

## First, there's Breakfast .....

Be sure to drop by Alfriend Hall after the 9:00am service today to enjoy a hearty breakfast and a fulfilling forum on Advent. The breakfast is another "Guys in the Kitchen" production, featuring scrambled eggs with salsa, hash browns, brown sugar and chipotle dusted bacon, grits, biscuits and fresh fruit salad. Donations will help fund St. John's mission work.

## After Breakfast....the Adult Advent Series

"Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited" will begin today after the 9:00am service and will continue for two Sundays. This clergy-led series begins with Mother Teri speaking on the prophets in the book of Isaiah, presenting us with the idea of waiting and preparing for the Messiah — our work for Advent. Next, on December 11, Father Dave introduces John the Baptist who announces the coming of Jesus. On December 18, Mother Abi 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 food for the body and soul! Please plan to attend - and bring a friend or two.

## ...and the Youth Advent Series

Classes for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades will meet downstairs in the Senior High Youth room for the "Advent Conspiracy." Grab breakfast in Alfriend Hall and join us at 10:15am.

## Historic St. John's Walking Tour Today

The walking tour of the church with Roger Ponder will be offered today after the 9:00am service. Richard Hinnens will be the guide after the 11:15am service.

## Advent Lessons and Carols Today

Organ Recital at 6:30pm, Christian Crocker and Elizabeth LaJeunesse. Service at 7:00pm 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.

## 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.

## The Angel Tree is Up!

Our tree is filled with angels from Grace Mission who need love this Christmas. Each angel has gift suggestions and we are asking that you purchase only three gifts per child. Information is on the back of each angel explaining Christmas at Grace Mission. Please bring your unwrapped gifts with the angel attached and place them under the tree no later than Sunday, Dec 11. Thanks for being an angel!

## Diggers Meet Tomorrow

The Saint John's Ladies' & Gentlemen's Horticultural Society "The DIGGERS" will meet at 8:00am Monday, December 5 to clean up the church grounds and parking lots. For information contact Phil Ashler at 893-2410.

## Parish Planner

<b>Today</b>	<b>8:00, 9:00, 11:15am</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15am</b> Parish Breakfast/Advent Forum <b>5:00pm</b> Inquiry 501 (Cobb Library) <b>5:30pm</b> Holy Eucharist (Chapel) <b>6:30pm</b> Organ Recital (Church) <b>7:00pm</b> Lessons & Carols (Church) <b>8:00pm</b> Reception (Alfriend Hall)
<b>Mon. Dec 5</b>	<b>7:15am</b> Morning Prayer (Chapel) <b>8:00am</b> Diggers (Churchyard) <b>12:10pm</b> Holy Eucharist (Chapel) <b>5:45pm</b> EFM (Cobb Library) <b>7:00pm</b> Centering Prayer (Parlor)
<b>Tues. Dec 6</b>	<b>7:00am</b> Men's Breakfast (Graham Lounge) <b>7:15</b> Morning Prayer (Chapel) <b>12:10pm</b> Holy Eucharist (Chapel) <b>6:00pm</b> Daughters of the King (Cobb Library)
<b>Wed. Dec 7</b>	<b>7:15am</b> Morning Prayer (Chapel) <b>12:10pm</b> Holy Eucharist/Healing (Chapel) <b>5:00pm</b> Wed night dinner (Alfriend Hall) <b>6:30pm</b> Wednesday Night Classes
<b>Thur. Dec 8</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>12:10pm</b> Holy Eucharist (Chapel) <b>7:00pm</b> Youth Commission Meeting (Youth Room)
<b>Fri. Dec 9</b>	<b>7:15am</b> Morning Prayer (Chapel) <b>11:00am</b> Centering Prayer (Parlor) <b>12:00pm</b> Faith, Food, Friday (First Baptist) <b>12:10pm</b> Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

**Monday, Dec 5 - Friday, Dec 9**  
**is green week in the Lively Café.**

### Special

Eggplant Parmesan

### Panini

Ham & Pesto

### Soups

Sausage & Greens

Sweet Potato Puree

### Desserts

Sticky Toffee Pudding

Blonde Brownies

White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies

## Wednesday Night Dinner 12/7/2011

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

Call 222-2636 ext. 31 for reservations.



