

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE GOOD NEWS

September - October 2023

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Adult and Youth Christian Education, returns Sept. 10th

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(In-Person and Livestream)

Visit StJohnsMLB.org for links and more information

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. AA meeting in Parish Hall

TUESDAY

5:30 p.m. Cub Scouts in Hall

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Hall

WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff meeting in Rector's office

7:00 p.m. AA meeting in Parish Hall

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. TGIF (Men's Breakfast and Bible study), La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Road, Melbourne

A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

How does your Christian walk fit into your calendar? We may say, "I am a Christian and that is my top priority, but actually grafting that into our calendar in a way that brings about discipleship and change is a different matter.

Before anything else, we are Christians united as the Body of Christ. We are not simply a community service club or a purveyor of religious services. We are nothing less than the continuing life and work of Jesus Christ in the world. That is both awesome and humbling.

The longer I've been about this Christian thing, living, preaching and teaching the faith, the more I see that Jesus did not come to make individual Christians. He came to birth the Body of Christ. We are nothing apart from the Body. When we gather, we are not just a group of individuals supporting each other in a religious venture. We are a Body.

Members are those who seek to be a part of that Body by following Christ and being a part of His ongoing work and presence in the world. We initiate that commitment in Baptism, affirm it for ourselves in Confirmation, and nourish it in the Eucharist. These sacraments are critically important for us but they do not make is Christian. These sacraments – places where God promises to meet us – must translate into daily life.

Members of St. John's are part of this particular branch of the Body of Christ, part of the Diocese of Central Florida, the Episcopal Church in the USA and the world-wide Anglican Communion.

What is expected of members? It is expected that members are active followers of Jesus Christ, seeking to know and follow Him in worship as the Body, in private and corporate prayer, in the regular study of Scripture, in



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in the regular worship life of the congregation (generally this means Sunday worship), they participate in the ongoing life of the church beyond Sunday morning (just coming to church is not enough for a healthy Christian life!), and they contribute to the needs of the body in the stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

There is no set formula for how each person must work this out, but these are, I think, the essential elements of a healthy Christian life in this parish family. I'd be happy to talk with anyone about working these elements into your life!

See you Sunday!

In Christ,

Fr. Eric Turner
Rector



“Good News” November - December 2023 Schedule & Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of “The Good News” (November - December 2023) will be **Tuesday, October 10**. Please email or delivery your submissions to office@stjohnsmlb.org by **October 10, 2023**.

Tapping the Big Questions

Will continue to discuss the BIG questions the first Tuesday of each month 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Intracoastal Brewery, Eau Gallie.

Come on out and bring a friend!



Realm: Church Database Online

The first round of emails inviting members to log in and create an account on Realm, our church database have gone out. If you did not receive one, and believe that you should have, please contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

Once you have done that logged in, find someone you've wanted to get to know better and invite them for coffee, or beer, or whatever suits you!

While The Good News online version is emailed through Realm, it is actually stored on the church website, NOT in Realm. If you don't have the printed copy handy, you can always access The Good News by going to stjohnsmlb.org, point to About and click on Church Newsletters.

The church calendar is also maintained on the church website, NOT on Realm. We use Google Calendars and it can be viewed by going to stjohnsmlb.org and clicking on the Calendar link. You may see some calendar items on Realm, but these are NOT up to date. The best information is always at stjohnsmlb.org.

This is an issue that has been quite frustrating with Realm. The security for Realm is very tight, but that means that Realm cannot read our calendar information from Google Calendars, nor can we use

Realm: Church Database Online (con't)

the Realm calendar and have that available on the website. We have been told that they are working on a fix for this, but in the meantime, always check stjohnsmlb.org for calendar updates.

You can also access the database on your phone using the app Realm Connect (available for iPhone and Android). You'll use the same username and password that you created for Realm.

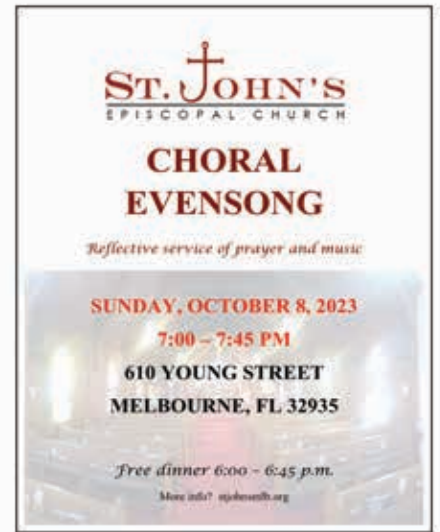
Please address any questions to office@stjohnsmlb.org.

