



# The Red Door

## FEBRUARY 2026

### MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

## February

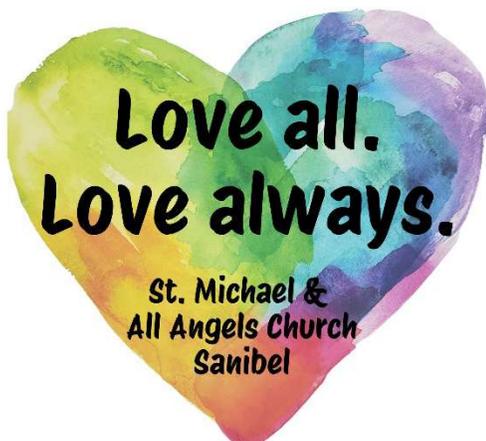
We have something for everyone going on this month. Be sure to read this edition of the Red Door and mark your calendar for all the great opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship.

Here's a sample:

- **Clean Up Day** – Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> come by at 9:00 am and help out with cleanup. There will be a variety of projects. Also on February 7<sup>th</sup>, stop by the St. Michael's booth at the **Health Fair** at the Sanibel Recreation Center, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- **Noah's Ark Fashion Show** is back! Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 experience the latest in Ark fashions. Someone you know will be walking the runway...
- **Brian McLaren** will be with us for the Shared Scholar program on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. This session will be held at Sanibel United Church of Christ (2025 Periwinkle). He will also be doing a follow up presentation here at St. Michael's on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, and he will be preaching at our services that weekend!
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** is on the 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00. This is a wonderful opportunity for good food, fellowship and fun.
- **Ash Wednesday** begins the season of Lent on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Stop in for **Ashes On the Go** throughout the day. Our Ash Wednesday service will be at noon.
- Our **Annual Meeting** will be Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 10:30 service.
- The **Men's Retreat** is February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Dayspring. The Rev. Bill Livingston will lead us on a deep dive into the Lord's Prayer.
- Looking ahead the **Women's Retreat** will be March 21<sup>st</sup> here at St. Michael's.

As you can see, we have a lot going on and something for everyone! Find out details about these offerings, and so much more, in this edition of the Red Door.

*Peace,*  
*Bill+*



**Annual Meeting  
of the Parish  
Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
11:30 a.m.  
(immediately following the 10:30 service)  
in the Parish Hall**

**Monday Creation Care Talk  
by Brian McLaren**

St. Michael's is honored to welcome **Rev. Brian D. McLaren**—noted author and speaker—for a timely presentation and conversation:

**Leading Sanibel Forward &  
Caring for Creation  
Monday, February 16, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.  
Saint Michael's Church  
2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel**

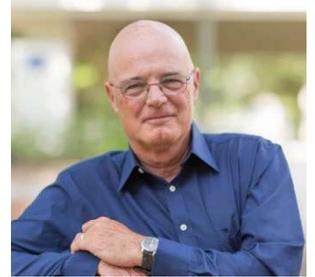
As people of faith, **we are called to care for creation** – and many in our world today, **especially youth**, are carrying a deep sense of eco-anxiety as climate concerns grow more urgent. What might it look like for us, as island congregations and as individuals, to love our islands well in a time of climate crisis?

Rev. McLaren will guide a thoughtful conversation on **local and global climate concerns**, with the hope that this “critical conversation” will lead to **meaningful and hopeful action**.

This presentation is **hosted by St. Michael's as part of the Interfaith Shared Scholar Program**, and all are welcome. Learn more at [saintmichaels-sanibel.org](https://saintmichaels-sanibel.org).

**Interfaith Shared Scholar  
Program ~ Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

World renown author and speaker **Brian D. McLaren** will be the speaker at the Interfaith Shared Scholar Program Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at United Congregational Church of Christ. He will be speaking on “How to be a Person of Faith in Today's World.” In addition, he will be offering a presentation at St. Michael's on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.



A short bio from his website: "Brian D. McLaren is an author, speaker, activist, and public theologian. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is a passionate advocate for “a new kind of Christianity” – just, generous, and working with people of all faiths for the common good. He is a faculty member with the Center for Action and Contemplation, and a podcaster with the CAC's podcast Learning How to See. He is a co-host of Southern Lights and supports a new progressive ecumenical campus ministry network called ZOE... He is a popular conference speaker and a frequent guest lecturer for denominational and ecumenical leadership gatherings – across the US and Canada, Latin America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. His public speaking covers a broad range of topics including postmodern thought and culture, Biblical studies, church leadership and spiritual formation, pastoral survival and burnout, inter-religious dialogue, the integration of contemplative spirituality and activism, and global crises." You can read more about him, read his blog posts and his many books at his website, <https://brianmclaren.net/>

Brian is on sabbatical for 2026 but made an exception to come to Sanibel due to the fact he now lives in nearby Naples and we are very grateful to have this opportunity to host him. Be sure to hold these two days to experience this unique opportunity to hear from such a world renown figure.

