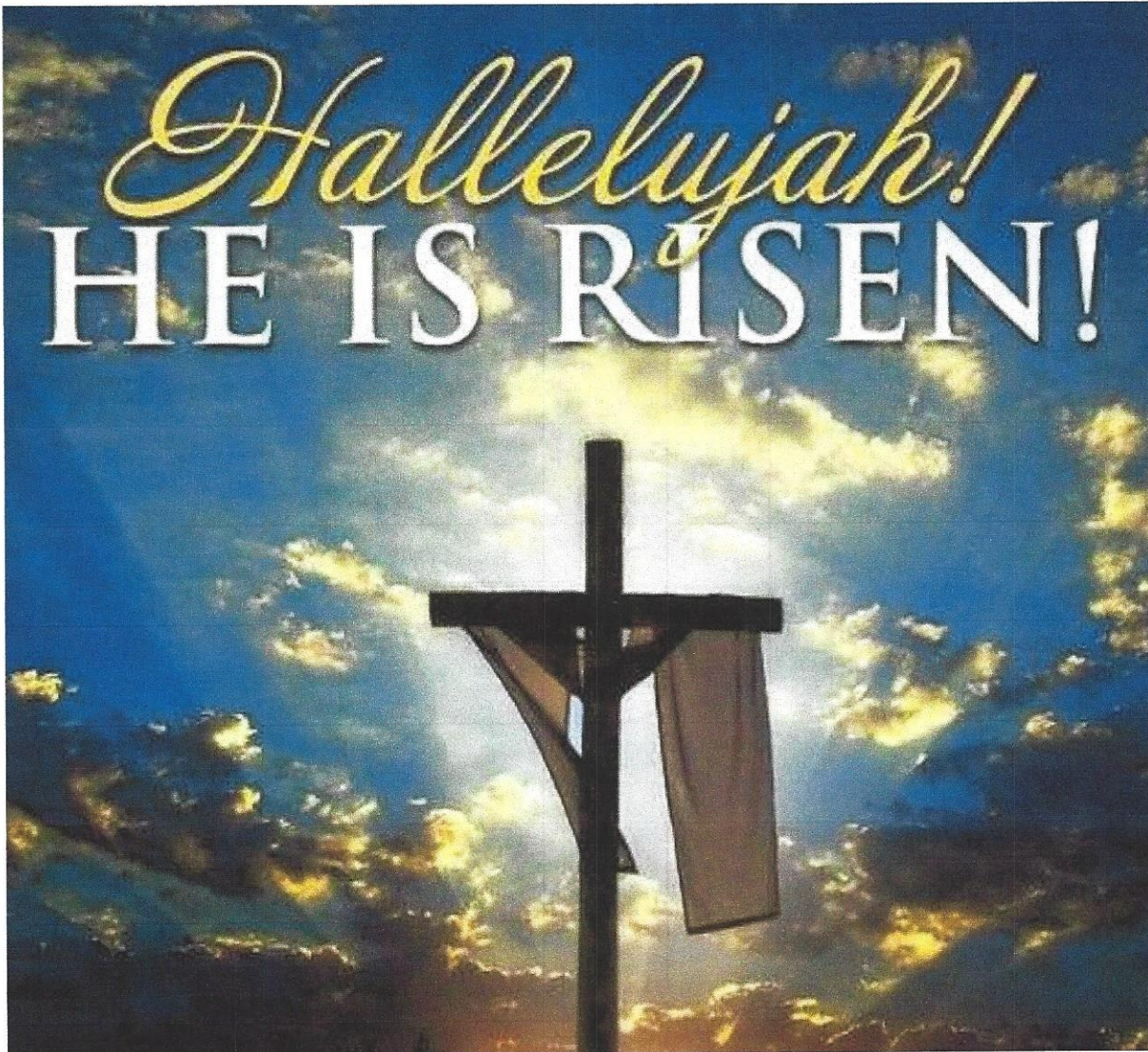


PARISHLIFE

The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. [1 Peter 1:3-4 NRSV]

God's Promises

The resurrection of Jesus is a God Promise, something so grand and miraculous only God can fulfill. Old Testament prophets and Jesus foretold it. The Bible is full of promises God has made to his people and there is a book we give to St. John's visitors on weekends entitled "199 Promises of God."



