

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2017

THE GOOD NEWS

A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

I would normally write at this time about fall programs starting up, etc. You can find that information elsewhere in this newsletter. Instead, I am compelled to say something here about the current state of our national life, and what we as Christians may be called to do. The recent events in Charlottesville have brought this to a bit of a head, although where we find ourselves now is part of a much longer story, which I do not believe is nearly over.

While I have some strong political opinions and stay reasonably well informed, I have eschewed politics in my church work. This is not because I do not think our political climate important or because I don't think Christians and Christian faith should be part of our political life. I do not want politics to define the church, or people's relationship with me as a pastor. Some church traditions embrace strong political activity. We have not.

Part of my summer reading this year was "The Benedict Option" by Rod Dreher. The reference is to the Rule of St. Benedict, a centerpiece of monastic life for some 1500 years. It is a pattern of life designed to develop a Christian community that is distinct from the surrounding culture. While he does not argue that Christians should move to the desert and cut off all contact with the modern world, he does argue for a distinctly Christian Church that is more carefully insulated from the world by its patterns and disciplines. While there is wisdom in this, I also believe that we cannot abandon the world to its own devices, even if the cause may seem hopeless!

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m. — Adult Christian Education
9:00 a.m. — King's Kids
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
(Nursery is available)*

MONDAY

2:00 p.m. — Bible Study (location varies
See Hope Johnson)
7:00-8:00 p.m. — Bible Study Fr. Eric's Office
7:00-8:00 p.m. — A.A. (Big Book Study)

TUESDAY

5:30-7:00 p.m. — Bible Study Fr. Eric's Office
7:00 p.m. — Bible Study, Fr. Eric's home

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. — Holy Communion, Victoria Landing
(second week of each month)
7:00 p.m. — Choir practice in the Sanctuary

FRIDAY

8:00 - 9:15 a.m. — TGIF Men's Breakfast
and Bible Study at Memaw's
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. — A.A. Beginner, Open Meeting
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. — A.A. Open Meeting

SATURDAY

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. — Mary's Circle Women's Bible
Study (1st Saturday each month)

My concern is to work together to understand how the Bible calls us to speak and act in our current context. I have written for the August 20 eNews about race and faith. If you didn't catch the eNews, you can read the full article on the Rector's Blog by visiting stjohnsmlb.org, clicking on the Rector's Blog link and reading "Race and Faith." I'll quote just one sentence here: "Whatever one may think of Confederate statues, any notion of white supremacy or white nationalism (and the related ideas that under-gird neo-nazism or other racist ideologies) is antithetical to Christian faith and always has been, even if the church has failed to live that out at some times and places."

On the issue of racism, we must be clear and uncompromising. To embrace any form of racism is to deny the fundamental Christian truth that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. Even to allow racism to go unchallenged drastically compromises our witness. This is one place where I believe Christians need to speak up. When you hear racism among your friends, call it out. If you see it in the church, call it out. When you see it in yourself, repent. Whatever you do, this is not an issue on which we can "go along to get along."

It should go without saying that the killing of innocent people is always to be condemned. Whether it is a violent white supremacist in Charlottesville or an Islamic State sympathizer in Barcelona, such acts are unequivocally evil and must be condemned and, whenever possible, stopped.

I'm less clear about the issue of Confederate statues. I don't like historical revisionism, especially when that history includes challenging realities like racism and slavery. We must remember our past with an unvarnished view in order to have the best chance of avoiding repetition. I also understand these have become, for many, a powerful symbol not only of a racist and slave-owning past, but of the reality that these evils have not been adequately erased from our common life.

I believe that the role of Christians and the church in a time like this is to call forth in ourselves, and commend to our neighbors, a vision for a truly just society in which all God's children are treated with love, dignity and respect. Sometimes that means we must take the risky step of condemning that which moves us in a different direction. More often, it means that we must live out and commend such a vision with love and charity for all, in a way that is so attractive and compelling that others are drawn to that vision and ultimately to God.

How can we each live a life more in line with that vision?

In Christ,
Fr. Eric Turner • Rector

The New "Good News"!