## 2025 Annual Ministry Reports for Annual Meeting

If you are a Chair, Facilitator or Scheduler of a Ministry/Committee at St. Michael's, we need a 2025 report from the ministry you chair! The Annual Meeting of the Parish is **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, and your report is needed **by Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**, or sooner, so I can compile the reports. If you would like to see the report from last year for your ministry, or not sure if you need to submit one, please call or [email](#) Susan G. at the office and she'll assist you.

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## Bible Study with the Rector Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM



Join the Rector – The Rev. Bill Van Oss – as he leads a lectionary-based Bible study using the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. Join meeting at:

**ZOOM Meeting ID#: 829 7038 4775**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82970384775>  
or contact Susan in the church office.

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## United Thanks Offering (UTO) Starts March 13<sup>th</sup>



2026 Theme:  
Justice & Bridging Divides  
*“But let justice roll down  
like waters, and  
righteousness like an  
ever-flowing stream.”*  
(Amos 5:24)

## Ashes on the Go: Meet God in the Middle of Your Day

On **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**, St. Michael's will offer **Ashes on the Go**—a simple, prayerful way to begin Lent, especially for those who can't step away for a full service. In the Episcopal tradition, ashes are an outward sign of an inward turning: a reminder of our mortality and our need for God's mercy. During the imposition of ashes, the Church speaks a truthful, hope-filled word from our liturgy: *“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”* The ashes themselves are traditionally made by burning the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday—linking our “Hosannas” with our honest repentance and God's enduring grace.

**Ashes on the Go** is exactly what it sounds like: you can **drive up, bike up, or walk up**, receive ashes and a brief prayer, and continue on your way—no pressure, no long commitment, just a moment to pause and receive the Church's blessing at the start of Lent. Clergy will be stationed at a big red tent in front of church along the shared use path and will have Lent in a Bag kits to distribute as well. This practice has been embraced by many Episcopal congregations as a way of bringing prayer beyond church walls and offering a gentle invitation back to God—right where people already are.

**At St. Michael's (2304 Periwinkle) — All Are Welcome!**

- **Ashes on the Go:** 7:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.  
(outside by the shared use path)
- **Ash Wednesday Service:** Noon
- **Ashes on the Go:** 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
(outside by the shared use path)
- **Lent in a Bag kits** will be available throughout the day.

Whether you come for the noon liturgy or simply stop by for a quiet moment of prayer, **you are welcome**. Learn more at [www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org](http://www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org).

## Spirituality in Later Life –

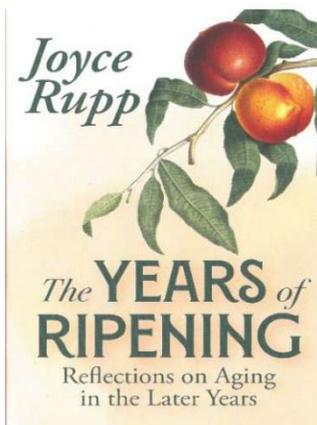
Next Gathering Monday, February 9  
| 3:00 p.m.

Our Spirituality in Later Life group provides its gentle, grace-filled journey into the gifts of sacred aging on Monday, February 9th at 3:00 p.m. at the Cove at Estuary at Shell Point. No RSVP required.

These monthly gatherings are not focused on the practical “to-do list” of later years—important as those things are. Instead, our time together centers on **spiritual growth and personal transformation as we age**: noticing the ways God is still shaping us, honoring the wisdom we carry, and claiming more fully the personhood God continues to reveal in later life. It’s a space for honest conversation, shared reflection, and encouragement on the road we walk together. Conversations are structured so that everyone can engage fully, whether or not you’ve had time to read.

We are using Joyce Rupp’s beautiful reflections, *The Years of Ripening*, as a companion for our journey. It is a wonderful book and worth a read for anyone in later stages of life.

~ Fr. Bill



## Altar Guild Ministry

We are looking for more volunteers to help prepare the altar for the Eucharist that is celebrated at each service. No previous experience is necessary!! This is an open invitation for men and women. Please contact Fr. Bill or Susan Gonzalez in the Church Office if you are interested or would like more information.



## Join the Flower Guild

We invite you to consider becoming a member of the Flower Guild. Your help is greatly appreciated, and we would love to hear from anyone interested in joining our team. No experience necessary.



Please note that the Flower Guild is responsible for arranging altar flowers during the months of November through May. If you would like to participate or learn more, please contact Lee Williams 239-464-9798.

