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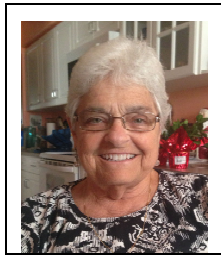
The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church, Naples, Florida

Prayer Fasting Works of Love



# 40 Days

# Food, reports, Vestry retirements & elections, committee appointments reign at Annual Meeting



Ruth Adams  
Vestry

## 2016 Elections And Appointments



Vickie Bausch  
Vestry



John Gualdoni  
Vestry



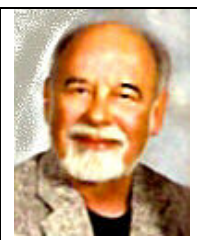
Bob Matthews  
Finance Chairman



Pat Costa  
Shoppe Chair



Sue Boujoukos  
Senior Warden



Gary Jarrell  
Junior Warden

About seventy people were in attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting held in Sugden Hall on Monday, January 25.

Following the potluck supper, which preceded the meeting, reports from the Rector, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Vestry Nominating Committee were given.

Fr. Christian Maxfield, Assistant Rector, presented a video of the youth and young families.

Elected to the 2016 Vestry for three-year terms were: Ruth Adams, Vickie Bausch and John Gualdoni. They replace retiring Vestry members Fran Disselhorst, Michael Johnson and Peter Zimmermann who, having completed their Vestry terms, were recognized and honored for their services.

Gratitude was also expressed to Russ Gowland and Bob Gunn, who are retiring from the Finance Committee. Bob Matthews replaces Gowland as Chairman of the Committee.

Pat Costa, Thrift Shoppe Chairperson, reported revenues of \$294,000 for the year and the Shoppe is now partnering with consignment shops who will receive goods. Officers and Board for 2016 are:

Pat Costa	Chairperson
Myra Tutwiler	Vice-Chairperson
Sue Boujoukos	Secretary
Barbara Bongard	Treasurer
Jean Morley	Volunteer Recruiting
Richard Clapp	Vestry/Outreach Liaison
Sharon Marceau	Manager
Roseanne Sausser	Assistant Manager

Following the Annual Meeting, the new Vestry held a brief organizational meeting.

The Rector appointed Sue Boujoukos as Senior Warden and the Vestry elected Gary Jarrell as Junior Warden. Anne Witmer remains Clerk to the Vestry.

Peter Zimmermann, while no longer a voting member of the Vestry, remains Parish Treasurer. □



# Revive us, O Lord



Fr. Joseph  
Miaocco

As we continue to experience and seek God's blessings of renewal and awakening in our lives, Southwest Florida, our nation and the world, we are coming to understand and personally experience the depth of God's move and grace at this moment in human history. Our Heavenly Father is pouring out

His grace and Spirit upon both seeker and enemy, resulting in miraculous conversions and healings.

Embracing the sacred hour in which we live, I invite you to participate in the following spiritual opportunities at St. John's that will bring us closer to our Lord, one another and the world:

**Healing Mission 2016** will be hosted by St. John's Order of St. Luke on Saturday, February 6, from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Join us for worship, teaching and healing prayer as Fr. David Reed leads us in reflections on "Healing and the Kingdom of God." Register by calling the office at 239.261.2355.

**Ash Wednesday Services** will be offered on Wednesday, February 10, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. May we begin a Holy Lent together!

**Lenten Series 2016** commences Wednesday, February 24, at 6 p.m. with soup & bread, followed by four sessions celebrating individual parishioner's life journeys and experiences of worship, prayer, fasting and service. Our time together will include fellowship, small groups, with our last night featuring a dramatic play and Eucharist.

