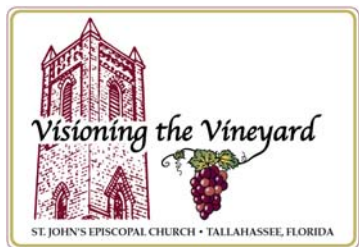


# The Chimes

of St. John's

The Third Sunday in Advent

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## The Visioning the Vineyard Survey is Here and Needs Your Response!

At St. John's, we've begun Visioning the Vineyard, an important, collaborative effort to help discern where God is calling us to grow in the next five years. In order to gather the ideas and concerns of the congregation, every parishioner, from youth on up and staff member is being asked to complete a short (10-minute) survey. No need to identify yourself; the survey is anonymous, but your opinion is important. Please share your candid and spontaneous thoughts!

The survey will be available December 9 to 18 online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/StJohnsEpiscopal> (online is the preferred response), or a paper copy will be available in the church office. If you prefer, you may call the church office at 222-2636 to request that a paper survey be mailed to you. Please complete your survey online or return your paper copy to the Church Office by December 18.

## Breakfast and the Adult Advent Forums

"Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited" will meet for the second session today after the 9:00am service. Today, Mother Abi introduces John the Baptist who announces the coming of Jesus. Next Sunday, December 18, Father Dave reflects on the patience and courage of Mary, mother of Jesus and we learn from Elizabeth how to accept blessings that we have been waiting for so long that they are no longer expected. Come for breakfast for the body and soul! Please plan to attend one or all of the forums and bring a friend or two.

## Classical Guitar Duo

Andrew Stroud and Adam Larison will give a concert in the church at 3:00pm today. The concert is free.

## St. John's Reading Group Today

St John's Reading Group will meet this afternoon. The focus book for the meeting will be *Jesus Freak* by Sara Miles, which can be viewed as a meditation on the Incarnation. Miles tries to determine (in part) what it means to assert that Jesus "became flesh and dwelt among us". As usual the group will meet in the Parlor. Social hour: 4:00pm; discussion 4:30-5:30pm.

## Youth Ministry News

EYC groups meet today: Jr EYC – 4:00-5:30pm Dinner at 5:00pm Sr EYC – 5:00-7:00pm

## Deadline for Music/ Poinsettia Dedications

The deadline for contributions and dedications for musicians or Christmas flowers is Monday, December 12. 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. Place the envelope in the offering or bring/mail to the office.

## Parish Planner

<b>Today</b>	<b>8:00, 9:00, 11:15am</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15am</b> Parish Breakfast/Advent Forum 10:15am Sunday School (various classrooms) <b>3:00pm</b> Classical Guitar Concert (Church) <b>4:00pm</b> St. John's Reading Group (Parlor) <b>5:30pm</b> Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
<b>Mon. Dec 12</b>	<b>7:15am</b> Morning Prayer (Chapel) <b>12:10pm</b> Holy Eucharist (Chapel) <b>7:00pm</b> Centering Prayer (Parlor)
<b>Tues. Dec 13</b>	<b>7:00am</b> Men's Breakfast (Graham Lounge) <b>7:15</b> Morning Prayer (Chapel) <b>11:30am</b> Visioning Committee (Adult Classroom) <b>12:10pm</b> Holy Eucharist (Chapel) <b>6:00pm</b> Stephen Ministry (Alfriend Hall)
<b>Wed. Dec 14</b>	<b>7:15am</b> Morning Prayer (Chapel) <b>9:00am</b> MOPS (Cobb Library/Nursery) <b>12:10pm</b> Holy Eucharist/Healing (Chapel)
<b>Thur. Dec 15</b>	<b>7:00am</b> Men's Bible Study (Cobb Library) <b>7:15am</b> Morning Prayer (Chapel) <b>9:00am</b> EFM (Cobb Library) <b>10:30am</b> Women's Bible Study (4 <sup>th</sup> gr rm) <b>11:45am</b> Finance Meeting (Cobb Library) <b>12:10pm</b> Holy Eucharist (Chapel) <b>1:30pm</b> Executive Committee (Cobb Library)
<b>Fri. Dec 16</b>	<b>7:15am</b> Morning Prayer (Chapel) <b>10:30am</b> Senior Luncheon (Alfriend Hall/Chapel) <b>11:00am</b> Centering Prayer (Parlor) <b>12:10pm</b> Holy Eucharist (Chapel) <b>3:00pm</b> Sr. EYC leaves for Ponte Vedra

## Women's Bible Study on Thursday Mornings

Good News! Mother Teri is leading the Thursday morning Bible Study in the 4th grade classroom. We are currently studying St. Luke's gospel foretelling the birth of Jesus. All are invited to join us at 10:30am Thursday mornings.

**Monday, Dec 12 - Friday, Dec 16**  
**is salmon week in the Lively Café.**  
**Next Wednesday night dinner: Jan 11, 2012**

### Special

Sweet Potato Gratin

### Panini

Roast Beef, Mushrooms & Carmelized Onions

### Soups

Scallop Chowder  
Pasta Fagioli

### Desserts

Red Velvet Cake  
Pecan Pie Bars  
Cranberry White Chocolate Chip Cookies



## Lord, hear our prayer

Rupert Williams, Lucy Hadi, James Stalter, Ed DuMond, Pickens Morgan, David Garretson, Janis Lampe, Elaine Yaeger, Anne Anderson, Jimmy Smith, Jim Granger, Myrtle Young, Jack Wray, Regina Brewster. *Send prayer requests to [carol@saint-john.org](mailto:carol@saint-john.org) or 222-2636 x22.*

## Caroling on December 18

Come one, Come all to the annual Advent Caroling Gathering. This year we will gather at 2pm in Alfriend Hall on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> for some "warming up and humming practice" and then we will disperse to our caroling stations to spread some Advent cheer across Tallahassee. We will re-gather in Alfriend Hall at 3:45pm for a fun holiday party with St. Nick until 4:30pm. All are invited no matter what age or singing talent you have! We look forward to seeing you there!

