

PARISHLIFE

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Prayer and Praise
are the oars by
which a man
may row his boat
into the deep
waters of the
knowledge of Christ.

- Charles Spurgeon



Summer at St. John's Shoppe

VOLUNTEER! Summer-time is a quieter time and the living should be easier here in Southwest Florida. However, at St. John's Shoppe, we are very busy making money for our Parish's Outreach Partners. We really need your help as a volunteer since many of our regular volunteers are out of the area or traveling during the summer. It is a wonderful time to begin your volunteer service at the Shoppe. Our men, women, and youth volunteers enjoy learning new tasks and catching up with each other while they work to make this the best little resale shop in town. We invite you to join us and know you will want to continue after the summer with the new friends you will make in the Shoppe. Check with our Manager, Sharon Marceau at 597-9518 for available days and shifts. Work as much or as little as your schedule allows.



DONATE! Those hot, humid, rainy afternoons are a wonderful time to pack up items no longer needed or wanted, but still in great condition, and donate them to the Shoppe. You will be helping yourself while helping others with your donations. Something you donate might be the special treasure that completes an outfit for someone else. It may be items of glassware, china, linens, books or home goods. Bring your donations to the back door of the Shoppe and we will help you unload your car. Redecorating this summer? Furniture, lamps, and home accessories sell really well in the Shoppe and bring bigger prices than most other items. Call Sharon for an inspection and pickup if you have furniture to donate.

SHOP! In the summer, we are not as crowded and you can easily find that fantastic bargain waiting just for you. There is something new on sale each and every day! When you come into the Shoppe, ask the cashier for the "Daily Deal" which is our way of offering you a real "Summer Steal." Sign up for emails while in the Shoppe. We will send you news of other special sales held just for our regular customers throughout the year. On those hot, humid days when you are looking for a cool, friendly place to hang out — St. John's Shoppe is your answer! □



St. John's Shoppe, an Upscale Thrift

▪ Tamiami Square ▪ 14700 Tamiami Trail N. ▪ Hours: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Stewardship is alive and well at St. John's

What is Stewardship? It is the management of another's property or assets. However, we apply the word stewardship

when we talk of the needs of the church, in this case St. John's. Usually, we address stewardship in the fall in terms of time, talent and treasure. But, our church thrives on those three words all year long. Those three words are a major part of the fabric of our church. Without them, our church would wither away. With them, we proclaim a dedication to our faith and to our Lord and Saviour.

The clergy, Vestry, Finance Committee and Treasurer are the stewards of our assets and the giving of treasures by the members of our congregation. We are so grateful to each person who donates even just a dollar, who participates in an activity or spends an hour serving St. John's in the name of God. These are the treasures upon which we, the faithful stewards of your gifts, depend.

Over the past several years, St. John's has supported programs that deal with the needy. We've done it through the wonderful contributions of St. John's Thrift Shoppe and the generosity of individuals. This has been done through our Outreach program. However, these past couple of months have been extraordinary, when we think of stewardship. The needs of our own parishioners have been championed by our clergy and supported by individuals of our parish. We rose to the occasion to provide what I like to call "Inreach" to support those members of our parish who have unbelievable needs.

Taking care of our own is as important an act of stewardship as managing finances. We are so blessed to have sufficient assets to support our *inreach* needs. More importantly, the generosity of so many of our parishioners, when the plea was made for financial support, was overwhelming.

Our clergy are a blessing. Our parishioners are a blessing. I encourage you to continue providing your time, talent and treasure throughout the year as evidence that Stewardship is alive and well at St. John's!

God bless. ☐

Peter Zimmermann, Treasurer

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AS ONE: A National Appeal to Heaven

You are invited to
40 days of worship,
prayer and fasting

from September 30 to
November 8
(Election Day)

✠ St. John's is blessed
to participate in its 3rd
season of 40 days of
intensive worship and
prayer during 2016.

✠ Join us by signing up
for regular emails, up-
dates and special
events at

www.openheavenrevival.org.

Be part of God's move in this hour!



Latest Aleppo update

While enjoying a lovely time away in Maine, I received the following Aleppo update from our contact, Jamie Treadwell:

Hi Sue,

I just received this brief insight/update from Andre on his Facebook page. Another detail in the daily life of being in Aleppo just now.

Aleppo: His eyes glistening, the young man said, *"Something in me froze my step, in that moment the bullet whizzed past my face. I was saved!"*

A young student related how he even felt the heat of the bullet speeding down to the ground in front of his eyes. He is a member of Emmanuel community. Now he wants to dedicate his whole life to God. Jesus is alive!

Blessings,
Jamie

I have been keeping up with the horrors that have been taking place in Aleppo ... especially these last few weeks, and have been saddened by the bombings occurring to our brothers and sisters. And then, to receive these words from this young man —the Lord is Alive and with these Christians!

