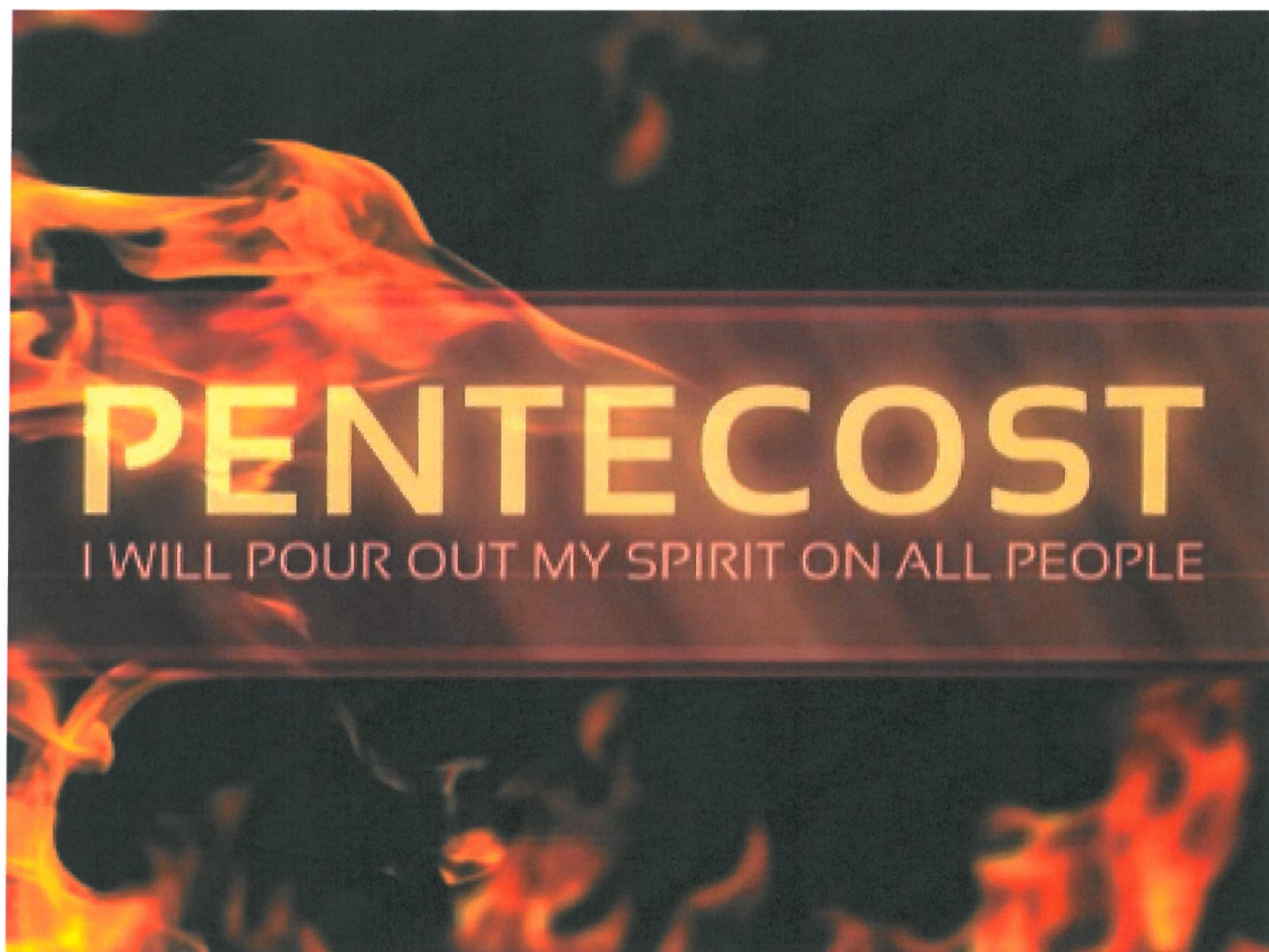


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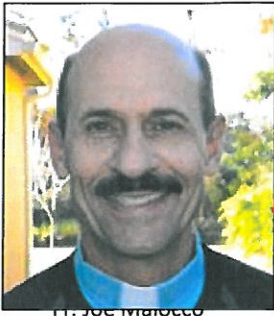


Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:2-6

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MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBERING

Having just celebrated Memorial Day, I'm struck by the reality of remembering another's life in the midst of their death, and what that means for us who still walk this earth. This special day invites us to embrace a kaleidoscope of life snapshots, moments that still stir some of the deepest parts of us, and connect us to a world both seen and unseen.