Menu 1	Menu 2
Honey-glazed Spiral Ham Sweet Potato Casserole Green Beans Rolls Pumpkin Roll	Hot Dogs Chips Fruit Cookies

## Lord, hear our prayer

Rupert Williams, Lucy Hadi, James Stalter, Ed DuMond, Pickens Morgan, Charles Deal, Karen Kelly, Isadore Schneider, Rick & Randa Maloy and family, Faith, David Garretson, Janis Lampe, Elaine Yaeger, Anne Anderson. *Send prayer requests to [carol@saint-john.org](mailto:carol@saint-john.org) or 222-2636 x22.*

## Nominations for 2012 Vestry Due Today

The Vestry Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the 2012 Vestry. If you have a nomination not yet submitted, please contact Brooke Kennerly at [brookekennerly@hotmail.com](mailto:brookekennerly@hotmail.com), or 893-1528.

## 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.

## 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!

## 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](http://www.tothevillagesquare.org) or call 264-8785 for details.

## "Eat-Out" Foyer Group Gathering

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun at a gathering of the Eat-Out Foyer Group--no program, no lessons, no cooking, no cleaning. We typically meet on the second Friday of the month at a nearby restaurant to visit and enjoy each other's company. On Friday, December 9, at 6:30pm., we'll gather at The Old Town Cafe. All are welcome, whether you would like to join us for one evening or each month. Contact Margie Watkins at [wiffle@embarqmail.com](mailto:wiffle@embarqmail.com) or 386-4867 reservations.

## St. John's Reading Group next Sunday

St John's Reading Group will meet on Sunday, December 11. 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.

## Final Kneeler Available

There is one last needlepoint kneeler available for purchase and dedication. The cost is \$150. If you are interested please call Virginia Perkins at 385-5713.

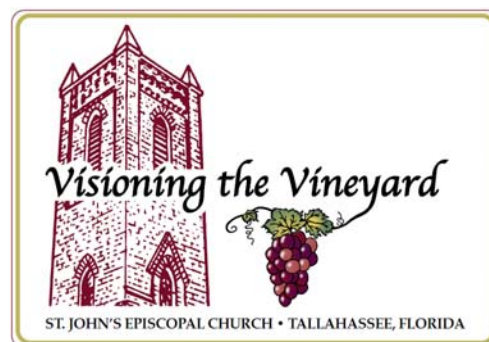
## Bookstore News

Many new Christmas books are on display and now that Advent is here, it's time to investigate several new books for the season. Writers, Thomas Aquinas, Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton and Padre Pio have each authored a book in the series entitled *Advent and Christmas*. Two books by the much loved Victorian writer, Charles Dickens are *The Life of Our Lord* and *A Christmas Carol*. Henry Van Dyke's popular *The Other Wise Man* as well as *The First Christmas Tree* are also available. And O. Henry, Tolstoy and Dickens have contributed pieces for one volume entitled *O Christmas Three*. The stories by these authors will make wonderful gifts or additions to your own library to be cherished year after year.

For the younger set, cloth and padded manger scenes with the Holy Family and Advent calendars full of toys and animals are perfect to use during the holidays to help count off the days or to acquaint little ones with the story of the birth of Jesus.

Hand made felt tree ornaments and pillows in colorful, seasonal designs are ready to decorate your home. Popular last year, we have new designs this year.

Don't forget your Christmas cards. We have a great choice.



## Visioning the Vineyard - Your Voice Matters!

"Visioning the Vineyard," St. John's strategic planning process, is our effort to discern as a parish family where God is calling our church to grow in the next five years. A strong committee of parishioners and a gifted consultant are already hard at work. **We will need your help!** To learn your views, the Visioning the Vineyard team asks all youth and adult parishioners to respond to an important survey. This 10-minute anonymous survey will be accessible later this month for a 10-day period through the internet (if you do not have internet access, paper copies also will be available).

How can you help right away? **Make sure we have your email address!** We use email to assure that you receive important parish news -- it helps us get news to you quickly and reduces mailing costs. If your email address has changed or if you haven't provided an email address to the church, please do so by contacting Carol Newman ([carol@saint-john.org](mailto:carol@saint-john.org); 222-2636 ext 22)

Watch for future announcements and don't miss your opportunity to share your experiences and dreams for St. John's future. For questions, contact Sandra or Dennis Howard, 878-1434 or [docpest@embarqmail.com](mailto:docpest@embarqmail.com).

### 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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