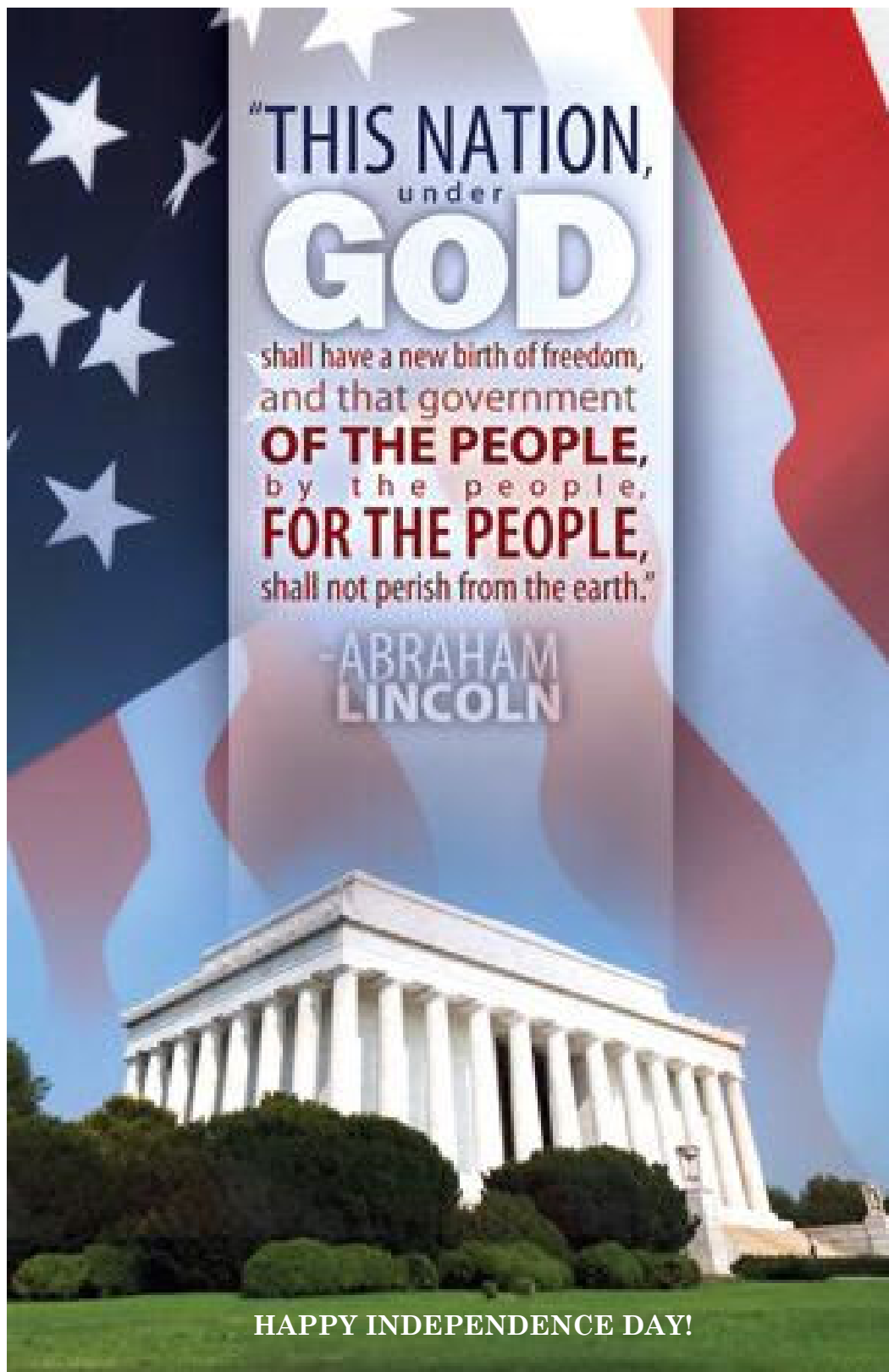


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"THIS NATION,
under
GOD

shall have a new birth of freedom,
and that government
OF THE PEOPLE,
by the people,
FOR THE PEOPLE,
shall not perish from the earth."

