

**NORTH PARISH
October 2013
NEWSLETTER**

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



From Fr. Tim's Desk

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character....."

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King (Washington DC, 1963)

I remember standing in front of our television set as a young boy in the 1960's watching black men, women, and children being bombarded with water cannons; people in white hoods burning crosses; nooses hanging from trees; signs for "whites" and "coloreds" telling people where they could eat and even sit down on a bus. I remember seeing hundreds of thousands of people on the National Mall in Washington DC listen to a man who kept saying "I have a dream . . ." over and over again. I remember a Pete Seeger song playing on the radio called "Keep Your Eyes On The Prize." I remember asking mom and dad what was going on . . . and what prize are they talking about? Timmy . . . that's just the way it is. The prize of course, is freedom. Free to be part of the whole rather than being on the fringe or separate. And what methods or means did those people use to move towards their goal? No weapons. No violence. Just words and actions, joining hands in human chains, sit ins, marches, just loving one another, passive and peaceful things that tended to shame those in authority or those doing the persecuting; all of them getting direction from a man of God named Martin Luther King, who encouraged them with the same methods used by our Lord Jesus Christ 2000 years ago. Love one another. Do as I say. Do as I do. Endure. Keep your eyes on the prize.

St. Luke's gospel for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost relates the story of Jesus encountering ten lepers on his way to Jerusalem. In ancient times being a leper was one of the worst maladies anyone could endure. Decaying skin and open sores made them unfit to worship God and lepers were always on the fringes of society unable to participate in it. If you were a leper, the only thing that you wanted was to be "clean" again, so that you could once again join with your brothers and sisters, to become part of the whole, to be an outcast no longer. No doubt, these lepers endured their suffering and pain for quite some time, and when they saw Jesus approaching, they recognized him as the means to their end. Their eyes were set on the prize. Jesus tells them what to do. "Go and show yourselves to the priests" and as they went they were made clean. Do as I say and be made clean. But only one of them, a Samaritan, was grateful enough to thank Jesus. The nine others were nowhere to be found. You see, Jesus heals not only those that are faithful and looking for him, but he also heals those who do not seek him, those who may be ungrateful, those that just want a free gift; God's grace is available to all even if they don't seek it, even if they don't deserve it. For us that claim the faith of Jesus, he calls us all to do the same. Reach out in love to those that seek the Lord and they will be grateful. Likewise, reach out in love to those who will just walk away, happy that they received a free gift. Sometimes it doesn't seem fair. But the Lord Jesus Christ calls us all to endure. Do as I say. Do as I do. Keep your eyes on the prize.

Fr. Tim+



OCTOBER MEMORIALS



WINE & WAFERS: In loving memory of Alfred and Dolly Roberts by Bob and Kay Ann Kalbach.
In loving memory of Kenneth Heffner by Roy Amour.

BULLETINS: In loving memory of Harry Strobel by Roy Amour.

SANCTUARY CANDLES: In loving memory of the Smith family by Charlotte Smith.
In loving memory of Betty Noble by Steve, Bonnie, Jaime and Ben Hynoski.
In loving memory of Timothy Strunk by the Ulceski and Strunk families.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles for the November Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than October 9th. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, October 23rd at 1:30 p.m. at Christ Church, Frackville to help fold the newsletter.



NORTH PARISH'S ANNUAL MEETING October 20, 2013

The annual meeting for North Parish will be held at Christ Church, Frackville on October 20th. The combined service will be at 11:00 a.m. followed by a potluck dinner and a meeting of all parishioners. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. The main entrée and beverages will be provided by the church.

Please use the sign-up sheets available at each church if you plan on attending the luncheon. Please sign up by October 13th. You can also call the church office at (570) 874-4532 or email at northparish@ptd.net. All members of North Parish are encouraged to attend!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mabel, Brittany Evans, Rich Wertz, Spencer Dougherty, Vinnie Tate, Kyle M., Jenn, Alice Sapp, Arlene Davis, Eddie Ulceski, Mckenzie Rose, Rafael Ramos, Henry Koller, Shirley Moyer, Diane Dangolovich, Kay Collier, Kevin Rhein, Stephen Rasimowicz, Jr., Bob C., John Hauk, Todd Leshar, Eleanor Mihal, Darlene Frye, Pastor James Bowers, Floyd Kimmel, Darryl Corewell, Matthew Miggins, Edith Hoffman, Gary Boose, Bob Jones, Sr., Maria Machos, Pam Sapp, Josh, Mark Rauco, Cheyenne Sheipe, Virginia M. Bushyager, Theresa Price, Jackie Jones-Allison, Theresa Robbins, Suzanne Glick Connor, Charlotte Smith, Thelma Morgan, Jim Spieles, Jr., Judy Demyan, June Leshar, Steven Leshar, Russell Leshar, Kristin Lecher, Suzette Pogash, Mary Catherine Glick, Kay Fertig, Charles J. Wylam, Mary Faith Goodman, Mary Price

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 (570-874-4532) 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.



BAPTISM: We welcomed into the Episcopal Church through Holy Baptism on August 25, 2013, at St. John's, Spencer Jay Dougherty, son of Holly Jazwinski and Matthew Dougherty. May God bless Spencer and his family now and forever.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



4 – Angela Bowers
5 – Fr. Timothy Albright
7 – Shannon Correll
 Jeffery Hoffman
9 – Michelle Jacobs
11 – Claudia Rae Larsen
14 – Zachary Artz

15 – William Neary
17 – Betty Haverty
 Carol Jones
19 – Linda Gerlott
20 – Jacqueline Demcher
26 – Ethan Correll
 Elaine Scheuren

27 – Barbara Matern
28 – John Menuchak, Jr.
 William Umbenhaur
29 – Heidi Ann Higgins
31 – Robert Jones, Jr.

AUGUST 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account		
	Aug-13	\$3,388.00
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$ 45,101.11
Transfer in from M&I		\$ -
Transfer in from M&I Year to Date		\$ 5,000.00

M&I Account		
	Aug-13	\$ 121.85
Year to date		\$ 13,679.90

Memorial Account		
	Aug-13	\$ 1.30
Year to date		\$ 9.56

Balances

General Account	\$ 6,353.82
M&I Account	\$ 20,511.69
Total Funds available	\$ 26,865.51

Memorial Account	\$ 14,371.48
Temp. Restricted Fund	

North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
	Aug-13	\$ 4,360.52
Year to Date Exp.		\$ 54,051.14

M&I Account		
	Aug-13	\$ 9.00
Year to date		\$ 5,078.08

Memorial Account		
	Aug-13	\$ -
Year to date		\$ -



Please call the church office if:

- your address changes
- if a loved one has been admitted to the hospital
- if you have a prayer concern
- if there is any way we can assist you

Church Office Phone: (570) 874-4532

Church Office Address: North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931

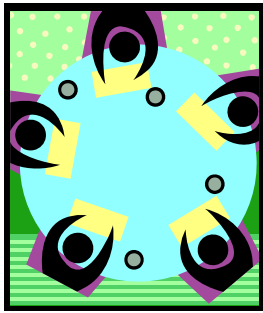
Church Office Email Address: nparish@ptd.net

Church Office Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1:00-5:15pm; Fridays: 1:00-4:30pm

Website: www.northparish.com

Clergy – The Reverend Timothy Albright
The Reverend James C. Smith

Senior Warden – Mary Umlauf – (570) 875-3559



Vestry Highlights – August 18, 2013

The minutes of the July 21, 2013 meeting were approved and the Treasurer's report for July, 2013 was accepted as printed.

At the suggestion of the bank, the Vestry voted to terminate a trust. This matter will be handled by the bank and attorney.

Claudia Larsen, Mary Emma Dean and Jane Shaqfeh will attend the Disaster Preparedness training on Oct. 26th

Vestry members whose terms are expiring need to contact the office before the Annual Meeting.

A mum sale is planned for September.

Next Vestry Meeting will be held September 22nd at Christ Church.



FOOD BANK MINISTRY



During the month of October we will be collecting macaroni and cheese for the local food banks. Thank you to everyone who donated canned vegetables in September. If you are in need of food assistance, please call the church office at 570-874-4532 and we will direct you to a local food pantry.



2014 EPISCOPAL CALENDAR

The 2014 church calendars have arrived. Please call the church office at (570) 874-4532 to order your calendar. Calendar donations are \$3.00 each.



Flourish in Faith

Over the next several weeks we will explore God's vision for North Parish and invite members to prayerfully determine God's will for the gifts and resources with which they have been blessed. These are the seeds we will plant for our journey:

- Beginning on October 6 through November 10, bulletin inserts written by Episcopal stewardship leaders across the country will provide reflections on stewardship and faithful giving.
- **Dan Charney, Stewardship Missioner of the Diocese of Bethlehem will be our guest speaker at the 11:00 a.m. Combined Service of North Parish on October 6th at Holy Apostles' Church, St. Clair.** *All members of North Parish are asked to be in attendance. A luncheon will be served following the service. Please use the sign- up sheet available at each church by **September 29th** if you plan on attending.*
- Holy Apostles' Sunday school will include an offering dedicated to Heifer International to purchase an animal for a family in need. (www.heifer.org/)
- On November 10th we will celebrate Commitment Sunday, the culmination of the journey, when pledges will be completed and offered as an act of worship. Cards will be available in the November newsletter and the bulletins on November 10th.

Thank you for your continued financial support and your gifts of time and talents to North Parish!



FALL 2013 UTO Offering

The Fall UTO offering will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2013. 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 \$127.00.

The United Thank Offering Prayer

GRACIOUS GOD, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Dear Parishioners of North Parish,

As my term as Senior Warden comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support during the past four years. I especially want to express my sincere appreciation to our hard working and dedicated clergy, vestry, church secretary and everyone who gives of their time and talents to North Parish.

We have been through some difficult times but we have also witnessed many blessed and joyful occasions. We have worked together to help North Parish continue to serve our members and to reach out to the people of our communities.

It is now time for new leadership and new ideas. I plan to remain on the vestry and assist with the transition. I would like to ask that you say a prayer for our new Senior Warden, Barry Idell and the vestry as we continue to serve North Parish. With God's help may North Parish continue to be a symbol of God's love and caring for all.

God's Blessing
Mary Umlauf
Senior Warden



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to everyone who helped with Pioneer Days. Pioneer Days brought in a profit of \$320.00 which was designated for St. John's ECW. The Peach Festival profit will be available in next week's bulletin.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Peach Festival. We brought in a profit of \$952.06 which was designated for North Parish's General Operating Expenses.

We also like to thank everyone who supported the Fall Flower Sale. We had a profit of \$518.00 for our General Operating Expenses.



DON'T BE ALONE THIS THANKSGIVING



**You are invited to a:
Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner
November 28, 2013, 1:00 P.M.**

**Holy Apostles' Episcopal Parish Hall
Nichols & Hancock Streets, St. Clair, PA**

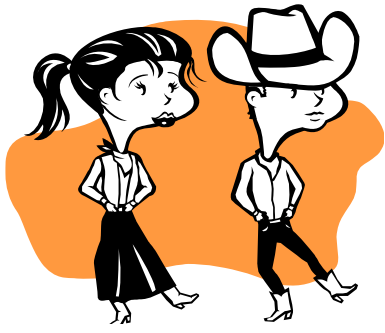


**Please RSVP by November 21st
Call Bonnie Baker at (570) 429-2272
Church Office at (570) 874-4532**

**Eat In – Take Out – Delivery available
Delivery beginning 11:00 A.M.
Take Outs – 12noon
Eat –In – 1:00 p.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. Please make checks out to: Good Shepherd's Guild. If you can donate any of these items or help with preparations, please, contact Bonnie Baker at (570) 429-2272 by November 15th so we can plan accordingly.



COUNTRY LINE DANCING

Saturday, October 12, 2013

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Holy Apostles', St. Clair

Featuring DJ – Shirley Morris

Tickets are \$5.00

and will be available at the door.

Light refreshments will be
available for purchase.

All members (young and old) of North Parish are asked to support this event. DJ Shirley Morris will help teach the country line dance moves. This fundraiser will help with North Parish's general operating expenses.



HAUNTED HOUSE

Saturday, October 26, 2013

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Holy Apostles', St. Clair

Hosted by the
Sunday school.

Admission is a donation of a personal care item or non-perishable item for our soldiers for Operation We Care.

Suggested items: AA batteries, beef jerky, chapstick, chewing gum, combs, cookies, crackers, cups and noodles, dental floss, deodorant, foot powder, greeting cards, hand warmers, hair conditioner, hand sanitizer, lotion, mouthwash, shampoo, soap, tissues, toothpaste, wet wipes, baby wipes, body wash, cotton swabs, maxi pads, mini pads, nail clippers, nail files, nail polish, pens, playing cards, powder, puzzle books, razors, rice krispie treats, shaving gel, socks, tablets/calendars, toothbrushes, hot chocolate, wool caps

NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

October 2013

October 6 Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Holy Apostles The Rev. Timothy Albright
Guest Speaker – Dan Charney
Combined Service of North Parish

October 13 Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. St. John's Robert Tiley
Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. Christ Church Donald Clamser, Sr.
Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Holy Apostles The Rev. James C. Smith

October 20 Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Christ Church The Rev. Timothy Albright
Annual Meeting
Combined Service of North Parish

October 27 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

Notes:

Color:

October 6	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 13	The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 20	The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 27	The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	Green