



ST. JOHN'S

E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

September-October 2021

THE GOOD NEWS

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- SUSPENDED** — 7:45 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite 1.
Will resume September 19.
- 9 a.m. — Adult Christian Education
(In-person and Zoom)
Will resume September 19.
- 10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(In-person and Livestream)

Visit StJohnsMLB.org for links

- SUSPENDED** — Converge (Youth Ministry)
Holy Apostles', 505 Grant Ave.,
Satellite Beach

TUESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. — Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 P.M. — Choir Practice in Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. — Bible Study at the Turner's,
suspended until September
– email office@stjohnsmlb.org for details

FRIDAY

- 8:00 a.m. — TGIF (Men's b'fast and
Bible study) Old Village
Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd,

Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for more info

A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

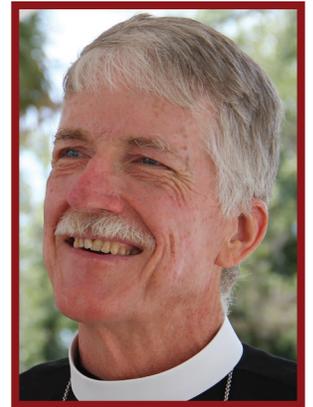
Dear Friends,

It seems like the world is falling apart. A pandemic that some don't even believe is a pandemic. People refusing to take the clear and simple steps needed to end it. Literal fistfights and shootings over wearing a mask. A chaotic and heartbreaking end to 20 years of military action in Afghanistan that leaves an entire country in the grip of the Taliban (I hasten to add that I believe that was inevitable, I'm not placing blame). Wildfires ravaging the west as well as large swaths of Europe. Another earthquake in Haiti, following the assassination of their president, a steep rise in gang violence and now tropical storms raining down on them. The FAA reports of a dramatic rise in unruly and even violent airline passengers is a bellwether of the serious psychological toll all of this is taking on us. It feels as though we are at our collective wits' end.

What is a believer in Jesus to do in such a moment? A Pollyanna response that "God is in control" and "everything will be OK" bumps up against the reality of each day's news and doesn't fare well.

Of course, we do celebrate the promise that one day this world will end and the Kingdom of God (that is, the place where God's loving will is perfectly seen and done) will come. That could be in moments or millennia. I firmly believe that to be true, but what are we to do in the mean time? People are suffering now and Scripture clearly demands that we serve now, not just wait for the promised future glory.

There are many images from Scripture that we could turn to but today I think I will turn to that most horrid of times for the disciples as Jesus was arrested, tried, crucified and buried. Certainly, a moment at least as disheartening as anything we face today.



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The first thing the disciples did was to gather together. It is a natural instinct and, I think, a good one. Whatever trauma or challenges come our way, we are better together than we are in isolation. And notice what the disciples didn't do: They didn't point blame. They didn't argue about who the real supporters of Jesus were. (They did that before the crucifixion, but not after.) They didn't try to pin blame for what had befallen them. Even more poignantly, when angels appeared to the women at Jesus' empty tomb, they singled out Peter for inclusion, the one who had denied Jesus three times. (Mark 16:7)

Granted, they gathered in large part due to their fear of the authorities. Regardless of motivation, we see in hindsight that gathering was a critical step and essential for what was to come. Now gathering is only beneficial if we do not allow ourselves to get caught up in the blame game. Of course, there is a time and place for responsibility but the heat of crisis is not that time, and all too often, the blame game just results in choosing sides, not in reasoned and thoughtful attention to responsibility and lessons learned.

Obviously, I want to see gathering in our church. Even when COVID means we need to keep our distance, St. John's is and should always be a place where we can gather and care for one another without choosing sides or blaming one another. We are always stronger together and better able to face the challenges both within and beyond our walls. But I also believe this coming together is needed in other circles, family, community, workplaces, etc. It may be hard work, but in the end I believe it will be fruitful work, worthy of the effort and risk.

The next thing I believe the disciples did is not specifically recorded for us in Scripture, but I am quite confident that they sang Psalms and prayed together. They would not have been sitting around staring at their phones but would have been focused on one another and on their community. For them, that meant the Psalms and stories of Scripture. One of the things that worship does for us is to re-orient our attention to God and away from our own

turmoil. This can both open us to God's guidance thru the work of the Holy Spirit and focus our attention beyond ourselves. Our response to crises will almost always be better, wiser and more helpful when we look beyond ourselves.