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## Ministry of Lector Reading & Prayers of the People

**Want to Participate in Worship Services?  
Do you Love to Read?**

**We've Got a Spot for You!**

Have you ever listened to someone read Scripture during worship and thought, “*I could do that*” — or maybe “*I’d love to try*”? Here’s your chance!

We’re looking for new folks to join our team of **Lectors and Prayer of the People Readers** — at one of our weekend services.

You don’t need any special experience — just a willingness to share your voice and your faith. We’ll walk you through everything you need to know, and you can sign up for whichever service time fits your schedule best.

It’s a simple way to get more involved and be part of something meaningful. When you read Scripture or prayers aloud, you help everyone in the congregation connect more deeply with God’s word.

If you are interested, please contact **Susie Wilson** via [oislw41@gmail.com](mailto:oislw41@gmail.com) or call 914-261-8025.

# Noah's Ark Thrift Shop Presents

## "Love is in the Air"

### Fashion Show on February 9<sup>th</sup>

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop will bring back a beloved community favorite with the "Love is in the Air" Fashion Show on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. in the St. Michael's Church Sanctuary. Free admission, no tickets needed. **Church bus for Shell Point is available, please contact Susan G if you want a ride to the show.**

This lively, feel-good event features Noah's Ark volunteers modeling their favorite thrift-shop finds in a Valentine-themed celebration of style, fun, and community spirit. Outfits featured in the show will be available for purchase immediately following the runway presentation. After the show, guests are invited to continue the fun as Noah's Ark Thrift Shop opens for one hour of shopping, along with refreshments and a chance to win a door prize.

"Love is in the Air is a wonderful way to celebrate the joy of thrifting and the people who make Noah's Ark such a special place," said **Joellen Simons**, coordinator of the fashion show, "We're excited to welcome everyone back for a fun afternoon—and some great finds."

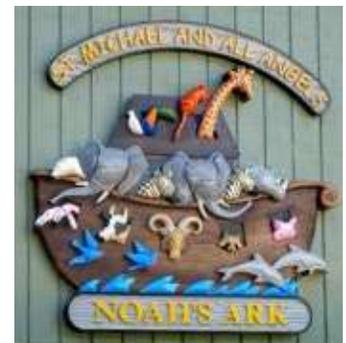
Enjoy some photos uncovered of fashion shows in the past. If you recognize any of the women in the photos, please let **Sue Van Oss** know their names!



## Noah's Ark is Open

Tuesdays &  
Fridays &  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of  
the month  
10:00 a.m.-  
1:00 p.m.

Donations  
accepted daily.



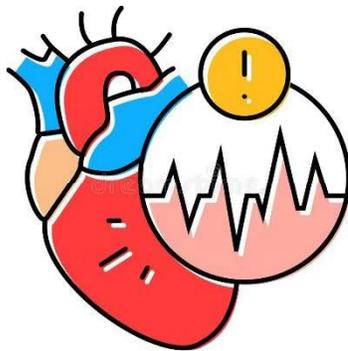
Questions? Call 239-799-7146

## From Your Parish Nurse, Wendy



February is National Heart Month and like any other year, I want to take the opportunity to talk about some condition related to the heart. Many people in our congregation have suffered from Atrial Fibrillation (A-Fib) or Atrial Flutter. Both, according to Medline Plus “are common types of abnormal heart rhythms ([arrhythmias](#)) which affect the upper chambers (atria) of the heart.”

The rhythm for A-Fib is often described at ‘Chaotic’ while A-Flutter is described as fast, but a regular rhythm. When the heart is working as it should be and the electrical impulses within the heart are firing normally, the four chambers of the heart contract to empty and then release to fill in a rhythmic regular manner. What happens with both of these conditions in the atria is the electrical nodes in the heart begin to misfire.



If the atria are contracting in a chaotic pattern and/or fast, then it will affect how the ventricles function. If it causes the heart rate to be higher than 100 or lower than 60, you may experience racing heart, chest pain, shortness of breath, fatigue or even dizziness or light-headedness. **If you are experiencing any of these symptoms go to the emergency room or call 911.** Do not attempt to drive yourself. Early identification and treatment of this disorder is critical to avoid more serious health issue, such as a stroke.

According to Mayo Clinic, Causes or risk factors that can increase your chances to develop might be age (65 or older), prior heart attack, smoking, caffeine, nicotine or illegal drugs, obesity, heavy alcohol use, thyroid disease, Diabetes, sleep apnea and family history are the most common. The treatment for A-Fib or Flutter is to control

the heart rate and to restore a normal rhythm to avoid blood clots to reduce stroke risk. Often times it will be done with medication, the use of electricity or maybe even a pacemaker. Lifestyle changes may be necessary to reduce risk factors to avoid development heart disease or recurrence of heart issues. These of course are what we commonly hear from our healthcare providers.

