



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes & Announcements

November 23, 2008

Prayer Requests

For Healing: Bob Benson, Tom Davis, Gene Edwards, Melinda Franks, Cassidy Freeman, Penny Hayne, Robert Hemphill, Warren King, Mary Law, Susan Love, George McCoin, Jim Mittenzwei, Anne Moore, Dale Ness, George Pierce, Sam Roberts, Colleen Robinson, Vince Seadale, Ida Storrs, Mollie Sullivan, Aloo Tata, John Thomas, Kit Turner, Laura Watkins, Martha Weed, Pearl Wilson

For Expectant Parents: Claudia & Shannon Baker, Julia & Michael Bellon, 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, Scott Turner, John Whilden, Mike Williams

For those who have died: Press Jones (11/18)



Advent Giving Tree Tags are available TODAY outside the church. This year we will provide gifts for adults from Midland Center and children from Parenting Partners and the Department of Social Services. Remember to bring your gifts to the church before or on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Parish Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27 & Friday, Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving.

No Wednesday Service this week.

Family and Individual Advent Devotionals are now available in the church narthex, by the nursery in Heyward Hall, and in the Barr Center lobby.



Children's Advent Craft Festival & Dinner Join us Wed., Dec. 3 in the Barr Center Gym. Drop in between 4:30-6:30 pm for a fun time of making crafts for gift giving or decorating the home for the season. Dinner at 5:15 pm. Dinner is \$5/family. To register for dinner contact Mary Jo Pendarvis (799-4767 or mjp@stjohnscolumbia.org).

Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 7 at 10:15 am in the Barr Center Gym. *Brochures detailing the nominees are available in the church narthex, parish office or online.* All members of the congregation 16 years of age and older are entitled to vote at the annual meeting, either in person or by proxy. Proxy ballots are available in the parish office until Dec. 5. All ballots must be returned to the parish office or to the vestry secretary, Michael Burkett, before the call to order of the meeting.



Children's Christmas Eve Pageant "A Shepherd's Story" The pageant will be at 4:00 pm in the church. All children 3K-5th grade will learn the carols in Sunday School and choir. Children interested in a speaking part in the pageant, please contact Mary Jo Pendarvis (799-4767) by Dec. 3. Rehearsal for "The Shepherd's Story" will be Sunday, Dec. 21 at 4:00 pm in the church.

Caroling & Hot Chocolate Dec. 21 at 4:30 pm. The parish is invited to join EYC for this.

Today. . .



"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!"
Harvest Eve

Sunday, November 23

5:00 pm Evensong in the Church

5:30 pm Dinner & Program in the Barr Center

Admission: bring a canned or boxed food item for Harvest Hope or a bottle of vitamins for the Home Works project in Peru.

This will be a fun evening of fellowship and thanksgiving for the entire parish.

EYC Calendar

Sundays 5-7pm unless otherwise noted

- Nov 23 EYC assist with Harvest Eve.
Please be at St. John's @ 4pm
- Nov 30 NO EYC
- Dec 7 EYC @ the Art Shack: Ornaments
Final Payment for Ski Trip Due
- Dec 14 EYC Christmas Outreach
- Dec. 21 4:30 the parish is invited to join EYC for
caroling and hot chocolate
6-8 pm EYC Christmas Party

Happening #60 Dec. 5-7 @ Gravatt (grades 10-12)
Experiencing Christ in community. Contact Dorian for details
and signup. 2 spots available!

SR HIGH SKI TRIP

When: January 9-11 Cost: \$210

Nov 25: Forms Due

Dec 7: Final Payment Due

For more information go to the blog.

Upgrades available (snowboarding, etc.)

Contact Dorian with questions or to sign up.

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

Attention Parents Parents are need to help in the nursery on
Sunday, Dec 14, 21 and 28. Please call Mary Jo (799-4767) if
you will be in town and can help.

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.

Worship music online —You may listen to recent choir
anthems and solos on our church website. Click on links on
the main Music page (stjohnscolumbia.org).

Junior Choirs & Chancel Choir will not meet this week
Nov. 26.

Harvest Hope Food Bank We collected 269 pounds of food
this past month. Let's keep up the GOOD WORK. A pound
of food a week-- bring each Sunday. We can do it.

