

# NORTH PARISH OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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



On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will kick off our annual giving campaign: "God the Giver"

Over six weeks, we will explore together, how acknowledging God's generosity to us can unleash greater generosity in ourselves. Archbishop Desmond Tutu in his book, "In God's Hands" says, "This is a God who intervenes on our behalf, not because we deserve it, but because God's love is freely given. It is grace. It is not earned; it cannot be earned. It does not need to be earned." God is the Giver; the ultimate lover of all God has created.

Your generosity, in response to all God has given you, generates mission and changes lives.

Here is our road map for the next six weeks of our *God the Giver* Campaign:

- Beginning on Sunday, October 4 and continuing through Sunday, November 8, you will find reflections written by Episcopal stewardship leaders across the country, covering stewardship and faithful giving in connection with the Gospel reading of the day in your worship bulletin.
- Pray over what your pledge will be over the next six weeks. There will be a pledge card available in the November Newsletter. Bring your pledge card to worship on Sunday, November 8th.
- On November 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday, the culmination of our exploration, when pledges will be completed and offered as an act of worship and in response to all that God has provided.

We pray that your giving will come from a deep abiding sense of gratitude for the gift of this community and the gift we have in Jesus, the one who does not leave our side. Giving generously gives us strength and hope for the journey ahead.

*Thank you for your continued financial support to North Parish!*



# OCTOBER MEMORIALS



**WINE & WAFERS:** In loving memory of Alfred and Dolly Roberts by Bob and Kay Ann Kalbach.  
In loving memory of Roland and Helen Price by  
Mary Price-Makely and Roland Price.

**SANCTUARY Candles:** In loving memory of Irene and Stephen J. Rasimowicz Sr. and  
Stephen Rasimowicz, Jr., by Janis and Barry Idell.  
In loving memory of Timothy Strunk by the Ulceski and Strunk families.  
In loving memory of Betty Noble by Steve, Bonnie, Jaime and Ben Hynoski.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles for the November Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than October 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Apostles, St. Clair to help fold the newsletter.

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### Please call the church office if:

- your address or phone number 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: 570-429-7107

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

Church Office Email Address: [nparish@ptd.net](mailto:nparish@ptd.net)

Church Office Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1:30-5:15 p.m.

Fridays: 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Clergy – The Reverend James C. Smith

Acting Senior Warden – Robert Tiley: 570-640-7458

Website: [www.northparish.com](http://www.northparish.com)

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Northparishepiscopalchurch>

**Please note:** No items shall be removed from Christ Church worship areas and the undercroft without the permission of the Vestry.



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Alice, Matthew, Deb Andrews, Pat Brophy, Virginia M. Bushyager, Suzanne Glick Connor, Ellie Dando, Spencer Dougherty, Louanne Drumheiser, Mary Engelbrecht, Kay Fertig, Sherese Gavenport, David Gerlott, Mary Faith Goodman, Mary Catherine Glick, Howard Hauk, John Hauk, Anna Hesse, Florence Hollick, Jess Hynoski, Joanne, Daniel Jenkins Sr., Jackie Jones-Allison, Kay, Tamme Kehres, Paulette Kelley, Kristin Lecher, June, Steven & Russell Leshner, Mabel, Walter Machos, Donna McGinley, William Moore, Thelma Morgan, Shirley Moyer, Amanda Mozdy, Jason Noble, Anthony Novitksy, Stacey Orth, Suzette Pogash, Ruby Powanda, Theresa Price, Rafael Ramos, Linda Regal, Kevin Rhein, Theresa Robbins, Mckenzie Rose, Gerry Salata, Marg Scheuren, Connie Schrader, Kyle & Karl Schu, Martha Semar, Brittany Shoffler, Charlotte Smith, Lois Smith, Jim Spieles Jr., Mary Umlauf, Don Watters, Charles J. Wylam

**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 (570-429-7107) 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 priest has designated a spot in the service for birthday and anniversary blessings. If you would like a birthday or anniversary blessing, please let our priest know

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**



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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4 – Angela Bowers         | 19 – Linda Gerlott      |
| 5 – Rev. Timothy Albright | 20 – Jacqueline Demcher |
| 7 – Shannon Correll       | 26 – Ethan Correll      |
| Jeffery Hoffman           | Elaine Scheuren         |
| 9 – Michelle Jacobs       | 28 – John Menuchak, Jr. |
| 11 – Claudia Rae Larsen   | William Umbenhaur       |
| 15 – William Neary        | 29 – Heidi Ann Higgins  |
| 17 – Betty Haverty        | 31 – Robert Jones, Jr.  |
| Carol Jones               |                         |
| McKenzie Kline            |                         |

**If you would like your name added to the birthday list or if your birthday is listed incorrectly please call the church office at 570-429-7107.**



*P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931  
570-429-7107*

Dear Members of North Parish,

As your Senior Warden, I felt the necessity to personally address each of you. The last two years as your Senior Warden have been both rewarding and challenging. I have had the pleasure of knowing a wonderful group of fellow Christians.

Due to health reasons, effective, Friday September 11th, I will be stepping down from the Senior Warden position and from the Vestry. I sincerely wish all the best to each of you and pray for North Parish as you move forward into the future.

May God bless you and your families!

*Barry Idell*

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## **Vestry Highlights – August 16, 2015**

- 2014 Professional Audit was approved by the vestry. Any member of North Parish who would like a copy of the audit should call the church office.
- There will be a brunch after the Annual Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> at St. John's.
- Next vestry meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. at Holy Apostles.