Blessings to all of us! ☐

Sue Boujoukos, Senior Warden



St. John's Confirmation and Faith Refresher Class

When: Sunday Mornings at St. John's

Time: 8:45 - 9:45 am

Dates: October 2 - Nov 13

This class is designed for any Jr. High, Sr. High and Adult parishioner looking to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church at St. John's, and also open to *anyone* looking for a 'faith refresher' fall study.

Together we will dive into our faith asking questions about what it means to be a follower of Christ, and what it means to be an Episcopalian and part of the world-wide Anglican communion.

Contact Fr. Christian or the church office for more information and to register. Confirmation will be during Bishop Garrison's visit in January, 2017. ☐



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES **UPcoming** EVENTS

Family Cookout & Paddling Party!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11, 3 TO 5 P.M.

Join us for food, games, and waterfront fun at the Maxfield house (234 6th St., Bonita Springs)

- Bring a personal watercraft/paddleboard to put in the Bay.
- Bring a dinner food to share.

RSVP TO Pat Costa
Pec720@gmail.com



Come Play with us! Godly play, that is!

Sunday School ends
August 14.

Our fall curriculum is "Godly Play," which helps children interact, wonder and creatively respond to the life-giving stories of the Bible.

From September 11 through October 30, we will meet in Sugden Hall on Sundays at 10 a.m.

Children are encouraged to rejoin families at the Peace for Communion. On Sundays, when there is no Sunday School, we encourage children to be present with parents in the pews. There are quiet bags for your use in the church narthex.

Nursery care is available for children two years and under.



YOUTH GROUP

★ JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
6th - 12th Grades

Youth Group for our 6th to 12th graders begins Sunday, September 25

Join us in Sugden Hall after church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for food, fun and Christian fellowship as we learn together how we navigate this life, being God's hands and feet in the world around us. Youth Group meets from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.



FROM THE RECTOR: *I trust the following reflection by Patty Wysong will be an encouragement to you! Read more about Patty and her other articles and devotionals at <http://www.pattywysong.com/2008/07/cuttings.html>*

Cuttings

by Patty Wysong

When my parents visited this spring, my bamboo got a hair cut and I salvaged the cuttings by sticking them in a pretty little vase, figuring I had nothing to lose. Every so often I'd peer in, checking for signs of growth and finally I saw root nubbins. I was elated. I eyed the narrow neck of my vase and knew their life in there was limited...then life got busy. Guess who forgot about finding a new home for my bamboo cuttings? Yup. Me.

Last week I peered into my pretty little vase again. My elation was mixed with dread because there was a mass of roots—roots that wouldn't easily slip through that narrow neck. Rather than take care of it right away, like I should have, I put it off. Again. Today I noticed a start of a big main root and knew I'd waited too long.

