



Prayer Requests

For Healing: Bob Benson, Anthony Bitting, Serena Cann, Ralph Coleman, Brian Denny, Georgia Ewing, Burt Fowles, Melinda Franks, Lamar Grimmitt, Donna Hall, Tom Herbkersman, Laura Wells Hiers, Rudy Jones, Susan Love, Morris Lumpkin, Joyce Mann, Sandra Martin, Mickie Mathes, Kathryn McCormick, Marilyn Meacham, Susan Michaels, Jim Mittenzwei, Evan Pertile, Earl Redout, George Reid, Sam Roberts, Dominic Rocco, Allen Rogers, Greg Rollings, Frances Sak, Suzanne Long-Santos, Aloo Tata, John Thomas, Stace Todd, Polly Watts, Martha Weed, Ann Wells, Pearl Wilson

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

For Active Military: Fred Aldrich, John Benson, Michael Fisher, Michael Hook

Next Sunday . . .

Annual Pentecost Luncheon

Sunday, May 23 following the 10:30 service in the Barr Center Gym

Hosted by St. Teresa's Guild

Fried chicken, biscuits, tea and lemonade will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to feed 8-10 people, according to the following:

- Last Names: A-G Vegetables/salads
- H-K Casseroles/starches
- L-R Fruit
- S-Z Desserts

Reserve your place for our Pentecost luncheon by calling the parish office (799-4767) or by e-mailing nsg@stjohnscolumbia.org before noon on Friday, May 21. 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. Contact: Margaret Axson (765-9132) or Vera Tucker (252-9991).

Reminder!

**St. John's will return to two Sunday Services at 7:45 & 10:30 am
Next Sunday - May 23**

This week . . .

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We hope you enjoy worshiping with us today. If you are a visitor, please fill out a visitor card located in the pews and return in an alms basin or to an usher. If you would like to speak with someone about our church, please contact Ashley Jaillette with the Newcomer and Visitor's Committee at 803-331-5491 or ajaillette@alumni.clemson.edu. We are happy to have you here today!

To support the Diocese's Bread and Water Campaign for Cange, Haiti, parishes in the Midlands will host a Wine and Cheese Benefit this afternoon from 4:00- 6:00 pm at St. Martin's in the Fields, 5220 Clemson Ave. Our speaker will be Dr. Harry Morse. Tickets, \$15 each and will be on sale before and after the 11:15 service TODAY. Tickets also available at the door. Questions and tickets: Call Ned Badgett, 787-8189.

Children, Adult, and Youth Christian Ministry Teams will host a Sunday School Teacher Appreciation gathering on May 16 at 5 -6 pm at the home of Katie & Jason Gibson (1379 Sanford Dr.).

Keenagers Luncheon (social/education group for retirees & friends) will be on Tuesday, May 18 at 12:30 pm in the Barr Center Dining Room. Topic: "Life on the Edge: Living With a Guide Dog" with Jennifer Bazer.

Operation Love to Haiti donations for the next flight from Columbia must be received before Wednesday, May 19. Especially needed are: personal hygiene products, over-the-counter medications (cold remedies, aspirin, etc). As before, energy bars, peanut butter, rice, beans, disinfectants/sanitizers, antibiotics, tarps (the rainy season is here!), flashlights, and soft luggage for transporting supplies. No clothing except for sturdy shoes. Questions? Contact: Barbara Mullen (252-1571)

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

EYC End of School Year Party

May 16: 5-7 pm

Pool Party at the Miller house (1711 Crestwood Dr.)

Come and join us at the EYC Finale as we celebrate the end of the school year together. Great food, cool people, and fun times! Come and enjoy pictures and stories from the past year. See you there!

EYC Summer Events and Gatherings

Please check the youth blog and your email for information about summer EYC events.