The first thing you will likely notice about this "Good News" is the new look! We have contracted with a graphic designer, Shea Steininger, who has re-designed the "Good News" and will assemble the newsletters going forward. Shea is actually the granddaughter-in-law of St. John's members, Lee & Nancy Steininger. She lives in Grant-Valkaria and is both an artist and a graphic designer. **You can check out some of her work at MermaidsMud.com.**



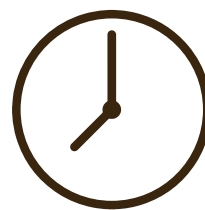
**Contact Shea Steininger
for your design needs**

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MermaidsMud@gmail.com
www.MermaidsMud.com

Thank you, Katie!

It is time for a loud and clear "Thank you!" to Katie Wilson, who has been doing the newsletter for the last couple of years. She has worked tirelessly and well getting everything together month after month, and has done so with no graphic design training! Thank you, Katie!

By the way, Katie continues to produce the Sunday bulletins, the ministries schedule, and coordinate the office volunteers.



"Good News" Schedule

Scheduling will need to change a bit. Since we are now having an outside editor put the "Good News" together, we will need to move the deadline for submissions up and we will also need to be much stricter than we have been about those deadlines.

Our goal will be to publish the newsletter just **before the last Sunday of each month**, for the following month. Therefore, the deadline for the October issue will be **September 7**.

Please email (preferred) your submissions to Katie Wilson at kcodlinwilson@cfl.rr.com or get them to the church office by Sept. 7.

KEEPING UP WITH ST. JOHNS ONLINE



ST. JOHNS WEB

StJohnsMLB.org

You will find a wide variety of information there including schedules, the church calendar, archives of the "Good News", Sunday Ministry schedules, the latest eNews and much more. Poke around!

FACEBOOK

You can also search "St. John's Episcopal Church" and like the page. Then you will get updates in your newsfeed, which you can respond to, or share with your friends.

ST. JOHNS CHAT

Is an email "list" that allows you to keep up with the latest news at St. John's, prayer list updates, etc. You can also share things with others at St. John's. To subscribe, please just send your email address to Fr. Eric at Eric@stjohnsmlb.org.

WEEKLY ENEWS

St. John's Weekly eNews is a weekly (clever, huh?) email newsletter giving information on upcoming activities, what will be happening on Sunday, and other things. It includes some reflections from Fr. Eric on the lessons for the coming Sunday along with links and other information. This comes out every Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. To subscribe, please send your email address to Fr. Eric at Eric@stjohnsmlb.org.



Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour is a part of the Sunday morning experience that's enjoyed by many, but it takes volunteers to make it happen. Please take a turn by signing up in the parish hall for a Sunday. And remember – you do not need to provide a full feast!

Just put on the coffee, mix up the cold drinks, put out whatever food people bring in, and take care of the clean-up. **If you enjoy coffee hour, sign up to help!**

St. John's Book Club

will continue in the fall



We are looking for suggestions for what you might like to discuss.

Please pass on any suggestions to Fr. Eric.

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St. John's now has two teams! We provide food serving teams for fourth Thursday (as we always have) and the third Sunday (new).

Your help is greatly appreciated!

THIRD SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Contact Doug Ludwig
321.243.3686 • Ludwig.Murray@att.net

**Duty Day for September:
Sunday, Sep. 17**

FOURTH THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Contact Ian Johnson
321.674.0932 • Johnsoni051075@gmail.com

**Duty Day for September:
Thursday, Sep. 28**



Converge: Our Joint Youth Ministry

Three Episcopal Churches in the area have teamed up to launch an exciting ministry for middle and high school churches: St. John's, along with Holy Apostles, Satellite Beach and St. David's, Cocoa Beach. The group is called "Converge".

**Meets every Sunday at 5:30 p.m.
at the Schechter Community Center
1089 S. Patrick Dr., Satellite Beach
(corner of S. Patrick and Jackson)**

Converge begins again for the fall on **Sunday, September 24.**

For more information, visit cbey.weebly.com or



"Converge Brevard Episcopal Youth"



Young Life:

One of the ministries St. John's supports is Young Life, a non-denominational ministry to middle and high school students in Melbourne. Our support has primarily been the provision of free office space (the office at the southwest corner of the office wing).

