



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes & Announcements

January 4, 2009

## Prayer Requests

**For Healing:** Nell Barr, Bob Benson, Tom Davis, Nancy Duvall, Gene Edwards, Melinda Franks, Cassidy Freeman, Robert Hemphill, John King, Warren King, Mary Law, Walter Lewis, Susan Love, Jim Mittenzwei, Anne Moore, Dale Ness, Evan Pertile, George Pierce, Sean Rankin, Sam Roberts, Colleen Robinson, Ida Storrs, Mollie Sullivan, Aloo Tata, John Thomas, Kit Turner, Martha Weed, Pearl Wilson

**For Expectant Parents:** Claudia & Shannon Baker, Julia & Michael Bellon, Liz & Ryan Brewer, Sarah & Hoyt Burnett, Krista & David DeLong, Lisa & Travis Faulds, Ashley & Scott Jaillette, Areli & Craig Keeney, Becky & David Shea, Amanda & David Williams

**For Active Military:** Fred Aldrich, John Benson, Michael Fisher, Michael Hook, Heyward Lindler, Ben Minton, Scott Turner, John Whilden, Mike Williams

**For those who have died:** Gary Anderson (12/25)

## This Week at St. John's

**Collection for Cooperative Ministry** Winter coats & sweaters along with new underwear and socks for children and adults will be collected TODAY and Monday, Jan. 5 only. A collection box will be in the Barr Center lobby only.

**Yoga** will not meet on Jan. 6.

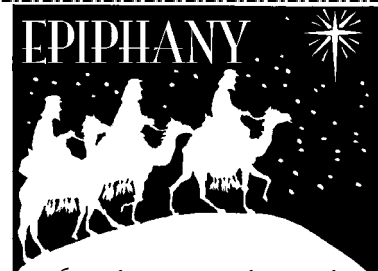
**February Messenger Deadline** is Thursday, Jan. 8. Please send all items to Rachel Cross ([rbc@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:rbc@stjohnscolumbia.org)).

**Advent Mite Boxes** Remember to be collecting your coins in your Advent Mite Boxes made at Harvest Eve and at the Advent Festival. We will bring the mite boxes to Feast of Lights on Jan. 6 and present to the Christ Child. If you need a mite box, please contact Faxie Watt ([faxwatt@aol.com](mailto:faxwatt@aol.com)).

**Christmas Offering** totaled \$4,963.77.

## Next Sunday . . .

The annual gathering of the Shandon Cluster of Churches will be on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 3:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Devine St. We will celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. The Rev. J. Fletcher Montgomery will preach.



## Feast of Lights & 12th Night Party

Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 6:30 pm

The Feast of Lights pageant is St. John's annual celebration of The Epiphany. The arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem and the manifesting of the baby Jesus as the Messiah are the highlights of this wonderful pageant. Come share in the revealing of the light of Christ. 12<sup>th</sup> Night Party follows. . . come eat delicious feast food and the cakes of kings. The 12th Night Party immediately follows the Feast of Lights in the Barr Center Gym. The face painting, magic acts, music, and games are not to be missed. Nursery available.

Everyone is invited to participate in the pageant, either as a cast member or sitting in the congregation. Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to be lambs, and adults are welcome to be shepherds. First and second graders will serve as the Heavenly Host of Angels, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will serve as the visiting shepherds to the Holy Family, EYC-aged youth are the apostles and the lay disciples are parish members. Other cast members will be filled by invitation.

*Rehearsal will be TODAY in the church.*

*3:00 – 4:00 pm*

*Organist, watchman, traveler, reader, soloist, Angel Gabriel, Holy Family, shepherds, lambs, and angels*

*4:00 – 5:00 pm*

*Organist, wise men, pages, apostles, lay disciples, reader*

If you would like to be part of the cast, or for more information contact: Mary Wallace Coleman (782-1683)

## EYC Calendar

Sundays 5-7 pm unless otherwise noted

Jan 4 EYC bring new socks and T-shirts for City Homeless Shelter

Jan 6 6:30 pm Feast of Lights

Jan 11 EYC Bowling

Jan 18 EYC @ the Art Shack: Trees

Jan 25 EYC: the gathering

Jan 9-11 Sr. High Ski Trip

**CHILI COOKOFF** Feb. 8 @ Lunch: 12-2:00 pm; \$5 per spoon (spoons used for eating and voting) Come one, come all! This is a parish-wide event so bring the whole family! All the proceeds go towards our youth summer missions. Contact Dorian (mdd@stjohnscolumbia.org) to enter your chili.

Always check the blog for updates and details:  
[Stjohnscolumbiayouth.blogspot.com](http://Stjohnscolumbiayouth.blogspot.com)

**What we do in worship** A program for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to help them understand and participate in the worship service. "What we do in worship" be during the 9:00 service and will start on Jan. 11 and last for seven weeks (skipping Kanuga weekend Feb. 15). Topics covered: "Why we worship," "People in worship," "Tools in worship," (Bible, Prayer Book, Hymnal), "Creeds, Prayers, Confession, The Peace," "Baptism," "Communion," and a "Church Year." The class will end with the presentation of a Bible on March 9. To sign up your 3<sup>rd</sup> grade child, please contact Mary Jo Pendarvis (mjp@stjohnscolumbia.org or 799-4767).

