

Saint Richard's, for The Season of Pentecost

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October & November for the year of Christ 2 0 1 7



October 21, 6:00 PM

**German food &
Lots of Beer!**

Music and More!

Come and Celebrate

St. Richard's Parish Hall and Patio
5151 Lake Howell Road, Winter Park, FL 32792



My St. Richard's,
Your St. Richard's:
Simply Generous

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19

Your generosity, in response to the abundance in your life, will fund the ministry of St. Richard's.

Each year we run a pledge drive. We ask that you think about what you are able to contribute financially to St. Richard's and let us know what that number is in order that we budget for 2018. Pledge Drive Materials will be mailed to your home and available at church.

Beginning on November 5, each Sunday for four weeks, we will hear stories of personal transformation through the practice of intentional giving from your fellow parishioners.

Also, on November 5, over lunch in the parish hall at 12:00 p.m., Sarah Martin, our book keeper, will introduce you to the NEW! ways you can make your generous donation to St. Richard's. We now take credit cards!

We will wrap up the Pledge Drive with a wine and cheese question and answer session on Friday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.

The vestry asks you to join us in intentional prayer that each of us will remain open to letting the Holy Spirit lead and guide us in a faithful response to being called to be **Simply Generous**.



The Rector's Message

Rev. Alison Harrity

"Behold! I make all things NEW!"

October 2018 is packed with NEW! things at St. Richard's. Most notably, our celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. While the Episcopal Church has an official "concordat" with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), it is still unusual for a Lutheran pastor to serve a traditionally Episcopal congregation and vice versa. We at St. Richard's are blessed to have The Rev. Dr. Dale Truscott, a Lutheran pastor, serve as assisting clergy. Dale has been the catalyst for what has become truly a new thing as we combine choirs, and share preaching with St. John Lutheran Church in Winter Park. Most notably, our Director of Music, Dr. Carl MaultsBy, was commissioned by St. John and St. Richard's to compose a new choir anthem for this occasion of cooperation between the two congregations. Entitled, "May God Bestow on Us His Grace" Dr. MaultsBy has combined the choir and will present the anthem at both churches in October. My expectation is that both our congregations will be enriched by this new experience.

Compared to five hundred years of



Get Connected with "My St. Richard's!"

This fall we are inviting you to deepen your connection with your St. Richard's family by participating electronically in the life of your church!

By logging into "My St. Richard's" you will be able to:

- Make sure all your **Personal Profile** is correct, and easily do simple stuff like update your address, phone and email and important stuff like tracking your donations to St. Richard's and updating your profile photo.
- Access an **Online Directory** of active members of St. Richard's that can and will include photos of everyone who calls St. Richard's home.
- Make your St. Richard's **Online donations and pledges** with one-time or recurring e-checks from your bank or Credit Cards (MC, Visa and Discover). We are finally taking credit cards and will be able to process your credit card for your pledge or roof donation, and eventually special donations to Outreach, fellowship events, Memory Bricks, and everything that you would normally pay cash or write a check for at St. Richard's.
- Sign up for St. Richard's Events** through a Virtual "Red Booth" where you can register for events like outreach and fellowship activities online and not just on Sundays at the Red Booth or by emailing the coordinator of the activity.
- Enjoy the convenience of a new **Church Life Phone App**! The Church Life Phone App will give you access to your profile and the online church directory as well as the ability to pay for events and items from your phone. Available for both Android and I-Phones. It's a great way to stay connected.

All you need is to get started with My St. Richard's is to make sure we have an active email address for you. A special e-news with a link to establish your My St. Richard's Log In will be sent in the coming weeks and we will have more information during our Pledge Drive campaign.

Sarah Martin

Despite Power Outage - Downed Trees, Services Go On at St. Richards After Hurricane Irma

The Sunday after a Hurricane is always a time of recovery, but even without power, on September 10, parishioners at St. Richard's made it quite clear that they were not going to let a hurricane disrupt their weekly worship. Using light from the skylight and piano instead of the familiar organ, it was services as usual for The Rev. Alison Harrity, rector, whose family had lost a house during Hurricane Andrew and for preacher Fr. Harry Coverston, whose house had been severely damaged by a falling tree during Hurricane Charley.

