



ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November - December 2021

THE GOOD NEWS

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m. — Holy Eucharist Rite 1

9 a.m. — Adult Christian Education
(In-person and Zoom)

9 a.m. — Youth Christian Education
Parish Hall (In-person only)

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 - **SUSPENDED**

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. — Choir Practice in Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. — Bible Study led by Father Eric
(online) – email office@stjohnsmlb.org for
details

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. — TGIF (Men's Breakfast and Bible
study), La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora
Road, Melbourne. Email office@stjohnsmlb.org
for more information.

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A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

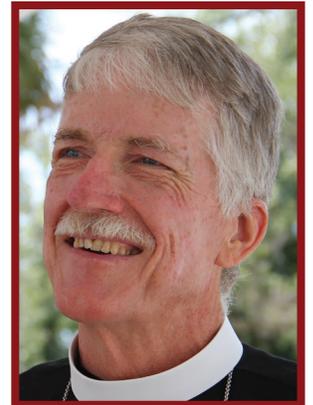
I've said many times that Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Don't get me wrong, I still think Christmas is great, and Easter. But Thanksgiving is my personal favorite. Why?

Christmas gets all clouded up with the retail hype, to the point that it nearly ruins the holiday for me. There's a piece of me that hopes that the growing supply chain issues threatening this year's retail frenzy will cause us to re-evaluate what really matters at Christmas. Maybe we'll have a cultural Grinch moment:

"It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."
(Dr. Seuss, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas")

What if, just once, we fast from presents and just celebrate Jesus together? (I'm ducking for cover now...) Experience has taught me that greed and secularism will always rear their ugly heads, but I still will dream and pray.

Easter is the center of our faith. Ours is truly an Easter faith – without the resurrection, there would be no Christian faith, and Jesus would be just another tantalizing teacher relegated to the dust bin of history. But Easter, too, gets clouded with so many extraneous things. New outfits, eggs, bunnies, so many services to do that I can't keep count.



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But, ahh, Thanksgiving. A time to gather quietly with family and loved ones. No expectation of gifts beyond hospitality and love. The biggest pressure is which set of in-laws do we spend the holiday with. Thanksgiving allows us to gather with family and loved ones with no agenda other than one another, and I relish that.

For reasons that remain a mystery to me, Thanksgiving remains relatively unencumbered by the secular accretions that attach to specifically Christian holidays. Perhaps the vagueness of its religious roots relieves people of the need to secularize it. Thanksgiving's actual roots are in the Puritan pilgrims who wanted to take an opportunity to give thanks to Almighty God for delivering them safely to these shores where they could practice their particular brand of Christian faith without interference. But its roots are not specifically Biblical and are certainly non-sectarian — people of all faiths, or none, seem to understand the value of pausing to thank God, or Divine Providence (as the Founding Fathers often said) or even just one another, for the goodness and blessings in life.

While on the subject of giving thanks, let me add two thanksgivings here in the community of St. John's. First, our fall stewardship campaign is now underway and November 7 is Pledge Sunday. I am thankful to be part of a church family that stretches and gives and even when we have faced tight years, God has been faithful through you to meet our needs. Even through this pandemic, your faithfulness has held up. I am confident that through your generosity, He will meet our needs again!

Second, I am thankful for the grace with which St. John's has weathered this pandemic. Changes, unpredictability, equipment and online challenges, separation and more have made this a difficult season but with grace and generosity, we have weathered the storm. Thank you!

As we approach Thanksgiving, give thanks for the opportunity just to give thanks. And, maybe, try looking up someone who has meant something to you, and thank them for it. Then remember to thank the one who made both you and them!

In Christ,
Fr. Eric Turner
Rector

Church Office Closed

November 25 & 26, December 24 & 31.



"Good News" Jan - Feb 2022 Schedule & Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of "The Good News" (January – February, 2022) will be Tuesday, December 14. Please email (preferred) your submissions to office@stjohnsmlb.org or get them to the church office by December 14, 2021.

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.

Thanks to All!

We had a great clean up day on Saturday, Oct. 23 that would not have been possible without all the hands to help!

A WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

Worship and Picnics in the Park!

November 14, the 10:00 a.m. worship service will be held in the park, followed by a picnic if COVID protocols allow. We look forward to a lot of fun getting together! We also hope this will be an opportunity to invite new people to St. John's!

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Seaside Stitchers

The Stitchers continue to make the beautiful Christmas stockings that will be distributed this year to veterans and many local organizations such as Vitas.



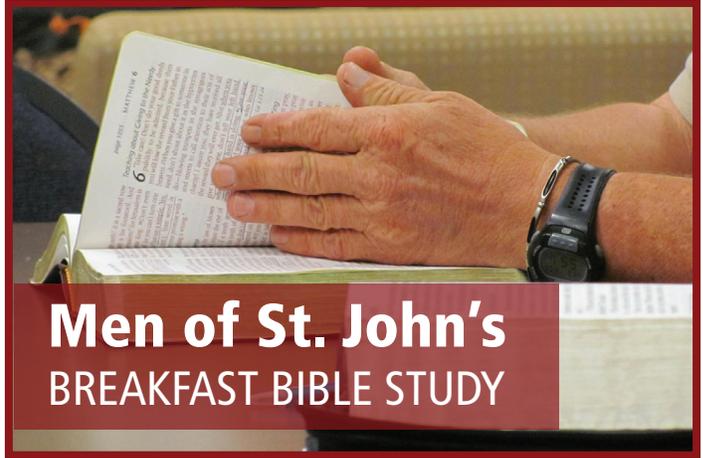
Christmas Stockings 2



Christmas Stockings 3

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).

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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 La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne. We will continue our study of 1 Corinthians.



FAMILY DINNER NIGHT

Family Dinner Night will resume in January. Join us for Picnic in the Park November 14 immediately following worship in the park, and watch for a Family Dinner Night in January. In December, we will have an Open House at the Turner's home on Dec. 12 and, hopefully, our Christmas Brunch on Dec. 19 (if the COVID guidelines change to allow such an event).

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!



Muffins and Mimosas!

This fund raiser for Solar Light for Africa allows you to get a jump on the holidays (no supply chain issues!) with creative, one of a kind, handmade crafts from Africa! 9 a.m. – noon, Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Turner's home: 4581 Bellaluna Dr., Melbourne 32904.

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@stjohnsmblb.org or call 321-254-3365.

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-evaluating 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



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, (Nov 4 and Dec. 2, 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.

SHARING HIS LOVE

Outreach Focus

NOVEMBER

The Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry, Melbourne will receive the outreach support in November. The food pantry located on Ferndale Avenue, Melbourne, is able to serve the needs of the community in our own backyard with the help of generous donations of food and money to make an immediate and important impact on families in need. Over the years the food pantry has gained the reputation for building relationships with the recipients through prayer and a concern for their well-being. Trained volunteers inquire of the recipients needs and offer support, nutritional advice, and counselling.

While The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) serves the pantry, additional foods are purchased, or donated. With the help of a few regular contributors this small food pantry is able to assist many people. The pantry is open every Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm with the desire to open on Fridays, which will happen as the contributions to this ministry increase. For more information visit their website at wholenesstofreedom.org.

DECEMBER

The outreach focus for December is Pregnancy Resources. This ministry seeks to assist women and men in situations of an unwanted or crisis pregnancy with options and loving support. For more information, visit their website at pregnancyresourcesmelbourne.com. Contributions marked outreach will go directly to Pregnancy Resources.

GROWING SERVANTS OF CHRIST

Vestry Membership

We are gathering names and recruiting candidates to stand for election to the vestry at the parish meeting in late January, 2021. A list of possible candidates is being gathered. If you would like to serve, or would like to nominate someone, please contact Linda Fletcher, Sr. Warden, at 321-704-7100 or lcalvert1956@yahoo.com.

