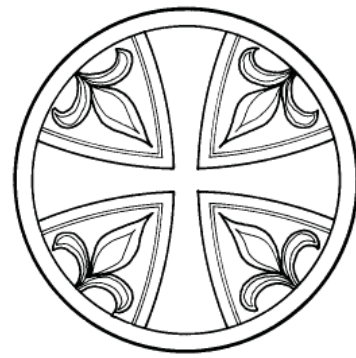


St. John's Newsletter



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To Learn Is to Live

by The Rev. David C. Killeen

My son, Tommy, recently made a prediction that I hope is accurate. He drew a picture of me with the following caption: "When my dad is 100 he will be in a wheel chair and reading a book called the Bible."

God-willing, I will be reading the Bible at 100 and gaining new insights into the stories that have shaped my entire life. As Christians, as Tommy's picture makes abundantly clear, you and I are called by God to be life-long learners. Whether we are 10 or 100, we can always learn something new.

Whenever I lead baptismal rehearsals for parents and godparents of children. I remind them that baptism is only the first step for their child. Children and adults must continually grow into their baptismal vows, one of which asks: "Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?" In other words, will you commit yourself to regular worship and life-long learning?

As a priest, I've committed myself to a variety of continuing education programs throughout my ministry. Most recently, I am participating in Leadership Tallahassee, a one-year course for emerging leaders offered by the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce. I just got back from the opening retreat, which was a powerful experience. I appreciated the chance to get to know my fellow students.

There are 35 of us from all sectors in the community, and I can't wait to learn with them how we can partner to make our community an even better place to live.

The essence of Leadership Tallahassee is similar to good Christian education programs: It emphasizes relational learning. As followers of Jesus, I believe that we learn best when we enter into trusting relationships with our teachers and fellow students.

Sent with this month's newsletter is the *Christian Formation Catalog*, which lists our wonderful fall programs for adults, youth, and children. Please "read, mark and inwardly" digest it, to use a phrase from a favorite Prayer Book collect. Each of these classes will give you the opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with God and the people of St. John's.

Since I started at St. John's, I have been struck by the quality of our Christian education. God has blessed us abundantly with many gifted teachers. One of my favorite things to do is drop in on classes and witness a first grader depicting a Biblical story with crayons and glitter or an adult having an "A-ha" moment about a theological doctrine.

Sign up for a class this fall. Stretch yourself and try something completely new. To learn, whether we are 10 or 100, is to live!

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We Are Turning the Corner!

by Jerry McDaniel, Chair of the Financial Committee

Thanks to all who have faithfully maintained support of St. John's and thank you to commissions and committee heads who have held expenses below budget during the first six months of 2011. Results suggest an improving financial condition for our church.

A major contributor to the 2nd quarter income was the very successful chance drawing for a new Honda. This event was led by Chair Nan O'Kelly, committee members Brooke Lewis, Carol Killeen, Jenny Blalock, Sara Merrill, Katie Proctor, Ramsay Sims, and support from many others. The event resulted in a net contribution of \$22,843, which was transferred to the general fund in June. Many thanks to this group for your leadership, planning, and execution.

Now let's compare actual revenue and expense for the period ending June 30, 2011, to the same period in 2010. Revenue totaled \$593,511 or an increase of \$88,916 (17.6%) over \$504,593 in 2010. Expenses increased also to \$602,662 in 2011 versus \$550,275 in 2010 or an increase of \$52,597 (9.6%). Lay and clergy compensation increased by \$37,832 due to our commitment to restaff for growth, which we anticipate this year and years to come.

On a positive note, average Sunday church attendance for the first six months of 2011 was 374, up from 355 last year, and enrollment in Vacation Bible School increased from 80 last year to almost 100 in 2011!

The summer is always hard as many are away on vacation, so please continue your support and prayers for Father Dave, Mother Abi, and all others who are so diligently working to build a stronger St. John's Church.



On their way to the Cuba Mission Trip in July are St. John's youth: (front row from left) Lacey Langston, Sarah Michael Anderson, Mia Arnold, Livvy O'Bryan, Charlotte Austin, Anne Gwynn; (back row from left) Randy Winton, youth director, Danny Nunez, Avery Bartlett, Samantha Bartlett, Lewis Langston, Rosie Garcia. On August 31, all the parish is invited to a fish fry and Cuba Mission Trip presentation to hear about their incredible experience.