One life I've recently remembered is Ray Multer, someone I came to know through Davia. Both Ray and Davia were St. John's members, lived at Heritage Nursing Home, were confined to wheel chairs and faced numerous health issues. They also were full of life and the Spirit, optimistic and faithful, encouraging one another and others on life's journey. Davia went home to be with our Lord a number of years ago, and as Ray and I planned out his burial service, he stated he wanted to be scattered by Davia in the Garden of the Resurrection. What a wonderful testament to their friendship!

Ray, the New Yorker with 10 lives, fought numerous health challenges and was stronger for it. He recently passed on to be with our Lord and I'll always remember my last day with Ray. Mary Jane, Don, Becky, Lisa and myself made numerous visits to Ray over his last days. The last time I saw him was a Friday afternoon, after I completed the Golfathon and freshened up. After connecting briefly with Mary Jane, Don and his hospice nurse, they left me alone with him. I noticed he was breathing heavy and I sensed he was fighting death. This is normal, but I also began to pray with Ray for peace and surrender to our Lord in that moment. I walked around his room, interceding and worshipping, inviting more deeply the Holy Spirit's presence, angels and God's loving grace into our space.

After 10 minutes, I felt a change in the room's spiritual atmosphere and Ray's breathing was slower and calmer. Unconscious the entire time, his body and spirit were being touched by the Holy Spirit and prepared for the journey to heaven.

I left and then Mary Jane went into Ray's room, sharing words of surrender, embracing the journey to come and that we loved him, some of the same things I'd been sharing with Ray, unbeknownst to Mary Jane. He passed on to heaven shortly after and we gathered to give thanks for Ray's life and the blessing we just experienced.

Beloved, during your Memorial Day remembering, know that the spiritual dimension is real and rules over our temporal experience. Be lovingly present to each person at eternity's doorway, sharing Jesus, worshipping and praying, welcoming the Holy Spirit. Ray is rejoicing with Davia & the angels, walking and smiling pain free. So are many of our loved ones. Heaven is a wonderful place awaiting the redeemed of the Lord. Share this Great News with everyone!





Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Please fill out and return this form either: In person,
by mailing it, or by scanning and emailing it to
Fr. Christian at *St John's Episcopal Church*.

**Your Child is invited to attend
a VBS for boys and girls
ages 5 to 12!**

This summer we're Discovering Jesus at
St. John's Episcopal Church! This VBS is a
partnership between St. John's and
Child Evangelism Fellowship®, a Bible
centered ministry serving in every region of
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trained and screened to ensure your child's
protection. Parents are welcome to attend.

Location: St John's Episcopal
500 Park Shore Dr.
Naples, FL 34103

Dates: June 19th – 23rd

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

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& to let us know you are interested
Call: (239)261-2355 or email
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What's happening at VBS?

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CHILDREN'S INFORMATION

Name: _____ Circle One: M / F Allergies: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Circle One: M / F Allergies: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Circle One: M / F Allergies: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Circle One: M / F Allergies: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ email: _____

Address: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency Contact (If Parent cannot be reached)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

**My Child/Children listed above have my permission to attend
the VBS being held at St. John's Episcopal Church.**

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date



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Sue Boujoukos

Reflections



What a spiritually enriching season we, at St. John's, have just concluded! Although all good things come to an end, I shall be content with taking this time to reflect on the past year. We have so many blessings to appreciate beginning with all of our new members that have come to us as well as our corp. For me, it truly is a privilege to walk amongst you receiving your love and support. The Lord has taken some of our dear ones and they shall be missed but know that they have arrived at the ultimate healing place.