Enjoy this Easter season by affirming God Promises for you!

- ♥ "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven" (James 5:15)
- ♥ "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger and of great mercy" (Ps.145:8)
- ♥ "The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Ps.27:1)
- ♥ "I am the vine and you are the branches: he that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without me you can do nothing" (Jn.15:15)
- ♥ "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths" (Prv.3:5-6)
- ♥ "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for some have entertained angels unaware" (Hb.13:2)
- ♥ "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Ps.119:105)
- ♥ "For I'm persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rm.8:38-39)
- ♥ "Those that trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint" (Is.40:31)
- ♥ "Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil.4:6-7)

GOD'S PROMISES ARE FOR YOU!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13 & 14 – Palm Sunday

Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 9:00am & 11:15am

April 18 – Maundy Thursday

7:00pm

April 19 – Good Friday

12:00pm – Stations of the Cross

April 20 – Holy Saturday

5:00pm – The Great Easter Vigil

April 21 – Easter Sunday

7:30am, 9:00am & 11:15am – Festive Holy Eucharist
Easter Egg Hunt following 9am Service



Vickie Bauch

THE INTERNATIONAL
ORDER of ST. LUKE
— THE PHYSICIAN —

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (March 11, 12, 13) the Order of St. Luke held a training class for all those who wished for a deeper knowledge of prayer and healing.

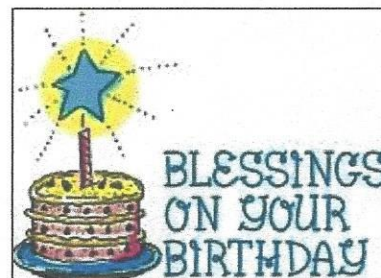
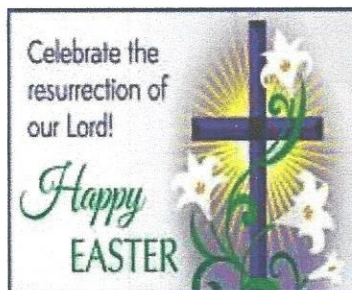
Fr. Joe led this class with his mastery of word and divine intervention. There were 22 people from 11 different churches and denominations that attended the three days. The classes covered 26 miracles of Jesus from the Bible. Each of these healings were read through and discussed because each time there was something different in the way Jesus performed His miracles. The miracles included healing blindness, deaf-mute, leprosy and raising of the dead! These miracles continue to happen today!

The St. John's OSL chapter was there each day in support of Fr. Joe. When it came time for the practicum part of the training, OSL members went to each of the four groups to help them with any questions or concerns they may have had as they prayed for the first time for someone. It was an experience that you cannot describe in words. To watch the faces of these new members as they realized that our Lord, Jesus Christ, would be there with them when they pray was something I will never forget.

The installation ceremony took place immediately after finishing the 26th miracle. This included each person being prayed for and receiving their OSL pin and healing balm. They are all ready "to go out into this tired and hurting world with strength and gladness, for there are deeds of courage and compassion that will not be done unless YOU do them and there are words of hope and healing that will not be done unless YOU do them".



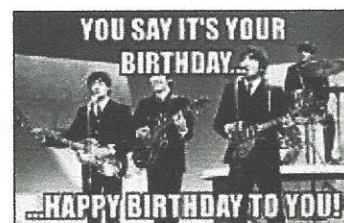
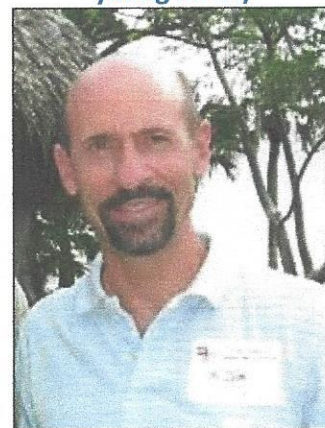
The Order of St. Luke continues to be a strong presence in our church and city. If anyone is in need of prayer or would like to know more about the OSL, please contact the church office or Vickie Bauch or Katy Esterline. Peace and Blessings.