Mayo clinic outlines “some basic heart-healthy tips:

- Control high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes.
- Don't smoke or use tobacco.
- Eat nutritious foods that are low in salt and saturated fat.
- Exercise at least 30 minutes a day on most days of the week unless your healthcare team says not to.
- Keep a healthy weight.
- Get good sleep. Adults should aim for 7 to 9 hours daily.
- Reduce and manage stress.”

For questions or concerns, as always, call me at church or email [nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org](mailto:nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org).



The next CPR/AED training class is Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m.  
At Fire Station #181 on Captiva  
(14984 Captiva Dr)

If you are interested please contact Parish Nurse Wendy Warner in the Church Office or by email at [nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org](mailto:nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org)



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Michael's Prayer Shawl & Quilt Ministry over the past several years has provided comfort to hundreds of parishioners and friends dealing with illness, grief, or other life challenges, and joy to parents/grandparents welcoming new life.

Thanks to the generous spirit of so many knitters, crocheters, and quilters, we have a good collection of prayer shawls & quilts, and mini shawls, ready to be given to parishioners, family, or friends, as needs arise. If you'd like to request a prayer shawl or quilt for anyone, please contact Parish Nurse Wendy Warner or Susan Gonzalez at the Church Office. New shawls and quilts are always welcomed.

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## Outreach Update Epiphany Drive

In December we began an Epiphany Drive to help a local non-profit and selected **All Souls Episcopal Church Outreach** as the recipient. All Souls serves many who unfortunately struggle with lack of good shelter, as well adequate food and personal care items. This year, **Epiphany is from January 6<sup>th</sup> to February 17<sup>th</sup>**, and the "Red Tubs" will be by the front and rear entrances for your contribution of personal care and other items. Although much of the list is personal care, also needed are blankets, sweaters, jackets, and socks, as well as any non-perishable food items.

- Shampoo & Conditioner (Regular size)
- Body Lotion • Bar Soap • Deodorant
- Shave Gel • Disposable Razors
- Toothpaste • Toothbrushes
- Hairbrushes and/or Combs
- Hand Towels • Antibacterial Hand Soap
- Nail Clippers • Socks

You are much appreciated and always welcome to join our committee, and our many volunteer efforts throughout the year.

Grab an Epiphany Drive flyer from the table in the Gallery or back of church to take with you on your next shopping trip.

~ **Your Outreach Ministry Team**

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## Sanibel Rec Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health Fair — St. Michael's Will Be There!

Saturday, February 7, 2026  
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
Sanibel Recreation Center

St. Michael's is partnering with the **Sanibel Recreation Center** for their **2nd Annual Health Fair**, and we hope you'll stop by and say hello—especially if you're looking for simple, helpful ways to support your wellbeing.

Look for the **St. Michael's booth**, where our **Parish Nurse, Wendy Warner**, will be available to **check glucose levels** and offer a warm, welcoming presence. If you've been meaning to keep an eye on your numbers—or you simply want a quick check-in—this is a convenient opportunity to do so.

The Health Fair will also offer **free screenings and information** on a variety of topics, including:

- Cholesterol, Blood pressure, Diabetes,
- Women's/Men's health, Behavioral health,
- Dental health, Balance screening, and more.

Mark your calendar now and consider inviting a friend or neighbor to join you. It's a practical and encouraging way to care for the bodies God has given us—and to connect with others in our island community.

For more information, contact **239-472-0345** or **denise.dillon@mysanibel.com**.

# ST. MICHAEL'S CLEAN UP DAY

SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 7  
8AM-11AM  
2304 PERIWINKLE

Let's spruce up our beloved building! Various indoor projects available:

paint touchups, window washing, dusting window sills, picture frames, baseboards, library bookshelves, use magic Eraser on door frames, disinfecting pews, door knobs, etc.

Come for an hour or two! All help appreciated! Hot coffee and donuts will be ready to greet you!



MARDI GRAS

# PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7  
5:00PM-7:00PM

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH  
2304 PERIWINKLE

Join us for pancakes, sausages and more. Free will be accepted.

The Sanibel School Nominating Committee  
Honor Society

[www.saintmichaels-sch.org](http://www.saintmichaels-sch.org)





## Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

The Men's Fellowship group continue to meet in person and on Zoom at 8:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. However, we will meet only once during the month of February.

**On February 10, Greg Scherer** will tell us about his recent trip to Guatemala, the situation there, and assistance being provided by Common Hope, a US-based nonprofit supporting families and children through education, health care, and community development.

