



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Prayer Requests

For Healing: Bob Benson, Edie Benson, Anthony Bitting, Ellen Buchanan, Serena Cann, Ralph Coleman, Euvalta Crews, Mimi Dial, Elaine Epting, Burt Fowles, Melinda Franks, Lamar Grimmitt, Donna Hall, Robert Hemphill, Tom Herbkersman, Susie Heyward, Laura Wells Hiers, Tot Hurteau, Rudy Jones, Roger Keane, Diane Lamar, Susan Love, Morris Lumpkin, Joyce Mann, Sandra Martin, Mickie Mathes, Marilyn Meacham, Susan Michaels, Jim Mittenzwei, Evan Pertile, Earl Redout, Lee Riser, Sam Roberts, Colleen Robinson, Dominic Rocco, Allen Rogers, Greg Rollings, Frances Sak, Suzanne Long-Santos, Jody Spruill, Joyce Sumwalt, Aloo Tata, John Thomas, Susan Turnbull, Martha Weed, Pearl Wilson

For Expectant Parents: Bramley & Thomas Faulds, Caroline & Jimmy Hartley, Taylor & Mike Rider

For Active Military: Fred Aldrich, John Benson, Heyward Davis, Michael Fisher, Michael Hook, Alex Robinson, Mike Williams



BASKETBALL BANQUET
Today @ 12:30pm
Barr Center
Come and celebrate our 2009-2010
Basketball Season



6th Annual Women's Retreat March 19-21 at Gravatt Camp and Conference Center. Our theme this year is "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" taken from a poem by Handi Hanson. Retreat led by The Rev. Deacon Margaret Jennings Todd Cost: \$140 double; \$170 single. Registration forms available online or contact Dana Turner (834-2520).
Deadline is Wednesday, March 10.

Easter Flower Memorials order forms are now available in the narthex, Barr Center, parish office or online. Cost: \$15.
Deadline is Monday, March 22.

"Won't you watch one hour with me?" A sign-up sheet for the all-night prayer watch is now available in the church narthex. One or more people are needed for all hours between 7:45 pm Maundy Thursday (4/1) until Good Friday, 12 Noon. Men of St. John's will provide security during the late hours.



Wednesday Nights at St. John's

Children's Music Activities 5:00-5:45 pm

Make sure your children in grades 5K-4 don't miss the fun! All new curriculum featuring rhythm, handbells/chimes, motion and songs that will instill the teachings of our faith in the hearts of your children. Two classes (5K-1 and 2-4) led by trained adult teachers. Participants will play/sing in church March 7 and 28. Contact Celia or register on Wednesday.

Children's Program 5:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room

Bible stories, songs, games for children 3K-5th grade (must be in 3 year old kindergarten). Nursery available in Room 131-first floor, Heyward Hall. Sign-up by contacting Mary Jo Pendarvis 799-4767 or mjp@stjohnscolumbia.org. March 10
God is strong--The walls of Jericho crash down (Joshua 6)

Adult Program 5:00 pm OR 6:30 pm in the Parlor

As a theme for mutual focus this year, we are invited to direct our attention to five important statements / vows / resolutions / promises that make up the Christian life and experience day by day and week by week. March 10- *Sharing the Gospel* ("I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ"). A nursery will be provided.

Wednesday Night Suppers 5:45 - 6:30 pm Barr Center gym

Reserve your place for Wednesday Night Supper by calling the parish office (799-4767) or by e-mailing Wednesdays@stjohnscolumbia.org by noon Tuesday each week. Reservations are really appreciated; it helps us insure that we have plenty of food for all! However, if you forget to respond, please don't let that keep you away; we always plan for a few extras. *This week's menu: red beans & rice, roasted sweet potatoes, black eyed peas, corn bread & dessert.*

Adults: \$5.00
Children (3-10): \$2.00
Children 2 and under: FREE
Family Max: \$20.00

**An alternative menu for children under 10: PB&J or grilled cheese sandwiches, finger fruits & veggies at a cost of \$1.00.

HOME WORKS SUMMER MISSIONS

It is time to sign up for Summer Missions!

We will extend registration a couple of weeks.

We have lots of space open on both Home Works trips.

Contact Dorian ASAP for information and to register.

Details can be found at: stjohnshomeworks.blogspot.com

PHONERAISER We will be collecting old, used cellphones of all types. A recycling organization will pay us for the phones, and the proceeds will go towards the Ecuador mission. We will collect these in the Narthex and on the main floor of Heyward Hall.

EYC 5-7 pm unless otherwise noted

Mar 7 No EYC

Mar 14 Movie Night

Mar 21 Art Shack @ St. John's

Mar 28 Journey to the Cross & The Labyrinth

Always check the blog for updates and details:

Stjohnscolumbiayouth.blogspot.com

Schedule Change Handbells now meet on Thursdays at 5:30-6:30. Join us!

Chancel Choir Come and join us—all are welcome!

Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 pm.

As you enter for worship every Sunday, please pick up a green Wonder, Love and Praise songbook. Some songs at all services (except 7:45) will be from this hymnal supplement.

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 28 at 4:00 pm at Still Hopes. Hosted by St. Clare's Guild.