Rocky Water BrewFest

After taking a year off, Fr. Eric's Rotary Club (Eau Gallie Rotary) is again putting on the Rocky Water BrewFest in Eau Gallie Square on Saturday, Nov. 13, noon to 5 p.m. There will be food trucks, live entertainment and over 40 central Florida breweries sampling their wares. More information and tickets are available online at rockywaterbrewfest.com or from Fr. Eric.

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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

Memes of the Old Testament

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.

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Hispanic Outreach

After many delays in getting started in the midst of a pandemic, we finally launched our first Spanish language service on July 17. The plan was to have a service on the first and third Sundays of each month, eventually adding more services and programs. Since that time, due to illnesses, COVID exposures, and other problems, there have been four services and we have missed three. This season continues to present challenges in getting this going.

It is Canon Luis' opinion that the wiser course at this point would be to step back from regular services and target January 2022 to re-evaluate and try to get something going. While I am saddened that this has not taken off, I agree with Canon Luis' assessment of where we are now.

Please continue to pray for this outreach and look for news in January!

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We would like to do a targeted approach to our Thanksgiving Basket outreach this year. If you know of someone, an individual or family, that could benefit from some assistance this year please call or email me. I need a delivery address, contact number and family size. This information is kept strictly confidential. We will put donation sheets out in early November when we have a basket count. If you would like to add something to the baskets you will have the opportunity at that time.

The Outreach committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. 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.

GROWING SERVANTS OF CHRIST

Converge: Our Joint Youth Ministry

SUSPENDED DURING PANDEMIC

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Daughters of the King

Please Help Daughters of the King fill the New Life Mission table in the parish hall with non-food items.



Those most urgently needed items are diapers and wipes, no-tears shampoo, laundry pods, adult shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, bath soap, feminine products (discretely wrapped), tooth brushes, toothpaste. **You get the picture!**

New Life Mission would welcome the following items for the children; children's religious books, games, and educational items.

Gift cards would also be most welcome. Quite a few of us receive gift cards that we do not use, offer it to New Life Mission. Cards could include, but not limited to Publix, Wynn Dixie, and Walmart. If you do provide a gift card, please take it to the St. John's office and a Daughter will deliver it to New Life.

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.

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

A WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

Worship Volunteers

Worship Volunteers are 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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Family Promise of Brevard

Family Promise Shelter Status:



The annual FPOB Golf Tournament is scheduled for November 5 and 6. If you would like to play, please notify me and I will ensure you have a tee time with the St. John's group.

This year's FPOB Golf Ball Drop is scheduled for November 6th. Whether you are a golfer or not or unable to attend, you can still participate. This is an easy way to make a contribution to Family Promise and you might win! Details on how to enter may be found on the Family Promise website familypromiseofbrevard.org. Alternatively, flyers have been placed in the parish hall.

Family Promise is collecting household items for needy families they are working with and is an excellent opportunity for us to support Family Promise programs.

If you would like to support this effort, drop off your gifts in the parish hall by Thursday, November 18, and St. John's will deliver; or you may go to Amazon Smile to find a complete list of items which you can purchase and ship automatically to the FPOB Resource Center: 3505 Murrell Rockledge FL 32955. By so doing, you also automatically contribute a percentage of the purchase to FPOB at no cost to you!

High Need items include: Toilet paper multi-packs, Paper Towels multi-packs, Kitchen linens (kitchen towels, pot holders, wash cloths), Bath towel sets (bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths), Beverage sets (mugs and glassware – plastic OK), Storage bags and containers (eg Ziploc), 13 gallon trash can liners, Mattress pads (twin, full, queen), Sheet sets (twin and queen), Heavy duty rectangular laundry baskets.

Other items needed include: body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shower curtain liners and hooks, bath rugs, kitchen trash bins.

We are expecting to start the Family Promise hosting program soon. We are on standby, but don't let your guard down. Captains, please keep working as needed, and be ready.

Please consider donating to the Annual Appeal, and do volunteer for our FP shelter program. There is something for everyone. You may contact me or Ben Kendall.