In addition to white water rafting in early August, we will have some lunch gatherings and other EYC events this summer.

stjohnscolumbiayouth.blogspot.com

Ecuador Mission: June 6-16

We have a team of 6 adults and 12 youth going back to Ecuador this summer. So far, the team has raised and contributed a total of about \$21,000. However, we still need to raise \$15,000 more to cover the cost of the trip. Please consider partnering with us in this mission through financial and/or prayer support. We hope to be a blessing to the communities in Ecuador, learn and grow in our daily faith in Jesus, and learn to be cultivators of God's mission both near and far.

Please visit the Ecuador Blog for more info:

sjyouthmissionecuador.blogspot.com

Thank you for your support!

Children sing next Sunday All children are invited to sing next Sunday (Pentecost.) Pick up a practice CD in the Narthex today or listen on the St. John's website. Children will practice with children's music leader Rebecca Whalen in room 215 at 10:00 am next Sunday.

Chancel Choir Special Offer! Next two Sundays (May 23 and 30) anthems will be very simple. If you like to sing, join us to practice at 9:30 am and sing with the Chancel Choir either Sunday or both.

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.



Vacation Bible School Fiesta! Where kids are fired up about Jesus is for children 3K- rising 2nd grade. June 14-17 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cost: \$10/child or \$20/family max. Forms for registration available in the church narthex or online.

CAMP (Christian Action Mission Project) is for children in rising 3rd grade through rising 5th grade. June 14-17, 9:00 am- 12 pm., \$10/child, \$20/family max. Registration forms available online.

VBS Volunteers Needed 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 (kn templeton@aol.com) or Lee Rambo (leerambo@sc.rr.com) if you can help.

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

Altar Flowers Open dates May 30, June 6, 13, & 20. Order forms are available in the church narthex or on-line.

Connections (group for couples married and nonmarried, and with or without kids) will be hosted by Caroline and Will Tevepaugh on May 27 at 7:00 pm at the Hampton Forest clubhouse (804 Forest Park Rd.). Everyone bring a

side or a sweet and they will provide BBQ. Bring your own beverage. Newcomers and visitors welcome. The pool will be open for swimming. If you have any questions, please call Ashley Jaillette at 803-331-5491.



FISH FRY

Fish Fry The Men of St. John's are hosting a fish fry on June 9 at the Kings Grant clubhouse. Social begins at 6:00 pm, food at 7:00 pm, event ends at 9.

This is a parish-wide adult event for both men and women. Bring your own beverage. Tickets: \$5 before event, \$7 at the door. Contact: Michael Barker (254-5340).

Collection for Cooperative Ministry Socks, undershirts and new underwear, disposable diapers for both babies and adults. A collection basket will be in the Barr Center.

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.

Help Support a School Child in our Adopted Village Would you like to honor a St. John's High School senior, or another school child in your life, by making a donation to the St. John's Adopt a Village project? The school St. John's helped build in Chapoteau, Haiti offers a wonderful educational opportunity for the children who attend.

Honorees and donors will be listed in the Father's Day bulletin. The annual cost of one child's education is \$240. *Adopt a Village Project* forms are in the church narthex or on-line.

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).

Wish you had gotten to help with Hands of Hope last month? The Newcomer and Visitor's Committee is participating in a Day of Service in honor of Fletcher's service to St. John's. If you would like an opportunity to go out into the community and do your part on June 5 from 9 am - 1 pm, we will be volunteering as needed at Harvest Hope Food Bank. Childcare is available at the church upon request. They need to have an approximate number of us that will be in attendance so to volunteer (and to reserve childcare) please RSVP to Ashley Jaillette at ajaillette@alumni.clemson.edu or call 803.331.5491.

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. 5/16 Conclusion & Review led by instructors for the previous Sundays. Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

Coffee Talk II led by Sarah Montgomery. Starbucks coffee! Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall.

"Hidden Books" of the Bible: The Apocrypha. During Sunday School during Easter, the Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study will offer a short study of the Apocrypha, the set of books found between our Old and New Testaments. Barr Center Dining Room.

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

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).

MOMS Bible Study Tuesdays 9:30 am - 12 noon in the Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall.