

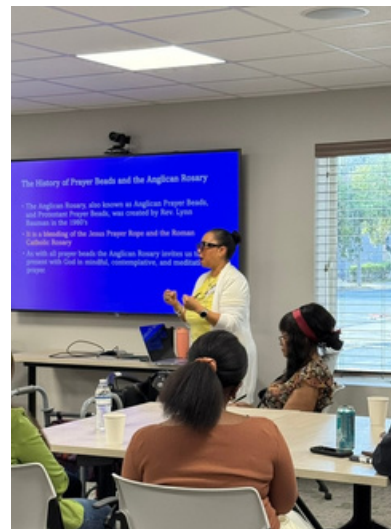


St. John's
Episcopal Church

Ministry Guide

Sept. 2026 - Jan. 2027

This Ministry Guide highlights the many ministries and classes at St. John's. Use the contact info to connect and get involved!



Our Vision

Deep Roots. True Belonging. Abundant Grace.

Our Vision names what we cherish, what we seek, and what we strive to offer:

- A faith rooted in ancient tradition
- A community of true belonging, where every person is truly known and valued
- A way of life shaped by abundant grace

Our Mission

St. John's nurtures a welcoming spiritual community, rooted in tradition yet relevant and responsive to our changing world. Grounded in the mystery of God's love revealed through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we seek to put our faith into action, equipping each other to be ambassadors of God's grace.



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How to Use this Ministry Guide

This Ministry Guide is your starting point for exploring the many ways to worship, serve, learn, and connect at St. John's. Because ministries and leadership may change throughout the year, this guide is intended as a helpful reference rather than a complete listing. For the latest opportunities and updates, be sure to read our weekly newsletters.

As you browse these pages, we encourage you to reach out to the staff members or lay leaders listed to learn more and find your place in the life of our parish.





2026-2027 Worship Services and Events

- **Return to Three Worship Services**

Sunday, September 13, 2026 — 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 AM; Sung Compline 7:30 PM

- **Choral Evensong**

Sunday, October 11, 2026 — 5:30 PM

- **All Saints Day**

Sunday, November 1, 2026 — 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 AM

- **All Souls Requiem Mass**

Sunday, November 1, 2026 — 4:00 PM

- **Advent Lessons & Carols**

Sunday, December 13, 2026 — 7:00 PM

- **Christmas Eve Services**

Thursday, December 24, 2026 — 1:00, 4:00, 8:00 & 11:00 PM

- **Christmas Day Service**

Friday, December 25, 2026 — 10:00 AM

- **Christmas I: Christmas Lessons & Carols w/ Holy Eucharist**

Sunday, December 27, 2026 — 10:00 AM

- **Christmas II**

Sunday, January 3, 2027 — One Sunday Service, 10:00 AM

- **Feast of the Epiphany Service, followed by dinner**

Wednesday, January 6, 2027 — 5:30 PM

- **Return to Three Worship Services**

Sunday, January 10, 2027 — 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 AM; Sung Compline 7:30 PM



2026-2027 Worship Services and Events

- **Annual Parish Meeting Sunday**

Sunday, February 7, 2027 — One Sunday Service, 10:00 AM

- **Ash Wednesday Services**

Wednesday, February 10, 2027 — 7:00 AM, 12:10 PM & 6:30 PM

- **Choral Evensong**

Sunday, February 21, 2027 — 5:30 PM

- **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 21, 2027 — 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 AM

- **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, March 25, 2027 — 6:30 PM

- **Gethsemane Watch**

Thursday–Friday, March 25–26, 2027 — Overnight

- **Good Friday**

Friday, March 26, 2027 — 12:10 PM

- **Stations of the Cross**

Friday, March 26, 2027 — 6:30 PM

- **Easter Vigil**

Saturday, March 27, 2027 — 6:30 PM

- **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, March 28, 2027 — 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 AM



WORSHIP

St. John's Episcopal Church

Acolytes

Acolytes serve at the altar on Sundays during worship services, as well as at special services during Holy Week, Christmas, weddings, funerals, and other occasions as requested by clergy. All youth grade 5 or older are eligible to become acolytes. An orientation and training session is provided. Each acolyte will serve on a team and participate in a service every two or three weeks as a crucifer, torch bearer or banner bearer. If you would like to train as an acolyte, please contact us!

- *Hannah Shelly: hannah@saint-john.org*

Altar Guild

The St. Agnes Altar Guild is a lay ministry to serve God in His house by preparing the Sanctuary for worship and caring for the Sacred Vessels, Vestments and Altar linens. It functions to serve the clergy and the parish. The Altar Guild is organized into teams with a team leader and co-leader for each team. Our members serve one weekend every month to prepare the Church and Altar, Chancel, and worship space for all special services, including weddings, memorials, ordinations, baptisms, confirmations, and funerals as well as weekday services/special occasions. The Altar Guild has additional teams who are responsible for the care of linens and maintenance of and polishing of brass and wood.

