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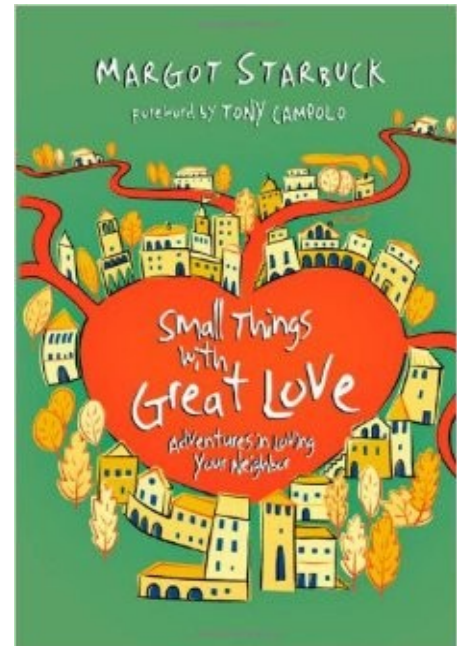
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Small Things With Great Love *Adventures in Loving Your Neighbor* Lenten Series 2017 Begins March 8th

The series, based on a book by Margot Starbuck invites you to choose the adventure that fits who you are in authentically loving those around you. Yes, she knows: just the thought of adding something more to your life sounds exhausting. But here's the fantastic truth she's discovered in her own journey: "We don't have to add lots more overwhelming activity to what we've already got going. The regular stuff of our lives—the commute to work and the potlucks and home improvement projects and errands and play dates—are the exact places in which we express and experience God's love for a world in need.

Small Things with Great Love will open your eyes to the people around you and the huge impact you can have on them through small acts of love. The biggest surprise of all might be how powerfully God can use you, right in the midst of your walking-the-dog, paying-the-bills, doing-laundry life, when you're living out his love. Do the first small thing by joining us on Wednesday nights—and let the adventure begin!



Five-thirty service followed by soup supper
Program begins at 6:30 pm

Youth Group, Children's program and Nursery will continue as usual

NOTE: There will be no Wednesday Service or Programs on March 22
(Spring Break Week)

Supper Club Mixer! March 5, 2017 at 5:00 pm

If you would like to be in a Supper Club Group, please attend and bring a side dish to share. A sign-up list to attend is on the welcome table.

We need a new Supper Club Leader! Please think about it and let Joy Thompson know on the 5th if you are interested.

Supper Club
FOOD & FRIENDS



Community Candlelight Flow Yoga Every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Our instructor is Morgan Godwin (daughter of Mark and Nina Godwin). Childcare is \$5 and donations will be accepted for the class. Please bring your own yoga mat.

Holy Week is Coming Soon!

April 9	Palm Sunday (Both services begin in the courtyard) 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two
April 10	7:30 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
April 11	7:30 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
April 12	7:30 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
April 13	6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
April 14	12:00 pm Good Friday Service
April 16	Easter Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One 9:15 am Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two

By Mary Sexton,
Director of Choirs



Choir Rehearsal Times

Children's Choir 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Wednesday
Chancel Choir 6:30 pm Wednesday &
9:30 am Sunday

I would like to invite everyone of all ages to think about joining the choir! The children and youth sing several times a year and the adult choirs lead us on Sundays and on special occasions.

I would like to welcome Sarah Mason to the music ministry! She will be our piano accompanist on Sunday mornings and Wednesday night.

We are beginning to rehearse for Easter! Please join us for the Easter season.

Holy Nativity Family Retreat at Beckwith, April 21-23! SIGN-UP NOW!

Sign up forms are in the foyer to attend this wonderful weekend at our Diocesan Camp in Fairhope, AL. There will be activities for everyone and great Beckwith food! You can also go to our website, www.holy-nativity.org to find out more.



March 30, 2017
5:00 pm-
7:00 pm



Laundry Love Event Jan. 26th from 5-7pm at the Wash Depot on 11th Street next to the Bay County Library. During this event we will serve anyone that walks in and needs clean clothes. We need you to volunteer! Volunteers will be available to assist with handling out quarters and laundry supplies, talking to people...just helping anyway possible by spreading the love and support. You can make a donation to this ministry by writing "Laundry Love" in the memo section of your check to Holy Nativity. Thank you! For more info: Contact David Smith at 774-6475 or david@sandoakdivorcesolutions.com.

