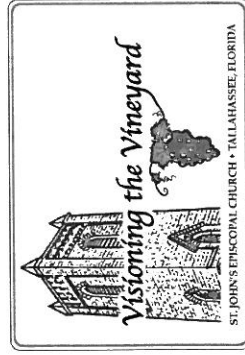


Note: There will be a single Sunday service next week on New Year's Day, January 1, at 10:00am.



Visioning the Vineyard Forum, January 8

Thanks to all 310 of you who completed the Visioning the Vineyard survey! A wonderful response! Your collective feedback is key to informing our strategic planning efforts and helping us discern where God is leading St. John's in the next five years. To learn what this Visioning process is all about and how you can continue to participate in charting our future, join Fr. Dave, Mtr. Abi and the rest of the Visioning team for an informative forum between the 9:00 and 11:15am services, January 8.

Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School will resume for Children and Youth on January 8 and for adults on January 15.

Office/Café/Bookstore Holiday Schedule

The church office, Lively Café and St. John's Bookstore will be closed the week after Christmas, Dec 26 through Dec 31. Contribution checks to be posted in 2011 may be left in the Bookstore's mailbox. There will be no 12:10 services during this week. The office and bookstore will reopen on Monday, Jan 2, 2012. Noon services will resume then as well. The Café will reopen Tuesday, Jan 3.

Diggers to Meet in the New Year

The Saint John's Ladies' & Gentlemen's Horticultural Society "The DIGGERS" will meet at 8:00am on Monday, January 2, 2012 to clean up the church grounds and parking lots. This would be a good time to try out the new yard tools you received for Christmas. For more information contact Phil Ashler at 893-2410.

Women's Bible Study Group Renamed!

The Women's Bible Study Group has adopted a new name: St. Anne's Bible Study. Mother Teri will continue to lead the group in the 4th grade classroom on Thursdays at 10:30am. The group is currently beginning a Disciple Bible Study and resumes on Thursday morning, Jan 5.

Epiphany Pageant and Chili Cook-Off

Come one, come all! At this year's Epiphany Pageant we will be celebrating Epiphany with a pageant AND a chili cook-off in Alfriend Hall. Bring your own brew of home-cooked chili, a ladle and whatever toppings your bowls needs. (Fran will make her famous cornbread as well!) Chili needs to be ready to serve at 5:20pm! Hungry tasters dig in at 5:30pm. Please call 222-2636, x 31 to let us know if you are bringing chili and how many will be coming for dinner.

If your child, ages 3 through 12, would like to be part of the Epiphany pageant, just join us at rehearsal at 4:45pm the same day!

Parish Planner

Today	10:00am Holy Eucharist (Church)
Mon. Dec 26	Office, Café, Chapel & Bookstore Closed
Tues. Dec 27	Office, Café, Chapel & Bookstore Closed 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Graham Lounge)
Wed. Dec 28	Office, Café, Chapel & Bookstore Closed
Thur. Dec 29	Office, Café, Chapel & Bookstore Closed
Fri. Dec 30	Office, Café, Chapel & Bookstore Closed
Sun. Jan 1	10:00am Holy Eucharist (Church)
Mon. Jan 2	8:00am Diggers (Churchyard) 12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel) 7:00pm Centering Prayer (Parlor)
Tues. Jan 3	7:00am Men's Breakfast (Graham Lounge) 12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel) 6:00pm Stephen Ministry (Adult Classrm) 6:00pm Daughters of the King (Cobb Library)
Wed. Jan 4	7:15am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 11:00am Cuba Meeting (Cobb Library) 12:10pm Holy Eucharist & Healing (Chapel)
Thur. Jan 5	7:00am Men's Bible Study (Cobb Library) 9:00am EFM (Cobb Library) 10:30am Women's Bible Study (4 th grd classrm) 12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel) 6:00pm Children's Ministry Committee (Press Room)
Fri. Jan 6	11:00am Centering Prayer (Parlor) 12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel) 5:30pm Epiphany Pageant and Chili Cook-Off (Alfriend Hall)

**Tues, Jan 3 - Fri, Jan 6
is yellow week in the Lively Café.
Note: the Café will be closed
on Mon, Jan 2.**

Special

Layered Tortilla Pie

Panini

Turkey, brie, cranberry chutney

Soups

Cream of Chicken Florentine
French Onion

Desserts

Key Lime Pie
Chocolate Mint Bars
Sugar Cookies



Lord, hear our prayer

Rupert Williams, Lucy Hadi, James Stalter, Ed DuMond, Pickens Morgan, William VanDercreek, Pete Mallison, Myrtle Young, Regina Brewster, Reece Meadows, Audrey Wilson and Mary Alice Baumann. *Send prayer requests to carol@saint-john.org or 222-2636 x22.*

New Club for 4th and 5th Graders!

