



## **What is "ChurcHome?"**

Simply put, ChurcHome reflects our belief that our faith is learned, expressed, and experienced, not just at church, but also in the home and in daily life. Whether one consults the Bible, assesses demographic trends, or cites personal experience, it is abundantly clear: people grow into life-long followers of Jesus when they live in an environment in which they practice his teachings every day. While a meaningful church community is helpful, it is the behaviors and habits learned at home that best shape the Christian life one will have.

With this in mind, St. John's works to provide resources and practical tools to help interested individuals and families weave their faith into their daily lives. For instance, we have done a "Summer Selfie Challenge" in which parishioners take photos of things linked to their church lives. Or, we offered simple prayer cards to help people get into the habit of praying through the day. Offerings like these may seem rudimentary; however, they are just the type of things to introduce people to a daily faith life.

## **ChurcHome Initiatives**

In 2016, St. John's restructured the ministry approach to focus on our ChurcHome philosophy and link our parishioner's faith life and family life. A Family Ministry Team formed of parishioners from all walks of life examines our current offerings and develops new approaches to help families incorporate faith into their daily lives.

While some of these initiatives surround refreshing children's classes on Sunday, others aim to equip families in new ways. For example, one team is crafting a guide to Family Serving Opportunities. This guide will help families find ways to serve together, at the church and in the community. Another team is exploring ways to help families learn the basics of the faith, even if they cannot be at church each Sunday.

These efforts are very exciting, and the church hopes to offer some of these new resources in the Fall of 2016. Please check back here in the near future to see if we can help your family grow in faith at home!