A Note From Fr. Tom

As I write this, it's early Tuesday morning of my last sabbatical week, won't be five o'clock for another quarter-hour, still dark outside, predawn, the sun won't be up for awhile yet. Linda and I have been out on our 7H porch and it's pleasantly cool, Florida damp, light fog but can still see across St. Andrews Bay. This is my place!

The sabbatical has been good, more lazy than refreshing, so I wouldn't want to sink too deep into this. But good: thank you so very much.

Thank you also for the wonderful, kind and loving gift of the check at Christmas, it was an Epiphany surprise, extraordinarily generous and deeply appreciated. Our first act of sabbatical was to drive out to Louisiana to visit my brother for a few days. I'd not seen Walt in a couple years, and we felt that your loving kindness was shared with Walt by the treat of our time, travel, lodging, and taking Walt and Betty out to lunch and dinner. Thank you for being there with us, you are God's blessing upon us.

I'm not getting fidgety or antsy to return to work, but it's nice to have a Lent sermon to hack at as prep for returning to Holy Nativity next week, and Sunday School to look forward to. At the moment though I'm sitting here in the blue lift chair I gave my mother for her 97th or 98th birthday, looking out at the pink azaleas looking in at me, wearing my Holy Nativity cap and a Life Is Good shirt that says "Sometimes NOTHING is the right thing to do."

Children's Ministry March 2017 *by Beverly McDaniel*

Mar	Sun School 9:15 In Kids' Kingdom: Theology theater	Children's Church 10:30 In Kids' Kingdom after the children's sermon at the beginning of the worship service. They return to "big church" for communion.	Nursery 10:15 Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Catherine Churchill or Emily Brock and our faithful nursery Volunteers.
5	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Alex and Laura King 625-0705	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Holly Melzer 896-0428 Mary Elise Morrow	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
19	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Lindsay Crelling 319-6226 Krissy Oenbrink 890-4441	Pat Spangler 215-5247
26	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Casey Cole 319-4379 Cynthia Fuller 769-9166	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

Thank you to all who helped with Souper Bowl Sunday. During Children's Church, we went over to the Backpack Room in the two-story building to learn more about Holy Nativity's Food Bank and Backpack Ministry. The weather was so beautiful that the children played on the playground for a little while and we had special snacks in the courtyard...Thank you, Mrs. Brock.

Although there will be no programs following the somber Ash Wednesday evening service nor on Wednesday, March 22nd with spring break, I encourage you to bring your children and make Wednesday evenings a part of your church routine at Holy Nativity. During Lent, we will enjoy soup suppers after the services, and after the switch to daylight saving time, we may get to play outside a bit before Godly Play. I love watching the children participate in the spiritual process as Liz Ward asks them "to wonder and share" their thoughts about the stories. Liz is not only a great teacher but she is also time-conscious so that we usually can finish by 7:30. Come and observe.

Again, thank you so much for your help in making our church a wonderful place for our children. Please call me with your comments, questions, and suggestions.

Beverly McDaniel





- Mar. 5 Inge Churchill, Jerry Darnell, David Grossman, Molly McLendon, Nelson Scott
- Mar. 6 Catherine Churchill
- Mar. 8 Terrell Hartzog
- Mar. 9 Cassie Casady, Alexander Lovchuk, Samuel McLane, Madi Wilkins
- Mar. 10 Andrew Collier
- Mar. 12 Tom Caldwell, Ashley Metzler
- Mar. 14 Russell Brock, Noah Patterson
- Mar. 15 Lauren Williams
- Mar. 16 Kacey McEwen
- Mar. 17 Sarah Austin, Vincent McEwen
- Mar. 18 William Cramer, Peyton Lam
- Mar. 19 Boyd Faison, Nicholas Stuart
- Mar. 20 Dana Dye
- Mar. 21 Lancy Lee
- Mar. 22 Tommy Harding, Kay Young
- Mar. 24 Nancy Breland, Georgie Hartzog
- Mar. 25 Dorothy Allen
- Mar. 26 Teresa Durgan, Chappell Syfrett
- Mar. 27 Anda Gagnet, Paul Hunt, Nicolas Pereira
- Mar. 28 George McInnis
- Mar. 30 Kendall Lovchuk
- Mar. 31 Grace Smith