CLUB 45 is our newest Youth Ministry program for 4th and 5th grade students. This is a great opportunity for our children to get to know each other in a fun atmosphere. Led by our high school students, Mtr. Abi Moon and Randy Winton – our first Club 45 meeting will be on Sunday January 8 from 2:45 to 3:45pm. We'll start out in Alfriend Hall. Come join us!

Confirmation Classes, 2012

Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday January 8 during the Sunday School hour (10:15am) downstairs in the small classroom. These classes are for all 9th to 12th grade students who haven't been confirmed, or for those who want a refresher course. Information about the class can be found on the Youth Bulletin Board in the corridor, or see Randy Winton for more information.

Vestry Nominations and Voting

The following parishoners have been nominated for a three-year Vestry term beginning in February, 2012: Paul Anderson, Cheryle Dodd, Mike Dumond, Tyler Macmillan, Susanne Murphy, Chris Robinson, Ramsey Sims, Lynn Solomon, and Michael Spellman.

The following parishioners have been nominated as Delegates to the 2013/2014 conventions: Betty Lou Joanos, Wilma Lauder, John McEachern, and John Slye. There will be five people elected for the vestry and two elected as convention delegates. Nominations from the floor: all nominations shall be in writing and seconded in writing by at least five (5) members of the parish. The nomination shall include a brief biographical sketch of the nominee and shall be submitted to the chair of the nominating committee, Brooke Kennerly, no later than January 8, 2012. All nominees must meet the qualifications as outlined in the bylaws and must consent in writing to his/her name being placed in nomination.

Absentee ballots will be available in the Parish office beginning January 22, 2012. Voting will be held at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2012.

Seeking Balance: Loving God with Heart and Soul, Mind and Strength

We are excited to start a women's Bible Study that will meet on Thursdays at noon. We will be studying The Rev. Becca Stevens' book of the same title which reflects on women of faith in the bible. Grab some lunch from the café, bring your own, or just come and join us in fellowship. We will begin Thursday, Jan 12, 2012. Mark your calendars! We would love to see you there!

YAMS Gospel Class

St. John's YAMS (Young Adult, Married and Single) will be hosting a class on the Four Gospels as part of the spring Wednesday night offering series. The class will begin Wednesday, January 11, 2012, and will cover Mark, Matthew, Luke and John for one month each. Open to all ages, (not just YAMS!) come for the entire class, or just one section from 6:30 to 7:30pm. For questions, please contact saintjohnsyams@gmail.com.

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.

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 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, beckettp@gs.ptdiocese.org

Grace Mission Needs Your Help

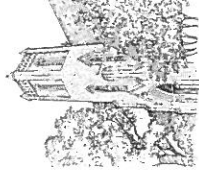
- There is an urgent need for T-shirts, sweatshirts (L, XL, XXL), socks and other warm clothing.
- We are in need of Hams and/or canned sweet potatoes for one of our holiday dinners.
- We are still in need of warm white socks and underwear M-XL. Thank you for your prayers and generous gifts to help the 'least of these' in our midst.
- 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.

Planning for This Year's VBS

While visions of sugar plums are still floating through your heads, it's not too early to mark the calendar and plan to send your children or grandchildren to St. John's 2012 Vacation Bible School. This summer, from June 25-29, 2012, we will host "Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God." We dare YOU to dive in and discover God's underwater universe during this fun-filled session. So, mark the calendar and plan those vacations accordingly, because you are going to be swimming deep in faith here at St. John's this summer. Registration will begin in March.

Call for 2012 Pledge Cards

To help us budget for the coming year, we request that you submit your 2012 pledge card as soon as possible. Thank you!



Stewardship 2012

“BEHOLD, I AM ABOUT TO DO A NEW THING!”

Deadline and Contact for *The Chimes*

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

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