinedinst  
Kate Simon
- 7/2 Zachary Menges  
Frances Wolinski  
Samantha Zimmer
- 7/3 Elsie Macauley  
Mary Jane O'Brien  
Brittany Sommer  
Samantha Weeks
- 7/4 Joyce Pickett
- 7/6 Erin Dougherty  
Mark Hofmann  
Bob Scott  
John Stevens  
Sue Tindall
- 7/7 Nancy Ritz  
Zach Wiles
- 7/8 Jane Gibons  
Olivia Shull  
Laurie Vaught
- 7/9 Stephanie Bender  
Donna McCann  
Carolyn Sauthoff
- 7/10 Gary Burkhardt, Sr.  
Emily Rash  
Marianne Snyder
- 7/11 James Morrow
- 7/12 Robert Suznick
- 7/13 Jacob Cloman  
Justin Dabrasky
- 7/14 Deborah Lancelotta  
Nathan Perzan  
Gayle Schindler
- 7/15 Christopher Hills  
Rebecca Mullinix
- 7/16 Helen Baker  
Alvera Rush  
Carol Stifler  
Mildred Weant
- 7/17 Simon Blazakis  
Robin Cappucci  
Michael Meekins

- 7/18 Louis Carletti  
Nancy Ford  
Robert Morgan
- 7/19 Roy Klein  
Cory McCall  
Mildred Schaffer
- 7/20 Jacob Tindall
- 7/21 Candi Votta
- 7/22 Gloria Stadnik
- 7/23 Brennan Dunn  
Daniel Gerber
- 7/24 Emily Graf  
Misty Murnane
- 7/25 Janet Cumoles  
Maria Hammons  
John Meyers  
Barbara Schlicht  
Catherin Tracey
- 7/26 Haley Murnane  
Adam Shindel
- 7/27 Colton Francus  
Kelly Haacke
- 7/28 Lisa Duerling
- 7/29 Joan Cooper
- 7/30 Carol Shaw  
Helen Vaccarino
- 7/31 Nicholas Holland  
Robert Vicarinni



- 8/8 Carl Haacke  
Kerry Hospelhorn
- 8/9 Alec Brock  
Lindsay Meyers  
Julie Pickett
- 8/10 Anne Suznick
- 8/11 Elaine Turek
- 8/13 Amanda Wood
- 8/14 James Denk  
Valerie Streb
- 8/15 Kimberly Fannin  
Debra Haacke  
Noah Jones  
Sheri Klein
- 8/16 Annie Bennett
- 8/17 Austin Flagle  
Heather Gamber  
Charles Jones  
Michael Lancelotta
- 8/19 Austin Houston  
Evan Lipka  
Samantha Little
- 8/20 David Ermer  
Juliana Hastings  
Jazmin McKee  
Jessica Merrey  
Mary Pulket
- 8/21 Isaac Jewell
- 8/22 Mark Fitch  
Jeff Seidel  
Kurtis Sommer
- 8/23 Axel Gibbons  
John Meyers
- 8/24 Thomas Gamber
- 8/26 Michael Buckless  
Randi Burkhardt  
Terri Meekins  
Roland Randall, Jr.  
Chad Votta, Jr.  
Karen Watts
- 8/28 Keith Derrickson  
Lacey Pescetto
- 8/29 Rayven Collinsworth  
Amy Schindler  
Michael Vogtman
- 8/30 Riley Baker  
Bradford Nicholson
- 8/31 Murhl Bauer  
Franklin Cumoles  
Sandra Scott



- 8/2 Stanley Businsky  
Suzanne Rowe
- 8/3 Jack Bennett
- 8/4 Melissa Garrett  
Deborah Parrish
- 8/5 Kermit Cummings
- 8/6 Olivia Platt  
Beverly Weger
- 8/7 Christopher Wenderoth  
Rebecca Zimmer

## Vacation Bible School

Grab a hammer, find a paintbrush, and put on your creative thinking cap! It's that time of the year again! We are planning another fun Vacation Bible School starting July 7-11 from 9 am-12:30 pm for "Workshop of Wonders-Imagine and Build with God"! We are officially full and no longer accepting registrations. St. John's is going to share God's love with over 100 children! We are constantly reminded of our blessing as St. John's and how lucky we are to share with our community! If you are interested in volunteering to help out or to make any donations to this year's VBS, please see Leah Miller, or email her at [leahslrhg@gmail.com](mailto:leahslrhg@gmail.com). We can't wait to see what this year brings us as we continue to build our relationship with God!



## Congregational Life



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Thank you for your cards, encouraging words and support during the recent illness and loss of my brother, Richard Healy. Your kindness will be long remembered.  
Love,  
Den and Peg Buckless



### The Wednesday Lunch Bunch

will meet at Conrad's Restaurant, 9654 Belair Road in Perry Hall, on Wednesday July 23, 2014 at 12:00 noon.