- *Angie Wylie: angela_wylie@icloud.com*

Baptism Banners

This ministry creates baptismal banners to celebrate the newly baptized members of St. John's. We celebrate baptisms throughout year. These banners are hung on either side of the nave of the church on baptism Sundays for each new member. Sewing of the banners may be done at home. No experience is necessary and on the job training is provided.

- *Pam Anderson: quail6@embarqmail.com*

Brass Brigade

Held quarterly, this group of volunteers from across St. John's gathers to care and clean our beautiful brass fixtures in our sanctuary. Join us to learn how to care for these objects and furniture to make our church shine.

- *Claire Dodd: claire@saint-john.org*

Eucharistic Ministers

Individuals are recommended by the Rector and licensed by the Diocesan Bishop to serve as Eucharistic Ministers (EMs). EMs assist the clergy in administering the consecrated elements during Holy Eucharist, serve as lectors for the reading of the lessons, lead prayers and Psalms, and may serve as acolytes. No experience is necessary, training will be provided.

- *Michael Spellman: michael@spellmanlaw.com*



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Flower Guild

This ministry arranges the church and chapel altar flowers for Sunday services and the weekday services. The committee works in teams. Volunteers are asked to arrange flowers once every other month. Anyone is welcome to volunteer. The committee will train those without experience.

- *Mahaska Whitley: mahaska1@comcast.net*

Greeters

This ministry is a wonderful opportunity to welcome parishioners and visitors to St. John's. Greeters work in pre-arranged teams to greet visitors and provide information and guidance to those who are new to St. John's.

- *Alex Boler: alexbolier@gmail.com*

Lectors

Lectors are parishioners of all ages who assist the clergy in the Liturgy of the Word by reading the Epistle during worship services. No specific skill is required to be a lector, just a willingness to read clearly and audibly in the presence of the congregation. Training is required.

- *Jonathan Jackson: jonathan.jackson3@gmail.com*

Linen Guild

The Linen Guild supports the Altar Guild by providing the communion linens used in St. John's worship services. Our members continue the historical service of parishioners by glorifying God through the hand sewing and embroidery of fair linens, corporals, purificators, lavabo and baptismal towels, palls, etc. Members also repair clergy vestments and choir apparel. The Linen Guild meets approximately monthly (other than during summer months), normally on a Monday at 11 AM.

- *Helen Haines: helenhaines10@gmail.com*

Ushers

Ushers serve at all worship services on Sunday and special occasions. In addition to traditional usher duties, these persons work with the parish greeters to welcome all who come to worship on Sundays, feast days, and other occasions. No experience is necessary, training will be provided.

- *Alex Boler: alexbolier@gmail.com*



ADULT FORMATION

St. John's Episcopal Church

Centering Prayer (online only)

Centering Prayer is a movement beyond words or silent communion with God. Our Centering Prayer group meets weekly to study scripture, discuss writings by contemplative authors, and listen to God through Centering Prayer. All are welcome! We meet every Monday evening at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

- *Nancy Bechard: nancylynn0119@comcast.net*

Contemplative Lunches

On the first and third Thursdays of each month at 11:30 AM in Rutledge Room, come along to an in-person offering to help you deepen your spirituality through contemplative practice. We'll begin with a centering prayer practice, and then enjoy poetry, readings, and prayer together.

- *Dan Dobbins: dandobbins10@gmail.com*

Cursillo

The Cursillo experience is an intensive three day weekend that provides the education and tools to help you in your everyday walk with Christ. Held at Camp Weed, it helps explain and define our roles in the Christian community. After the weekend, there are small weekly groupings and an Ultreya, or meeting, at different Episcopal churches in the Apalachee area for food, fellowship and Eucharist.

- *Jim & Maureen Briede: jab_fl@yahoo.com*

Education for Ministry (EFM)

EFM is a four-year extension course offered through the Sewanee Theological Seminary at the University of the South. Class participants delve deeply into critical-thinking on Biblical studies, church history and philosophy while engaging in how to bring one's faith into action in our present day world. Each class is limited to 12 people. An enrollment fee is assessed. Classes meet at various times throughout the week. New students are enrolled in the summer. Contact the mentors listed below if you would like to be considered for enrollment when classes register for the next year.

- *Pat Garner: garnshark50@gmail.com*
- *Holly Sinco: holly@saint-john.org*

Episcopal 101

Episcopal 101 is a welcoming introduction to the Christian faith and the Episcopal tradition. Take a tour through our history, beliefs, and worship, while enjoying plenty of opportunities to ask questions and explore what it means to be an Episcopalian. Held monthly on Sundays in Carter Chapel.

- *Claire Dodd: claire@saint-john.org*



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Front Porch

The Front Porch welcomes people along all paths who seek to deepen their spiritual lives. We offer contemplative practices, events, and classes rooted in Christian spirituality. Most of these offerings are held at St. John's Episcopal Church, whose mission it has been to house a spirituality center serving church members and the larger community. Past workshops and events have included: An Advent Sound Bath, Being with Flowers, Vital Signs of Faith: A Workshop with Dean Kate Moorehead Carroll, and Spires in the Sun.

