

TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP (EOW) is our Sunday liturgical text through the summer and into the fall. A supplement to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, EOW seeks to expand the language, images, and metaphors in worship. The responses are in your service leaflet. The text of the Eucharistic Prayer is in the booklet in the pew rack.

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 to the chapel.

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

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION is on break, and will resume October 6.

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.

EUCHARIST for the DEAF – TODAY, 12:00 p.m. We are adapting the worship of the Church to the language and culture of the Deaf in order to bring the Good News of the Gospel to those who have no way of hearing it. We have designed a simple liturgy in “the language of the people” (in this case, American Sign Language) that will be accessible to all Deaf people, regardless of their proficiency in English, and that will reflect the ways of relating that are common in the Deaf community. This liturgy is simpler and easier to understand, less wordy and easier to follow, and engages the congregation in dialogue. All are welcome! Printed leaflets will be provided.

WAYNE FARRELL will be away through Wednesday, September 18. We welcome and thank our assisting clergy in his absence.

CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION Notice anything different around our parish campus? What are nautilus shells doing in church? Nautilus shells are representative of sacred geometry, shapes in nature that reflect the spirituality of creation and the proximity of the Creator.

SPECIAL GIVING THIS MONTH September supports our newest ministry, the **Center for Spiritual Transformation at St. Boniface Church**, now launching after many months of prayer, planning and preparation. Several of our long-standing and well-serving ministries are combining their energies with newly developing efforts to further open St. Boniface Church to both parishioners and to the community. We will share pathways for seekers new and deep-rooted to further explore and deepen their spirituality – as we all strive to draw closer to our Creator’s love. Your gift this month both celebrates and supports this new endeavor, and may be made in thanksgiving or memory.

HURRICANE DORIAN and the GREEN BUCKET As we give thanks for being spared the storm’s rains and winds, we reach out to those whose lives and livelihoods were pummeled by Dorian. Your generous gift to Episcopal Relief & Development will help rebuild hope and lives immediately. Through their long-standing ties in communities around the world, ERD is ready to distribute what’s most needed where it’s most needed. Checks may be written to St. Boniface with “ERD” on the memo line, or give online via ERD’s website (<https://www.episcopalrelief.org>).

The green bucket is a St. Boniface tradition, put out in the wake of disasters. Gifts to the green bucket benefit ERD, in thanksgiving for our own blessings.

ART SHOW AND SALE The talented members of our Watercolor Group invite you to their Show and Sale in the Parish Hall, featuring all new artworks! Most pieces are for sale, with a portion of the sale supporting the ministries of St. Boniface, thanks to the generosity of the artists.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP and POTLUCK We gather in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm for Evening Prayer (Eucharist first Wednesdays of the month) followed by a Pot Luck Supper. Please bring a salad, main dish, drink or dessert to share! For more info, call Katherine Johnson (941-927-2066).

SYC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! The Siesta Youth Chorale are looking for adult volunteers for rehearsals - no experience necessary!!! Rehearsals are Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 to 4:45pm and Wednesdays from 3:50-4:20pm and then 4:30 to 5:45pm. It works out perfectly for those coming to the St. Boniface campus those days!!! Some of our younger readers could use help finding a hymn or going from line to line in their music and there are many, many more ways to help! If you are interested, please contact Jen Weinstein at 484-744-0494 or by email syc@bonifacechurch.org.

THE HEALING MISSION is open during the summer by appointment. Please call (941)349-5616 x335 and leave a message, a healing minister will get back with you to schedule a time.

THE WOMEN’S BOOK GROUP will meet Monday, **September 9**, at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Grace Riker (941-924-8908) to discuss *The Lost Carousel of Provence*, by Juliet Blackwell. All are welcome! For more information, call Cynthia Smyth at 908-568-9210.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER 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 next meets in the Healing Mission Thursday, **September 12** at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Fr. Michael Piovane at 610-442-0983.

EDUCATIONAL OFFERING on racism with renowned speaker, the Rev. Paul T. Roberts, will be presented Saturday, **September 14**, 1-3 pm at First Presbyterian Church. This event is sponsored by the Manasota Interracial Book Club, further details are posted outside the Parish Hall or contact Boniface parishioner, Maria Thacker, mmthacker@gmail.com.

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. We will next meet on Sunday, **September 15** at 11:30 a.m. in the Healing Mission. For more information contact Rita Valenti-Piovane (610)442-0984.

ANIMAL BLESSING Join us Saturday, **October 5**, at 10 a.m. in the Courtyard in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. All animals appropriately leashed or caged are welcome! Contributions of pet food for Sarasota County Humane Society distribution gladly accepted. Refreshments for animals and owners provided by Boniface Eco-Stewardship Team (B.E.S.T.). Contact Grace Riker 941-924-8908 for information.

TAIZÉ at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH This very prayerful and moving contemporary service, set in a casual setting, will be offered monthly here at St. Boniface beginning Saturday, **October 5**, 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating with the readings or music please contact Fr. Michael Piovane at 610-442-0983 or email driritav@gmail.com.

SHINING OUR LIGHT: Gratitude, Grace, Generosity We are grateful for our faith community of St. Boniface Church. On Saturday, **October 12**, from 9:30 am until 3:30 there will be several opportunities to look at how St. Boniface has become our spiritual home. In a very unique way, there will be time to give thanks for all that St. Boniface has given us. The entire campus will be open for people to explore during a gratitude and labyrinth walk. Accommodations will be made for those who have difficulty walking. Personalized gratitude flags will be created.

SETTING THE TONE FOR QUALITY HOSPITALITY Share an hour or so on Sunday mornings, we promise you’ll make an impact with fellow parishioners and visitors! As a **Greeter**, your warm welcome at the church doors will create a positive and lasting impression with visitors – as well as long-time members. Our **Ushers** continue the hospitality as worshippers enter the church, creating a comfortable worship experience for all. If you see yourself participating in either of these ministries, helping all feel at ease in God’s house, please contact Connie and Rooney Mereness (Greeters) at 941-346-1844 or Jane Aguilard (Ushers) 941-927-8442.

KEEP THE HOSPITALITY FLOWING! Our Coffee Hours need you! Please sign up to host a Coffee Hour, provide refreshments and/or tidy up afterwards. The duty is light and the rewards are heavenly! So, grab a friend or family member and sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Betsie Danner (941-349-5616 x318 bdanner@bonifacechurch.org) for the Sunday of your choice. You’ll earn enduring appreciation from your fellow parishioners!

JOIN OUR ALTAR GUILD They are the behind the scenes stars of our Sunday morning and mid-week worship. Teams of volunteers take one week a month, working together to ensure the altar is set and the communion elements are prepared; they also clear the altar following services. Their work lends dignity and beauty to our worship. Our Altar Guild members value their work and the friendships they’ve made. For more information, contact Leslie McLean (941-923-9104).

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: call (941)349-5616 x335 for an appointment.

MONDAY, September 9

TUESDAY, September 10

10:00 a.m. **Eucharist** – Church

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

WEDNESDAY, September 11

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

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

THURSDAY, September 12

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