

St. John's Small Groups Forming Now!

Small Groups are back for the 2023-24 program year! In times of need and times of fun, small groups are a source of friendship and support, and they're a great place for spiritual growth. Small Groups are made up of eight to 12 individuals or a few couples that gather monthly (through May 2024) for conversation around a topic, fellowship, and prayer. We encourage those who have participated before to sign up, as well as anyone looking to meet new people. If you're looking for a small group focused on a specific kind of support (parents with young children, coping with



aging parents, divorce, etc.), please note that we will be starting our Phoenix Caring Groups in October, so be on the lookout for information

around those groups, too! All participants need to fill out a new form for the 2023-24 program year.

REGISTER FOR A GROUP ONLINE: saint-john.org/smallgroups2023/

ST. JOHN'S CONNECTS

School Supply Drive Deadline: August 7

Help St. John's provide school supplies for our partnering school, Riley Elementary! Donations accepted through 8/7.

- dry-erase markers pocket folders & board erasers
- colored pencils
- markers
- binders (1/2 inch) dictionaries
- index cards
- glue sticks, staples, lysol spray & wipes sturdy headphones
- w/ prongs
- colored pencils
- *#2 pencils*
- hand sanitizer

- highlighters
- post-it notes
- plastic pencil boxes
- kleenex boxes
- wide-ruled paper
- big pink erasers
- paper clips & tape composition books crayons (24 ct.) & jumbo



■ If you wish to make a monetary donation in lieu of purchasing supplies, please do so by Realm, or by check (note "school supplies" in the memo line).

VISIT WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION: saint-john.org/2023rileysupplies/

SAVE THE DATE

THURS 8/24	Miqra Weekend Begins THURSDAY-SUNDAY CHURCH Kicks off the Year of the Bible at St. John's!
SUN	Sunday School Begins
9/10	11:15 AM ALL AGES (PREK-ADULT)

SUN Fall Parish Dinner 9/17 5 PM FELLOWSHIP | 6:15 PM DINNER Stay tuned for registration details!

NEXT SUNDAY

Just one more week until St. John's annual "BACH to School Sunday!"

> **BACKPACK BLESSINGS** DURING 10 AM WORSHIP

At the 10 AM service, we will bless backpacks for the new school year and distribute backpack tags. Plus, beautiful music will be played throughout the service by students and faculty from the Bach Parley String Academy. Spread the word to friends and family...all are welcome!



VIEW WEEKLY MENU: the-lively-cafe.square.site/





Highlights

COMING EVENTS

Jazz Music Sunday

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 **10 AM SERVICE**

Make plans to join us for a special "Jazz Music Sunday," featuring the Rachel Hillman Band. Arrive early! Our jazz prelude begins ten minutes before the start of worship. You're in for a treat: Sunday morning liturgy with a jazz music twist!

Parish Potluck

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 11:15 AM | ALFRIEND HALL

Following our "Jazz Music Sunday" service, everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship at a Parish Potluck. St. John's will provide chicken; please bring your favorite summer sides or desserts that do NOT need to be heated or refrigerated. Questions? Contact Mahaska Whitley at mahaska1@comcast.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Tubing at the Ichetucknee – August 5

Attn: rising 6-12 graders! St. John's Youth is once again headed to the Ichetucknee River for a bit of end-of-summer fun! Join us



I for a relaxing float and some fun with your friends on Saturday, August 5, from 8 AM to 4 PM. Sign up online by 8/1! We're also seeking a few additional chaperones

to join us for the day. Email nic@saint-john.org to volunteer!

REGISTER ONLINE FOR TUBING: saint-john.org/event/2023youthriverfloat/

St. John's Choir School Now Enrolling

We are excited to share that St. John's Choir School is now enrolling for the 2023-24 school year! Visit our website (saintjohn.org/choirschool) to learn more about the curriculum, or email marissa@saint-john.org for an enrollment application.

Lively Café Compost Buckets Available

Do you compost? The Lively Café can help you out by sharing the abundance of produce scraps generated by our kitchen. We typically have 3-5 buckets (3.5-gallon size) available weekly. Tell Fran (850.443.1463) how often you can take one! Buckets simply need be returned to the kitchen for the next haul. Thanks for helping us care for God's creation!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S								
TODAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.		
30 11:30 AM Summer Series: Christian Hospitality <i>Last in the series!</i>	31 7 PM Centering Prayer	1 1:30 PM Meditation	2	3 12 PM Good Book 12:30 PM Contemplative Lunch	4 12 PM Friday Book Study	5 8 AM Youth Tubing Trip Down the Ichetucknee		
This grid highlights a few of the ways to get involved at St. John's. For event details								