

## TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

**TODAY we welcome ROBERT REEVES** as our guest organist. Robert served on the St. Boniface staff as a music minister for 15 years from 1994 to 2009. James Guyer will return next week.

### ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES TODAY 9:00 – 9:45:

**FAITH and FOUNDATIONS** To better learn about our Episcopal and Anglican heritage, sacraments, liturgies, and theologies of the church, join us for Faith and Foundations. The format includes lecture, sharing in groups, and opportunities to practice. Lifelong Episcopalians or new to the church—all are welcome! Community Center.

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE IN DEPTH** Study and discussion with a member of our clergy in the Library.

**BONIFACE BOOK STUDY GROUP** Our current book for discussion is *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life*, by the Rev. James Martin, SJ. We take turns each week facilitating, and promise a warm welcome and lively discussion. Join us in the St. Francis Room (through the Courtyard and just past the Bell Tower).

**SUNDAY NURSERY** Childcare is available for our youngest parishioners (through 2 years old) in the Nursery, located along the Courtyard, with Ms. Yu Ya, our licensed, professional caregiver.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** *Weaving God's Promises* Children in Pre-K4 to 5th grade are welcome to join us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. A friendly greeter at the Welcome Table can direct you and your child to the classroom. The children return to their parents in church just before communion.

**HEALING PRAYERS** At the 10:00 a.m. service, a Healing Minister is available today during communion to pray with you for your special intentions. After receiving communion, proceed to the chapel.

**VESTRY LISTENING POST** Located in the Parish Hall, Vestry members will be available today to answer questions and are eager to hear your thoughts. Vestry meeting minutes will be on hand for your review, and are also available on the website (visit [www.bonifacechurch.org/vestry](http://www.bonifacechurch.org/vestry)).

**SIESTA YOUTH CHORALE** is looking for some "Little Lambs!" We are going out on the road to sing for a holiday party on December 12th at Café Baci. All children age 10 and younger are welcome to join and membership in the SYC is not required, but we LOVE new faces! There will be short 20 minute rehearsals on Sundays at **11:30 am** in the Choir Gallery. We will also have a rehearsal on December 12th with a pizza dinner before heading over to Café Baci. For more information, contact Jen Weinstein at [syc@bonifacechurch.org](mailto:syc@bonifacechurch.org).

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING** This month's Thanksgiving offering supports the basic ministries of Saint Boniface. **Your generosity has the power to do more!** Once we have achieved \$1,000, we will donate all additional funds to **All Faiths Food Bank** our community's food pantry. Your gift may be a memorial or tribute. Please use the envelope in your packet or send your check to Saint Boniface marked Thanksgiving Day.

**NEXT WEEK ADVENT BEGINS** Our worship for the season will combine Morning Prayer and the Holy Communion, as we did last year.

**DEACON ELISA HANSEN** is away welcoming her new grandchild, and will return next week.

**TRANSFORMING GENEROSITY** This fall, we've shared ideas for transforming generosity, as we consider our financial support for St. Boniface in 2019. Putting Jesus' call for love, mercy and justice first, how might our generosity transform our lives, our parish, and the lives of others? *We gratefully list on our honor roll all who have responded with their pledge for 2019. If you have not yet pledged, please do so today! Additional pledge info and materials are available in the church entry, the church office and on our website (click on the Give tab).*

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE VESTRY CLASS OF 2021** If you are interested in serving on the St. Boniface Church Vestry (term 2019-2021) or nominating a fellow parishioner, forms are available on the counter in the church entry, on our website, or in the church office. For more information, feel free to contact a member of the Vestry Nominating Committee: Suzanne Barksdale, Suzanne Gregory, Reg Irvine, Paul Neuhauser (contact info on the back of this leaflet). Completed forms should be in to the church office by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS** Join us for worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Church, social time/catered dinner at 6:00 in the Community Center, (for dinner reservations, please sign up at Coffee Hour or call 941-349-5616 x5 by noon the Tuesday before, \$10pp), then programs after dinner:

**November 28: Lessons from the Richard Rohr's Conspire Conference** led by Sandy Wilbur

**December 5, 12, 19: Adventen Art** Join Deacon Elisa Hansen, Head of Library Services at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, for this illuminating series.

