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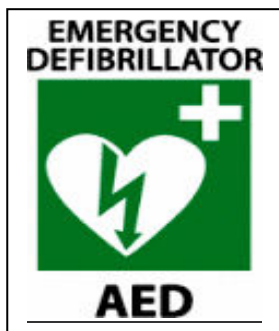
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Vestry approves purchase of AED



Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. Over 350,000 people will suffer from sudden cardiac arrest this year. It can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere and at any age. An AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest and is an easy to operate tool for someone with no medical background.

Time is of the essence. For each minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival is reduced approximately 10%.

In mid-December, there was a medical emergency at St. John's, during a Sunday worship service. The emergency medical personnel from the Naples fire station at 26th Avenue N. and U.S. 41 took 12 minutes to arrive on scene. Fortunately, the person was not having a heart attack.

Dick Clapp, a Vestry member, had his life saved 30 years ago, by an AED accompanied by cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Recently, Dick made a recommendation to the Vestry, based on research he had done, to purchase an AED and to organize training programs. The Vestry approved and an AED will be purchased and mounted on the wall in the hallway to the left of the altar (as one faces the altar).

Training of key St. John's members and staff will take place in April. Following this step, the availability of this life saver will be announced to the congregation. □



Join Fr. Christian at DaySpring for St. Thomas Chapel Eucharist

Fr. Christian will preside at St. Thomas Chapel at DaySpring Camp and Conference Center in Parrish, Florida, for their monthly Eucharist and lunch on Wednesday, April 6, at 11 a.m. If you would like to join Fr. Christian in this outing (approx. 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.) to Dayspring, please email him at Clergy2@stjohnsnaples.com. □

Two from St. John's named to Cursillo 134 leadership team



Fr. Joe Maiocco has been named Assistant Spiritual Director and Dorothy Lowrie will serve as Rectora on the leadership team of Southwest Florida's Cursillo #134.

The September 29 thru October 2 weekend will be at DaySpring, our Diocesan Conference Center in Parrish, Florida.

The weekend's theme is "Walk in the Light" and the song is "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light." Scripture is "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life." Watch for more data to come.

If you are interested in attending this Cursillo weekend, please contact Fr. Joe or Dorothy Lowrie through the church office. □

GOD PROMISES

Fr. Joseph Maiocco



The resurrection of Jesus is a God Promise, something so grand and miraculous only God can fulfill. Old Testament prophets and Jesus foretold it. The Bible is full of promises God has made to his people and there is a book we give to St. John's visitors on weekends entitled "199 Promises of God."

Enjoy this Easter season by affirming God Promises for you!

✠ "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven" (*James 5:15*)

✠ "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger and of great mercy" (*Pss.145:8*)

✠ "The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (*Pss.27:1*)

✠ "I am the vine and you are the branches: he that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without me you can do nothing" (*Jn.15:15*)

✠ "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths" (*Prov.3:5-6*)

✠ "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for some have entertained angels unaware" (*Hb.13:2*)

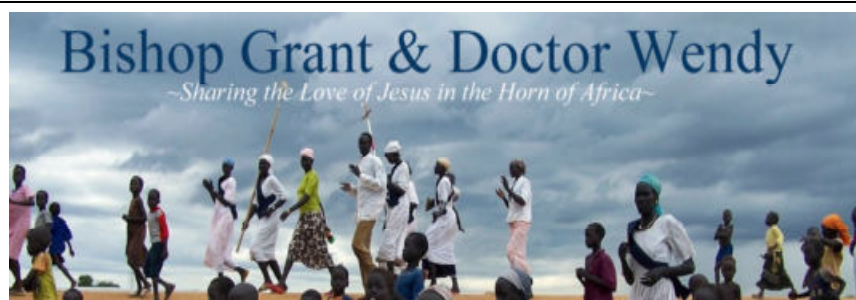
✠ "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (*Pss.119:105*)

✠ "For I'm persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (*Rm.8:38-39*)

✠ "Those that trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint" (*Is.40:31*)

✠ "Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (*Phil.4:6-7*)

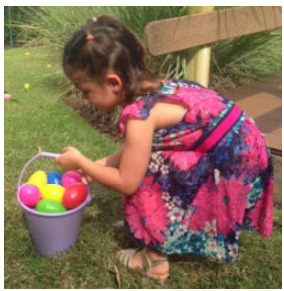
GOD PROMISES ARE FOR YOU!



