



Prayer Requests

For Healing: Jim Barber, Bob Benson, Anthony Bitting, Ellen Buchanan, Serena Cann, Ralph Coleman, Arlen Cotter, Tom Davis, Mimi Dial, Nancy Farish, Trey Franklin, Melinda Franks, Lamar Grimmitt, Robert Hemphill, Tom Herbkersman, Susie Heyward, Laura Wells Hiers, Roger Keane, Warren King, Diane Lamar, Susan Love, Lynda Lovelace, Morris Lumpkin, Sandra Martin, Mickie Mathes, Marilyn Meacham, Susan Michaels, Jim Mittenzwei, Jane Ness, Evan Pertile, Rosemary Pollack, Earl Redout, Sam Roberts, Colleen Robinson, Dominic Rocco, Allen Rogers, Frances Sak, Suzanne Long-Santos, Jody Spruill, Joyce Sumwalt, Aloo Tata, John Thomas, Martha Weed, Pearl Wilson

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

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve-Thursday, Dec. 24

*4:00 pm Signs of Christmas – Children’s Pageant
* 4:30 pm Festival Holy Eucharist:
Family Choir, Timpani, Trumpets and Organ
At the Offertory:-- Christmas Ringers and Singers
*Nursery Available.

Christmas Eve 10:00 pm Carol Service:
Carols by Chancel Choir and Congregation
10:30 pm Festival Holy Eucharist:
Music by the Chancel Choir, Handbells, Recorder,
Clarinet, Timpani, Trumpets and Organ
No Nursery.

Christmas Day- Friday, Dec. 25
10:30 am Holy Eucharist (one service only)
No Nursery.

Sunday, Dec. 27
10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Christmas Lessons and
Carols—back by popular demand! (one service only)
Nursery available. No Sunday School.

Annual Parish Meeting Election Results

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Dec. 6, the following were elected to serve St. John's for the upcoming year: Dana Turner, Senior Warden; Jason Lockhart, Junior Warden; Incoming Vestry: Jason Adams, Jeff Brooker, Katherine Templeton, Bill Todd, & Eddie Williams; Diocesan Delegate-Rodger Stroup. A special note of thanks to all who volunteered their willingness to be on the ballot.

St. Teresa's: Annual Christmas Party at the home of Eric and Julian Horst TODAY at 6:30 p.m. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. For information contact Margaret Axson (h) 765-9132, (cell) 603-5325.

St. Mary's/St. Catherine's Guild will meet on Monday, Dec. 14 at 3:00 pm in the Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall. Contact: Judy Anderson (799-1821)



The Bells of Christmas

An extra-special musical event
for all kids age 5K-10.
Wednesday December 16
5:15-6:00 pm

Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall
“Getting Ready for Christmas!”
Snack, Games, Bells, Carols, Service Project
(Bring a food item for Harvest Hope, please!)
Call Celia Bane for details at 799-4767

“Signs of Christmas” Children’s Pageant The pageant will be on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm in the church. All children 3K-5th grade will learn the carols in Sunday School. Rehearsal will be Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4:00 pm in the church. Contact: Mary Jo Pendarvis (799-4767)

Decorate the Church for Christmas Women and men are invited to join in the festive decorating of the church for Christmas on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 9:00 am. Bring your garden scissors, excitement, awe and wonder. Contact: Anne Miller (annemiller@sc.rr.com)

EYC 5-7 pm unless otherwise noted

Dec 13 Visit parish shut-ins
Dec 20 EYC Christmas Party
Dec 27 NO EYC
Jan 3 Parents' Night EYC

SKI TRIP Final Payment is Due NOW!

ECUADOR MISSION MEETING

Today, Dec. 13 @ 3:30 pm in the Sr. High Room
Any and all youth or adults who are interested in the mission experience to Quito, Ecuador.

Always check the blog for updates and details:
Stjohnscolumbiayouth.blogspot.com

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE 10:00 pm.

Don't miss it—come early! Carols by choir, congregation and handbells. Also Corelli's Christmas Concerto.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR seeks singers. The choir has the best seats in the house on Christmas Eve! At the 4:30 service on Christmas Eve, there will be a family choir for all ages singing the familiar carols (no part singing required). Call Celia (799-4767, X 105) to learn more or to sign up.