**Harvest Hope Food Bank** "...for I was hungry and you gave me food.....just as you did it to one of the least of these, my family, you did it to me." Make food donation a habit--check your list as you leave for church each Sunday: car keys, children, offering envelope, and food items for Harvest Hope. Place your items in the basket in the church narthex.

**Lists of Birthdays & Anniversaries** of parishioners for Jan. & Feb. are now available in the church narthex.

**Men of St. John's Annual Meeting** will be Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 6:00 pm in the Barr Center gym. Guest speaker: James Murray from Onesimus, a prison fellowship ministry. All men are invited for a steak dinner. An offering will be accepted for the cost of dinner.

**Weight Watchers Group** starting at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 8:00 am in the Edward Room of the Trinity Center for Mission and Ministry on the corner of Marion and Gervais Streets. The cost is \$98.00 for 10 weeks. Please contact Ellen Linder (771-7300) would like to join.

**St. Mary's/St. Catherine's Guild** will be on Jan. 12 at 3 pm in the Parlor. Contact: Judy Anderson (799-1821)

**St. Monica's/St. Bridget's Guild** will meet on Jan. 12 at 7 pm in the Parlor. Contact: Margaret Buchanan (mbuch6108@bellsouth.net)

**Auction/White Elephant Sale** will be on Sunday, Jan. 25 at 5:00 pm at the King's Grant clubhouse. Women: there is no cost to attend, and you will eat, drink, and make merry as you bid on vacation homes, jewels, spa packages, and art. Money raised will provide scholarships for the St. John's Women's Retreat. Contact: Pam Hodnett (252-7578) Retreat dates: March 27, 28 & 29.

**Kanuga Parish Weekend** Feb. 13-15. *Telling Our Story*. . .*Making scripture come alive!* Our speaker: Tracy Radosevic, Dean of the Academy for Biblical Storytelling. Adults, youth and children will experience the deeper message behind the stories of the Bible through Tracy's special brand of humor, insight and faith. Check her out at [Tracyrad.com](http://Tracyrad.com). Registration forms available online or in the narthex.

**Bena Dial Scholarships** are given by the ECW of the Diocese of Upper SC. Applications are now available online at [www.edusc.org/ECW](http://www.edusc.org/ECW). Deadline is March 1.

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## Adult Christian Formation

Start the new year right by choosing a class to further your faith. Adults will meet together TODAY at 10:15 am in the Multipurpose Room, Heyward Hall to hear a little more about the upcoming winter offerings. Beginning Jan. 11 Sunday School classes will include:

**The Essential Bible Guide: 100 Readings Through the World's Most Famous Book:** Although this class is continuing, it is never too late to join! Weekly facilitators offer a deeper look at the readings scheduled for each week. Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

**Conversations with God: A Guide to Prayer** Prayer takes place in different ways, in different places and for different reasons. Join us as we explore the forms and purposes of prayer. Led by The Rev. Fletcher Montgomery. Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall.

**Coffee Talk II** Continuing by request, this class will continue to explore the world around us from a Christian perspective while enjoying delicious coffee! Conversations will take place in the Barr Center Dining Room.

**Walking the Bible** This popular dvd series continues on the second Sunday of each month, immediately following the 7:45 am service. Come enjoy a wonderful breakfast and study the Old Testament while learning about the places where the Old Testament stories took place. This class meets in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

**Financial Peace University** A biblically-based class taught by national radio personality and personal money management expert, Dave Ramsey. *The average family pays off \$5,300 and saves \$2,700 during the 13-week course!* Join us for a pre-view, Jan. 4 during Sunday School for details. Classes will be on Sundays 5:00 -7:00 pm beginning Jan. 18. Contact: Shelly Jones (665-7255)

**Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study** Starting January 6, we will study the prophet Hosea. Breakfast begins at about 6:45. Class begins at 7:00. Reading schedule is posted on the website. Contact: Ned Badgett (787-8189)

**MOMS (Ministering Our Mother's Spirits) Bible Study** MOMS meet on Tuesdays, 9:30 -12:00 pm in the Parlor-first floor. Childcare is provided. Contact: Cope Fralick (256-7749).

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## Today's Altar Flowers

Given by George and Marsha Reid, John, Lindsay, Reed and Owen William Faistl in loving memory of Robert and Elizabeth Reid and John and Vivian Lindsay.

Given by Mark and Alexandra Leach in celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Marie Heather.

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## Today's Service Participants

**Lectors:** 7:45 Benton Williamson, Lessons and Prayers; 9:00 Stacy Collins, Lessons and Prayers, Marion Swain, 2nd Chalice; 11:15 Rob Wilcox, Lessons and Prayers, Angela Daniel, 2nd Chalice

**Acolytes:** 9:00 Crucifer: Kyle King; Samuel Miller, Bellinger Boylston, Allie Stubbs; 11:15 Crucifer: Lawson Smith; Patrick Kneece, Madelon Kneece, William Axson  
**Acolytes for next Sunday (1/11):** 9:00 Crucifer: Sarah Law; Katie Law, Thomas Law, Austin Lewis; 11:15 Crucifer: Taylor Jackson; Elaine Epting, Blaire Epting, Mary Sarah Komar