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Baptisms:

Brady Phillip McLaughlin

Noah James McLaughlin

Samantha Nicole Zigler

Confirmations:

Taylor Elizabeth Beck

Anna Marie Brown

Cody John Buchanan

Thomas Leland Jackson

Lauren Marie James

Jennifer Marie McLaughlin

Robert Owen Rice

Angela Iva Sochor

John Randolph Sochor

Jon Francis Stephenson

Michael David Zuhosky

Reception:

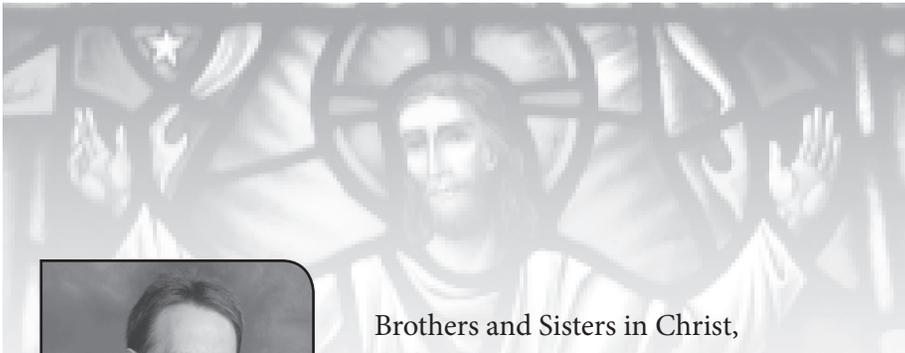
James Lewis McLaughlin



JULY 2011 • NEWS • CALENDAR

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout the past year, we have met a number of times as part of the parish's *Seeing Through New Eyes* process. Many people in our parish have interviewed community leaders, provided insight at meetings, and offered observations at our retreats. After the last parish-wide session when we pulled

everything together, the lead team has drafted an initial umbrella strategy. This umbrella strategy will include a concise purpose statement for our parish; guiding principles of our parish that describe how we act when we are at our best; and strategic directions that point to areas for ministry we believe God is calling us to in the near future. This document is coming out of our parish's collective wisdom about what God is up to with us and our community.

In the next few weeks you will receive a copy of the draft Umbrella Strategy in preparation for a breakfast gathering on Sunday, July 24th between services in Allen Hall. The lead team will be serving waffles and ice-cream so that our time is enjoyable and productive. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this important event.

One important piece of feedback we received as we interviewed those outside the parish was that they are looking to the Church for many things, but that they need the churches to work together and be the *Church* in the Shenango Valley. Our neighbors respect who and what we do as Christians, but get very confused by the lack of coordination and occasionally even competition between our congregations and our ministries.

As one step toward living into the unity of mission and ministry

St. Jude's announces their first annual Vacation Bible School!

July 18 - 22 • 6 - 8 pm • Redeemer Ministry Center, Hermitage

Join in the fun July 18 through 22 at *Shake it Up Café!* From 6 - 8 pm each evening, Redeemer Ministry Center will be transformed to a place "where kids carry out God's recipe" in games, cooking, music, crafts (led by St. John's Missy Greene!) and more. This program will offer Bible School activities for all children in any of our communities, ages 2 - 11 years old. Youth age 12 and up are invited to join in the *Shake It Up Youth Mission* program. The youth program will run simultaneously with Bible School and includes bible study, mission projects in the community and guest speakers. Both programs will run July 18-22, with a closing program, picnic and swimming on Friday the 22nd. Registration forms are available in each ministry center, at St. John's and soon can be found online. Registration forms should be returned by July 1st to help with planning. **Submit to: St. Jude's Ministry Center, PO Box 1714, Hermitage, PA 16148.**

Please register my children listed below for Vacation Bible School or Youth Mission Program at St. Jude's July 18- 22, 2011

Name _____ age _____ grade completed _____

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Please initial after each sentence, then sign and fill in information below.

I give permission for my child(ren) to participate in all activities at Vacation Bible School /Youth Mission Program. _____

I give permission for photos of my child(ren) to be used in print or web publications. _____

I am aware that this VBS uses food products & I will make the staff aware of any food allergies my child(ren) may have. _____

Signed _____ date _____

Printed Name _____ phone _____

Address: _____ Email _____

Check all that apply:

- My child (ren) need transportation from Greenville or New Castle.
- I can help provide transportation from Greenville or New Castle.
- I wish to volunteer as a teacher or helper.
- I wish to donate supplies or funds to this ministry.