Children's Advent Music Activities (K5-grade 5) will take place on Wednesday Dec. 16, 5:15-6:00 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.

Harvest Hope Food Bank Remember your list: car keys, children, offering envelope, plastic bags and food items for Harvest Hope. They are in dire need of toilet paper, soap, and other personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, etc. Put items in the basket in the church narthex.

Hand Middle School's Helping Hands With flu season here teachers and staff are in need of hand sanitizer and tissues as well as normal school supplies. A collection box is in the Barr Center Lobby. Contact: Barbara Mullen (252-1571).

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

Keenagers Luncheon (social group for retirees & friends) Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 12:30 pm in the Barr Center Dining Room for a musical performance by Katy Hinson, assisted by Bud Rosier.

Men of St. John's Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 6:00 in the Barr Center. Fellow parishioner Jack Thompson will be the featured speaker, sharing some of his experiences on the USC basketball team under Coach Frank McGuire and emphasizing the importance of community and tradition in any association. BBQ dinner will be served. RSVP to Brant Hellwig (hellwig@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there.

Girls Night Out Social & Auction Mark your calendars Sunday, Jan. 24 at the Kings Grant clubhouse. Vacation honeys, fabulous meals, portraits and rugs will be auctioned to benefit scholarship for the St. John's Women's Spring Retreat (March 19-21 @ Gravatt). Contact: Pam Hodnett (252-7578).

Feast of Lights

Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 6:30 pm

Everyone is invited to participate in the pageant, either as a cast member or by 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.

Rehearsal will be Sunday, Jan. 3 in the church

If you would like to be part of the cast or for more information contact Martha Smith 783-6684.

Kanuga Parish Family Weekend February 12-14, 2010
Thanks to the generous contribution given by the Men of St. John's, the Kanuga Committee is able to offer additional fee reductions. Now the cost to spend a weekend in the mountains with your parish family, enjoying spiritual programs and meaningful fellowship, along with delicious meals, warm fires, hiking, fly fishing, shopping, and much, much more, is: \$145.00 per adult, \$55.00 per youth (10-18), \$25.00 per child, (5-9) Children (0-4) are free.

Kanuga Gift Certificates To order a wrapped gift certificate for the weekend at Kanuga with St. John's, call Laura Williams (787-2619).

Adult Christian Formation Offerings Sundays 10:15 - 11:00 am

"Waylaid by Light: The Gospel that John Wrote" written by The Rev. Dr. John MacReadie Barr III. This class will contemplate what the Book of John tells us about Jesus, his character and his personality. We will also explore what Jesus is seeking to do in our lives and what mission he is sending us on. Books will be available. TODAY-Beverly Moore. Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

Discovering the Episcopal Church and St. John's:

Exploring the Episcopal Church and St. John's is a great class for newcomers to St. John's, for those seeking to be confirmed and for those who want a refresher on the Episcopal faith and tradition. This class is led by The Rev. Fletcher Montgomery and The Rev. Mary Moore Roberson. ****Room changed to Barr Center Dining Room****

The Reason for God by Timothy Keller. Come learn, listen and share your thoughts on The Rev. Mr. Keller's thought-provoking and best-selling book on the nature of Christianity in a modern world as we explore issues and questions we all confront. All welcome, even if you have not read the book, but are interested in the questions and issues posed by Mr. Keller. Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall.

Return to Mayberry Join us TODAY as we explore basic values such as character, personal responsibility, honesty and integrity that were routinely exemplified on The Andy Griffith Show. Offered immediately following the 7:45 a.m. service, we'll share breakfast and a few laughs as we are reminded of the Bible's teachings. Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

Doing Mission vs. Being Mission Come and explore the difference between doing mission work and living out the mission of God in the world. How does this apply to youth missions? How does this apply to our faith, both as individuals and as a faith community? Are mission experiences just for youth, or should all parishioners be afforded the same opportunities? **Join us Sunday, Dec. 20** during the Sunday School hour, 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).

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

Today's Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of our marriage by Renee and Jesse Broome.

Altar Flowers Open dates Dec. 27 & Jan. 10. Order forms are available in the church narthex or on-line. Cost of altar flowers is \$80