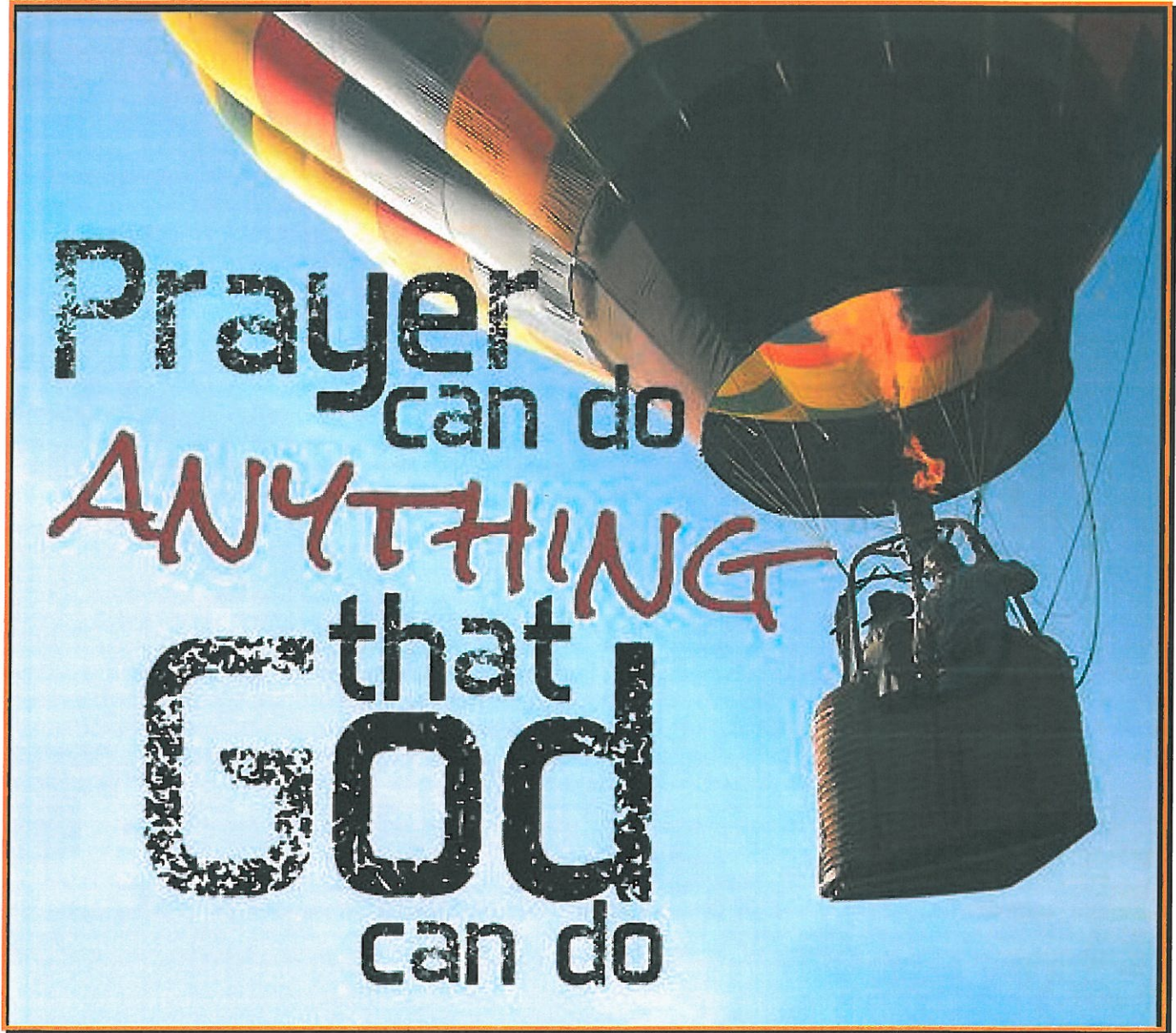


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The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church



Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another,
so that you may be healed.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:16



If My People... 40DAYS4HIM

Fr. Joe Maiocco

We continue to live in historic times as the prayers of God's people are being used to transform lives for the blessing of all. I believe God continues to call every believer to live out 2Chron.7:14: "If my people, who are called by name 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 restore their land."