Happy Birthday to this young lady, Frankie Straw, as she celebrates her 104th!
Praise the Lord!
(March 12)



And don't forget to wish this young fellow a happy birthday on April 3. (Although we won't say how young he is!)

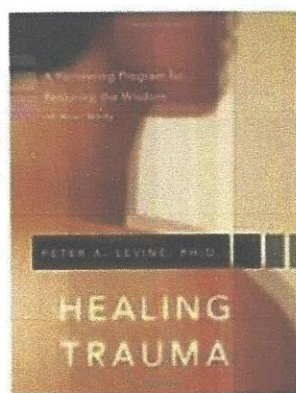
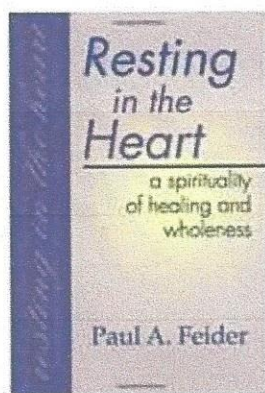
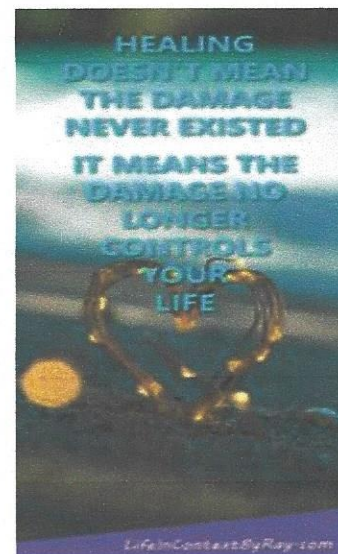
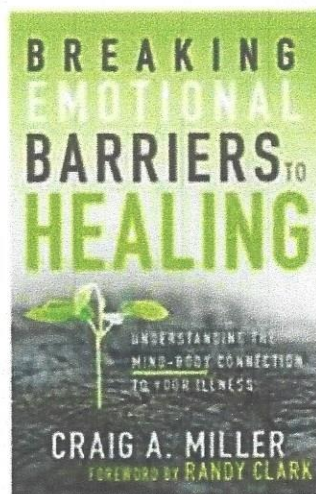
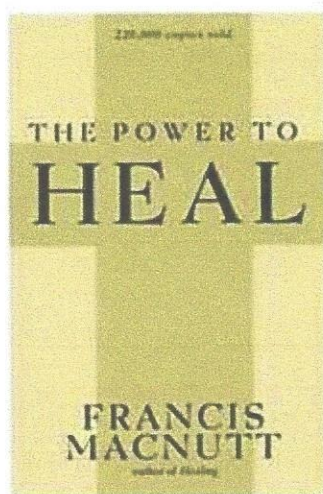
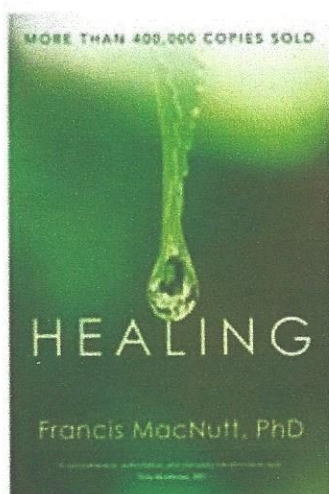




Books on Healing

Our church is a place of healing and St. John's library has many books on healing to help you.

Popular titles are:



For more titles in the library, see Resources on St. John's Website under Celebrate

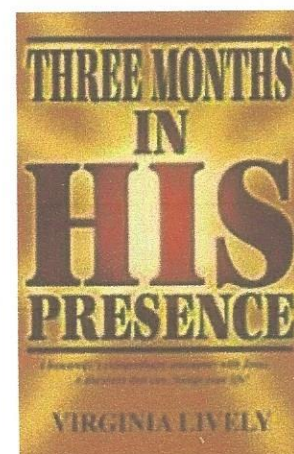
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Browse the library collection in the ORDER of ST. LUKE section.

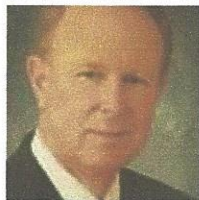
Available on Kindle for free "Three Months in His Presence" an extraordinary story of an ordinary woman who experienced Jesus' love and healing.

For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, says the Lord

[Jeremiah 30:17]



From the Treasurer's Desk



Bob Matthews

Each year, a portion (10%) each Episcopal Church's revenues are paid to the Diocese to provide for their expenses over the course of the year. Of that amount, a fraction (15%) of the apportionment is paid, by the Diocese, to Episcopal Church USA, commonly referred to as ECUSA.

Through the years, a number of parishioners have designated, by a note on their contribution checks, that no portion of their gift should be included in the funds that are paid by the Diocese to ECUSA. Our Church and a few others in the Diocese of Southwest Florida have asked for and received a waiver, which provided that gifts designated as "Non-ECUSA," and included in the apportionment to the Diocese, would not be subject to further distributions to ECUSA.

In February, our Diocese was advised by ECUSA that the canons of the Church had been changed, and a waiver provided to the Diocese in the past would no longer be honored by ECUSA. Any Diocese that does not comply with this new provision "will not be eligible for grants, scholarships, loans, and other awards" provided by ECUSA.

We realize that the matter of the "Non-ECUSA" designation of the gifts of some of our parishioners is a personal matter and a matter of principal, which the Diocese has honored in the past. Understandably though, the Diocese does not want to risk the loss of benefits for non-compliance with the ECUSA canons.

To provide perspective, the portion of St. John's apportionment to the Diocese that would be paid to ECUSA last year would have been less than \$2,000. We pray that the change in canons by ECUSA will not influence or change the generosity of all of our St. John's members and families in funding our needs during the course of the year.



DID YOU SEE IT?

The yellow Tabebuia in the St. John's playground was in full bloom the weekend of March 16/17. Did you see it? Birds were singing joyful hymns of exuberant praise in the branches of this magnificent tree, as blue sky with fluffy clouds provided the background to the vibrant golden blossoms...To me it was an explosive expression in color and sound of God's glory. Thank you Lord!

- Bonnie Schlichting



Stitches News

Can a messy closet be a blessing? That's the question that the Stitches Ladies have an enthusiastic answer for...Yes! In addition to the completed childrens' pillowcases, the Mother's Hearts, the quilts and toddler dresses made by Stitches members already filling our shelves, we have seen amazing things just appearing in the closet, truly gifts from God! God's bounty has included completed and almost completed prayer shawls and lap quilts, yarn and colorful cottons left over from quilting projects or from a sewer's "stash". Thank you, Lord!

Stitches continues to meet Fridays at 10am in Brewster Hall. No sewing or knitting skills required! The only requirement is a willing pair of hands. Come join us!



Reflecting on March 23, 2019- St. John's Shoppe Fashion Show

By the time you received this issue of ParishLife our Fashion Show on March 23, 2019, for St. John's Shoppe will be over. This year's Fashion Show was only accomplished by the hard work from our Board Members, St. John's Shoppe volunteers and all of the church members that pitched in to make it a success as well as nonmembers that return every year to help. As we look to next year, I believe we will go down a different avenue. No matter what we do in the future, it will be successful.

It is always amazing to me that as we got closer to our Fashion Show this year, it all came together.

As we started working on the event for the benefit of our local charities' months ahead, I became very worried that our goal would not be accomplished. But I worry every year that I have been in charge of the Fashion Show, nothing new for me.

I do understand that for the most part, people do not understand the work that goes into planning an event. To start is the design of the tickets, the printing, the push to sell raffle tickets, asking for donations, asking our board members to make baskets for the silent auction, dealing with the catering, decorating the Sugden Hall with a different theme from the year before, recruiting volunteers from our church members to help set up before and take down after the Fashion Show is over. The record keeping for our expense, and bottom line of net income to be turned to Randy, keeping track of tickets sold which includes names, tickets numbers, how they were paid for, seating for guest, the design of our flyers used and printing. Make sure that we purchased everything that is needed to place on the tables etc. Need I say more.