-ABRAHAM
LINCOLN

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

St. John's Episcopal Church -Vestry Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 28, 2015 (APPROVED)

The meeting began at 6:00pm in Brewster Hall. Fr. Joe opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Fr. Joe Maiocco, Rector; Fr. Christian, Asst. Rector; Deacon Bill Moyers; Mike Johnson, Sr. Warden; Sue Boujoukos, Jr. Warden; Peter Zimmermann, Treasurer; Richard Clapp; Fran Disselhorst; Gary Jarrell; Bob Matthews; Ann Witmer, Clerk of the Vestry. Absent were Linda Smith and Jack Wert.

Fr. Joe addressed the Vestry regarding administrative issues a) recording seconder in motion and b) amending minutes.

Fr. Joe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the March Vestry meeting. Peter moved with corrected changes. The corrected March minutes were unanimously approved.

Rector's Report

Fr. Joe highlighted the upcoming schedule and activities:

- The summer schedule begins Sunday (5/3)
- The Study on John begins on Sunday (6/7) at 8:45am led by Skip
- The Co-ed Study begins on Sunday (6/14) at 9am led by Fr. Christian
- The Sunset Beach Picnic will be held Saturday (7/18) at 6:30pm
- The Stewardship Series will start up in August.
- A Reminder for the Fall Festival; Peter will be in charge of this activity.
- Outreach Bylaws: Draft is attached; we will not review today.

Asst. Rector's Report

Fr. Christian highlighted a few upcoming projects he is working on:

- Vacation Bible School
- Family Night Gathering
- Beach Pool Party is Sunday (5/31)

Currently there are approximately 12 to 15 young families at St. John's.

Deacon's Report

This Sunday ends the formal mentorship with sub-deacon Richard Gonzales.

Sr. Warden's Report - No report.

Jr. Warden's Report

Sue stated that the air conditioner and handler for the Sanctuary is approximately 14 yrs. old and will need to be replaced soon. The cost for replacement is approx. \$15-20k. Options are being reviewed.

Finance Report

- Peter presented the March Financial report. Note that Fr. Christian's relocation fees were not budgeted.
- Bob made a motion to move that the March Financials be approved. The motion was seconded and the Financials were approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Thrift Shoppe is operating well financially. Peter stated the store is in need of furniture.

Outreach Committee

Nevin Souers (Outreach Chair) reported there is an urgency to assist the brothers & sisters who are being persecuted and there is a need to fund more than \$5k. The Outreach Committee

(April Vestry Minutes, Continued)

concur. **Motion:** Fran moved to give \$5k at the end of each qtr. (May, August and November) to Renewal in the Holy Spirit Ministries and receive an accounting of where money is going. The Motion passed unanimously.

Addendum to motion: Funds to come from The St. John's Outreach Endowment Fund.

Parish will be informed of this decision via announcement, ParishLife, Enews and Jamie Treadwell's visit in June.

Fran asked for feedback from the Dominican Republic. Fr. Joe stated he would email Karen Carol for feedback.

Ministry Commission

Fr. Christian spoke with Morgan Rees regarding the Ministry Weekend. There is thought of holding this event in February 2016 when more parishioners are in town.

Unfinished Business

The biggest concern with the Columbarium Bylaws is space availability. Bob stated that there are 864 plots total. 122 of those are available; 60 are reserved; however, 60 are not available because of current landscaping issues. He suggested a long-term committee to solve the issue.

Gary offered an idea of scatterings with a wall of remembrance. There is \$80k in the Columbarium Fund that could assist with this idea.

Motion: Vestry Committee to form and explore columbarium expansion for internments.

Fran moved the motion. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Sub Committee members include: Bob, Gary and one Columbarium member.

During study, scattering will be offered to new applicants.

Other Business -None

The next Vestry meeting will be held Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6 pm.