- ✚ You are one of his people called by his name:
- ✚ Humble Yourself (Kneel before God)
- ✚ Pray (Without Ceasing)
- ✚ Seek my Face (Start reading God's word)
- ✚ Turn from your wicked ways (That sin)
- ✚ Receive Forgiveness
- ✚ God restore our Land!

40DAYS4HIM STARTS 8/30/17

www.openheavenrevival.org



Approximately 64 people attended Dinner and a Movie for some wonderful fellowship, food and to see "Miracles from Heaven". St. John's members invited a number of guests and we went through some tissue as we watched this moving story. We all left inspired by God's great love for us and the gift of Heaven!





Greetings from Mission Camp at Dayspring Camp and Conference Center where we are hot, sweaty and bug-eaten, but also filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit as we learn more about God, meet others and serve the world around us. On July 23, two of our Jr/Sr High youth and I embarked on a weeklong journey, not only to Diocesan Camp, but also on mission, taking the love of Christ out to those around us. This is the last week of

summer camp for our Southwest Florida Diocese and they decided to go out with a bang, bringing together 48 students plus counselors, junior counselors and adults from around the diocese to serve at three different local outreach ministries: Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA (Wimauma)), All Faiths Food Bank (Sarasota), and Turning Points Homeless Assistance (Bradenton).

Our week of camp consists of three days serving at one of the ministry sites, and just to make sure participants get their whole camp experience, we will be spending a fun day at camp on Thursday, just enjoying all that Dayspring has to offer: hanging at the new pool, canoeing on the river, doing some relaxing arts and crafts and singing around the campfire. For our first three days, Paul Rober and I went to the RCMA in Wimauma where our group of 20 read to children, played games, sung songs, held babies and simply loved on the kids who come each and everyday to this place while their parents are working in the near-by fields. After lunch, we wrapped things up at RCMA by participating in some heavy labor- painting, planting and pulling weeds- before heading back to camp. Heleana Bentley and a group of 15 others went to the food bank in Sarasota. There they toured the facility, organized hundreds of pounds of food and packaged over 2000 bags of food which are sent home with kids each Friday at a number of weekday care centers, like the YMCA, to ensure that they have some weekend 'snacks' to carry them through till returning to care on Monday.



DaySpring Camp and Conference Center in Parrish, FL, is the Diocesan center of SWFL diocese and the camp has been providing a safe, spiritual, uplifting and fun environment for kids of all ages to attend since the 1980's. Over the last couple of years, many of our Jr and Sr High students have made their way up north in order to grow in their faith through the unique camp experience, which the Diocese of SWFL and Dayspring offer. Check out the St John's Facebook page to see more pictures from our fabulous week at Camp! Peace, Fr. Christian





Sue Boujoukos



Please spend a few minutes reading the recent update about how the Emmanuel Community is progressing with their community center. This endeavor is made possible by your ongoing generosity to St. John's Endowment Fund. (Sue Boujoukos)

Hi Sue

I have attached an update article regarding Emmanuel Community along with two pictures. The article expands on what I shared at church. As I mentioned to Mike Johnson, it's still too soon to visit Aleppo as the area continues to be in the midst of the war. Let's keep them in our prayers as they continue to reach out and serve the Lord even as they work on the refurbishment of the center. It's an entirely different day-to-day reality than we experience here in Naples!

Blessings, Jamie

Emmanuel Community in Aleppo, June Update June 21, 2017

The brethren from Emmanuel Community in Aleppo Syria just finished a long-awaited retreat in the first week of June where they came upon a renewed commitment to the vision and mission they have from the Lord. There are about 60 people in the core community. Earlier this month an additional 19 made their commitment to join this core group.

Fortunately, I only have good news to report. Even if not much has changed concerning the prohibitive commodity prices. The community operates with the support of local clergy, both priests and bishop. There is also a parish Priest who has joined as a member and is helping with the pastoral care of the community. The new center is located in a safe area – particularly important so that either at night or during the day the members (specially the sisters) can get there to attend small group meetings, formation courses and evangelistic prayer events.

