

PARISH LIFE

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Stitches of Love women take a summer break

The Stitches of Love women have been very busy this season. Three large plastic containers filled with the labors of their love were blessed by Fr. Joe and prayed over by parishioners at the last Lenten study gathering, and have now gone “out into the world.”

Delicate knit caps for new-borns and preemies will be seen on babies in the nurseries at Health Park in Ft. Myers and the Mission Hospital in Ashville, North Carolina.

Missionaries of Charity nuns in Les Cayes, Haiti, have a dozen simple, but pretty, new sundresses for the little orphan girls they feed and clothe.

The colorful little “soft pillows” are being enjoyed by babies and toddlers participating with their Spanish-speaking moms at the Mother & Child English classes at Grace Place in Golden Gate.

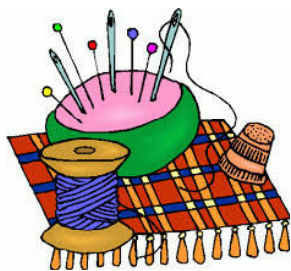
Women and their children can wrap themselves in new one-of-a-kind hand-tied quilts at the Shelter for Abused Women, and grieving and hurting can find warmth and comfort in the softness of a beautiful prayer shawl.

Stitches of Love will not meet this summer as members come and go. Bi-weekly meetings will resume on the first Friday of October. In the meantime, however, scattered though this group may be, they will continue to create their “Stitches of Love.” □

Bonnie Schlichting

Sunday Co-ed Class begins June 7

Jesus’ Key Sermons from John’s Gospel will be led by Skip Ruch at 8:45 a.m. in Brewster Hall. Please call the office (261-2355) to register. □



Below is a summary financial statement of the Church’s operations for the first quarter of 2014 compared to the budget for 2015. The financial success of 2015 is due to two principal factors: the continued generosity of our parishioners and management control over expenses.

The combination of these two factors enabled St. John’s to post a positive operating result of \$129,424 for the quarter. This will support our operations as we head into the summer months when expenses run normally, but revenues decrease sharply with the departure of our northern-based parishioners.

St. John’s Episcopal Church Financial Report Quarter ended March 31, 2015		
	2015 Unaudited	2015 Budget
REVENUES		
Pledges	\$179,259	\$187,000
Non-Pledged	107,955	80,298
Other	622	500
TOTAL REVENUES	287,836	267,798
EXPENSES		
Salaries and benefits	73,109	83,191
Church facilities	19,350	22,425
Utilities	4,929	7,117
Administration	35,895	32,851
Ministries & Committees	25,129	27,155
TOTAL EXPENSES	158,412	172,739
NET OPERATING TOTAL	\$129,424	\$95,059
In addition, St. John’s has “non-operating” revenues (earnings from investments, gifts, etc.) of \$38,900.		

Peter Zimmermann, Treasurer



Office of the Bishop Diocesan House

Friday, May 2, 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

The announcement was made today that I am one of four candidates put forward by the Joint Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. We were asked to not make any public statements until the announcement was made. I now write to express a number of thoughts.

I am deeply honored to be on this list of candidates. From the first moment I was approached about this nomination from a number of people, I have been continuously surprised to be in this process. This slate of candidates is a strong group of leaders and I am pleased for the Episcopal Church. The slate put forward by the nominating committee also includes: The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry of the Diocese of North Carolina, The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas of the Diocese of Connecticut, and the Rt. Rev. Tom Breidenthal of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Of equal importance to me is this reality. We are not competitors for the role of Presiding Bishop. We are available to the call of Our Lord and the Church. They are my colleagues and my friends.

I am so proud to be the Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida. I already know that I am called to be the bishop here. If the Lord calls me to this new role, that calling will be very clear. In the meantime, I love serving with and among you. If I am not elected, I will continue doing what I already know, value, appreciate, and enjoy. You are always a blessing to me and I remain grateful for you in my heart and in my prayers.