Prestige Catering

On the date that I wrote this article for the ParishLife, March 15, we were six days away from the setup and the final day of our Fashion Show.

We start setup Two days before; we arrive at 8AM that is arranging table and chairs, putting up decorations, getting a centerpiece for the table and being at the Sugden Hall for delivery of the Rental Equipment. On the next day, we are back at Sugden hall at 8AM to start and finish everything that is required for our guests to enjoy the event. At 3pm Sharon brings in the models for practice. This year we had foliage delivered at 1pm. On Saturday, I am at the Sugden hall at 9AM to meet the caterer along with the board member and all of the volunteers to welcome our guest. There are many other things that have to be done in order for the Fashion Show to be successful.



Is it worth it, of course, it is because on one given day in the late fall at our church we come together with the Charities that have been selected to receive funds to show our support for those Charities. That is the day that I look back, and as I attend that special Sunday, it brings tears to my eyes and pride within my heart that it was all worth the effort. I am blessed to be part of this wonderful church, my extended family.

Thank all of you for the help, and the sharing of love to accomplish what we did on March 23, 2019, and thank all of you that took time out of your busy schedule to attend. The question is what are we going to do next year???

Faye Bruso - Board of Directors -
St. John's Shoppe



New Member Welcome

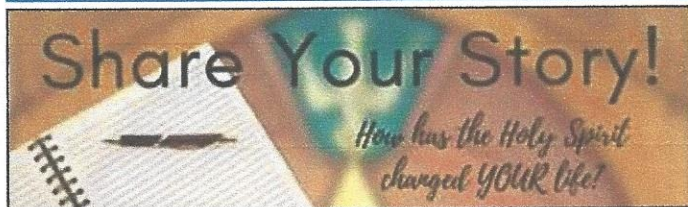
St. John's celebrated welcoming 47 new members over the past year. 19 were present at the March 10th service where we heard their story, shared a gift, special song, prayer and reception. THANK YOU to everyone who welcomed new members over the past year. THANK YOU Vestry for staying in touch with them. THANK YOU Sue Boujoukos for greeting them in the Narthex, coffee hour and sanctuary.



Welcoming new members is important because...

- *People looking for a church home are on a spiritual journey.
- *Joining a church affirms a deepening connection and coming home spiritually.
- *Naples is "God's waiting Room" with 10-15 St. John's members going to be with our Lord each year.
- *Reasons people give for joining St. John's includes invitation by friends, Youth Sunday School, feeling home, message, worship and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome Home New Members!



Embraced by a Mighty Wind

"Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting."

Acts 2:2

I have always known that God is with me, but one day

He showed up in a way that assured me of His tender love for me in a way as never before.

Late one March afternoon almost ten years ago, I was sitting alone in my family room with my back to the main part of the house. My mind was spinning with all the controversy that took place in my home on a daily basis. I felt alone and in despair.

Nobody was in the house, but me. No television was on, not even a radio. I believe that the front door was locked because I never left it unlocked.

All of a sudden, I heard the front door open and shut, so I called my daughter's name, thinking she'd returned home early from work, but there was no answer. As I continued to listen, I heard the sound of a gigantic wind coming from behind me. I was engulfed in a strong, warm embrace, which felt so absolutely fabulous that I never wanted it to stop. I felt totally safe, perfectly peaceful and totally loved. Then just as quickly as it came, it was gone.

A few weeks later, I was sitting in a Lenten study on a Wednesday night. Father Joe was sitting to my right. The book we were studying lay open in front of me. We took turns reading from the text. When we came to one portion of the lesson, I caught my breath.

"When the Holy Spirit comes into your life, it comes with the sound of a huge wind." I read the words again and again. They begin to blur as my eyes filled with tears.

"Why me?" I asked myself. Why had God so honored me? Instantly, deep within me I heard, "Why not you?"

I am God's beloved child whom He embraced with the mighty wind of His Holy Spirit. I felt then and I continue to feel so very blessed.

Barbara Youngs shares the reason for the hope that is in her (1Peter 3:15).

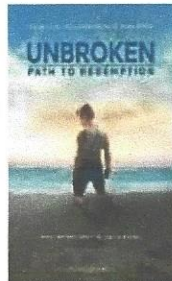
Is it time to clean your closet?