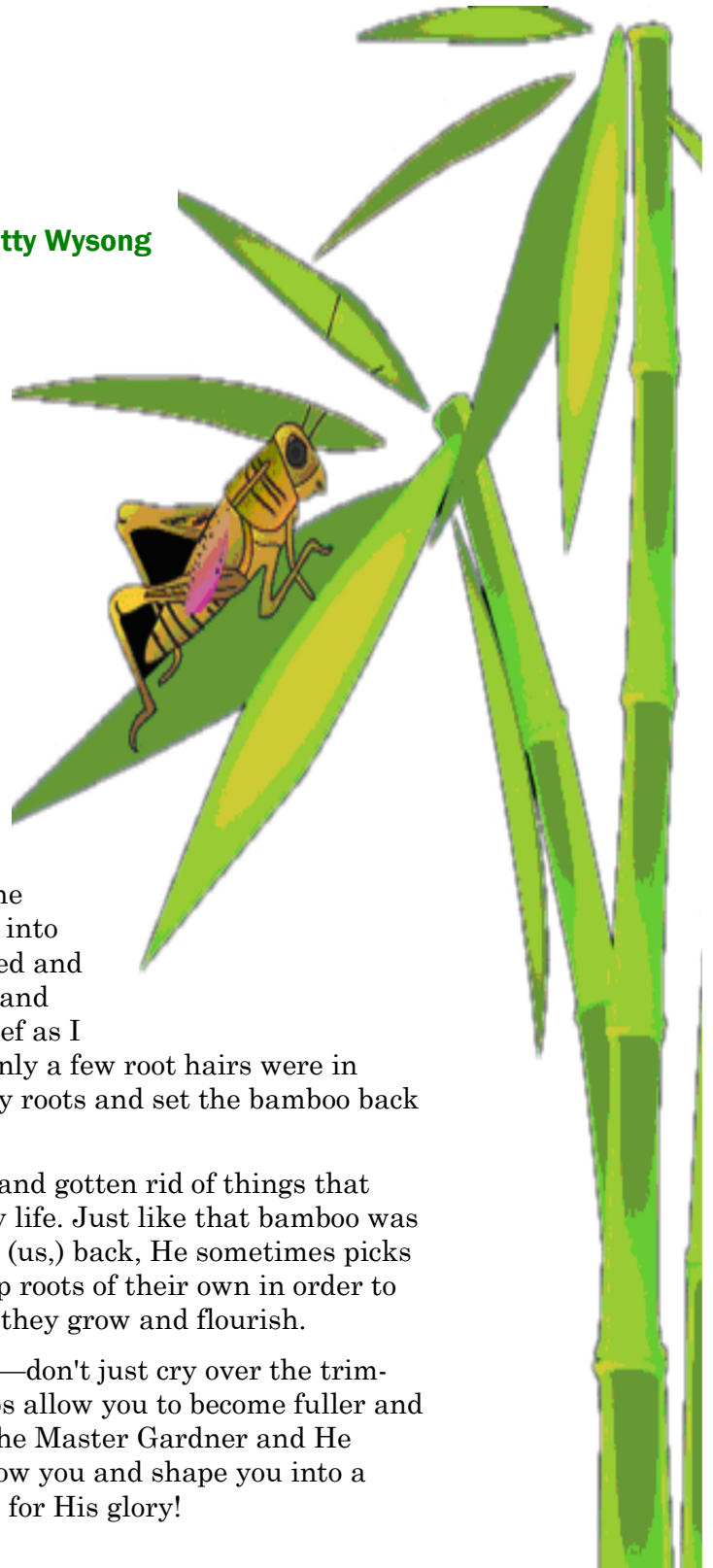
I tried to be gentle. Truly I did. But I could hear the roots groaning as I wiggled the shoots, jockeying them into position to slide them out one at a time. The roots flexed and as I eased one shoot out, the second one fell into place and slid right out, almost painlessly. I heaved a sigh of relief as I set them in a water glass and checked out my vase. Only a few root hairs were in there, so maybe, just maybe, I didn't tear out too many roots and set the bamboo back too much.

There have been times God's given me a hair cut and gotten rid of things that were out of balance for where I was at that time in my life. Just like that bamboo was top heavy and needed trimming. When God trims me, (us,) back, He sometimes picks out choice cuttings to put in a vase so they can develop roots of their own in order to eventually be transplanted into their own pots where they grow and flourish.

Nurture those cuttings as God sets them in vases—don't just cry over the trimming He gave you. Rejoice in it because those trim jobs allow you to become fuller and more beautiful—well rooted and not top heavy. He's the Master Gardner and He knows what's best. Allow Him full access and He'll grow you and shape you into a plant that flourishes for His glory. And that's the key: for His glory!

Happy growing!

- Patty Wysong -



PARISH PEOPLE

Transfers In

Paul H. Price Jr.
and Jean Price
6/16/2016

Deaths

Sylvia Irene Richter
6/10/2016

Mary Louise
Van Benschoten
7/1/2016

Robert M. Gunn
7/12/2016

Elizabeth C. Robinson
7/12/2016

Please advise Parish Secretary Ann Witmer of any additions or corrections.



*Betty Kirtley,
Altar Guild Directress,
shows off the newly
renovated Sacristy.*



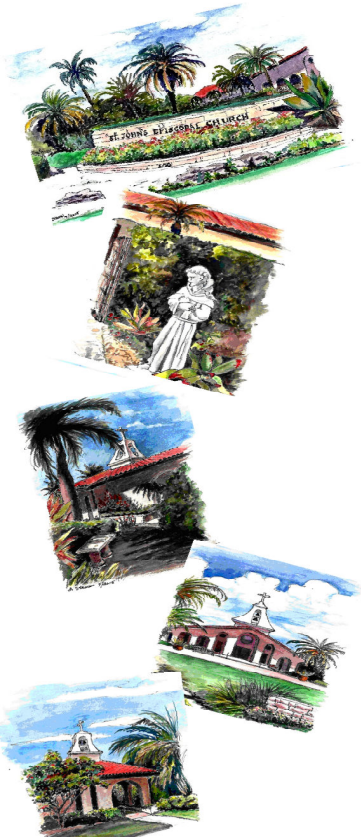
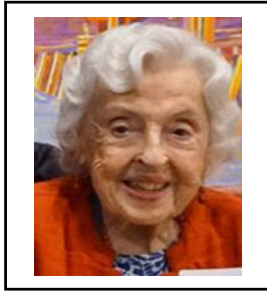
Photos by Bob Geroy