The great work in this diocese continues. The goals laid out for future development of leaders, congregations, Dayspring, and financial resources continue to claim my attention as well as the bishop's staff, the Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee, and other leaders from across the diocese.

We are a healthy diocese with great claims upon us for the bold, compelling witness of the Gospel. If I am elected Presiding Bishop, the exciting work here will continue. If I remain the fifth bishop of this fine diocese, the exciting work here will continue.

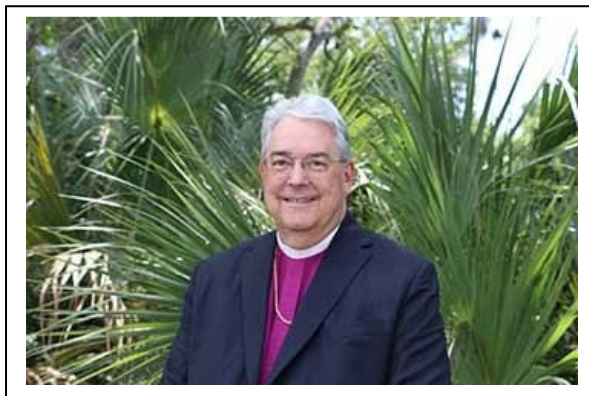
I thank you for your faithfulness. I ask for your prayers. You always remain in my prayers.

Faithfully yours,

The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith
Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida

Southwest Florida's Dabney Smith nominated for Presiding Bishop

From Staff Reports



PARRISH – The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, is one of four candidates to lead The Episcopal Church as its Presiding Bishop. The election will be held this summer at the church's 78th General Convention, which will be held in Salt Lake City.

In a letter to the Diocese, Bishop Smith said he was “deeply honored to be on this list of candidates.”

“We are a healthy diocese with great claims upon us for the bold, compelling witness of the Gospel. If I am elected Presiding Bishop, the exciting work here will continue,” said Smith. “If I remain the fifth bishop of this fine diocese, the exciting work here will continue.”

Bishop Smith is one of four nominees put forward by the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. The list also includes The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry of the Diocese of North Carolina, The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas of the Diocese of Connecticut, and The Rt. Rev. Tom Breidenthal of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. To compile the initial slate, the committee culled through a list of 165 nominations representing over 60 dioceses. Video conferencing and face-to-face interviews afforded the opportunity for commission to get to know the candidates.

The nominating committee is composed of a lay member, a priest or deacon, and a bishop elected from each of the nine provinces of the Episcopal Church, plus two youth representatives who were appointed by the President of the House of Deputies.

The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church is June 25 – July 3 in Salt Lake City. The Episcopal Church's General Convention is held every three years, and is the bicameral governing body of the Church. It comprises the House of Bishops, with upwards of 200 active and retired bishops, and the House of Deputies, with more than 800 clergy and lay deputies elected from the 108 dioceses and three regional areas of the Church.

