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Two named Nominees for election to 2015 Vestry

Richard Clapp

Richard is a native of Sharon, MA, and was born into a family of Episcopalians 74 years ago. His uncle, a cousin and a cousin-in-law were, or are, all priests in the church.



Over the past many years, Dick has attended churches in Framingham, MA; Penfield, NY; McLean, Va and Chatham, MA.

A 1962 graduate of Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY, he began working as a Group Pension Underwriter for New England Mutual Life Insurance Company and lived in the greater Boston area for ten years.

In 1972, Dick started work at Gannett Co., Inc in Rochester, NY, as the Director of Employee Benefits. He spent the next 32 years at Gannett, the last eight years as Sr. Vice President of Human Resources and member of the Management Committee, retiring in the summer of 2003. Gannett was the largest newspaper and independent Television owner in the US at that time.

His wife, Carol, is a native of Syracuse, NY, and a graduate of Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va. They have two children, Deirdre and Chris, and four grandchildren in New England and maintain a summer home in East Orleans, Cape Cod, MA. While there, they attend St. Christopher's in Chatham, where an old friend from St. Johns, Fr. John Martinier, is a Priest Associate.

They moved to Naples in 2004 and soon after becoming Naples residents, started attending St John's, renewing their faith in Christ. □



Robert Matthews

Bob and his wife, Susan, became members of St. John's Church in early 2013.

They first attended St. John's Christmas Eve service in 2012 .

“ Fr. Joe's message of God's unconditional love for us in that service, and in each Sunday service that followed, touched our hearts in ways never experienced before in the development and nourishing of our Christian faith,” he said.

They were convinced that finding St. John's was God at work in their lives.

Bob and Susan began attending other weekly activities, and Bob joined the Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study Group. The friendships that evolved made it clear that they had found the perfect church family for their permanent move to Naples.

Bob retired in 2011 after 42 years with an \$18 billion midwestern commercial banking company, serving the last 22 years as the Chief Credit Officer and Chief Risk Officer

He had been a 35-plus year member of several Presbyterian congregations in Overland Park, Kansas. He taught youth Sunday school, and with his business background, he served on the Finance Committees of both churches, chaired the Finance Committee of the church for two terms during a major facility expansion, and served two terms as an Elder of the Session governing body of the church in Overland Park.

. Bob and Susan celebrated 23 years of marriage in 2014. □



Bonnie Schlichting

Vestry Nominating Committee



Nevin Souers



Katy Esterline



Charley Horton



Julie DuRoss

Committee nominates two for 2015 Vestry

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce Richard L. (Dick) Clapp and Robert C. (Bob) Matthews as candidates for the 2015 Vestry. *(See photos and biographies on Page 0).*

The two will stand for election at the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held Monday, January 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Sugden Hall.

All By-Laws and procedures have been followed and the qualifications of these candidates have been found to conform. Nominations may also be made from the floor, providing such nominations have been previously filed with the Parish Secretary at least five working days before the election meeting.

Vestrypersons elected shall take office immediately and fill vacancies left by retiring Vestry members Bonnie Schlichting and past Senior Warden Nevin Souers, both of whom have served two terms each.

The Nominating Committee consisted of Bonnie Schlichting and Nevin Souers of the Vestry and Julie DuRoss, Katy Esterline and Charley Horton from the Laity. □

Movie & Pizza



Sunday, December 7

12:45 pm in Sugden Hall

following the 11:15 service

Come for pizza, salad and a wonderful Christian movie that will stir your heart ...especially on this Pearl Harbor Day.

Last Ounce of Courage is about how a discussion between a grandson and his grandfather, a decorated war veteran, hits home. The grandfather, Mayor Bob Revere, then embarks on a crusade to restore Christianity and patriotism to his increasingly secular town.

Call the office at 261-2355, ext. 4, to reserve your place and help us to determine how many pizzas we'll need! □



Deaths:

James McCartney
November 12, 2014

Peggy Paradis
November 23, 2014



An invitation to
St. John's members and friends

WHAT?

Spirit Alive's Annual Community Visit

WHERE?

Naples Holocaust Museum

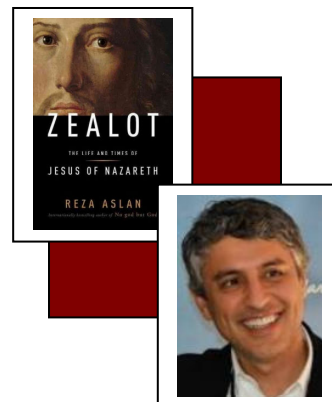
WHEN?