YAMS on Tap

by Gabrielle Graham

Our inaugural Theology on Tap event was a great success! About 20 - 25 YAMS (Young Adults, Married and Single) gathered together after work on Friday, July 8 at Finnegan's Wake Irish Pub in Midtown. We were very pleased to welcome Mother Abi and her husband Rob as they joined in the fun at their very first YAMS event.

Father Dave stood atop the fireplace and started the ball rolling for our informal discussion on the theme of "Finding God in Everyday Life." As homage to the establishment, Father Dave opened with a reading from the Holy Rule of St. Benedict regarding quantity of drink for monks, in which it was written that for sufficient nourishment, each brother was allotted a half-liter of wine a day!

At the heart of the discussion, we were asked to consider the Benedictine division of daily life into four areas: prayer, work, study, and rest. We were invited to turn to the folks nearest us and share reflections on our own allocations of time to each area. As it turned out, some of us didn't rest; some didn't study; and some found that our "rest" was really wrapped up in prayer, study, AND work! The topic was a great icebreaker as well as an excellent opportunity to reflect on our own lives. Whether it was about the presented theme, or just getting to know more about each other, many YAMS continued to enjoy casual conversation and fellowship until well past the official end time, a true sign of success!

If you weren't able to join us at the event, never fear! YAMS will be continuing the Theology on Tap series at various Midtown watering holes every third Friday of the month. The next Theology on Tap will begin at 5:15 p.m. on August 19 at the Midtown Filling Station. Mother Abi will lead us in an informal discussion on "Summarizing Summer in Spirit."

We are seeking ideas for service or family-friendly YAMS activities. We are also looking for "a few good YAMS" to form a leadership team. Please contact us with any ideas or if you are interested in becoming more involved: Christine Poreba, christineporeba@hotmail.com; Jenny Blalock, jyblalock@comcast.net.

An Interview with Abi Moon, Associate Rector

Abi Moon began as St. John's priest associate for children, family, and young adult ministries in July. She graduated from the University of the South School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee in May. Prior to seminary, Mother Abi was director of youth ministry at Church of the Good Shepherd in Augusta, Georgia, and Church of the Advent in Spartanburg, South Carolina. At Palmer Trinity School, Miami, she was a teacher and assistant chaplain, and after her undergraduate years at Sewanee, she was with the Peace Corps in Guinea, West Africa.

Mother Abi was ordained a deacon in February and will be ordained a priest on September 6. She was born in Columbus, Georgia, and "grew up in all over the place."

Newsletter editors sat down for a chat shortly after she joined our St. John's staff.

Many people who enter the ministry have strong Christian backgrounds. Did you?

I grew up going to church every Sunday and in middle school I joined the youth choir. My mother tried to keep us active in the church by modeling a faithful life of worship, leadership, and prayer.

Do you consider the priesthood a calling? If so, when and how did you receive this calling?

I do consider the priesthood a calling. While we are all called to serve, some are also called to ordained ministry. My call is one that developed through time and was a gentle nudging within the jobs that I held after college; there was a quiet longing for something more ... a small voice that said keep on searching and seeking the call of what God wanted me to do in my vocation. With the help of discernment with my friends and discernment committees, my call to the priesthood was affirmed and I was sent to seminary.

Do you have a mentor(s) who deeply influence who you are, what you believe in, and what you're committed to in your work and life?

I do have several mentors who deeply influenced who I am and what I have been called to do. My youth

minister in middle school was a wonderful example of faithful, patient, love; she was present for our teen years of angst and present among our searching questions. She was a testimony for me on how to pastor with patience and understanding. In college I was surrounded by the Episcopal Church at Sewanee, which also included a seminary! The college chaplain there was a woman with two boys and a heart for ministry; her storytelling reminded me that we are all part of a larger story. As I continued to grow and learn in ministry, I was shaped also by those who were faithful examples of living out their faith in their words and action.

Describe your responsibilities at St. John's.

Working with the parish, my role is to act as pastor, priest, and teacher specifically, though not exclusively, nurture and grow the children's ministries, family ministries, and the young adult ministries.

When you were looking for a church "home," what attracted you to St. John's?

St. John's has a passion and joy about itself. With an incredible music program, worship is Christ centered and inviting to the newcomer and St. John's is in an exciting place of opportunities to grow in faith.

The spouse of a clergy person must be a very special individual. Tell us about your husband, Rob.