God Bless, Lee Steininger, Family Promise Coordinator. 321 773-7242 leestein645@aol.com.

Gifts From the Heart Christmas Shop



Gifts from the Heart
Christmas Shop

This year, ten local nonprofit organizations - Neighbor Up Brevard, Club Esteem, Love INC, Family Promise of Brevard, Community of Hope, Eckerd Connects, New Life Mission, Habitat for Humanity of Brevard, Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida-Cocoa Branch, and Women's Center of Brevard - are partnering to make possible an innovative alternative Christmas experience for the families in their respective programs. It's called Gifts from the Heart (GFTH) Christmas Shop and its purpose is to affirm the dignity of those parents by offering them the opportunity to purchase gifts for their children at a dramatically reduced and affordable cost. Instead of watching while their children are given presents by others, the parents are given a "hand-up" to purchase gifts on their own. A parent may purchase up to 3 toys/child at one of two GFTH locations, one in Eau Gallie and another in Rockledge. Both host locations are churches.

GFTH needs your help. The Shop opens on December 4th and almost 3,000 new toys are needed before that time for the over 900 children served by the ten partnering organizations. St. John's will be sponsoring a "Giving Tree" again this year with ornaments suggesting a particular gift. The ornaments will be available at coffee hour after the 10:00am service during the month of November.

For those who are not attending church in person, please consider donating toys via their online gift registries at Amazon.com or Target or Walmart. The best way to access the links is via their website at www.giftsfromtheheartshop.org under the "How to Help" page. They are also looking for volunteers to help stock shelves, assist customers, and wrap gifts. If you have any questions please contact Susan Badgio at 321-446-4266 or badgio99@gmail.com. Thank you for your support and generosity!

A Message from the Treasurer

Why Pay Taxes? IRA's and Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

The IRS requires anyone over 72 (or if you turned 70 1/2 in 2019) to make a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their tax-deferred retirement account each year. You can satisfy your RMD requirement and contribute to St. John's from your IRA, and that amount will not count towards your taxable income for the year! St. John's benefits by receiving your contribution tax free and you won't have to report that contribution as income and therefore subject to paying taxes. Contact your financial institution for details or St. John's treasurer, Steve Bradley, for assistance.

Understanding Your Pledge Fulfillment

Over the years the vestry has stated the importance of pledging. Your pledge is a building block that enables St. John's to build an Operating Budget for the year. There are several things to consider on how your pledge can be fulfilled.

St. John's has two bank accounts; one for the Operating account and the other for the Restricted account. All of your contributions to the Restricted account such as Memorials, Memorial Gardens, Capital improvements, Outreach, SLA, Flowers, Organ fund, Altar Guild, and Clergy discretionary do not count toward your Pledge for the Operating account. That is why we request you prepare a separate check for those items and indicate on the check memo line your specific category you are contributing too.

All of your offerings within your pledge envelope support the church Operating account and are applied to fulfilling your pledge. However, it should be noted that within your envelope pledge box there are envelopes for special days (Pentecost, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas). These are considered additional giving to the church and are not applied against your Pledge.

To help our bookkeeper and counters remember not to write one check that covers Operating contributions and a Restricted category. Your check can only be deposited into one bank account. The counters have been instructed to deposit any multiple offerings into the Operating Account. Thanks for your continued support of St. John's!

Steve Bradley - Treasurer

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Stewardship

Addiction or Joy?

About half of Jesus' parables were about money, either directly or indirectly. This is not because Jesus is obsessed with money, but because He knows we are.

Frankly, I'd love it if we didn't have to deal with money issues. But, alas, we must. In today's world, just about everything takes money. And when you are dealing with property, buildings, staff, etc., money is always an issue.

Money can be a joy as it gives us the opportunity to give generously and support things that we value. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" isn't just a nice saying to get you to open your wallet – it is a profound truth. The more we live generously, the happier and more satisfied we become. Giving generously actually changes us. God has wired us this way and it is part of what it means to be created in the image of God – an utterly self-giving God.