- Mar. 4 David and Natasha Lithway
- Mar. 8 Jerry and Catherine Shores
- Mar. 15 Jimmy and Sue White
- Mar. 22 Gene and Kathleen Wicker
- Mar. 23 Brent and Lori Faison
- Mar. 27 Bob and Lisa McLendon

Food Bank

This week we loaded all of our food into a van, in a driving rainstorm, bound for Family Services. Did you know they provide support for 30,000 people here in Bay County? Your donations are vital to meeting that need, and meeting Christ's mandate that we meet the needs of those who struggle to provide for themselves. Now our shelves are bare, and we need your help more than ever. God bless you all.
MPD

Backpacks

Our kid count has inched up to 65, and we continue to provide them all with weekend food every Friday. Where are we lacking, you ask? Primarily in volunteers to help shop, pack, and deliver. It is a fun group of folks who make this happen--a regular circle of not just disciples, but friends, has formed around this program. We'd love for you to join us. Interested? Contact Mike Dickey at 857.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com.





March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30 am-Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm—Ash Wednesday Service	2	3	4
5 The 1st Sunday in Lent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children’s Chapel 5:00 pm-Supper Club Mixer	6	7	8 4:00 pm-Children’s Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm –five-thirty service, Lenten Soup Supper and Program 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsals	9 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	10	11 9:00 am-Project Resource Training
12 The 2nd Sunday in Lent FALL BACK! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children’s Chapel	13	14 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and program	15 4:00 pm-Children’s Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm –five-thirty service, Lenten Soup Supper and Program 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsals	16	17	18
19 The 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 9:15 am - Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children’s Chapel	20	21	22	23	24	25
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Spring Break</div>						
26 The 4th Sunday in Lent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children’s Chapel	27 Book Club 5:30 pm-Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Parish House	28	29 4:00 pm-Children’s Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm –five-thirty service, Lenten Soup Supper and Program 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsals	30 5:00 pm-Laundry Love-Wash Depot	31	

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for March 2017

Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26
Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga and David Burris	Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Kaew Sumpton, Nancy Dingus, Inge Churchill
Ushers 8:00 am: Lou Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Alan and Jeanette Tremaine	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock
Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Sue White and Mary Ellen Harding	Greeters 8:00 am: Donna Jangula 10:30 am: Tom Hairston and Ian Crelling	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Brian Leebrick	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Joyce Dannecker	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Gayle Ahrens 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson and Joe Ciccarelli
Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Morgan and Ashtyn Williams, John Moore, Grady Oenbrink, Michael Watts, Tyler Shores, Milly Eberhard, Andrew Collier	Acolytes 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Ginny Leebrick, Kate Smith, Grace Ennis, Chappell Syfrett, James Thompson, Hannah Hickman, Paul Brust	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Joseph Thompson, Stevens Roberson, Bailey Melzer, Emi Hickman, Kristina Dick, Shelby Roberson, Mia Carroll Linda Taylor King	Acolytes 10:30 am: Jacob Brock, Bekah Leebrick, Peyton Lam, Nicolas Pereira Samantha Smith, Madelyn Reeder, Ashley Doran, Kate Leebrick
Lector at 10:30 am TBA	Lector at 10:30 am Judy Dickey	Lector at 10:30 am Tom Hairston	Lector at 10:30 am Beverly McDaniel
Tablecloth Ministry: Ian Crelling	Tablecloth Ministry: Nancy Hebert	Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Bonham



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DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick - Bishop
The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate
The Rev. Mike Dickey, Deacon

CHURCH STAFF

Youth Director - Andrew Jeffery
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Director of Choirs - Mary Sexton
Church Organist - John Durgan
Church Accompanist/Pianist - Sarah Mason
Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills
Nursery Attendants - Catherine Churchill and Emily Brock

THE VESTRY

Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Gayle Ahrens 15-18
Peggy Bowen 16-19
Beth Brock 15-18 Sr. Warden
Tiffany Ennis 16-19
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Tom Hairston 16-19
Mike Harding 17-20

Jim Hixson 15-18
Tom Ledman 17-20 Jr. Warden
George McInnis 17-20
Madge Smith - Clerk
Hercules Pettis 17-18
Kelly Roberson 17-20
Joy Thompson 16-19
Todd Williams 14-17

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

*Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I **
9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's Sunday School (Sept. - May)
*10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II***
*Wednesday 5:30 pm - five-thirty Eucharist * and programs*

**Nursery Provided*
***Children's Church and Nursery Provided*