St. John's Sacristy has face-lift

Last step in the parish renovation is completed

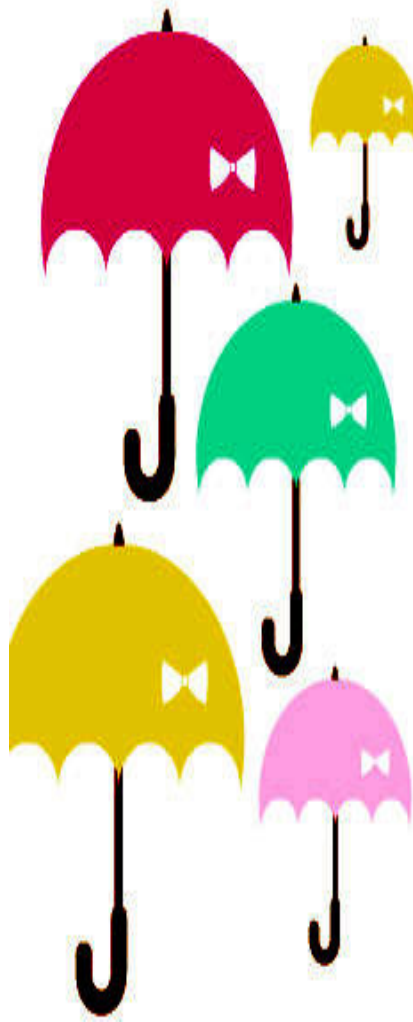
Take a peek in the sacristy next time you have a chance! New flooring, cabinetry, storage and workspace. Beautiful! Thanks for the planning of Betty Kirtley, Altar Guild Directress, and Mary Zimmermann and their committee. ☐.



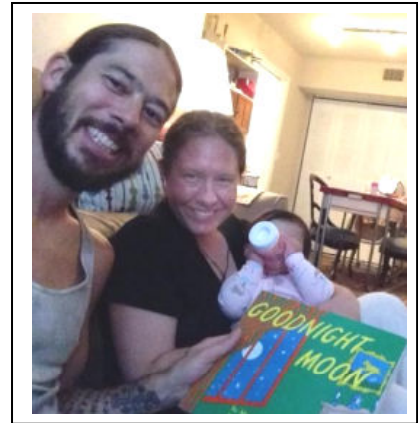
Notecards of St. John's parish now available

Eight of Frankie Straw's beautiful watercolors of various scenes at St. John's have been printed and boxed as notecards.

They are now available for \$10 per box in the church office. □



Thank You



Dear St. John's Family,

*Thank you for the love,
support and encouragement
showered upon us and our
family!*

*Sincerely,
Fr. Christian, Kate and Bree*

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORTS – St. John's Episcopal Church & St. John's Shoppe

Below is a summary financial statement of the Church's operations compared to budget for the six months ended June 30, 2016. Not included are the unrealized gains of \$83,506 in the Church's investment portfolio.

St. John's Church - Jan. 1 – June 30, 2016

	Actual Unaudited	Budget
Revenues:		
Pledges	\$268,203	\$265,000
Non-pledged	185,335	178,500
Other	7,306	5,800
Net assets released from restrictions	44,773	
Total Revenues	505,617	449,300
Expenses:		
Salaries and benefits	183,518	185,002
Church facilities	22,213	32,250
Utilities	10,105	13,300
Administration	66,586	69,164
Ministries and Committees	51,420	61,053
Benevolence	25,373	
Outreach	19,400	
Total Expenses	378,615	360,768
Net Operating Result - Gain/(Loss)	\$127,002	\$88,532

St. John's Thrift Shoppe - Jan. 1 – June 30, 2016

	Actual Unaudited	Budget
Revenues:	\$164,919	\$183,359
Less credit card fees	2,172	2,860
Net revenues	162,747	180,499
Expenses:		
Salaries and benefits	39,582	38,916
Rent	39,578	40,080
Maintenance	5,395	5,796
Utilities	2,144	2,690
Advertising	7,022	7,582
Delivery pick up	3,430	4,800
Administration	4,820	6,400
Other	3,115	1,200
Total Expenses	105,086	107,464
Net Operating Result	\$ 57,661	\$ 73,035

Peter Zimmermann, Treasurer



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We learned a lot in the belly of the whale on Saturday, July 30th!



Thanks to all who made it so
Very special!



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Clerk to the Vestry: Ann Witmer

Members: Ruth Adams, Vickie Bauch, Richard Clapp, John Gualdoni, Robert Matthews, Linda Smith, Jack Wert

Ministries: Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Outreach

St. John's Shoppe for Upscale Thrift

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Asst. Manager: Rosanne Sausser



**Please join us for
Summer Coed Bible
Study on Sundays at
9:00am in Sugden Hall.**

**Next Parishlife will be
the October issue.
Deadline is Noon,
Friday, Sept. 23
Word limit is 300.
Send to
kay-geroy@mindspring.com**