A Note from Mercer County Habitat for Humanity:

Dear Friends,

Mercer County Habitat for Humanity would like to thank you for your generous donations of aluminum cans for recycling. We are encouraged by your long-time support.

We will be rehabbing a house on Elm Avenue in Sharon this summer. Your contributions support our work and insure the success of Habitat. Thank you again for continuing to collect cans for us.

Youth support is greatly appreciated. Please pray for us as we continue our work and ministry.

In Partnership,

Donna Holter,
Mercer County Habitat for Humanity

Worship Ministries Trainings

Fr. Adam has scheduled the following lay ministry trainings. If you are currently an acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, usher, greeter or lector, then please attend the appropriate meeting(s) in August. If you are interested in one of the ministries below, please contact Father Adam and plan to attend.

Saturday, August 13

9:30 -11:00 am: acolytes • 11:00am - Noon: Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, August 20

9:30-10:30 am: ushers • 10:30 - Noon: greeters

Sunday, August 21

9:15 - 9:45 am: lectors

in the wider Body of Christ, we will be joining with First United Methodist Church for two Sunday services. The details are on another page of the newsletter. Both churches have a long history together at the bottom of the West Hill, just as both of our denominations share a common heritage. I hope you are also looking forward to this opportunity to get to know our neighbors better and begin exploring how we can best minister together to those around us.

Please continue to hold our parish and our diocese in your prayers this summer. Prayer is the first and most important work of the church, and we can hold each other up to God's love and grace even when we are travelling. Additionally, many people in North-western Pennsylvania continue to live in ignorance of God's great love for them, and we are seeking to serve them according to God's purposes for us. Such transforming ministry can only succeed when steeped in fervent prayer.

May God bless you and keep safe all those in our parish who are travelling this summer.

Peace, *Adam*

Found: A crystal bell was left in the sacristy following the Easter Vigil. If this belongs to you, please claim it.

Reminder... U.T.O. Sunday will be July 24 for which a special offering will be taken.

Ice-Cream Waffle Sandwiches and Mission

Join us July 24 for a delicious breakfast of waffles and ice-cream from 9:00 - 10:00 am in Allen Hall. During breakfast we will be introducing the draft of the parish Umbrella Strategy, with opportunities for parish feedback. Please join us for this fun and very important breakfast. See Father Adam's letter for more details.

An Interview with Missy Greene, our new Youth and Family Minister



We welcome our new youth and family minister, Missy Greene, to St John's family. Missy has gotten a "baptism by fire" as she jumped right in to serve on staff at Camp Nazareth. Dorothy O'Stafy caught up with her just long enough to get a brief interview. Here is what she learned about this energetic young woman.

Where did you grow up? Are you from a large family? Are your family Episcopalians, or did you come to that faith on your own?

I grew up in Erie. I am the oldest of three children. My brother, Andrew, is twenty-four years old. My sister, Amy, is twenty-one and a junior at Penn State Behrend. My mom, Tracy, is a staff assistant at Penn State Behrend, and my dad, Rich, is a firefighter for the city of Erie.

My mom's side of the family is Episcopalian. My dad's side is Catholic. I grew up at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Lawrence Park. The whole family continues to be active in the church today.

What is your educational background?

I graduated from Penn State in December of 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary and Kindergarten Education. I have very recently completed a Masters of Theological Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary, graduating in May 2011.

Joint Services with our Neighbors to the North

Join us for our Joint Sunday mornings with First United Methodist Church on July 10th and 17th.