Deacon Bill closed the meeting in prayer and we adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Witmer, Clerk of Vestry



Finance Committee and Vestry change meeting dates

The Finance meetings have been changed to the third Thursdays of the Month in Brewster Hall.

The Vestry meetings will now be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month in Sugden Hall. □



New Members:

Joseph & Ronnie Biondo

Transfers In:

Roger & Susan Stiefel

Baptisms:

Dorothy Pearl Gualdoni
5/10/2015

Daniel William Dupuis
6/13/2015

Deaths:

John "Jack" William Cooper
5/29/15

Summertime at the Shoppe! Donate, volunteer, shop!

Summertime in Naples is when we enjoy less traffic on our roads and being able to walk into restaurants on the spur of the moment. It is also a great time to relax our pace and explore new area interests and activities. If you have not visited the “new” St. John’s Shoppe, now is the time. In keeping with summer sales in many stores, St. John’s Shoppe offers sales, too. We can’t tell you “what or when” because it depends on the overflow of merchandise in any category. So, come see us and take a peek at our bargains!

Don’t forget us with your donations this summer. In the cool air conditioning of your home, those hot, humid days are a wonderful time to clean out those no longer wanted items that are still in good condition. Donate them to the Shoppe. Don’t consign. Give to your parish’s outreach charities through the Shoppe. You will get a tax receipt for your donations and feel good about helping those less fortunate.

Furniture and home accessories sell really well and bring us much bigger sales than most other items. Call Sharon at 597-9518 for an inspection and pickup if you have furniture to donate. Home goods in excellent condition, such as kitchen utensils, dishes, silver, crystal, comforters, tablecloths, linens, etc. are always in demand. Please keep in mind that we take no mattresses or bed pillows.

If you have time on your hands, summer’s slower pace is a wonderful time to begin your volunteer service at the Shoppe. There is a friendly spirit of camaraderie among our volunteers and we invite you to join us. Some of the everyday tasks include sorting, tagging, and pricing donations; mending, washing, and ironing clothing; repairs and inspection of lamps, furniture, electronics, etc. Last, but so important, is customer service. Check with

St. John's Shoppe
for upscale thrift



our Manager, Sharon Marceau, at 597-9518 for available days and shifts. She will make

every effort to work around your schedule. There are many other Shoppe-related volunteer opportunities outside the Shoppe such as marketing, advertising, event planning, recruiting, etc. Just ask a member of the Board of Directors if you are interested in helping this ministry that contributes so much to the charities of Collier County.

On those hot, humid days when you are looking for a cool, friendly place to shop, donate, or volunteer just for the fun of it, St. John’s Shoppe is your answer! Remember, with your help, our parish’s outreach charities benefit from your participation. We hope to see you at Tamiami Square, 14700 Tamiami Trail, North. Business hours are 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Call (239) 597-9518 for further information. □

Myra Tutwiler

Wednesday Summer Schedule

Morning Prayer
7 a.m.

Men's Bible Study
7:30 a.m.

Centering Prayer
9 a.m.

Order of St. Luke
1st and 3rd
Wednesdays until
Season

Healing Service
discontinued until
Season

Noonday Prayer
discontinued until
Season

Women's Bridge
12:30 p.m.

**NEW! Wednesday
Evening Fellowship!
See Page 7 for
details!**



A Sabbatical Rest

As many of you know, I'll be taking my first sabbatical in 31 years of ministry, starting in July and going through October, 2015. I've earned six months of Sabbatical at this time, but have decided to use three months, along with vacation. I'm grateful for this opportunity to be renewed physically, mentally, intellectually and spiritually.

Sabbatical comes from the Hebrew Shabbat and literally means "a ceasing from work often lasting two months to a year." It's rooted in the biblical concept of "shemita," when during the Jubilee or seventh year, the people of Israel were to give their fields a rest for one year. In doing so, they honored the God of the Sabbath, who rested from the labor of creation on the seventh day.

I wanted to share with you some of my plans for this time:

***E-Formation Conference at VTS Seminary:** Explores the use of technology in promoting the Gospel and the Church; discover current online programs that can be used in spiritual formation.; implement methods to successfully advertise and gain disciples; begin to use some of these strategies on our website and social media.