For the latest news on Bishop Grant and Wendy, missionaries with St. John's support, visit this site:

<http://www.grantandwendy.com/search?updated-min=2016-01-01T00:00:00-05:00&updated-max=2017-01-01T00:00:00-05:00&max-results=1>

Annual Easter Egg Hunt a happy quest



CHILDREN'S SERMONS

Sunday, April 3: 11:15 a.m.

Sunday, May 1: 10 a.m.
(first Sunday of the off-season)

SAVE THE DATE!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SATURDAY, JULY 30

Theme: Jonah and the Big Fish; Trusting God Even in the Belly of a Whale.

VBS times still undetermined, but will be morning into afternoon, and we will be working on something special to share with the congregation at the Sunday service the next day. We look forward to seeing you and your friends for VBS this summer for a "whale of a good time!"

Family



and Cook-Out Sunday May 15

3 - 5 pm

at Pat Costa's
(Stratford Condo
5601 Turtle Bay Dr.)

Please let Fr. Christian know if you can attend so we will have enough burgers, dogs and drinks !

Please bring a dish to share, along with your swim gear.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Kids will participate in St. John's Ministry Fair Weekend

April 17th will be a ministry celebration at St John's.

As we talk about the various ministries, we are all invited to participate as a part of the church, living into the kingdom of God.

During both Sunday services, the Youth/Family Ministry team will present a brief godly play lesson (similar to a children's sermon). This will be during the time when ministry heads give a brief word about the ministry they represent.

We need to have children at both the 9 and 11:15 services, who would come forward at the appropriate time to take part in the children's lesson, during the sermon time of the liturgy.

Please let Fr. Christian know which service you plan to attend so that we make sure we have kids at both!

Ministry Fair

April 16 and 17

Where is
GOD
calling
YOU
to
serve
?

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES

EMBRACE GOD

Acolytes

Altar Guild

Greeters

Lay Readers

Music Ministry & Choir

Ushers

LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR

Bible Studies

Centering Prayer

Coffee Hour Hosts

Cursillo Groups

Fellowship Events

Flowers

Foyer Groups

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Prayer Chain

Sisters for Life

Spirit Alive

The Order of St. Luke

Youth/Family team

SERVE THE WORLD

Habitat for Humanity

St. John's Outreach

St. John's Shoppe

St. Matthew's House

Stitches of Love

Good News Club

Why do we do what we do?

Fr. Christian Maxfield, Assistant Rector



For many of us, we do what has been modeled by those who influence us, which means, among other things, whether we like it or not, we parent much like our parents did, we drive much like everyone else on the road does, and we live our lives according to those we look up to as role models from politics to popular culture to spirituality. However, sometimes we do what we do because God speaks to us and clearly shows us what he desires.

We have just finished 40+ days of Lenten fasting and disciplines. Why did we do this? Some of us may have done it because it was expected, because it was asked of us, or out of tradition. But, I believe many of us did it because we wanted to draw nearer to our Lord. It comes down to motive.

April 16 and 17, St. John's is having a Celebration of Ministry Weekend. You will hear from different people at our different service times about the numerous and various ministries we have at St. John's, and you will have the opportunity to learn more about and sign-up with these ministries following the Saturday 5 p.m. service and at the Sunday coffee hour between services.

This weekend is not for us who lead or chair ministries to toot our own horns. Our intention is to share a glimpse of the various ministries of St. John's with the body of Christ who worship here and call St. John's their church family, so that everyone will have the opportunity to be used in mighty ways — to be blessed and to be a blessing to others, as it should be, being the hands and feet of Jesus as the family of the Kingdom of God.

I encourage us all to take time to ask why we do what we do as it relates to our relationship with our church family, with God, with making Christ known in the culture and within our spheres of influence. If we earnestly ask God, I believe He will open our hearts and souls to take a step to try something new, to possibly get involved in the way you once loved to serve, or just to get plugged into the life and ministry of your church family.

It is true. If you do not ask, you will not receive. I dare you to ask and see what God will do with your open hands and your willing heart, to serve Him and be used in whatever ways He sees fit, to His Glory! ✠



Palm Sunday's Haydn Concert a beautiful start to Holy Week

A concert of Haydn's sacred music held on March 20 in St. John's sanctuary was well-received with a standing ovation.

Appropriately scheduled in Holy Week, *The Last Words of Our Savior on the Cross* was highlighted by the performance of world-class artists and powerful narration by Glenn Saffran. A piano trio was included, in addition to the string quartet.

The audience appreciated classical chamber music at its finest. □

Colleen Spangler
Photos by Fr. Joe

Did you enjoy the March Spirit Alive visit to Palm Cottage last month?

Elaine Reed, the cottage Director, is looking for year-round Naples people who are interested in the history of Naples and Collier County to volunteer at Palm Cottage, particularly in the off-season and summer months. If you are interested, please call 239-261-8164 for details. □

Nancy Golwitzer

Shoppe's Fabulous First Annual Fashion Show Luncheon a successful sell-out

ST. JOHN'S SHOPPE held a very successful First Annual Fashion Show Luncheon on March 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church in honor of the first year anniversary in the new location. Proceeds will benefit the Church's Outreach Charities as all Shoppe proceeds do.

Approximately 125 attendees enjoyed a catered meal of grilled chicken, roasted potatoes, grilled vegetables, lemon bars and brownies. With a spring theme, the tables were set with centerpieces of beautiful pink tulips arranged by Rose Prescott and Becky Jarrell.

Commentary was by the Shoppe's Manager, Sharon Marceau. The "nearly new" apparel and accessories were from Escada, St. John's Knits, Michael Kors, Chico's, Talbots, Coach and many other designer labels.

Models strolling the runway were men and women parishioners or Shoppe volunteers. They were the husband-wife team of Dick and Merrily Davis and the father-daughter team of Clay Jones and Lindsey Gualdoni, along with Cindy Koch, Betty Kirtley, Jane Michel and Sue Hertford. Highlight of the show was the church's very own young and handsome Father Christian Maxfield, who entered the runway on roller blades in a casual outfit and on a skateboard in an exquisite suit and tie.

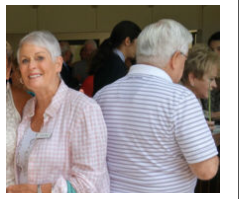
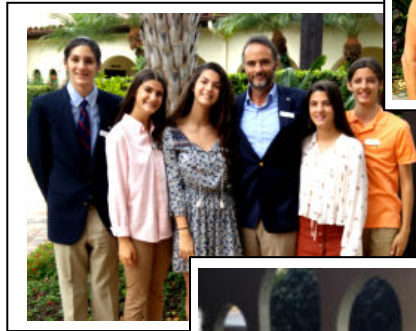
Approximately 35 prizes valued from \$20 to \$650 donated by local businesses, restaurants, and patrons were awarded to ticket winners by Pat Costa, Shoppe Board Chairperson and Sue Boujoukos, Vestry Senior Warden.

Participants were thanked for their support of this event and ministry, the largest ministry of St. John's Episcopal Church. All Shoppe net proceeds provide funds for local charities, most of which concentrate on children and the family. The Shoppe, staffed with volunteers from all faiths, has been in business for over thirty years and last year expanded to a new location. It carries furniture, lamps, home accessories, apparel, jewelry, books and housewares. Through the years, over two and one-half million dollars in grants have been awarded to local charities through the work of this non-profit ministry.