Collection for Cooperative Ministry Coats, sweaters, new
underwear and socks for children and adults will be collected
Sunday, Dec. 7 & Monday, Dec. 8 only. A collection box
will be in the Barr Center lobby only. Contact: Tom Savage
(796-8488).

Yoga will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose
Room-lower level.

Connections St. John's young couples group will gather on
Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the home of Ashley and Scott Jaillette
(618 South Woodrow St.) at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to
bring a covered dish and a gift for the white elephant
exchange. Contact: Ashley Jaillette (331-5491)

Kanuga Parish Weekend Feb. 13-15, 2009. *Telling Our
Story. . . Making scripture come alive!* Our speaker: Tracy
Rodosevic, 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.
Registration forms will be available soon. Gift certificates will
be available at the annual meeting.

Christmas Decorations Purchase Christmas decorations for
the church on-line using PayPal. Mail-in order form available
in the narthex or online. Deadline for orders is Dec. 5.

Stewardship 2009

*A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping
the entire church. 1 Corinthians 12:7*

Thanks to all of you who have turned in your 2009
Pledge Card so far. If you haven't done so already, please
turn your pledge in as soon as possible. If you need another
copy, there are copies in the church narthex and the church
office, as well as on our website.

St. John's needs all of its members to respond fully to
God's grace by pledges of Time, Talent and Treasure. Our
2009 pledge, a percentage of our treasure, is an
acknowledgement that all we have is a gift from God. It
shows that we are choosing to honor God by returning to
him a portion of what we have received for the work of
Christ through our church. Thank you for your commitment
to God through St. John's.

Adult Christian Formation Sundays 10:15-11:00 am
*Brochures with descriptions of each class are available in
the church narthex or online.*

Coffee Talk Come have a cup of Starbucks coffee and
discuss current topics of interest from a Christian
perspective in the Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall.
TODAY the class will focus on Christianity and War.
Facilitated by Sarah Montgomery.

Serve God, Save the Planet This class offers scriptural
lessons on personal responsibility, simplicity, and
stewardship of the environment along with practical
suggestions on how they can be applied to modern life.
TODAY Dr. Dan Bell, Lutheran Theological Seminary,
will speak on "Theological Foundations of Environmental
Stewardship." Not to be outdone by other classes, this
class will have its own delicious coffee and treats in the
Barr Center Dining Room!!

**The Essential Bible Guide: 100 Readings Through the
World's Most Important Book** A Bible study class based
on the book by Whitney T. Kuniholm. TODAY David
Lewis and Randy Epting will speak on Psalms & Proverbs.
Multi-purpose Room, Lower Level, Heyward Hall.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study. Tuesday, Nov. 11:
Minor Prophets, i.e., the shorter books. Newcomers always
welcome. Reading schedule is posted on our web site. Bring a
Bible. 6:45 - 8:00 am, Barr Center Dining Room. Contact:
Ned Badgett (787-8189).

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

Harvest Altar Decorations

Given to glory of God and in memory of Howard C.
(Andy) Anderson by Judy Anderson.

Today's Service Participants

Lectors: 7:45 Bill Robinson; 9:00 Stacy Collins, Lessons and Prayers;
Michael Burkett, 2nd Chalice; 11:15 John Walker, Lessons and Prayers;
Ned Badgett, 2nd Chalice; 5 pm Harvest Eve Stacy Collins
Acolytes: 9:00 Crucifer: Beth Cotter; Les Cotter, Austin Lewis, Fripp
Prioleau; 11:15 Crucifer: Blair Campbell; Katherine Gaulin, Katie
DuBose, Bellinger Boylston
Acolytes for Next Sunday (11/30): 9:00 Crucifer: Catherine Collins; Sarah
Bowers, Alex Bowers, Thomas Weatherwax; 11:15 Crucifer: Kyle King;
Katie Law, Michaela Close, Madelon Kneece

Holiday Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Services

*4:00 pm Children's pageant

"A Sheppard Story"

*4:30 pm Holy Eucharist

10:00 pm Carol Service

10:30 pm Holy Eucharist

*Nursery available

Christmas Day

Thursday, Dec. 25

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

No Nursery

Sunday After Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 28

*10:30 am Holy Eucharist

(one service only)

No Sunday School or Children's Chapel

*Nursery Available