



St. John's
Episcopal Church



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MESSAGE FROM THE *Parish Rector*

Dear St. John's,

The last six months have been a pure joy as my family and I have settled fully into our new life in Tallahassee and have made our home with you at St. John's. From day one, you all have been so gracious, welcoming, and kind. Jay, the kids, and I are forever grateful to God and to you for bringing us here.

In my first few weeks at St. John's, I told you the most important thing we could do right now is simply to be together in worship. The challenges of COVID followed by a yearlong rector search made for a long, unpredictable season at St. John's, but now look. Every week our pews are full, and we continue to welcome friends old and new into the community of St. John's. Best of all, the rhythms of life and patterns of prayer that have always anchored us and shaped our lives



have returned, and it is good to be together at the Table of the living God.

What does the future hold? The time will surely come for exciting new programs and bold new plans. The Spirit will make that time clear, and we will discern those things together. For now, however, it is blessing enough just to walk together in our life in Christ and to love one another along the way. After all, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey, St. John's welcomes you.

Grace and Peace,



The Rev. Lonnie Lacy
Rector



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LEADERSHIP *Reports*



LEADERSHIP REPORTS

DEACONS' REPORT

The Rev. Deacon. Joe Bakker

In 2022, our diaconal ministry continued with spiritual and material support for the poor and needy, prison inmates, and ex-offenders. Cameron Jackson and Winifred Williams were able volunteers, assisting regularly with these efforts. As usual, the St. John's family has provided generous and loving encouragement for our ministry – what a special blessing to have you as a companion in our diaconal ministry!

It was a delight to welcome Mike Hall and Linda Liebert-Hall as new deacons in our parish at the end of the year! They come to St. John's with experience in evangelical ministry, educational outreach, and pastoral care at Episcopal churches in North Dakota and elsewhere in Florida. We are excited about expanding St. John's diaconal ministry as Mike and Linda add their gifts to our efforts to love and serve the Lord.



79

*Bible Study classes led at
area correctional facilities*

172

*Mentoring sessions at
area prisons in 2022*

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Mahaska Whitley, Senior Warden

2022 has been an exciting and extremely full year for our parish. Under the outstanding leadership of Laurye Messer & Martin Proctor, our dedicated Rector Search Committee brought us Fr. Lonnie Lacy. We consider ourselves blessed to have Lonnie, Jay, Dean, and Kendall at St. John's! We began 2022 with Mtr. Abi Moon as our Interim Rector. With 11 wonderful years of service at St. John's, Abi had the experience we needed to lead us seamlessly through her year as Interim Rector. We are grateful for Mtr. Abi and Rob Moon's ministry, and for the clergy who assisted when Abi accepted a call to serve at Trinity Church in Boston this past June. Fr. Bill Trexler has continued to assist our clergy team throughout 2022, and Fr. Rick Effinger graciously returned to St. John's to hold down the fort this summer before Fr. Lonnie's arrival. It has been six exciting months under Fr. Lonnie's leadership. We're fortunate to end the year with an exceptional staff and rector in place and a positive financial outlook. It has truly been a privilege to serve as your senior warden during this transition period. During my nearly 50 years at St. John's I have seen so much change, but one of the most thrilling changes has been the genuine joy I now witness every time I step on our church campus. All good things come to those who wait! The Lord has blessed St. John's.



LEADERSHIP REPORTS

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Stephen Peters, Junior Warden

This year was certainly a busy one at St. John's. The junior warden has the pleasure of serving on seven committees (including the vestry itself), and works closely with the parish administrator. This fall, St. John's long-time parish administrator, the wonderful Lindsay Hardy, retired to spend more time with family, including her four young grandchildren. In her 17 years on staff, Lindsay learned the ins and outs of St. John's, overseeing the church physical plant and so much more. Thankfully, the vestry's personnel committee, led by Janine Couch and Chris Schoonover, recommended Mark Ascani, and he has quickly worked into the position.

Here are some highlights from the past year. I look forward to another great year in 2023.

PROPERTY COMMISSION

Charley Redding and Lizbeth Childs

- New boiler installed for the church
- New Calhoun St. entrance hallway flooring
- More outdoor lighting for Eve's Garden
- New thermostats for most buildings
- Engineering study of all heating, AC, and ventilation systems, providing a map for the replacements well into the future
- New lease for Marshall House and the Oasis Center. Includes sharing cost for a new air conditioning system



288

hours of service provided in 2022 by "the Diggers," our volunteers who clean the grave stones and trim vegetation at St. John's Historic Cemetery

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CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mary Doug Buchanan

- New plantings replaced overgrown landscaping along cemetery's north border
- New fencing installed along north border
- New ground care agreement to ensure continuity of specialized grass cutting
- New lighting in and around the cemetery installed by City of Tallahassee

CHURCH HISTORY & CEMETERY GRAVESTONE PRESERVATION

David Proctor & Betty and Phil Ashler

This year, David Proctor wrote historical era narratives for each decade of St. John's history. David Proctor and Betty Ashler then presented these narratives at a fall 2022 Sunday forum and at the Tallahassee Historical Society. This year, St John's was also represented at a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presentation, the Tallahassee/TCC History Festival held at Kleman Plaza, and a community roundtable discussion at the Rutgers House. The Diggers, led by Phil Ashler, worked monthly to wash the grave stones at our historic cemetery with D2, trim the vegetation, and pick up the trash. During St. John's 2022 Youth B.E.A.T Week, we were fortunate to have many younger parishioners assist the Diggers. Over the past six years the St John's Cemetery has again become a lovely resting place for so many of our parishioners, with history dating back nearly 200 years. The CEMETERY ARCHIVES are now all digital, thanks to the hard work of Betty Ashler.



MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Mary Call Proctor

- Portrait of Fr. Dave Killeen unveiled/ installed at entrance to Killeen Hall
- New BCPs/Bibles in the sanctuary
- Pectoral Cross to Fr. Harry Douglas for his service to Camp Weed
- Oak Trees planted on Call Street in memory of Betty Phipps
- Completed installation of Chaires windows (stairway below Alfriend Hall)

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Kathy Bye and Susan Shelton, Co-Chairs

As St. John's closes out its final year of the "Fruits of the Vineyard" strategic plan, clergy and parishioners are continuing to move forward with implementation of the plan's goals. So much has been accomplished, despite the interruptions caused by COVID restrictions and changes in our clergy and staff. **Below are highlights from 2022.** Through the implementation of this strategic plan, St. John's is living into its vision as *"a vibrant spiritual home with open doors to all leading a joyful revolution to share the abundant grace of God."*

This past year, **St. John's has grown our faith community** by providing diverse and relevant programming and content. This includes adult fellowship programs that explore and engage our greater community.

St. John's youth programs, such as Global Philanthropy Leaders (GPL) and Youth B.E.A.T., have also become firmly established and involve so many outside our walls.

Over the past year, **St. John's has grown in spiritual depth and outreach** by providing new opportunities for learning and prayer like Bible Stories for Grownups, and by continuing programs like Men's Bible Study, Advent Luncheon, and St. John's Small Groups. In its second year, our



LEADERSHIP REPORTS

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spiritual life center, The Front Porch, has steadily grown to offer ongoing programs such as yoga, meditation and contemplation, and centering prayer; and they offer special programs throughout the year. In 2022, one of our most popular events was the "Being with Flowers" morning that incorporated the St. John's Flower Guild. With these programs, St. John's has involved the community and encouraged parishioners to explore their spirituality and deepen their faith. As part of the efforts to serve the church and greater community, St. John's laid the groundwork for the Choir School by hiring an Assistant Director of Music, hosting our 7th annual Summer Choir Camp, and incorporating greater chorister participation in regular worship services.

In the past year, **St. John's has grown in resources** by continuing to transform stewardship into a joyful act of giving and a celebration of our abundance. Stewardship is regularly integrated into new members' classes and our education curriculum. The implementation of RenewalWorks in 2001 helped us through last year's rector search and allowed us to focus more on spiritual growth in 2022. Last fall, we focused on spiritual gifts and how to put them to use at St. John's. As we begin the final year of our strategic plan, we can celebrate the past, present, and future efforts that make St. John's a thriving faith community and spiritual home.



Nine
summers of St. John's
Youth B.E.A.T. week of service

109
parishioners took part in
St. John's Small Groups
in 2022

ST. JOHN'S FOUNDATION

Sarah Ball Miller, Chair of the Foundation Board

The St. John's Foundation works to grow and protect its endowment, an endowment whose purpose is to support St. John's in its mission. At the end of 2022, the total funds under management by the Foundation are \$1.856 million. These funds represent two



St. John's Foundation

endowments: an unrestricted \$1.737 million and a restricted \$119,160. As many of you know from the news or your own personal investments, 2022 was the worst year on Wall Street since the financial crisis of 2008, and the

value of our endowment therefore decreased by \$334,607. While this is obviously not ideal, we are cushioned by the significant growth we enjoyed in 2021 and remain confident in the professional management advice and expertise we receive from Capital City Trust. Each year, in accordance with the Foundation's Spending Policy, the Foundation spends a maximum of 4% of its endowment; this percentage is based on a 20-quarter rolling average, which accounts for fluctuations in the market. The monies given from the unrestricted endowment are provided to the church to fund specific needs and activities identified by the Vestry. The restricted endowment specifies that its funds be used for outreach efforts, primarily Episcopal Relief and Development.

Grants given to the church from the Foundation's endowment are determined by the endowment's value, so the larger the endowment grows, the more monies are available to support church programs and activities. Just five years ago, the Foundation issued \$32,450 in grants from its endowments. However, in 2022, the Foundation was able to issue \$51,328 in grants. This growth is due not only to investment earnings but to people like you who chose to continue to support the ministries, programs, and activities of St. John's even after their death. So, these programs supported by the Foundation are, in reality, sponsored by the generous members of the St. John's Foundation 1829 Legacy Society.

\$51K

in SJEC Foundation grants awarded to outreach and church projects in 2022

104

members of the 1829 Legacy Society

ST. JOHN'S FOUNDATION

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1829 LEGACY SOCIETY

So as not to interfere with the annual fund or a capital campaign, the Foundation strives to increase its endowment through after-death dollars (e.g. naming the Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or life insurance policy). The Foundation's 1829 Legacy Society was created in 2016 to encourage and celebrate parishioners who have decided to provide a planned gift to the Foundation, thereby assuring the long-term health and progress of our church. Such bequests cause the endowment, and therefore annual grants, to increase. In 2022, seven new members were added to the Legacy Society, bringing our total to 104 members. Our goal is to reach 200 members by the church's 200th birthday in 2029. Thank you to those who are current Legacy Society members. Please consider joining us. There is no age too young or old, and no amount too big or small, as it all makes an impact. Questions can be answered by the Foundation Board. Additionally, parishioner Ben Bowersox, an advisor at Capital City Trust Company who serves as a consultant to the Foundation, can talk you through the gift giving process at no cost to the parishioner. If you have already named St. John's as a beneficiary of a planned gift, please complete a Letter of Intent (available online or in the front office) so we may add you to our Legacy Society as a donor.



