



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes & Announcements

November 30, 2008

### Prayer Requests

**For Healing:** Bob Benson, Myrtice Bloodworth, Tom Davis, Gene Edwards, Reid Fasitl, Melinda Franks, Cassidy Freeman, Robert Hemphill, Warren King, Mary Law, Susan Love, George McCain, 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, Ben Minton, Scott Turner, John Whilden, Mike Williams

**For those who have died:** Penny Hayne (11/24) and Bill Thomas (11/22)



### Children's Advent Craft Festival & Dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Barr Center Gym

Drop in between 4:30-6:30 pm

Dinner 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Join us for a fun time of making crafts for gift giving or decorating the home for the season. Dinner is \$5/family. To register for dinner contact Mary Jo Pendarvis (799-4767)

**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 Friday, Dec. 5.*

## Christmas Worship

### Christmas Eve

Wednesday, Dec. 24

\*4:00 pm Children's pageant "A Shepherd's 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, Dec. 28

\*10:30 am Holy Eucharist (one service only)

No Sunday School or Children's Chapel

\*Nursery Available

Parish Office will be closed Dec. 24, 25, & 26



**Advent Giving Tree** Tags are available TODAY for the last time outside the church. *Remember to bring your gifts to the church next Sunday. If you are late, please bring them to the church on Monday, Dec. 8 at 9 am.*

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

**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 pews TODAY and in the narthex 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. There will be Sunday School for 3K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade and nursery available.



**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.

## EYC Calendar

Sundays 5-7 pm unless otherwise noted

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  
6-8pm EYC Christmas Party details TBD

## SR HIGH SKI TRIP

When: January 9-11 Cost: \$210

Dec 7: Final payment due now

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](http://Stjohnscolumbiayouth.blogspot.com)

**Attention Parents** Parents are needed 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](http://stjohnscolumbia.org)).

**Join the choir this year.** Chancel Choir practice on  
Wednesdays, 7-9 pm in the Music Room. All singers  
welcome. It's a great place to give of your time!

**No Junior Choir practice this week (12/3).**

**Harvest Hope Food Bank** We collected 346 lbs. of food at  
the Harvest Eve dinner. St. John's total for Nov. is 530  
lbs...the most we have ever collected in one month! Let's keep  
up the GOOD WORK.

**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. *No Yoga Dec. 9.*

**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. Newcomers welcome. 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](http://Tracyrad.com).  
Registration forms will be available soon. Gift certificates will  
be available at the annual meeting.

**Bena Dial Scholarships** are given by the ECW of the Diocese  
of Upper SC. Applications are now available on-line at  
[www.edusc.org/ECW](http://www.edusc.org/ECW). Deadline is March 1, 2009.

**Altar Flower Delivery** The schedule is being set for 2009. If  
you would like to help deliver altar flowers (just 2 Sundays a  
year), please call Lisa Wilcox (252-1180).

## Today's Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Penny  
Hayne by Margaret and Bill Todd.

## 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.

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

**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. Since the topic for last week  
was not discussed, 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 we will wrap up  
our discussions by taking the energy consumption quiz. We'll  
also talk about recommendations for St. John's that will help  
us collectively serve God by saving the planet.

**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 Bishop Duvall  
will speak on the Prophets. 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, Sunday Dec. 7 at the Annual Meeting or Jan. 4 during  
Sunday School for details. For more information, call Shelly  
Jones 665-7255.

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**Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study.** 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** meet  
on Tuesdays, 9:30 -12:00 pm in the Parlor-first floor. We will  
follow the dvd series by Beth Moore, *Living Beyond Yourself,  
Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit*. Childcare is provided. Contact:  
Cope Fralick (256-7749).

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## Today's Service Participants

*Lectors:* 7:45 Benton Williamson; 9:00 Marion Swain, Lessons and  
Prayers; Michael Burkett, 2nd Chalice; 11:15 Angela Daniel, Lessons and  
Prayers; Bill Todd, 2nd Chalice  
*Acolytes:* 9:00 Crucifer: Catherine Collins; Sarah Bowers, Alex Bowers,  
Thomas Weatherwax; 11:15 Crucifer: Kyle King; Katie Law, Michaela  
Close, Madelon Kneece

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**Happy Birthday Isaiah Knight!** Mr. Isaiah Knight has been  
our Sunday sexton for many years. Dec. 13 he will celebrate  
his 80th birthday. On Sunday, Dec. 14 immediately following  
the 9:00 service, St. John's will have a reception in the gym to  
honor him. There is no adult Sunday School that day.  
Children are asked to stop by before Sunday school. Please  
come celebrate the life of this faithful man.

**Altar Flowers** *Open dates Dec. 14, Dec. 21, Dec. 25 & Dec. 28.* You may place your order and make your contribution on-line or by mail. Order forms are available in the church narthex or on-line.