

TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

COMMUNION NOTE Through the summer, all come to the altar rail to receive the Holy Communion.

EFM GRADUATE Today at the 10:00 service, Gary Walsh (St. Margaret of Scotland Church) is receiving a certificate for completion of four years of study with Education for Ministry. His contribution to the weekly meetings have been thought-provoking, and also enjoyable. We congratulate and thank him, and wish him well as he continues his spiritual journey.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY is a four-year program studying the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), New Testament church history and theological choices, and learning the process of theological reflection. Weekly seminars are held on Fridays September - May, and are led under the guidance of trained mentor, Sandy Wilbur. To learn more about the program, visit efm.sewanee.edu, or contact Sandy 941-366-7003 or sandywilbur76@gmail.com. Sandy will also be available today at coffee hour for more information.

ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES TODAY 9:00 am:

Sunday Scripture in Depth Study and discussion with a member of our clergy in the Library.

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.

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.

GRIEF & LOSS GROUP Beyond the Broken Heart is an ongoing support ministry for those dealing with grief and loss. Recognizing the broad scope of loss, St. Boniface Church has a ministry of support for those who are grieving. **Today** we meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Healing Mission (note new location). For questions or more information contact Rita Valenti-Piovane (610)442-0984.

ART SHOW AND SALE The Watercolor Group continues their Spring Show and Sale today in the Parish Hall, and features all new artworks. Stop by and see the talent of our own parishioner artists! Most pieces are for sale, with a portion of the sale supporting the ministries of St. Boniface, thanks to the generosity of the artists. *For further information about the St. Boniface Watercolor Group or to purchase the paintings in the Parish Hall, please contact Jane Aguilard. She can be reached by telephone (941-927-8442) or email (janeaguilard@comcast.net).*

SCHOOL ENDS - SUMMER HUNGER BEGINS Will you help make sure no child goes hungry this Summer? Join St. Boniface Grants & Outreach Committee members on at All Faiths Food Bank from 9:00-11:00, on any - or all! - of dates: Tuesday, May 28; Monday, June 24; or Monday, July 22. We will put together backpacks for school children who lose access to free school breakfast or lunch during the Summer break. Sign-up and learn more during Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall, or contact Helen Francis (941)921-6820.

GIVING TREE This month we help seniors in our community remain independent, safe and secure in their own homes. Pick a tag from our Giving Tree (in the Parish Hall or from the bulletin board in the church entry) for a wish list of basic necessities you can easily purchase and place under the Tree. Donations will be delivered to **Senior Friendship Centers** for their successful Friendship at Home program. For more info see the Giving Tree or call parishioner Nancy Rafter at 941-402-3302.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY ~ May 22. We invite all to Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm, share a potluck meal, and then a labyrinth walk at 7:15. If you have never experienced Evening Prayer or the labyrinth, or if it has been too long ago to remember, this evening will give you the opportunity to share both spiritual practices and enjoy fellowship! We gather in the parish hall at 5:30. Bring a salad, main dish, drink or dessert to share.

ST. BONIFACE DAY will be celebrated here on Sunday **June 2**. Our Patronal Feast Day takes on special significance as part of our 65th Anniversary festivities. Named Wynfrith at this birth in Crediton, England in 675, Boniface is remembered by the Church as the missionary to Germany and a martyr. He was killed on June 5, 754 at 79 years old.

WHOLLY LIVING How can we live the "whole lives" God intends for us - especially as we face life transitions? Throughout the year, we will offer workshops with resources to help you make plans and choices that reflect your wishes, values and priorities. We will dispel myths and provide solid information about retirement/assisted living, health proxies, hospice, wills, funerals, and legacy planning. Live your life wholly with good planning!
Funeral Planning *Planning your funeral or memorial service in advance is a great gift of comfort and connection for your loved ones. Join us for the second of our workshops, where you'll receive helpful tools and references. Sunday, June 2, 11:30 in the Community Center.*

CONGRATULATIONS JONATHAN Our Associate Rector, Jonathan Evans, has recently been accepted into the Doctoral program at Bexley-Seabury Seminary. Jonathan will remain a full-time priest at St. Boniface during this three-to-six year program. His emphasis of study will be Congregational Development. The program includes both distance and on-site learning and he will be away June 3rd through 7th for classwork. Please keep Jonathan and his family in your prayers during this new academic adventure as he works to earn his Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree.

MOMS, DADS AND GRADS Our commemorative bricks make for a unique way to celebrate your special mom, dad or new graduate. Create your own message to be permanently engraved on a brick, and let us know which area of the Courtyard you'd like it placed. We'll do the rest. \$150 per brick. Order forms are available in the church entry or on our website (www.bonifacechurch.org) and type "brick" in the search box).

SUMMER COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS We welcome all bakers -- or those whose personal chefs are Costco, Gordon Foods or Publix ;-) -- to share your treats at our Sunday morning Coffee Hours. Keep the hospitality flowing and sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Betsie Danner (941-349-5616 x 318 or bdanner@bonifacechurch.org).

HEADING "HOME" FOR THE SUMMER? Please add these to-dos to your list!

- Let the church office know your **summer address**, so we can direct your mail to the right place.
- Send us your **email address** to get the latest scoop while you're away.
- When **emptying your pantry**, bring any unopened, non-perishable items to the church. We have bright yellow **All Faiths Food Bank** bins in the church and parish hall waiting for your donations!
- Drop off your gently read **books** for our **Give and Take Book Cart**.
- Remember you can **stay in touch** with your "winter church" through the newsletter and e-blast, website and our video stream of the Sunday service.

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

MONDAY, May 20

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

TUESDAY, May 21

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, May 22

4:30 p.m. Conversational Spanish - Library

5:30 p.m. **Evening Prayer** & Potluck - Parish Hall

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

7:15 p.m. Labyrinth Walk - Courtyard

THURSDAY, May 23

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

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

FRIDAY, May 24

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

Best wishes to those who celebrate this week:

Jenny Baysden, Emily Danner, Mike Epperley, Albert Ford, Suzanne Janney, Barbara Kerr, Frank Lovely, Thomas McCarthy, Betsy Mitchell, Paul Nicholson, Holly Oliva-Van Horsten, Betsey Packard, Steve Parker, Bob Sheldon, Bill Tiffan, Jim Tompkins, Betsy Hooper & Jerry Catalano