A new Area Director is beginning work in August, Andy Ward. We will look for an opportunity to introduce Andy to the parish family early this fall. Please pray for this ministry and for Andy as they make this transition.

Victoria Landing

The service will be on the **second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. in the Queen Palms Room** (ask at the front desk). This is targeted primarily for the residents of Victoria Landing, but all are welcome!

Next service will be Wednesday, September 13.

Worship in the Park & Picnic

On **Sunday, November 5**, we will hold our 10 a.m. worship service at our altar in the park, followed by a parish picnic. This year, we are scheduling it a little later in the fall so that the weather may be a little better (i.e. less sweaty!)

Mark your calendars and don't miss it!



Seaside Stickers

Meets at **St. John's Church** and members are welcome to join! The schedule varies, so please contact **Shirley Muzzy** (321.254.2206 or ShirleyMuzzy@aol.com).

Family Promise of Brevard Update

On **Saturday, August 19**, a contingent of 11 from St. John's went to Family Promise of Brevard's annual volunteer appreciation dinner. It was a great event and a wonderful opportunity to hear about the impact of FPOB on the people of our community.

Our next hosting duty will begin on **Sunday, September 17!** If you have not signed up to volunteer, please get one of the volunteer forms in the back of church or the parish hall, or speak with Lee Steininger (321.777.7009) or Steve Manzer (609.315.5116). Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful ministry!



On **November 4** FPOB will hold the 6th Annual Golf Scramble and Ball Drop. **To learn more about this, visit the website:** FamilyPromiseOfBrevard.org and scroll down for more details and to sign up.

St. John's Parish Retreat with Bishop Brewer!

St. John's will be holding an "in-house" retreat **April 13-15, 2018!** The Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop of Central Florida, will be with us for the weekend and serve as our keynote speaker.



The weekend will culminate in our Bishop's visit and Confirmation celebration on Sunday. The weekend will include fun, games, worship, teaching, great food and more!

Mark your calendars now! Please speak with Fr. Eric if you would like to be part of the planning team for this event!

Outreach Focus

For the month of September, the Outreach offering has been designated to go to the Brevard Rescue Mission. BRM works to permanently break the cycle of homelessness in families by providing homeless women with children housing, access to health care, transportation, education, nutrition, job training and life skills in a safe, Christ-centered residential setting. The 12-24 month program is designed to lovingly transform families from dependency to self-sufficiency through daily accountability, personal responsibility and goal advancement.



Brevard Rescue Mission works hard to establish their identity as a faith-based, fiscally responsible, innovative, and valuable outreach to community members in need. And through tangible services, ongoing ministry, and various unique programs, they hope to further grow and strengthen their role within and throughout the Brevard community. To learn more about Brevard Rescue Mission, please visit their website at www.BrevardRescueMission.org

Everything in the lavender envelopes in the pew racks at church will go directly to BRM. Thank you!

Vestry Notes

The Vestry met on Thursday, August 17.

The Treasurer reported June and July as good months financially. Income for July was better than budget (\$20,128 actual vs. \$16,950 budget) and while expenses were slightly more than budget (\$16,614 actual vs. \$16,126 budget), the difference was within limits.

Year to date we have a surplus of \$3,121, however a projected year end deficit of about \$1,000 remains. Another rummage sale and/or raffles are planned. An audit committee will be formed to work on the 2016 annual financial audit due to the diocese by September 2017.

A total of \$2,500 was approved to cover three items: replace the carpet in the rector's office, replace the AC unit in the Jr. Warden's office and grind a stump from a tree removal in the park.

Habitat for Humanity is developing a tract of land to build a community of Habitat houses. It is hoped that St. John's will be able to take part in this project.

The 2018 Parish Spring Retreat is scheduled. The Bishop will be on site to lead sessions during the retreat. A Planning Team will be assembled to coordinate details for this retreat.