May all my friends enjoy summertime whether in Naples or away being refreshed by our Lord and Savior.

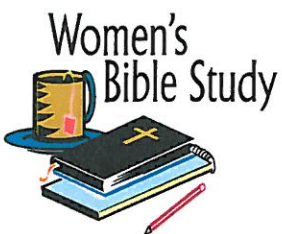


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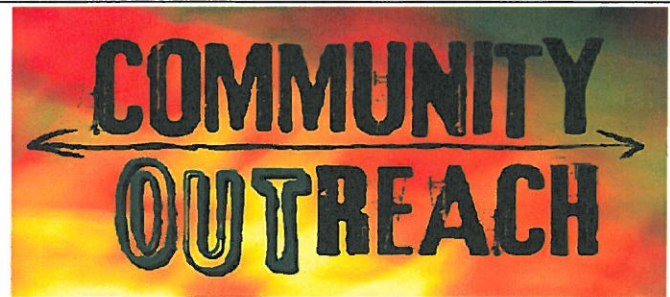
NEW MEMBERS: Phil Bush.

DEATHS: Jim Donovan (04.17.17), Ray Multer (05.05.17)

TRANSFERS OUT: Joanne McCartney, Don & Lucia Hillenmeyer, Harry Van Benschoten.



Women's Monday Morning Bible Study is on Summer Break until Monday (10/16/17).



We take joy in our ongoing Outreach Program to our missionaries in Egypt.

We received the following email from Ned, Sky & family upon sending them \$8,000 in support for their ministry in Egypt.

"Dear Father Joe, What can we say other than we are bowled over and humbled again by the congregation's generosity in giving over anything we expected or ever received before. Thank you for partnering with us to reach the lost here in Egypt. We are grateful to you!

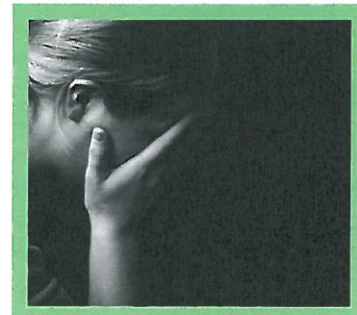
May God return your sacrifice to St. John's beyond measure."

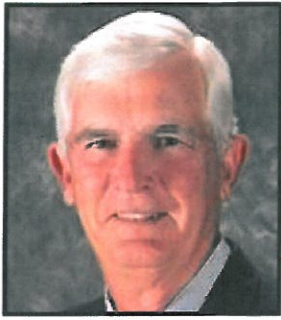
Grief never ends, but it changes.

It is a passage, not a place to stay.

Grief is NOT a sign of weakness nor a lack of faith!

It is the price of love.





Peter Zimmermann
Treasurer

St. John's Receives \$100,000 General Endowment Gift

The trustee of the estate of Henry E. Haegg, a long-time member of St. John's who recently passed away, announced a gift of \$100,000 to endow a "General Endowment Fund". The \$100,000 is "permanently" restricted and may not ever be invaded. Only the future earnings from the investment of the funds may be used by the Vestry for general operating purposes.

Today, we now have the following endowment funds:

	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outreach	\$311,746	\$154,088	\$465,834
General	100,000	0	100,000
Clergy Support	30,385	21,758	52,143
Property	26,145	17,388	43,533
Youth	2,510	43	2,553
Music	2,010	25	2,035
Total	<u>\$472,796</u>	<u>\$193,302</u>	<u>\$666,098</u>

The earnings from the investment of any permanently restricted fund is referred to as "temporary restricted". These earnings may only be used for the purpose designated by the original gift. As an example, this year we disbursed approximately \$40,000 from the temporary funds of the Outreach Endowment Fund to support a Christian center in Aleppo, our missionaries in Turkey (Ned and Skye) and to support "Food for the Poor", all perfect examples of the meaning of outreach.

The majority of the funds in the Outreach, Clergy Support and Property funds come from legacy donors, some dating back to the early 1990's. The Youth and Music Endowment funds were created within the past year. They are in sore need of greater funding. The General fund was created as a result of the bequest from Mr. Haegg.