The property is a 5 bedroom flat that will be converted to serve as a community center. Current work includes purchasing office furniture and group session chairs, upgrading toilets, revamping the kitchen to serve large group events, enhancing security of the building, and putting in air conditioning which is currently not there. This type of conversion is quite typical in Aleppo, and following the devastation of the war very much needed.



Furniture for Center

This process will realistically take many months to achieve. Please note that most of the skilled labor has left the city and those who have remained are swamped with work and they have to work slowly by hand. Why? Because many machines have been destroyed by the fighting that went on for the last five years in two thirds of the city.

Churches are now operating in the area where the apartment is as it is in the heart of where the Christian population exists. Prices for good real estate continue to be highly prohibitive for the local population.



New Centre – Street View

The Emmanuel Community is running their regular schedule of evangelism and formation courses as the renovation of the center is slowly getting under way. They have even more people participating since the cessation of fighting last December. There are about 120 people who have lately attended their prayer meetings. The feast of Pentecost was celebrated with a week end retreat where rich worship, and strong community relationships were evident.

The Community sends their special thanks to St. John's Episcopal Church for partnering with them in the establishment of this community center in Aleppo. This is a seed of hope planted amidst the devastation from the war. It is serving as both a lifeline for many in need as well as a place of renewal for the Christian church in Aleppo. May the Holy Spirit fulfil his purposes in and through each us as we share in this ministry.



Roger Stiefel
Jr. Warden

Repairs and Maintenance at St. John's

Work is in progress on the roof replacement on Brewster Hall. (See photos)



The last week in August, the last week in September, and the first week in October, crews will be repairing and resealing the parking lots.



We are blessed to have a new altar guild member, Pat Korda. She brings experience, a desire to serve the church community, and a deep love of our Lord.

The needlepoint kneelers at the altar rail were cleaned July 10. Two church members have purchased new items for the Sacristy – lavabo towels, and a cruet set with glass stoppers. We are grateful for their donations and their service to St. John's.

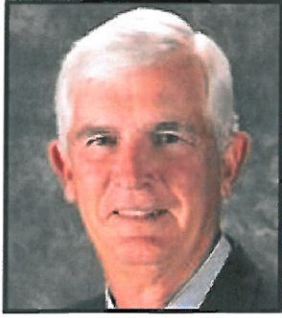
The Altar Guild would love to build our membership so members would only need to serve one weekend a month. We serve in groups, so you don't work alone. We have a beautifully detailed altar guild manual that walks you through every detail of our service. This was produced by Betty Kirtley and I am keeping this updated as needed. I have also taken the photos Betty provided and have put them together in an album to give a visual for set-ups throughout the church year.

Please consider joining us as we serve the Lord, our priests, and our church community.

- Barb Johnson

LET US NOT LOVE
WITH WORDS OR
SPEECH BUT WITH
ACTIONS & IN TRUTH.

1 JOHN 3:18



Peter Zimmermann
Treasurer

St. John's Receives Gift from Audrey Wheatley Estate

The trustee of the estate of Audrey Wheatley, a long-time member of St. John's who recently passed away, announced an unrestricted gift of approximately \$10,000 to St. John's. In a letter from Audrey to her Trustee, she stated: "The attached gift is given by Audrey and Paul Wheatley with love and sincere thanks for all you have accomplished in the past and are continuing to do so in God's name for the people and places we care for and wish to help."

If you are thinking of making a gift to St. John's, please contact us so that we can assist you in directing the gift so that it goes to an area of our ministry that is important to you and St. John's. We can provide you with the necessary documentation that acknowledges your gift, designates its use and gives you the assurances that it will only be used for that purpose. It is important that we mutually document the gift so that there is no uncertainty as to how it can be used in the future. Contact Father Joe, Father Christian or me and we will assist you in the documentation of your gift.

The joy of giving to the work of our Lord is truly special and means the Lord's work through St. John's will continue for years to come. *It truly is a gift that keeps on giving.*



Stitches of Love

The creative results of the St. John's Stitches this past season were gathered and blessed at the altar in May. Toddler dresses, stuffed bears and dolls have been sent off to the Missionaries of Charity sisters (Mother Theresa's Order), in Les Cayes, Haitai; Mother's Hearts, which help bond mothers to their infants went to the NICU at Lee Memorial Hospital; new-born knit baby caps went to the Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC and the Golisano Children's Hospital in Ft. Myers ; and colorful tied quilts went to the Abuse Shelter for Women here in Naples. Prayer shawls are given in love by Fr. Joe and Fr. Christian to those within and outside our parish family in need of comforting or hope.

