

PARISHLIFE

The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church



Autumn Blessings

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9



St. John's Fall 2018

As we enter the fall season, change is in the air and I wanted to share some of the following highlights:

*Thanks to Fr. Christian, Kate & family for their presence and ministry among us for the past 3.5 years. We wish them God's best in their new beginning at All Soul's Episcopal Church in North Ft. Myers.

*We welcome our new Youth Sunday School Coordinator Amber Ferreira who begins Sunday (10/7) at 10am. Donna Beecher will be supporting her in this and other functions. Please read her informative article about our next steps in St. John's youth ministry.

*October will celebrate our legacy in stewardship. Join us as we seek to be faithful with God's many blessings in our lives and thank you for returning your pledge card.

*40DAYS4HIM continues to partner with national ministries for global repentance and revival. Register at www.openheavenrevival.org as we partner with Dutch Sheets "Giants Will Fall" and "The Send" during this pivotal moment in history!

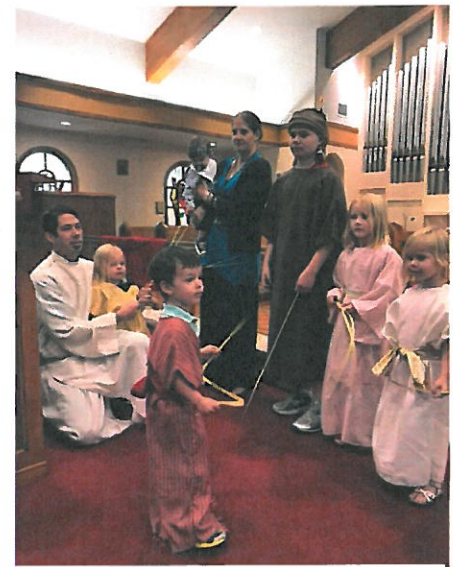
*You're invited to an Inspiring Worship night led by Mega Praise on Tuesday (10/16) at 7pm, followed by sharing and healing prayer.

*Life Relaunch is a life changing retreat for men and will be hosted by St. John's Friday (10/19) thru Saturday (10/20). Sign up by calling our office at 239.261.2355.



Fr. Joseph Maiocco

Thank You for the Memories!



Thank you for the memories!

The Maxfield Family must say goodbye, and we must convey our gratitude and thanksgivings for our last three and a half years of ministry at St John's. Kate and I and our family are embarking on a new call starting Nov 1, 2018 where I will begin as Rector of All Soul's Episcopal Church in North Fort Myers, FL.

We will miss you all very, very much and will hold you in our hearts forever.

Your kindness knows no bounds, and it has been a privilege to serve alongside the people of

St John's as Priest and friend.

May the Lord bless you and keep you now and forever.

Sincerely,

Fr. Christian, Kate and Family



40 Days 4 HIM

"Fasting – Prayer – Repentance - Revival"



"The Entry into the Promised Land," Joshua 1-24 40 day Fast and Prayer

September 27, 2018 - Preparation:

Prayer, Promises, Put on your Armor

October 3 - Tell of God's Wonderful Deeds:

Signs, Miracles and Wonders. - Testimonies

October 10 – Face Your Giants:

Dutch Sheets

Tuesday (10/16), 6pm at St. John's (Mega Praise/CHC)

October 20 – Evangelism: Sharing our Faith

Prayer Walk – Cambier Park, 755 8th Avenue South

October 27 – Go...Make disciples

Big Life Training – 9am -1pm Saturday

November 6 – Praying for the Elect

Government – Elections

www.openheavenrevival.org



**STEWARDSHIP
CALLED
TO SERVE**

Anyone interested in becoming a Lay Reader / Acolyte / Chalice Bearer, contact Ruth Adams at: 239.272.1678 or email ruthadams0114@yahoo.com. Training classes will be held soon.

2018-2019

Raising the Bar for Charity - Stepping Up to the Plate - Helping Someone

Please put on your Calendar the date for our Christmas Open House at St. John's Upscale Thrift Shoppe on November 17, 2018, and the 4th Annual Fashion Show on March 23, 2019, held at St. John's Episcopal Church.