Vacation Bible School June 14-17 We're gearing up for another exciting week of VBS! We need lots and lots of helping hands so come join the fun! Please contact Katherine Templeton (kntempleton@aol.com) or Lee Rambo (leerambo@sc.rr.com) if you can help.

St. Mary's/St. Catherine's Guild will meet tomorrow at 4 pm in the Parlor. Contact: Judy Anderson (799-1821)

St. Monica's/St. Bridget's Guild will meet on Thursday, March 11 at 1 pm in the Parlor. Contact: Margaret Buchanan (mbuch6108@bellsouth.net)

St. Clare's Guild will meet Monday, March 15 at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall to prepare for the Easter egg hunt. Contact: Rebecca Smith (960-5780)

UTO Reminder The spring ingathering of the United Thank Offering at St. John's will be on March 22 at all three services. Parishioners at Episcopal churches throughout the world will bring their offerings, given with their thankful prayers, to aid mission and ministry in the world. The offering will be taken at the women's retreat also.

Harvest Hope Food Bank Keep up the giving and remember to bring dry or canned goods each Sunday and put the items in the basket in the church narthex.

Hand Middle School's Helping Hands Needed: 3-ring dividers. Also, it's not too soon to begin gathering re-gift items for the Mothers' Day shop, along with gift bags and tissue. A collection box is in the Barr Center lobby. Contact: Barbara Mullen (252-1571).

Haiti Relief For more info or to donate online go to www.edusc.org or contact Bread & Water Fund chair, Earl Burch, eburch@innova.net.

The Relationship Project: A Day to Invest in a Healthy, Vibrant, Conscious Connection sponsored by Trinity Cathedral on Sat., March 27 from 9 am to 3 pm. Bonnie Montgomery & Amy Sander Montanez will lead couples in a day-long workshop exploring the keys to positive, successful relationships. Cost: \$125/couple, includes tuition, morning coffee, and lunch. Pre-registration is necessary because the day will be limited to 25 couples. Questions or registration? Please call 254-5650 and ask for Amy or Carrie.

Rector's Bible Study Mondays 11:00 am in Room 9-lower level, Heyward Hall.

Agape Reminder Agape volunteers provide meals for St. John's members and families in times of illness, surgery, death, and childbirth. If you, your family, or others you know may need this comfort food, please call the parish office (799-4767).

Pastoral Care: Mental Health in Our Parish & Our Community Did you know...? In the US one in four people lives with some kind of mental illness or addiction. To provide help to families, the Midlands chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mentally Illness) holds facilitated support groups at 6:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church. Closer to home, our Pastoral Care Committee has gathered written materials about resources for families. We have also included a place for you to indicate interest in meeting informally with other St. John's members to talk about experiences and offer mutual support. For questions call Mary Bryan 254-8235, Barbara Mullen 252-1571, or Eileen Schell 790-5329.

Yard Work Day Facilities Committee will host a yard work day at 9:30 am, Saturday, March 13. Please bring yard gloves, shears, shovel, rakes, trowels and maybe something to kneel on. We will be weeding, raking, trimming, and general clean up of the campus. Both men and women are welcome.

Confirmation will be Sunday, April 11. Adults who wish to be confirmed need to contact The Rev. Fletcher Montgomery (799-4767 or jfm@stjohnscolumbia.org) before March 15.

Yoga Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall. Contact: Anne Miller (799-4498).

Keenagers Luncheon (social/education group for retirees & friends) will be on Tuesday, March 16 at 12:30 pm in the Barr Center Dining Room. Topic: A Musical Galapagos with Joan Savage and Norman Tuller. They will tell stories of their visit to the Galapagos Islands. The stories will be illustrated by scenes of the island creatures set to music. Make your reservation for lunch by calling the parish office (799-4767) by Friday, March 12. Lunch is \$5.

Adult Christian Formation Offerings

Sundays 10:15 - 11:00 am

The Book of Luke Join us as we read, study and learn from the Gospel of Luke 3/7 Jesus the Teacher-Sarah Montgomery. 3/14 Jesus Teaches the Kingdom of Holy Week-Beverly Moore. Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

The Friendship of Women: The Hidden Tradition of the Bible Based on a book by Joan Chittister we will look deeply into biblical stories of female friendships in order to extract greater truths. We will look at friendship between people through the lenses of faith, tradition, and scripture and will explore the often overlooked voices and experiences of women in the Old and New Testaments. This class isn't just for women!! Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall

Discovering the Episcopal Church and St. John's Intended for everyone, this class is exploring the hows and whys of the Episcopal Church, our theology and liturgy. It will also offer an insight into St. John's and our particular attributes and opportunities. We are using the text *Your Faith Your Life* by Jenifer Gamber with Bill Lewellis; however, don't let not having a book stop you from joining us! Room 9-lower level, Heyward Hall.

Return to Mayberry This class will meet Sunday, March 14 immediately following the 7:45 am service. Based on The Andy Griffith Show, this class explores basic values such as character, personal responsibility, honesty, and integrity that were routinely exemplified by the popular television show. Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall

MOMS Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:30 am until noon in the Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall. Childcare provided. Contact: Cope Fralick (256-7749).

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 6:45 am in the Barr Center. Check the website for the reading schedule. Contact: Ned Badgett (787-8189).