Rob was born in Lansing, Michigan, and lived there for his first 12 years and then he moved to Macon, Georgia, with his family. We met, in true Augusta fashion, at the Masters Tournament. I turned around at the practice rounds and there he was, with a parishioner of mine. Rob is an archeologist and was working for the University of South Carolina's department of archeology until we moved here to Tallahassee. He lives here with me now and teaches online courses for Ashford University. We are still figuring out what else might fill the rest of his time!

You've travelled a lot. Any words of wisdom for travelers?

It's true, I have been blessed to have been able to travel to many dif-



Rob and Abi Moon

ferent places and meet quite a diverse group of people. I think the most important thing to pack is your sense of adventure and flexibility. Planning is great to do, remembering, of course, that things will go unexpectedly and God is in the midst of those times too! Well, that and always carry your own toilet paper.

As for a story from one of those ... at the end of a very long day in my little village in Guinea, I was walking home and I really must have looked exhausted because a young girl came running out and gave me a piece of bread. In a world where daily bread is so strictly rationed, this was such an act of extreme generosity and kindness. I was reminded there is so much to be grateful for and to share with others.

If someone, who reads this interview, wants to take a similar path as yours, what would you advise?

Listen to God as God speaks to you in what you do. Pray and seek out trusted advisors who will listen with you as God calls you into ministry — lay or ordained.

What do you do to relax?

I am a runner. I love to run a trail and chat with a friend while running. When it is too hot to run or I get up to late to beat the heat, I enjoy photography and cooking.

What are you reading now?

God Willing (the History of St John's!) and *Made for Goodness* by Mpho and Desmond Tutu.

Vacation Bible School at St. John's June 27 - July 1



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

by Carol Killeen

MOOPS is a group that helps moms be better moms by understanding their unique needs, challenges, and joys. For over 35 years, MOPS has been creating authentic communities where moms gather to experience encouragement, support, and hope. Every mom is welcomed, accepted, and inspired to reach her potential and recognize her influence within her family and her world. MOPS believes that better moms really do make a better world!

Although mothering preschoolers is at times a lonely challenge, MOPS is providing a welcome break for moms; a chance for moms to make new friends and an opportunity for moms to know they are not alone in the struggles and joys of raising young children. MOPS will meet every other Wednesday beginning on September 14 from 9-11a.m. at St. John's.

For more information on MOPS, please contact Carol Killeen at carol.killeen@comcast.net.

Lessons from the Holocaust: *An Inter-faith Book Club*

St. John's has been invited to partner with the Holocaust Education Resource Council and Temple Israel on an inter-faith book club. Called Lessons from the Holocaust: an inter-faith book club, this new group, open to all, will have its first meeting at St. John's in Carter Chapel on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7 p.m. The purpose of the club is to foster understanding and good relations between the two congregations and to keep alive the memory of the Holocaust.

The book chosen for the first meeting is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. This four-star rated book, told through the perspective of the German people, has Death as the narrator and is set in WWII Germany. It tells the story of a young girl who has been moved from her home to live with foster parents. Though her life is hard, the protagonist is able to appreciate small things that make life pleasurable.

For our second meeting, we will meet on Thursday, October 13 at 7 p.m. at Temple Israel. The book selected for that month is *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana deRosnay.

At this point only two books have been chosen. Our plan is to read a variety of fiction and nonfiction which present the story of the Holocaust. We will discuss at our first meeting the overall structure of the book club and will take suggestions for future books. Reviews will be done by book club members unless a special speaker is asked to review. Having input from all members will make for a more interesting study. Please feel free to bring interested friends. Copies of the books will be for sale at the St. John's Bookstore and The Dreidel Shop, Temple Israel's bookstore. For additional information, call Virginia Perkins at 385-5713.

Saying Farewell to Mother Phoebe



Mother Phoebe McFarlin resigned from St. John's on July 7. Kathy Bye and Father Dave presented her with a new camera as a token of our gratitude for her ministry over the past three years.

Explore Being an Episcopalian and the Spiritual Journey

by Margie Watkins

Beginning on September 25 we invite those who wish to explore their spiritual journey and the Episcopal Church to join us on Sunday evenings from 5 until 7 p.m. for Inquiry 501 (the Catechumenal Process). This class offers information, fellowship, small group interaction, and worship in a setting allowing for and encouraging questions and a sharing of who we are as both individuals and members of the faith community. It is a place to explore and understand what real Christian commitment is and to gain information and knowledge about the Episcopal Church in particular.