**GIVING WISELY AND CREATIVELY** Recent changes in tax laws may leave you pondering your annual giving and your planned giving. We invite you to join us for a light brunch and a panel discussion with investment and legal professionals. The panel will share ideas for supporting favorite charities (including St. Boniface!), providing for loved ones, and ensuring your own financial well-being in the face of recent tax law changes. Sunday morning, **December 2**, 11:15 – 11:45. RSVP to Betsie Danner (941-349-5616 x318) by **tomorrow**.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESENTATION** On **December 3rd**, the Florida Housing Coalition will present an Affordable Housing Blueprint to the City Commissioners. This blueprint was created after conversations with dozens of local stakeholders; including SURE. SURE is encouraging a strong representation from its 19 member congregations at the 6:30 p.m. City Commission Meeting (City Hall, 1565 1st Street, Sarasota). Your attendance will promote our City taking concrete steps towards creating Affordable Housing. If you can attend this meeting (and even bring a friend) please let SURE know at [suresarasota@gmail.com](mailto:suresarasota@gmail.com). – *St. Boniface S.U.R.E. Members (Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity)*

**ADVENT QUIET DAY** Join Bishop Smith at DaySpring for a day of reflection to begin the Advent season. The day includes teaching sessions, personal time, and lunch, the theme is "The Disciplined Life." Tuesday, **December 4**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$10, includes lunch. Bring a Bible, Prayer Book and comfortable shoes for optional walks. Register by emailing [merfourth@episcopalswfl.org](mailto:merfourth@episcopalswfl.org).

**EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT** as the wildfires in California rage on, more than 200,000 acres have been scorched, leaving more than 300,000 people displaced. Already ERD is working with local dioceses and congregations to provide aid and support. And the need for donations is

sure to increase. Your gift to ERD will help rebuild lives and livelihoods. *You may make your check to St. Boniface and note ERD on the memo line. Donate directly at [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org).*

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY and ST. BONIFACE** The new Habitat community, Hammock Place, begins its volunteer phase this month. Volunteers are welcome on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7:30 - 12:00 noon. No special skills are needed – just the desire to see a deserving family in a home of their own. To sign-up contact our parishioner, Steve Reid, [stevereid4@gmail.com](mailto:stevereid4@gmail.com).

**BRADY CAMPAIGN GUN SAFETY WITNESS** Our weekly nonpartisan Witness for Gun Safety meets at the Sarasota Bay-front (near the Unconditional Surrender statue) on Thursdays between 4:00 - 5:00 pm. We'll provide the signs, wear a white shirt and bring a chair, if you like. Keep your eye on the weather and dress accordingly. All are welcome to attend. For information, contact David and Nancy Evans. Tel. 941-954-2059.

**MEDITATION IN MOTION: LABYRINTH EVENT** This Advent, we will set aside some time to give people the opportunity to walk the Labyrinth in prayerful support of the world's displaced persons seeking refuge and asylum. The United Nations estimates there are currently 68.5 million people displaced by war, violence, religion and poverty. Our gathering will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, **December 8**, in the Chapel of St. Mary (outside) with a brief prayer service, then a guided meditation walk of the Labyrinth.

**FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS and CAROLS** The St. Boniface Choir will present the very popular Nine Lessons and Carols, sharing the mystery of the Incarnation through words and music by candlelight. We hope you will join us, and bring your friends. Sunday, **December 9**, 6:00 p.m.

## THIS WEEK

OFFICE: hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and by appointment.

HEALING MISSION: Open Tuesdays & Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Wednesdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., call (941)349-5616 x335 for an appointment.

### **MONDAY, November 26**

4:30 p.m. Yoga Class – St. Francis

### **TUESDAY, November 27**

10:00 a.m. Eucharist – Church

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Library

5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal – Choir Gallery

### **WEDNESDAY, November 28**

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer – Church

6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner – Community Center

7:00 p.m. After Dinner Program – Community Center

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Gallery

### **THURSDAY, November 29**

9:00 a.m. Watercolor Group – St. Francis

10:00 a.m. Healing Service and Eucharist – Church

### **FRIDAY, November 30**

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Discussion

–Serving Spoon, Osprey Ave.