

**NORTH PARISH
October 2012
NEWSLETTER**

**THRU THE HANDS OF GOD -
ONE HAND HELPING ANOTHER
(North Parish's Mission Statement)**



From Father Tim's Desk

As we move into the month of October, we are rapidly approaching the end of Mark's gospel, a gospel that has been a series of one action after another. Immediately Jesus did this and immediately Jesus did that. Jesus is a man in motion, someone who has a clear vision of what he needs to do and how he is going to get there. Do we share that vision? Do we know what we need to do? Do we know how to get there? It has been a question asked for centuries. It is a question asked by a man who knelt before Jesus and said, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus expounds on the ten commandments and the man replies, "Yes Lord, I've kept the law all my life", but Jesus looks him in the eye and says "'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'" When the man heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

How many of us could see ourselves in this man's place and wither and wilt away for we could not possibly entertain giving away everything that we own, or parting with many of the luxuries we enjoy? There is no doubt that some "attitude adjustments" would be required but as St. James reminded us in his epistle last month, we need to be doers of the word, not just those that hear it. We need to walk the talk and live out our faith in service to others and in service to the Lord. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave clothing, I was sick and you cared for me, I was in prison and you visited me. And we may ask, Lord when did we see you hungry and fed you, or thirsty and gave you drink? And when was it we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the Lord will answer us, truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of my family, you did it to me.

The treasure that we accumulate here on earth cannot go with us into eternal life, but the treasure we lay up in heaven, in service to the Lord, in service to others, on behalf of the least of them, that treasure grows and grows and awaits our arrival.

Be doers of the word, then come and follow me. Can you do that?

+ Fr. Tim



**NORTH PARISH'S ANNUAL MEETING
October 28, 2012
PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!**

The annual meeting for North Parish will be held at Christ Church on October 28th. The combined service will be at 11:00 A.M. followed by a potluck dinner and a meeting of all parishioners. The church will be providing ham. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

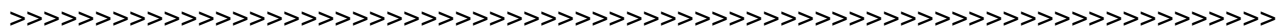
Please plan on attending as we will be taking this opportunity to recognize Father Tim and Father Jim for their dedication to North Parish.

BISHOP'S VISIT

November 18, 2012



The Rt. Rev. John P. Croneberger will visit North Parish on November 18, 2012. A combined service will be held at St. John's, Ashland at 9:00 a.m. A reception will follow the service. Please plan on attending. We currently have 6 students taking Confirmation classes and we ask everyone to come and support them as they are confirmed by Bishop Jack.

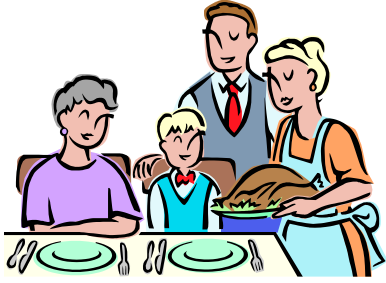


FOOD BANK MINISTRY



During the month of October we will be collecting boxes of cereal for the local food banks. Items donated at St. John's, Ashland will be given to the Ashland food bank, those donated at Christ Church will be given to the Frackville Ministerium food bank, and donations brought to Holy Apostles' will be given to the Pottsville Area food pantry.

Thank you for your generous support with this ministry. If you are in need of food assistance, please call the church office at 874-4532 and we will direct you to a local food pantry.



DON'T BE ALONE ON THANKSGIVING DAY

**You are invited to:
Thanksgiving Day Dinner
November 22, 2012, 1:00 P.M.
Holy Apostles Episcopal Parish Hall
Nicholas & Hancock Streets, St. Clair, PA
Please RSVP by November 15th
Call Bonnie Baker at 429-2272
Church Office at 874-4532**

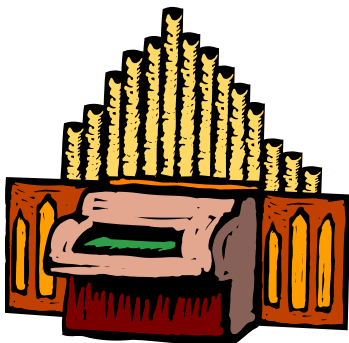
**Eat In – Take Out – Free Delivery available
Delivery beginning 11:00 A.M.**

Volunteers are needed to cook, run deliveries and serve meals. WE WILL NEED A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS ON WEDNESDAY, THE DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING beginning at 9:00 a.m. and into the evening hours as well and also Thanksgiving Day beginning at 6:00 am.