“Catechumen” is an ancient church word that referred to persons preparing to be baptized into the Christian community. It loosely means “hearing in the ear.” It means listening for Christ’s presence within and his call to us to follow him. Today’s catechumenal process is modeled after the early church’s practice of preparing persons who converted to Christianity. Today many people who become part of the process are not actual “catechumens” in the old meaning of persons preparing for baptism. Many people today who are seeking to know more about the Christian journey are already baptized. These persons can be:

- People who were baptized as infants who want to make a mature public affirmation of their faith.
- People seeking out the church for marriage or to baptize a child.
 - Newcomers from other churches.
 - Newcomers whose children are attending the church.
- People returning to the church after a long absence or departure from the journey.
 - Active members who are seeking to deepen their faith commitment.
 - Nominal members seeking basic information.

People who want to deepen their understanding of faith, who want to renew their commitment, and/or renew their baptismal vows need the opportunity for formation just as much as those preparing to be baptized. In the late 1900’s (yes...the end of the last century) the Episcopal Church recognized that “confirmation classes”

offered brief and interesting information about the church, but were far from adequate in helping people understand and form real Christian commitment. The National Church began an in-depth look at what was truly helpful for individuals exploring what it means to be a Christian and how the church does and could support that Christian journey of faith. The North American Association of the Catechumenate (NAAC) was born. Other liturgical churches joined in that exploration and the groundwork and basic outline for today’s “Catechumenal Process” was developed for use in the church.

Inquiry 501 – (Catechumenal Process) is a course offered at St. John’s each education year for enrollment of adult candidates seeking Holy Baptism and for becoming members of Christ’s Holy Church, and for those individuals, members, and nonmembers already baptized seeking confirmation. This course also offers enrollment to baptized members of other liturgical churches interested in the Episcopal Church (reception), Episcopalians returning to active membership, and for members who are seeking a deeper understanding of their faith and wish to publicly reaffirm their baptismal vows (reaffirmation).

Today’s catechumenal process is presented in stages. Each participant can consider whether and what each stage of the process offers them for their personal formation and preparation toward making a commitment to the faith journey as an Episcopalian.

The first stage is a Gathering/ Inquiry Stage where participants can learn about “the church,” the Episcopal Church, St. John’s Church, the Book of Common Prayer, the Bible, and Jesus Christ. The first stage culminates with a one day retreat for exploring our “roots,” where we’ve been, who we are, where we want to go. The second stage is “Formation in Christ.” This stage explores the Book of Acts and how the apostles understood Christ’s life, death, and resurrection and what that means for us as Christians. We explore and look in detail at the Creeds and what the Sacrament of Baptism is all about. There is an in-depth look at how the

Episcopal Church encourages and supports our life in Christ through liturgy, the church calendar, and God’s word. The Third Stage is “A Deeper Exploration of Faith, Ministry, and the Sacraments.” Participants have a chance to experience an instructed Eucharist, an “instructed” rite of reconciliation, a healing service, and the opportunity to learn and ask questions about other rites of the church. Tools for the journey are explored, looking at prayer, Sabbath time, personal devotion, study, and worship and how they are part of the life long journey of faith. Stage Four, “Mystagogia,” completes the course with opportunity to reflect on the meaning of it all for day to day living. The rites of initiation are considered and any new questions or understandings explored. A final one day retreat offers in-depth information about service both in the church and beyond. There’s a chance to put faces as well as names to the multiple ministries ongoing here at St. John’s and ways to connect with those ministries outside our doors.

All along the way in every stage participants will have hands on experience and the opportunity to ask questions about the prayer book, the liturgy, worship, ministry, practices of the Episcopal Church, the similarities and the differences of various denominations and faith journeys. Time for fellowship and getting to know others, as well as a meditative quiet time of worship and preparing for the week ahead are integral parts of every class.

The entire process culminates in April when Bishop Charles Keyser will make his visitation and adult baptism, confirmation, reaffirmation, and reception will take place. If you are new to the Christian faith, new to the Episcopal Church, returning to the church after a separation, if you wish to be baptized or confirmed, if you wish to become an Episcopalian, if you wish to refresh yourself about your commitments as a baptized person, and/or if you wish to renew your Christian vows, Inquiry 501 is a welcoming, safe place to explore, get answers to your questions, and grow in the love and grace of God’s Presence. Come and join us. All are welcome.

Circle of Hope: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

by Susan Gage

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.' — Matt 11:28

When someone loses a job, there can be a feeling of hopelessness. It can be a time of tension within families and relationships and it can raise questions that test faith and challenge the core of a person's being.