Due to the power outage, the choir had rehearsed during the week at the studio and home of Director of Music Dr. Carl MaultsBy. Led by Junior Warden Susan Sommers, parishioners spent a good part of the week gathering debris and trying to clear a path to large downed trees which had also caused downed power lines. Even after services, church members continued to haul debris to the side of Lake Howell Road for pickup.

According to Rev. Alison, 30 people attended the 8 o'clock service and almost 100 people attended the 10:30 service. Thankfully, power was restored later that night, in time for the reopening of the church office Monday Morning.

-Burr Anderson



WE'RE OFF

St. Richards youth group is off and running. In addition to Kahni, Tom, Michael, and Leslie, we welcome Andrea Hendry who has taken on the responsibility or planning sleep in Sundays and trips. In addition to volleyball we now have a ping pong table at our disposal. Each week we examine the day's readings and explore our personal nearness to Jesus. Then time to work off a little energy. We have 2 new additions to our group and have room for many more. Parents, hopefully you'll bring your kids to class at 9:30 on most Sundays. You can enjoy adult education or just a cup of coffee. Please help us fill up our room to the glory of God.



On Sunday October 8, in honor of St. Francis Day, our youth helped clean up the debris at a wild life rescue center.

Rector's Message from Continued on

History, the next new item in our lives at St. Richard's seems mundane. And it should seem mundane as we have been living in the 20th century for too long. We now take credit cards! As we kick off our pledge drive in November, we will all be able to make a pledge either online or on our pledge cards and St. Richard's will charge your card. Whether it is airline miles or cash back, St. Richard's will now be able to be counted among those charges that offers you an added benefit, in addition to those intangible spiritual ones that you get by being Simply Generous. Special thanks to Kathie Wilson our treasurer and Sarah Martin, book keeper and David Kellogg assistant book keeper for getting us up and running.



**FOUNDATION FOR
Foster Children**

"Church leaders and members: thank you so much for the incredible

donation of Bare Necessities like the socks and underwear! You provided so many needed items due to your joyful giving! These items will be such a support as youth first enter foster care and need a comfortable and fresh change of clothing. Thank you."

Thank you note from the FFC.

NEW REIKI CLASSES

New Reiki classes are now scheduled to learn this gentle yet powerful and natural healing system. Reiki is a system of healing yourself and others with deep relaxation, encouraging self healing, strengthening body and soul, balancing and rebuilding harmony. It is one of God's gifts to us. All can learn this ancient and gentle technique.

Reiki I (beginning) class will be held in the St. Richard's Room on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. (1/2 hr. lunch break will be taken – BYO lunch). Reiki II (second level) class will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 in the same time format as for the Reiki I class. The Fee for both classes is \$200.00. All necessary materials will be provided. If you have already attended a Reiki I class and wish to continue with only the Reiki II class, the fee is \$100.00. Student rates (for those over 16 and with written parental permission) are available. Contact Tiffany Lane for registration and additional information. Please register with Tiffany on or before October 25, 2017.

Phone: (269) 274-7537.

Email: tiffanylane46@gmail.com.



Commemoration of the
500th Anniversary of the
Reformation



Premier of a Special Commission
Anthem by Carl MaultsBy
"May God Bestow on Us His Grace"
Text: Martin Luther; trans. Richard Massie

"Deutsche Messe"
by Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Sung by the St. John Chancel Choir &
the Schola of St. Richard's

Carl MaultsBy, DFA, conductor
Carolyn Scott, organist

Sermon: "Called, Gathered,
Enlightened and Sanctified"
by The Rev. Dale Truscott

Sunday, October 15, 2017, 10:30 AM
St. Richard's Episcopal Church
5151 Lake Howell Road
Winter Park, FL 32792
The Rev. Alison P Harrity, Rector

Sunday, October 29, 2017, 10:00 AM
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
1600 S. Orlando Avenue
Winter Park FL 32789
The Rev. Tom Lyberg, Senior Pastor



Spiritual Direction is available
at St. Richard's by appointment.