THANK YOU, RAY!

On behalf of the Foundation Board and all of those who have benefitted from his leadership, we would like to thank Ray Bye for his seven years as Chair. He was instrumental in the Foundation's growth and success the past seven years, and he has helped position it to continue to flourish to support St. John's for generations to come.



St. John's
Foundation

PARISH FINANCES

BALANCE SHEET – December 31, 2022

Jim Messer, Vestry Finance Chair

Cindy Sessions, Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash and petty cash	\$938,725
Total Assets	\$938,725

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	--
Total Liabilities	--

FUND PRINCIPAL

Unrestricted capital from previous years	\$379,748
Unrestricted capital from current year	\$111,578
Total unrestricted capital	\$491,326

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Total Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$447,399
Cemetery	\$36,217
Chapel	\$15,411
Clergy Discretionary	\$8,787
Compass Rose	\$36,924
Flowers	\$6,725
Gifts of Grace	\$21,645
Global Philanthropy Leaders	\$6,601
Music Ministry & Choir School	\$82,807
St. Mary's General Fund	\$6,914
St. Mary's Scholarship Fund	\$10,918
Needlepoint	\$751
Capital Campaign	\$84,392
Children's Ministry	\$11,050
Memorial Garden	\$103,076
Property	\$13,565
Youth	\$1,618

Total Liabilities, Unrestricted Capital & Restricted Funds	\$938,725
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PARISH FINANCES

COMMON MINISTRY BUDGET

INCOME	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
Pledge Income	\$1,299,750	\$1,259,823	\$1,349,750
Non-Pledge Income	\$140,000	\$164,525	\$165,000
Food/Café Income	\$230,000	\$269,128	\$270,000
Parking Lot Income	--	\$1,481	\$4,644
Marshall House Lease	\$8,160	\$8,160	\$1,360
Interest/Trust Income	\$52,760	\$54,742	\$52,760
Miscellaneous Income	\$3,500	\$9,205	\$9,200
Market Income	\$35,000	\$33,000	\$35,000
Rental Income	\$12,250	\$12,678	\$12,250
Release from Restriction	\$15,000	--	\$15,000
St. John's Foundation Support	\$47,678	\$47,678	\$54,294
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,844,098	\$1,860,420	\$1,969,258

EXPENSES	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
Diocesan	\$149,393	\$147,668	\$161,154
Worship	\$4,892	\$2,676	\$6,042
Music	\$26,600	\$15,070	\$20,471
Children's Ministry	\$11,614	\$5,281	\$11,614
Youth Ministry	\$19,680	\$15,128	\$20,680
Adult Education Ministry	\$12,100	\$4,057	\$10,900
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$2,500	\$1,375	\$3,600
Outreach Ministry	\$90,600	\$91,230	\$93,532
Parish Life Ministry	\$161,763	\$191,338	\$192,750
Communications	\$50,570	\$47,036	\$44,862
Clergy Compensation	\$257,268	\$199,291	\$271,885
Lay Compensation	\$664,388	\$651,032	\$740,875
Lay Insurance	\$105,101	\$98,992	\$94,741
Property Management	\$251,055	\$251,059	\$268,464
Other Expenses	\$27,606	\$27,609	\$25,206
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,835,130	\$1,748,842	\$1,966,778

INCOME OVER/UNDER EXPENSES	\$8,968	\$111,578	\$2,480
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2022 PLEDGING HOUSEHOLDS

We thank and celebrate the households that pledged in 2022.

Anonymous (51)
Maggie Abney
Gene & Susan Adams
Grace Albritton
Caroline & John Allen
Frank & Peggy Allen
Stephanie & Frank Amidon
Hays & Trish Amos
Anne Anderson
Elyzabeth Anderson
Paul & Pam Anderson
Sarah Michael Anderson
Jim & Cheri Boyd Apthorp
Claude & Shari Arrington
Brian & Valerie Arsenault
Andy & Katherine Ashler
Phil & Betty Ashler
Alan & Nancy Asker
Jeff & Lisa Askins
Daniel &
Shelby Augustyniak
John & Jane Aurell
Randall & Charlotte Austin
Ed Babcock
Earl & Jane Bacon
Joe & Cheryl Bakker
Bob & Cathy Ballard
Sam & Nicole Ballas
Lynn & Michael Bannister
Ceil Bare
Tom & Mary Ellen Bateman
Nancy Bechard
Bettie Bedell
Margaret Bennett
Megan Benson
Tom Benson
Bob & Wings Benton
Barbara Bewerse
Lo & Peggy Bielby
Tom & Cathy Bishop
Craig & Kakki Bissell
JoAnn Bixler
Adam & Jenny Blalock
Margaret Boeth
Alex Boler
Ben & Sarah Bowersox
Nancy Brand & Lon Sweat
Jim & Maureen Briede
Clydie Brown
Peter & Bette-Lou Brown
Rebecca & Joe Brown
Steve & Mary Bryan
Bill & Marianne Bryant
Jack & Mary Doug Buchanan
Bob & Nancy Bull
Bill Burleson
Ray & Kathy Bye
Byron & Kitty Camp
David Campbell
Carlos & Kim Campo
Melanie Carr
Chris & Lucy Carter
Frances Carter
Susan Cassedy
David & Lizbeth Childs
Jane Clarkson