## **NORTH PARISH'S ANNUAL MEETING October 18, 2015**

The annual meeting of North Parish will be held at St. John's, Ashland on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The combined worship service will be at 9:00 a.m. followed by the meeting of all parishioners and a brunch. All members of North Parish are asked to be in attendance.

# AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

## North Parish Receipts

General Account		
	August 15	\$ 4,377.65
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$ 34,664.72
Transfer in from M&I		\$ -
Transfer M&I Year to Date		\$ 36,440.00

M&I Account		
	August 15	\$ 116.47
Year to date		\$ 27,224.55

Memorial Account		
	August 15	\$ 121.60
Year to date		\$ 952.25

### Balances

General Account	\$ 4,541.80
M&I Account	\$ 55,064.67
Memorial Fund (Temp. Restricted )	\$ 18,879.63

## North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
	August 15	\$ 5,483.32
Year to Date Exp.		\$ 73,106.63

M&I Account		
	August 15	\$ -
Year to date		\$ 36,440.00

Memorial Account		
	August 15	\$ -
Year to date		\$ -



**BAPTISM:** We welcomed into the Episcopal Church on September 20, 2015, through Holy Baptism at St. John's, Harley Monroe Hynoski, daughter of Benjamin and Jessica Hynoski. May God bless Harley and her family now and forever.

## FOOD BANK MINISTRY



During the month of October we are collecting all boxed food items. Please look at the expiration dates on all donated foods. Thank you to everyone who donated products in September. If you are in need of food assistance, please call the church office at 570-429-7107 and we will direct you to a local food pantry.



## FALL 2015 UTO Offering

The Fall UTO offering will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2015. 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 \$56.00.

### *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 challenges 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

## **NEWS FROM MARION C.PRICE TRUST FUND**

**Flu Vaccine** – Will be available very soon. It is the best protection against the flu this season.

Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctor visits and missed work and school, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations and deaths. It is especially important to get the vaccine if you, or someone you live with, or someone you care for is at high risk for complications of the flu.

A flu vaccine is needed every season for two reasons. First, the body's immune system response from the vaccination declines over time, so an annual vaccine is needed for optimal protection. Second, because flu vaccines are constantly changing, the formulation of the flu vaccine is reviewed each year and sometimes updated to keep up with changing viruses. For the best protection, everyone 6 months and older should get vaccinated annually.

It takes about two weeks after the vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against influenza infection. In the meantime, you are still at risk for getting the flu. That's why it's better to get vaccinated early in the fall, so you are protected before the flu begins spreading in your community. However, as long as the flu virus is circulating, vaccination should continue throughout the flu season. Flu season usually peaks between December and February, but activity can last as late as May, so it is never too late to get the vaccine.

Talk to your health care provider about the vaccine if you have: a severe allergy to chicken eggs or any other ingredients in the vaccine, a history of severe reaction to a flu vaccination, a moderate-to-severe illness with a fever or have a history of Guillian-Barre Syndrome.



**Senior Adventures** – Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> we are traveling to Eagle Rock Resort in Hazleton. Come and join us for a leisurely ride and view our beautiful fall foliage.

**Motor Vehicle Registration** – Under this program, certain retired individuals can register their car or truck for an annual \$10 fee, instead of the usual \$36 or \$54. You are eligible if you are retired on a fixed income that does not exceed \$19,200. You can get the necessary forms from local notaries public, the Office of Senior Services or local Department of Motor Vehicles.

**Charitable Giving** – Legitimate charities need your help. Before giving, however, you should make sure that a charity deserves your contribution by following these tips for informed giving.

- Know your charity. Do not be tricked by an impressive-sounding name or one that is similar to a well-known charity.
- Know how your money will be spent. Find out how much of your donation actually goes to helping people and program services, as opposed to fund-raising and administrative expenses. You may obtain this information by calling Pennsylvania's Bureau of Charitable Organizations, toll-free at 1-800-732-0999.
- Know your charity's goals.
- Telephone solicitors. Because telephone solicitations are typically conducted by paid professional fund-raisers on behalf of the charity, ask the caller if he/she is paid or a volunteer and how much the charity receives of each dollar donated. Never give your credit card information over the phone.
- Door-to-door solicitations. ***Demand Identification!*** Do not feel pressured by the person at the door. The best practice is to mail your donation directly to the charity.
- Do not be pressured into giving. Take time to think about your donation. High-pressure tactics and sob stories often are the signs of unscrupulous operators.
- Unordered merchandise. You have no obligation to pay for greeting cards, tickets, advertising, merchandise or any other item you never asked for, nor are you obligated to return them.
- Method of payment. If you decide to contribute, pay by check. Make check payable out to the charity, not to a company or the individual collecting the donations and send it directly to the charity. Never pay cash or use your credit card number in response to a request by a stranger.

**Energy Assistance** – If you own or rent a residence and meet income requirements, you may be able to get help paying winter heating bills through the **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**.

LIHEAP is operated by the PA Department of Public Welfare but no lien is placed on your home and you are not required to pay the assistance back.

You do not need to be on public assistance or have any unpaid heating bills to qualify.

Income limits and funding availability are determined annually.

For more information call Kathy Burda at 570-621-3220.

# NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

## OCTOBER 2015

October 4	Holy Eucharist Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith Donald Clamser, Sr.
October 11	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Robert Tiley The Rev. James C. Smith
October 18	Holy Eucharist Combined Service of North Parish followed by the annual meeting.	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. James C. Smith
October 25	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Robert Tiley The Rev. James C. Smith

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	Notes:	Color:
October 4	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 11	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 18	The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 25	The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Green