Please Contact Tiffany Lane
269-274-7537
tiffanylane46@gmail.com



TRUNK 'n TREAT NIGHT

October 29 at 5:00 p.m.

St. Richard's parking lot will once again be transformed
into a fun-filled play area for friends and neighborhood
children of all ages!

Bring your friends!
Everybody is Welcome!

**There will be games to play, a cake walk,
candy, prizes, & hotdogs for sale.**

We need cakes for the cake walk,
4, \$10 Chic Fil A gift cards for prizes and as many
costumed children as you can bring!

We ask for volunteers
to decorate the trunks of their cars and give out
treats as the costumed youngsters parade by.

**Erin Duffy will be at the Red Booth
signing you up to participate!**



Tai Chi happens in
the breezeway
every Thursdays at
9:00 a.m. Everyone
is welcome!



St Richard's Second Game Day

St Richard's held its second Game Day event on Sat, Aug 19 at 4 pm. David Kellogg & Kelley Irvin sponsored an afternoon of great board games & fellowship for all ages. About 24 people participated, playing everything from Bridge to Scrabble to Monopoly. The Engerts introduced us to a new game using chips, called "Left, Right, Center". Rev. Alison ordered pizza for dinner & a good time was had by all. We hope to keep this a summer tradition at St Richard's in the years to come. Thanks to all who participated!



COME OUT WITH PRIDE ORLANDO PARADE THIS SATURDAY October 14:

Come walk with us in this year's Most Colorful Parade as we show our support for those in our community whose affectional preferences and gender identity differ from the norm. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!** Bring your children, your friends, your colleagues! Meet at St. Richard's at 1 pm to car pool (unfortunately, Sun Rail is not running this year) or meet us at 2:30 pm at the corner of Rosalind Ave. and Robinson St. at Lake Eola Park. Wear your St. Richard's or any other red shirt, The Parade starts at 4 pm and should be over by 5:30 pm, though the day's festivities - including a Kids Zone, Marketplace, and Fireworks - go from noon to 10 pm. Come help us spread the love that transforms our lives, our community,



Andrea Morgan at the Blessing of the Animals on October 8.



PASTORAL CARE

When I was in graduate school struggling with my thesis for a master's degree in counseling, the "committee" handed back my first draft with constructive comments. My paper, the presentation of my personal counseling system, was filled with a whole bunch of idealistic, "heady" notions about people in general and the changes that might need to happen in their lives to improve functioning. Consistently, and in multiple places in the margins, the comment was "How?..." "How are you going to do this?" At first, I was annoyed because I really didn't have an answer. I now know those questions/ comments written in red, subtly, over time, changed my way of thinking.

Fast forward 25+ years to this week and the shooting in Las Vegas. This was the most recent in a long string of nightmares to which we have been awakened. (A few days ago a commentator on NPR radio observed, "We used to wake up FROM nightmares; now we wake up TO nightmares"). At a vigil this past week, participants prayed a "Litany At The Time of Gun Violence". Again, on October 8 (at the pet blessing service) Fr. Harry Co- verston brilliantly weaved that litany with a prayer of St. Francis. In a series of petitions to our Loving God we, the congregation, were asked to join with the phrase, "Make Us Instruments of Your Peace". When I first saw this sentiment after Pulse and again after Las Vegas, my contemplative brain went to "How?..." "How are we going to do that?" ... "How are we going to become God's instruments?" Here is my suggestion. Instead of falling into the trap of partisan debate, pushing a personal egocentric

agenda, and listening to "Talking Heads" scream at one another relentlessly, why don't we listen to the Dalai Lama? Five years ago he made a powerful statement about teaching meditation to 8 year olds:

"If every 8 year old in the world is taught meditation, we will eliminate violence from the world within one generation." - Dalai Lama