The plain truth is that most of us are addicted to stuff. It may be a little or it may be a lot, but we are addicted to it and most of us spend most of our time wanting more. I often think that this is more like a food addiction than a drug addiction. When facing a drug or tobacco addiction, we can avoid it completely, change social circles, and avoid environments where we are tempted. But we can't avoid food. We must eat, so we need to learn healthier habits rather than abstinence and learning new habits can be much more difficult than gritting our teeth in abstinence. So it is with money. Unless you plan to move to the wilderness somewhere and live completely off the land and off the grid, you need to continue to deal with money, hopefully finding healthier ways.

My friend, and the Bishop who ordained me, once wrote a short pamphlet called "Tithing: A Habit to Mend the Heart." Sadly, it is out of print, so I can't share it with you. His point was that the Lord does not call us to give because He needs our money. He calls us to give because it is the only antidote to the hold that money has on our hearts, and on our souls. Giving turns the heart toward God. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21, Luke 12:34)

The pandemic has forced many of us to re-evaluate our priorities. Our political unrest has likewise forced us to think more. Pray that at this time, God would help you to re-order your priorities regarding your finances. Listen to His voice of where He might have you break the addictive hold that stuff may have on you. More importantly, look for the places where you can find joy in giving generously. Our God has wired us for generosity and the more we are able to move in that direction, the more we will become the people He intends us to be!

**In Christ,
Fr. Eric Turner
Rector**

Why I Pledge and Fulfill my Pledge to St. John's

by Katie Codlin-Wilson

If I went to the grocery store, picked up items and presented to checkout with an amount I would pledge to pay, that grocery store would invite me to leave. If we all shopped this way at the grocery store, that store would go out of business. My beloved St. John's Episcopal Church has expenses to cover, regardless of whether I pledge and fulfill or not. When I reflect on all of God's gifts to me over this past year, I know my participation in St. John's has helped me recognize and utilize those gifts. So it makes sense that I support St. John's through pledging and fulfilling my pledge so God's gifts can be reached by others who search.

Here is my 'St. John's Grocery List' fulfilled over this past year:

- Improved Bible reading and comprehension skills
- Spiritual support during darkest days of Covid
- Ongoing growth in being a Christian and all that entails
- Improved listening and response to calls to serve
- Learning to look for Jesus in others in spite of myself
- Pastoral guidance during a personal crisis
- Immeasurable benefits of working side-by-side with persons of faith
- Sharing faith with and learning from St. John's youths
- Growth results from worshipping with a community

Worth the pledge I made in 2021? Absolutely! And I'm ready and willing to invest in 2022.



Why We Chose St. John's

by Jamie Hamilton and Shannon Brooks-Hamilton

Jamie and I have moved several times in the last six years and have been part of several Episcopal churches in the process. From a small mission to a large cathedral, we've experienced quite a range of church sizes and cultures. Through this, we have learned that the best church experience for us is about the people, the clergy, and worshipping and serving together.

We now know without a doubt that it is not about the size of the church, the beauty of historic buildings, or new heights of ceremony. When we moved to Melbourne last year during the pandemic, we started with the outdoor services at St. John's and really appreciated the opportunity to worship in person when most churches only offered services online. We also got so much out of the sermons from Fr. Eric, and we both really liked how accessible and down to earth he was. This was especially meaningful for us with all the stress and unknowns that came with the pandemic and being new to the area.

We have chosen to continue with St. John's because that initial impression was very positive and has only increased over the last year. As we've been able to attend in person services this year, we've felt very welcomed by everyone and immediately part of this warm, tight knit community. We are deeply thankful for the friendly people, the poignant sermons, the meaningful services, the talented choir, and the opportunities to participate in the church and community outreach.

While keeping in mind that it's not about buildings, we do appreciate that St. John's is a very lovely and historic church. The stained-glass window that features a spacecraft is also a bonus point.

If you have not already mailed your pledge card please bring it to church on Pledge Sunday, November 7th.