St. John's 2023-2024 Series

We will open the concert series with Choral Evensong on Sunday, October 8. Dinner for all (our treat!) at 6 p.m. and the service beginning at 7 p.m. We will again be inviting members of choirs, organists, and instrumentalists from our area to join us for a time of introspection, quiet rejoicing, and spiritual involvement.

Please help us spread the word about these (invite your neighbors and especially your unchurched friends) and plan to join us. We think you'll be glad you did!

November 12, we welcome the Penny Creek Band (a great local bluegrass band). We are very excited for their return as they were our best attended event last year. As always, St. John's will feed your body, and then your soul. Come and enjoy, and don't forget to bring a friend.



Loaning of Church Items

If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, 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 Debra at farxpert@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

A Worshiping Community

Choir at St John's

This beginning choir season marks by 68th year as an organist/choirmaster. In that time I have learned that most of us become contemptuous of things that are continuously repeated. Our Episcopal liturgy, surely one of the great treasures that we have had bequeathed to us from our forebearers, is cleverly designed so that some of it is constantly repeated and other parts change frequently.

We call these two divisions the Ordinary and the Proper of the mass. The Ordinary consists of those texts that never (or only with the seasons) change while the Propers are those texts which change each Sunday. Much of the Ordinary has traditionally been sung: the Kyrie eleison (the only Greek text, which Rite II mostly uses in Lent), the Gloria in Excelsis (omitted in Lent), The Sanctus and Benedictus, and the Agnus Dei. Each of these have hundreds if not thousands of musical settings from the extremely simple to the highly complex. There are multiple settings of the Creed, but because of the length of this text it is not often sung by congregations.

The Propers are divided into two groups: the Major Propers, which include the readings we do from the Old Testament, the Epistles, the Gospel, and the Psalm, and the Minor Propers, brief scriptural sentences which introduce various parts of the service and which we do not use. These change every Sunday.

In almost every parish I've served in those 67 years, it has been the custom to vary the musical settings of the Ordinary by the season of the Church Year. We are now in what is called "Ordinary Time"—the Sundays following Pentecost up to the beginning of the new Church Year with the first Sunday of Advent.

With the re-arrival of our choir it's possible for us to change the musical settings, and we will do so, including our learning a new setting of the Gloria in excelsis beginning probably in mid-September. Any kind of change will upset some, and there will be questions of "why do we have to learn something new?" The answer is simple: it helps to keep these important texts fresh. Every setting we have used in the past was "new" at some time—and probably complained about. In this new day at St. John's let us "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful." (Psalm 149)

Worship Volunteers

Worship volunteers are needed for a variety of roles at the Sunday services.

We will train you! All that is needed is a willing heart. Prayerfully consider one or more of the following ministries.

- **Ushers and Greeters:** to welcome the Sunday worshippers.
- **LEM'S and Lay Readers:** needed to read lessons and assist with Communion.
- **A/V & Livestream:** to run our sound and livestream systems. Only moderate comfort with a computer is required.
- **Altar Guild:** the parish ministry that cares for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish.

Please contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org for more information, or any volunteer serving on Sunday.



Guided by Scripture

Daughters of the King

The St. John's chapter of Daughters of the King serve the church and the community and would welcome you to join the organization. If you are interested, we invite you to attend our meetings held the first Sunday of the month. Speak with Mary Highland, President, or any daughter with your questions.



A prayer request box is available in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. The Daughters have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. All prayer requests are strictly confidential, and we, as Daughters, honor that confidentiality.

Our very own St. John's Daughters of the King Chaplain, Fr. Terry Highland has been nominated to be the next Diocesan DOK Chaplain. Bishop Holcombe has accepted the nomination and Terry will be installed at the Fall Assembly on Saturday, September 9 at the Canterbury Retreat in Oviedo.

Prayer is available at the altar after Sunday service. If you need prayer, we encourage you to come to the altar. If anyone in the congregation would like to be an intercessor in prayer at the altar after the service, please see Mary Highland.

Men of St. John's



TGIF, our men's breakfast and Bible study gathers every Friday, 8 a.m. at La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, Aurora Rd. TGIF will continue through the summer.

Adult and Youth Christian Education

Adult Christian Education will return September 10, 9 a.m., in the Parish Hall. We are studying the epistles of John. These give us a slightly different insight into the writer to whom much of the New Testament is attributed and who has had a great influence on the theology of the church for over two millennia.

Youth Christian Education will return in the Chapel on September 10 at 9 a.m.

