

## TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES ~ March 6**

The liturgy of Ash Wednesday is one of the most profound moments of the year, inviting us into Lent and to the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. **7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** Ash Liturgy and Holy Eucharist

### **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 begin 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.

**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.

**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. **This morning**, 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 TODAY**, 4:00 p.m. The occasion begins with a recital featuring gifted organist, Alden Wright, from the Eastman School of Music. Then the choirs from St. Boniface Church and the Church of the Redeemer will present a Choral Evensong featuring music by Rickard, Whitley, Howells and Bairstow.

**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 today in the Community Center, 9:00 a.m. Please contact Fr. Jonathans Evans (941)349-5616 x313 or jevans@bonifacechurch.org if you feel the Spirit calling you to these sacraments.

**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 TODAY.** For more information contact event co-chairs Annarita Scott at 941-504-1205 or Linda Loveman at 617-816-5716.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins next Sunday, March 10** - don't forget to turn your clocks forward!

**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* on Sunday, **March 10**, 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 on Sunday, **March 10** at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, **March 14** at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Fr. Michael Piovane at 610-442-0983.

**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 6: Ash Wednesday** Join us for an evening service at 6:00 p.m. (no dinner or program)

**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.

**LENTEN MEDITATION HAPPENING** Instead of giving up something for Lent, consider doing something extra! Some quiet time is being planned for Saturday, **March 23**, with contemplative prayer time in the Healing Mission (9:00 am), followed by a guided labyrinth walk. You are invited to come and open your mind, heart, and soul to the peace and love of the Spirit of the Living God. For more information, contact Rita Valenti-Piovane (610)442-0984.

## **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 4**

4:30 p.m. Yoga Class – St. Francis

### **TUESDAY, March 5**

10:00 a.m. **Eucharist** – Church

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

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

6:00 p.m. Pancake Supper – Community Center

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### **THURSDAY, March 7**

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

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

### **FRIDAY, March 8**

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

5:00 p.m. Fish Fry – Community Center

### **SATURDAY, March 9**

9:45 a.m. Rise Against Hunger meal packaging – Community Center