I'm deliberately skipping a few steps to remind us that the end result was mission. Ultimately, we move through difficult times when we bind together in service to others, in service to a cause larger than ourselves. This brings to mind a line from Mr. Rogers that has become one of his most oft quoted: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find helpers.'"

We have a mission. Let's not just look for the helpers, let's be the helpers!

In Christ,
Fr. Eric Turner
Rector



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"Good News"

Nov - Dec 2021

Schedule & Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of "The Good News" (November – December, 2021) will be Tuesday, October 19. Please email (preferred) your submissions to office@stjohnsmlb.org or get them to the church office by October 19, 2021.

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Loaning of Church Items

If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Kathy Oas, Jr. Warden, first as there might be an event on the schedule where these items are needed. And, of course, we need to keep track of the church's property. Please contact Kathy at kmoas40@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

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Seaside Stitchers

School has started and Seaside Stitchers together with Brevard Random Acts of Kindness delivered clothing and shoes to the Brevard Public Schools. Drawstring bags requested by the teachers have also been delivered in preparation for the new school year.



Children's clothing for local schools



Memory Bears for Hospice families

Since 2014 the stitchers have supplied local organizations with over four thousand Christmas stockings. This year 660 stockings are ready to be delivered and the ladies continue to produce them for the upcoming season. In addition, Memory bears and memory pillows are created for Reflections of St. Francis and veterans' organizations.

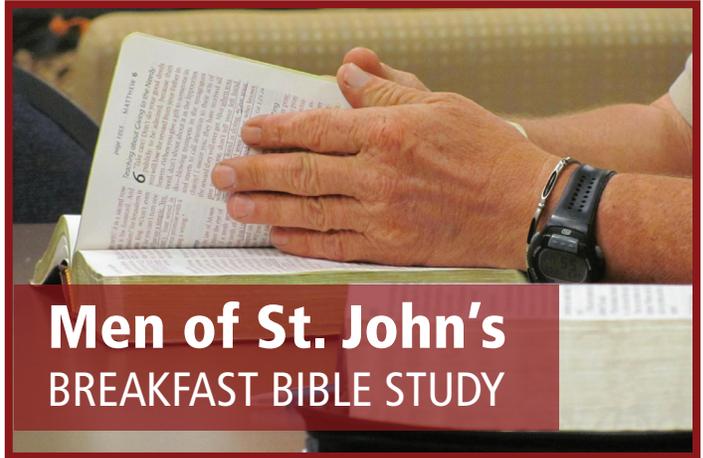
The Seaside Stitchers would love to have you as a member, inexperienced or an excellent seamstress, they would love to welcome you to their group. The schedule varies, so please contact Shirley Muzzy (321-254-2206 or shirleymuzzy@aol.com).



FAMILY DINNER NIGHT

We had a great Family Dinner Night on August 29! As we move into the fall, we are planning monthly picnics (see information elsewhere in this Good News), so we will not try to schedule Family Dinner Night as well. Watch for details on our next Dinner Night in January 2022!

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Men of St. John's BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

TGIF, our men's breakfast and Bible study gathers every Friday, 8 a.m. at The Old Village Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd. We will continue our study of 1 Corinthians. Restarting September 10.



Happy 67th Anniversary!

To Richard and Ellen Huffman! On Sunday, August 1, we celebrated the anniversary of this wonderful couple. Not many get to make that mark and we give thanks to God that St. John's has been blessed to walk this journey with them, and we pray for many more together!



New Database System

St. John's is migrating to a new and significantly updated database system. We have been using ACS (Automated Church Systems) for many years and we will be moving to a new system called Realm, which is the next generation from ACS. It includes a variety of features that will be very helpful including the ability to access it from the web (not just when sitting in the office) and a smartphone app! We will also be making a concerted effort, led by Katie Wilson, to update all member information. Watch for more information and please help Katie when asked!

KEEPING UP WITH ST. JOHNS ONLINE



YOUTUBE CHANNEL

St. John's now has a YouTube Channel which is where we post worship live streams and sermons. Visit YouTube.com and search for St. John's Episcopal Church, Melbourne Florida, then follow us! You can also find links to all past and upcoming worship services by visiting stjohnsmlb.org and clicking on Worship Live Stream.