If you look it up on the Internet, even this statement from a guru of enlightenment is up for debate. We can't seem to help ourselves from arguing. But let's think about it. When is the last time you stopped to notice and think about what you are thinking about? The whole idea of meditation and, indeed, mindfulness is to increase self-awareness and teach yourself to stop the chatter in your head so you can listen. Note the words of the Shema from thousands of years ago, *"Hear, oh Israel,...the Lord G_D is ONE."* Deuteronomy 6:4. How can we hear if we don't stop to listen? How can we stop wandering aimlessly in the desert? How can we participate in the solution instead of perpetuating the problem? I have lots of questions, but what is clear to me is that we cannot teach what we do not know and we wind up practicing/teaching what we most need to learn. We are ALL teachers AND we are ALL learners. My hypothesis is that one of the specific ways we can be instruments of God's peace is to be willing to learn about mindfulness, contempla-

tion and meditation AND actually practice the disciplines on a daily basis. Then we can teach our collective children and grandchildren. This is the HOW.

There are so many ways within our St. Richard's community and the community at large to pursue this very important learning. Please ask Rev. Alison, Tiffany Lane, me or any number of our clergy or parishioners for guidance. Make it your business to learn meditation. Together, with God's grace, we CAN fulfill our mission to change our lives and change the world. Let us not be discouraged but continue to translate love into specific action with concrete goals and objectives.

In conclusion, and on a more personal note: I am passionate about the Dalai Lama's idea and spreading the word. This is what I do...I work with these skills every day...I am available most Wednesday's between 11:00-3:00 in the Pastoral Care Office. Please come, no appointment necessary. This is a free ministry of St. Richard's. Come either individually or in small groups and let's work together. Loving God, make us instruments of your peace. *Gail Hencken, RN, LMHC*

Join
Divine Diners

Divine Diners meet at a different restaurant each month!
 Check the bulletin or the Divine Diner's Facebook page for upcoming events or contact Andrea Morgan.
andrea@morgandivorcelaw.com

Marriage Equality

A subcommittee of the Vestry of St. Richard's including, Pam Menke, Jim Christoph, Stephen O'Connell, Bonnie Danner, Bev Coll, Kay Wolf, clergy Alison Harrity and Dale Truscott and also included The Rev. Ken Vinal of Trinity Prep and The Honorable William Gridley of All Saints, Winter Park, worked through the Spring and Summer to draft two resolutions to be considered on the floor of the Forty-Ninth Annual Convention of The Diocese of Central Florida in January 2018 in Vero Beach.

When St. Richard's asked Bishop Greg Brewer for Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight or DEPO in order that the clergy and church be available for same sex weddings, we were hopeful that Bishop Brewer would grant it. This would ensure that Bishop Brewer who is not in favor of gay marriage not violate his conscience by allowing it at St. Richard's, but instead give oversight of those marriages to another bishop in The Episcopal Church who could authorize them in accordance with The Episcopal Church's official position that the sacrament of marriage is open to people regardless of their sexual preference. However, because of the second paragraph of The Diocese of Central Florida Canon XVI Section 10 was worded as you will see below, that canon made it canonically "illegal" for Bishop Brewer or any clergy person to perform the wedding of same sex couples. We have to change the canon in order to give Bishop Brewer the freedom to grant us alternative oversight for marriage. Bishop Brewer serves as the DEPO bishop for a congregation in Kentucky who does not want to perform same sex weddings.