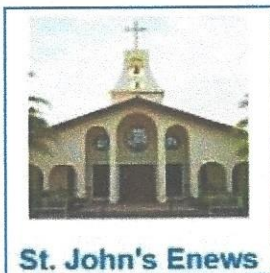
Well of course it is. Get busy because the **first Wednesday of this month (4/3)** the St. John's Shoppe workers will be collecting donations of slightly used clothing, household items, accessories and jewelry in the St. John's Church parking lot from

10am to Noon. For free pick-up of furniture, call 239-597-9518. Donations also accepted at St. John's Shoppe Mon-Sat from 10am-3pm.

Join us Palm Sunday (4/14) for Potluck and the movie "Unbroken, Path to Redemption". A true story of former prisoner of war and Olympic athlete Louis Zamperini.



Sign-up sheets will be passed around in all church services.



St. John's Enews

The deadline for the May issue of St. John's Enews is **Friday, (4/19)**. You can submit

Word documents, pictures (.pdf or .jpeg format), and internet links with the Enews to make your article even more outstanding! Everyone is encouraged to submit an idea. Please submit your articles to the parish secretary at: parishsecretary@stjohnsnaples.com

You're Invited to our Easter Egg Hunt Sunday (4/21) following the 9am service!



Eastertide Quiet Day at DaySpring

The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor will be the facilitator for the Eastertide Quiet Day at DaySpring on **Tuesday (4/30)**. The day begins at 10am and the cost is \$10 for lunch in Curry Hall. The day includes teaching sessions, personal time and walkabouts on the Manatee River Campus. Register by emailing mer-fourth@episcopalswfl.org or call 941-556-0315.

More info at dayspringfla.org/easter

Eastertide Quiet Day
Tuesday, April 30, 2015
DaySpring Episcopal Center

You can spend your quiet time with us at DaySpring. The program is for the Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of the Diocese of Florida, and current visiting professor of Episcopal Studies at Yale. He will be teaching sessions, personal reflection, and more. The theme is "Living and Telling the Good News." Bishop Taylor is the author of two books, "The Christian's Guide to Prayer" and "Prayer: A Guide to Prayer." He is also a frequent speaker at conferences and retreats.

Bring a pot and a dish to share. We will have a meal and a prayer service. The cost is \$10. Register by emailing mer-fourth@episcopalswfl.org or call 941-556-0315.

Info at dayspringfla.org/easter

Avow's Armed Forces Appreciation Day Friday (5/17)



Friday, May 17, 2019

Breakfast from
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Presentations from
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Avow - Inspire Community Center

Register at register@avowcares.org or
(239) 430-3184

NO FEE TO ATTEND
RSVP Required by May 10

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WE HONOR VETERANS

Shrove Tuesday a Success!

The men were working hard in the kitchen (don't laugh!) for Shrove Tuesday, March 5, 2019! They were whipping up some yummy flapjacks made with chocolate chips (that don't stick to your hips) and blueberries, as well as sausage, applesauce and serving up some milk and juice! If you missed it this year, you sure don't want to miss it next year!

(Pictured top-far right: Nick & Bennett Terpstra)

(Pictured bottom-right: George Koch & Charley Horton)



Order of St. Luke Healing Mission



St. Johns was truly blessed on Saturday, February 23 when Judith MacNutt, a world-renowned speaker and healer, came to present at our Healing Mission, sponsored by The Order of St. Luke. She and her husband, Frances MacNutt, have been in the healing ministry collectively for over 110 years! They started Christian Healing Ministries (CHM) in Jacksonville, Florida, over 40 years ago. Our Mission was attended by over 200 people from 20 different churches, with many different denominations being represented.

Judith spoke on a theme of LISTEN, LOVE, and PRAY, which is their theme for their CHM. She taught us to LISTEN to the people we are praying for and also to LISTEN to the Holy Spirit while we are praying. Judith spoke of how LOVE is most important and not to judge others as they share their story. She reminded us that Jesus told us to "love one another, as I have loved you". She told us to PRAY for people as Jesus did, with the belief that they will be healed. Miracles did happen during the time of Christ and they are still happening today.