On July 10th:

- Both churches will have their normal 8:00 am services.
- At 9:00 am, join us in Allen Hall at St. John's for coffee, donuts and an education hour focusing on our common history and some of the choices both churches made at the time of the American Revolution, leading to two denominations.
- A 10:00 am standard Episcopal Rite II Eucharist service in St. John's sanctuary, with Pastor Roberts preaching. *(No 10:00 am service at First United Methodist.)*

On July 17th:

- Both churches will have their normal 8:00am services.
- At 9:00 am, join us in the Social Hall at First United Methodist Church for refreshments and answers to all your questions about the Episcopal Church and the Methodist Church.
- A 10:00 am innovative service in the First United Methodist sanctuary, that may include a visit from a few historical personages. *(No 10:00 am service at St. John's.)*

REMINDER... August 2011 Newsletter: Please have articles for the July newsletter in the parish office by NOON on Wednesday, July 13. If at all possible, please e-mail all articles/events to the church or please type/print and deliver to the parish office in person. E-mail: stjohns@stjohnssharon.org

Episcopal Community Services

Episcopal Community Services and the work involved is a labor of love...

We give away food on the first and third Thursday from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM each and every month. Our operation requires many volunteers to prepare and setup this event. We make up bags of non-perishable food on Sunday prior to each giveaway. Our Youth and Parent Volunteers make bags for the First Thursday Giveaway, and the Sharpsville Presbyterian Church Volunteers make bags for the Third Thursday Giveaway. We have volunteers that pick-up day old bread and desserts from Giant Eagle, D'Onofrio's, and Mr. D's each week. There are volunteers that pick-up and store food purchased from the Community Food Warehouse every Thursday morning.

We also have Volunteers to pick-up and store food purchased from Save A Lot on giveaway days. We have a cadre of volunteers that setup and serve our clients on each Giveaway Day. The Warehouse volunteers pack perishable foods into the bags on giveaway days. The perishable items include eggs, two meat items, and bananas. Volunteers setup the bakery with all the breads and desserts for Giveaway Day. We have volunteers to assist our seniors and/or disabled clients by helping to carry their food up the stairs and to their vehicles. We also have volunteers that do paperwork to sign up new clients according to the requirements and check in existing clients. We must report all activity to the Community Food Warehouse. This information qualifies our pantry for State Grants, USDA Food, etc.

We need volunteers to: carry bags of food to vehicles, to pick-up Day Old Bread, folks with pick-up trucks to go to the Community Food Warehouse and Save A Lot, and to work in our Pantry on Giveaway Days.

If you can be of service to ECS, please contact Bob Edeburn, Lois Quinn, Jacque Beck, or Bob King (the ECS phone number is 724-981-8131). We are expecting your call to be of service, and to assist in our mission to serve those in need in our community.

Bob King

Who helped inspire your call to ministry? And why youth ministry?

I always knew I was going to be a teacher and for the longest time, I thought I would be a school teacher. God had other plans.

Participating in both parish and diocesan activities while growing up definitely had a huge impact on my life – particularly the Summer Camp program. This year marks my 18th year of participation in our diocesan camp, both as a camper and as a staff member. I have also participated in other events like Happening, Episcopal Youth Event (EYE), and served on the Youth and Young Adult Commission. It is through these activities and the relationship that I have made on the journey that I found my calling in the church.

Another big inspiration is the dedication to the church that I saw from my family, especially my grandmother, Enid Bishop. She, as well and the rest of my family, continues to be an inspiration for me today as she continues in her ministry.

I am called to youth ministry, because I had such a positive experience in my life that I want to share and provide a similar experience for others. I have been called to be a teacher and what better way to merge the two things I love, teaching and the church.

What are your goals, your vision for our young people?

I hope to provide a safe place for young people to explore their faith, develop their relationship with God, and build a stronger sense of community with the parish, diocese, and wider church family. I hope to bring authenticity and relevance when connecting young people to both religion and spirituality. Going to church can be cool – it should be a place to feel welcomed and loved.

What sort of support do you hope to receive from the parishioners?

All the support they are willing to give! If we want to grow as a parish family and welcome others in, we need to support one another as we already are.

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17 5 th Sunday After Pentecost 8am - Holy Eucharist 10am - Joint Service with FUMC at FUMC	18 6-8 pm VBS at Redeemer Ministry Center	19 6-8 pm VBS at Redeemer Ministry Center	20 6-8 pm VBS at Redeemer Ministry Center Love One Another Meeting	21 10am - Holy Eucharist 10:30am - 12:30am - ECS giveaway 6-8pm – VBS at Redeemer M.C.	22 6-8 pm - VBS at Redeemer Ministry Center	23 7-10pm - Teen Dance in Allen Hall
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