

The Chimes

of St. John's

The First Sunday in Advent

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Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 4 Organ Recital at 6:30 pm, Christian Crocker and Elizabeth LaJeunesse. Service at 7:00 pm sung by St. John's Choirs. Please join us for fellowship and yummy treats at a dessert reception immediately following the service in Alfriend Hall. Childcare provided.

Morning Prayer During Advent

Advent is a season of preparation and reflection as we welcome the birth of Christ in the world and in our lives. To help keep close to God, we are offering Morning Prayer each weekday in Carter Chapel at 7:15am during Advent (Nov. 28-Dec. 23). This is a simple lay-led service that will give you a spiritual focus for your day. Join us!

Nominations for 2012 Vestry

The Vestry Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the 2012 Vestry.

To nominate someone, they must have been:

- Baptized, confirmed and listed as members of the Parish on the Parish Register.
- 18 years or older
- Members of the Parish for at least 6 months immediately prior to the Parish meeting in January 2012. –If able, a regular attendee to services of the Church.
- A contributor by pledge or subscription.

In addition, they shall:

- Be committed to the caring, forgiving, risking ministry of Jesus Christ, and committed to continued growth and nurture in the Christian life.
- Accept the principle of proportionate giving and be willing to commend this principle to the congregation.
- Accept active leadership, including responsibility for decision-making that represents the entire Parish.
- Invest the time necessary in the ministry including attendance at worship, Vestry meetings, committees, special events and satellite activities.
- If called upon, serve on the Parish's committees as well as Boards of affiliated corporations of the Parish.
- Not be during their term of office an employee of the Parish or any affiliated corporation.

The deadline for turning in nominations is December 4. Please send them to Brooke Kennerly at brookekennerly@hotmail.com, mailed to 7850 Bradfordville Road, 32309, or you may also call 893-1528.

Parish Planner

Today	8:00, 9:00, 11:15am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Newcomer 101 (Cobb Library) 5:30pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
Mon. Nov 28	7:15am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel) 5:45pm EFM (Cobb Library) 7:00pm Centering Prayer (Parlor)
Tues. Nov 29	7:00am Men's Breakfast (Graham Lounge) 7:15 Morning Prayer (Chapel) 12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
Wed. Nov 30	7:15am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 12:10pm Holy Eucharist/Healing (Chapel) 5:00pm Wed night dinner (Alfriend Hall) 6:30pm Wednesday Night Classes
Thur. Dec 1	7:00am Men's Bible Study (Cobb Library) 7:15am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 9:00am EFM (Cobb Library) 10:30am Women's Bible Study (4 th gr rm) 12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel) 5:00pm Primetimers (Killeen's)
Fri. Dec 2	7:15am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 11:00am Centering Prayer (Parlor) 12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
Sat. Dec 3	8:45am Centering Prayer (Alfriend Hall) 4:00pm Tallahassee Festival of Lights (Church Open)

**Monday, Nov 28 - Friday, Dec 2
is yellow week in the Lively Café.**

Special

Veggie Stuffed Potatoes

Panini

Grilled Eggplant

Soups

Tomato Basil
Oyster Stew

Desserts

Mississippi Mud Cake
Chocolate Caramel Pecan Bars
Butter Toffee Crunch



Wednesday Night Dinner 11/30/2011

Adults / \$6.00, Children & Seniors / \$5.00

Call 222-2636 ext. 31 for reservations.

Menu 1	Menu 2
Chicken Pot Pie Salad Bar Biscuits Cake	Corn Dogs Chips Fruit Cookies

Lord, hear our prayer

Rupert Williams, Lucy Hadi, James Stalter, Ed DuMond, Pickens Morgan, Myrtle Young, Jim Granger, Marshall Mayfield, Lila Swartz, Charles Deal, Karen Kelly, Isadore Schneider, and Rick & Randa Maloy and family. *Send prayer requests to carol@saint-john.org or 222-2636 x22.*

Mark Your Calendar Now for Advent Breakfasts and the Advent Teaching Series

"Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited" will start on December 4th after the 9:00am service and will continue on December 11 and 18. The series begins with the prophets in the book of Isaiah presenting us with the idea of waiting and preparing for the Messiah—our work for Advent. Next, we meet John the Baptist who announces the coming of Jesus and then we reflect on the patience and courage of Mary, mother of Jesus. Finally we learn from Elizabeth how to accept blessings that we have been waiting for so long that they are no longer expected. We'll all gather in Alfriend Hall for breakfast prior to the presentations. Come for food for the body and soul! Please plan to attend - and bring a friend or two. All are welcome.

YAMS Shopping Party

Taking care of holiday shopping while enjoying wine and cheese and socializing with friends. . . does it get any better? The YAMS (Young Adults, Married & Single / in their 20s, 30s, 40s) have been invited for an evening of fun at the St. John's bookstore. Join us on December 2 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. We will have time to explore the great inventory of the bookstore while catching up with friends. A 10% discount will be offered on all items purchased during the event and there is free gift wrapping. Childcare will be provided in the nursery.

Bookstore News

Christmas trees filled with delightful ornaments are up in the Bookstore. New to us this year are colorfully painted bird houses in a variety of designs as well as miniature picture frames in red and green patterns and pewter and gold angels and crosses.

Heading the top of your Christmas list to give and receive should be our own Susan Cowles' sequel to *Sage's War* entitled, *Sage's War: Beneath the Waves*. This book is the second in a series about everyday life in the Florida

panhandle during World War II. It begins where the first book ended. For those of you who were entranced by Sage and her life, you will not want to miss this book. And for newcomers to these wonderful stories, you will want to buy both books.

We have some outstanding cookbooks in the store right now and one of these books topped with our pewter measuring spoons or red and green spatulas with Christmas designs would make a perfect gift for the gourmet cook on your list.

More Christmas cards arrived this week. Come see what we have.

Rhythms of Grace: Epilogue

What a wonderful evening it was for the over 150 people who attended last month's Rhythms of Grace benefit on the beautiful grounds of Advent Episcopal Church. The enthusiastic crowd dined on sumptuous food, danced to the upbeat tunes of the Thursday Night Music Club, and sang joyous songs to the Lord accompanied by the Grace Mission praise band. Thanks to a number of sponsors who donated money and in-kind contributions, the entire cost of the benefit was covered. After taking the final tally of revenue and expenses, the benefit raised over \$17,500 for Grace Mission. That money will be used to continue the Adult and Children Christian Education programs at Grace mission. Because Grace Mission serves meals in connection with each of its worship or special events, the amount raised by the Rhythms of Grace benefit is a much-needed blessing. Stay tuned for information on the next Grace Mission benefit, which is planned for May 2012.

Donations for Music and Poinsettias

If you would like to make a donation for musicians or Christmas flowers, envelopes are available in the pew racks and in the church office. Please make your check payable to St. John's with "musicians" or "poinsettias" on the memo line and place the envelope in the alms basin.

Faith, Food, Friday Continues

Join us from noon to 1:00pm on Friday, December 9 as we continue "Faith, Food, Friday," a series of conversations inviting people from across Tallahassee to examine the challenging territory where civic issues intersect with faith. On December 9, Father Dave and a panel of Tallahassee clergy will tackle the thorny issues of the holiday season, like how you greet people consistent with your beliefs without either making a political statement or stuttering uncomfortably. The forums are free and open to the public, lunch is available for \$8 with an RSVP. Go to www.tothevillagesquare.org or call 264-8785 for details.

Deadline and Contact for *The Chimes*

Submit articles by noon Tuesday to carol@saint-john.org

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