- *Alison Dillehay: alisondillehay@gmail.com*

The Good Book (online only)

Community, conversation, learning, prayer: all rooted in God's Word. Join us for an online Bible study that will help you grow in faith. This weekly class gathers online on Thursdays at 12 PM via Zoom and discusses the upcoming Sunday scripture readings.

- *Holly Sinco: holly@saint-john.org*

Growing in Grace – Adult Confirmation

This is a course for adults who want to renew their faith and prepare for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation of baptismal vows in the Episcopal Church. Beginning late February, classes are held 2:30-4:00 PM on Sunday afternoons and culminate with the Bishop's visit. The course is taught by the clergy and is open to all.

- *Claire Dodd: claire@saint-john.org*

Friday Book Study (online only)

A weekly online discussion around seasonal titles held at 12 PM on Fridays. Such titles have included C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity and Kate Moorehead's Get Over Yourself: God's Here. All are welcome!

- *Jo Ann McAdams: jag0370@comcast.net*

Men's Bible Study (in-person and online)

On Thursdays at 7:00 AM in Killeen Hall/Zoom, join us for a relaxed, insightful Bible study with early morning fellowship! Whether you're new or well-versed in the scriptures, all are welcome. Dive into our weekly discussion at your own pace. Participate weekly, as your schedule dictates, without missing a beat.

- *Jonathan Jackson: jonathan.jackson3@gmail.com*

Women's Bible Study

On Tuesdays at 11:30 AM, join us in the Killeen Hall for a Women's Bible Study using A Beautiful Year in the Bible, an accessible and inspiring guide through weekly themes of faith and life. This welcoming group invites women of all ages to grow together in Scripture and fellowship.

- *Jane Menton: jane612@me.com*



ADULT FORMATION

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Sunday School: September to December 2026*

Sermon & Lectionary Discussion

Dig deeper into Sunday's sermon and scripture in this discussion-based class. Come ready to share insights, ask questions, and grow together.

9:00 AM | YEAR ROUND | RUTLEDGE

Our Anglican Heritage

Our Anglican Heritage examines the history and traditions that have shaped the Episcopal Church. We'll explore the Anglican tradition through its worship, approach to Scripture, understanding of the Eucharist, spiritual practices, and the influential people who have helped define our faith.

10:15 AM | SEPT. 13 - DEC. 20 | RUTLEDGE

Discovering Christianity by Rowan Williams

Discovering Christianity by Rowan Williams offers a clear and engaging introduction to the heart of the Christian faith. Through thoughtful discussion, this class invites participants to explore what it means to follow Christ and grow in faith.

10:15 AM | SEPT. 13 - NOV. 22 | KILLEEN

Sermon & Lectionary Discussion (ZOOM ONLY)

Continue the conversation after worship with a discussion of the day's sermon and readings. Share insights, ask questions, and grow in faith together. If you're on the road or watching from the Online Balcony, join us online! NOTE: We'll start at 10:30 AM.

10:30 AM | SEPT. 13 - APR. 25 | ZOOM ONLY

"Bless this Mess": A Sunday School Class for Parents & Guardians

As your children begin preschool or elementary school, family life enters a whole new season. Let's explore the joys and challenges of these early school years, encourage one another in faith, and discover practical ways to stay spiritually grounded.

10:15 AM | SEPT. 13 - APR. 25 | PRESS ROOM

Art Meditation & History: Art from Ireland's National Gallery

Come to learn the simple, yet sacred, ancient practice of visio divina, where we will utilize quiet surrender to lead God to speak to us through artwork. Join our class with an open heart and mind to learning about the juxtaposition of God and art.

10:15 AM | NOV. 29 - DEC. 13 | KILLEEN

***NOTE: We will offer standalone classes throughout the year. Stay tuned to Friday's eChimes to learn more!**



MUSIC MINISTRY

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St. John's Choir

The adult choir spans a wide intergenerational range and includes everyone from amateur singers to professional musicians. With more than 50 regular singers, the adult choir accepts new members throughout the year. The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings 1 hour prior to worship, with additional services and rehearsals during the academic year.

- *Marissa Hall: marissa@saint-john.org*

St. John's Choir School

The St. John's Choir School is an intensive music education program after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, open to all children and youth ages 5-18. This tuition-free program offers opportunities for children to learn music theory, singing, and keyboard from dedicated and professional musicians. The choristers (ages 8+) lead a service of Choral Evensong every Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. in Carter Chapel and join the Adult Choir on Sunday mornings at the principal service of Holy Eucharist.

- *Marissa Hall: marissa@saint-john.org*

St. John's Compline Choir

During the academic year, St. John's offers a candlelit service of Sung Compline on Sundays at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This meditative service is led by a mens choir and includes a mix of scripture, prayers, and choral music. Membership in the Compline choir is by audition. Candidates should have choral experience and are asked to make the service a high priority.