We also need donations of: turkeys, potatoes, green beans, corn, cranberries, bread for filling, celery, onions, milk, eggs, and pumpkin pies. Monetary donations will also be accepted to help with the dinner. If you can donate any of these items or help with preparations, please, contact Bonnie Baker at 429-2272 by November 10th so we can plan accordingly.

We welcome to North Parish, Maureen Challenger, who was hired on September 2nd as the organist at Holy Apostles', St, Clair. We thank her for the gift of music she shares with us.

Joseph Burns resigned his position on August 26th due to his studies at college. We thank Joseph for his time with us and wish him the best at college!



North Parish August 2012 Financial Report

North Parish Receipts

General Account		
	Aug-12	\$ 6,552.05
Transfer in from M&I		\$15,000.00
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$45,309.45
Transfer in from M&I Year to date		\$25,000.00

M&I Account		
	Aug-12	\$ 139.19
Year to date		\$ 5,370.26

Memorial Account		
	Aug-12	\$ 1.88
Year to date		\$ 134.27

Balances

General Account	\$11,696.24
M&I Account	\$ 7,414.36
Memorial Account	\$14,254.83
Total	\$33,365.43

North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
	Aug-12	\$21,008.71
Year to Date Exp.		\$69,474.31

M&I Account		
	Aug-12	\$15,000.00
		\$ 10.00
Year to date		\$25,023.75

Memorial Account		
	Aug-12	\$ 20.00
Year to date		\$ 20.00



Vestry Highlights – September 9, 2012

Minutes of the July meeting were approved. Treasurer's reports for July and August were accepted as printed.

Property

Nick Lane has been in touch with a company to purchase a new motor for the organ at St. John's. The board at St. Michael's will be contacted concerning property line at Holy Apostles.

Stewardship Campaign

2012 Stewardship Reflection Bulletins will be placed in each Sunday's Bulletin. Pledge cards will be included in the November newsletter and returned on November 11th, Consecration Sunday.

2011 Audit

The 2011 audit was approved by vestry

Vestry By-Laws

Several changes were made to by-laws. These changes will be reviewed again at next meeting as required.

Organist

Due to school obligations, Joseph Burns resigned as organist at Holy Apostles. Maureen Challenger is now the organist.

Next Vestry Meeting – October 28, 2012 following the Annual Meeting.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Bob Jones, Jr. Jason Noble, Anne Joyce, Fred Lane, Kimmel family, Edith Hoffman, Holly, Ann C., Lana Dawn Lucas, Shawn Spencer, Gary Boose, Kyle and Karl Schu, Samantha Scholl, Bob Jones, Sr., Roy Amour, Maria Machos, Judee Sorrentino, Pam Sapp, Josh, Mark Rauco, Cheyenne Sheipe, Virginia M. Bushyager, Bonnie Lecher, Gerry Salata, Theresa Price, Jackie Jones-Allison, Colin Vengen, Theresa Robbins, Suzanne Glick Connor, Charlotte Smith, Thelma Morgan, Jim Spieles, Jr., Judy Demyan, June Leshar, Steven Leshar, Russell Leshar, Helen Tanis, Lois Blyler, Michelle Jacobs, Barbara Matern, Verna Bosak, Michael Lane, Ethel Friel, Kristin Lecher, Suzette Pogash, Mary Catherine Glick, Kay Fertig, Bob Matejick, Charles J. Wylam, Mary Faith Goodman

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS SERVING HERE AND ABROAD.

PRAYER LIST POLICY: To request a person to be placed on the prayer list, please call the church office (874-4532) with the person's full name; also the person who is making the request must leave their name and phone number. There will be no time limit to how long a person can stay on the prayer list, however, please call the office when your prayer request has been met so the list will stay updated. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: You may have noticed that during Sunday services our priests have designated a spot in the service for birthday and anniversary blessings. If you would like a birthday or anniversary blessing, please let our priests know during the announcements that it is your special day.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--|--|
| 4 . Angela Bowers | 19 . Linda Gerlott |
| 7 . Shannon Correll
Jeffery Hoffman | 20 . Jacqueline Demcher |
| 9 . Michelle Jacobs | 26 . Ethan Correll
Elaine Scheuren |
| 11 . Claudia Rae Moyer | 27 . Barbara Matern |
| 14 . Zachary Artz | 28 . John Menuchak, Jr.
William Umbenhaur |
| 15 . William Neary | 29 . Heidi Ann Higgins |
| 17 . Betty Haverty
Carol Jones | 31 . Robert Jones, Jr. |



If you would like your name added to the birthday list or if your birthday is listed incorrectly please call the church office at 874-4532.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The Fall UTO offering will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2012. Envelopes will be provided in the church bulletin that day. This is a special opportunity for Episcopalians to deepen their faith in God through prayer and thankful giving. Thank you for your generosity. The Spring UTO offering was \$58.00.

The UTO committee has a new vision statement: *We will significantly impact the lives of women and children because of Christ's love.*

UTO supports projects that:

- Address poverty of women and children
- Are significant in nature; addressing compelling human need
- Demonstrate new and innovative work
- Are part of a planned diocesan mission strategy

Thank you for your continued support!



2013 EPISCOPAL

The 2013 church calendars have arrived. Please call the church office at 874-4532 to order your calendar. Calendar donations are \$3.00 each.

NEWS FROM MARION C.PRICE TRUST FUND

That period that is affectionately referred to as “Medicare Open Enrollment” is soon upon us.

Whether you have original Medicare, a Medicare Advantage Plan or a Part D prescription plan you have the opportunity each year to make any changes you want. October 15th to December 7th is a brief period when you can and should review the new Medicare plan options with your current coverage.

The drug formularies, monthly premiums, co-pays and deductibles can change each year.

Comparing plans during the open enrollment period is the best way to ensure that you don't miss out on possible savings. To be sure you are getting the best coverage at a price you can afford call Kathy Burda at 621-3220 to help you review the plan options.



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to all those who helped with Pioneer Day on August 15th. A special thank you to those who donated their time, supplies and gave monetary donations. Thank you to those who also prepared and sold the food. All proceeds benefited St. John's ECW.

Thank you to Bob Jones for donating his beautiful crafts for the Peach Festival and Pioneer Days. We received \$142.00 from the sale of his crafts.

Dear Members of North Parish,

On behalf of the Episcopal Churchwomen of the Diocese of Bethlehem, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$50.00 to the Book of Remembrance Fund.

The memorial offerings received are distributed as 10% to Trust Fund #505 on deposit with the Treasurer of the Executive Council. The income from this Trust Fund is given to the United Thank Offering twice a year. The remaining funds received are distributed to the Diocesan scholarship Fund, which is used to help carry out mission and ministry through educational programs and conferences.

Sincerely,
Edith B. Otway, Chair
Book of Remembrance

The following names were included in the Book of Remembrance:

- Betty Palmer Price
- James W. Johns
- Frank A. Frantz
- Carol A. Dresch
- Carla Jean Auman
- David A. Padfield
- Bertha Price

North Parish Friends,

Thank you for a beautiful memory as part of my visit back to Ashland after having moved to Florida in 2010. When I visited St. John's in May it was like I never left. I was wrapped in friendship and love from the church. I was "home". I now attend the Episcopal church in Brooksville, Florida, ironically, also named St. John's

Linda Gerlott

NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

OCTOBER 2012

October 7	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. James C. Smith
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. James C. Smith
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright

October 14	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Morning Prayer	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	Barry Idell

October 21	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	Donald Clamser, Sr.
	Morning Prayer	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	Robert Tiley
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith

October 28	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	(Combined Service of North Parish, followed by the Annual Meeting)			

	Notes:	Color:
October 7	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 14	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 21	The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 28	The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Green