Although Stitches is not meeting during the summer, the Stitches ladies continue to keep busy with their "stitchin", whether up north or here. We will resume meetings in October, and would love to welcome others to our group. For further information, contact Bonnie Schlichting, 239-430-9766 or the church at 239-261-2355. Stitches of Love would also be interested in receiving leftover cotton fabrics from quilters no longer quilting who are looking for a way to get rid of their stash.

Treasurer's Report

Below is a summary financial statement of the Church's operations compared to budget for the 6 months ended June 30, 2017. Not included in these results are the unrealized gains of \$128,834 in the Church's investment portfolio.

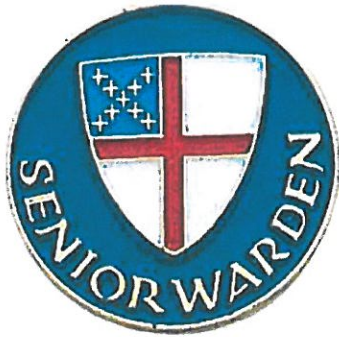
St. John's Episcopal Church Financial Report – January 1 to June 30, 2017

	Actual Unaudited	Budget
Revenues:		
Pledges	\$277,677	\$276,500
Non-pledged	169,102	169,300
Other	10,365	6,050
Net assets released from re- strictions	79,494	
Total Revenues	536,638	451,850
Expenses:		
Salaries and benefits	191,761	191,757
Church Facilities	26,172	26,151
Utilities	10,028	10,004
Administration	77,057	76,617
Ministries and Committees	50,701	50,267
Benevolence	39,094	
Outreach	40,400	
Total Expenses	435,213	354,796
Net Operating Result – Gain/(Loss)	\$101,425	\$ 97,054

The following is the financial report of the Thrift Shoppe through June 30, 2017, compared to budget.

St. John's Episcopal Church Thrift Shoppe Financial Report – January 1 to June 30, 2017

	Actual Unaudited	Budget
Revenues:		
\$157,835	\$167,475	
Less Credit Card Fees	2,126	2,725
Net revenues	155,709	164,750
Expenses:		
Salaries and benefits	39,819	39,638
Rent	40,534	40,902
Maintenance	4,292	5,100
Utilities	2,456	2,230
Advertising	6,526	8,438
Delivery pick up	3,795	4,000
Administration	4,008	4,450
Other	4,495	1,200
Total Expenses	105,925	105,958
Net Operating Result	\$ 49,784	\$ 58,792



Sue Boujoukos

Dear St, John's friends,

As I had suggested in a previous issue, I am taking the summer to slow down. In doing so, my husband and I had the opportunity to discover Canada thru their Rocky Mountaineer tour. In the space of ten days, we had the opportunity thru train travel to discover and enrich ourselves with the glorious mountain ranges - if ever one was to question the majesty of the Lord's work; this is the place to be convinced. We were overwhelmed with the beauty of this country.

Along the way I went online and listened to both sermons that I had missed by being away from church. I found them both instructional as well as rewarding - they filled my soul! Please take advantage of this wonderful technology right at our fingertips- you won't be disappointed.

<https://stjohnsnaples.com/sermon/current-sermon-series/>

FIRST COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S!

Congratulations to Abigail Disselhorst who received her 1st Communion on Sunday, July 9, 2017. We celebrate this blessed event for the glory of God and pray for many blessings for the Disselhorst/Leyva family as they continue to grow in their faith as they walk in the Lord together!

~ Fr. Christian+





First OSL Class in 2017

So much Good News with God and Christian Healing Center!

The first Order of St. Luke training class in 2017 was led by Fr. Joe July 11-13 with a class of 10 experienced prayer ministers brought together by Holy Spirit for more learning and sharing in His power, healing love and grace.