One of the most amazing things that happened on that Saturday was that after Judith finished her three talks on LISTEN, LOVE and PRAY she went back into Sugden Hall and prayed for everyone. She laid hands on and prayed for almost 180 people. After over three hours, she was still fresh and glowing with the love of the Lord! There were visible signs of healing going on everywhere. Praise God!

Yes, we were truly blessed on Saturday, February 23. I hope that all those in attendance were touched by the Holy Spirit. I know some of them were because we have 24 people signed up to take the Order of St. Luke class on March 11, 12, & 13. St. Johns is on a healing wave tidal wave! Believe and ride the wave!

Blessings and God's Peace to all

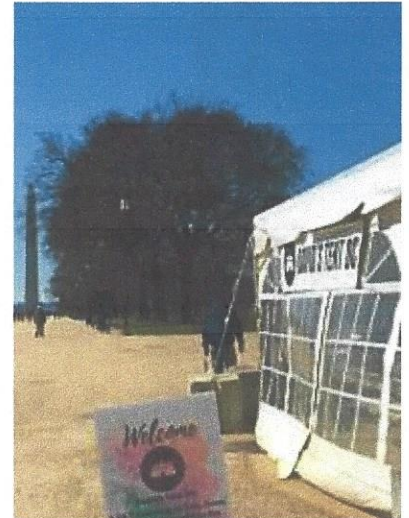
Vickie Bauch, Convener



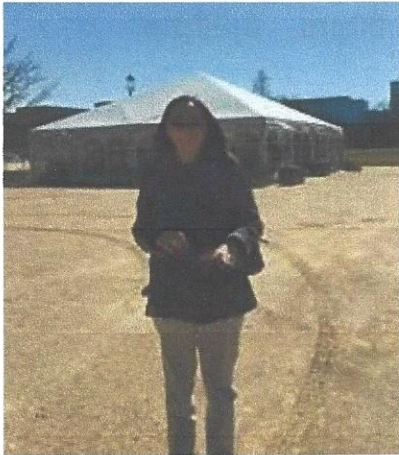
NEWS FROM WASHINGTON D.C.

Barbara and I traveled to Washington DC on Spring Break to find a number of surprises and encouragement. In our nation's capital, the center of global power on the planet, we found plain speaking and joyful followers of Jesus and people open to share their faith and learn about our faith. We attended St. John's Episcopal Church for Sunday worship. We saw people engaged in worship and praise to our Lord and experienced a solid Lenten liturgy. Every President has worshipped there beginning with George Washington. Pretty impressive seeing their kneeling cushions.

We were invited to attend the Greater Washington DC Chapter meeting of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician. What a joy to be with these fourteen people, all from different churches! After introductions, prayers, and then a teaching and meditation of scripture, we prayed healing prayers for each other and Holy Spirit answered with grace, power and results!



Plenty of walking, riding in cabs and dining out gave us opportunities to meet and visit with people. The cab drivers were very open to share their testimony of faith. Many of them Ethiopian Orthodox Christian.



David's Tent DC and the Museum of the Bible were well worth our time. Musicians at David's Tent have sustained uninterrupted praise and worship 24/7 on the Mall since September 11, 2015! The Museum of the Bible is very well done. Allow two days to really appreciate the collections, exhibits and videos offered.

We also visited the White House and the Capital. Our nation's faith origins and the faith lived out by our forefathers cannot easily be denied. Prayers to God and with each other are a powerful force and to be encouraged. It must be very difficult for politicians to manage their way through the maze of power and remain pure and holy to do the work they are truly called to do. Let us continue to pray for them and for our nation to be "one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

Mike and Barbara Johnson



New Members: Charles A. Ferrone; Susan H. Sicchitano; Terry and Jeannie Haines; Buren Gilpin; Christina Sanes; Mary and James Molofsky.

Transfers Out: Phil Bush; William and Arlene Davies; Dorothy Lowrie.

Baptism: Elias Eugene Brian Orlando.