**Our February 24** meeting date coincides with the Men's Retreat, Feb 24-25, at DaySpring Retreat Center. (Details and registration information are below, or elsewhere in this Red Door.)



**A third February event** - a service opportunity for all men of St. Michael & All Angels, is the annual Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on February 17. The event is open to the public and free of charge. Donations will be accepted and all proceeds will go to the Sanibel School National Junior Honor Society. Traditionally, the men of St. Michael's put on this event. The volunteer sign-up sheet will be coming out soon!

All men of St. Michael's are welcome to attend. For more information contact **Bill Larson** or Susan G. in the Church Office.

**Men's Fellowship ~ Meeting ID #820 0070 2322**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82000702322>



## Women of St. Michael's Welcome all to 2026 Activities

The St. Michael's women's group, known as the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), encourages everyone to attend the fabulous Noah's Ark Fashion Show in the Sanctuary of St. Michael's on February 9 at 12:30. This beloved event will be followed by a special one-hour shopping opportunity with refreshments and a door prize at Noah's Ark.

The Fashion Show replaces the regular monthly ECW meetings and luncheons which resume on March 9. You will want to be in the Parish Hall at 12:30 on March 9 for lunch, a very quick meeting introducing proposed bylaw changes to be voted on in April and a program featuring **Deb Gleason** of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village.

Save the date—Saturday, March 21—for the annual Women's Retreat. This year it will be at St. Michael and All Angels rather than away at DaySpring as in years past. We are thrilled that our co-leaders for Saturday, March 21 will be the **Rev'd Coleen Tully and Sue Van Oss**. Plans are to return to DaySpring in 2027.

On April 13, we wrap up the ECW season with election of new officers, voting on the bylaws, and having our final lunch and program until November 2026. The program is a special treat. **John Lai** of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce is especially knowledgeable about local developments and can help us understand how our community is changing.

At St. Michael's, the ECW delights in providing hospitality, educational programs, and other events for church and community. We volunteer our time, have fun, and collectively donate substantial contributions to the community for good works – as women of St. Michael's have done for decades. Proceeds from Noah's Ark provide a key source of funding for good works.

We are happy to have been part of a successful come-back year at the Ark, made possible by the many women and men who volunteered. Those efforts resulted in a banner year for grants—16 local organizations just received grants from 2025 Ark proceeds. We now look forward to 2026, continuing in the way of love.

~ **Barbara Manard**, ECW President.

# MEN'S RETREAT

## FEB 24-25, 2026

### The Lord's Prayer

**DaySpring Conference Center, Parrish FL**

How many times have we repeated the Lord's Prayer without reflection on its meaning? Probably no other words are better known or said more frequently than the Lord's Prayer. However, few of us repeat this prayer giving thought to what we say. It is a deeply profound prayer with each and every word having significant meaning and implications. What if we lived our lives based on this prayer rather than reciting the words by rote?

In this retreat The Rev. Bill Livingston will lead a series of teachings, guided meditations, small group discussions and silent reflections on the spiritual discipline of prayer, and the origin, history and words of each phrase of the Lord's Prayer. The Rev. Livingston has served as a priest in Episcopal parishes in Mississippi, North Carolina, served as pastoral support in parishes after Hurricane Katrina, and has led pilgrimages to Palestine/Israel, the Isle of Iona and Camino de Santiago.

The cost of the retreat including private room and all meals is \$180. Room with shared bathrooms is \$125. The church van will be available for those who don't want to drive.

Please contact Tom Addison if you have questions or need further information.

**REGISTER TODAY**

Contact the church office;  
parishsecretary@saintmichaels-sanibel.org



All women are invited to a day of reflection:

## SHARING OUR PATHWAYS

Find Your Balance- Body, M



Led by Rev. Coleen Tully & Su  
engage in interactive sessions  
body, awaken the spirit, sooth  
the mind and nourish the sou



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Free to attend but RSVP requested for  
planning by March 14:  
online - [sainmichaels-sanibel.org](http://sainmichaels-sanibel.org)  
email - [parishsecretary@saintmichaels-sanibel.org](mailto:parishsecretary@saintmichaels-sanibel.org)  
call - 239-472-2173

# Proceeds from Noah's Ark Thrift Shop used to Award \$205,000 in Community Grants

Sixteen local nonprofit organizations receive grants ranging from \$7,000 to \$20,000

Proceeds from Noah's Ark Thrift Shop in 2025 have been awarded in the form of grants totaling **\$205,000** to **16 local charitable organizations** serving Southwest Florida. Grants were distributed to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations identified through an application process submitted to the St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church Women Grants Committee.

Many don't realize that proceeds from sales at Noah's Ark Thrift Shop do not go towards St. Michael's operations; instead, it is given away to support the wider community through these annual grants. The Grants Committee's mission is to allocate Noah's Ark proceeds to reflect **God's inclusive love for all people**, with a particular focus on those who are **hungry, unhoused, and marginalized**. The St. Michael and All Angels Grants Committee is part of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. Michael and All Angels who started Noah's Ark over 60 years ago. Over those past 60 years, more than \$6 million dollars have been granted to nonprofits to help those in need.

During the recent check presentations, **Stan Nelson**, Board President of the Pine Manor Community Association remarked, "We have lost federal and local funding so this has been a Godsend to us."



**Sue Sterrett** Noah's Ark volunteer and *Immokalee Outreach Liaison* presenting the check to **Tammy Richelieu**, CDO of *Immokalee Fair Housing Inc.*

And **Charlie Thompson**, Co-Chair of the All Souls Outreach Ministry in North Ft. Myers gave a heartfelt thanks "to the customers and volunteers of Noah's Ark who provided these funds which will help so many people in Lee County who come to our program that provides food, clothing and medical assistance to senior citizens, the unhoused and those with low incomes."



L-R: Noah's Ark volunteers **Diane Lindquist**, **Laura Korn**, **Robyn Christian**, **Jerry Davenport**, **JoEllen Simons**, **Wendy McGaha**- Volunteer Manager, **Nancy Marshall**-Chair of ECW Grants committee, **Harriet Pattison**, **Charlie Thompson**-Co-Chair of All Souls Outreach, and **Terry Gustafson**, St. Michael's Outreach liaison to All Souls Outreach.



L to R: **Chuck Sterrett**, St. Michael's Pine Manor liaison, **JoEllen Simons** Noah's Ark volunteer, **Wendy McGaha** Noah's Ark Volunteer Manager, **Sheri Clark** Pine Manor Resiliency Hub Director, **Stan Nelson** Pine Manor Board President, **Laura Korn** and **Sue Sterrett** Noah's Ark volunteers



L-R: Noah's Ark volunteers **JoEllen Simons, Lyn Klos, Jerry Davenport, Harriet Pattison, Laura Korn, Wendy McGaha**- volunteer manager and **Nancy Marshall** ECW Grants Committee Chair present the check to **Founder and Director of Gladolus Food Pantry Miriam Ortiz**



**St. Michael's ECW members and Noah's Ark volunteers Roberta Heller and Sue Sterrett** present the check to **Pastor Miquel Estrada, Program Director at Misión Peniel Immokalee**



L-R: LIFE Executive Board Members **Patricia Zimmerman, Secretary** (Covenant Presbyterian Church), **John Reed, Treasurer** (Unity of Fort Myers), **Nancy Marshall** St. Michael's ECW Chair of Grants Committee, **Rev. Dr. Rickey Anderson, Co-chair of LIFE** (Followers of Christ Fellowship Ministries), and **Dotty Morrison** LIFE board member from St. Michael's

**Mary Stockton** from LIFE wrote, "Words cannot express what this means to the lifeline of LIFE. This act of kindness is exactly what we needed to recommit and get excited again about the work of justice."

## 2025 SMAA Grant Recipients

Grant recipients for 2025 include:

- **All Souls Episcopal Church Outreach** — Provides food and clothing for homeless individuals and low-income seniors.
- **ACT (Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc.)** — Supports survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.
- **Children's Advocacy Center** — Provides comprehensive support for children experiencing abuse or neglect.
- **Community Cooperative** — Offers food, education, and social services across Southwest Florida.
- **ECHO** — Improves lives through sustainable food systems and agriculture solutions.
- **Gladiolus Food Pantry** — Provides nutritious food with dignity, respect, and compassion.
- **Habitat for Humanity** — Unites people to build homes, communities, and hope.
- **Immokalee Fair Housing** — Works to improve safe, affordable housing for Immokalee's low-income families.
- **Literacy Council** — Empowers adults with English literacy and education for a better quality of life.
- **LIFE (Lee Interfaith for Empowerment)** — Advances community solutions through policy and funding advocacy in Lee County.
- **Lighthouse of SWFL** — Helps people with vision loss live independently and stay engaged.
- **Misión Peniel** — Supports Immokalee farmworker families with food, care, and hope.
- **PACE Center for Girls** — Helps girls build brighter futures through education, counseling, and advocacy.
- **Partners for Breast Cancer** — Promotes early detection, education, and access to breast cancer care.
- **Pine Manor Improvement Association** — Strengthens families through nutrition support, job training, and community safety.
- **South Ft. Meyers Food Pantry** — Feeds families in South Fort Myers, including Sanibel and Captiva.