"Fashions in the Garden"

The Fashion Show for 2019 will have auction items to bid on and raffle items to win with your purchase of raffle tickets. Your purchased ticket to attend the Fashion Show will not only give you attendance and the luncheon, but your ticket will go into our special bowl for surprise drawings. Last year we sold out. The cost is \$50pp. Watch for the sale of tickets very soon.

WE NEED DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS AT St. John's Upscale Thrift Shoppe

Do you know of a neighbor, relative or you that is looking to downsize, move and has furniture, houseware or clothing that you have to get rid of? If so call the shop to have large items picked up free. Bring clothing and smaller items to the Shop? St. John's Shoppe is part of the Outreach Ministry of St. John's Episcopal Church. All net proceeds benefit local charities.

Do you have four hours a week or month to volunteer at the shop? We need your help.

**Call Sharon at 239-597-9518 for free pick-up of large items
or inquire about volunteering.**

Donations accepted Mon.- Sat. 10 AM-3 PM

**St. John's Upscale Thrift Shoppe- 14700 Tamiami Sq. Naples, FL
(Right pass Mercedes auto Dealer going N on 41)**

**Have a feel-good day knowing you have helped someone in some way. As I have said before
God needs help once in a while, now is your chance. Jump in and join us to make this a better
place for those that have less than you and I.**

Faye Bruso - St. John's Upscale Thrift Shoppe Board Member

Mondays Beginning 10/22 at 10am

Monday Women's Bible Study will reconvene on Monday, October 22 from 10-11am in Brewster Hall. We will be reading Paul's letter to the Romans.

women's
bible study
growing deeper, together

Please join us for biblical wisdom and wonderful fellowship. All are welcome!

Questions? Contact Jan Eveleigh 239-682-5339.

YEAH! GOOD NEWS CLUB! YEAH!



Did you know that St. John's sponsors a free after-school program for students at Gulf Coast Charter Academy South School? It is called "Good News Club" – there we help children learn respect

for authority, Biblical principles and moral values along with understand and take to heart the Good News of Jesus Christ. There are clubs in 17 of the 33 public elementary schools in Collier County sponsored by local churches.

Good News Clubs are a part of Children's Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) which is a non-denominational ministry that comes along side of churches to help reach children with the gospel. CEF supports clubs by training volunteers and by providing curriculum, materials, and other resources. You can learn more about this amazing ministry on their website: GoodNewsinCollier.com. Click on "Afterschool." You can register a child or sign up to be a new volunteer.

St. John's club meets for two hours on Thursday afternoons for a short 12 weeks (mid-January – mid-April). There is no conflict with our weekend worship services and this schedule works well for our seasonal members!!

To say that the children arrive excited to engage is an understatement! After snack and a small group activity, we come together to learn songs, a memory verse, a Bible story (this year we'll learn all about David), and the promise of salvation. What a joy when a child decides to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior!

Jamie Bentley, Sarah Willig, Peki Wilson, Debbie Wikander, and I ask you to prayerfully consider joining our team. We simply need more adult leaders for the 40-50 children in our club, which includes many kindergartners. We would love to be able to have all the children from kindergarten to fifth grade in our club which is approximately 500 kids. Some of our children come from Christian families, but many do not. Club is their only encounter with Christian teaching and encouragement so it is very important to be there. **THAT IS WHY WE NEED YOU !!**

It's not too late to say "YES!" Required background checks can take a few weeks to complete. CEF is planning a one-day training in January—you won't want to miss this!!

Don't hesitate to contact me or Jamie with any questions you may have:

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Donna Beecher



STEWARDSHIP – THE WORK OF THE CHURCH



By now you should have received a stewardship package with a letter from me enclosed. In that letter I ask a rhetorical question regarding our "faith legacy".

Specifically, what are we doing to leave God's church better than we found it. This is an appropriate and timely question to ask during our annual stewardship campaign at St. John's.

