



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes & Announcements

August 16, 2009

## Prayer Requests

**For Healing:** Nell Barr, Bob Benson, Serena Cann, Tom Davis, Mimi Dial, Nancy Farish, Wayne Fisher, Melinda Franks, Fred Hay Gantt, Lamar Grimmitt, Sally Hardy, Robert Hemphill, Tom Herbkersman, Laura Wells Hiers, Warren King, Mary Law, Susan Love, William C. Mann, Susan Michaels, Mike Miller, Charles Mitchell, Ramona Mitchell, Jim Mittenzwei, Dale Ness, Evan Pertile, George Pierce, Bill Pollack, Sam Roberts, Colleen Robinson, Dominic Rocco, Allen Rogers, Frances Sak, Andrew Sharpe, Harry Sparks, Jody Spruill, Ida Storrs, Aloo Tata, John Thomas, The Rev'd Deacon Margaret Todd, Martha Weed, Florrie Willoch, Pearl Wilson

**For Expectant Parents:** Kristin & Don Alexander, Christine & Hugh Burkett, Meagan & Brad Higinbotham, Stacey & 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 Births:** Cabe Kenneth McCormack, son of LeAnne & Shane McCormack (6/30)

## *This Week at St. John's . . .*

*Our guest organist today is Polly Watts.*

**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).

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

**Tweenagers** (social group for women 40-60) will meet on Thursday, Aug. 20 at 6:30 pm at the home of Laura Williams (604 Spring Lake Rd.). Mary Wallace Coleman will lead us in a discussion of the book *Voiceless Lips*. Please bring a snack or drink to share. Contact: Cathy Bourne (cbourne@sc.rr.com).

**General Convention** Reflection and discussion will be Sunday, Aug. 23 at 9 am in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

**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.

### **Crisis Prayer Requests On-line Steps**

1. OPEN [www.stjohnscolumbia.org](http://www.stjohnscolumbia.org)--home page
2. SELECT "Submit your Prayer Request on-line"
3. COMPLETE form
4. SUBMIT (bottom of form page)
5. APPROVED by Ann Gregg.
6. CONFIRMATION sent to the requestor.

If you cannot access the internet, call Ann Gregg at 776-5145 to place a prayer request for a member or close relative in crisis, such as illness, divorce, family issues.

To be placed on the church prayer list, contact the church office 779-4767.

### **Today's Altar Flowers**

Given to the glory of God and in memory of Leslie and Cogburn Gaillard and James. F. Pervier by Carrol Gaillard, Cogburn Gaillard and Margaret G. Pervier.

Please join us in  
Celebrating Ten Years of Ministry Together

The Rev. J. Fletcher Montgomery  
and  
St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, August 30

Holy Eucharist 10:30 am  
followed by a luncheon in the Barr Center  
Please let us know by August 27 if you  
will be coming to the luncheon.

Call the parish office  
803-799-4767, ext. 101 or e-mail  
[parishevents@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:parishevents@stjohnscolumbia.org)

## EYC

- Sept 13 EYC Kick Off @ the Lake  
BBQ Dinner and Fun on the water  
@ the Close family lake house  
Details TBA
- Sept 20 EYC @ the Art Shack
- Sept 27 EYC: the gathering

### Sharing our Ecuador Mission Experience

September 9: Wed @ 6:30

Come and join us at the first Wednesday night program to learn about the youth mission experience in Ecuador.

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

**Chancel Choir** All who wish to sing on Aug. 30 for the anniversary celebration of ten years of ministry with our Rector—you must attend all final rehearsals (3): at 7:00 pm in the Music Room on Wednesday, Aug. 19 and Wednesday, Aug. 26 as well as the 9:30 am rehearsal on Sunday, Aug. 30, prior to the 10:30 service.

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, 20, & 27. Order forms are available in the church narthex or on-line.

**Safe Church Training** This diocesan professional ethics workshop will be held Tuesday, Sept. 1, 5:45 – 8:30 pm in the Barr Center. This training is required for all basketball coaches, Sunday school teachers, and visitors to the sick or shut-in, staff, vestry and youth advisors. Deadline is Monday, Aug. 24. To register, contact Rachel Cross (799-4767 or [rbc@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:rbc@stjohnscolumbia.org)).

**MOMS Bible Study** will resume on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 9:30 am until noon with childcare provided. Contact: Cope Fralick (256-7749).



This is a life changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. Those who attended this class this past spring rave about the benefits of this Dave Ramsey class and what it has meant to their lives. Don't miss this opportunity to see what it can do for you and your family. 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

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**Fall Schedule** St. John's will return to three Sunday services on Sept. 13 -- 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 am. The 5:15 pm Wednesday Eucharist resumes on Sept. 9.

**Welcome Back Sunday** Sept. 13. Breakfast & Ministry Fair in the Barr Center gym 10:15 am.

**Rector's Bible Study** will resume Monday, Sept. 14 at 11 am

**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 am in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

### **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. 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. Rev. 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 Rev. 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.