For reservations/information call Carolyn at 410-686-0063.

### Apply Now for Fall Classes at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute

Interested in Scripture? Theology? Church history? Spirituality? Ministry? Through its Ecumenical Institute of Theology, St. Mary's Seminary & University offers the opportunity to pursue personal growth and/or professional excellence through graduate theological study. Men and women of all faiths attend evening and Saturday classes at the north Baltimore campus. Enroll in a class or two or in a master's-level certificate or degree program. Auditors are welcome. Fall term begins September 2.

For more information or an appointment: [410/864-4200](tel:4108644200), [ei@stmarys.edu](mailto:ei@stmarys.edu), or [www.stmarys.edu/ei](http://www.stmarys.edu/ei).

## Congregational Life (continued)



**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Rain or Shine!**



**Volunteers are needed to work at and to serve in planning this year's Rummage Sale. We also need volunteers to assist in the collection of donated items.**

***Donations may be dropped off at the church in the Scout Room before both services beginning Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.***

Please call Doug Meekins at **410-790-1790** with any questions surrounding the Rummage Sale or if you have items that need to be picked up.

**What items can be donated?** Clothes (especially children's clothing) • Power tools (saws, drills, sanders, etc.) • Sporting equipment (golf clubs, workout equipment) • Bicycles in good shape & ready to use (skates or skateboards) • Electronics (stereos, computers) • Toys & Games (no broken parts or missing pieces) • Household items (refrigerators, irons, dishes, glassware, nick-nacks, etc.) • Furniture (chairs, beds, tables, lamps—limits accepting heavy furniture unless in excellent condition) • Books (especially children's books) • Gardening equipment (flower pots) • Jewelry (watches, rings) • Shoes or boots (new or excellent condition) • Appliances • Cameras or camera equipment • Miscellaneous items (wall hangings, quilts, bedding, clean linens, picture frames, clocks)

**All proceeds will help maintain our wonderful St. John's buildings for another 126 years!**

## Congregational Life (continued)

### *Sharing Our Joys- Celebrating Congregational Accomplishments*

#### *How 'Bout Dem... Mavericks!*

The Eastern Tech softball team completed a perfect season and won the State 2A Title this spring. Four St. John's members were key to this success.

**Jack Meyers** is head coach and was honored by the Baltimore Sun as Coach of the Year for its All-Metro Team. Per Jack, "It was an honor to coach such hard working kids to help them reach their goal of winning the 2A State Championship... It's pretty neat how these kids just responded under pressure." Jack has been coaching the team successfully for five years.

**Allie Meyers** is in her second varsity season and plays First Base. "The team was like a family. We had fun together on and off the field."

**Brooke Retkowski** is in her second Varsity season and plays Second Base.

"Winning states was an amazing feeling. After falling short last year our number one goal was getting back to that game. We worked so hard every practice and it all paid off. Accomplishing this has created a bond we will remember forever. This was an unforgettable season!"

**Lindsay Meyers**, now attending Salisbury State, played on the team while attending Eastern Tech and also played in the State title game in 2013.

#### ***Art and Spirituality Tour to France, Belgium, and the Netherlands.***

Join Rev. Dr. Art Thomas, professor of spirituality at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute of Theology, for this fascinating trip **August 10-20, 2014.**

Study the influence of Christian spirituality on the creation of masterpieces by artists such as Van Eyck, van der Weyden, Rubens, Rembrandt, Monet, Van Gogh, and others.

For more information, contact Dr. Thomas at [arthurdthomas@verizon.net](mailto:arthurdthomas@verizon.net).

Don't delay! Deposits are due soon.



#### **2014 Congregational Council Members**

Tony Jasinski, President  
 Lee Smith, Vice President  
 Shirley Snyder, Secretary  
 Chris Hills, Treasurer  
 Cindy Weeks, Financial Secretary  
 Sue Addison



Charlie Bender  
 Keith Duerling  
 David R. Evans  
 Lee Kreiger  
 Scott Miller  
 Bonnie Spellman

