



Saint Boniface News

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Eucharist
8:00 & 10:00 am

Tuesdays 10 a.m.
 Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.
 Evening Prayer
 (Eucharist first Wednesdays)

ON SABBATICAL




The St. Boniface Vestry voted in 2021 to support a sabbatical for our Rector in 2022. Wayne began his time away on July 4 and will return on October 7, coupling this leave with the balance of his annual vacation and continuing education time. We hope he returns rested, refreshed and re-invigorated! Please contact Priest Nikki with any pastoral needs (941-349-5616 x313 or nseger@bonifacechurch.org). All other inquiries can be directed to Lisa Wolf (941-349-5616 x320 or lwolf@bonifacechurch.org)

CHURCH SCHOOL
Weaving God's Promises

Children in Pre-K4 to 5th grade gather Sundays at 10:00 a.m, then return to their parents in church just before Communion. The first Sunday of the month is Family Sunday. Children participate in the full worship experience by joining their families for the entire service. *Church School takes a break the month of July and will resume when school begins in August.*

CENTER for SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION Educational Offering
Saturday, July 9, 10:00 a.m. by Zoom: "The Sacred and the Worldly: Does a Work of Art Need to Be Religious to Be Spiritual?" with Elisa Hansen.



Experiencing art is highly subjective, but a work can provide a sense of transcendence that allows the viewer to go deeper into her or his spirituality. Together, we will explore how specific works of art can lead to deeper contemplation, connect us to the rest of humanity, and transform us as spiritual beings.


The Rev. Deacon Elisa Hansen has served at St. Boniface Church since 2017. Her current secular job is as the director of the Art Research Library at The Ringling Museum. She has worked as a museum curator, a museum educator, and an art research librarian, both in the US and in Denmark, and has taught art history at several colleges. (Zoom ID: 849 5849 3207 / passcode: 596368).

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP & 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 information, contact Katherine Johnson (941-927-2066).

TAIZE SERVICES July 9 and August 6 at 6:00 pm and continuing the First Saturday of each month. This beautiful service of simple music, reflection and prayer will be held inside the church chapel.

MARCH ON! Every Sunday we end with one of the most beautiful prayers in the BCP asking God, "Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you ...". How do we, as people of faith, enter the dangers, toils and snares of the world today? Moreover, how do we speak truth to powers that do not serve God's desire for love and justice?



St Boniface already does this in the work of SURE (Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity). Yet, justice action may be a growing edge for many of us. One tool that is worth exploring is the Episcopal Public Policy Network – a grassroots network of Episcopalians in a ministry of advocacy in the public square. Check out their signup at this address: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/eppn-sign-up/>. There are several other faith-based organizations that marry Christian witness with public action. Finally, there are myriad secular groups committed to bringing about justice. Won't you consider stepping up? Share ideas with Priest Nikki to develop a "Public Square" ministry.

The **SPECIAL OFFERING** Special Offering for July builds up the **Clergy Discretionary Fund**. Your gift, of whatever amount, ensures St. Boniface can readily meet worthy needs in our community and our parish. Past gifts have provided for emergency rent and utility funds, gas money, food and medical needs for our brothers and sisters in need and nowhere to turn. *From Deacon Elisa Hansen on recent assistance:*

The Discretionary Fund has been used to assist a family headed by a grandmother who is a full-time teaching assistant at Tatum Ridge Elementary School, where her two granddaughters also attend. The grandmother is working as much as possible, taking on work as a substitute teacher during the summer, but has temporarily fallen into economic problems because of the high cost of living in Sarasota. Funds from St. Boniface have been used to pay her electric bill.