Simply said, stewardship is the work of the church. Through giving of our time and talent we are able to support worship services with ushers, lay readers, choir, altar guild, and prayer teams. That same gift provides a nursery and godly play for our children, food and drink to share during fellowship time, bible study, prayer groups, thrift shop staff, and support for many outreach ministries throughout the community. And all of these activities, along with our dedicated clergy and staff, are underwritten through your generous gifts of financial resources.

Time, Talent, and Treasure – these are the pillars of stewardship that are essential to the work of our church. And they are only as strong as we choose to make them. More of each expands our ministries, enriches our worship, improves our community, and feeds our souls. So, how do you leave the church better than you found it?

If you have not yet made a stewardship commitment, get started today. No gift is too small. Anything you choose to do is appreciated. The first step is always hardest but the possibilities beyond that could be profound. The only two deciders are you and God so go ahead and have that conversation and see how it goes.

If you already pledge, consider expanding your commitment. God's love is endless so examine the boundaries of your thankfulness. There is always more that can be done and you hold the key to what can be accomplished.

A few weeks ago I attended the funeral of my 103 year old great aunt. My cousin, a missionary in Asia, gave the homily and did a fantastic job. As I listened to this Godly man talk about that sweet and caring woman, I wondered what someone would say about me when I end my days. What would my legacy be to those things I hold most dear – my family and my faith? I control the answer to that question and so do you.

Now is a good time to start working on that legacy!

Clay Jones

What's Happening?

40DAYS4HIM begins Thursday (9/27) thru Tuesday (11/6). Sign up today at www.openheavenrevival.org

Blessing of the Animals will be Saturday (10/6) at 10am outside Sugden Hall.

Youth Sunday School begins Sunday (10/7) at 10am. Please join us.



Men's Bible Study starts Wed (10/17) at 7:30am in Sugden Hall.

Women's Bible Study begins Mon (10/22) at 10am in Brewster Hall.

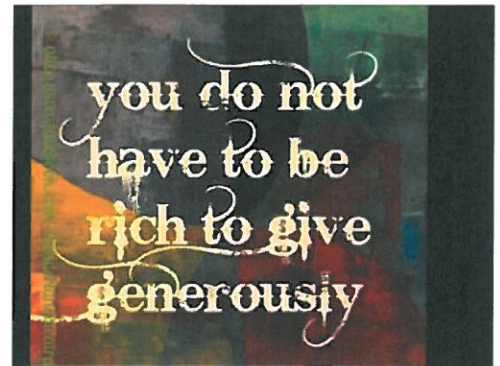
If you are interested in playing Bridge on Wednesday afternoons in Sugden Hall (12:45pm), please contact Barbara Willey at 239.592.7297.



Fabulous Giving!

In September 2017, Hurricane Irma was bearing down on Southwest Florida, with the eye ultimately passing over Naples Sunday afternoon. St. John's response to this disaster, both with parishioners and the community, was heartfelt and generous. We were blessed by God and via challenge grants helped raise approximately \$160,000 for victims of Hurricane Harvey and Irma. The power of this giving is still being felt and I wanted to share an email recently sent by Donna Isenmann to the Pi Phis (Jan's sorority Alumni club) that celebrated St. John's partnership with them in helping approximately 1,000 people at Manatee Elementary School after Hurricane Irma:

"Hi Ladies! First the national Philanthropy award last year and now the national Community Service award! What a wonderful and caring group we have. I'm copying Joe Maiocco, Jan's husband, who was instrumental in all that we did with Manatee Elementary school. He and my darling husband Jim did all the food shopping and then St. John's stored it for us!! He also got in touch with St. Matthew's House to get those 33 beds for our people in Shadowlawn!!! St. John's is a fabulous church with such an unbelievable outreach program!!! So although it was a Pi Phi group effort, our terrific husbands are always right there with us!!! I think they deserve a shout out!!! Thanks so much Joe & Jim!!! And thanks to all who participated in the hurricane effort, either by contributions or man hours or both!!! XOXO Donna!"