Vestry Notes

Thursday, September 16, 2021 and Thursday, October 21, 2021

The Vestry met on September 16 in person and virtually via Zoom. Business was discussed and documented but with no quorum, no Vestry votes were cast. The August 2021 financials were reviewed and discussed. A bequest of \$70,458 has been received from the estate of Jean Hutton. This will be placed in the restricted account and not used for regular operating expenses. The Junior Warden outline anticipated and completed projects. A Yard Workday is scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd. Work on the St. Nick's roof is expected to begin mid-to-late November. Recruitment is underway for 2022 Vestry members and Diocesan Convention Delegates. The Diocesan Convention to be held January 28-29, 2022 in Daytona Beach.

The Vestry met on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Financials for August and September were reviewed and accepted. Steve Bradley also presented the first draft of a preliminary 2022 budget, answered questions, and discussed budget assumptions. Kathy Oas presented information related to tree removal in the area of the organ pipe room and St. Nick house. Funds from the Hutton bequest were approved to be transferred to Capitol Reserve to cover the cost of the east side sanctuary AC, along with up to \$4800 for tree removal and trimming in preparation for the new roof on St. Nick House. Recruitment for 2022 Vestry members and Diocesan Convention Delegates continues. Fr. Eric presented information related to the Bequest and Endowment Fund, including rollout timing and strategy.

	August 2021 Budget	August 2021 Actual	2021 YTD Actual
Income	\$ 19,020	\$ 17,921	\$ 139,933
Expenses	\$ 23,058	\$ 25,050	\$ 150,055
Net	-- \$ 4,028	-- \$ 7,129	- \$ 10,122

	September 2021 Budget	September 2021 Actual	2021 YTD Actual
Income	\$ 18,020	\$ 17,481	\$ 157,415
Expenses	\$ 16,779	\$ 15,069	\$ 125,005
Net	\$ 1,241	\$ 2,412	-- \$ 7,711

BIRTHDAYS

November

- Elizabeth Murray – 11/02
- Sarah Kendall – 11/06
- Roberta Ardinger-Smith – 11/07
- Lee Steininger – 11/08
- Jimbo Windt – 11/11
- Sara Roley – 11/14
- Ellen Huffman – 11/14
- Terry Highland – 11/20
- Megan Hambel 11/27
- Debbie Campbell – 11/28
- Patti Coleman – 11/30

December

- Joe McLaughlin – 12/01
- Eric Turner – 12/09
- Brenda Williams - 12/09
- Charlene Turner - 12/10
- Barbara Holiday – 12/12
- Baily Oas – 12/14
- Edie Bennett - 12/20
- Sharen Tuten – 12/24
- John Seymour – 12/30

ANNIVERSARIES

November

- David & Lesa Kaleel – 11/07
- Bill & Ruth Renner – 11/22
- John & Patti Coleman – 11/28

December

- Robert & Franny Boersma – 12/15
- Eric & Charlene Turner – 12/15
- Paul & Lorraine Burleson – 12/19
- Hasty & Julie Miller – 12/23
- Randy & Eloise Evans – 12/27
- Bill & Teresa Chernault – 12/30

A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY



We will have Thanksgiving Worship on Thanksgiving Day, November 25 at 10 a.m. The service will be In-Person and Livestreamed. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Livestream the week of the service for the Livestream link.



Festival Christmas Celebration will be Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 at 8 p.m. We are planning a Brass Choir of Christmas Carols in the Park at 7 p.m.!

The service will be In-Person and Livestreamed. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Livestream the week of the service for the Livestream link.

Christmas Day Celebration will be at 11 a.m. Please be aware that this service will be In-Person only.

Since Christmas Eve is Friday and Christmas Day is Saturday, there will be no 7:45 a.m. service on Sunday, December 26. The 7:45 a.m. service will return on Jan. 2, 2022.

Christmas Open House At the Turner's



Will be Sunday, Dec. 12, 4 – 7 p.m.
4581 Bellaluna Dr., Melbourne 32904
Come and bring a friend!