Is St. John's in your will? Or, are you planning to create any kind of gift to St. John's in the future? If you do, please contact us so that we can assist you in directing the gift to an endowment fund that fits the needs of St. John's, while giving you the peace of mind that it will be used only for the purposes you desire, e.g. outreach or music.

We can provide you and your family 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 will be used in the future.

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

Please consider such a gift. And, contact Father Joe, Father Christian or me and we will assist you in the documentation of your legacy gift.



SUMMERTIME AT ST. JOHN'S SHOPPE

Now that Naples' busiest season is over, do you have the summer doldrums and time on your hands? Do you want to work in your community help to those in need? We have a perfect solution! Volunteer with St. John's Shoppe.

Summer is a wonderful time to begin your volunteer service in the Shoppe. A friendly spirit of camaraderie among our volunteers takes place with summer's slower pace. With our snowbirds away, we need volunteers to greet and work with customers as well to assist with sorting merchandise, ironing, mending, laundry, and pricing merchandise. There is a job for everyone, men and women alike. We invite you to join us and know you will want to continue with your service in the wintertime too. Check with our Manager, Sharon @ (239) 597-9518 for available days and shifts.

There are many other Shoppe related volunteer opportunities outside the Shoppe such as marketing, advertising, event planning, recruiting, computer work, Facebook, etc. Call Pat Costa at (239) 254-0551 or ask a member of the Board of Directors if you are interested in helping grow this Ministry that contributes so much to the charities of Collier County.

Don't forget us with your donations in the summer. Those hot, humid days are a wonderful time to clean out those closets and cabinets. What a joy it is to all of us to get our house in order, isn't it? Keep in mind, those items that are cluttering your closets and home might be a special treasure for someone else. You might even be redecorating this summer. Furniture and home accessories sell really well in the Shoppe and bring bigger prices than most other items. Call and ask for the Manager if you have furniture to donate. We will arrange for pick up if you have furniture that we can easily move and sell.

Last, but not least...Come see us and SHOP! In the summer, we are not as crowded and you can get to the racks easier to find that special item of boutique clothing or a great home accessory. Watch for "Magic Monday" this summer when apparel is half priced. On those hot, humid days when you are looking for a cool, friendly place to shop just for the fun of it...St. John's Shoppe is your answer! We hope to see you there @ Tamiami Square, 14700 Tamiami Trail North. Hours are 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday through Saturday.

Youth 6th – Graduation – Sign up now for Mission Camp July 23 – 28th.

Mission Camp is a unique opportunity to take part in all the wonderful and fun camp activities while experiencing and learning about outreach to others. This week is open to middle and high school students. We visit mission sites Monday through Thursday and then return for sports, games, swimming, arts and crafts and more. We have a special program on mission each night along with a great fun all-camp activity like the Hootenanny, talent show, movie or some surprise. Contact Fr. Christian at (239) 261.2355 if you are interested.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have been abundantly blessed since we were given the vision to create Christian Healing Center of Naples, Inc. With every step, God has led us in ways that have been clear, precise, and fun! And God is fulfilling on every promise found in scripture regarding healing.

Since opening in November 2016, with the crucial support of St. John's, many people have come for healing prayer. One person with cancer came having been told by the doctor there was no hope. After prayer, the malignant tumor shrunk in size and the doctor readmitted the person into the cancer treatment program with hope. Other people have been freed from pain and emotional trauma through prayer. God is moving and we believe He is using healing and deliverance to bring people to believe in Him through the healing power of Jesus Christ.

And now by the grace of God, Rev. Dan Pinckney, with his wife Lara, have joined CHC as Spiritual Director. Dan and Lara have been missionaries, planting churches in South America and Europe. He has also served in large churches here in the United States. His ministry spans three decades and as he was concluding an assignment at Covenant Church in Naples, he accepted our call to serve God with us; teaching, healing and delivering people—all of which Dan and Lara are passionate to do.

