



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Prayer Requests

For Healing: Bob Benson, Anthony Bitting, John Bussinah, Serena Cann, Eunice Crawford, Tom Davis, Mimi Dial, Nancy Farish, Wayne Fisher, Melinda Franks, Fred Hay Gantt, Lamar Grimmitt, Sally Hardy, Robert Hemphill, Tom Herbkersman, Laura Wells Hiers, Leigh Jones, Warren King, Mary Law, Susan Love, William C. Mann, Susan Michaels, Mike Miller, Charles Mitchell, Ramona Mitchell, Jim Mittenzwei, Dale Ness, Evan Pertile, Sallie Reynolds, Sam Roberts, Colleen Robinson, Dominic Rocco, Allen Rogers, Frances Sak, Andrew Sharpe, Jody Spruill, Ida Storrs, Aloo Tata, John Thomas, Cassandra Gallucci-Treap, Virginia Vincent, Martha Weed, Florrie Willoch, Pearl Wilson

For Expectant Parents: Kristin & Don Alexander, Christine & Hugh Burkett, Stacye & Paul Jones, Christine & Jim Koutrakos

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

For those who have died: Joseph Henry Tollison (8/22), father of Lynn Barnette

Today at St. John's . . .

Immediately following the 10:30 service today everyone is invited to join us for a luncheon in the Barr Center celebrating ten years of ministry together.

Today's Altar Flowers Given by the vestry to the glory of God and in honor of, and in thanksgiving for, ten years of ministry together with The Rev. Fletcher Montgomery.

This Fall at St. John's . . .

Wednesday Nights at St. John's

Starting September 9

Junior Choirs at 5:00 pm

Holy Eucharist resumes at 5:15 pm

Dinner starting at 5:30 pm in the gym

Program on Sept. 9 will be for all ages.

Sharing our Ecuador Mission Experience

Presented by St. John's Youth Missionaries

6:30-7:15 pm in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall. Nursery available for newborns – 3K.

Chancel Choir at 7:00 pm (you are welcome to come late if attending the program)

Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm Enjoy wonderful food and great fellowship. Costs: Free-Children (0-2); \$2.00-Children (3-10); \$5.00-Adults. Reserve your plate by calling the Parish Office (799-4767) or e-mail parishevents@stjohnscolumbia.org.

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Return to Three Sunday Services

September 13

7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 am

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Welcome Back Sunday

September 13

Breakfast & Ministry Fair in the Barr Center gym

10:15 -11:00 am

If you would like a table at the ministry fair, please call the parish office (799-4767). Deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 9.

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Sunday School

Children's & Youth classes begin Sept. 20, 10:15 - 11:00. Adult classes begin Sept. 27.

Searching For a Bishop

Information session will be on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10:15 in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

EYC

- Sept 13 EYC Kick Off @ the Lake 3-7 pm
BBQ Dinner and Fun on the water
@ the Close family lake house
148/152 Spence Shores Ct.
Full Details on the Blog
- Sept 20 EYC @ the Art Shack
- Sept 27 EYC: the gathering
- Oct 4 Ultimate Scavenger Hunt
- Oct 24 Home Works 1 Day Blitz \$15

Diocesan Calendar

JR High Fall Retreat @ Gravatt
Sept 25-27

Cost: \$75, sign up by Sept. 9

24: SR High Overnight @ Gravatt

Oct. 24-25

Cost: \$50, sign up by Oct. 7

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

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

Parish Office Summer Hours Monday through Friday
8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

Altar Flowers *Open dates* Sept. 6, 13, & 27. Order forms are available in the church narthex or on-line.

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

Mt. LeConte Hike in the Smokies of Tennessee Oct. 22-24, Thursday through Saturday. A St. John's tradition for 40 years, we would love for you to join us! Call Margaret Anne DuBose 782-0661 or e-mail mabdubose@sc.rr.com.

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 is in need of college rule notebook paper, multi-section three ring binders, and book bags. A collection box will be in the Barr Center. Contact: Barbara Mullen (252-1571).

Keenagers Luncheon Tuesday, September 15. Topic: A Fireside Chat with FDR given by Dr. Edward Beardsley. Dr. Beardsley is a retired history professor from USC. He will bring history alive *via* his portrayal of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Come and relive a critical time in the history of our country. A \$3 donation to help offset the cost of this program will be greatly appreciated. However, do not let this request deter you from attending this exciting event. Make your reservation for lunch by Friday, Sept. 11. Cost of lunch is \$6.

St. Monica's/St. Bridget's Guild will meet Monday, Sept. 14 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor-First Floor, Heyward Hall. Contact: Margaret Buchanan (776-6713)

Save The Date! St. John's Annual Fall Fling. Join us for Food, Fun and Music, Seibels House and Gardens, Friday, Nov. 6, 7:00 pm til 10pm.

Education for Ministry EFM is a four year course of study in which participants deepen their knowledge of scripture, Church history and theology in a group setting, learning to think theologically along the way. St. Martin's-

in-the-Fields has extended an invitation to St. John's parishioners to join its group which will begin meeting on September 3. Sessions start at 6:15 pm and end at 8:45. For more general information on the program, go to www.sewanee.edu/EFM. For more information particular to the St. Martin's group, call Carrie Graves at 629-3476 or Robin Smith at 787-8257.

Adult Christian Formation Offerings for Fall
Adult Sunday School begins September 27. The following are the planned offerings:

“Waylaid by Light: The Gospel that John Wrote” written by The Rev. Dr. John MacReadie Barr III- This book will serve as the text for an in-depth study of the Book of John. During this class, we 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. Dr. Barr will lead the first class with a variety of lay people leading in the following weeks for a 12 week-period. Books for this class are being supplied.

“The Reason for God” by Timothy Keller - Why does God allow suffering in the world? How could a loving God send people to hell? Why isn't Christianity more inclusive? How can one religion be “right” and the others “wrong”? Why have so many wars been fought in the name of God? These are just a few of the topics that The Rev. Mr. Keller covers in his very popular book “The Reason for God.” Also planned for 12 weeks, this class will be led by Benton Williamson and Julie Lumpkin.

Discovering the Episcopal Church and St. John's - Intended for everyone, this class will explore 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. While it will serve as education for those adults seeking confirmation in the coming year, everyone is encouraged to participate as the topics will be timely and important. Led by The Rev. Fletcher Montgomery, The Rev. Mary Moore Roberson and others, this class will meet for 6 weeks.

Finding the Way Back to Mayberry - Based on The Andy Griffith Show, this class will explore basic values such as character, personal responsibility, honesty, and integrity that were routinely exemplified by the show, and tie them to the Bible. Beginning in October, this class will meet following the 7:45 a.m. service on the second Sunday of each month.

Financial Peace University This is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. The class will meet on Sunday evenings in the Multipurpose Room. Members of the community are encouraged to attend along with members of St. John's, so invite your friends and neighbors to come along with you! Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 20 from 5-7 pm. Make plans now to join us! Questions? Please call Shelly Jones at 665-7255.

MOMS Bible Study meets on 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 will resume Monday, Sept. 14 at 11 am in Room 9-lower level, Heyward Hall.