Vestry Approves Outreach Grants

The St. John's Vestry has approved \$50,000 in grants for this year's Outreach for national / international giving:

CCO – Coalition for Christian Outreach

Nationwide organization working thru local churches in making witnesses out of college students to create disciples who follow Jesus Christ in every area of their lives.

Emmanuel Community Aleppo

Provide seed money for new business ventures in Aleppo to aid in rebuilding this Christian community along with ongoing donations for the sustenance of the poor in this community.

Michael and Kristen Maiocco – Israel

Provide funds for housing in Israel for this year while they attend educational programs and do missionary work.

Ned and Sky Derrickson – Turkey

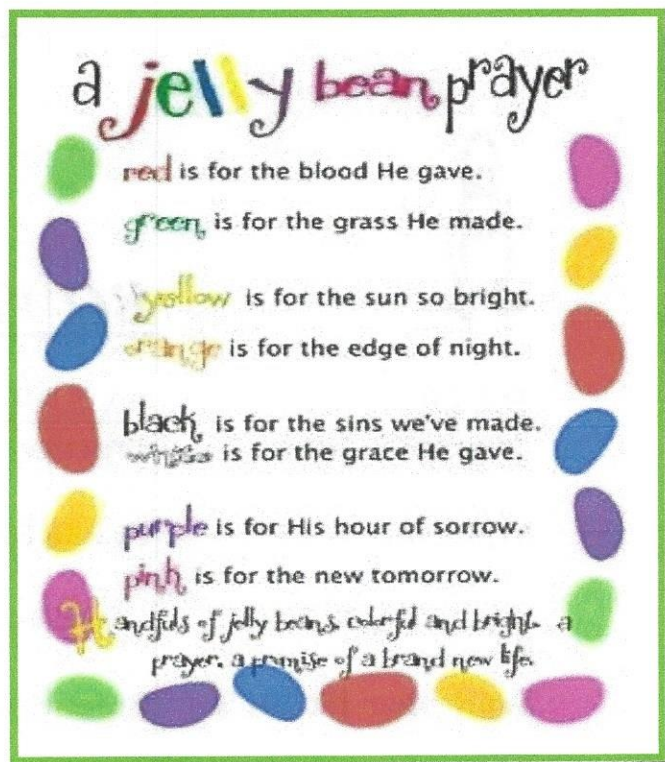
Missionaries thru Community Vision International – provide living costs along with health insurance.

Gary Fusco – India

Christian counselor and missionary in India. Creating opportunities to reach and teach the Christian faith thru various resources to Muslims.

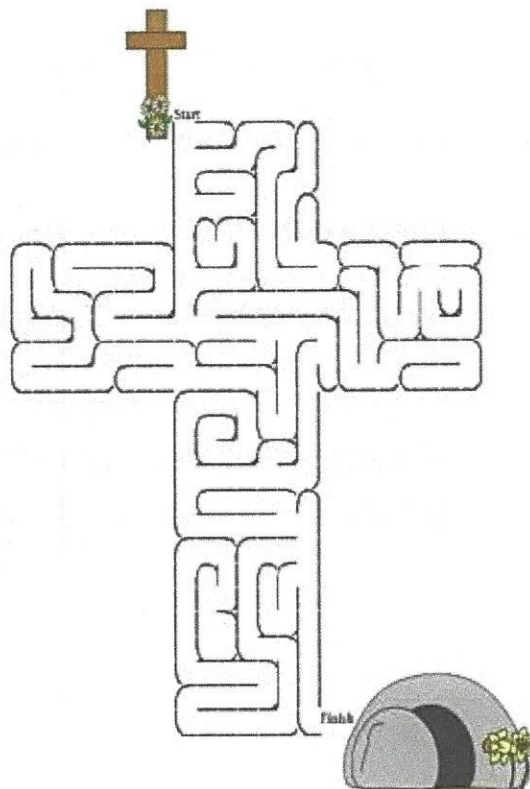
Samaritan Health Center Cape Coral, Florida

Is an integrated primary care behavioral health clinic with pastoral counseling on site. The professionals working at Samaritan serve the uninsured and under insured in Southwest Florida in a Christ centered environment.



Cross Maze

Go through the maze starting at the cross and ending at the tomb without crossing any lines.



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