Rejoice with me, that as we simply sought to help our neighbors in their greatest hour of need, we and our ministry partners continue to be recognized for love that made a difference! May we continue to give generously in the name of our Lord and be a blessing to many!

Thanks be to God!

Fr. Joe

2018 News Article Deadlines

Publication	Month of Publication	Deadline: Friday (3rd Fri/mo)
Enews	November	10/19/2018
ParishLife	December	11/16/2018

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.

Transfers Out: Jane Baker; Steve McCort, Leilani Pierce

♥ **Marriage:** Ann Witmer & Jerry Lemmon
8/31/18

**Mark your calendar: St. John's moves back to two Sunday Services on Sunday November 4, 2018
9:00am & 11:15am.**

Hello St. Johns!



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little about

me, my background and plans for our youth in this upcoming season. My name is Amber Ferreira and I will be the new Youth Sunday School Coordinator. I have been a member of St. John's since 2013. I have a beautiful family that consist of my loving and supportive husband Brian and our funny, adorable 3 years old son little Brian. I am originally from Sarasota, FL but moved to the Naples area in 2012.

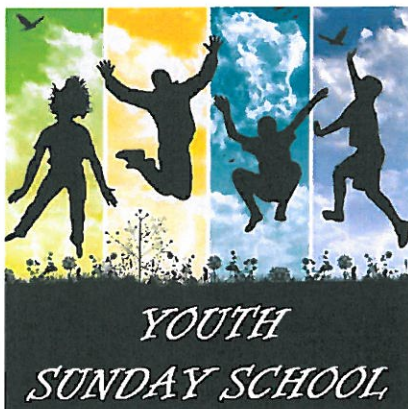
I have an educational background in early childhood education with emphasis on birth through 3rd grade. I was a teacher at a Christian based pre-school where I taught voluntary pre-kindergarten for 10 years. I have attended as well as assisted in presenting national and regional Christian education conferences. I have a heart for children and enjoy watching them grow, play and learn.

This season we will be having Sunday school every Sunday with nursey as needed for any infants. We will be using a mixed aged curriculum with age appropriate stories and activities covering ages 2 through elementary school. Each lesson will have the main story, bible verse, song and three activities. Two activities will be broken down to cover ages 2-

5 and the other to cover the school age children. We will have one activity that will be focused on getting the wiggles out, allowing the children time to see God's world through active games, play and adventure. Each month I will email families an overview of what we will be discussing during Sunday school. I hope this gives you the opportunity to dive further into the stories, songs and verses we will be learning through-out the month. This curriculum will begin Sunday, October 7th.

What better way to get involved in the youth ministries then volunteering to be a part of "A Senior Moment". No, this has nothing to do with forgetting where you placed your keys or what you just went in the kitchen for. "A Senior Moment" is time for you, the heart of our church, to come join us by leading a 5-minute message to the children in church before the sermon. This will take place the first Sunday of the month starting 10/7. If you think you may be interested, please contact Fr. Joe.

I look forward to this new season and spending time with all the families of St. Johns.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

LEARN. LIVE. LEAD.

Men's Bible Study
Begins Wed (10/17) @7:30am
Sugden Hall

This season we will be doing a topical study supported by scripture title, "Life in Christ-Creating Habits of Righteousness". A study of: Romans 6-8; Col 2 and 3; Gal 2,3 & 5; Phil 4 and Peter 1.

We will then look at practical application by looking at the spiritual disciplines we need to develop:

DISCIPLINES OF ABSTINENCE

- Solitude
- Silence
- Fasting
- Chastity
- Sacrifice

DISCIPLINES OF ENGAGEMENT

- Study
- Worship
- Celebration
- Service
- Prayer
- Fellowship
- Confession
- Submission

The question of forming habits on the grace of God is a vital one. To ignore it is fall into the snare of the Pharisee-the grace of God is praised, Jesus Christ is praised, the redemption is praised, but the practical everyday life evades working it out. If we refuse to practice, it is not God's grace that fails when a crisis comes, but our own nature. When the crisis comes, we ask God to help us, but he cannot if we have made our nature our ally. The practicing is ours, not Gods. God regenerates us and puts us in contact with all His divine resources, but he cannot make us walk according to his will. (Oswald Chambers).