Christmas Brunch

TENTATIVELY planned for Sunday, Dec. 19, immediately following the 10 a.m. service.

At this time, the Diocesan COVID rules do not allow this type of food service, but we are hopeful that will change in time for this annual favorite!

Sunday Ministries

Date	Nov 7	Nov 15	Nov 21	Nov 25	Nov 28
10:00 am Rite II					
Greeters	D. Miller Caldwell A. Weeks	A. Weeks	J. Miller A. Weeks	A. Weeks	J. Davidson
Ushers	B. Chernault	L. Fletcher J. Miller	J. & S. Hamilton	TBD	B. Chernault
LEM	J. Hamilton	K. Oas	D. Miller-Caldwell	R. Huffman	J. Hamilton
Altar Guild	D. Miller Caldwell	L. Bennett	K. Oas	TBD	D. Miller-Caldwell
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
Audio/Visual	Lester Family		Lester Family		Lester Family
7:45 am Rite I					
LEM	R. Huffman	B. Kendall	R. Huffman		B. Kendall

Date	Dec 5	Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 24	Dec 25	Dec 26	Jan 2
10:00 am Rite II							
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	TBD	A. Weeks D. Miller-Caldwell
Ushers	L. Fletcher J. Miller	J. & S. Hamilton	B. Chernault	L. Fletcher J. Miller B. Chernault	TBD	TBD	L. Fletcher J. Miller
LEM	D. Miller-Caldwell	J. Bond	K. Oas	D. Miller-Caldwell	J. Bond	J. Hamilton	K. Oas
Altar Guild	L. Bennet	K. Oas	D. Miller-Caldwell	TBD	TBD	L. Bennett	D. Miller-Caldwell
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson			K. Wilson	K. Wilson
Audio/Visual	Lester Family	Lester Family	Lester Family	Lester Family	Lester Family		Lester Family
7:45 am Rite I							
LEM	R. Huffman	B. Kendall	R. Huffman				R. Huffman

BIBLE

Studies



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@stjohnsmlb.org for log in information. No study on November 24, December 22 or 29.

Friday morning: TGIF – Men's breakfast and Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m. We are meeting in person at The Old Village Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd. In addition to solving all the world's problems, we are studying First Corinthians. TGIF will not meet on November 26, December 24 or 31.

Adult Christian Education - Sunday morning Adult Christian Education gathers in person and via Zoom at 9 a.m. in the Chapel. The Memes of the Old Testament! For the Zoom link, visit stjohnsmlnb.org and click on Worship Live Stream or email office@stjohnsmlb.org. No Christian Education on November 28, December 17, 26 or January 2, 2022.

Advent Quiet Morning - The Rev. Susan Davidson will again lead an Advent Quiet Morning on Saturday, Dec. 11, 9 a.m. to noon. Take a moment to step away from the Advent business and re-center! The theme will be "Always We Begin Again." The morning will be available via Zoom, but for the full experience, we encourage everyone to come in-person. We can spread out well in the Sanctuary!

Nov 2.....Outreach Meeting 7 p.m.
 Nov 4..... Leadership Training, 7 p.m.
 Nov 7..... Stewardship Pledge Sunday. Daughters of the King 12:00 p.m.
 Nov 14..... Worship in the Park and Picnic, 10 a.m.
 Nov 18..... Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m.
 Nov 25.....Thanksgiving Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Dec 2 Leadership Training, 7 p.m.
 Dec 5 Daughters of the King, 12:00 p.m.
 Dec 7 Outreach Meeting, 7 p.m.
 Dec 12 Worship in the Park and Picnic, 10 a.m.
 Dec 16 Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m.
 Dec 24 Christmas Eve Brass Choir of Christmas Carols in the park, 7:00 p.m.
 Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 8:00 p.m., Sanctuary.
 Dec 25 Christmas Day Celebration, 11:00 a.m.
 There will be no 7:45 service on Sunday, December 26. This service will return Jan 2.

ZOOM and Livestream Links: All Zoom meeting and Livestream event links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar or by sending an email to office@stjohnsmlb.org.



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