Thursday, January 22, 10 a.m. - Noon

COST & RESERVATIONS?

**\$20 per person, (includes a box lunch
from Panera's)**

**Payment of cash or check must be in
the church office by January 17.**



Start reading now for our February book discussion

This year's Spirit Alive Book Discussion will be the best seller: *Zealot The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth* by Reza Aslan. We will meet on Thursday, February 19, in Sugden Hall from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

We look forward to another lively discussion about *Zealot*. February will be here before we know it and we want you to have enough time to read it before we meet. ☐



Card Ministry needs help

Please send names and addresses of members you know who might enjoy receiving a card of encouragement, congratulations, etc. to the office, call Katy Esterline at 517-206-4641 or e-mail to katyesterline@g.mail .com.

We would also welcome additional help in addressing the cards. If you are interested, please contact Katy. ☐

Katy Esterline

Resting in the Heart — a search for Inner Peace and Healing

HEALING MISSION

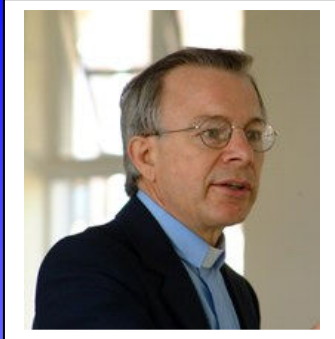
Sponsored by St. John's Chapter of The Order of St. Luke



featuring

The Rev. Paul Feider
Director, The Center for Inner Peace

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 7



The Rev. Paul Feider

The Rev. Paul Feider is pastor, teacher and spiritual director at The Center for Inner Peace in New London, Wisconsin. He has over forty years experience in healing ministry, leading retreats and speaking nationally and internationally. Fr. Paul has authored five books, including *Resting in the Heart*.

Fr. Paul is a long-time member of the Association of Christian Therapists, an organization committed to proclaiming the healing mission of Jesus among health care professionals. He is on the National Board of Directors for Christian Healing Ministries and a Regional Director for the International Order of St. Luke.

Fr. Paul has trained clergy and laity in healing prayer in the United States and in Kenya, Uganda and Madagascar.

Contact: frpaulfeider@gmail.com

The International Order of St. Luke the Physician is a Christian order of faith, prayer and service, devoted to bringing the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to all who need physical, spiritual and emotional healing.

During his time on earth, Jesus brought the Good News to us and healing to many. The New Testament has many examples of Jesus' healing people of physical, spiritual and emotional infirmities, making them whole again before God.

The Order of St. Luke seeks to follow Jesus' model and instructions to "go and do likewise" healing through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Grace of God.

Brochures and registration forms are available in the church office. A \$15 donation is appreciated. □

Schedule for the Healing Mission

Registration	8:30 - 9:15 am	Praise & Worship	1:00 - 1:20 pm
Praise & Worship	9:15 - 9:30 am	Session III	1:20 - 2:20 pm
Introductions	9:30 - 9:40 am	Discussion	2:20 - 2:40 pm
Session I	9:40 - 10:40 am	Break & Set Up	2:40 - 3:00 pm
Break	10:40 - 11:00 am	Healing Eucharist &	3:00 pm
Session II	11:00 - Noon	Laying on of Hands	
Lunch	Noon - 1:00 pm		

Sing to the Lord a new song

*...for He has
done marvelous
things
(Psalm 98)*



The Lord began a good work in us and the restoration of St. John's building and grounds is completed! Shout for joy to the Lord!

Indeed, it is with pleasure that we can use the property God has given us to serve His people and to call newcomers to worship and praise Him in this sacred place also. All during the six years of work, God has led us and many people have remarked what an amazing transformation has been rendered.

Your contribution of time, talent, and treasure, and foremost your prayers, have made the outcome possible. I pray we have many years of enjoyment and service before us in our restored sanctuary.

Fr. Joe is leading us in the planning for celebration this February, when we will celebrate the restoration and, among many blessings, our 44th anniversary. St. John's has a rich history, God is transforming more than buildings and grounds, He is transforming hearts and minds through the people of St. John's.

Watch for upcoming announcements in *Enews*, on *Facebook*, *St. John's website*, and *Parishlife*, for the date and time of this great party, when we will Shout for joy to the Lord!
□

Your brother in Jesus,
Mike Johnson



We are forever grateful for the guidance of the Lord and the presence of the Holy Spirit at St. John's. You are encouraged to check out our service bulletin for opportunities and take time to be in relationship with us and our Lord.