FR. TERRY'S MEDITATIONS

Brief, encouraging weekly meditations that are sent to your email inbox every Tuesday. Email office@stjohnsmlb.org if you'd like to enjoy this!

ST. JOHNS WEB

StJohnsMLB.org

You will find a 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

If you are on 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

is a weekly email newsletter giving information on upcoming activities, what will be happening on Sunday, and other things. It generally includes a reflection 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.

SHARING JESUS' LOVE

Daily Bread Duty Days

We are re-organizing our work with Daily Bread and planning to consolidate to one day per month. Please let the office know if you would like to be a part of the ongoing team! Email office@stjohnsmlb.org

Your help is greatly appreciated!



GROWING SERVANTS OF CHRIST:

Leadership Training at St. John's

Leadership training is designed to bring new people into various leadership roles in the life of St. John's provide some basic training and framework for Christian leadership in a church family and provide ongoing support for those in leadership roles.

It is intended for vestry members, leaders of various ministries, Bible studies, etc. and anyone who would like to explore a leadership role.

We will gather the first Thursday of the month, (Sept. 2 and Oct. 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel and on Zoom. Please email the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org for the zoom link or visit stjohnsmlb.org > Calendar).

Nursery and Sunday School

While these have been suspended during the pandemic, it is hoped that they will resume at a later date. If interested in helping with either of these ministries, please email office@stjohnsmlb.org or call 321-254-3365.

SHARING HIS LOVE

Outreach Focus

September

The Children's Hunger Project is "Back to School" ready for 2021.



During the school year the project serves over 2,000 meal packages every week to over 45 elementary schools and to maintain the current service the group needs to raise \$40,000 every month.

This ministry provides pre-packaged meals that require no cooking and are distributed directly into qualifying elementary aged student's backpacks on Friday afternoons as determined by the teacher. For more information visit TheChildrensHungerProject.org. All offerings in the blue or lavender pew envelopes, or specifically marked "outreach" in the month of September will go to The Children's Hunger Project.

October

The outreach focus for October is the New Life Mission,



formerly known as Brevard Rescue Mission. In May of this year the organization purchased 25 acres of land on U.S. 1, immediately across from Young Street. The land has been renamed New Life Village where they will work to permanently break the cycle of homelessness in families by providing homeless women with children, housing, access to health care, transportation, education, family counseling, financial coaching, vegetable garden, job training, kids club, and life skills in a safe, Christ-centered residential setting. Their vision is to eventually serve 100 families.

For more information on this organization please visit NewLifeMission.org. All offerings in the blue or lavender pew envelopes, or specifically marked "outreach" in the month of October will go to The New Life Mission.

SHARING HIS LOVE

Hispanic Outreach

St. John's new Spanish worship and outreach was successfully introduced in July under the direction of Canon Luis de la Cruz. Services will be held the first and third Saturday of each month, in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m. Flyers are available for you to put up anywhere you can! Please keep this ministry and Canon Luis in your prayers.

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Fr. Terry Highland offers a very brief, weekly meditation online. It will be available both as a video (2-3 minutes) and in written form. This is an opt-in, meaning that we will send it to those who request it. The meditations come out on Tuesdays. Please email office@stjohnsmlb.org if you would like to opt-in!

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Christian Education

Beginning September 19!

Adult Christian Education gathers in person, in the Chapel (to the right, just before entering the Parish Hall), and the class will also be available via Zoom video conferencing. We are studying the Book of Proverbs, a random collection of pithy wisdom. Memes before there were memes! If you would like to join by Zoom, the link is available on the church website. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Live Stream. You may also email the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

Youth Christian Education (middle and high school), under the leadership of Katie Wilson, is gathering in the Parish Hall, at this time in-person only, also starting back up on September 19.

A WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

Worship and Picnics in the Park!

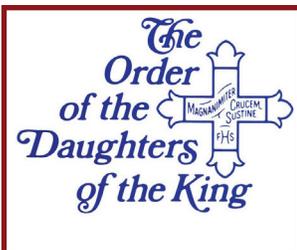
September 12, and the second Sunday in October and November the 10:00 a.m. worship service will be held in the park, followed by a box lunch picnic. We look forward to a lot of fun getting back together! We also hope this will be an opportunity to invite new people to St. John's!

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GROWING SERVANTS OF CHRIST

Daughters of the King

The St. John's Chapter of the Daughters of the King will start the training process in September for three candidates, Jackie Bond, Gail Dunbar and Julie Miller, to become our newest members. We also welcome any interested women to join us in the training. Training will center around the basic tenants of the Daughters: Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. Sarah Kendall and Mary Highland will facilitate the training.



The Daughters have a Prayer Box in the sanctuary for you to submit prayer requests. We welcome all prayer requests, and it is essential to each one of the Daughters that all prayer requests given to us remain confidential. We always look forward to updates on those for whom we pray.

Daughters in the St. John's Chapter are:

Sarah Kendall, President; Mary Highland, Secretary/Treasurer; Susan Badgio, Teresa Chernault, Linda Fletcher, Brenda Milner, and Charlene Turner. Our Chaplain is Fr. Terry Highland.

If there are any women of the church who are interested in becoming a Daughter, please contact Sarah Kendall at 537sarah@gmail.com or (702) 203-6093, or any of the Daughters listed above.
Article submitted by Mary Highland.

GROWING SERVANTS OF CHRIST



Converge:
Our Joint Youth Ministry

SUSPENDED DURING PANDEMIC

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A WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

Rite I is back!

The 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I service will re-launch September 19. This is a quiet, more contemplative service, using a traditional language version of Holy Communion.

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A WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

Worship Volunteers

Needed for a variety of rolls, including LEMs (reading the lessons and/or leading prayers), ushers, audio/visual, chalice bearers (when we begin using wine again), and more. We will train you! All that is needed is a willing heart! Please contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org for more information.

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SHARING HIS LOVE

Outreach

The Outreach committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. (Sept. 7 and Oct. 5) in the chapel and on Zoom. If you are interested in joining the St. John's outreach team, please contact Linda Fletcher at lcalvert1956@yahoo.com or Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

Vestry Notes

Thursday, July 15, 2021

The Vestry met on July 15, 2021 in person and virtually via Zoom. The June 2021 financials were reviewed and discussed. Kathy Oas, Junior Warden, outlined projects completed (example, A/C units in the Parish Hall) and upcoming projects – tree trimming, east A/C unit in Sanctuary, Nick House roof, choir loft floor. The Hispanic Ministry was to start Saturday, July 17 and then 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. The Annual Parish Meeting date was set for January 30, 2022. St. John's must identify delegates and alternates for the Diocesan Convention to be held January 28-29, 2022 in Daytona Beach.

The Vestry did not meet in August, however the July financial summary is included below.

These notes have not been approved by the Vestry.

	June 2021 Budget	June 2021 Actual	2021 YTD Actual
Income	\$ 18,724	\$ 14,782	\$ 102,512
Expenses	\$ 17,468	\$ 16,797	\$ 109,148
Net	\$ 1,256	-- \$ 2,015	-- \$ 6,636

	July 2021 Budget	July 2021 Actual	2021 YTD Actual
Income	\$ 16,310	\$ 19,500	\$ 122,013
Expenses	\$ 16,928	\$ 15,855	\$ 125,005
Net	-- \$ 618	\$ 3,645	-- \$ 2,992

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A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

Preparing for the Future

The last newsletter included an invitation to support some unexpected and substantial expenses. First, as of that time, was the replacement of the larger of the two AC units that serve the parish hall and the second was the redevelopment of the church website. These two projects totaled about \$19,500. To date, about \$8,000 has been donated toward these expenses (a previously reported \$12,000 was incorrect). Thank you!

Since that time, two additional very expensive projects have come to our attention. First, the east side AC unit on the Sanctuary has given up the proverbial ghost. We have attempted several repairs, but it is clear that the unit must be replaced at a cost of a little over \$15,000.

Then in the course of trying to figure out a rodent problem in St. Nick House (now rented to a school, Wavecrest Academy) we learned that the roof has been leaking and rotting some of the wood in the roof. Unfortunately, it is time to put a roof on Nick House and as the flat section is a major source of problems, we plan to add a pitch to that section. This is now required by code so would need to be done with a new roof anyway. At this point we do not know how much wood might need to be replaced, but we have two bids for just under \$16,000 to add pitch and reroof the building. The final cost will certainly be higher, but how much is not yet clear. I know this seems high, but remember that all these materials have gone up dramatically in price, plus the extra work of adding the pitch.

By the grace of God, we have the funds available to accomplish this work, but, of course, as we burn through these funds, they will not be available for future needs. Please join in giving thanks for God's provision and that these needs can be met. If you have found yourself financial blessed this year, perhaps you would consider helping to offset these costs.

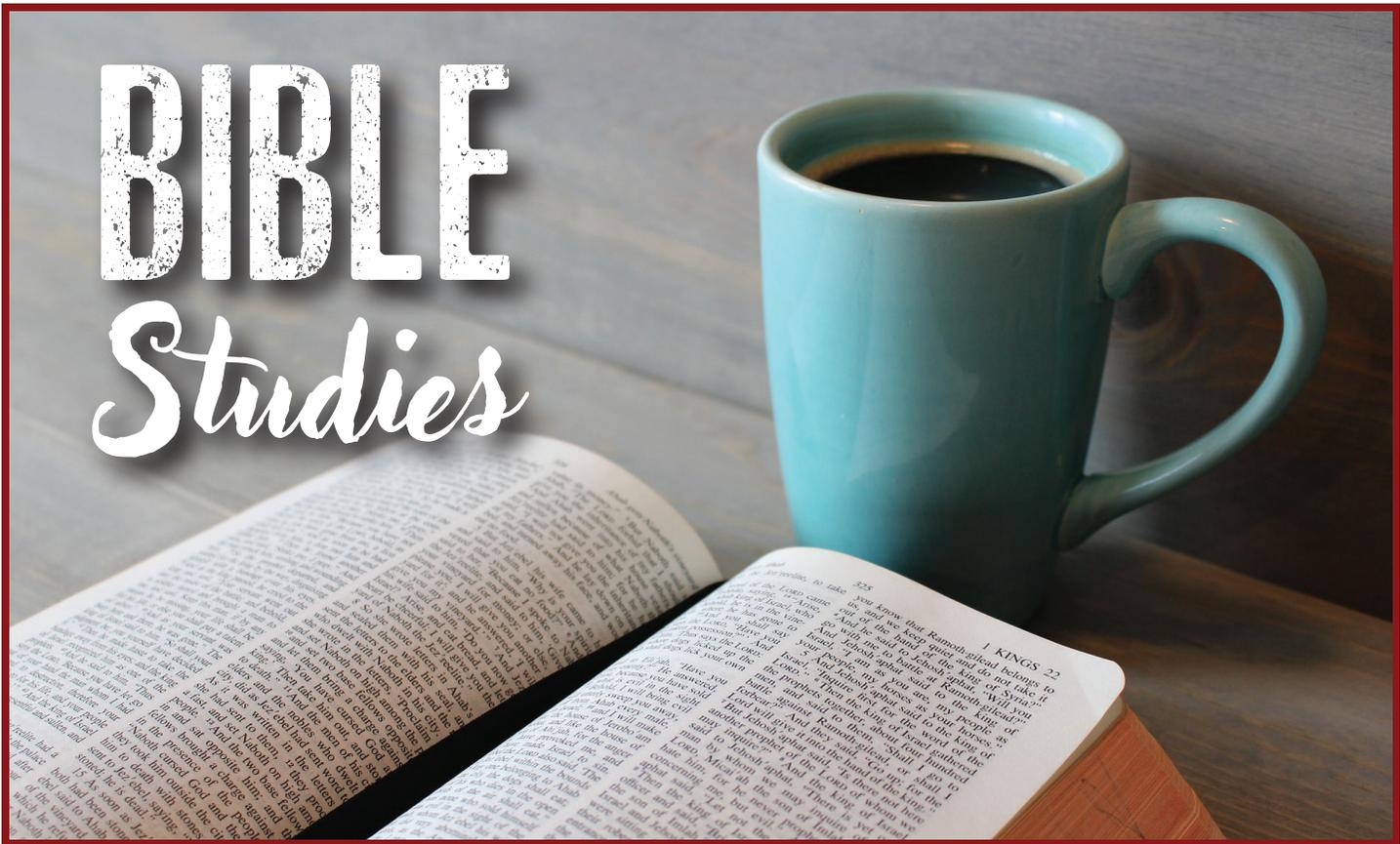
In the good news department, let's remember and give thanks that the organ work (almost \$25,000) has been completed without dipping into reserves. Most of the first batch of projects have also been completed. And we know that God will be faithful to see us through these needs as well!