- *Mike Norris: mike@saint-john.org*

Summer Choir Camp

Each year during the month of June, rising 2nd through 8th graders come together for a week of music-making and fun. Led by professional music faculty, this five-day camp provides children with the opportunity to learn singing, ear-training, music theory, and history in a hands-on, participatory environment.

- *Marissa Hall: marissa@saint-john.org*

Tower Bell Guild

Tower Bellringers ring the 14 tower bells by hand, using music that has been transcribed into an easy-to-follow "ABC" format. Tower Bellringers typically play once a month for 5 to 10 minutes before and after the Sunday morning service of their choice. Other bellringing opportunities include weddings, funerals, special services, and church events, holiday services, and community events such as Springtime Tallahassee and the Winter Festival. New ringers ages 12 and up are always welcome. No prior musical experience is needed and lessons provided.

- *Marissa Hall: marissa@saint-john.org*



MUSIC MINISTRY

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Volunteering

If you find that our choir or musician groups are not a fit for your schedule or your gifts, consider volunteering. We have many volunteers who do not sing, but simply love the St. John's music program and want to support it. Volunteers provide invaluable assistance particularly with managing our choral library, accompanying choirs, cleaning and maintaining vestments, or assisting with mailings, publicity, special events and services, and fundraising. Days and times are flexible.

We are also always looking for St. John's Choir School volunteers. No musical experience is necessary, just a willingness to chaperone our students as they attend classes during the week. All Choir School volunteers will go through the SafeChurch program.

- *Marissa Hall: marissa@saint-john.org*

The Tallahassee Bach Parley - Ensemble in Residence

St. John's Ensemble in Residence, The Tallahassee Bach Parley, brings Baroque music to life with period instruments, offering inspiring concerts that educate our community and encourage the talents of our region's professional and student musicians. The Tallahassee Bach Parley will present three Baroque music concerts this season, along with "Bach's Lunch" concerts and the Bach Parley Book Club.

- *Valerie Prebys: musicdirector@bachparley.org*

Heartwood Suzuki School

The Heartwood Suzuki School of Tallahassee is a non-profit educational program of the Tallahassee Bach Parley. They offer violin, viola, and cello lessons with accomplished professional performing teachers. Classes are held weekly at St. John's Episcopal Church. The Heartwood Suzuki School of Tallahassee's mission is to cultivate in young people an appreciation of and achievement in music, nurture positive character development, and bridge cultural divisions through the common language of music.

- *Valerie Prebys: musicdirector@bachparley.org*





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

St. John's Episcopal Church

Childcare (Nursery)

Our dedicated nursery space is located on the first floor of our main building and we offer childcare during our Sunday morning services. We also provide childcare during times where the whole parish is invited to gather. Our nursery is staffed by trained childcare workers and is equipped for the needs of infants starting at five months to five-years old. Pagers are provided for parents as they sign their children in. This allows us to connect if there is a need while the children are in our care.

Our sanctuary also contains "Joy & Wonder Busy Bags" that you are welcome to pick up to keep your little ones busy during service. We know children get the wiggles and we want you to know that they are welcome at all our services.

If you would like to join the nursery during Sunday services to read stories and play with the children, alongside the nursery workers, please contact Hannah Shelly.

- *Hannah Shelly: hannah@saint-john.org*

Children's Chapel

During our Sunday worship services (May-August: 10 AM service and September-April: 9 AM service), we offer Children's Chapel. Children's Chapel occurs between the Collect and the Peace and is a great way for your child to learn an age appropriate lesson for the day while you listen to the sermon and participate in prayers.

- *Hannah Shelly: hannah@saint-john.org*

Children's Sunday School

Kindergarten-3rd grade will be participating in Godly Play, a Montessori based curriculum with an imaginative approach to Christian formation. Godly Play nurtures individual theological thinking through wonder and play!

4th and 5th graders will be doing a StoryMakers curriculum called Jonah and the Minors. Each child will have their own Zine, where they are able to explore the minor profits of the old testament and learn how important short messages like "I love you" can be.

If you are interested in teaching Sunday School, being a substitute teacher, or helping with children's ministry events, please contact us.

- *Hannah Shelly: hannah@saint-john.org*



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

St. John's Episcopal Church

"Bless this Mess:" A Sunday School Class for Parents & Guardians

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Club 45

Our fourth and fifth graders gather once a month as a group from 5 - 7 PM on the fourth or fifth Sunday of the month. At each gathering, we provide a space for these older children to inquire, be silly, and anchor themselves in a safe environment as they discern who they are as they gain more independence. It's fun -- and sometimes downright goofy -- and it's a space where all are accepted for who they are.

- *Hannah Shelly: hannah@saint-john.org*

MASH (Munchkins and Spiritual Harmony)

A relaxed, welcoming small group for parents of young children to enjoy coffee, conversation, and connection while navigating faith and parenting in the midst of early childhood's joyful chaos. We meet every quarter and always have a wonderful time letting our children play together and even engage in acts of service.