Located in Tamiami Square at 14700 Tamiami Trail, N., Naples, business hours are 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Saturday. Phone (239) 597-9518 for more information on donating, volunteering, or shopping. □



Myra Tutwiler, for the Board



New members honored at Palm Sunday Service

In the midst of the Palm Sunday 9 a.m. service, Fr. Joe called new members who joined St. John's the past year to the front of the Altar rail for recognition. They were introduced, welcomed with pins, then serenaded by the congregation with *The Servant Song*. Later, they were honored at the Coffee Hour on the patio.

They were: Louise Brickelmaier, Betsy & David Dyke, Tucker & Elaine Johnson, Stan & Christine Lane, Ray Martin, Peter & Mary Lee Pierce, Sylvia Richter, Barbara Watson, Lois Saldukas, Rober Stiefel, Carin Weaver, Griselda Wilson, Donald Dilg, Rob, Max, Seth, Sofia, Sabrina & Tiffany Holt, Jennifer Richardson, Pam & Kevin Hicks, Joan & Lansing G. Brisbin, Thomas Eppley, Jr., Rev. Paul & Julie Feider, Don & Lucia Hille-meyer, Kathleen Gilbert-Wilkinson & Robert Wilkinson. □

Photos by Fr. Joe

"I am overwhelmed with joy in the Lord my God" Isaiah 61:10



This past Lenten period at St. John's has been an extremely powerful one for some of us. Beginning with 40DAYS4HIM, we have fasted, prayed and attended four prayer walks around Naples including residential as well as commercial areas. As we attempt to become more united in God's word, we have included services on campus for other churches to take part along with St. John's. These services will continue after Lent as well.

This year, the Lenten Soup and Bread evenings included testimonies from five of our members, followed by small group discussions which allowed attendees time to spend with those who normally might be attending other weekly services here at St. John's.

Palm Sunday, we had the pleasure of welcoming new members with a reception following the nine o'clock service. We look forward to spending time in getting to know them.

We lift up our brothers and sisters in Aleppo as they continue their mission for the love of the Lord. Once again, Jamie Treadwell has sent an update with encouraging news, which is posted on the patio bulletin board.

In conclusion, I, along with you, once again followed in Jesus' footsteps this past Holy Week with great emotion. Fr. Joe asked for us to take time to be still. I tried. □

Sue Boujoukos, Senior Warden

There is little good in filling churches with people who go out exactly the same as they came in; the call of the Church is not to fill churches, but to fill heaven.

-Anonymous



St. John's Quiet Day lifted songs, prayers & spirits

Picture this scene: Warm but not too hot, a gentle breeze, a blue sky, voices praising the Lord, God's people dancing and smiling as they sing "Lord of the Dance," a gentle guitar playing in the background, people singing as they join in before Morning Prayer.

Around thirty people gathered for all or part of the day to experience St. John's Quiet Day, sponsored by Spirit Alive.

Pam Hicks, Madeleine Harvey, and Kim Hurst each shared a special reflection before the group disbursed.

Betty Kirtley and Jim Bongard held Centering Prayer in the Prayer Room during our individual quiet time.

Two Intercessory Prayer groups met in powerful prayers for the church, city, na-

tion, and the world as well as special personal prayers for healing and coming closer to Jesus. In Psalm 46:10, He says, "Be still, and know that I am God," which lead us into Centering Prayer.

Father Joe gathered all of us together before lunch and shared the history and concept of Centering Prayer before we experienced our own individual silence with our Lord God.

After lunch and a lovely walk or ride to Park Shore Beach, we were moved by our special Eucharist there and left knowing that the Holy Spirit was with us.

We knew Jesus was smiling down on us during Quiet Day at St. John's and on Naples Beach. Peace surrounded us as we left the beach and went our own ways. □

Katy Esterline

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DEATHS:

Ralph Bellon — March 15, 2016

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