

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



WHO PACKED YOUR PARACHUTE TODAY

Charles Plumb, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, was a jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!" "How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb. "I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat, a bib in the back, and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning,' 'how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor." Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory -- he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety. Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachute.

- Author Unknown -

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> There will be Holy Eucharist Services on January 8th at St. John's and Holy Apostles. Please disregard the January 8th printed schedule in the newsletter of Morning Prayer at Holy Apostles; it has been changed to Holy Eucharist with Fr. Jim Smith as our celebrant.



JANUARY MEMORIALS



WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Earl Hess by Carol Jones.

BULLETINS: In memory of Roy Amour by Carol Jones.

SANCTUARY CANDLES: In memory of Cole Joshua Lauver by the Hynoski Family.

IT IS NOW TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMORIALS FOR 2017.

If you are interested in memorials please contact the church office by phone (570-429-7107) or by sending a note to the church secretary: Shannon Mozdy, North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931 OR you can also give your memorials to your church treasurer: Holy Apostles – Marsha Dudash, St. John's – Elaine Ulceski The donations for monthly memorials are as follows: Sanctuary Candles - \$5.00 Bulletins - \$10.00; Wine and Wafers - \$10.00, Newsletters - \$10.00 The following memorials are available: February: Wine & Wafers and Newsletter; March: Newsletter April: Wine & Wafers, Sanctuary Candle; Newsletter

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles for the February Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, <u>Shannon</u> no later than Wednesday, January 11th. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, January 25th at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Apostles, St. Clair to help fold the newsletter.

2017 EPISCOPAL KALENDARS



The 2017 church calendars have arrived Pease call the church office at (570) 429-7107 if you would like to purchase one. Calendar donations are \$3.00 each.



FOOD BANK MINISTRY

During the month of January we are collecting any kind of canned or dry soups and crackers! Thank you to everyone who donated products in December. 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who once again made our Thanksgiving Dinner a success. We had enough donations to cover the cost of the dinner plus \$66.80 which was donated to the Marion Price Trust Fund to help with the shipping costs for packages for our military. We served approximately 300 dinners which included 152 deliveries. Again thank you for your generosity!!!!!!



Susan Glick Connor Bob Davis Spencer Dougherty Daniel J. Eisenhauer Holly Frantz Mary Catherine Glick Mary Faith Goodman Bob Goulet Richard Griffin James Hood Jessica Hynoski Sue (Kaufman) Jiannino Dolores K. McKenzie Kline Nick Lane Landry Stephen Lauver Michael Lesher Russell Lesher Steven Lesher Todd Lesher Gretchen Moore Thelma Morgan Ruby Powanda Mary Price Charlotte Smith Albert Snyder, Jr. James Spieles, Jr. Lee Umlauf Judith Wright

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS SERVING HERE AND ABROAD.

PRAYER LIST POLICY:

We will begin a new prayer list beginning January 1, 2017. If you would like your name to remain on the prayer list please notify the office.

We ask that you call the church office at 570-429-7107 or email us at <u>nparish@ptd.net</u>. Please leave your name, phone number and the name of the person for the prayer list.

You can also mail the form below to the church office at: North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931

Name on the prayer list:_____

Person making the request:_____

Please note: The prayer list will be updated at the end of June also.



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 Church Office Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1:30-5:15 p.m. Fridays: 1:30-4:30 p.m. Senior Warden – Bonnie Baker – 570-429-2272 Website: www.northparish.com Like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Northparishepiscopalchurch

NOVEMBER 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts		North Parish Disbursements		
General Account		General Account		
November -16	\$ 3,494.60	November -16 \$ 5,393.73		
Year to Date Gen. Receipts	\$ 42,382.18	Year to Date Exp. \$109,081.99		
Transfer in from M&I (Current)	\$ -			
Transfer M&I Year to Date	\$ 49,876.00			
Transfer in from Mem. Acct. (Current)	\$ -			
Transfer Mem Acct. Year to Date	\$ 8,105.00			
M&I Account		M&I Account		
November -16	\$ 5,093.32	November -16 \$ -		
Year to date	\$ 32,034.39	Year to date \$ 49,992.92		
Memorial Account		Memorial Account		
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November - 16	\$.89	November -16 \$ -		
Year to date	\$ 14.17	Year to date \$ 8,105.00		
Balances				
General Account	\$ 3,798.51			
M&I Account	\$ 42,677.71			
Memorial Fund	\$ 10,795.11			
Temp. Restricted Fund				

VESTRY MEETING: Sunday, January 15th, 4:00 p.m. at Holy Apostles, St. Clair.