- *George Mannheimer: george.mannheimer@mckesson.com*

New Baby Ministry

This ministry supports families as they welcome a new member(s) to their household by bringing meals and a welcoming basket of goodies.

- *Miles Taylor Pascoe: mtaylor3@fsu.edu*
- *Kelly Kibbey Smith: kellyjunekibbey@gmail.com*

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is a marvelous fun-filled week where kids experience the love of Jesus through music, activities and Bible study. Volunteers help with planning, registration, and set-up in advance and are teachers, guides and support staff during the week of VBS. The program is designed for rising PK4 to rising 5th graders.



YOUTH MINISTRY

St. John's Episcopal Church

Middle School Sunday School

Middle school is a time when friendships deepen, families change, and questions about identity and belonging become increasingly important. Using StoryMakers' Relationships curriculum, students will gather each week for engaging conversations, biblical reflection, and shared discovery as they explore what God teaches about relationships—with God, themselves, their families, their friends, their neighbors, and the wider world. Through the Ten Commandments and other biblical stories, students will grow together in faith, learning how God's love shapes the way we live in community and care for one another.

High School Sunday School

The high school years are filled with big questions about identity, purpose, and the future. StoryMakers' Future Self curriculum creates space for honest discussion, thoughtful reflection, and spiritual growth as students explore what it means to trust God's promises in the midst of life's uncertainties. Together, they will engage the stories of Scripture, discovering how God's faithfulness throughout history continues to shape our lives today. As they learn from one another and grow in community, students will be encouraged to root their hope not in their own plans, but in the God who lovingly guides their future.

- *Hannah Shelly: hannah@saint-john.org*

Youth Group (Sundays)

Sunday Youth Group is a place where students can ask honest questions, build friendships, and discover how their faith connects to everyday life. Together, they'll talk about current events, the challenges they're facing, and the topics they're seeing online, exploring how God calls us to respond as followers of Christ. Students are encouraged to share what's on their minds, helping shape future conversations around the issues that matter most to them. We'll share dinner together at 6:00 PM.

- Middle Schoolers Meet: 5:00-6:30 PM
- High Schoolers Meet: 6:00-7:30 PM
- *Hannah Shelly: hannah@saint-john.org*

Senior Circle

High School Seniors are invited to join us on Mondays, 7:00-8:30 PM for Senior Circle, a monthly gathering just for them. Senior year is full of big moments and even bigger questions. Whether you're excited, nervous, overwhelmed, or all of the above, you don't have to navigate it alone. This is a laid back get together with snacks, coffee, and community of people going through the same thing you are.

- *Hannah Shelly: hannah@saint-john.org*



YOUTH MINISTRY

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Confirmation Classes

Our Youth Confirmation Classes begin in January of each year and meet weekly until Confirmation Sunday. Classes are open to all youth in grade 9 or older who have been baptized but have not yet been confirmed. This is a commitment for those who are interested in making a mature affirmation of their faith or exploring the possibility of making this affirmation.

- *Hannah Shelly: hannah@saint-john.org*

Missions (Both near and far!)

Ecuador Mission 2027

Through a mix of helping with children's programs, improving the physical church buildings, a day or two of service in nearby homes of church parishioners, and worship with friends at the church, our youth mission team will connect with our missionaries in Ecuador, John and Caroline Allen. Our Youth will spend an incredible week connecting and making friends with our ministry partners and the community.

Youth B.E.A.T. (Being Extraordinary Around Tallahassee) Day(s)

This day offers service-oriented opportunities for youth in grades 6-12 in the Tallahassee area. Participating youth typically earn service hours and gain a wider perspective of who and what makes up our community. If you know of a potential partner organization, would like to be on the B.E.A.T. planning team, or are interested in driving and chaperoning throughout the week, please contact us!

Special Events

Throughout the year, Youth will have the chance to simply have FUN together. Whether that is swimming at Wakulla Springs, visiting the Tally Cat Cafe, having a games night, a pool party, or heading to Wild Adventures, we will always have a good time getting to know one another. Mark your calendar for the Universal Studios Trip, January 22-24, 2027.

Diocesan Involvement

Camp Weed is our diocesan camp and conference center, located in Live Oak, Florida. Among many other programs, they host a youth summer camp. Campers of all faith backgrounds are welcome to attend. "New Beginnings" is an annual fall retreat designed for youth in grades 6-8. During the weekend, participants meet peers from across the diocese, enjoy skits, listen to talks, and participate in small group activities and discussions. "Happening" is a renewal weekend for youth in grades 10-12 from across the Diocese of Florida. It is a weekend planned entirely by a team of high school youth, and involves fun, games, sharing, surprises, and spiritual renewal. campweed.org



OUTREACH MINISTRY

St. John's Episcopal Church

Big Bend Hospice

Big Bend Hospice's mission is to provide compassionate care to individuals with a life-limiting illness, comfort to their families, and emotional support to anyone who has lost a loved one.