Fr. Eric Turner, Rector

Sunday Ministries

Date	Sep 5	Sep 12 (Picnic)	Sep 19	Sep 26
10:00 am Rite II				
Greeters	D. Miller Caldwell A. Weeks	A. Weeks	J. Miller A. Weeks	S. & J. Davidson A. Weeks
Ushers	L. Fletcher J. Miller	K. Taff J. & S. Hamilton	S. & G. Bradley	J. & S. Hamilton
LEM	K. Oas	D. Miller Caldwell	R. Huffman	D. Miller Caldwell
Altar Guild	D. Miller Caldwell	L. Bennett	K. Oas	D. Miller Caldwell
Counter	K. Wilson	B. Kendall	S. & G. Bradley	K. Wilson
Audio/Visual	Lester Family	Lester Family	Lester Family	Lester Family
7:45 am Rite I				
LEM	No Service	No Service	R. Huffman	J. Bond

Date	Oct 3	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 31
10:00 am Rite II				
Greeters	D. Miller Caldwell A. Weeks	J. Miller A. Weeks	S. & J. Davidson	A. Weeks
Ushers	L. Fletcher J. Miller	S. & G. Bradley	J. & S. Hamilton	L. Fletcher J. Miller
LEM	K. Oas	D. Miller Caldwell	K. Oas	R. Huffman
Altar Guild	L. Bennet	D. Miller Caldwell	L. Bennett	K. Oas
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	B. Kendall	K. Wilson
Audio/Visual	Lester Family	Lester Family	Lester Family	Lester Family
7:45 am Rite I				
LEM	R. Huffman	J. Bond	R. Huffman	J. Bond



Guided by Scripture

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

Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at Fr. Eric's home (4581 Bellaluna Dr., West Melbourne), Contact Fr. Eric at 321-615-0205 for more information. **NOW ONLINE ONLY.** Email eric@stjohnsmblb.org for log in information.

Friday morning: TGIF – Men's breakfast and Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m. We are meeting in person at Niki's Family Restaurant, 6947 N. Wickham Road, just south of Suntree Blvd. 321-255-0817, also via zoom. In addition to solving all the world's problems, we are studying First Corinthians. TGIF will take a break in August and begin again September 10.

Adult Christian Education - Sunday morning Adult Christian Education gathers in person and via Zoom at 9 a.m. in the Chapel. We are studying the book of Proverbs: The Memes of the Old Testament! For the Zoom link, visit stjohnsmblb.org and click on Worship Live Stream or email office@stjohnsmblb.org. Adult Education will take a break in August and part of September resuming again on September 19.



September

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| Karin Kuhn – 09/04 | Brian Collins – 09/15 |
| Austin Stitzel – 09/06 | Andy Weeks – 09/16 |
| Tim Tuten – 09/10 | Gail Dunbar – 09/20 |
| Eloise Evans – 09/10 | Linda Miller – 09/23 |
| Christina Burleson – 09/15 | Paul Burleson – 09/27 |
| Cindy Tuten – 09/15 | Bill McDanel – 09/27 |

October

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| Steve Johnson – 10/05 | Vicki Crane – 10/22 |
| Grace Heusinkveld – 10/06 | Joan Roddan – 10/24 |
| Susan Badgio – 10/06 | Yvonne Hayes – 10/26 |
| Patty Stitzel – 10/06 | Jim Hester – 10/26 |
| Richard Huffman – 10/10 | Natalie Chartier – 10/26 |
| Catherine Saylor – 10/14 | Lacey Brotherton – 10/27 |
| Wally Burleson – 10/19 | Rudy Tuten – 10/28 |
| Jim Williams – 10/19 | Jim Windt – 10/31 |
| Justin Archey – 10/22 | |



September

- Bob & June Stitzel – 09/05
- Steve & Ginny Bradley – 9/11
- John & Trish Seymour – 9/12

October

None Known

