

The Joy Journal

The Caring Church — We Care About Your Faith,

Your Family, Your Future, and Your Friends



Independence Day Lessons for Church Life

Return to the basics — On July 4th we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.

Honor the gift of freedom — “For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God’s kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.

Enjoy community — July 4th is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.

Be light in the darkness — As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel’s unique light in a dark world. Our word dynamite and the Greek word for power — as in, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God’s power in us, we share Jesus — dynamically! — with others.

—Heidi Mann



Our Mission at St John’s is to lead all people to become mature, fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. We have an evangelistic and teaching mission. We study and learn so we may teach others.

Ministry is not something we do. It is something we are.

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Childcare Provider Needed

There will be no child care until school resumes in August. We are looking to hire a new childcare provider to start in August.

Please talk to our senior warden or the church office if you are or someone you know is interested in being our childcare provider.



CHILDCARE

From the Vestry

The Vestry is pleased to announce that it has granted Father Cecil a sabbatical for the month of July.



He will be taking vacation in August and will return in September. Your prayers are requested for his time of study, reflection and rest.



A Pilgrim's Progress

In *A Million Steps*, Kurt Koontz describes his month-long pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago ("Way of St. James"), a 490-mile route from southern France through northern Spain. Since the ninth century, millions have undertaken this challenging trek.

As Koontz hiked downhill one morning, he was awed by a gorgeous sunrise. "The path was so steep," he writes, "that I could descend a bit and relive the sunrise over and over. I took a gazillion photos and must have looked back at least 40 times." Yet the experience made Koontz realize that "going forward is difficult when you are always looking backward." We can't dwell on the past so completely that our progress and growth are impeded.

Jesus says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62, NRSV). As we walk the path of faith, may we give thanks for God's past gifts while focusing on Jesus, who leads us ever forward.

Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, July 9th the members of the Caribbean & Floridian Association, Inc (C.A.F.A.) will worship with us at the 10:30 a.m. service to celebrate their 27th anniversary.





Hold fast to the Bible as the [main] anchor of your liberties; write its precepts on your hearts and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future. —Ulysses S. Grant

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017

Bus depart from St. John's Episcopal Church ground
at 6:30 a.m.

Bus will depart from Anna Maria Bayfront Park
at 4:30 p.m.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU THERE!!!**

Ticket Adult:

\$30

For tickets and information,
please contact:

David, Jennifer, Patricia, Bovel
or St. John's Church.

Ticket Children
under 13:

\$25



Remember Those Who Need God's Healing Touch

Sick:

Mark Miller
Millie Fields
Mary Gilliam
James Porte

Ron & Jan Anderson
Herman Adams
Martha Sport

Dee Baus & Family
Vicki Eby
Joan Temple

Jennifer & Dalton Barnes
Becky Wareing
Larry Lock

Shut-in:

Beulah Miller
Mary Larson
Oscar Cameron

Bob Allen
Wally Spitzform
Glynn Herry

Lily Pope
Ivy Wilson

Dot Wieder
Ruth Kimberly

(Don't forget to keep us updated on those you've asked to be on this list)

PROPERs FOR THE SUNDAYS OF JULY

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| Proper 8 Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42 | Proper 9 Genesis 24:34-38,42,58-67 Psalm 45:11-18 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19,25-30 | Proper 10 Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 | Proper 11 Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-11,22-23 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 | Proper 12 Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 128 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 |
| JULY 2 | JULY 9 | JULY 16 | JULY 23 | JULY 30 |

ALTAR BREAD

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|--------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Debra Corbin | Claudette Anderson | Judy Shell | Norma Robinson | Shirley Sweringen |
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ALTAR GUILD

Alisha Cameron, Norma Robinson, Violette Lahens (Tuesday Service) and Hispanic Service—Agapita Montalvo

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|--|--|---|--|------------------|
| Migdalia Haig Sonia Pemberton Carmen Downer Barbara Spitzform | Merlette Jenkins Alisha Cameron Diana Eugene Norma Clarke-Robinson Shay Funderburk | Diana Charles Felicia Sosa-Stephen Leela Narian Margaret Brown | Herma Samuel Grace McConney Freda Flash Betty Southwell | Claudia McGregor |
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AUDIO VISUAL

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| 10:00 AM Beverly Jones | 10:30 AM Beverly Jones | 10:30 AM Micah Marshall | 10:30 AM Micah Marshall | 10:30 AM Beverly Jones |
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LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