***Retreats:** I hope to take two one-week retreats, beginning locally at Mother of God in Alva, Florida. This will afford me time for personal reflection, study and prayer.

***Voice of the Apostles Conference:** Learn, worship and fellowship with international leaders and Christians from all over the world; discover what's working in evangelism, discipleship and outreach; be renewed and challenged about next steps based on what God is doing through his servants in our world now.

***Reflection & Rest:** I hope to glean new resources, both in material and people, for St. John's ministry. I also hope to be renewed in my relationship with Jesus and others, affording me important insights of what was and is to come. Lets not forget FUN!

I'm grateful for the staff and lay leadership we have in place for this coming season. I'll stay in touch as needed, but know we have planned for things to come and trust our Lord with the rest.

Even though absent in body, be assured of my thoughts and prayers for you during this time. Thank you for your faithfulness to our Lord and St. John's in the coming months.

GOD BLESS YOU!

This 'n' That...



**Now it's
time for
some
summer
fun!**

Although children's Sunday School is on break until fall, our families want to stay connected. So, we plan to gather once a month for fun and fellowship.

Photos above are from the get-together hosted by the Brownlee's.

If you would like to host, please let Fr. Christian know. □



Dorothy Pearl Gualdoni was an active participant in her tasteful May 10 Baptism!

Men's Bible Study will continue to meet this summer, with Leo Velazquez leading an eight-week study.

Congratulations to Amber & Brian Ferreira on the birth of their son Brian Joseph, born May 20 and weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz.

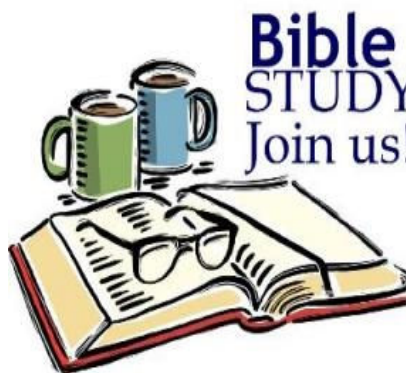
Kelsey & Chris Dupuis invite you to the baptism of their son, Daniel William Dupuis, at 10 a.m. at the Third St. South beach, on Saturday, June 13.

See the Presiding Bishop candidates' interviews. Trinity Wall Street has all four online. See <https://vimeo.com/trinitywallstreet>

Have any small vases? The Flower Ministry would appreciate small vases to use in their flower distributions. A box is in the Narthex.

Happy Fourth Day to new Cursillistas Esther & Richard Gonzales and Iris Velazquez.

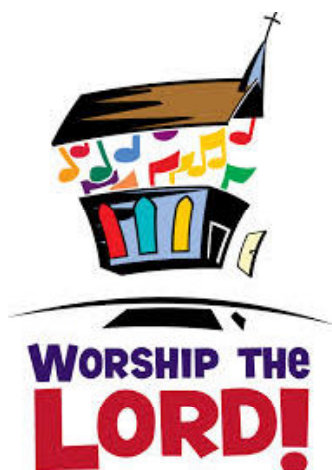
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Now! Two Sunday morning studies from which to choose:

1. *Study of Jesus' key sermons in John's Gospel*
begins June 7 at 8:45 a.m. in Brewster Hall, led by Skip Ruch.

2. *Study of the Gospel readings for the day*
Begins June 14 in Sugden Hall from 9 to 9:45 a.m., led by Fr. Christian.



On the **first and third**
Wednesday evenings
At 7 pm beginning June 3!

Enjoy a summer fellowship of
praise and worship with your
St. John's family!



Summer's here

Summer is here and hopefully that means an easier pace and some time of rest and rejuvenation for your body and your soul. Whether you are near or far, working or resting, remember to feed

your spirit the life-giving nourishment of God's Word, prayer, and fellowship with other believers.

Here are some highlights of the activities taking place these summer months at St. John's, in addition to our wonderful Saturday evening and Sunday morning services.