# July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB	<b>3</b> 10-12 Bible Study SB	<b>4</b> <b>Happy 4th!</b> <i>(Office Closed)</i>	<b>5</b>
<b>6 One Service Sunday</b> 9:30 Patriotic Hymns 10:00 Worship 11:00 Apple Pie Sunday 11:30 Car Wash  <i>(Hold building open for VBS Set-up)</i>	7 10:00 Bible Study SB  Vacation Bible School	<b>8</b>  Vacation Bible School	<b>9</b> 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB  Vacation Bible School  7:00 Stewardship CE	<b>10</b>  Vacation Bible School	<b>11</b>  Vacation Bible School	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8:15 & 10 Worship 11:30 Lunch Bunch	<b>14</b> 10:00 Bible Study SB	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB	<b>17</b> 10-12 Bible Study SB	<b>18</b>  6p Wedding Rehearsal	<b>19</b>  Ermer/Davies Wedding 5:30 (S)
<b>20 Healing Sunday</b> 8:15 & 10 Worship  Mission Trip	<b>21</b> 10:00 Bible Study SB  Mission Trip	<b>22</b>  Mission Trip	<b>23</b> 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 12:00 Wed Lunch Bunch Mission Trip	<b>24</b> 10-12 Bible Study SB  Mission Trip	<b>25</b>  Mission Trip 5-8p Scrapbooking Setup	<b>26</b>  SCRAPBOOKING 11a-8p FH
<b>27</b> 8:15 & 10 Worship	<b>28</b> 10:00 Bible Study SB  7pm Mutual Ministry CE	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB	<b>31</b> 10-12 Bible Study SB		

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CE	Christian Ed. Room	MR	Music Room	SB	Smith Building
CR	Confirmation Room	P	Parlor	TO	Tech Office
FH	Fellowship Hall	PS	Preschool Room	YR	Youth Room
K	Kitchen	S	Sanctuary		

Unless otherwise noted, our Sunday schedule includes Worship at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School, Adult Forum, and Young Families at 9:30 a.m. and Handbell Choir practice at 9:45 a.m.

Please check the church website for the most current calendar.

## Liturgical Assistant and Service Ministry Schedule July 2014

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	CRUCIFIER	ACOLYTE
<b>July 6</b>	10:00 A.M. Service Only	Tony Jasinski	Judy Jasinski Tony Jasinski	Kyle Cappucci	Sarah Scheindlinger
<b>July 13</b>	8:15 A.M.	Keith Duerling	Lisa Duerling Keith Duerling	Mara Wolfe	Brandon Crites
	10:00A.M.	Claire Miller	Claire Miller Alice Teel	Jennifer Holland	Hannah Houston
<b>July 20</b>	8:15 A.M.	Milt Dutcher	Milt Dutcher Karen Merrey	Abbie Coffman	Carly Coffman
	10:00A.M.	Bob Hastings	Bob Hastings Sue Addison	Matthew Scheindlinger	Katie Neal
<b>July 27</b>	8:15 A.M.	Jean Gray	Jean Gray Wilma White	Allie Meyers	John Meyers
	10:00A.M.	Nancy Ford	Nancy Ford Ed Ford	Ethan Sommer	Corinne Brock

### Notes

#### *Lectors and Communion Assistants:*

If you cannot serve on your designated date, contact Sheila Bender, Lector Coordinator, at 410-592-3084. The church office will send out your reading. If you have not received your reading by the Wednesday before you are scheduled, please call/email the church office. The schedule is posted monthly on the bulletin board in the Vestry where you robe.

\*Communion Assistants who did not lector- **You** commune the Pastor and the Assisting Minister at the conclusion of communion.

*Acolytes:* If you are unable to keep your scheduled time, please use the Acolyte List to find a replacement. Contact Rachel Hills at 410-592-3587 with any schedule changes as soon as possible.

## Assisting Ministers Schedule



Donna McDonough is now the Coordinator for Assisting Ministers and will be forwarding “prayers of the church” to the assisting ministers on a regular basis. If you would like to join the team of assisting ministers, please contact Donna.

Early Service (8:15)	Month	Late Service (10:00)
Lee Smith	July	Bob Hastings
Jim Morrow	August	Linda Wiley

## Thanks Be to God!!!

The heated days of summer are upon us, permitting longer days of sunlight to enjoy the weather and many outdoor activities that synonymously tie into summer, such as days by the pool, long weekend trips to Ocean City or the Bay, s'mores creations by the fireside with close friends and family, or watching the night sky come alive with bright and sparkling fireworks.

One of my favorite pleasures of summertime comes in that moment as the sun begins to fade into night. This provides the magical time for fireflies to rise in an almost slow motion from the tall blades of green grass to commence the chasing and capturing of themselves by the neighborhood children.

The little light emitted from the fireflies, while letting the children know exactly where they are in the fading daylight, allows them to communicate with their fellow fireflies below. They are searching for companionship, to know that they are not alone but unified.

"This Little Light of Mine" could be the soundtrack for this moment. The fireflies, just

as we, are letting their light shine to tell others of their journey, their story. It is our duty to go out into the world to tell of God's love and to help others learn this. After all, it is St. John's mission to hear, know, tell, and live the story. Combined with each other, St. John's will be able to light up the night sky with God's love.

Your fellow firefly chaser,  
The Herald

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August by

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** to

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Suggestions and ideas for future editions are welcome!

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