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|--|--|--|---|--|
| 8:00 AM Lesson 1 Alan Randall Lesson 2 Herma Samuel Psalm/Chalice Dennis Jewell Chalice Diana Eugene | 8:00 AM Lesson 1 Barbara Garside Lesson 2 Veronica Murrell Psalm/Chalice Stacey Wilson Chalice Lydia Gilmore | 8:00 AM Lesson 1 Rob Sport Lesson 2 Lydia Gilmore Psalm/Chalice Amy Lansel Chalice Diana Eugene | 8:00 AM Lesson 1 Nora Cameron Lesson 2 Ellen Edmeades Psalm/Chalice Jon Lansel Chalice Joanne Sinanan | 8:00 AM Lesson 1 Veronica Murrell Lesson 2 Nora Cameron Psalm/Chalice Stacey Wilson Chalice Delores Griffin |
| 10:30 AM Lector Sharon Dover Bread James Temple Chalice Charlene Davids Ann Moncrieffe (Psalm) Joyce Besch-Kelly Margueritte Brown | 10:30 AM Lector Angela Cross Bread Carol Rowe Chalice Charmaine Davies Ron Nock (Psalm) Carmen Downer Patricia Lashley | 10:30 AM Lector Bovel Anderson Bread Ron Nock Chalice James Temple (Psalm) Margueritte Brown Joyce Besch-Kelly Charlene Davids | 10:30 AM Lector Etheline Holder Bread Charlene Davids Chalice Ann Moncrieffe Patricia Lashley Charmaine Davies Carol Rowe (Psalm) | 10:30 AM Lector Huldah Skinner Bread Carol Rowe Chalice Ron Nock Joyce Besch-Kelly Margueritte Brown Carmen Downer (Psalm) |

PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT SERVE

| JULY 2 | JULY 9 | JULY 16 | JULY 23 | JULY 30 |
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| USHERS | | | | |
| 8:00 AM As Available | 8:00 AM Dennis Jewell Nancy Jewell | 8:00 AM Patty Brannock As Available | 8:00 AM Carl Cornelius Juliana Cornelius | 8:00 AM Patty Brannock As Available |
| 10:30 AM Upton Porte Diana Charles | 10:30 AM Claudia McGregor Carol Rowe | 10:30 AM Jennifer Phillips Joan Temple | 10:30 AM Jennifer Phillips Michael Roach | 10:30 AM Claudia McGregor Joan Temple |
| COUNTERS | | | | |
| 8:00 AM Dennis Jewell Laurie Mickie | 8:00 AM Debby Wilson Veronica Murrell | 8:00 AM Julianna Cornelius Jon Lansel | 8:00 AM Patty Brannock Bruce Weir | 8:00 AM Judy Shell Amy Lansel |
| 10:30 AM Beverly Jones Margueritte Brown | 10:30 AM Ron Nock Patricia Lashley | 10:30 AM Claudette Anderson Asley McGregor | 10:30 AM Claudia McGregor Bovel Anderson | 10:30 AM Joanne Sinanan Joyce Besch-Kelly |
| FLOWER GUILD | | | | |
| Carmen Downer Marjorie Sutherland | Jennifer Phillips Barbara Spitzform | Carol Rowe Merle Marley Inez Reid | Marjorie Sutherland Margueritte Brown | Betty Gower Laurie Mickey |
| PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT SERVE | | | | |

Christian Symbol

Sparrow

Birds in general symbolize God’s presence. Sparrows represent God’s concern and care even for those thought insignificant.

In Jesus’ words, “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. ... So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows” (Matthew 10:29, 31, NIV).



Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, hey, hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, find, ripe, hide, tried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shrink, finish, shinier, insider, hinder, inspired, re/finish, finished

Outreach Team News

On Thursday, June 8th we served meals to the needy in our community at Daily Meal. We thank all who volunteer for our monthly feed the homeless program.

Our next team meeting is Monday, July 3rd* (*please note meetings have changed to the 1st Monday of each month). Our Friday Emergency Food Box ministry is scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 2-3pm giving food to the community. We need help here, if you'd like to volunteer.

Contact any team member if you're interested in joining our team or volunteering on any of our projects. Until next time, Outreach Team Leader James Temple



St. John's Emergency Food List

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| 1 Spaghetti Sauce | 1 box of Spaghetti |
| 1 can Pork & Beans | 1 can Vegetables |
| 1 cans Fruit | 2 cans Soup |
| 2 boxes Macaroni & Cheese | 1 package Dry Soup Mix |
| 1 box Hot or Cold Cereal | 1 package Rice or Mashed Potatoes |



Campbell.
 "This isn't the caring way to treat a person who disagrees with you, Pastor Bob."

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Bible Quiz

What is Gideon doing when the angel of the Lord appears to him with God's call to lead Israel's fight against the Midianites?

- A. Threshing wheat
- B. Harvesting grapes
- C. Keeping sheep
- D. Making a sacrifice to the Lord