

## TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

**HEALING PRAYERS** At the 10:00 a.m. service, Healing Ministers are available today during communion to pray with you for your special intentions. After receiving communion, proceed either to the chapel or the back of the church.

**LENTEN MATERIALS FROM EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT** The independent outreach arm of the Episcopal Relief and Development provides their annual booklets of meditations written by church leaders across the country, and mite boxes for alms giving. Each is available in the church entry.

### **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 continue our discussion on the book *Why Religion?* by Elaine Pagel.

**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.

**COMPASSIONATE CONVERSATIONS** Once per month during season, we will take time to learn more about and pray for the things in the world that grieve God and grieve us – globally, nationally, and locally – and how our faith informs our responses. The format includes an informative presentation with small group discussions, learning how to talk with love about difficult topics. Please join us for our next topic of conversation, *Climate Change, Environment, and the Green New Deal* **this morning**, 11:30 a.m., Community Center.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP** If you are seeking some peaceful, reflective time in your life, consider being a part of this prayer group. Give yourself the gift of an hour of prayer and sharing. The group meets in the Healing Mission **this morning** at 11:45 a.m. and on Thursday, **March 14** at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Fr. Michael Piovane at 610-442-0983.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** Take a major step in looking after your health! Parishioner and Faith Community Nurse, Doriel Boyce, encourages you to partake in our complimentary screening in the Library this morning at 11:30 a.m.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL- Start with Your Heart** This annual appeal provides for both the DaySpring Endowment Fund, supporting our diocesan camp and conference center, and the Episcopal Charities Fund of Southwest Florida, supporting outreach programs in Southwest Florida. You may make your gift to either ministry or split between both. Forms and information are available in the church entry area.

**GIVING TREE** March's Giving Tree supports **Manasota Operation Troop Support** by reaching out to our men and women serving in the armed forces. Your participation brings the comforts of home to those far from family and friends. Pick a tag from our Giving Tree in the Parish Hall or church entry, and see how you can help with wish list items and/or volunteering. For Giving Tree info contact Nancy Rafter (941-402-3302).

**HABITAT for HUMANITY** This morning's Minute for Ministry shares exciting news about St. Boniface's role in the new Habitat community, Hammock Place. Volunteers and donations are welcome in support of our Build Day, **March 30**. To learn more, contact parishioner, Steve Reid (stevereid4@gmail.com or 206-571-6392) or visit [www.habitatsrq.org](http://www.habitatsrq.org).

**SPECIAL OFFERING** *Each month, above and beyond our regular giving, we have an opportunity to support a specific aspect of or parish life at St. Boniface.* This month's Special Offering is dedicated to the **Staff Appreciation Fund**, established by the Vestry as a means of recognizing the work of our staff with year-end giving, or honoring a staff member on a noteworthy occasion. A glance at the back of this page shows the breadth of ministries and activities the staff supports, ensuring that St. Boniface is a vital spiritual presence serving one another and our community in Christ's name. Your gift can be a tribute or memorial. And please give generously!  
– *Phil Baker, Senior Warden of the Vestry*

**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:

**March 13:** The Rev. Jonathan Evans on **Brené Brown's work** on vulnerability and shame

**March 20:** The Rev. Wayne Farrell "The Seven Ways of Love- practices for a Jesus-centered life," program developed by Bishop Curry and the Episcopal Church.

**March 27:** The Rev. Ev Walk on **forgiveness:** What is the power of forgiveness and how you do it?

**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.

**FISH FRY FRIDAYS!** Join us each Friday for a delicious fish dinner that includes fried tilapia, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert and a drink - and all for only \$12! Meals are available for dine-in or take-out in the Boniface Community Center 5 - 8 p.m.

**LITERARY LADIES** meets the second Thursday of the month to share insights and conversation over that month's chosen book. On **March 14** we'll discuss *Pecan Man*, by Cassie Dandridge Selleck. April's meeting will be on Tuesday the 9th, when we'll talk about *Sourdough*, by Robin Sloan. All are welcome. Contact Marilyn Hill (941-374-1990) for more info.

**HIKES & PRAYERS** Join Fr. Jonathan and Fr. Fred Mann on this outdoor ministry! Meeting at the Myakka State Park, we will lead through a gentle hike (about a mile), stopping at various points to do the liturgy together. Not a challenging walk, but be sure to bring your walking shoes and water. A very family friendly event and great way for us to enjoy God's creation! Saturday, **March 16**, 4:00 p.m., meet at the Nature Trail. Please sign up at coffee hour or by contacting the Church Office, 941-349-5616.

**SOLEMN EVENSONG** Sunday, **March 17**, 5:15 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer, with joint Boniface and Redeemer choirs singing music by Rickard, Whitley, Howells and Bairstow. A recital precedes the service, featuring music by Mendelssohn, Bach, Langlais, & Pierne.

**LENTEN RECITAL** St. Boniface organist/choirmaster James Guyer will give a 30-minute Lenten recital on Thursday, **March 21**, 12:15 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, Bradenton (4030 Manatee Ave W).

**LENTEN QUIET TIME** Giving up something for Lent has been a familiar Lenten practice. The idea of doing without something helps us to understand "sacrifice". This year many people have decided to "give up" Facebook. While this is a good spiritual exercise, this Lent we have an opportunity to do more, to do something active. On Saturday **March 23**, we will have a combined contemplative prayer time and labyrinth walk. We will begin at 9 am in the Healing Mission and then have an opportunity to walk the labyrinth. Consider adding this time to this year's Lenten experience. For more information, contact Rita Valenti-Piovane (610)442-0984.

**ROMM FAMILY TRIO in CONCERT** Sunday, **March 24**, 4:00 p.m. St. Boniface Church welcomes back this extraordinary trio, Avis, Ron and Aaron Romm, presenting wonderful music for piano and trumpet. A free concert (free-will offering), thanks to the generosity of the Boniface Friends of Music.

**WHOLLY LIVING** It's always too soon, until it's too late! The upcoming My Life, My Choice workshop will equip you with resources and tools to make (or update) and share your choices on advanced care planning, living wills, health care surrogates. Live your life wholly with sound planning! Join parishioner and Stratum Health System director, Suzanne Barksdale, 11:30, Sunday, **March 24** in the Community Center. Refreshments and coffee served.

**SARASOTA UNITED for RESPONSIBILITY and EQUITY** Our biggest gathering of the year: **NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY** Monday, **March 25**, 2019 6:30pm - 9:00pm, Sarasota Municipal Auditorium. Join us as we ask for commitments to real issues in Sarasota. After months of research and conversation, we will be seeking real work on the things that affect our Sarasota Community negatively. If you wish to attend, and haven't yet registered, call Judy Stickler at 941-359-1288.

## 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, March 11**

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

### **TUESDAY, March 12**

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

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

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

### **WEDNESDAY, March 13**

4:30 p.m. Conversational Spanish - Library

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer - Church

6:00 p.m. Dinner then Adult Ed program - Community Center

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

### **THURSDAY, March 14**

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

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

11:00 a.m. Contemplative Prayer - Healing Mission

11:00 a.m. Literary Ladies - Crediton Room

### **FRIDAY, March 15**

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

5:00 p.m. Fish Fry - Community Center

### **SATURDAY, March 16**

4:00 p.m. Hikes & Prayers - Myakka State Park