Jim & Anne Clendinen
Mary Gail Compton
Clydie Lu Conway
Marcia Cook
Richard & Lynne Corbett
Jack Corry
Sam Coskey
S Jerome & Ginger Cox
Gloria Crittenden
Tim & Sue Cross
Elizabeth Crowe
Judy Culbreath
Peggy Daffin
Barbara Davidson &
Anne Davis
Jean Davis
John & Teresa Dean
Graham & Sarah Demont
Melissa Devereaux
Adrian & Bethann Dillon
Dan Dobbins
Claire Catherine Dodd
Frank Douglas
LiAnne Douglas
Tom & Fran Doxsee
Mike & Beth DuMond
Ashley Edwards &
Kim Hinckley
Ross & Kris Ellington
Jody Elliott
Grady Enlow & June Dollar
James & Wendy Ernst
Anne Fairchild
Bob & Marjorie Feagin
Mike Fields
Bev Fogarty-Pagel
Helen Follis
Allyson Foster
Skip & Dina Foster
Hilda Frazier
Reginald & Kim Garcia
Patricia Garner
Jen & Emily Garretson
Pat Garrett
Evie Gathright
Hester Gehrm
Marie Phoebe Genece
Beverly Gibson
Ruth Sigler Godfrey
Bob & Carolyn Gosselin
Hayley Gowan
Mary Anne Gray
Marjorie Greene
David Grimes
Barbara Gustafson
Jimmy & Josie Gustafson
Jennifer Guy-Hudson &
Matthew Hudson
David & Elizabeth Gwynn
George & Susan Gwynn
Helen Haines
Kathy & Rick Hall
Marissa E. Hall
Martha Lindsay Hardy
Evan & Sue Harms
Sallie Harrington

Frances Hart
Frederick & Lois Hawkes
Chad & Jennifer Heckman
Honey Hilliard
Chuck & Jen Hinson
Doc & Helen Horton
Louis & Nancy Hubener
Lou Hyatt
Mary Irvine
Cameron & Teresa Jackson
Jonathan Jackson &
Greg Springer
Jim & Betty Lou Joanos
Lana Johnson
Leslie Johnson
Judy Jolly
Page Jolly
Susan Jones
Betty Kane
Lucinda Keesey
Grace Kelly
Sandra Kendall
Brooke Kennerly
Bruce Ketcham
Keith & Lorna Kibbey
Kate & Bradley Kile
Kim & Lyla King
Rip & Kelly Kirby
Marty Kiser
Peter & Michelle Klekamp
Dean & Lina Knox
Joseph Kraus
Fred Kreimer
Pete Kreis
Louella Krog
Lance & Cary Langston
Randy & Ann Langston
John & Marty Larson
Lanny & Martha Larson
Steve & Vicki Lastowski
Wilma Lauder
Alvin Lee
Laurel Lemley
Trilly Lester
Regina & Thomas Lewis
Linda Liebert-Hall &
Mike Hall
Jerrie Lindsey
John & Jewel Linney
Glenn & Terry MacGraw
John & Phoebe Mackie
Joan Macmillan
Kerry Maddox
Tom Maida
Danny & Allison Manausa
Doug & Cricket Mannheimer
Jim Mathes &
Margaret Pendleton
Mike & Nancy Mattimore
James & Susan Mau
Mike Mauterer
Jo Ann McAdams
Beauvais McCaddon
Jerry & Nora McDaniel
Peggy McDonald
Ryals & Cecilia McMullian

Debby & Patti McNamara
Jane & Steve Menton
Jeff & Sara Merrill
Jim & Laurie Messer
Lee Metcalf
Nancy B Middleton
Douglas & Sandy Miller
Rollins & Sarah Ball Miller
Melanie Mobley
Abi & Rob Moon
Bill & Mary Moor
Kathleen & Thomas Moore
Marcy Muldrow Sanders
Boyd & Margaret Murphree
Susanne Murphy
Josephine Newton
Laura Newton
Katie Nielsen-Nunez &
Jorge Nunez
Kristina Nilsson
Michael Rial Norris
David O'Bryan
Jim Ogorek &
Carol Newman
Ann Parks
Gary Parsons
David & Miles Pascoe
Dustin & Helen Paulson
SK Pepper
Earle & Virginia Perkins
H Dewitt & Cynthia Perkins
John & Christa Perkins
Steve & Pat Peters
Russ Pfost &
Michael Hargrave
Wendy Plant
Virginia Ponder
Bob & Jan Porter
Hollis & Janice Powers
Collins & Katie Proctor
David & Helen Proctor
Julian & Betty Proctor
Lesley & Rob Proctor
Martin & Susan Proctor
Palmer & Mary Call Proctor
Tim & Audra Proctor
Cannon Randle
Martha Ray-Brooks
Charley & Leslie Redding
Ann Redmond
Bill & Grace Reeves
Kathy Reeves
Phil Reeves
Rodney Reeves
Helen Resavage
Sally Roberts
Mary Lee Robertson
Steve Rogers
Sharon & Tom Rolfes
Bob & Patty Romig
Ashley Roseborough
H. Lamar & Anne Rowe
Roger & Dorothy Rumenik
JR & Ken Saginario
Erik & Melanie Salsgiver
Dennis & Mandy Schnittker