September Birthdays:

Austin Stitzel
916 Old Boiling Springs Rd
Shelby, NC 28152
09/06/1988

Cindy Tuten
2910 Cavel St.
West Melbourne, FL 32904
09/15

Gail Dunbar
1209 Pawnee Terrace
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937
09/20

Tim Tuten
3099 Fontainebleau Ave. SE
Palm Bay, FL 32909
09/10

Brian Collins
472 Kimberly Drive
Melbourne, FL 32940-7772
09/15

Teresa Chernault
2727 Chapparal Dr.
Melbourne, FL 32934
09/25

Eloise Evans
4767 Blackberry Drive
West Melbourne, FL 32904
09/10

Andy Weeks
305 Parkside Pl.
Indian Harbor Beach, FL 32937
09/16/1900

Paul Burleson
2914 Bayeaux Ave.
Melbourne, FL 32935
09/27

Christina Burleson
2914 Bayeaux Ave.
Melbourne, FL 32935
09/15

Edna Fitzgerald
2607 Lorna Drive
Melbourne, FL 32935
09/18

September Anniversaries:

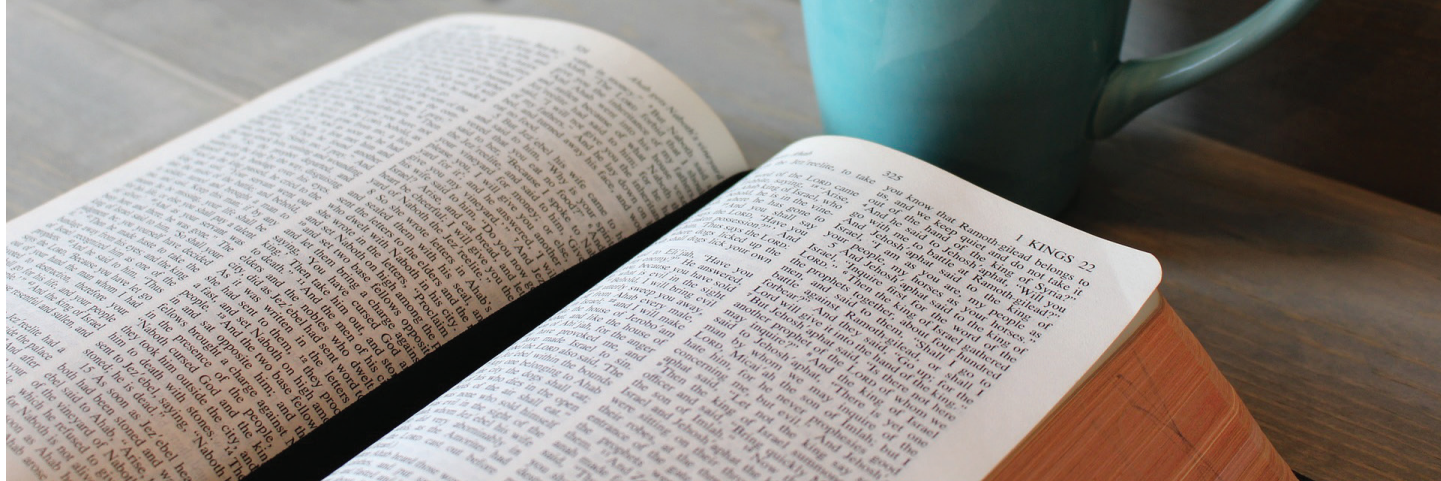
Bob & June Stitzel
4153 Pinewood Road
Melbourne, FL 32934
9/5

Steve & Ginny Bradley
3965 Turkey Point Drive
Melbourne, FL 32934
9/11

John & Trish Seymour
766 Aachen Avenue, NW
Palm Bay, FL 32907
9/12

Robert & Edna Fitzgerald
2607 Lorna Drive
Melbourne, FL 32935
9/26

BIBLE Studies



We hope that you are able to find one that meets with your regular schedule!

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2 P.M. led by Hope Johnson.

This study will start back up for the fall on **Monday, October 2**. Location varies, please contact Hope Johnson at 321.431.1048 for more information.

MONDAY EVENING, 7 P.M. in Fr. Eric's office, led by Deacon Elizabeth.

Will start back up at a date to be determined. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information, or contact Dcn. Elizabeth at 321.777.0168.