The second resolution is in the spirit of the Anti-racism Commission that the diocese already has in place. The process includes the Constitution

and Canons Committee and the Resolutions Committee reviewing our resolutions making sure the wording is reasonable. They do not review whether or not the resolution is worthy of being considered in any other regard. Then the resolutions are printed and presented at pre-convention meetings through January 2018 and voted on the floor of the convention on January 27, 2018. For the Constitution and Canons Committee:

The Forty-Ninth Annual Convention of The Diocese of Central Florida, January 2018

- o Resolution to Change Canon XVI, Section 10 of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Central Florida
- o Presenters: The Subcommittee of St. Richard's Vestry (The Rev. Alison P. Harrity, The Rev. Ken Vinal, The Rev. Dale Truscott, The Rev. Rich Wilson, Kay Wolf, Pam Menke, Bill Gridley, Bonnie Danner, Stephen O'Connell, Bev Coll, Jim Christoph)
- o Resolved, that Canon XVI, Section 10 paragraph one which reads, "All members of the clergy of this Diocese, having subscribed to the Declaration required by Article VIII of the National Constitution, shall be under the obligation to model in their own lives the received teaching of the church that all its members are to abstain from sexual relations outside of Holy Matrimony" shall remain in effect and the second paragraph, "All members of the clergy of this Diocese may allow to take place in their cures, officiate at, bless or participate in, only those unions prescribed by Holy Scripture: the wedding of one woman and one man. Said clergy are forbidden to allow to take place in their cures, officiate at, bless or participate in any other unions, as proscribed by Holy Scripture" shall be stricken.
- For the Resolutions Committee:
- o Resolved: That this annual con-

vention of the Diocese of Central Florida does now commit itself to work to become a church committed to ending institutional and other forms of discrimination for LGBTQ+ people or "people whose affectional preference or gender identity differs from the heterosexual norm." . And be it further,

- o Resolved: that acknowledging that we are not of one mind on issues of full inclusion for LGBTQ+ people or "people whose affectional preference or gender identity differs from the heterosexual norm." in the sacramental rites of the church, the bishop appoint a Task Force of lay and ordained leadership of the Diocese of Central Florida of diverse opinions, perspectives and points of view of not more than 12 people who will be encouraged to consult with LGBTQ+ people both members of church in the Diocese of Central Florida and those who might have left churches in the Diocese of Central Florida and consult with clergy and lay leaders in other dioceses.

And be it further

- o Resolved, that a report of said Task Force will be presented at the next convention of the Diocese of Central Florida in 2019.

Family Promise

Family Promise is a community program that houses up to four families for a week every quarter.

St. Richard's will host families the week of

December 10-16

If you are interested helping families in crisis, please contact Leslie Poole at Leslie.K.Poole@gmail.com or 407-491-3253. This program works because of your generous donation of time and talent!

Fall 2017 Summoning the Divine Series
Practice Resurrection!
Exploring the Sacred Connections
to God, Land, Nature,
& One Another



Literature through the Lens of Faith

reading & discussion sessions on poetry and essays by acclaimed writers. The Fall 2017 series focuses on authors who call us to "resurrect" our connections with the sacredness of land, nature, and one another. Sessions are held on scheduled Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m. & repeated on Tuesdays, 9:30-11 a.m. **October 23-24:** Zen Buddhist Master, poet, essayist. Pulitzer Prize winner Gary Snyder (1930-) and Wendell Berry's "Peace of Wild Things." **November 20-21:** Native American Linda Hogan (1947-) and poet, essayist, Episcopalian, and Pulitzer-Prize & National Book award winner Mary Oliver (1935- The Series overview and the 1st session reading packet are available in the church office or by emailing session designer-facilitator Pamela Menke. Everyone is welcome even if you don't have time to do the readings.



"Central Florida Community Arts"
 We exist to serve and build community through the arts.

Guest Speaker:
 Joshua Vickery
 Founder/Executive Director

October 25, 11:30 a.m.
 Classroom 1,
 Church Office Building
 (Bring your own lunch)

4th Wednesday
 Brown Bag Lunch and Learn
 Pastoral Care at St. Richard's Church
 5151 Lake Howell Rd. Winter Park, FL
 407-671-4211



The Oldhams, Houston TX
To My Sweet Brothers and Sisters
at St. Richard's Episcopal Church:

My family and I are so very thankful for your financial contribution towards our efforts of recovery from Hurricane Harvey. Your kindness could not have come at a better time. The structure of our home, mostly all of our contents and one of our cars were greatly affected. The money you sent us will be used toward the beginning of reconstructing our house. As

hundreds of thousands of people here wait for FEMA and/or insurance companies to respond with money, the wait is incredibly long. With this money we can begin some of the first important things that need attention. We are grateful to be living with my mom now. We know this will be slow, but we have great peace and joy knowing that our God will and has supplied all we need. Thank you for responding to God's Call! Much love from Houston, TX! Dana, David and Grisham (7 years)





Gladdening Light 2018 Symposium:

**Krista Tippett, NPR Host
of “On Being”**
Rollins College, Winter Park, FL
January 25 – 28, 2018

Our keynoter is the NPR host of *On Being* and White House recipient of the National Humanities Medal, Krista Tippett. By way of emphasis on the aesthetics of film, our theme is The Spiritual Lens, Evocations on Poetry, Music and the Movies.

The symposium weekend will begin with Krista in conversation with Rollins resident scholar, two-term U.S. Poet Laureate and author most recently of *The Rain in Portugal*, Billy Collins. Ms. Tippett's current best-selling book is *Becoming Wise*. A.O. Scott, acclaimed movie critic with The New York Times and author of *Better Living Through Criticism* will lecture, and all will participate on a panel to ponder the art of composition and criticism with Gustavo Santaolalla, film score composer for *21 Grams*, *Amores perros*, *Biutiful*, *The Motorcycle Diaries* and winner of back-to-back Academy Awards for *Babel* and *Brokeback Mountain*.

*Please know we are here
for you...*

The Pastoral Care Office in the Library is professionally staffed and open every Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Come if you have questions, want resources, a listening ear or support in any way you need.

*Pastoral Care Office:
Gail Hencken, RN, LMHC, is
available for consultation
most Wednesdays between
11:00-3:00 in the Parish Hall
Library. Free. No appoint-
ment necessary.*

**Please Share
your St. Richard's
photos on Facebook!**

Email them to Marc,
magutierrez77@gmail.com



**The Bloodmobile will
be at St. Richard's on
December 10,
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Healthy Blessings !



Boo gets blessed.

Boo gets blessed.

St. Richard's Treasurer's Report
Through September 2017

Operating Fund

Revenues

	Actual	Budget
Pledge	\$198,091.92	\$188,914.42
Non Pledge	\$6,945.00	\$9,042.00
Loose Plate	\$26,410.89	\$26,896.23
Total Plate & Pledge	\$231,447.81	\$ 224,852.65
Special, Other	\$74,722.75	\$ 72,698.43
Earnings on Investments	\$13.06	\$17.67
Total Revenues	\$306,183.62	\$297,568.75

Expenses

Personnel	\$169,558.90	\$171,139.81
Christian Education	\$1,385.60	\$2,014.60
Administration	\$42,639.59	\$42,528.35
Building & Grounds	\$42,158.79	\$38,610.12
Diocesan Support	\$23,152.90	\$22,485.25
Parish Life	\$10,961.06	\$13,430.49
Miscellaneous	\$688.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$290,544.84	\$290,208.62

Year to Date:

- 1) Plate and Pledge revenues were greater than budget by \$6,595.16
- 2) Total revenues exceeded budget by \$8,614.87
- 3) Total expenses were more than budget by \$336.22
- 4) The Operating Fund showed a net gain of \$15,638.78... \$8,278.65 better than budget.
- 5) Operating Fund resources totaled \$42,326.93

Resources

St. Richard's total intangible assets (includes Operating, Restricted and Endowment funds) were \$181,705.16 ... an increase of \$23,905.43 year-to-date.

Comments

- 1) The fund performance through September shows a positive cash flow of \$15,638.78 which includes year-to-date loan principle payments.
- 2) The Restricted Funds and the Temporary Restricted Funds are not reported here. A detailed Treasurer's Report including the Restricted and Temporarily Restricted Funds can be provided on request via email to treasurer@strichards.org
- 3) Contributions to the various Restricted Funds can be made by denoting the name of the fund on the check or envelope.



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We are a church on a mission to discover God's grace, change our lives and change the world.



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