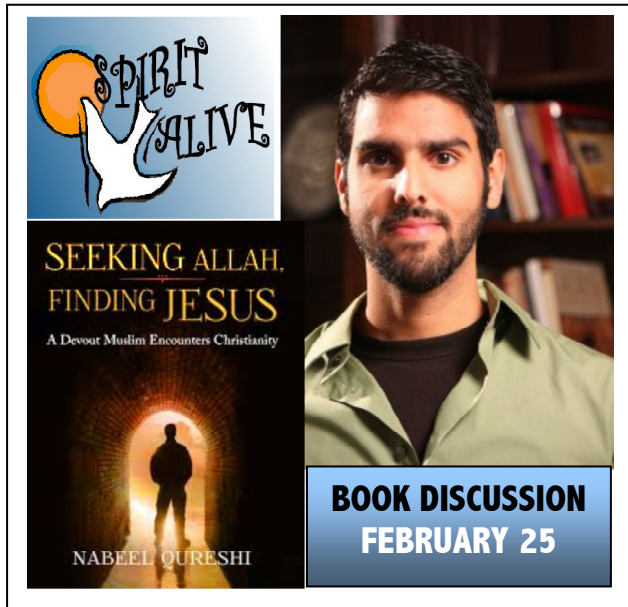
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"If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

If you participated in 'Revive Us O Lord' you're already part of the event email list and will be updated on coming activities, teachings and video. For more information or to sign up, go to [www.openheavenrevival.org](http://www.openheavenrevival.org) and be part of God's move in 40DAYS4HIM!

## GOD BLESS OUR FAITH STEPS!





You know what brings Muslims to Christ? The journey of Nabeel Qureshi as he encounters Christianity will be the topic of this year's book discussion.

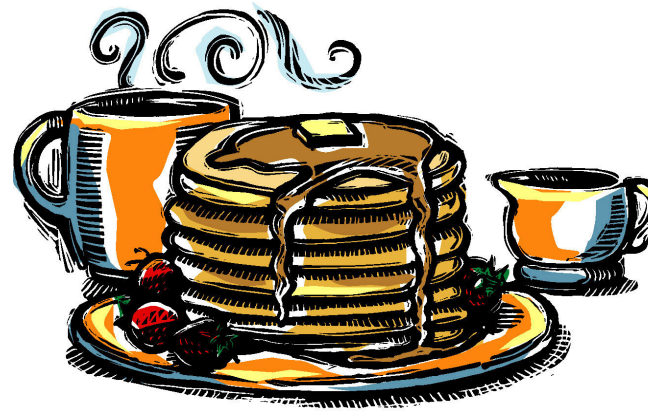
*Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi, a devout Muslim, gives a true account of his search for the truth. It reads like a novel, but is full of details as he opens us up to Jesus in the Bible and Qur'an.

Several members of St. John's were able to hear him or his taped presentation in January at the Presbyterian Church in Bonita Beach. One comment was, "Listening to him tell his personal story, enhanced the understanding of his struggle and eventual acceptance of the truth contained in the Bible."

Please join us at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 25. Our library has several copies you may wish to check out. If they are gone, you can request a copy by leaving a note for Colleen Spangler in the church office with your contact information. □

Katy Esterline

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR QUIET DAY AT ST. JOHN'S ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16.**



**St. John's Shrove Tuesday**  
**PANCAKE SUPPER**  
**& Mardi Gras Celebration**

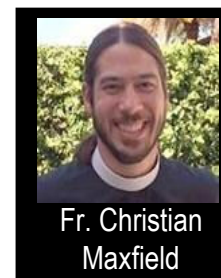
**February 9**  
**5:30 - 7:30 pm**

A family-friendly evening of food, fellowship and fun for all ages.

Gourmet pancakes begin being served in Sudgen Hall at St John's Episcopal Church at 5:30 p.m.

- Flavored or regular pancakes
- Sides of sausage, applesauce, coffee and milk
- Crafts and games for kids
- Free-will offering taken





The Book of Common Prayer tells us that Easter day is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. The moon experts tell us that there will be a full moon on March 23; therefore, Easter 2016 is on March 27.

The date of Easter determines the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, forty days before Easter, excluding Sundays (Sundays are feast days and are not counted in the forty days of the traditional Lenten fast. Some people choose to break their fast on Sundays).

Epiphany ends with Shrove Tuesday when we use up the sugar, fat and other foods in our kitchens that we might be fasting from during the coming season of Lent, hence church pancake suppers are synonymous with Shrove Tuesday.

On the tenth of this month, the church gathers in penitence, prayer and fasting for Ash Wednesday, a major fast day of the Church. In Ash Wednesday's liturgy, we are invited to "the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination, and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP pg. 265)

This year we are doubly urged by our Rector and the leadership of St. John's to truly commit ourselves to prayer, worship, fasting and service, intentionally setting aside "40 days 4 Him", coming together with other Christian individuals and

churches seeking the Lord's favor, leading and revival in SWFL, the nation, and the world.