As word circulated that Dan might join us, two gifts were received as faith gifts restricted for his support. One totaling \$5,000 was given anonymously with the challenge that other people might match or exceed this gift amount. In the two weeks that Dan has been with us, he has spoken to two men's groups about CHC, Covenant Church and St. John's Episcopal Church, and he led prayer teams at the Revive All concert in Cambier Park where 300 people attended and 20 churches were represented. He also presented to the area-wide Presbytery meeting where pastors and leaders of approximately fourteen churches were introduced to CHC. And more donations have been received.

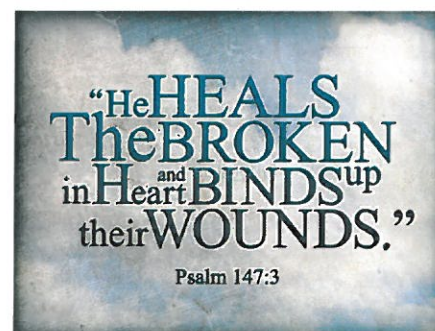
This letter is meant to bring you up to date on all that is transpiring at CHC, and it is an invitation for you to participate in the healings and miracles God is doing through CHC with your gift of treasure. Donations may be made by check payable to CHC or donate online at www.chcnaples.org. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Your servant in Jesus Christ,

Mike Johnson

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Reminder...

If you have important or exciting news to share, please remember the deadlines below and send your information to the Parish Secretary at

parishsecretary@stjohnsnaples.com

2017 News Article Deadlines		
Publication	Month of Publication	Deadline: Noon, Friday
Enews	July	6/16/2017
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Enews	September	8/18/2017
ParishLife	October	9/15/2017
Enews	November	10/20/2017
ParishLife	December	11/17/2017
Please enter these dates on your calendar NOW.		
Articles must be no longer than 300 words, submitted in MS Word or Excel formatting and any pictures must be submitted in .pdf or .jpeg file format.		



While active in parish life at St. John's for many years, I only recently became involved with the healing prayer ministry of the Order of St. Luke.

"It's a good fit," I thought. After all, I regularly interceded for my clients when I counseled, for my students when I taught, and for my family, friends and many others. I soon discovered that I had a lot to learn.

Anyone wishing to join OSL participates in a three-prong training experience in a group led by experienced teachers. The first phase is a re-examination of the healing ministry of Jesus himself. The second is a re-examination of yourself and your need for healing. The third is an ongoing practicum, working in teams, applying what you've learned, and praying for others. For me, each step brought a special blessing.

Studying Christ's healing miracles meant witnessing anew the weight of his compassion, the depth of his humility and the power of his loving kindness. Who could resist such a friend? Ironically, we not only can resist, but to our own painful detriment, we all too often do. I did.

Entering the second phase of OSL training, I thought I knew myself pretty well, but at a weekend healing seminar with Craig Miller, when prompted to ask for prayer, I resisted.

During the past decade, my life progressively narrowed because of pain that resulted from two physical traumas: one that crushed the bones in my feet and another that herniated the discs in my back, increasingly diminishing the length of one of my legs. Despite orthotics, surgery and other costly treatments, pain made walking a challenge and sleep elusive. Prompted again to ask for prayer when Craig Miller came to our OSL meeting on Ash Wednesday, I humbled myself and asked.

My loving OSL family gathered around, lay on their hands and prayed. That night I slept without pain, and I have not had pain since. I asked my podiatrist to measure my legs. They are of equal length. She x-rayed my feet. The bones are still gnarled, but since I am pain free, for the first time in decades, I have no restrictions on walking or footwear. In celebration of my healing, I bought some sandals, had a pedicure and went dancing! That was only the beginning.

Gently, God revealed his desire to deeply heal me from a much more painful and far-reaching trauma. Buoyant from my physical healing, I did not resist. Through the prayer of faithful intercessors, God healed me and continues to heal me, setting me free to *truly* live the abundant life he prepared for me. The second prong of OSL training propelled me with supernatural force into the third.