Suzanne Schodlbauer
Chris & Alli Schoonover
Lester & Linda Scott
Justin & Stephanie Senior
Doug & Cindy Sessions
Mary Shannahan
Angela Shelley
Dayne & Susan Shelton
Bill Sherrill
Chuck & Pamela Shields
Bo & Sara Beth Shippen
Kim Simpkins
Ramsay & Mary Byrd Sims
Holly Sinco
Benson & Betty Ann Skelton
Susan Skelton
Lisa Slaton
Ellen Sloyer
Ryan & Kelly Smith
Ginny Smoller
Rob & Ashley Sniffen
Lynn & Sam Solomon
Lauren & Israel Soto
Michael & Hella Spellman
Lauren & Steve Squillacote
Enmanuel &
Mike Stewart-Meza
David & Kathy Stich
Dean Stoddart &
Anna Burnley
Melanie Storch
Connie Stoutamire
Wayne & Corinna Strayer
Sully & Kathy Sullivan
Chris & Mark Taul
Blan Teagle & Lili Quintiliani
John & Kay Thomas
Bruce & Mary Topp
Bill & Karla Trexler
Cynthia & Charles Tunnickliff
Ralph Turner
Roger & Carolyn Turner
Toni Urquhart
Kay VanDercreek
Donna Virnelson
Kathy Walker
Georgette Walteson
Jay & Susan Walton
Margie Watkins
Adam & Melanie Watson
David & Judy Watson
Jane Watson
Ginny Weeks
Helen West
Anita Whitby-Davis &
Kai Davis
Tom & Mahaska Whitley
Martha Gene Wigginton
Ash & Jan Williams
Candy & Barbara Jo Williams
Winifred Williams
Gail Wray
Trae & Angie Wylie
Ilse Yost
Don & Taska Zorn



VESTRY COMMISSION *Reports*

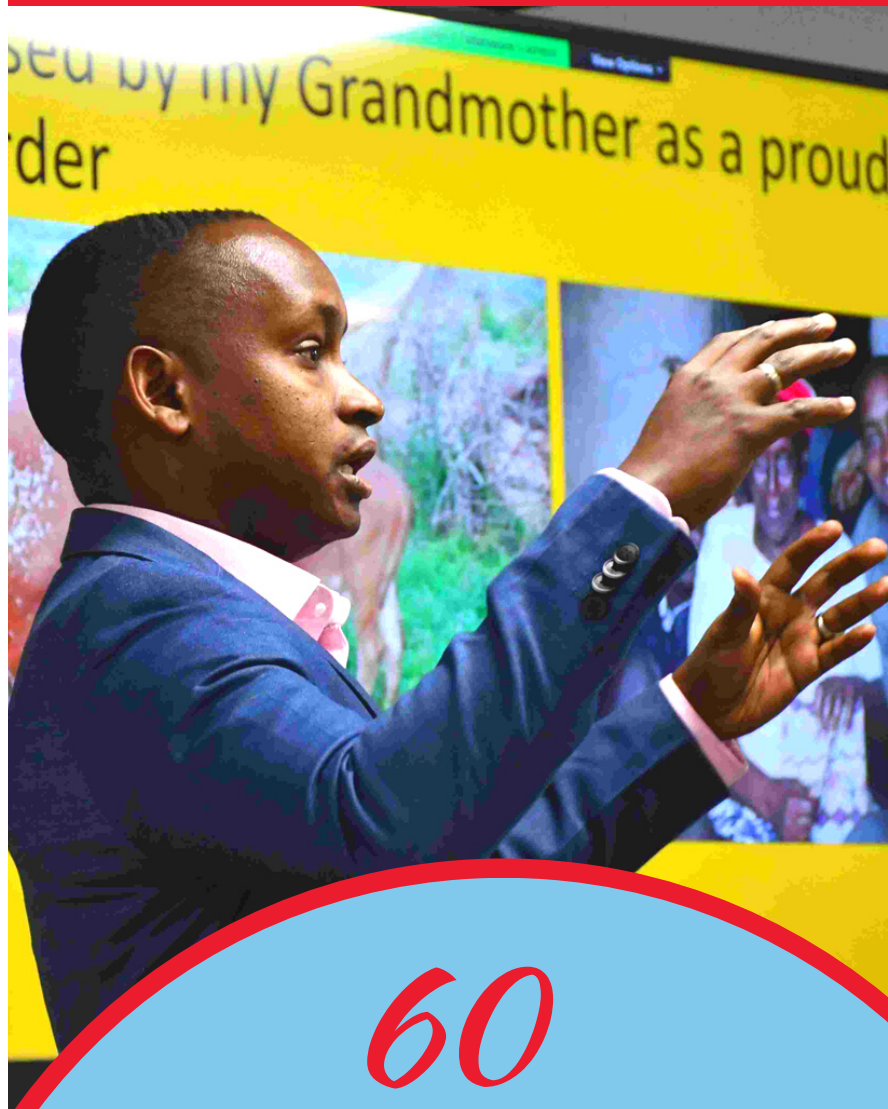


ADULT EDUCATION

**Mary Byrd Sims and Greg Springer,
Vestry Co-Chairs**

The Adult Education Commission is proud to offer a robust and carefully curated curriculum for adult parishioners. We have adapted our programming and technology to accommodate as many parishioners as possible during and since the COVID pandemic. This year's offerings have included small groups, Sunday morning formation, special Wednesday night classes, weekly Bible Study groups, Growing in Grace Adult Confirmation Classes, a special six-week "GPL for Grownups" class (adults followed the GPL Year 2 curriculum on racism), and three weekly Education for Ministry (EfM) groups. In September, Fr. Lonnie began a new offering on Wednesday evenings called "Bible Stories for Grownups," which was so popular it had to meet in the church for the first few months. Growing in Grace will be offered again in spring 2023, as a six-week "Episcopal 101" series, led by Father Lonnie.

