

TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

A GIFT TOWARDS THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Marcia Seman and her family in memory of Walter, who died January 5th. A funeral service will be held here Monday, February 25, 10:00 a.m.

ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES TODAY 9:00 am

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

FAITH and FOUNDATIONS Join us in the Community Center to better learn about our Episcopal and Anglican heritage, sacraments, liturgies, and theologies of the church.

BONIFACE BOOK STUDY GROUP meets in the St. Francis Room at 9:00 a.m. We will continue our discussion on *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.

BEYOND THE BROKEN HEART - TODAY Coping with grief and loss is an ongoing process no matter if the loss is recent or occurred many years ago. Grief has no time limit. Beyond the Broken Heart is a support ministry for anyone experiencing grief and loss. There are two sections that meet on the first and third Sunday of the month. People dealing with the aftermath of a personal loss meet in the Creditor room and those who are grieving the death of someone dear meet in the St. Francis room at 11:30 a.m.

PILGRIMAGE to PORTUGAL and SPAIN Join us June 16-25, 2020, following the path of pilgrims of old, on the road to Santiago de Compostela on the Portuguese Camino Route. Speak with Fr. Jonathan Evans (941-349-5616 x313) about this exciting trip. Deposit of \$900 due August 15, 2019. **Informational meeting today**, 11:30 in the Library.

PIANO CONCERT TODAY, 4:00 p.m. St. Boniface Church welcomes back classical pianist Brice Hamilton, featuring works by Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, Liszt and Chopin. A free concert (free-will offering), thanks to the generosity of the Boniface Friends of Music.

BISHOP'S VISIT Bishop Dabney Smith will be with us for services on Palm Sunday, April 14. Classes for baptisms, confirmations and reaffirmations in advance of his visit will begin in March. Please contact Fr. Jonathans Evans (941)349-5616 x313 or jevans@bonifacechurch.org if interested.

65th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - UPCOMING:

DINNER GALA Join us Sunday, **February 24**, for a dinner celebration at Michael's on East, \$75 pp, **RSVP TODAY** online, signing up at coffee hour or calling the reservation line 941-349-5616 x5 (no tickets sold at the door). *Payment confirms your reservation.*

HISTORICAL PUBLICATION which will include some highlights of our growth and development since our planting as a mission church. Also included will be current parishioners' anecdotes and experiences, in which we hope you will participate. A form is available for you to fill out online on the "About Us" page of the church website, or pick one up on Sundays.

More events and celebrations are planned throughout the year. Watch this space for details!

DO YOU KNOW CPR, AED USE OR FIRST AID? If so, - or if you would like training, please let us know. You'll find a form to fill out in the church entry and Parish Hall. We're compiling a list of parishioners trained to help out in case of a medical emergency at worship or other parish event. For more information contact Michael Pate, St. Boniface Safety and Security Task Force Coordinator (941-256-3237 or patejmichael@gmail.com).

SIESTA YOUTH CHORALE - February's Special Offering Our early-childhood music ministry has grown from three to 15 children in our class for K-5 students since our first rehearsal in August, and our birth through age 4 class has five students. The Chorale rehearses weekly, and the students also receive personal music lessons every other week, utilizing the Voice for Life curriculum of the Royal School of Church Music. We continue to welcome new students! Please contact us for more information, syc@bonifacechurch.org or call (941) 349-5616 x330. Your gift can be made in memory or thanksgiving.

SIESTA YOUTH CHORALE also welcomes volunteers! We are looking for volunteers to sit next to one of our little ones and help them find hymn numbers, follow a line of words in their music and occasionally help them find their materials, as well as assist with the older students. Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m., no experience necessary!

ALTAR GUILD SEEKING SEWERS (we mean "people who sew") Every week the Altar Guild works behind the scenes to maintain the things that "set the table" for worship. Among those things are the linens used at the altar for the various Eucharist services, including sharing the Eucharist at hospital and home visits. We are looking for someone who is able and willing to sew hems (machine stitching is perfectly acceptable) for smaller square and rectangular linens to be used in the Eucharistic Visitor kits. If you have an embroidery machine and are able to add simple crosses to the flat piece, that would be terrific, but not required. Please contact Altar Guild Co-director, Lea Ellwood-Filkins at 734-612-8181.