It is a time of transition which can be daunting. It can also be hopeful and a chance to pursue a passion. Most importantly, this is not a journey one needs to walk alone.

The Circle of Hope is a group of committed Christians offering fellowship and assistance to those who are unemployed or underemployed and are looking for networking opportunities, and guidance along the path toward a better work life. We gather for the healing service at 12:10 every other Wednesday, and then for lunch where we check in with each other about job searches and opportunities.

Please check the Circle of Hope bulletin board outside Alfriend Hall. If you have job skills or if you are aware of a job opening, we encourage you to make use of the board by filling out a form, and sticking it in the appropriate pocket.

We have a resource guide with helpful information for various work agencies as well as spiritual guidance.

Finally, we have people who are willing to be your friends in Christ during a difficult time. We have helped to collect more \$1,300 in grocery gift cards available from the clergy if you need assistance to buy food, and save money for other needs. And we've had a workshop on resume writing. Spread the word and the hope.



Alfriend Hall received a new floor this summer.

Welcome Table, with Wagon

by Christine Poreba

Preparations are underway for an exciting new feature of St. John's coffee hour: the Welcome Table! Set for its inaugural appearance on Sunday, August 21, the Welcome Table will be located in Alfriend Hall, and will be easily spotted thanks to a mini red Radio Flyer wagon and welcome banner. The goal of the table, which will be set up after both the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services, is to give visitors and newcomers a specific (and visible!) place to visit and be welcomed. The Welcoming Wagon will hold newcomers' packets and goodies, and volunteers will be there to greet, gather contact information, and answer any questions.

Father Dave and the Newcomers Committee all agree on the large impact just one friendly face can have in encouraging a visitor to return. In the spirit of Christian hospitality, our hope is that the Welcome Table will make entering a coffee hour in a large hall full of unfamiliar faces that much easier. Even if newcomers prefer to attend anonymously in the beginning, the table will be there for them when they are ready.

We hope the personal touch of the Welcome Table will help us to incorporate newcomers into the vibrant life and warmth of our church in a comfortable way. We'd like to thank the many volunteers who have already signed up! We now have at least one volunteer for each week of the coming year, (except even months 4th Sunday at 11:15 — anyone?) and would love to add to that number. Please contact Christine Poreba at christineporeba@hotmail.com or Kelley Robinson at kelley@workshop131.com, if you're interested in participating.



Mercy Flight Southeast

by Steve Bryan

I have had the great pleasure to be associated with a charitable organization called Mercy Flight Southeast for a number of years. Mercy Flight coordinates free air transportation for children and adults with medical or compelling humanitarian needs. Missions are flown by experienced volunteer pilots in privately owned aircraft. While Mercy Flight Southeast is based in Leesburg, Florida, we serve patients and individuals in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi. Transportation needs that go beyond this southeastern region are coordinated with a national organization, Air Charity Network. Mercy Flight administrative support is fully funded by private donations, family foundations, grants, and fund-raising events.

My first personal involvement with the organization was as a financial contributor but I have now flown almost 50 "missions" as an active mission pilot. The actual expenses involved with flying our passengers are completely borne by the pilot flying the mission. The services are always free to our passengers; however, there must be either a demonstrated financial need or a reason why public transportation cannot be utilized. This is not an "air ambulance" service. Most missions are for scheduled treatments and surgeries and subsequent follow-up appointments.

Passengers must be medically stable and ambulatory. The patient's attending physician must sign a medical release. Many of the patients that I have flown have been cancer victims or organ transplant recipients. Some of my most enjoyable flights have been flying children with medical conditions to various medical summer camps throughout the southeast. Some of these kids

have never even ridden in an airplane, although some are "frequent flyers."

Not all of the flights are medically related. Missions are flown in support of disaster relief such as after hurricanes Katrina and Ivan as well as the Haitian earthquake disaster. Flights are sometimes conducted for domestic abuse victims and other humanitarian purposes. Mercy Flight Southeast has over 600 volunteer pilots and last year flew over 3,000 missions. Nonpilot volunteers, our "earth angels," are an important part of our organization as well.

In addition to the satisfaction of providing services for those in need, I find the flying itself quite enjoyable. The flights often take me into towns and airports that I would normally have no reason to fly into. Additionally, I almost always take another pilot with me and we pretty much "talk airplanes" for a couple hours and share the flying experience.