Skip Ruch

Monthly Sunday School Overview

October 2018

Week 1: Daniel in the lion's den

Bible verse: "My God sent His angel" Daniel 6:22

Song: Give me oil in my lamp

We will learn how Daniel trusted in God while sleeping with the lions. (Based on Daniel 16)

Week 2: David and Goliath

Bible verse: "I come....in the name of the Lord" 1 Samuel 17:45

Song: I have the joy

Can a little stone knock down a giant? (Based on 1 Samuel 17:1-5)

Week 3: David the shepherd boy

Bible verse: "Rejoice always" 1 Thessalonian 5:16

Song: This is the day

Let us sing praise and thanks with David to our God. (Based on Psalm 23)

Week 4: David forgives King Saul

Bible verse: "Forgive and you will be forgiven" Luke 6:37

Song: Praise Him, Praise Him

Have you ever been hurt or mad with your brother/sister or a friend?

Was it hard to forgive them?

We will learn how David forgave someone who hurt him. (Based on 1 Samuel 24)

**Collier Resource Center
Invites You to Help Us Help
the People of Collier County**

**Mission: To Empower the
People of Collier County
through Information, Referrals,
and Case Management**

**Please join us for our
Inspirational Breakfast**

Surviving to Thriving

**Speaker: Niccole Howard
Executive Director/CEO of
Collier Child Resources
Hear her story of adversity,
perseverance and triumph**

**Registration 7:30 a.m.
Breakfast 7:45 a.m.
Program 8:15 a.m.**

**Ticket Price \$50 pp
Register and Pay Online:**

CollierResourceCenter.org/Thrive/

**OR
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**Thursday, Nov 8, 2018
St. John's Episcopal Church
500 Park Shore Drive, Naples**

**For Information, Call
239-777-5341 or Email
01ninagray@gmail.com**

RSVP by November 1st 2018

Emmanuel Community

*As members of St. John's Family,
we continue to be impressed with
our friends in Aleppo.*

Sue Boujoukos

September 17, 2018

Due to the ongoing conflict and border problems, the plan to send young members of the Aleppo Emmanuel Community to the "Send Me" conference in Turkey had to be cancelled and replaced with an alternative training opportunity in Lebanon. We believe that the alternative's positive impact of training, networking, and envisioning was achieved despite the disappointment of missing the conference in Turkey. Here's an update on what happened.

40 members from the Aleppo Emmanuel Community were scheduled to go to the "Send Me" conference in the city of Cappadocia, Turkey (In early August). There were two major obstacles: that the Turkish Embassy would grant them visas and that the Syrian Government would not object to their travel to Turkey. In June, while the preparations were underway, these governments refused to grant the necessary permissions. The border between Turkey and Syria is basically closed down. This was a great disappointment to us.

Coincidentally, a conference was going to be given in July sponsored by The People of God community in Lebanon. The Aleppo members were not considering attending it since the time and the funds were already planned for the Cappadocia con-

ference. With the border to Turkey closed to us, we decided to use the funds from St. John's to attend the conference in Lebanon. This funding enabled us to make a last-minute decision in early July to send 45 members from Emmanuel Community. We hired a bus and travelled to Lebanon for the conference. This was a large conference with 400 people attending. The 17-hour long trip into Lebanon was compensated by the success of the conference and the impact it left on people. The topic was new to them (new in most of the Middle East in general) and dealt with a Christian understanding of the modern gender issues. The retreat was prepared and mainly given by Dr. Daniel Keating, a member of the Servants of the Word brotherhood.

The conference was also a time of refreshment for the brethren as they met with other Christians coming from Turkey, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and obviously Lebanon. They returned home with a new understanding of many Biblical and moral issues very pertinent to their life. The value of these conferences goes well beyond the learning acquired. These events build long lasting relationships and shared vision within the network of young Christians in the Middle East.