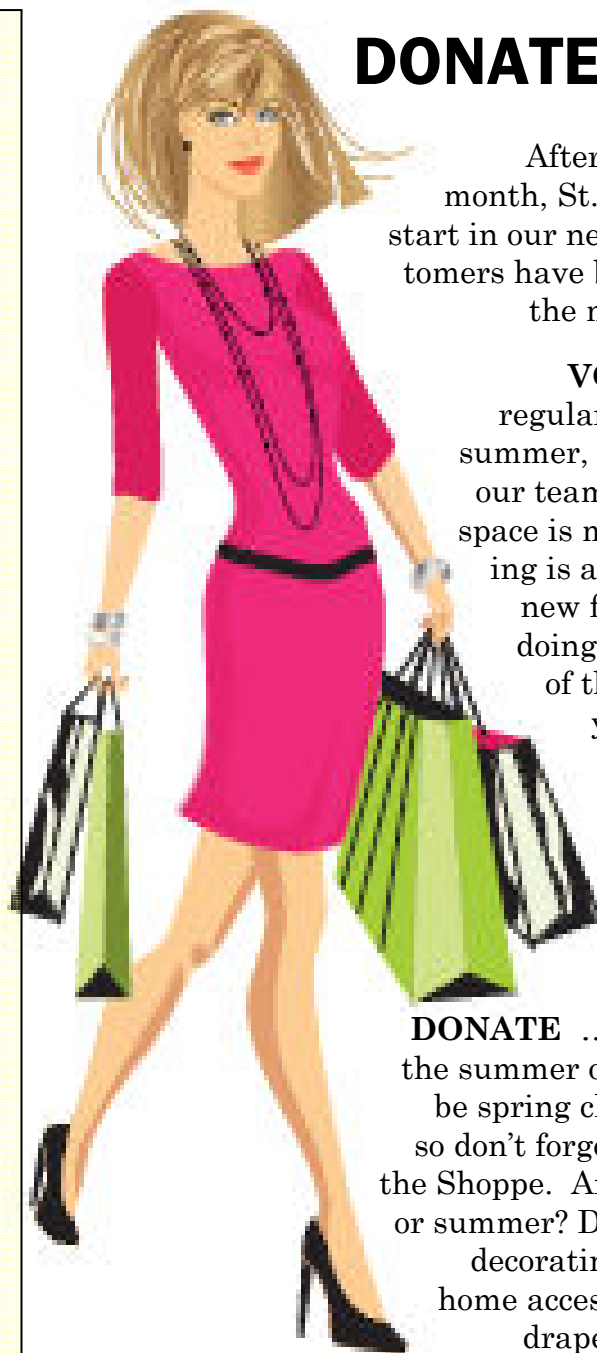
The Rt. Rev. Dabney Tyler Smith was elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Southwest Florida in 2006. He was rector of Trinity Church, New Orleans and has served at Holy Trinity in Melbourne, Fla; St. Michael and All Angels in South Bend, Ind.; and Grace Church in Port Orange, Fla.

The Diocese of Southwest Florida represents 77 Episcopal congregations and 14 parochial schools from Marco Island north to Brooksville. Part of The Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion, the Diocese includes some of the earliest churches in Southwest Florida.

If elected, the Rt. Rev. Smith would be the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, which was founded in 1789. □

Whether a donor, volunteer or shopper, you can always take pleasure in knowing you are helping those in need through our Outreach charities.

Come see us just north of the intersection of Tamiami Trail and Old US 41 on the east side about 2 ½ miles north of our old location. We hope to see you there.



DONATE! VOLUNTEER!

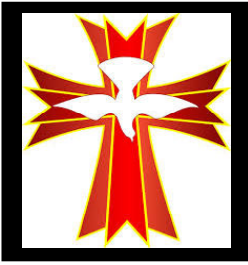
After a very successful opening last month, St. John's Shoppe is off to a great start in our new location. Sales and new customers have been outstanding. To continue the momentum, we need your help.

VOLUNTEER ...As some of our regular volunteers head north for the summer, we are asking you to come join our team of volunteers where our work space is much larger, cleaner, and parking is a breeze. You will enjoy making new friends in the easy summer life doing God's work in our little corner of the world. Plus, as a volunteer, you get to see and shop all new merchandise first! Set your own days and hours. Call Sharon Marceau @ 597-9518 or just stop by and offer to volunteer. Open Mon. — Sat. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

DONATE ...Whether journeying north for the summer or staying in the area, you may be spring cleaning your home and closets, so don't forget to drop off your donations at the Shoppe. Are you redecorating this spring or summer? Do you have friends that are redecorating? Donate your furniture and home accessories, lamps, linens, artwork, draperies, etc. Furniture and home accessories bring us top dollar, so please don't consign. Donate to your Parish's Outreach Charities through St. John's Shoppe. You will be blessed by your donations. For furniture inspection and pick up, please call Sharon Marceau @ 597-9518.