Most of the flights are a length that require multiple legs for the passengers to reach their destination. This gives me the opportunity meet volunteer pilots from other areas. Requests for a mission can be made by individuals, family members, medical providers, social workers, and other supporting agencies.

If Mercy Flight Southeast could be of service to someone that you know, they can be contacted at 888-744-8263. The website is www.mercyflightse.org. An informative video can also be viewed on YouTube, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nj-FF00NqL0&feature=related>. If any other pilots in the congregation at St. John's would like information on becoming a mission pilot or would just like to "ride along" on a mission, please feel free to contact me at bryanosurg@aol.com.

Pentecost, Confirmation, and Baptism June 12



Bishop Samuel J. Howard confirmed 18 adults and youth on June 12, the Day of Pentecost. Individual names are found on page 13.



Book Review

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy

by Eric Metaxas

reviewed by Dee Crusoe

In his moving tribute to Dietrich Bonhoeffer in St. John's Lenten Reflections 2011, parishioner Joe McElrath succinctly described important facts about the saint whose life was being celebrated by the Episcopal Church on April 9:

Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of Berlin and Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945). Author of a book focusing on the meaning of commitment to Christ's teaching, *The Cost of Discipleship*, Bonhoeffer called a spade a spade as Hitler and National Socialism revealed their essential wickedness in increasingly sensational ways. In 1939, when employed by Germany's Military Intelligence Department, Bonhoeffer contributed to the work of a group planning Hitler's overthrow. His loyalty to values higher than those of the state resulted in his arrest in 1943. Following a failed attempt to assassinate Hitler in 1944, he was imprisoned at Buchenwald. On April 9, 1945 ... he was hanged that morning, just days before Allied soldiers liberated his fellow prisoners. Today we pray, "Gracious Lord, grant that we, strengthened by his example, may receive thy word and embrace its call with an undivided heart, and that we may have the courage to walk in the ways that thou hast ordained for us as did our brother Dietrich, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

New York Times best-selling author Eric Metaxas, in the first major biography of Bonhoeffer in 40 years, captures in remarkable detail the life of this courageous Christian figure. The biography begins with Bonhoeffer's almost-idyllic German childhood as one of eight remarkable children of remarkable parents. (Bonhoeffer's father, Karl Bonhoeffer, was the leading German authority in psychiatry and neurology; his mother was a teacher, and both came from "fabulously illustrious backgrounds.") Although Bonhoeffer's parents had surely hoped that he would follow in the familial professions of science, law, or even music, Bonhoeffer knew that he wanted to study theology by the time he was 13. The book ends with (a transcript of) the radio broadcast of the memorial service held for Bonhoeffer on British soil on July 27, 1945, to which his parents listened from their home in Germany. Presciently, Pastor Bonhoeffer had once remarked that to reach the age of 36 or 37 was quite enough for a Christian. He died at age 39.

This 591-page Bonhoeffer reads part biography, part history, part spy novel, and part love story (he was engaged at the time of his death). It is replete with fascinating detail, sometimes recording Bonhoeffer's activities on a daily basis.

Reviews have been quite varied. Dr. Greg Thornbury, dean of the School of Christian Studies at Union University, calls the book "a rich, detailed, and beautiful account of the great pastor and theologian." Clifford Green, in his article "Hijacking Bonhoeffer" (October 5, 2010) in the *Christian Century*, cites Metaxas' "simplistic approach," numerous factual errors, and "missing, incomplete and garbled sources."

Although this reader cannot possibly judge the factuality or authenticity of the book's contents, she thought the book remarkable and deeply inspirational.

St. John's Church Calendar*

August

- Sun, Aug. 14 — Choir Registration
Newcomer Orientation
- Mon, Tues, Wed, Aug. 15,16,17 — EYC
Activities
- Thurs, Aug. 18 — Ushers' Dinner
- Sun, Aug. 21 — Parish Breakfast
Choir Registration
Blessing of the Backpacks
Blood Drive
- Mon, Aug. 22 — School Starts
Regular Office Hours
Resume
- Tues, Aug. 23 — Boy Choir Rehearsal
Resumes
- Wed, Aug. 24 — Jr/Sr/Adult Choir
Rehearsal Resumes
- Sun, Aug. 28 — Sunday School Registration
Ice Cream Sundays
EYC Kick-off
- Wed, Aug. 31 — Fish Fry for Missions