Outreach Focus – Sharing His Love

September



The Children's Hunger Project is the focus for the month of September, feeding Brevard's Most Vulnerable Children. 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. The pre-packaged meals require no cooking and are distributed directly into qualifying elementary aged student's backpacks as determined by the teacher. For more information visit TheChildrensHungerProject.org.

Outreach Meetings and 2024

The Outreach Team will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. by Zoom. Visit the church calendar at stjohnsmlb.org for the link, or email the office and we will send you the link.

The Outreach Team is beginning to look at our monthly Outreach Focus for 2024. If you have a recommendation for us to consider, please send whatever info might be helpful to office@stjohnsmlb.org. Thanks for your input!

Family Promise

From St. John's Family

Promise of Brevard

Coordinators:



As this article is being written, St. John's August FPOB hosting is underway. We have three families composed of 4 adults, 7 children, and 2 infants for a total of 13 guests. This is maximum capacity for St. John's! We also learned that all Family Promise of Brevard programs are at full capacity – clearly meeting a need in our community.

St. John's successful hosting is defined by leniency, cooperation, involvement, compromise, and hard work performed by our ministries, teams, and individuals. We have it all and more!

From co-coordinators Linda Fletcher and Ben Kendall, and from Captains Gail Dunbar and Sarah Kendall, we extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to:

- The Junior and Senior Warden

October



New Life Mission

is the focus for October. They work to permanently break the generational cycle of homelessness by providing homeless women and their children housing, access to health care, child care, counseling, transportation, education, nutrition, job training, and life skills education in a safe setting. They recently established the New Life Village in Melbourne which will eventually serve 100 families in a safe environment carrying them from homelessness to self-sufficiency. For more information on this organization please visit NewLifeMission.org.

Daily Bread



St. John's has served Daily Bread for many years but we are having difficulty supplying the requested number of servers each month. If we are unable to recruit additional helpers for this great cause

we may need to consider stepping down. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church in September, we hope you will consider Daily Bread and join the team. The upcoming duty days are September 12, and October 10 & 29 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. To volunteer please contact Jackie Bond at jbfromgb58@gmail.com.

Outreach Focus – Sharing His Love

Family Promise (con't)

- The Heavenly Helpers (10 volunteers plus Boy Scouts)
- Saturday Sitters (8 volunteers)
- Overnight Hosts (11 volunteers)
- The Daughters of the King
- The Laundry Crew (2 volunteers)
- The Facilities Cleaning Crew (2)
- All who have had to be flexible (everyone!)

Our Family Promise team is in need of single bed sheets, wash-clothes, and hand towels; gently used is fine. There is a box in the Parish Hall, please place your items there.

Our next FPOB Hosting week is October 29 through November 5. Please reach out to Ben Kendall 832 229-0142 (cell), ben.kendall@gmail.com; or Linda Fletcher 321 704-7100 (cell), lcalvert1956@yahoo.com to join in this effort.

Solar Light for Africa's Summer Mission

We begin with a hearty "Thank you" to the people of St. John's! During May, when SLA was the Outreach Focus, along with some other gifts from members, St. John's has given \$6,127 to SLA's work. Thank you for your continued and generous support!



This year we lit a school for deaf children (and other handicaps) in Lira, northern Uganda. It is sponsored by the Ugandan Minister of Health, a Cabinet level post. "Dr. Jane" joined us at the sight, so there was much fanfare and press attention. We are planning more projects working with Dr. Jane in this area. One of our team members, Denise Dabrowski-Buchanan from Melbourne (a PE teacher at Melbourne High School), had raised a good bit of money in memory of Shaunti, a close friend of hers killed in an accident several months ago. That is what funded this larger installation and, at Dr. Jane's suggestion, the school's board renamed the school from "The Nancy School" to "The Nancy – Shaunti School!"

We also lit a remote primary school sponsored by Otino Waa, a large orphanage in Lira that operates several "satellite" schools in more remote areas and that we have worked with for many years.

Back in Kampala, we did three "slum schools" in very poor sections of Kampala. While technically supported by the government, these schools are woefully underfunded and cannot connect to the electrical grid as they would not have the money to pay the power bill. These lighted facilities become beacons of light and hope for their dark communities.



