

## TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

**LITURGY NOTE** For the Season of Advent we will be using the Office of Morning Prayer as the Liturgy of the Word for the Holy Eucharist. We also will use the Expanded Eucharistic Language approved for trial use by the General Convention. It will be helpful to follow your leaflet closely. The clergy welcome your questions or comments.

**SEASONAL COMMUNION STATION** Today at the 10:00 service, communion will be brought to those seated in the back bays – the ushers will guide you.

### ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE IN DEPTH** Study and discussion with a member of our clergy at 9:00 a.m. in the Library.

**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! *We will take a holiday break and resume in January.*

**January 6 & 13:** Church history and an introduction to the Reformation with Dr. Carrie Benes, Ph.D.

**BONIFACE BOOK STUDY GROUP** takes a holiday break and will resume January 6 at 9:00 a.m. We will continue with Chapter 10 from *The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything*.

**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.

**8 x 10 GLOSSIES** If you had your portrait taken for the upcoming parish photo directory, we have received the complimentary 8x10 copies. Please check in with the photo directory info table Sundays at Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall, or at the front desk during the week (Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 5:00; Friday, 9:00 – 1:00). Sign-ups for our second photo session will begin soon! Please note that the directories will be available early Spring 2019, following our second photo session. Thank you for participating in our pictorial directory! – *Denise Ayre and Alice Reid*

**TRANSFORMING GENEROSITY** 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).

**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:

**December 26:** *no service, dinner or program*

**January 2:** 5:30 p.m. **Eucharist**, *no dinner or program*

**January 9: White Elephant Gift Exchange** - Bring a silly wrapped gift as we celebrate Epiphany

**BE SURE YOU'RE IN THE PICTURE!** Lifetouch, Inc. professional photographers will be back January 28 – February 1 taking more photos for our parish pictorial directory! Make your portrait appointment, at Coffee Hour or by calling the church office beginning December 30. There is no obligation to purchase anything, each household photographed receives a free copy of the church directory. If you will not be here for the week of the photos and want to be in the directory, please contact parishioner Alice Reid (seattlealice@gmail.com or 206-571-6393).

**YOUR YEAR-END GIFT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE!** Your special one-time or additional year-end gift helps us end the year on a healthy financial note and paves the way for great things in the new year. For convenient, secure giving, visit our website (www.bonifacechurch.org). In making your gift, please remember that for 2018 deductions the IRS requires gifts to be post-marked or received by December 31. If your contribution is a charitable gift annuity or an IRA, stock, or trust distribution, please be sure to work with your financial planner so that your transfer reaches our account by the year's end. Thank you!

**WATERCOLOR SHOW AND SALE** Join the Watercolor Group on Sunday, **January 6** for a special coffee hour to celebrate their Winter Exhibit. Meet the artists, watch an artist's demo and view these all new and original artworks! Most pieces are for sale. Thanks to the generosity of the artists, a portion of each sale is donated to support our ministries at St. Boniface. Works will be on display in the Parish Hall through March.

*For further information about the St. Boniface Watercolor Group or the paintings in the Parish Hall, please contact Jane Aguilard, (941)927-8442 or janeaguilard@comcast.net.*

**ADAMANT MUSIC SCHOOL CONCERT** Seven talented pianists will perform well-loved selections of classical music, from Bach, Chopin, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Albeniz, and Bonis. The concert is a fund-raiser (freewill offering) for the Adamant Music School, a small but prestigious piano school in Vermont. For more information on the school visit www.adamant.org. Mark your calendars, Sunday, **January 13**, 4:00 p.m., here at St. Boniface Church.

## *The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ ~ 2018*

### Christmas Eve

**4:30 p.m.** Family Service with Pageant and Eucharist

**7:00 p.m.** Christmas music with visiting guest musicians

**7:30 p.m.** The Christ Mass

**10:30 p.m.** Christmas music with visiting guest musicians

**11:00 p.m.** The Christ Mass *with incense*

*Please consider parking in the lots across the street (Siesta Estates) if you are attending the 4:30 or 7:00 pm services to leave convenient spaces open for our Christmas guests – thank you*

### Christmas Day

**10:00 a.m.** Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols

### Sunday, December 30 – Christmas I

**8:00 & 10:00 a.m.** Eucharist

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS** The St. Boniface office will be open 9:00 to 1:00 on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve; we will be closed Christmas & New Year's Day. From December 26th through 28th, the office will be closed and staff will be available by appointment only.

### 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, December 24**

4:30 p.m. Family Service with Pageant and Eucharist - Church

7:00 p.m. Christmas music with visiting guest musicians - Church

7:30 p.m. The Christ Mass - Church

10:30 p.m. Christmas music with visiting guest musicians - Church

11:00 p.m. The Christ Mass - Church

#### **TUESDAY, December 25**

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist – Church

#### **WEDNESDAY, December 26**

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#### **THURSDAY, December 27**

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#### **FRIDAY, December 28**

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7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Discussion –Serving Spoon, Osprey Ave.

#### **Best wishes to those who celebrate this week:**

Abby Borland, Dor Brown, Gray Davis, Carol Fox, Gordon MacDonald, Bevie Parker, Guy Peterson, Amy & Bob Ferrell, Cinny & Jerry Guiles, Rae Jean McCall & Larry Patton, Mary & Paul Neuhauser