## A Christmas Service of Comfort and Healing

On December 23 at 6:00pm, in the Chapel, please join us for a Christmastime Service of Comfort and Healing for anyone who is experiencing this Christmas season through a veil of loss be it of a loved one, or a broken relationship, unemployment, poor health, loneliness or insecurity. There will be a reception afterwards with time to share with clergy or a Stephen Minister.

## Meals on Wheels

Please help us continue a St. John's tradition of helping with Christmas delivery of Meals on Wheels (MOW) to give regular volunteers a much-needed break during the Christmas season. We need people to help assemble and deliver the meals (no cooking involved!) and also someone willing to be responsible for coordinating volunteer sign-up before delivery and assignment of delivery routes on delivery day, Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Either assembly or delivery requires about two hours of your time; assembly takes place at Elder Care Services on West Tennessee Street and delivery begins from there. Please email Susan Proctor, [proctorsusant@gmail.com](mailto:proctorsusant@gmail.com) with any questions or call the church office if you can help. This is a very easy, fulfilling, short-term assignment and wonderful for families. It could also be a wonderful project for a Sunday school class or youth group.

## St. Mary's Scholarship

If you will be a rising college junior in September 2012 and would welcome some financial help for college expenses, the Martha Lee Kuersteiner Scholarship awarded by St. Mary's Circle is available to a member of St. John's or Church of the Advent. To apply for this \$750 need based scholarship, a student must be recommended by the clergy and submit an application form. The deadline for submission is February 1, 2012. Forms are available in the St. John's office and at the Church of the Advent.

## Bookstore News

Great Christmas books for the children are available at the Bookstore. Here are just a few: *God's Love at Christmas*, *The Littlest Angel*, *God Gave Us Christmas*, *The Gift of the Magi*, *The Jesse Tree* and several versions of *The Christmas Story* including one from the Metropolitan Museum and one from the Little Golden Book series.

We still have many Advent calendars in paper, cloth and wood as well as Christmas puzzles, lots of tree ornaments and gifts galore.

Arriving in time for Christmas giving is the reprinted version in soft cover of *God Willing*, the history of St. John's Church written by Carl Stauffer and covering the period of time from 1829-1979. If you are new to St. John's or if you never had a copy of this fascinating story, you will want to make sure you take advantage of this opportunity to own *God Willing*.

## Knit Together to Meet

The Knit Together Ministry will meet on Tuesday, December 20. Knitters and crocheters are invited to gather to work on prayer shawls. The shawls are made prayerfully and blessed by a priest at a Wednesday 12:10 healing service. New members, both novice and expert, are welcome to join this restful and quiet ministry of love to our parishioners and friends. For information contact Kate Holman at [gmoftwins@aol.com](mailto:gmoftwins@aol.com).

## Fr. Meninger's "Models of Contemplation" Retreat, February 24 - 26

Don't delay -- register now for a Camp Weed Retreat with Father William Meninger, an internationally-known Trappist monk, priest, author, and retreat leader. The retreat includes teaching, and fellowship and will focus on deepening our understanding of contemplative prayer. A registration form is now available at [www.saint-john.org](http://www.saint-john.org) and in the church office. Cost is \$200 per person for two nights semi-private lodging at Camp Weed and six meals. Contact Pat Beckett, [beckett@gs.ptdiocese.org](mailto:beckett@gs.ptdiocese.org)

## Give a Truly Precious Gift

On Sunday, Dec 18 the Bloodmobile will be here. This time of year is especially important for the blood drive as supplies are running low. Please consider donating a small amount of time to give blood - to give life for someone this season. Questions? Call Lindsay Hardy 222-2636 ext 14 or [Lindsay@saint-john.org](mailto:Lindsay@saint-john.org).

## St. John's Youth Builds Eagle Scout Project for Grace Mission

One of our St. John's youth, Daniel Nunez, is doing his Boy Scout Eagle Project at Grace Mission. On Saturday, he and a group of Boy Scouts from Troop 23 built a large compost bin for their vegetable garden. The construction materials cost over \$500, but Lowes donated half that amount. To help fund the rest of the project, please email him at [nunezd5@yahoo.com](mailto:nunezd5@yahoo.com) or call him (after 3:00pm) at 728-1653. Checks can be made payable to BSA Troop 23; please put "Daniel Nunez" in the memo line.

## Grace Mission Needs Your Help

- There is an urgent need for T-shirts, sweatshirts (L,XL,XXL,), socks and other warm clothing.
- A volunteer is needed to come on Tuesday or Saturday mornings to help wash and fold towels, maintain the clothes closet and help with general needs in the office. This could be an individual or a group of people rotating weeks. Please call Pastor Amanda 224-3817.

## Final Kneeler Available

There is one last needlepoint kneeler available for purchase and dedication. The cost is \$150. It's a perfect gift to dedicate at Christmas. If you are interested please call Virginia Perkins at 385-5713.

## Deadline and Contact for *The Chimes*

Submit articles by noon Tuesday to [carol@saint-john.org](mailto:carol@saint-john.org)

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## Pastoral Care at St. John's

Pastoral care is a priority for St. John's clergy. Please call Mother Teri at 222-2636, ext. 16, during office hours. For pastoral emergencies during other hours, please call the pastoral care phone number, 510-3812.