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:

February 20: Lakota Spirituality with Fr. Fred Mann (Community Center)

February 27: Fr. Richard Mahaffy on **deaf culture and the church** (Community Center)

February 6 - 27: Getting Our Priorities Straight, by parishioner Bill Tiffan. We'll explore common areas of everyday life that directly contribute to our well-being and sense of purpose. We'll look at how we're doing now and discuss principles for setting priorities in six areas: emotional, spiritual, intellectual, physical, vocational and social. The class will be highly interactive with practical exercises and stimulating discussions. (Library)

CÍRCULO ESPAÑOL All are welcome to our Conversational Spanish Group! We gather in a relaxed setting with others - there are no books, no tests, and no homework. We all just want to improve and refresh the ability that we have in the language and help one another in doing so. Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. in the Library. For more information contact Mary Gordon, (941)923-2302.

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 - All are welcome to attend. For info, contact David and Nancy Evans, 941-954-2059.

B.E.S.T. FIELD TRIP Join the Boniface Eco-Stewardship on Saturday, **March 2**, 10:00 a.m. for a visit to the Manatee County Agricultural Museum in Palmetto. Learn the history of Florida's farming, ranching, and machinery. This will also be combined with a guided tour of Palmetto Historical Park buildings at 2:00 p.m. Lunch between tours at local restaurants or bring a picnic. Free admission, carpooling suggested. Sign-ups in the Parish Hall. Contact Grace Riker 924-8908 for more information.

HOW TO CHAT WITH A DEAF PERSON Have you ever tried to introduce yourself to a person who is deaf or hard-of-hearing? It can be awkward or uncomfortable if you're not sure how to communicate. On Sunday, **March 3**, Fr. Dick Mahaffy will be offering a brief workshop at 11:30 am in the Community Center on "How to Chat with a Deaf Person." He'll introduce us to some basic sign language and offer helpful tips that make communication easier. Providing a welcome for all people is part of the mission of the Church. In this workshop, we'll learn how to extend that welcome to those who are deaf and hard-of-hearing.

EVENSONG SERVICE & RECITAL Sunday, **March 3**, 4:00 p.m., with guest organist Alden Wright, and the St. Boniface & Church of the Redeemer choirs.

PANCAKE SUPPER! Join us Shrove Tuesday, **March 5**, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Community Center for this traditional gathering before Lent begins. Reservations, please, by signing up at Coffee Hour, calling (941)349-5616 x5, or on our website (search "pancake supper"). Pay at the door, \$7.00 per person, families with young children capped at \$20.00.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER St. Boniface Church will host its fourth annual meal-packing event on Saturday, **March 9**, 2019. These packages are shipped around the world to support school feeding programs and crisis relief. This year our goal is to pack at least 20,088 meals in a little over two hours. We will need about 100 parishioners who are willing to work at the event, 10 of whom are willing to do some "heavy lifting." We will also need to raise \$5,825 to cover the .29 cost per meal. Sign up at coffee hour. For more information contact event co-chairs Annarita Scott at 941-504-1205 or Linda Loveman at 617-816-5716.

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, February 18

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4:30 p.m. Yoga Class - St. Francis

TUESDAY, February 19

9:00 a.m. Library Team - Library

10:00 a.m. **Eucharist** - Church

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

3:00 p.m. B.E.S.T. Meeting - Library

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

WEDNESDAY, February 20

4:30 p.m. Conversational Spanish - Library

5:30 p.m. **Evening Prayer** - Church

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

7:00 p.m. After Dinner Programs - Community Center & Library

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

THURSDAY, February 21

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

10:00 a.m. **Healing service with Eucharist** - Church

5:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting - Library

FRIDAY, February 22

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