When God heals not only your body, but also your broken heart, when he sets you free and releases you from darkness, when he anoints you with joy and clothes you with praise, like the masses in Galilee, you want to bring everyone to Jesus. Come and see how good God is. Let us pray for you.

Connie Pinckney



St. John's Parishioner Max Holt attends The Youth Leadership Team (pictured back-center).

The Youth Leadership Team (YLT) of the Diocese has had a great year

(An Excerpt from the Youth Newsletter of the Diocese of Southwest Florida May 18, 2017.)

Thank you to the 21 youth and 16 adults from all over the diocese who served in this important leadership role.

Now is the time to choose next year's YLT. It is open to any high school person and any adult youth leader. You must be active in your own congregation and recommended by your Priest. We encourage new leadership from around the diocese. To be considered, a person just needs to be recommended by sending an e-mail to jpalarine@episcopalswfl.org no later than June 15. You can recommend yourself or someone else.

The YLT provides leadership for Diocesan Youth Events, camp and direction on all that we do in youth ministry. It is a great way to make a difference in the Diocese, congregations and people's lives.

Sooner or later, everyone will be beat up, battered, bruised, and burned out by the dailies of life. Good news! God is Lord of all your life. List every need and emotion that you are feeling, no matter how small they seem. After you have acknowledged your emotions, and needs, go through the names of God until you find the expression of His character that meets each need. For every need, there is a corresponding attribute of God. Affirm that God is still God, no matter how you feel. Have a praise party, not a pity-party, for your loving Father is a big God. He is able to do much more than you need or can think or ask.

He is the I AM for our needs.
 He is Abba Father when we need fathering.
 He is acceptance when we feel unwanted.
 He is adequacy for our inadequacy.
 He is all-sufficient in our hardest situations.
 He is the Amen, the true witness.
 He is the Answer for our uncertainty and questions.
 He is the Author of faith for our unbelief or doubt.

He is the Bread of life for our spiritual hunger.
 He is broken and spilled out for us when we've been used.
 He is the Burden-bearer when we are heavy laden.
 He is before all things when we're surprised.

He is cleansing for our defilement and shame.
 He is closer than a brother when we are lonely.
 He is our Comforter who wipes away tears in our griefs and sorrows.

He is our Defender when we are under attack.
 He is our Deliverer from our bondage or captivity.
 He is our Door opener when it looks like there's no way out.

He is our sure Foundation, when we're insecure.
 He is our Faithful Friend when friends fail us.
 He is Fullness when we're empty.

He is God of love when we feel unloved and need a hug.
 He is God who is there when we feel alone or abandoned.
 He is our Guide and the Way when we're confused and need direction.
 He is grace when we're too hard on ourselves or others.

He is our Healer for woundedness, rejection, and sickness.
 He is Hope when we are discouraged and want to quit.
 He is Humility for our pride.

He is Joy when we are depressed.
 He is our Keeper and Protector when we are vulnerable.
 He is the Lifter of our heads when we feel weighed down.
 He is long-suffering, slow to anger when we have blown it again.

He is Mercy for criticism and unkindness.
 He is Mighty God, our Strength for our weakness or temptation.
 He is Never-failing, always the same when we are fickle and faithless.
 He is Overcoming victory for defeat and depression.

He is the Plumb Line to stand against the world's situational ethics.
 He is the Prince of Peace when we are stressed, worried, and confused.
 He is the Provider for every financial need.
 He is the Quieter of the storm for afflictions without and struggles within.

He is Reconciliation for breaches in relationships.
 He is Rest when we're tired.
 He is the Restorer of our souls when we're bruised and beaten down.
 He is the Reviver, living water when we are depleted and thirsty.

He is Satisfaction when we've tried everything and come up empty.
 He is the Song, our praise when we're joyless and heavy of heart.
 He is the Spirit of the Lord when we need to be set free.
 He is our Strength when we're weak.

He is Truth for the world's warped opinions.
 He is True Riches when we're tempted to covet the world's wealth.
 He is Vengeance when we are angry and wronged.
 He is Wisdom for our hard choices.