Life in Aleppo continues to be tough but many of the brethren are now finding jobs. The financial needs of the community are shifting from the survival support needed during the war

to the foundations needed to sustain growth for building strong Christian presence and outreach in Aleppo.

We plan to send you a further update later this fall featuring interviews with some of these young professionals rebuilding their life in Aleppo.

FOYER GROUPS



Coming Soon!
FOYERS SIGN UP
Oct 15 – Dec 1

*House to House, They Ate Their
Food With Gladness. (Acts 2:46)*

The love that was exemplified in the Old Testament was perfected and personified in Christ. What better way to practice this love than in the intimacy of a small group sharing a meal!

Foyers is a church dinner group of 8-10 parishioners who meet informally, usually in members' homes, 3 times between January and May. Everyone brings a dish to share, which is coordinated by a group leader. It is a fun way to get to know one another and enjoy a delicious meal!

How to Sign Up?

- ♥ Clipboards in church (sign up only once.)
- ♥ Call or email the Parish Secretary, including # of people participating.
- ♥ Will you be a group leader?

We are looking forward to another great season! *Mary & John Aiken*



Fr. Joe joined the Christian Healing Center worship, teaching and healing event held in July at the Tree of Life Church in Naples. Fr. Joe taught on the scripture about St. Paul pleading three times to the Lord that a thorn in his flesh leave him only to be told by God that **"my Grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness"** (see 2 Corinthians Chapter 12). Fr. Joe's message was about being set free by God from whatever binds us, either through a miraculous healing, as Paul had prayed for, or by receiving God's Grace of strength in weakness by and through Him. Either way we can praise God and celebrate His Glory and answer to prayer.



Fr. Joseph Maiocco

The event was attended by more than 200 people, many from St. John's. Also teaching were Andrew DeLong, Pastor of Tree of Life Church, Dan Pinckney, Pastor and Director of Christian Healing Center, and Dr. Gary Fusco, Christian Counselor and expert on temperaments.

The event is fulfilling a longstanding prayer that believers in Jesus Christ from many different churches will gather for worship and prayer to receive gospel teaching, ministering, healing and deliverance from every illness, infirmity, and enemy attack. Thank you, Jesus! All praise be to God! The next Christian Healing weekend event is being planned for early 2019 for more information about Christian Healing Center please visit www.chcnaples.org.

Mike Johnson



"I want future generations to learn respect for each other to prevent the past from repeating."
—Sabine van Dam

Sunday, 10/14/18 @ 11:15AM

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples in collaboration with Gulfshore Playhouse is inviting the community to the play "IN FLIGHT: THE STORY OF SABINE VAN DAM". The play, written by Gulfshore Playhouse Education Director Hester Kamin, is the true story of four-year-old Sabine who lived in the Netherlands in 1942 with her parents, sister and beloved housekeeper. One morning, her mother told her to put on every piece of clothing and jewelry she owned, and the family walked out and shut the door behind them, never to return.

Sabine Van Dam, now 81, is a seasonal resident of Naples and met with Director Kamin to tell her story and, by doing so, to educate and inspire others to make their corner of the world a better place. It was produced collaboration with Gulfshore Playhouse and the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida.

The play will be presented on Sunday, October 14th at 11:15am. The 35-minute play will be followed by a talkback and is appropriate for ages 10 and older. A free will offering will be accepted.

DETAILS: The Unitarian Universalist Congregation is located at 6340 Napa Woods Way, Naples, FL 34116.



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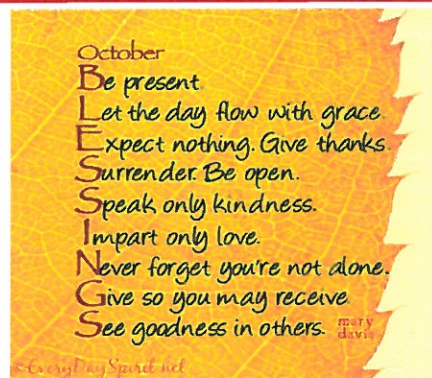
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