What a blessing of opportunities surrounds us at St. John's — especially on Wednesdays. If you have not yet experienced Centering Prayer with us, know that our door is open for those who want to “Be still and know that I am God.”

The psalmist in Psalm 61 offers an opportunity to rebalance ourselves with the Lord: *“Lead me to the rock that is higher than I; for you are my refuge, a stronger tower against the enemy. Let me abide in your tent forever, find refuge under the shelter of your wings.”*

Father Joe has encouraged us to identify and address the stresses in our lives. Centering Prayer is one of those powerful ways to gather and empty ourselves of our thoughts and egos and become open in our silence to receive the gifts of God. Centering Prayer meets in the Prayer Room behind the sanctuary on Wednesday morning at 9:00. All you need to do is bring yourself and your intention to BE with God. □

Katy Esterline



Exciting Times Ahead

I want to wish all of you a wonderful Advent and Christmas season. We are blessed in so many ways and special times like these remind us of God's abiding love, the importance of one another and the treasured moments we have in sharing a meal and gifts. There are some exciting times ahead and I invite you to plan on being with us during the following celebrations:

Outreach Grant Celebration: You're invited to share the joy of giving on Sunday, December 14 at 9 a.m. as we present ten wonderful Collier charities with \$75,000 in grants to support their work. Join us for the party afterwards and meet the leaders of these great organizations!

Christmas: will be celebrated at St. John's on Christmas Eve, December 24, at our 5 p.m. Family Service and 9 p.m. Festive Eucharist. Christmas Day worship will be at 10 a.m.

Annual Meeting: will be held on Monday, January 26, 2015, and begins with a 6 p.m. potluck, followed by the actual meeting. Plan to be part of this important time together.

Annual Visitation: Bishop Dabney Smith will be with us on Sunday, February 1, 2015, to celebrate, preach and share a very special day with us.

St. John's Celebration is that special day on February 1, 2015 when St. John's gives thanks for 44 years of ministry in Naples. We will also celebrate **Restoration**

Completion, encompassing six years of restoring the St. John's campus, including work started soon after my arrival, and the phased work done over the past four years. I want to personally thank everyone who supported this needed restoration. Please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, food and celebration!

St. John's Healing Mission: I'm excited to announce the Order of St. Luke has invited Fr. Paul Feider to lead our 2015 Healing Mission. Fr. Paul is an international speaker on healing, spiritual growth and scripture. Author of five books, his most recent title is *Resting in the Heart: A Spirituality of Healing and Wholeness*. The mission begins on Saturday, February 7, 2015, with 8:30 a.m. registration, followed by times of worship, teaching and healing prayer.

THANKS to each of you who faithfully participate in the daily life of the St. John's family. Whether it be a worship opportunity, Bible study, Foyer or outreach event, you're a critical part of the life our Lord wants to share with everyone you touch.

GOD BLESS YOU! ✝

OFFICIAL NOTICE

St. John's Episcopal Church, Naples, Florida

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Monday, January 26, 2015

6 to 8 p.m.

beginning with a Potluck Dinner

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve, December 24

5 p.m. Family Service

9 p.m. Festive Eucharist

Christmas Day, December 24

10 a.m.



Parish honors secretary Julie DuRoss as she retires

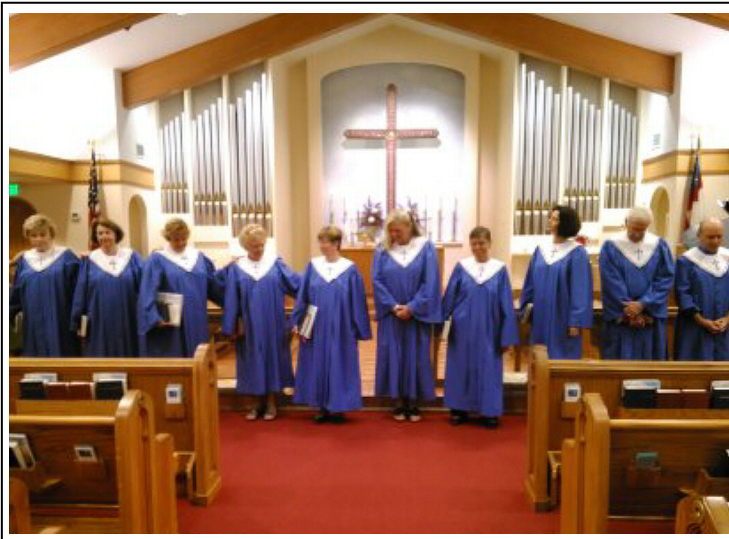
At the 9 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 16, the parish honored St. John's secretary, Julie DuRoss, who has retired after 17 years of faithful service.