We are offering two Sunday morning Bible studies. Yes, you read that correctly! We have two opportunities for you to dive into the Word on Sundays before worship! Skip Ruch is leading a study at 8:45 a.m. in Brewster Hall looking at Jesus' key sermons in John's Gospel, and I am leading a study which will follow the Sunday lectionary readings, in Sugden Hall from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday school is on break for the summer but we will offer various opportunities for fun and fellowship for our families to stay connected. We plan to have a fun family gathering once a month, so please contact Fr. Christian if you would like to host one!

We also have a mid-week Prayer and Praise time these summer months on the first and third Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Come and worship with us, pray and gather together, sharpening one another as iron sharpens iron.

And we cannot forget our annual summer picnic on July 18th! (See Page 9.)

These are just a few ways for folks to stay connected with our Lord and with one another at St. John's during these summer months.

Even though you may be planning some time away this summer, let's continue to abide in our Lord and continue to thrive together, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We look forward to seeing you this summer. ☩

Fr. Christian and Kate



SENIOR WARDEN

It is on my heart to write you about God moving us and continually forming us into a Kingdom community. As imperfect as we are, God is using us in His perfection. I marvel at this and your examples of obedience. For instance,

- Fr. Christian & Kate uprooting from everything familiar to answer God's call to move. What an amazing gift you are for us — a perfect answer to our prayers for family and youth ministry;
- Fr. Joe taking Sabbatical — his first in 31 years of ministry — to study, reflect, and pray. God calling him to trust and step into a time new for him and for his congregation;
- Sub Deacon Richard & Esther Gonzalez making Cursillo and visioning the formation of a Hispanic church at St. John's;
- Leo & Iris Velazquez experiencing Leo's healing (go to our website to hear his story) and then training under the MacNutts in Jacksonville to serve in the healing mission field;
- Dorothy Lowrie obeying God's call to come to St. John's and minister through gifts of healing, renewal, and discernment — reviving interest in Cursillo and participating in the explosion of growth in the Order of St. Luke;
- Vickie Bauch on fire for Jesus and leading the Order of St. Luke in these exciting days of healing ministry;
- Kay & Bob Geroy making sure *Parishlife* publishes even when Kay was recovering from knee surgery;
- Dorothy Gualdoni being baptized into the family of Jesus Christ and Daniel Dupuis soon to follow. Significant life-giving steps thanks to family faith and courage in these times when it is so easy to take a different course.

JUNIOR WARDEN

As a parishioner of St. John's, I have been blessed to have heard Jamie Treadwell speak to us on numerous occasions. Jamie has drawn us in with his gift as an artist, creating beautiful sunsets right here on the Gulf. Witnessing his powerful artistic talent, there would be no question that the Holy Spirit is at work thru Jamie.

On his last visit with us, Jamie shared with us his role in Aleppo, Syria, working with Christians thru a legal link in Lebanon referred to as *The Renewal in the Holy Spirit Ministries*. Over these past few months, Jamie has shared with us, through emails, incredible devastation that this Christian community is going through. The Christians have chosen to stay in Aleppo at this challenging time in order to maintain a Christian witness and reach out in mission and support of others.

With St. John's mission in mind to serve the world, the Vestry has approved a grant of \$5,000 in each of May, August and November to support this community.

Along with this, we ask for your prayers keeping in mind the ongoing hardships that these Christians are coping with in their daily lives. May God bless these warriors, ☐

Sue Boujoukos, Junior Warden

Thank you for sharing your life in Christ with us. May we always live in God's perfection, trusting in His love and promise of life so that His glory is showing in a way like no other glory. ☐

Mike Johnson, Sr. Warden

St. John's Sunset

BEACH PICNIC

Saturday, July 18

6:30 - 8:30 pm, Moorings Beach Park

2101 Gulf Shore Boulevard South



- Your name and \$5 registration fee are your reservation
- Box supper provided
- Bring your own drink and lawn chair

Kids! Find and circle the words .
(words may be vertical, horizontal or diagonal)

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FRIDAY, JULY 24.**