This is only the beginning. Make your own list as a personal affirmation that God is your Need-meeter. He is the Most High God who reigns over all. To whom else would we go? He alone is the Word of eternal life.

Re-printed: Sylvia Gunter, Seek Him. Meet Him (4/26/2017)

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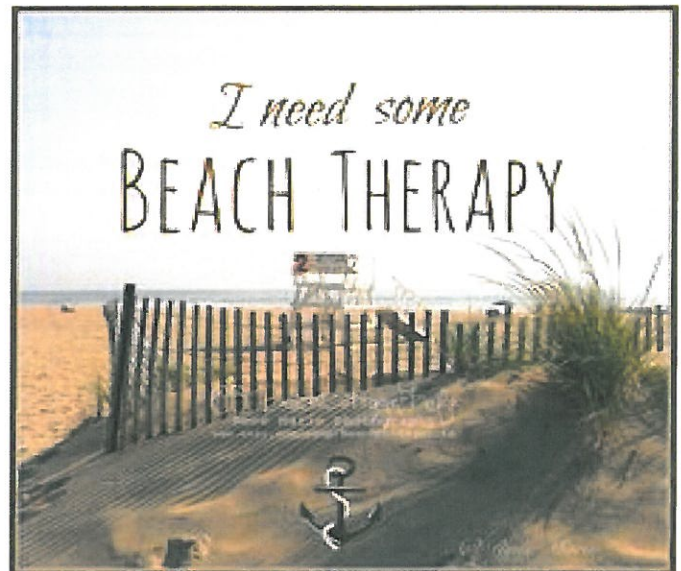
On Sunday (12/11/16), fourteen charities were the recipients of a total of \$160,000 from St. John's Outreach Ministry. Today we would like to highlight one of those special charities, Habitat for Humanity of Collier County.

Habitat for Humanity of Collier County is a servant of the church, operating on Christian principles that seek to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope.

For nearly 40 years, Habitat Collier has been partnering with hard-working, low-income families to solve the affordable housing problem, with the vision of a world where everyone has a simple, decent place to live. Habitat is now the main provider of owner-occupied affordable housing in the county but the need has reached the point of crisis. This past year, eighteen families inquired for every home built in 2013. Those saddled with high housing costs and low wages are some of Collier County's most critical workers – those who teach our children, care for the sick and infirm and sell everyday necessities to residents and tourists alike. After more than a decade of building on average 100 homes per year, the goal this year is to build 120 given the tremendous need.

Habitat SELLS homes to hard-working families who complete an exhaustive application process and qualify to buy a home with an interest-free mortgage. Approved applicants complete 500 hours of "sweat equity" building their home and the homes of their future neighbors. Partner families attend classes in budgeting, home maintenance, family support and owning in a community. Each family makes a \$1,000 down payment and pays their first year's insurance upfront. More than 300 families have paid off their mortgages and own their homes free and clear.

Habitat Collier has been serving families since 1978. To date more than 1900 families and 4500 children have attained strength, stability and self-reliance by purchasing safe and decent homes thanks to the generosity of people such as you. Half of our homes are in Naples, half in Immokalee. Building started in Naples in 1993 and in Immokalee in 1978. Today we are building in Legacy Lakes, our first community in North Naples, and in Faith Landing in Immokalee.



Join us for the 2017 Sunset Beach Picnic!

Saturday (6/17)

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Moorings Beach Private Park

**The deadline for your \$5 reservations is
Wednesday (6/7)**



The activities of our church may be slowing down, but the work of your Altar Guild still continues. Many of our members have returned North. I want to thank Carol Kistler, Jane McDermott, Judy Mertz, and Kim Hirsch for their service to the Altar Guild and to the church. I also want to thank our members who serve year round, Ruth Huber, Donna Stewart, Betsy Dyke, Mary Zimmermann, and Betty Kirtley.

If you would like to learn more about the ministry of the Altar Guild, please contact me, Barbara Johnson at (239) 919-4192 or Fr. Joe Maiocco at (239) 261-2355.

Grab a friend and come learn more about this ministry. — *Barbara Johnson*



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