Opportunities to continue to stay connected with St. Boniface Church:

Worship, Teaching, Healing, Fellowship:

- ◆ **Hospitality** Sunday mornings after the services in the Parish Hall, join us for a cup of coffee and friendly fellowship.
- ◆ Sunday morning **Bible Study** at 9:00 a.m. in the Library or by Zoom, email Fr. Jeff Hamblin jlh@jeffreyhamblin-md.com
- ◆ Sunday morning **Book Discussion Group** takes a break for the summer, resuming in September. For more information contact Vince Brennan vhbrennan43@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Thursday "Coffee Hour"** at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom, contact Lisa Wolf for meeting information.
- ◆ **Men of Boniface** gather Fridays at 8:00 a.m. in-person and by Zoom, contact Reg Irvine for information (941)993-0010.
- ◆ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Library to knit prayers together into shawls for those needing to be wrapped in God's healing love. Email Meg Larrabee for info, meglarrabee@hotmail.com.
- ◆ **Contemplative Prayer** meets via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month (**July 6 & 20 / August 3 & 17**) (ID: 886 9678 4674 Passcode: 077733)

BEYOND the BROKEN HEART Support for loss and grieving will meet on Sundays **July 17 and August 21** in the Healing Mission at 11:30 am. Anyone who is dealing with the aftermath of loss either previous or recent, is invited to join us for sharing compassionate companionship. This is an open group for both parishioners and non-members. For more information contact Rita Piovane 610-442-0984 or drritav@gmail.com.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY will resume in September! EfM is a four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. If interested or more information, contact Douglas Smith 941-539-9715 or email desmith7780@gmail.com, or Rick Pereira ricknova58@gmail.com. Several sources are available to pay for, or aid with, tuition and fees.

MIGRATION MINISTRY UPDATE Our former refugee guests, Yainiet and Ashley, have settled well into their new permanent home, and are happy and flourishing.

Recently, several members of the Migration Ministry Team met to discuss our next steps in ministry. Although there were several challenges in housing our first refugee family, the positives far exceeded the challenges. Above all other positives was the knowledge that mother and child had a safe, quiet place to live while preparing to transition to permanent housing.

As we discern further how best we can serve those newly arrived in our country, we will be seeking various skills from the congregation. Please pray with and for us that God will guide and support us in this continued ministry.

HEALING MISSION SUMMER AVAILABILITY

The Healing Mission will be open one Wednesday afternoon and Monday morning in the summer, this month on **July 11 and 27**, next month on **August 8 and 24**. During your half hour, we pray for all needs of body, mind and spirit. Call 941-349-5616 ext. 335 for an appointment.

Help us build **artistic visibility** on our campus! All painters, digital and mixed-media artists, photographers, printmakers & 3-D artists are invited to share ideas, expand studio work spaces, demos, dialogue, and exhibition opportunities. A Library Forum will take place **July 17, 11:30 am** in the Library. Let our creative spirit continue to be heard and seen at St Boniface! For more information contact Zerbe Sodervick 585-820-4306.

PRAYER CIRCLE One of the most powerful ways to "love your neighbor" is through intercessory prayer. You may have seen a book located in the narthex of the church for prayer requests. The names from this book (and any requests called into the office) are compiled on a weekly basis and sent out, either via email or regular post, to those who have committed themselves to praying for others, aka the "Prayer Circle." If you feel you would like to join those engaged in this ministry, contact Lisa Wolf (lwolf@bonifacechurch.org or 941-349-5616 ext. 320).



ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK When school lets out, hunger begins. More than 40,000 children in our community are at risk of hunger during the summer. They lose access to school-sponsored breakfast and lunch programs. On July 25 and August 17 we are asking for volunteers to help fight Summer Hunger. We will be filling bags for the backpack program. Our last events were in 2019, and we packaged 5,400 bags - a Food Bank record! Come join Team St. Boniface at All Faiths Food Bank on July 25 from 1-3:30 p.m. and August 17 from 1-3:30. Sign up during both Coffee Hours in July. Contact Helen Francis for more information (941)921-6820.

MAY'S GIVING TREE was dedicated to mothers and specifically the mothers of Francis House. It is a home provided through Family Promise for homeless pregnant women. Through the generosity of the Boniface family we raised over \$1500 for a fund for the mothers as they leave the program and begin a new life in their own home. Heartfelt thanks to all from the Francis House staff. The first mother to leave the program was thrilled with the gift cards she received to help in gathering the necessary items for her new home.