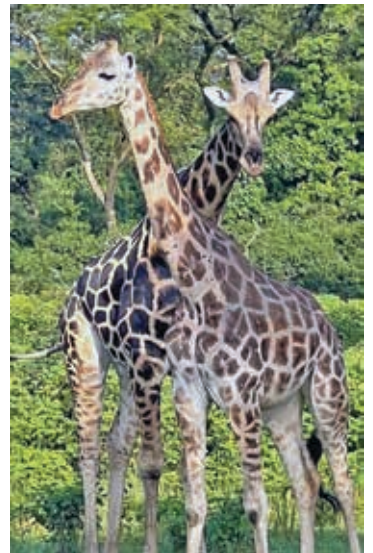
Outreach Focus – Sharing His Love

Solar Light for Africa's Summer Mission (con't)

Finally, while in Jinja (on the north shore of Lake Victoria) we lit teacher homes at two schools being renovated by Soft Power Education, a group based in England that we also work with regularly. Lighting teacher homes on the school sites helps them attract and retain good teachers.

Of course, we also saw sights, went on a game drive, celebrated the cultural heritage, and shopped for souvenirs.

Thanks again to St. John's for your continuing support of this ministry!



St. John's History Project

By 1897 the 29 founding members of St. John's had raised enough money to build a church that was patterned after a church in Como Lake, Canada. Mary Houston Young donated the land that St. John's sits on by signing away her dower rights.

St. John's had more lean years than they had solvent but throughout, they have kept the doors open. Only six ladies were year-round residents in the beginning but they formed The Ladies Guild. They held concerts, bazaars, white elephant sales, and silver teas whenever the need for money arose. At that time the women of the churches in town supported each other whenever an event was held.

During the early years St. John's shared a vicar with Holy Trinity at \$400 per year (St. John's portion.) The Ladies Guild was expected to take care of all the upkeep and expenses and when they could not raise enough money it came out of their own pockets. (Luke 8:2-3) In the early 1920's the Guild repaired the roof, windows, floors, painted the outside walls, cleaned up the yard, and many other projects. A financial blow came in 1928 when the State Bank of Eau Gallie closed its doors and St. John's lost what little money was in the bank.

As time progressed parishioners came, worshipped, and left; and there was always the constant worry of money but somehow St. John's is the little church that could and hopefully will keep serving Episcopalians in this area. It will if the ladies have anything to do with it.

In 1997-98 the church celebrated its centenary. Al Sykes remembers the centenary celebration began with a re-creation of the first service held at the little church, with descendants of the founding families in attendance. "Abide with me," "Rock of Ages," "The Church's One Foundation" were sung and members wore period clothing of 1897. The meal that followed was typical of Florida 1897. Fried fish, deep-fried alligator tail, wild boar, swamp cabbage, and pineapple upside down cake.

Later that year a concert was held at the church featuring a messianic singing group, The Liberated Wailing Wall; and a reunion of previous members at Wickham Park. A cook book was put together entitled, Not by Bread Alone which featured 100-year-old recipes. Have any copies of the cookbook survived?



Memories of St. John's

My earliest memory of St. John's was early in the spring of 1966. Mom and Dad sold their house in Wooster, Ohio, Mom wanted to move to Florida to be near to my grandparents who had just moved down. Dad wanted to go back into the service, so that he could go to Vietnam. He wanted to work with the Corps of Engineers, building metal buildings to support the war effort! It was snowing the day we left town. We loaded up the cars, including our dog and headed to Florida. We got to my Grandparents house in Deland, Dad unloaded the car and then headed back to Chicago. About a week later Dad showed back up in Florida, he had flunked his physical due to degenerative disks in his back!



Mom and Dad looked a couple of weeks for jobs. Mom accepted a position as and art teacher at Central Jr. High, and Dad took a job at Merritt Island High School as a Vocational Drafting instructor. They decided that we needed to look for a house in Eau Gallie. The morning we first pulled into Eau Gallie we stopped at the Harbor House Diner for Breakfast. The Harbor House was located on the NW corner of Orange Street and Harbor City Blvd.

When breakfast was finished as we were leaving Mom saw the sign on the corner of Young Street and Harbor City Blvd that said "St. John's Episcopal Church Welcomes You." She asked Dad if he would mind driving by the Church before we went to meet the realtor to start our house search. We pulled up to the Church and Mom got out and went up to the door of the church, and even though it was early in the morning, the door was open? Saint John's kept their doors unlocked 24/7 until sometime in the 1980's. She motioned for us all to get out and come inside! The inside of the Church was beautiful and so welcoming. She was crying and told my dad that we may not have a house, but we found our "Church Home," we went on that day and looked at houses and took the second one that we looked at it was in Rivermont subdivision on Sun Circle West. Just a few blocks away from the church and had a view of the Eau Gallie River.

The family that lived across the street from us were longtime members at Saint John's. Jean was in the choir and was happy to welcome us into the Community! – Paul Bureson.