September

- Mon, Sept. 5 — Labor Day / Offices & Cafe
Closed
- Tues, Sept. 6 — Abi Moon Ordination and
Reception
- Wed, Sept. 7 — Wed. Night Dinners Resume
Visits and Visions Recap
- Sun, Sept. 11 — Regular Service Hours
Resume
Lay Ministry Fair
- Tues, Sept. 13 — Village Square
- Wed, Sept. 14 — Wed Night Classes Begin
Beginning Choir Rehearsal
Resumes
- Fri, Sept. 16 — Grand Foyers
Sept. 16-18 — Happening
- Sun, Sept. 18 — Adult Sunday School
Resumes
- Fri, Sept. 30 — Parish Stewardship Dinner

* Please see *The Chimes* for a detailed calendar of activities and meetings.

Baptisms July 24



On July 24, Julia Hallsten Perkins and Zachary Ledger Thomas were baptised at St. John's.



The Madonna Window

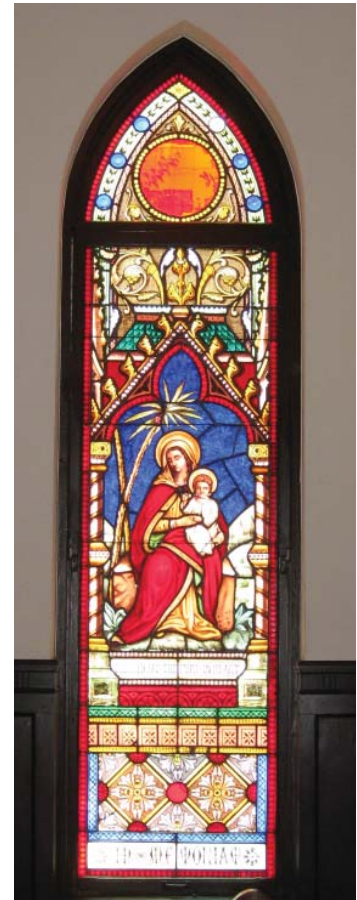
by Virginia Perkins

The Madonna window on the south wall of the nave with the inscription, “Blessed are the pure in heart,” was given in memory of Philoclea Edgeworth Alston Walker, the first wife of Governor David Shelby Walker, Florida’s 8th governor.

Philoclea Edgeworth Alston was born in 1820 in Sparta, Georgia, but moved with her family to Leon County when she was young. The Alstons, originally from North Carolina, were early settlers in this area and were considered prominent citizens. According to *God Willing*, Dr. Carter, St. John’s rector, made a diary entry that he called on the Alstons. As it was his practice to have meals or tea at the home of his parishioners, they must have been communicants at St. John’s. One of Philoclea’s brothers, Augustus Alston, was involved in two different well known duels in Leon County and died as a result of the second one a year later. Dueling went out of favor in the county shortly after that.

David Shelby Walker was born in Russelville, Kentucky, and moved to Leon County in 1837. Beginning with his election as senator to the first session of the Florida State Legislature in 1845, he held many political offices and was appointed governor in 1865 by President Andrew Johnson. His term in office was devoted to the restoration of the state government while Florida was under military occupation during the Reconstruction Period. After leaving the governor’s office in 1868, he returned to practicing law and was later appointed to circuit court judge.

The Walkers had four children, but Philoclea died in Tallahassee in 1868 while the governor was still in office. She is buried in St. John’s Cemetery as is Governor Walker.



Fran’s Best Loved Recipes

Parish favorites from Fran Doxsee, Culinary Director of The Lively Café at St. John’s

Chicken and Black-Eyed Pea Salad with Honey Mustard Dressing

Serves 6

The dressing:

2 TBS honey
2 TBS Dijon mustard
2 tsp soy sauce
¼ cup balsamic vinegar
½ cup extra virgin olive oil

The salad:

5 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
2 TBS vegetable oil
1 tsp balsamic vinegar
1 tsp fresh thyme, minced
1 tsp fresh cracked black pepper
1 TBS kosher salt
½ cup celery, minced
1 cup green onion, minced
½ cup parsley, minced
½ cup dried cranberries
5 cups mixed salad greens
1 15-oz can black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained
¼ cup roasted salted peanuts, minced

For salad: Whisk together oil, vinegar, thyme and pepper in a non-corrosive shallow dish. Coat both sides of each breast with this marinade, cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes (up to 6 hours.) Then sauté chicken breasts in the marinade over medium heat in a sauté skillet, turning once, until cooked through. Sprinkle with salt, cool, dice and combine with the pan juices, celery, onion, parsley and cranberries. Add black-eyed peas and refrigerate the mixture.