- *Tom and Cathy Bishop: tomandcathybishop@comcast.net*

Bun Run

Every Friday morning, a St. John's volunteer drives donated bread, bagels, and cookies from Tasty Pastry Bakery directly to those in need. Thanks to the faithful efforts of many parishioners, tons of high-quality baked goods have been shared with grateful guests at The Kearney Center.

- *Susan Jones: susan.jones9389@comcast.net*

Capital Area Justice Ministry

Capital Area Justice Ministry is our local group that collaborates with more than 20 other faith organizations, to provide systemic change and encourage the betterment of the entire community. We strive to make sure that all in our community have the opportunity for health, education, and housing.

- *Laura Newton: laurapnewton@comcast.net*

Cuba Ministry

The Cuba Mission is an outreach ministry that organizes mission trips to support St. John's companion church in Zorrilla, Cuba. Our parishioners send medical, liturgical, and Sunday School supplies with our team. They also help install and support drinking water treatment systems. Volunteers are needed to participate in missions, to organize the collection of supplies, to train our missionaries, and to lead prayers for our missions.

- *Francine Walker: francine.walkerg@gmail.com*

Episcopal University Center (Ruge Hall)

The Episcopal University Center at Ruge Hall is the Episcopal presence to students at FSU, TSC, and FAMU. Students gather for meals and worship and use the center throughout the week as place to gather for fellowship and study. Volunteers can help prepare meals before worship services and serve as greeters during the week.

- *Lauren Squillacote: lauren.a.beckwith@gmail.com*



OUTREACH MINISTRY

St. John's Episcopal Church

Grace Mission

Grace Mission is an outreach mission of the Diocese of Florida. Grace Mission has become the church home and anchor in the lives of many men, women, and children who find themselves struggling with poverty and the problems of addiction and homelessness. The Mission provides after school programs, worship services, and Bible Study, as well as the practical needs of food and a place to shower and launder clothing. Grace Mission and its ministries are supported by volunteerism and by the donations of the Diocese, other congregations, and individuals.

- Terri Cruz: terricruz13@gmail.com
- Jonathan Jackson: jonathan.jackson3@gmail.com

Kearney Center

Do you love connecting with people and helping them feel welcome? St. John's has teams of volunteers that serve meals at this residential center that provides services for those who are unsheltered and financially insecure. There's also a team of drivers that shuttles donated baked goods from local businesses to the Kearney Center (The Bun Run).

- Susan Jones: susan.jones9389@comcast.net

LCS Mentor/Volunteer Program

The St. John's Mentoring Project sends mentors to area schools to assist underperforming students and to volunteer in enrichment activities. Mentors build useful and rewarding relationships with students who need an understanding adult in their lives. Originally focused on Riley Elementary School and Leon High School, the project has expanded to include mentors at other elementary, middle and high schools in the Leon County School System. Training is provided through Leon County Schools. Each mentor works with one student for one hour each week. Make a difference in the life of a child who needs your support.

- Allison Manausa: manausa@comcast.net

Meals on Wheels (Christmas)

Assembling and delivering gifts or meals before Christmas through Elder Cares Services to give the regular deliverers a much needed break has been a St. John's tradition for a number of years. We welcome you to join us this Christmas season.

- Shelby Augustyniak: shelbyaugust@hotmail.com

Prison Ministry

This is a ministry which shares Christ's love and forgiveness with current and former men and women prisoners. It is primarily a ministry of presence. Volunteer opportunities exist for visits to the prisons in Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, and Jefferson counties. We also minister to former prisoners who reside in the Tallahassee area.

- Deacon Joe Bakker: joe.bakker@saint-john.org



OUTREACH MINISTRY

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St. Francis Ministry

If you love animals, this is the ministry for you! St. John's new St. Francis Ministry is focused on taking the unconditional love that pet owners feel for their animals and connecting it to the all embracing love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our biggest event of the year is the Blessing of the Animals held close to the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

St. John's Market Under the Stars

This year we are taking time to discern the way forward with the St. John's Market. In it's place, on November 14, we will hold Market Under the Stars—an enchanting evening of twinkling lights, festive music, and purposeful holiday shopping in Eve's Garden and Alfriend Hall. This event blends the best of our Preview Party and historic Market, featuring Chef Fran's hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and Market favorites like handmade gifts, holiday arrangements, sauces, jams, chili to-go, and sweet treats—all supporting St. John's outreach ministries. Volunteers are warmly invited to help set up, host, or spread the word.

- Cindi Briley: cindi.briley@gmail.com
- Nan O'Kelly: nanokelly@comcast.net

Second Harvest

Second Harvest of the Big Bend is the food bank that distributes over 5.5 million pounds of food every year, equaling 4.5 million meals. Volunteer opportunities include donating funds and/or food, holding a food drive, volunteering and advocating for hungry men, women and children.

- Susan Jones: susan.jones9389@comcast.net





The Lively Café has been serving the Tallahassee community for 27 years, offering unique and affordable dishes in a relaxed, downtown setting! Four menus rotate weekly, featuring soups, salads, sandwiches, desserts, and dinners for takeout. Plus, each week, special soups, desserts, and a unique panini sandwich join the menu!