St. John's Chat is an email list with the latest updates from St. John's. You can also share things with the parish this way.

St. John's Weekly eNews includes a short reflection from the rector and news about events and what's happening Sunday. The eNews drops into your email Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m.

To subscribe to the **Chat** or **eNews**, please send your email address to office@stjohnsmlb.org.

St. John's YouTube Channel is where we post worship live streams and sermons. You can find links to all past and upcoming worship services by visiting stjohnsmlb.org and clicking on Worship Live Stream.

St. John's Website at stjohnsmlb.org. You will find a variety of information there including schedules, the calendar, archives of the "Good News", Sunday Ministry schedules, the latest eNews and much more.

Visit Facebook, search for "St. John's Episcopal Church, Melbourne" and like our page. You will then receive updates in your newsfeed, notifications when we are live, and more.

NEW: OnRealm.org is where you can access the church database, contact information and more. See the article elsewhere in this Good News for more information.

Stewardship Campaign:

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT LAS VEGAS?

Do Do Las Vegas churches accept gambling chips? You Betcha! This may come as a surprise to those of you not living in Las Vegas, but there are more Catholic Churches than casinos. Not surprisingly, some worshipers at Sunday services will give casino chips rather than cash when the basket is passed.

Since they get chips from many different casinos, the churches have devised a method to collect the offerings. The churches send all their collected chips to a nearby Franciscan Monastery for sorting. Then the chips are taken to the casinos of origin and cashed in. This is done by the “chip monks.”

Did you see that coming? Let this attempt at corny humor serve as a reminder that our annual Stewardship campaign will be in full swing this coming November and December.

(The Stewardship Committee apologizes for the probably fabricated story).

Vestry Notes

There was no Vestry meeting in July.

St. John's Stewardship Summary for July 2023				
	July 2022 Budget	July 2023 Actual	2023 YTD Budget	2023 YTD Actual
Income	\$17,800	\$23,005	\$118,450	\$121,099
Expenses	\$23,853	\$22,903	\$117,803	\$125,597
Net	\$ - 6,053	\$ 101	\$ 647	\$ - 4,500
Outreach	\$ 446 for Complementary Cancer Care (continues in August)			

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Seaside Stitchers

If you sew, or would like to learn, the Seaside Stitchers would welcome you in the Parish Hall where they create much needed items for the schools and the local community. If you are interested in joining the sewing group contact Shirley Muzzy 321-254-2206 or shirleymuzzy@aol.com for more information.

THE
SEASIDE
STITCHERS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

September:

Karin Kuhn – 9/4
Austin Stitzel – 9/6
Tim Tuten – 9/10
Eloise Evans – 9/10

Christina Burleson – 9/15
Cindy Tuten – 9/15
Andy Weeks – 9/16
Gail Dunbar – 9/20

Linda Miller – 9/23
Teresa Chernault – 9/25
Paul Burleson – 9/27
Bill McDanel – 9/27

October:

Steve Johnson – 10/5
Grace Heusinkveld – 10/6
Susan Badgio – 10/6
Patty Stitzel – 10/6
Richard Huffman – 10/10
Peg McRee – 10/17
Gemma Langenbach – 10/18

Garrett Bradbury – 10/18
Wally Burleson – 10/19
David Brotherton – 10/20
Justin Archey – 10/22
Vicki Crane – 10/22
Joan Roddan – 10/24
Keith Salmon – 10/24
Yvonne Hayes – 10/26

Jim Hester – 10/26
Natalie Chartier – 10/26
Lacy Brotherton – 10/27
Rudy Tuten – 10/28
Elena Bradbury – 10/29
Soren Budnik – 10/29
Jim Windt – 10/31

ANNIVERSARIES

September:

Bob & June Stitzel – 9/5
Stave & Ginny Bradley – 9/11

John & Trish Seymour – 9/12

October:

Timothy & Christine Bamberger – 10/21

Sept 3	Daughters of the King meeting, 11:30 a.m.
Sept 5	Tapping the Big Questions, Intracoastal Brewery, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Sept 7	Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
Sept 10	Christian Education resumes at 9 a.m.
Sept 12	Outreach Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
Sept 21	Vestry Meeting, Chapel & Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
Oct 1	Daughters of the King meeting, 11:30 a.m.
Oct 3	Tapping the Big Questions, Intracoastal Brewery, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Oct 5	Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
Oct 8	Choral Evenson, 7 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.
Oct 10	Outreach Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
Oct 19	Vestry Meeting, Chapel & Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
Oct 29	Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
Oct 29	Family Promise Hosting begins

Many meetings include Zoom. Check the web page calendar for details.

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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