## Gratitude to the Community

The Grants Committee and Noah's Ark Thrift Shop extend heartfelt thanks to the **customers, volunteers, and those who drop off donations** whose support makes this outreach possible. *"You make a difference!"*

**Special Youth Event**  
**Chopped Competition**  
**Sunday, February 8 ~ Noon**

Our teens will be competing for fun in a cooking contest where they attempt to incorporate unusual combinations of ingredients into dishes that will be judged. Middle and high schoolers are welcome!

## Prayer List

Please Remember in Your Prayers

### Parishioners:

Carol Heath	John Mason
Sally Johnston	Joan Desilet
Pat Jones	Gillian Bath
Shirlla Cuscaden	Mary McManus
Susan Lord	Sherry Kanzius
Kristen Beltz	Nancy Maupin
Martha Ponader	Margery Almas

### Family of Parishioners:

JB Ryan	Bud Van Oss
Kathy Treutelaar	Dylan Bartlow
Vreni Greenlee	Lauren Huff Dest
Casey Krusinski	Brian Couser
Rowe Jones	Susan Hodder
Celeste Fraser	Even Parker
Tim Chapman	Toni & Todd Palmer
Lily & David Diaz	

### Friends of Parishioners:

Piff Piffarerio	Fran Daley
Kara K.	Marilyn Sandler
Judy Risch	Brian Troast
Matt Kusteitz	Diana Horton
Bobbi Brown	Erik Sauro
Sandra Elliot	Luz & Jose

*May They Rest in Peace*

**Margaret "Peggie" Dodd**

December 21, 2025



**John Green**

*(husband of Kathy Green)*

January 4, 2026



**Susan Elam**

January 19, 2026



**Bradner "Brad" Rahn**

January 25, 2026



**Memorial Service for Bill Colehower**

February 7, 2026 @ 2:00 p.m.



**Memorial Service for Don Adams**

February 21, 2026 @ 2:00 p.m.



**Memorial Service for Susan Elam**

April 18, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.

## Yoga:

### Spirit in Motion



Take a break from the stress and hustle of daily life and join us for a rejuvenating yoga class. JoEllen adapts for all abilities and skill levels; beginners welcome!

**Thursdays @ 9am**  
**Saturdays @ 9am**

**St. Michael's Parish Hall-2304 Periwinkle**

Certified Yoga Instructor  
JoEllen Simons



Bring a mat, (if you don't have one, we will have extras) water bottle, and comfortable clothing.  
 No class fee, but there is a donation basket available for the instructor.

A part of Spiritual Pathways  
@ St. Michael's

For more info:  
pathways@saintmichaels-sanibel.org

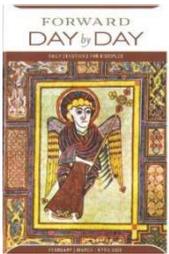
NOTE: JoEllen is taking a short sabbatical from February 12<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.  
 Classes resume on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

# 2026 Offering Envelopes



are available to those who requested. If you'd like envelopes please contact Pat or Susan in the Church Office.

## Forward Day-by-Days



for February-March-April are still available.

Contact Susan in the church office if you'd like one mailed to you.

## Please Help Us Update Birthdays and Anniversaries?

With so many new faces among us, we want to make sure we have your birthday(s) and anniversary (*if applicable*).

We try to pray for each person individually on these special days and will put your name in the worship service bulletin at the appropriate time. It will also appear in the Red Door Newsletter as you see here! Please fill out the form below and send it in to the church or drop it in the offering plate, with your name and full birth date, (*for office use only, birth years are not published*). Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Anniversary: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

# February

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Luann Fortune	14 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Jones
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sylvia Longaker		Maari Simcox
	Wes Peterson		David Vaules
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Blaze Corcoran	15 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Rice
	Spence Hays	16 <sup>th</sup>	Elise Allen
4 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Neinast		Sue Fuller
6 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Chaveas		Ellie Harries
9 <sup>th</sup>	Maggie Davis	18 <sup>th</sup>	Swayz Cole
	Randy Graham		Ellen Trevor
	Michael O'Brien		Jack Winters
10 <sup>th</sup>	Daphne Hellmuth	20 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Block
	Rachel Peach		Christine Jackson
11 <sup>th</sup>	Augusta Crane	21 <sup>st</sup>	Charlie Dunham
	Susan Lord		John Masters
	Paula MacIlwaine	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Priscilla Viets
12 <sup>th</sup>	David Eichner	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Marshall
	Pam Ellis	25 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Fay
13 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Smith		Kathy Pluhar
	Will Smith	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Baldwin
			Marty Banghart
		27 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Dunham

### February Anniversaries

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roz & Jon Burroughs
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary & Jim Nelson
18 <sup>th</sup>	Meghan [Warner] & Travis Boyle
24 <sup>th</sup>	Bobbi Jo & Marvin Bradley, Jr.