We continue to offer forums on most Sundays in Killeen Hall and on Zoom, which allows greater access for more people. We have also collected data on attendance during the past two years, and are excited to report that attendance at adult forums is now exceeding pre-pandemic attendance levels. One of the most popular series was Fr. Lonnie's six-week deep dive into the *Book of Common Prayer*. However, many other topics were made possible through the leadership of clergy, staff, lay leaders, and local talent. Some topics covered were St. John's Global Philanthropy Leaders (GPL) program, music, stewardship, and our recent rector search.



60

*average number
participants (in fall 2022) at
Fr. Lonnie's "Bible Stories
for Grownups" class*

50

*"Being with Flowers"
workshop participants*

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Our Adult Education curriculum has been developed with an advisory committee consisting of clergy and lay members that meet monthly to evaluate topics, calendar, and attendance, and to brainstorm and plan future offerings. Additionally, in fall 2022, a parishioner interest survey was conducted to help shape future Adult Education offerings. We are grateful to all the parishioners who participated in our informal sticky-note survey and shared their interests for Adult Education topics. We will continue to use your input to guide our planning for 2023 programming.

The Front Porch, St. John's Spiritual Life Center, serves as an extension of our Adult Education Commission. It provides weekly opportunities for contemplative and centering prayer in various forms and yoga. Additionally, The Front Porch offers special events, classes and workshops. In 2022, we held a Lenten Quiet Day with the Rev. Kathy Walker, a "Being with Flowers" event in partnership with our Flower Guild, a SoulCollage® workshop, and classes on Celebrating Life and Celtic Spirituality. Second Sunday Soup Suppers also encourage fellowship and contemplation before the weekly Service of Compline. The Front Porch is actively planning workshops, speaker presentations, field trips, and film sessions for 2023.

Many people make resolutions at the start of the year or take on a spiritual discipline for Lent. Consider adding a regular Adult Education or Front Porch offering to your weekly schedule, such as a weekly Bible study, yoga class, Education for Ministry (EfM), or centering prayer.





16

Sunday School teachers

200

*backpack tags distributed
at St. John's annual
"Back to School" service*

9

*infants and children
baptized this year*



CHILDREN & FAMILIES

*Rebecca Brown and Chris Schoonover,
Vestry Co-Chairs*

2022 was a busy and exciting year for the children of St. Johns. We baptized nine infants and children. Additionally, this fall, Sunday School was held weekly with classes for children in PreK to 5th grade. We had 16 teachers who helped make Sunday School a success this year. We were so pleased to welcome the annual Easter Egg Hunt back to the Children's Ministry calendar this year. Held in the church and garden, this event attracted dozens of young families from St. John's and from the community. Festal Eucharist classes were held for eight children this past year. They received communion together as a class on May 1st, and a reception was held in their honor.

Our Club 45 group, for 4th and 5th graders, had a huge following in 2022, with as many as 15-20 kids meeting monthly for fun, fellowship, and lessons on faith. Backpacks were blessed in August before school began. More than 200 tags were made for distribution to children, our older students, and teachers. Children's chapel occurred each Sunday at the 10 AM service in the choir room with a short music lesson and homily offered.

Our annual Godparent Sunday was a big success this year. We renewed our baptismal promises together during worship on June 5th, then held a reception after the 10 AM service. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, children and families participated in Advent Wreath Making in Alfriend Hall, Christmas Caroling, and St. John's annual Posada, where figures of Mary and Joseph traveled from home to home. In total, 27 families hosted the Posada during Advent.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

*Lance Langston and Greg Springer,
Vestry Co-Chairs*

Thank you to all who participated in St. John's music and worship ministries during 2022. In September, we said goodbye to our organist and liturgy assistant Elizabeth LaJeunesse. We are grateful for her 14 years of service, and for the three rotating organists (Michael Corzine, Kim King, and Joe Kraus) who have faithfully taken up the mantle. This fall, we welcomed Marissa Hall to our music staff as Assistant Director of Music alongside Betsy Calhoun and Mike Norris. She works with the adult choir, choristers, and our Joyful Noisemakers program (1st & 2nd graders). Marissa will also oversee the development of the St. John's Choir School, an initiative of the Fruits of the Vineyard Strategic plan. The Choir School will launch in August 2023. Members of the St. John's Tower Bell Guild continue to ring faithfully during Sunday services, weddings, funerals, and other special occasions. They also hosted our "Tower Bell Tuesday" series in May and October, where visitors enjoy bell concerts at lunchtime and tours the historic bell tower. St. John's continues to host the Tallahassee Bach Parley for rehearsals and concerts and its String Academy students and teachers for weekly lessons. In 2022, Music Ministry partnered with Adult Education on several music-focused forums, as well as with Children's Ministry to take Christmas Caroling to residents at Westminster Oaks. We are grateful to all the clergy, staff, and lay leaders who work hard to make St. John's a wonderful place to worship – the heart of all we do. Altar Guild remains active in preparing our sanctuary and chapel and our greeters and ushers ensure everyone is welcomed. Join these important ministries!



85

singers and (bell) ringers

17

brand-new acolytes in 2022

28

Altar Guild Members



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Dayne Shelton, Vestry Chair

The Outreach Ministries at St. John's have experienced a year of transition. While there has never been an interruption in monetary support from St. John's due to the pandemic, some of our community partners only just started allowing volunteers back on site at their agencies in the latter half of 2022. We are blessed to be able to partner with and serve alongside these groups - in the Tallahassee community and beyond.

Read on for just a few of the 2022 highlights from St. John's Outreach Ministry:

After two long years of not being able to travel, St. John's Compass Rose Commission sent a trio of missionaries to Cuba in March to visit our companion parish San Pedro Apóstol. They took suitcases of over-the-counter medicines and health care items, all donated by St. John's parishioners.

