

**Welcome to St. John's**

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We hope you enjoy worshiping with us today. If you are a visitor, please fill out a visitor card located in the pews and place it in an alms basin or give it to an usher. We are happy to have you here today! Pick up your visitor and newcomer nametags located on the bulletin board in the Barr Center across from the kitchen. If you would like to speak with someone about our church, please contact Ashley Jaillette with the Newcomer and Visitor's Committee at 803-331-5491 or ajaillette@alumni.clemson.edu.

Altar Flowers at St. John's

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Music at St. John's

Today's Music: Frances Webb, Guest Organist. 7:45 am, Guest Organist Polly Watts; 9:00 am Choral Scholars 11:15 am Chancel Choir anthem "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" by Paul Manz.

Christmas Choir seeking participants. Singers are needed for the 4:30 service. All ages, shapes, sizes and colors are invited! Familiar Christmas carols only--no part singing, no rehearsal. Please sign up by calling Celia 799-4767 ext 105 or at ctb@stjohnscolumbia.org.

3 Soloists needed for Christmas Eve 4:30 family choir.

Children through grade 5 may audition. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the Music Room.

For alternate audition times, call Celia.

Youth at St. John's**EYC Calendar**

5-7pm @ St. John's unless otherwise noted

Dec 5 Movie Night (wear your pj's and bring a pillow!)

Dec 12 Visit Parish Shut-ins 1-4 pm:
join us for lunch before we go out

Dec 19 EYC Advent/Christmas Party

SR HIGH SKI TRIP: Jan 7-9

Final Payment is NOW DUE. Thank you!

Cost \$180 made payable to St. John's

Children's Sunday School 10:15 am**Nursery Available on Sunday**

9:00 am Service

10:15 am Sunday School Hour

11:15 am Service

Children's Sunday School 10:15 am

3K "Little Lambs" (curriculum used)

4K - Story Hour Year I (Room 129)

5K - Story Hour Year II (Room 117)

1st Grade - Godly Play (Room 216)

2nd Grade - Godly Play (Room 215)

3, 4 & 5 Grades - Living the Good News (Room 226)

Children's Chapel

9:00 am Service for 3K, 4K, 5K

Early Adult Formation Classes**Following 7:45 am service****(Heyward Hall, Multi-purpose Room – December 12)**

Early church adult formation class meets the second Sunday of each month. Rev. Brad Wilson is presenting a series called *Tales from a Madhouse*. A set of 15-20 minute vignettes of a series of visits to an 18th Century insane asylum, *Tales from a Madhouse* takes you to hear one person who was present at the crucifixion: Pilate's wife, the centurion, Judas, the penitent thief, etc. Each has his or her unique tale to tell. These brief cameos were produced by BBC and feature many of England's finest actors. Following, we will have an opportunity to chat and reflect on the visit - and why the inmate is there.

Adult Formation Classes Today

Adult Formation Classes are canceled today so everyone can attend the Annual Meeting. Classes will resume on December 12 and December 19. In 2011, classes begin on Sunday, January 9.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

The Annual Meeting is today at 10:15 am. Sunday School for adults is canceled. Children's Sunday School is scheduled.

Men's Monday Morning Bible Study In Advent, we are studying the Christmas Story in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Bring your Bible and join us for breakfast and discussion. Barr Center Dining Room, 6:30 am. For questions, contact Ned Badgett, 787-8189.

Rector's Bible Study Mondays, 11 am, Room 109, lower level Heyward Hall. All are welcome to attend this informal, conversational Bible Study. Come as you are. No experience necessary!

MOMS Welcomes all Mothers to join us anytime! Weekly Tuesday meetings in the parlor from 9:30 am-12:00 pm. Childcare is provided. Contact: Cope Fralick 397-2544.

YOGA class, Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, Heyward Hall, multi-purpose room.

Connections Holiday Party Meg and Brink Hinson will be hosting the Connections (those in their 20's and 30's) holiday party at their home at 126 Congaree Park Drive on Thursday, December 16, at 7 pm. For more information, please contact Ashley Jaillette at 803.331-5491 or ajaillette@alumni.clemson.edu.

Kanuga Parish Weekend 2011, February 18-20, *Many Voices, One Family*, Speaker: Mark Tidsworth with Pinnacle Leadership Associates.

Giving Tree Gifts are due Today All packages must be tagged, wrapped and returned by today! Thank you for giving from a full heart. We need volunteers to help with last minute shopping & deliveries. Contact; Margaret Cain (799-0677) or Elisabeth Williamson (738-1175).