The Lively Café is managed by St. John's Culinary Director Fran Doxsee and her team of volunteers who offer service with a smile. Please email Chef Fran if you would like to volunteer.

- *Fran Doxsee: livelycafe@saint-john.org*





PARISH LIFE

St. John's Episcopal Church

Invite Welcome Connect Ministry

The "Invite, Welcome, Connect Ministry" has three goals: Inviting others to share in our worship, fellowship, and discipleship; identifying and Welcoming the "stranger in our midst", and providing information and guidance when needed; and finally, assisting each individual, new or "old" to "plug in" or Connect meaningfully by reaching out to and personally communicating with each new individual to assist them in becoming involved in the life, education, worship, and ministries of the church family and/or community.

- *Claire Dodd: claire@saint-john.org*

Reception Committee

St. John's is a vibrant parish with many events planned each year to involve all parishioners in the life of the church. There are receptions, breakfasts, dinners and many other special happenings that require the help of many hands. Hospitality volunteers include cooks, flower arrangers, set-up committees, clean-up committees and a multitude of other talented individuals.

- *Grady Enlow: grady.enlow@gmail.com*
- *Nan O'Kelly: nanokelly@comcast.net*

SALT: St. John's Adults Living Triumphantly

SALT luncheons provide a special time to enjoy fellowship, listen to informative programs on a variety of topics, and have a delicious meal together. In addition, SALTs participate in excursions and other interesting activities. Newcomers and guests are always welcome.

- *Linda Scott: leslindascott@gmail.com*

Small Groups

In times of need and times of fun, small groups are a source of friendship and support. They are also a great place for spiritual growth. Small groups are made of 8-10 people who meet monthly for discussion and fellowship. Sign-ups are held in the summer and in January.

- *Claire Dodd: claire@saint-john.org*

SPUDS: St. John's Parishioners United for Dining and Spirit

SPUDS is a quarterly social gathering. Gatherings are held on the second Thursday of March, June, September and December for light refreshments and fellowship at various parishioners' homes. Everything about SPUDS is "if you can" - come if you can, host if you can, etc. All ages are welcome.

- *Peggy Bielby: PeggyBielby@aol.com*

Welcome Bags

Help our group put together our Welcome Bags that help newcomers get connected and feel at home at St. John's.

- *Chrys Ivey Goodwyne: chrys.ivey.goodwyne@gmail.com*



PASTORAL CARE

St. John's Episcopal Church

Angel Food Ministry

The Angel Food Ministry is a ministry that provides food and help to our members who may be recuperating from an illness, or experiencing bereavement. Volunteers are always needed to help prepare these meals or to deliver them. No experience is necessary.

- *Emily Garretson: emilysgarretson@gmail.com*

Daughters of the King

This ministry is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church. A Daughter pledges herself to a lifelong program of prayer, service, and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.

- *Regina Lewis: rnlewis@mchsi*

Eucharistic Visitors

This is a group of specially trained Lay Eucharistic Ministers who are licensed by the Bishop to carry the Sacrament from a Sunday service to parishioners who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to come to church. Volunteers are needed and can expect to be called on once a month.

- *Steve Bryan: bryanosurg@aol.com*

Flower Delivery

We have a team of people who rearranges the altar flowers into bouquets for delivery to parishioners and community members who are celebrating life events or just need just a visible reminder that their church is loving them right where they are.

- *Lynn Bannister: Lulu020546@icloud.com*

The Knitters

Our Knitting Group meets on Tuesdays at 11 AM in Graham Lounge. You don't have to be an expert knitter to join this group who lovingly creates prayer shawls, baby blankets, and specialty items for the St. John's Market.

- *Cathy Bishop: tomandcathybishop@comcast.net*

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one Christian caring ministry to members of our congregation who are experiencing grief, divorce, loneliness, loss, or any other life difficulties. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of initial training and guidance in listening, confidentiality, feelings, maintaining boundaries, crisis theory and practice, and providing Christian care to those in need.

- *Cricket Mannheimer: misscricketm@comcast.net*

Westminster Oaks Communion Services

St. John's sponsors a Communion service at 3 PM on Wednesdays for the residents of Westminster Oaks. We would love to see you there!

- *Phil Ashler: philashler@comcast.net*



PROPERTY MINISTRY

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Cemetery Keepers

Volunteers help maintain St. John's Historic Cemetery on the corner of Call and Martin Luther King Streets. They meet the 1st Monday of each month where they clean headstones and make sure the cemetery is tidy.

- *Phil Ashler: philashler@comcast.net*
- *Ross Ellington: rossellington@comcast.net*

St. John's Historical Society

This society is focused on the preservation and presentation of St. John's vast history in Tallahassee. They work together to give tours and create materials showcasing events in our combined history.