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By Father Christian Maxfield, Assistant Rector

[Paul] found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.” (Acts 19: 1b – 6)

This month the church remembers and celebrates a powerful and life-altering gift from God — the Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost. The giving of the Spirit at Pentecost is monumental because, as fellow Episcopal Priest Philip Brookes said in his sermon one Whitsunday (Pentecost), that the work of the Holy Spirit makes belief profound and duty delightful as it is “... a restoral of communication, that is a re-enthronement of God where He belongs...” And as author Charles Stanley states, “Each believer decides who rules his life, by either actively surrendering to Christ or deliberately going his own way. Even those who try to avoid the issue by making no choice at all, unknowingly opt for self-rule. The fullness of the Spirit and godly character await those who choose God over self.”

The Holy Spirit does in and through us what we cannot do for ourselves. Just as we have been saved by Grace — which is not from ourselves but is a gift from God — so, brothers and sisters, we have been given the Holy Spirit: He lives in us, leads us, guides us,

speaks through us and uses us to bring the love of God and the blessings of His Kingdom to the hurting and broken world which exists all around us.

As Pentecost approaches, consider the ways God has gifted you through the Spirit and in what ways He is calling you to His service in the Church, in your community and in the world. ✚



Two inducted into International Order of St. Luke the Physician

Jane McDermott and Walter Roxey were presented as candidates for St. John’s Chapter of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician.

They were inducted at the Sunday, April 26 service. □



SENIOR WARDEN

During Lent and continuing into Easter, Barbara led our family in daily Bible readings. Following a guide prepared by Moody Bible Institute, we read the New Testament in forty days. After Easter Sunday, we were feeling the “void” so we set our own guide for daily reading to complete the Old Testament together. What is being reinforced for me is we serve a God that is in action. He is always sending us angels or prophets, or He is healing, and more. And He is always calling us into fellowship and service as His commandments specify. God is alive and He is calling us to life with each other in the fellowship of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Many of us think of St. John’s as “our family.” I know Barbara and I count everyone at St. John’s as family. How else could we be but family given the love of Jesus, the leadership of Fr. Joe and Fr. Christian, and the acts of love we share with each other? And, we are in action. Consider all you and I are part of in the St. John’s family. I am continually amazed by the positive, overflowing generosity of our Lord. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit and His followers would witness greater things done by God than were seen when Jesus walked among us.

The St. John’s family is witness to the fulfilling of Jesus’ promise. Every prayer, song of praise, moment of worship, gesture of kindness, sacrificial giving, instance of healing, all in acknowledging that Jesus Christ is Lord, is a significant contribution to building the Kingdom of God. Thank you God for calling us into fellowship through your Son Jesus, and praise His Holy name for sending us the Holy Spirit to guide us in the way of Jesus always. □

Mike Johnson, Senior Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN

As the Easter season recedes, I wanted to share how it has impacted me: Beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday, I was very much moved in my faith. I particularly felt that the Maundy Thursday service with the foot-washing was a very powerful one for me. As a participant on Good Friday with the Stations of the Cross, I, along with other members of St. John’s, was moved by the solemnity of the service. Following the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, Easter was a joyful ending with Father Joe and Father Christian leading us. There is no doubt for me that the Holy Spirit moves amongst us and for that we are truly blessed. □

Sue Boujoukos, Junior Warden



St. John’s Vestry has voted to support Christians in Aleppo

St. John’s Vestry voted at their Tuesday April 28 meeting to support our Christian brothers and sisters who are being persecuted in Aleppo, Syria.

Five thousand dollars from the Endowment Fund will be sent each quarter,

May God continue to bless St. John’s church that we continue to reach out to others in their need. □

Nevin Souers, Outreach Committee Chairman

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NEW MEMBERS

John & Michele Simourian

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April 25, 2015

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corrections or omissions.*

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SUES OF PARISHLIFE
ARE COMBINED.
DEADLINE IS NOON,
FRIDAY, MAY 29.**