Christmas Decorations Order

With your help, St. John's will be decorated for Christmas, showing forth the glory of the birth of our Lord through the beauty of flowers.

You may contribute to the purchase of flowers, poinsettias, greens, and wreaths in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$15. Deadline is Monday, December 17, 2010. Make checks payable to: St. John's Episcopal Church and note "Christmas Flower Memorials" in the memo line. Complete one form per donation and send a check, along with the form, to the church at 2827 Wheat Street, Columbia, SC 29205. Forms are available at www.stjohnscolumbia.org and at the church office.

Mental Health Support, Getting Together We can help each other. Our informal confidential group to support families whose loved ones are living with mental illness or addiction will meet today, at 5:30 pm in the parlor. We invite you to join us. Call Mary Bryan, 254-8235, or Barbara Mullen, 252-1571, if you have questions.

The Committee for Cange will send four soccer balls to the kids at Chapoteau this Christmas. The balls were purchased from the proceeds at the Throw for Chapoteau booth at Harvest Eve. Many thanks to Katherine, Nicholas and Mary Sherrer, Elisabeth, Will and Lee Rambo, and Kaye Knight who built and staffed the booth. Merry Christmas!



St. Monica's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 12 at 6 pm at the home of Rhett Hardy's. We will deliver cookies on Saturday, December 11 at 2 pm. Meet at the Barr Center.

The Relationship Project, Offered January 12 & 19, 2011 at St. John's Bonnie Montgomery, Ph.D., and Amy Sander Montanez, D.Min, are offering a workshop leading couples in exploring the keys to positive, successful relationships. In this two-part workshop, couples will take the PeopleMap personality inventory, which is designed to increase self-awareness, awareness of one's partner, and to foster productive communication. Couples will also learn research-based habits that create and support successful relationships. The cost will be \$225 per couple if you register by December 24, which includes all materials. After that the cost will be \$250. We will meet two Wednesday nights in a row, January 12 & 19 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm.

To register, email amymontanezdmin@bellsouth.net or call Amy's office at 803-254-5650, or Bonnie's office at 803-960-

1868. Secure your spot with a \$60 deposit no later than January 5.

The Onesimus mentors will meet at Campbell Prelease Center this Wednesday night at 7:30 pm. Those carpooling from St. John's will leave from the church parking lot at 7 pm. We need a few additional male mentors. Those interested in Prison Ministry, please contact Beaver Hardy at 254 9404.

Prayer Requests at St. John's

For Healing: Jerry Arnold, Bob Benson, Serena Cann, Ralph Coleman, Brion Denny, Blair Epting, Georgia Ewing, Burt Fowles, Melinda Franks, Larry Grant, John Grimbball, Lamar Grimmitt, Donna Hall, Tom Herbkersman, Laura Wells Hiers, Nancy Hinson, Sandy Jacobs, Lyn Johnson, Rudy Jones, Susan Love, Sandy Leach, Morris Lumpkin, Jr., Chris MacDougall, Joyce Mann, Sandra Martin, Mickie Mathes, Kathryn McCormick, Marilyn Meacham, Susan Michaels, Jim Mittenzwei, Frances 'Cese' Newcomer, Evan Pertile, Brenda Powell, Leroy Prince, Earl Redout, Bob Reynolds, Sam Roberts, Dominic Rocco, Allen Rogers, Greg Rollings, Peggy Samotis, Mary Rhett Sparkman, Harry Sparks, Mary Swims, Aloo Tata, Ron Tata, Joanne Tate, John Thomas, Stace Todd, John Tolar, DuBose Tuller, Buster Walker, Polly Watts, Martha Weed, Ann Wells, Eugene Wrighten. **For Expectant Parents:** Amber & Scott Rankin, Collins & Carroll Williamson, Laura & Scott Winburn, Wendi & Steve Spratt. **For Active Military:** Fred Aldrich, John Benson, Michael Fisher, Michael Hook, Kyle James, Patrick Riley, Mike Williams.



St. John's December Worship Schedule

Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm

Children's Christmas Program

4:30 pm

Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00 pm

Prelude of Christmas Carols and Anthems

10:30 pm

Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Saturday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day

10:30 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sunday, Dec. 26

First Sunday after Christmas

10:30 am

Christmas Lessons and Carols with

Holy Communion

Sunday, Jan. 2

Second Sunday after Christmas

Return to Regular Sunday schedule