- *Steve Peters: majorpeters@msn.com*



STEWARDSHIP

St. John's Episcopal Church

At St. John's, we believe giving is an act of faith. It is one of the ways we respond to God's abundant grace with grateful hearts, investing in the worship, formation, pastoral care, and outreach that shape our life together. Every pledge is a step toward the future God is calling us to build together.

In recent years, St. John's has embraced the Consecration Sunday model of stewardship. Rather than focusing on budgets or financial need, Consecration Sunday invites us to reflect on the spiritual practice of generosity and the joy of giving.

Each fall, we gather for one combined 10:00 a.m. worship service followed by a festive Celebration Luncheon, where everyone is welcome. During worship, parishioners are invited to make their annual financial commitment as a joyful act of thanksgiving. Your pledge remains completely confidential, and there are no home visits or fundraising campaigns.

Learn more: saint-john.org/give/annual-giving



St. John's Foundation

The St. John's Foundation helps ensure that our parish's mission and ministry will continue for generations to come. Through endowment management and planned giving, the Foundation provides lasting financial support for the ministries and vision of St. John's.

By including St. John's in your estate plans or making another planned gift, you can leave a legacy of faith that will strengthen our parish well into the future. The Foundation Board serves as faithful stewards of these gifts, helping grow and manage the endowment while supporting the long-term mission and ministry of St. John's.

Named after our founding year, the 1829 Legacy Society honors past and future gifts that ensure St. John's enduring vitality. Contributions of any size significantly impact our future. We encourage all members to consider planned giving and offer guidance to support your decisions.

- *Contact: Sarah Ball Miller, sarahballmiller@gmail.com*
- *Learn more: saint-john.org/foundation*





VESTRY

St. John's Episcopal Church

The Vestry is a group of elected lay leaders who, together with the Rector, provides spiritual and practical leadership for St. John's. Through prayer, discernment, and faithful stewardship, the Vestry helps guide the vision, mission, finances, and ministries of the parish.

Each Vestry member also serves as a commissioner for a specific area of parish life, supporting the ministries that help our church thrive. The following page introduces our current Vestry members and the commissions they serve.

This body of spiritual leaders is currently led by the Executive Committee:

- Jeff Couch, Senior Warden
- Kathy Bye, Junior Warden
- Cindy Sessions, Treasurer
- Jen Garretson, Finance Chairperson
- Taska Zorn, Secretary
- George Gwynn, Chancellor

Vestry Roster			
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Alex Boler	alexbolер@gmail.com	Stewardship	2028
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Kathy Bye	kjb124@hotmail.com	Junior Warden	2027
Jeff Couch	jeff@ruvos.com	Senior Warden	2028
Grady Enlow	grady.enlow@gmail.com	Parish Life	2029
Dina Foster	dinafoster@yahoo.com	Lively Café & Personnel	2028
Jen Garretson	jenlgarretson@gmail.com	Finance Chair	2027
David Grimes	dw.grimes@gmail.com	Youth	2028
Kelly Kibbey Smith	kellyjunekibbey@gmail.com	Stewardship	2027
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Clergy

The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector

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The Rev. Hugh Chapman, Priest Associate*

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The Rev. Susan Johnson, Priest Associate

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The Rev. Marda Messick, Priest Associate

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*Priest Associates are priests—generally retired—who make St. John's their church home and assist with specific worship, pastoral, or teaching ministries at the invitation of the rector.



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Staff

Nancy Barfield, Finance Assistant

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Nancy is happy to help you with: Setting up your pledge, navigating giving on Realm, or need financial information on their ministry.

Aaron Campbell, Campus Operations Coordinator

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Aaron is happy to help you with: Questions about church facilities, cleaning and maintenance concerns, supplies and general assistance.

Jane Chambers, Administrative & Pastoral Assistant

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Jane is happy to help you with: Getting connected to right staff or ministry leader, getting added to the prayer list, and pastoral care concerns.

Claire Dodd, Director of Communications & Membership

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Claire is happy to help you with: Becoming a member of St. John's, our website and Realm (our membership database), and creating ministry materials.

Fran Doxsee, Culinary Director

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Chef Fran is happy to help you with: Volunteering in the Lively Café, placing orders, and catering.



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Marissa Hall, Director of Music

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Marissa is happy to help you with: Learn to make music, get involved in music ministry, plan musical events, or get guidance for music at weddings and funerals.

Kristi Leger, Director of Finance & Administration

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Kristi is happy to help you with: Pledges, gifts or donations, facilities needs, events, or reimbursement for expenses.

Mike Norris, Music & Liturgy Assistant

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Mike is happy to help you with: The production of our service bulletins and auditioning for the Compline Choir.

Adam Ravain, Organist & Music Administrator

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Adam is happy to help you with: Learning more about our Sunday music selections, playing for any upcoming services, or the St. John's Choir School.

Hannah Shelly, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

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Hannah is happy to help you with: Anything to do with our children, youth, and family ministries.

Holly Sinco, Executive Assistant to the Rector

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Holly is happy to help you with: Scheduling time with Fr. Lonnie, baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and getting connected with our Vestry.

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