Dressing: Have ingredients at room temperature. In the bowl of a food processor, add honey, mustard, soy sauce and vinegar. Process briefly. With motor running, slowly add olive oil. Set aside, but do not refrigerate.

To serve: Toss dressing with chicken mixture. Place greens on a platter and spoon mixture on top of greens. Garnish with peanuts.



St. John's Choirs Sing Haydn's Missa brevis Sti. Joannis de Deo

On Sunday, September 11, in keeping with the celebration of the Feast of St. John's, Franz Joseph Haydn's "Little Organ Mass" will serve as the service music for our patronal feast day services. Saint John of God (1495-1550), after whom the Mass (but not our church) was named, was the founder and patron saint of The Brothers Hospitallers, a religious order devoted to providing medical services to the poor. The Esterhazy family, Haydn's patrons, was a generous supporter of the order, and this particular mass was written for their church in Eisenstadt. That edifice was little more than a tiny chapel with a small organ and a loft accommodating at most a handful of instrumentalists. The mass was originally performed by organ, strings, and a choir probably not exceeding 12 singers. The brevity of the movements suggests that it was intended for use in an actual eucharist.

Now Is the Time to Join a Choir!

School begins the week of August 22 and so do St. John's choir rehearsals! All are welcome to join and become a part of our choir family; no audition is required. Each choir has a weekly rehearsal and incorporates the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) curriculum. Below is the start-up rehearsal schedule:

Boy Choir (3d – 8th grades, unchanged voices) Tuesday, August 23, 4:30 – 5:45

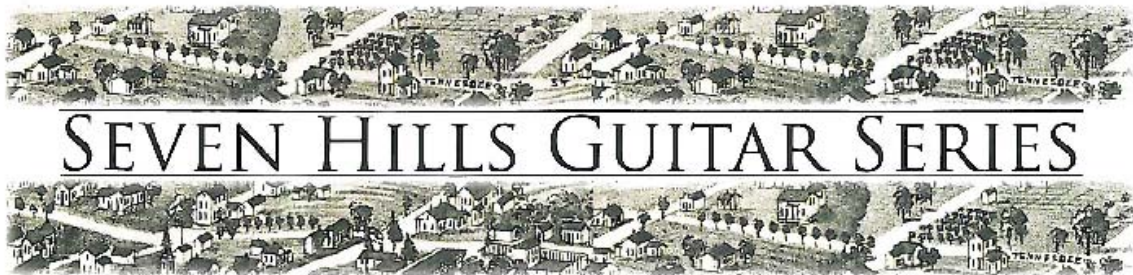
Junior Girls (3d – 5th grade) Wednesday, August 24, 4 – 5:15

Senior Girls (6th – 12th grades) Wednesday, August 24, 4:30 – 6

Adult Choir (18 years and up) Wednesday, August 24, 7 – 8:30.

Beginning Choir (boys and girls, 1st and 2d grades) Wednesday, September 14, 4:30 – 5:15

If you would like more information and are interested in joining, please contact Betsy Calhoun at 222-2636, ext. 20, or by email at betsy@saint-john.org.



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by Bishop Samuel Johnson Howard on June 12

Nicholas Hugh Adams
Sarah Michael Anderson
Mia Rebekah Arnold
Amanda Jordan Baumann
Anna Maria Burnley
Christian Aaron Crocker
Brian Todd Dunmire
John Wiley Horton
Sandra Lee Kendrick
Nathan Rollins Miller
Gregory Keith Powell
Erica Puckett
Emma Cathleen Shields

Received

by Bishop Samuel Johnson Howard on June 12

Gayle Carmical Arbes
Jessie Elizabeth Landrum LaJeunesse
Elizabeth Chilbert Powers
Jacob Patrick Powers
Erika Kay Wolfe

Married

Eva Elizabeth Baxter and John Wiley Horton, June 25

Transfers

Martha Bragg from Trinity Church in Columbus, GA
Stefan Robert Grow from St. Andrews, Jackson, MS
Lucia Quintiliani from Holy Comforter, Tallahassee
James Parker Rhea previously of Church of the Holy Spirit, Tallahassee
Stephen, Susan, and Lindsay Ryan from St. Phillips, Coral Gables, FL

Deaths

Emily Lively Kemp, June 15
William Van Brunt Lewis, June 20



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