Observing a Holy Lent can be so much more than simply doing (or not doing) this and that. The challenge is getting to the WHY — why am I doing this, that and the other? Whether it's giving up any number of things or adding to our daily routine (reading a chapter of the Bible each day, getting up a half-hour earlier in the morning to pray), our challenge is to get out of the sheer habit of doing what we have always done and, instead, to focus on being who we are called to be, by virtue of our baptism and trust in Jesus, making strides to truly be people of worship, prayer, fasting and service. The observance of a Holy Lent is less about rote doing and more about intentional being.

Brothers and sisters, during this season of Lent, I encourage us to take time to just *be* a little more than we have been of late — *being* with our Lord and Savior in *prayer, worship, fasting and service*. Talking a little perhaps, but listening and acting upon His good and perfect will even more —not because we must, but rather because we can and because we may —because of what the Lord has done for us! ✠

Fr. Christian

*May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of  
God and into the steadfastness of Christ.  
Thessalonians 3:5*

## St. John's Shoppe shares love many ways

February – the month of LOVE. Consider a “Gift of Love” to others less fortunate in your community as you shop, donate, or volunteer at St. John's Shoppe. Remember all net proceeds are given to local charities in Collier County through this Outreach Ministry of our Parish. We have many ways for you to share your love and here are just a few:



### ***Volunteer at the Shoppe.***

Volunteering feeds the soul like nothing else. Make new friends with other volunteers as you assist customers or sort and price donations in our beautiful new Shoppe. Daily shifts are mornings, afternoons, or all-day. Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Saturday.

Call Jean Morley at 649-8282 for more information.



***Share Your Love... Volunteer!***

### ***Donate merchandise.***

Give the Shoppe those gently used or new articles you no longer want including apparel, jewelry, accessories, books, linens, curios, housewares, china, crystal, antiques or home furnishings. Your furniture donations are very important to us as they bring added dollars.

Call Sharon at 597-9518 for furniture inspection and delivery.



***Share Your Love... Donate!***

### ***Be a regular customer.***

Everyone is amazed at our shop's boutique atmosphere, quality merchandise, beautiful displays and friendly staff. There is no other resale shop like it in the area with bargains galore at very affordable prices.

Ask about our Preferred Customer Club and “My Magic Monday,” special events for our e-mail customers only.



***Share Your Love... Shop!***



## **New report received from Emmanuel Community, Aleppo**

Emmanuel, a community made up of families, single people, young and old, gives witness in the middle of a life or death struggle within an area close to the center of Aleppo, Syria. St. John's lends monetary support to the group.

Please see the detailed and lengthy latest report by Andre J. Codouni on the Community. Too lengthy for *Parishlife*, it is posted on the patio bulletin board along with a larger photograph. □



# *St. John's Shoppe*

proudly presents  
the first annual

## *Fashion Show Luncheon*

\$30 per person  
(cash or check only)

*Saturday, March 12*  
at noon in Sugden Hall

Apparel and Accessories by St. John's Shoppe  
Benefit: Collier Co. charities of St. John's Episcopal Church

RESERVATIONS: Call (239) 597-9518 or email:  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THIS SPECIAL  
EVENT! More details next month.**



*Show me your ways, Lord,  
teach me your paths. Guide me  
in your truth and teach me, for  
you are God my Savior, and my  
hope is in you all day long.*

Psalm 25: 4-5 NIV

One way to hear God is by being still. Taking time to quiet your mind, silencing the To Do List, and resting in silence allows the Lord to BE with us.

Our lives are so cluttered with sounds, requests, things we need and want to do. It is often difficult to silence the environmental and mental sounds so that the Holy Spirit and our Lord can move through us and speak to us.

When we take the time, whether it is five, ten, twenty, thirty, or sixty minutes, the Lord rejoices.

It must be a blessing to God, like when our family or friends make time for us and give us their undivided attention. The Lord leaves us with such peace after we go in silence to be with Him.

You are always invited to join St. John's Centering Prayer group on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 in the church prayer room. ☐

Katy Esterline



## Valentine Day Party February 14

Jr. and Sr. High students, don't miss this fun afternoon of valentines, games and food!