TUESDAY EVENING, 5:30 P.M. in Fr. Eric's office there is a Bible study lead Anneke Bertsch.

All are welcome! Please call Katie at 321.751.3319. **Begins again on September 5.**

TUESDAY EVENING, 7 P.M. at Fr. Eric's home, 4581 Bellaluna Dr, W. Melbourne.

Currently studying 2 Timothy. **Starting back up on September 12.**

MARY'S CIRCLE, a women's Bible Study, studying the Apostle Paul in the book of Acts, gathers on the first Saturday of the month in the **Parish Hall at 8:30 a.m.** Upcoming gatherings will be **September 2 and October 7**.

Contact Deacon Elizabeth Murray at 321.777.0168 for more information.

FRIDAY MORNING: TGIF: Men's breakfast and Bible study, **Fridays, 8 a.m. at Memaw's, beachside**, 600 E. Eau Gallie Blvd. 321.254.3365. In addition to solving all the world's problems, we are studying the book of Hebrews. **Begins again on September 8.**

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION meets **every Sunday at 9 – 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall**. On September 10 we will bring a study of Philippians, a letter of St. Paul to the church at Philippi, a church he had great fondness for. We will find great encouragement there! All are welcome!

Sunday Ministry Schedule-September

Date	Sept 03	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24
10:00 A.M. Service				
Greeters	A. Bertsch A. Weeks	I. and M. Johnson	J. Miller A. Weeks	A. Weeks L. Fletcher
Ushers	B. Chernault J. Miller	S. & G. Bradley	F. & R. Scheunemann	D. Ludwig P. McRee
Lector	G. Dunbar	A. Weeks	A. Lester	B. Chernault
LEM	S. Manzer	A. Bertsch	K. Oas	C. Marshall
Acolytes	W. Lester	J. Lester	C. Williams	S. Williams
Nursery	R. Scheunemann D. Crane	L. Calvert TBD	S. Tuten M. Schexnayder	C. Tuten TBD
King's Kids	E. Murray T. Chernault	E. Murray J. Miller	E. Murray T. Chernault	E. Murray J. Miller
Counter	K. Wilson	A. Sykes	K. Wilson	G. Bradley
Sound	B. Kendall	K. McPherson	S. Bradley	A. Lester
V. LEM	H. Johnson	C. Marshall	S. Kendall	S. & S. Manzer
Prayers	TBD	C. Turner	H. Johnson	A. Bertsch
7:45 A.M. Service				
Greeters	A. Brown	E. & R. Huffman	T. Greene	A. Brown
Ushers	TBD	B. Baumgardt	TBD	B. Baumgardt
Lector	H. Martin	L. Miller	P. Perian	L. Miller
LEM	TBD	T. Scarboro	R. Huffman	TBD
Please arrange a substitute if you are unable to serve as scheduled. The published schedule will not necessarily reflect those changes.				

Birthday Card Ministry

January — February: Carol Yackulics
 March — April: Roberta Ardinger-Smith
 May — June: Anneke Bertsch
 July — August: Linda Fletcher
 Sept — October: Angie Brown
 November — December: Rosie Scheunemann

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7:45 A.M. Service					
Greeters	E. & R. Huffman	T. Greene	A. Brown	D. Disney	E. & R. Huffman
Ushers	TBD	B. Baumgardt	TBD	B. Baumgardt	TBD
Lector	H. Martin	E. Huffman	L. Miller	P. Perian	H. Martin
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Upcoming Special Events

Sunday, September 17.....Family Promise hosting begins

Saturday, September 30.....Guitar Concert benefiting Aloha Pet Adoptions and Rescue.

Concert at 7 p.m., reception and auction following. For tickets (\$25) and more info, visit AlohaAdoptionsAndRescue.com.

Saturday, November 4.....Family Promise Golf Outing and Ball Drop.

Visit FamilyPromiseOfBrevard.org for more information and to register.

Sunday, November 5.....Worship in the Park and Parish Picnic!

10 a.m. service at our outdoor altar and picnic following!

April 13-15, 2018.....Parish Retreat, featuring Bishop Greg Brewer!



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