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jude Salata
- 4 Karl Schu Jessica Hynoski
- 7 William Noble
- 9 Bruce Goodman
- 11 Heike Elizabeth Goodman Shelley Price Boyd Shaqfeh Ava Correll
- 12 Warren Lane Kelsey Shanoskie Marina Shanoskie Donald Clamser, Sr.
- 13 Cade Bleashka

- 13 Verna Bosak Marsha Dudash
- 15 Cora Lynn Ortiz
- 17 John Dresch Harley Hynoski
- 19 Tracie Miller
- 21 Steven Lesher Elaine Ulceski
- 22 Robert J. Higgins Lexie Scanlan
- 23 Meghan McGlone
- 25 Logan Lombel
- 29 Kenneth Brennan Jr.

If your birthday is listed incorrectly or it is not included on the birthday list, please notify the church office. Thank you.



FRIENDS AND FAMILY CPR

Improve the chance of saving a life

Thankfully, we don't face health emergencies every day but we can all benefit from basic CPR

& AED (Automated External Defibrillator) instruction

> Saturday January 21, 2017 10 AM Trinity Episcopal Church, Pottsville Cost is \$10

Please call Kathy Burda at 570-621-3220 for more information or to register.

FREE RESIDENTIAL CHAIR LIFT FOR STAIRS



If you are interested in a free chair lift or know of someone who can use it, please call Bob Tiley at 570-640-7458.

NEWS FROM MARION C. PRICE TRUST FUND

CPR – Thankfully we don't have to face health emergencies every day. But on that rare occasion when it is needed basic CPR and AED (Automated Defibrillator) Instruction could help save a life. Join us at Trinity on Saturday, January 21st, 2017 at 10 AM. Cost is \$10. Please call Kathy Burda at 570-621-3220 for more information.

Operation We Care - Thank you members of North Parish for your generous donations to help make some of our local servicemen and women stationed away from home for this holiday season a little brighter.

Glaucoma – Glaucoma is a group of diseases that damage the eye's optic nerve and can result in vision loss and blindness. However, with early detection and treatment, you can often protect your eyes against serious vision loss.

The optic nerve is a bundle of more than 1 million nerve fibers. It connects the retina to the brain. The retina is the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. A healthy optic nerve is necessary for good vision.

In the front of the eye is a space called the anterior chamber. A clear fluid flows continuously in and out of the chamber and nourishes nearby tissues. The fluid leaves the chamber at the open angle where the cornea and iris meet. When the fluid reaches the angle, it flows through a spongy meshwork, like a drain and leaves the eye.

In open-angle glaucoma, even though the drainage is open, the fluid presses too slowly through the meshwork drain. Since the fluid builds up, the pressure inside the eye rises to a level that may damage the optic nerve. When the optic nerve is damaged from increased pressure, open-angle glaucoma and vision loss-may result. That is why controlling pressure inside the eye is so important.

Anyone can develop glaucoma. Some people are at higher risk than others:

- African Americans over age 40
- Everyone over the age of 60, especially Mexican Americans
- People with a family history of glaucoma

A comprehensive dilated eye exam can reveal more risk factors, such as high eye pressure, thinness of the cornea and abnormal optic nerve anatomy.

At first, open-angle glaucoma has no symptoms. It causes no pain. Vision stays normal. Glaucoma can develop in one or both eyes.

Without treatment, people with glaucoma will slowly lose their peripheral vision. As it remains untreated, people may miss objects to the side and out of the corner of their

eye. They seem to be looking through a tunnel. Over time, central vision may decrease until no vision remains.

Unfortunately, there is no cure for glaucoma; once vision is lost from the disease it cannot be restored. That's why early diagnosis is very important.

Glaucoma treatments include medicines, laser surgery, conventional surgery or a combination of any of these.

Medicines in the form of eye drops or pills are the most common early treatment for glaucoma. Taken regularly, these eye drops lower eye pressure. Some medicines cause the eye to make less fluid, others lower pressure by helping fluid drain from the eye.