## Happening #58 February 26-28

See Fr. Christian for information about this enriching and spirit-filled upcoming Sr. High diocesan retreat. Registration is due by February 14!



### NEW MEMBERS

Tucker & Elaine Johnson

### TRANSFERS IN

Carin Weaver  
Michael Benigno  
Lois Saldukas

### TRANSFERS OUT

George & Marjorie Baitis

### DEATHS

Marian Lippucci 12/16/2015  
Helen Blount 1/6/2016  
George Zurlo 1/11/2016  
Bea Reid (101) 1/18/16

### BURIALS

George Zurlo 1/23/2016

*Please notify Parish Secretary Ann Witmer of any additions or corrections.*

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for the spiritual renewal  
and awakening of  
Southwest Florida, our  
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**CHECK US OUT AND REGISTER AT:  
[www.openheavenrevival.org](http://www.openheavenrevival.org)**



## Dean Ernie Hunt authors eighth book

The Very Rev. Dr. Ernest E. Hunt III, and his wife, Elsie, are seasonal visitors at St. John's and he often assists at services.

An Episcopal priest, he has lived and served in urban and rural California; suburban St. Louis; New York City; Dallas, Texas; and Paris, France. He was rector of the Church of Epiphany in Manhattan, dean of the St. Matthew's Cathedral in Dallas, and dean of the American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Paris, France, for more than ten years.

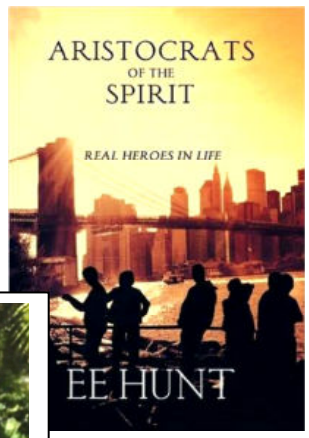
Dean Ernie graduated from Stanford University with two degrees, the Episcopal seminary of the Southwest with two degrees, and Princeton Theological Seminary, where he earned a doctorate. In a time of religious division and political mistrust, his interest is in promoting a common sense of human decency and reconciliation amongst the practitioners of all faiths.

Of his seven previously published books, one is academic. The other six are novels about our turbulent times in regard to terrorism and human trafficking.

Dean Hunt says his newest book, *Aristocrats of The Spirit – Real Heroes in Life*, "is a record of people of all faiths who helped me in my life from Oakland, CA, where I was born, to the present. These are people whom I have admired for their sense of decency or the way they endured personal struggles, everyday heroes and heroines who keep us focused on life's true goals."

The book is now available through your local bookstores, at Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, Xlibris.com, or by phone at 1-888-795-4274 ext. 7879.

A book-signing was held January 31 at St. John's during the Coffee Hour. □



## HEALING MISSION



led by The Rev. Dr.  
David Reed

**Saturday  
Feb. 6**

**8 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

### TOPICS:

- **Healing: It's a Global Thing**
- **Healing in the Apostolic Church**
- **Kingdom of God and Healing**

Register in the office. A \$15 donation is appreciated for lunch.

*Sponsored by the St. John's Naples Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician.*

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Pat Mills 239-596-8890

### 2016 Vestry:

**Sr. Warden:** Sue Boujoukos

**Jr. Warden:** Gary Jarrell

**Treasurer:** Peter Zimmermann

**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

Tamiami Square  
14700 Tamiami Trail N., Naples, FL  
Ph: 239-597-9518

**Hrs:** Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Website:** www.stjohnsshoppe.com

### Shoppe Board of Directors:

**Chairperson:** Pat Costa

**Vice-Chairperson:** Myra Tutwiler

**Secretary:** Sue Boujoukos

**Treasurer:** Barbara Bongard

**Volunteer Recruiting:** Jean Morley

**Vestry/Outreach Liaison:** Richard Clapp

**Manager:** Sharon Marceau

**Asst. Manager:** Rosanne Sausser

## 2016 Parishlife Deadlines

Month of Publication	Deadline: Noon, Friday
February	January 22
March	February 19
April	March 25
May	April 22
June-July	May 27
August-September	July 22
October	September 23
November	October 28
December-January	November 25

**Please enter these dates on your calendars NOW.**

**Deadline for the March Parishlife is noon, Friday, Feb. 19. Word limit is 300. Send to kay-geroy@mindspring.com**