In 2022, St. John's was able to return to regular meal service at the Kearney Center. Parishioners serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness on the fourth Tuesday and Thursday. We also make "bun runs" to Kearney weekly from Tasty Pastry.

80

area senior citizens who received Christmas gifts from the ECS Elder Elf program

\$16K

was awarded to local groups through 2022 St. John's Market grants





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In June, St. John's once again took part in A FULL SUMMER. This Visioning the Vineyard initiative that began in 2013 as a meal-packing event in Alfried Hall has grown into a major community project. St. John's donates funds annually, and our parishioners donate and send teams to take part. This past summer, A FULL SUMMER's assembly event produced 5,000 bags of nutritious snacks for food insecure children!



Before classes began in the fall, St. John's held the annual school supply drive for our partner school, Riley Elementary. In addition to the boxes and boxes of supplies collected on campus, we received your monetary donations totaling nearly \$1,700, and put it to use for special classroom requests. Later in the fall, St. John's Lend-a-Hand Project (mentoring) volunteers jumped in again and helped sort hundreds of pieces of winter wear that was dropped off at Riley for the City's "Share the Warmth" kids' winter clothing drive.

In November, the parish banded together to throw an amazing St. John's Market that has allowed us to award more than \$16,000 in grants to local organizations. Great job, St. John's!

In December, you really came through for Grace Mission and Elder Care Services (ECS). You bought items from Grace Mission's Angel Tree "that keep on giving." The boots, sleeping bags, and bus passes have been helping individuals stay warm in the elements and get to work. Around the holidays, St. John's volunteers also delivered gifts to senior adults in our area for ECS' annual "Elder Elf" program. Thanks to the generosity of our local community, and the dozens of St. John's parishioners who drove items around town, 80 local seniors received gifts on Elder Elf's delivery day.



PARISH LIFE

Peggy Bielby and Susan Gwynn, Vestry Co-Chairs

This was a very busy year for Parish Life! Many joyous celebrations of comings and goings, welcomes and farewells. Farewell receptions were held for Abi & Rob Moon, Caroline Devitt, Lindsay Hardy, and Elizabeth LaJeunesse. A welcome reception was hosted for the Lacy Family on Fr. Lonnie's first Sunday in August. In December we celebrated his official installation as St. John's 28th Parish Rector with a reception and celebration in Eve's Garden and Alfriend Hall following the special worship service led by Bishop Howard. In addition to the numerous special celebrations, we hosted an Easter Vigil reception, three Easter Day receptions, a Confirmation reception, the Advent Lessons & Carols dessert reception, and the annual Advent Luncheon, featuring the author and illustrator of a new children's book. The October Blessing of the Animals and the November Thanksgiving reception were both deferred until next year. SPUDS (St. John's Parishioners United for Dining and Spirit) held four quarterly gatherings at parishioners' homes, and this group also sponsored the Fall Parish Dinner Happy Hour in September, underwriting the cost and providing bartending and set up. SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) hosted three well-attended luncheons with featured speakers. Our Small Group Ministry continued with success. Eight groups were formed in the fall. St. Mary's Circle held regular meetings. This past fall, they voted to expand their annual scholarship to college students at all levels and they increased the amount. This begins with the 2023 award. A Women's Retreat is being planned, possibly for spring 2023.



13

*festive receptions
held in 2022*

30

New Members welcomed

Eight

Weddings held in 2022

PASTORAL CARE

Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Vestry Chair

This year marked a return to prepandemic pastoral care activities at St. John's. Eucharistic Visits (EV) resumed; Walking the Mourner's Path returned to in-person workshops; and Westminster Oaks resumed weekly services.

Our Westminster Oaks coordinator Phil Ashler reports 400 attendees enjoyed services this past year. Area clergy serve on a rotating basis. Additionally in 2022, with guidance from coordinator Bob Sloyer, our eight licensed Eucharistic Visitors made 81 visits on Sundays to homebound parishioners. There are currently 16 individuals who receive Eucharist weekly.

St. John's Walking the Mourners Path grief support program held a spring 2022 series with five participants. This offering was led by Erik and Melanie Salsgiver and Deacon Joe Bakker. We opted not to hold a fall 2022 series, with hopes of a larger group around Lent 2023. St. John's Shepherd Program, led by Lucy Carter, Lynn Bannister, Pat Garner, and Deacon Joe paused in the latter half of 2022, but there are plans to relaunch the ministry soon in a more impactful way.

Stephen Ministers, led by Cricket Mannheimer, continues to provide one-to-one care for members going through difficult times, and Angel Food Ministry, led by Lisa Askins, provides meals to parishioners in need. Jen Hinson coordinates weekly altar flower delivery as a means of support or recognition. And, Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Pat Garner, and Hella Spellman continue to investigate appropriate offerings for a caregiver ministry at St. John's, as the Episcopal Church does not currently have a curriculum in place.