The Reverend Daniel R. Pinckney, Director and CEO of CHC (joining CHC April 28, 2017 as full time leader) and his wife Lara Pinckney were participants in the class. Pastor Dan said, "Fr. Joe did an outstanding job teaching the three day intensive OSL course. There were 10 students and he wove together practical training with the theoretical. Everyone had a chance to be prayed for by the group and lead in prayer for someone else. There were major healing breakthroughs that took place. For Lara and me it was an amazing experience. I could not think of anyone better to facilitate this training than Fr. Joe."

God so blesses His move of healing people in Naples and beyond. Less than three months ago, God brought CHC and the Pinckneys together. Since then, Pastor Dan has presented to numerous groups on healing. Many have come for prayer to be healed or delivered from pain, illness, or demonic oppression. And many have been healed. CHC presents gifts of healings at no charge, depending solely on donations. An outpouring of generosity is occurring with more than \$35,000 received in gifts since Pastor Dan arrived! Please join us in prayers of thanksgiving and for God to always make the way clear, for our listening, and for provision of every need He wants to meet.

For more information, please contact Pastor Dan at 239 860 1358 or visit www.chcnaples.org.

Your brother in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

Mike Johnson
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St. John's Shoppe



DAILY DEALS!! SUMMER STEALS!

BEAT THE HEAT! SUMMER SALE!!

EVERY DAY A SPECIAL SALE this month on one or more categories of merchandise in our fully stocked beautiful St. John's Shoppe. You must visit us to find out what is on sale today. Now through August 31, reward yourself with designer apparel for men and women, terrific home furnishings, accessories, linens, housewares, kitchen essentials, books, and so much more. All at very affordable prices! Bring a friend and find treasures at St. John's Shoppe. Don't forget to bring your donations too! Call and ask for the Manager to donate furniture. We will arrange for pick-up of large home furnishings.

Shop Monday - Saturday from 10 AM – 4 PM.

Come see us @ 14700 Tamiami Trail, N., Naples, FL 34110.

Call (239) 597-9518.

A reminder: If you join our Volunteer Team, you will know what the daily special is and might just find a "peach of a deal". Also, ask about the monthly prizes for volunteers!! Men and women needed. Set your own hours and days. Call 597-9518 to volunteer.

The SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN & CHILDREN

On Sunday (12/11/16), fourteen charities were the recipients of a total of \$160,000 from St. John's Outreach Ministry. Today we would like to highlight one of those special charities, the Shelter for Abused Women & Children.

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children (The Shelter) administers a 60-bed emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and victims of human trafficking, which operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. In addition to its emergency shelter, The Shelter provides outreach services and transitional housing. The Shelter has vital services in place to assist survivors in becoming independent and self-sufficient including:



- 🚒 24-hour Crisis Hotline: 239.775.1101
- 🚒 60-bed Emergency Shelter
- 🚒 Allstate Economic Empowerment services
- 🚒 Community Education Program
- 🚒 Community Collaborative Substance Abuse Program
- 🚒 Court Advocacy and onsite Attorney
- 🚒 Empowerment Groups
- 🚒 Healing Arts
- 🚒 Individual and group counseling in English, Spanish and Creole
- 🚒 Linguistic & Cultural Services
- 🚒 Onsite Child Care
- 🚒 Medical Responder Program
- 🚒 Primary Prevention including Domestic Violence Taskforce and Raising Gentle'men
- 🚒 Referrals for accessing public benefits and other services in the community
- 🚒 Safety planning in English, Spanish, and Creole
- 🚒 Teen Programs – Primary Prevention Teen Healthy Relationships and Expect Respect
- 🚒 Hands are for Helping Program

The Shelter's 60-bed emergency shelter is located in Naples, Florida and serves Collier County. Over the years, the organization has grown from an all-volunteer program to a well-respected comprehensive program serving over 2,200 adult and child victims of domestic violence and human trafficking through its residential and outreach programs and over 17,000 through its Community Education & Prevention programs annually.

For more information:

<https://naplesshelter.org/>



NEW MEMBERS: Patrick & Brenda Walsh, Frank Schwerin, Angela Breland, Hale Schwerin, Craig Schwerin, Jessica Bonney.

TRANSFERS OUT: William & Marilyn Ryerse, Ronald & Susann Benson.



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