In a special presentation by Sr. Warden Peter Zimmermann, Julie received a bouquet of roses, a love gift from the congregation and many kind words and accolades of gratitude.

Julie thanked everyone for their kindnesses and friendship. "I have been blessed by the people of St. John's who have always been the family of Jesus to me," she said.

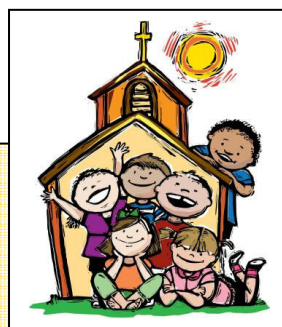
Following the service, an appreciation reception, with appropriate cake, was held on the patio.

We'll all be seeing more of Julie as she finally has the opportunity to participate in the many church activities in which she has always been interested, but unable to attend due to her work hours. □



Lookin' good and soundin' good ... Choir begins season with new robes

It's always nice to have the choir back during season, but especially nice this year to see them in handsome new robes. While small in number, they continue to enhance our Sunday worship with their talents. Thanks to all and to Music Director Glenn Saffran, who makes it all happen! □



Note Youth Sunday School dates for remainder of 2014:

December 7, 14, 21 at 11 a.m.

No Sunday School

December 28, and January 4.

Classes resume January 11, 2015 at 11 a.m.

A new Sunday Coed Study begins Sunday, January 11

10:30 a.m. in Brewster Hall. Topic is yet to be determined



Sunday, December 14, at the 9 a.m. service, we shall be presenting ten Collier County charities with monetary grants. The funds, approved by Vestry, were raised this year by St. John's Thrift Shoppe, along with monies for Outreach from St. John's General Fund.

This celebration has become an annual event and one to which we all look forward.

Following the service, there will be a reception in Sugden Hall and you are invited to meet representatives of the agencies receiving these grants listed below:

Angels Under Cover
Baby Basics
Habitat for Humanity
Harry Chapin Food Bank
Immokalee Child Care Center
Laces of Love
Literacy Volunteers
NAMI
St. Matthews House
The Salvation Army

Sue Boujoukos



St. John's Shoppe moving into the future

After 30 years of success, Shoppe has outgrown its 110th St. N. location

The Board of Directors is excited to announce that St. John's Shoppe *for Upscale Thrift* will be moving soon to a new location in the Tamiami Square Shopping Center, 14700 Tamiami Trail, North.

As a vital part of St. John's Outreach ministry, we must look and plan for future growth above the mainstream of Naples' ever-increasing resale industry. Our vision is to be set apart from the rest with our merchandise and store ambiance, in order to make the net proceeds that benefit our local charities.

The search for larger space began over two years ago. Almost twenty sites, from the north Collier County line on or near US 41 to Fifth Avenue South, were seriously studied and considered. This one is just two miles north of our current site, fronts on the east side of US 41 North and has adequate, safe parking. Other tenants include restaurants, hair salons, women's clothing, etc. Our units, 19 and 20, will have efficient, comfortable work space, a break room for staff and volunteers, a welcoming, pleasant atmosphere and a new and updated look for our sales floor.

The date of our Grand Opening depends on build-out and transfer of goods. It also depends on YOU! We will need volunteer painters, cabinet and shelf makers, "handy-man" types, and able bodies for moving merchandise and organizing the Shoppe. If you would like to volunteer for any of these jobs, or donate a new stacking washer/dryer combo, refrigerator, microwave, cabinets or any large items for the new Shoppe and eliminate that cost for us, please call Chairperson Pat Costa @254-0551. Any help whether in body, spirit, or cash.....we will gratefully accept! This is YOUR Shoppe, come be a part of this growing Ministry and share in the excitement! □

Thrift Shoppe Board

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In this blessed season, we
give thanks for your support ... for
your donations and your help as
Volunteers at St. John's Shoppe.
Be joyous in knowing that your
contribution to this Ministry bene-
fits so many in need through St.
John's Outreach Charities.

*Wishing you the Gift of Faith,
the Peace of Love,
and the Blessing of Hope
in this Christmas Season
and the New Year!*

Your Friends at St. John's Shoppe

Deadline for February Parishlife: Noon, Friday, January 23 .