Before and during glaucoma treatment, tell your eye care professional about other medicines and supplements that you are taking. Sometimes the drops can interfere with the way other medicines work.

Glaucoma medicines must be taken regularly as directed. There are many medicines available to treat glaucoma and if you have problems with one medicine, a different dose or new medicine may be prescribed by your eye care professional.

Laser surgery helps fluid drain out of the eye. It can be performed in your doctor's office or eye clinic. Studies show that laser surgery can be very good at reducing the pressure in some patients. However, its effects can wear off over time. Your doctor may suggest further treatment.

Conventional surgery makes a new opening for the fluid to leave the eye. It is often done after medicines and laser surgery has failed to control the pressure.

If eye drops have been prescribed for treating your glaucoma, you need to use them properly, as instructed by your eye care professional. Proper use of your glaucoma medication can improve the medicine's effectiveness and reduce your risk of side effects.

To properly apply your eye drops, follow these steps:

- Wash your hands
- Hold the bottle upside down
- Tilt your head back
- Hold the bottle in one hand and place it as close as possible to the eye
- With the other hand, pull down your lower eyelid. This forms a pocket
- Place the prescribed number or drops into the lower eyelid pocket
- Close your eye or press the lower lid lightly with your finger for at least 1 minute

NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES JANUARY 2017

January	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. James C. Smith
1	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith
January	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. James C. Smith
8	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith
January	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	Donald Clamser, Sr.
15	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith
January	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. James C. Smith
22	Morning Prayer	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	Chester Shanoskie
January	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	Robert Tiley
29	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith
	Notes:			Color:
January 1	The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ			White
January 8	The First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ			White
January 15	The Second Sunday after the Epiphany			Green
January 22	The Third Sunday after the Epiphany			Green
January 29	The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany			Green

2016 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WERE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

St. John's

Amour Families George & Naomi Amour Roy Amour Deborah Morgan Bellew Margaret Briel Leona & Walter Briel John & Isabelle Coddington Harvey & Jeannette Dillman **Hess Families** Earl & Beverly Hess Edith Hoffman Bob Jones (2) Ethel & Bert Kehler Gladys Lally Cole Joshua Lauver Marlin "Sparky" Miller **Dorothy Tiley Miller** William Miller, Jr. William Howard Morgan Emily & Louis Morris (2) William Morris **Bill Nearv** Betty Noble (2) Mary Anne Clamser Orr Amy D. Palovcsik **Scheuren Families Dorothy Smith** Husband, James Spieles John Stivetts, Jr. Margaret & John Stivetts Mary Stokes Harold & Deborah Strunk Hattie & Alfred Strunk **Timothy Strunk** Parents, Mark & Annette Trautman Edward & Rosemary Ulceski Raymond & Alice Umlauf (2) Anna & John Umlauf Donna Lee Tiley Wasko







The flowers on the side altar are in loving memory of the Amour & Hess Families.

Holy Apostles

John Blake Chattin Family Robert and Mary Dean **Deans Family** Carol Dresch Daniel & Evelyn Eisenhauer John Foytak Charles & Maggie Frantz Frank & Ruth Frantz Frank Frantz Harry Frantz **Orme & Merle Frantz** Charlotte & Elmer Geiger Clara & Edward Gehring Mr. & Mrs. A. Howard Glick Robert B. Goodman Lewis & Myrle Goodman **Robert Haverty** Ann Hesse Earl & Mary Idell Abram & Geneva Jones Abram & Marv Jones Jane Jones Robert & Lida Kalbach Anna Mae Krebs Clare & Elizabeth Oliver **David Padfield** Alice & Albert Padfield Charlotte Paisley Raymond D. Paisley, Sr. Raymond D. Paisley, Jr. Margaret Ray Peterman **Roland & Helen Price** Bertha E. & Robert J. Price Stephen Sr. & Irene Rasimowicz Stephen Rasimowicz Jr. Evan & Emma Reese Samuel Ray & Family Benjamin & Edith Ray Alfred & Dolly Roberts **Russell Family** Mr. & Mrs. William Sanner Dale Shanoskie Dorothy K. Smith Harry G. Smith Harry & Catherine Smith Sarah Smith Charles & Laura Turnitza Marion Vidal Matt Wylam Wylam Family