48

*Parishioners who took
on a Lenten Prayer
Partner in 2022*

98

*Weekly flower deliveries
from the Sunday morning
altar arrangements*



28

*HS students in our three
Global Philanthropy Leaders
(GPL) classes*

225

*attendees at the 2022
Fall Parish Dinner
(1st time back since 2019)*



STEWARDSHIP

JR Saginario, Vestry Chair

Your Stewardship Generosity Ambassadors continue to work to ensure resources are in place for 2023, but we pause to give thanks for your faithful generosity which makes all things possible at St. John's. We felt the Holy Spirit moving among us in church this past year! Thanks to your 2022 pledges and contributions, we were able to welcome Fr. Lonnie as our parish rector and focus in on how we can share our gifts with the world. Our Stewardship team is optimistic about the coming year. We set a goal of returning to 400 pledging households. As pledges are returned, we are pleased to see an improvement in total households and total amount pledged vs 2021 and 2022. A shorter giving campaign continued this past October, and we collaborated with the St. John's Foundation to lead into their campaign to educate the parish about the 1829 Legacy Society. Pledge cards featured the opportunity, and led to 8-10 additional prospective Foundation supporters. Last fall, your Stewardship team held "Mini-Ministry Fairs" on Sundays to focus on spiritual gifts and allow deeper conversation and exploration of the many ministries at St. John's. Spiritual gifts were highlighted weekly in the sermon and in Sunday School lessons that featured a scavenger hunt for giant plush Jesus. We continue to do justice and provide education to HS-aged youth through Global Philanthropy Leaders (GPL). Along with the "Year 1" focus on general philanthropy, economic education, and micro-lending, we are again offering "Year 2" about the economics of racial disparities in US history. In 2022, we added "Year 3" about environmental issues & sustainable economies (creation care). This joint ministry with youth and stewardship currently has 28 student participants and eight adult mentors.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Janine Couch, Vestry Chair

The St. John's youth have had a busy year. We kicked off 2022 with a trip to Universal Orlando, which included a pool-side Eucharistic service. Throughout the spring, youth met at Cascade Park at sunset for Compline and gathered at Waffle House and Whataburger for fellowship and faith discussions.

In June, we celebrated ten youth confirmands and held our 9th annual Youth B.E.A.T. Week. This community service camp hosted more than 85 middle and high school students and nearly 40 adult volunteers. In July, 12 missionaries traveled to Quito, Ecuador and worked with Caroline and John Allen on a successful ten-day mission. After their return, the missionaries hosted the first annual "Shareholder's Dinner" to share their stories and a delicious meal with the St. John's parishioners who supported them.

At the end of the summer, we wished Youth Director Caroline Devitt a fond farewell as she embarked on a new journey to Austin, Texas to begin her seminary studies. We took our own journey to the Ichetucknee River for our annual tubing trip. Finally, this fall we've managed a great start to the new program year thanks to the leadership of Mandy Schnittker and Corinna Strayer. We had many new students join us as we raced boats made out of cardboard, played life-sized board games, created wonderful art, and shared many meals. We've also had nearly 20 acolytes and several new youth lectors trained. We look forward to 2023!



80

*youth mission supporters at
our 1st shareholders' dinner*

10

youth confirmands in 2022

55

*youth attended the
2022 Universal weekend*



LIVELY CAFÉ REPORT

Peggy Bielby, Vestry Chair

In 2022, the Lively Café continued to operate Tuesday through Friday, 11 AM-1:30 PM, with credit card payment only, online and in-person. We have continued to accept walk-up and takeout/online orders for lunch. The take-home dinners (four specials offered in 2- or 4-serving portions that change along with

the menu) were consistently robust this year. In fact, the Café has never been busier! The biggest news of 2022 was the creation of a new Café position: St. John's parishioner Darla Marsters started on August 1 in the new part-time Kitchen Assistant position and has been a highly valuable addition to the busy Lively Café team. In addition to Culinary Director Fran Doxsee and Café Assistant Vivian Leonard, nearly 40 volunteers provide the many hands that have made the Lively Café a treasured part of the Tallahassee culinary scene for nearly a quarter of a century. We will celebrate the Café 25th anniversary in fall 2023.

In March, Fran hosted a Café recruitment session with the hope of securing new volunteers. A few parishioners have begun shadowing and will eventually begin volunteering. In April, a volunteer appreciation gathering was held at Cecilia McMullian's home. New volunteers are always welcome.

Contact Fran for information. This past spring, we adjusted some of our pricing in accordance with the Café's increasing supply costs. This year, we once again offered holiday catering (appetizers, sides, and desserts).

In 2022, the Café's top sandwich was Grilled Turkey & Bacon, but it was followed closely by Fran's Chicken Salad Sandwich. The Café's signature Lively Bean Salad remains the champion side, and Hummingbird Cake is still the favorite dessert.



24

years the Café has been around. We'll celebrate our 25th anniversary in fall 2023!

40

volunteers help out at the Lively Café



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to love and serve Christ and our neighbors in Tallahassee and the world.

CORE VALUES

WORSHIP

Worship is at the center of all that we do. We value powerful liturgy rooted in Episcopal tradition, preaching that brings God's Word alive with clarity and conviction, and an exceptional music program.

COMPASSION

We are committed to compassionately serving our local and global neighbors, especially through our pastoral care and outreach ministries. Whether it's caring for those in need in Tallahassee or embarking on international mission trips, we are passionate about selfless service in Christ's name.

OPENNESS

We are firm at the core and open at the edges, which means that we adhere closely to the core teachings of Holy Scripture and Episcopal tradition, while meeting all persons wherever they are on their spiritual journey. We are an inclusive church that seeks to embrace all of God's people.

COMMUNITY

With regular worship, a bustling Café, and meeting spaces open to the public—we are a downtown church that joyfully extends hospitality to our members and the community.

STEWARDSHIP

Since 1829, we have valued faithful stewardship of the time, talent and treasure with which God has blessed us. We seek to be good stewards not just for our own benefit, but also for the wellbeing of generations to come, that future members of St. John's will share in our faith and love God and their neighbors.





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Rector

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