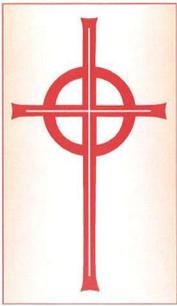
## Next Vestry Meeting

February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.

In-Person in the Thomas Madden Rm.

### Coming Up

Service of Holy Eucharist & Social Hour	Every Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Service of Holy Eucharist & Coffee Hour	Every Sunday	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Church Staff Meeting	Every Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Thomas Madden Room
"Love First" After School Program	Every Wednesday	2:15-5:00 p.m.	Parishi Hall
Santiva Islanders – Bridge	Every Thursday	1:00-3:30 p.m.	Library
Bible Study w/ the Rector	Every Thursday	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM
Yoga Class	Every Thurs. & Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Parish Hall
Evening Prayer (Compline)	Every Thursday	6:00 p.m.	ZOOM
Choir Rehearsal	Every Friday	12:00 p.m.	Music Room
AA Meeting	Every Friday	7:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
"Gather Round the Table"	Sun. February 1 / 8	12:00 p.m.	Library
Sing-along with Charlie Barnett	Sun. February 1	1:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Volunteer Day at Everyday Café	Mon. February 2	9:00 a.m.	CCM Soup Kitchen
Ministries & Facilities Trust	Mon. February 2	11:00 a.m.	T. Madden Room
ZONTA	Wed. February 4	8:00 a.m.	Parish Hall
Interfaith Book Study	Wed. February 4 / 11	10:00 a.m.	Library
Lion's Club Fundraiser	Thurs. February 5	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall & Library
Grief Support Group	Fri. February 6 / 13	10:00 a.m.	Meditation Room
Dress Rehearsal for Fashion Show	Fri. February 6	1:15 p.m.	Sanctuary
Clean up Day at Church	Sat. February 7	8:00 a.m.	Meet in Parish Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Health Fair	Sat. February 7	10:00 a.m.	Sanibel Recreation Center
Memorial Service for Bill Colehower	Sat. February 7	2:00 p.m.	St. Michael's
Teen Chopped Competition	Sun. February 8	12:00 p.m.	Parish Hall & Kitchen
ECW Board Meeting	Mon. February 9	10:00 a.m.	T. Madden Rm
Noah's Ark Fashion Show	Mon. February 9	12:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
SG: Later Life Reflection Group	Mon. February 9	2:00 p.m.	The Cove in Estuary @ SP
Bike Club Social Potluck	Mon. February 9	5:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Men's Fellowship (hybrid)	Tues. February 10	8:30 a.m.	Library / ZOOM
Pastoral Care Ministry	Wed. February 11	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM
Interfaith Shared Scholar Program	Sun. February 15	3:00 p.m.	Sanibel Cong. UCC
Workshop with Brian McLaren	Mon. February 16	10:00 a.m.	Parish Hall
F.I.S.H. Workshop: Budgeting (Pt 2)	Mon. February 16	5:30 p.m.	Library
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	Tues. February 17	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall & Kitchen
ZONTA	Wed. February 18	8:00 a.m.	Parish Hall
Ashes on the Go	Wed. February 18	7:00 a.m.	Out front by shared path
Ash Wednesday Service	Wed. February 18	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Ashes on the Go	Wed. February 18	1:00 p.m.	Out front by shared path
Vestry Meeting (hybrid)	Thurs. February 19	1:00 p.m.	T. Madden Room
Grief Support Group	Fri. February 20 / 27	10:00 a.m.	Meditation Room
Memorial Service for Don Adams	Sat. February 21	2:00 p.m.	St. Michael & All Angels
Annual Meeting of the Parish	Sun. February 22	11:30 a.m.	Parish Hall
Special Meeting of the Vestry	Sun. February 22	12:30 p.m.	Library
CPR/AED Training – Please RSVP	Mon. February 23	9:00 a.m.	Captiva Fire Station #181
Men's Retreat	Tues-Wed February 24-25	DaySpring Conference Center, Parrish	



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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

## **Worship & Fellowship**

- **Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Social Hour.
- **Sunday at 8:00 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
- **\*Sunday at 10:30 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour

Livestreamed at [www.vimeo.com/smaasanibel](http://www.vimeo.com/smaasanibel)  
(\*With Sunday Shuttle pickup at ShellPoint)

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Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Messy Church – March 8 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study on ZOOM
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Compline) on ZOOM

### **----- Noah's Ark Thrift Shop -----**

Tuesdays, Fridays and 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
239-799-7146