

**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.

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, Ben Hagood, 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, 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, Annie Mae Wilson, Eugene Wrihten. **For Expectant Parents:** Amber & Scott Rankin, Collins & Carroll Williamson, Wendi & Steve Spratt. **For New Parents:** Laura and Scott Winburn on the birth of their daughter, Frances Mayes "Mazie" Winburn. **For Active Military:** Fred Aldrich, John Benson, Michael Fisher, Michael Hook, Kyle James, Rob Mullen, Patrick Riley, Mike Williams.

Welcome our new priest! The Reverend Scott Fleischer has accepted a call to serve as Assistant Priest at St. John's beginning in January. Scott is a graduate of California State University (B.A.) and Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry (M.Div.). He has a background in professional youth ministry, served four years as Assistant at Prince George Winyah, and most recently as Chaplain at York Place Episcopal Home for Children. Scott is married to Victoria; they have three children - Jack (11), Isabella (8), and Samuel (6). Scott's work among us will cover the spectrum of our parish ministries, with emphasis in pastoral care, servant ministry (mission and outreach), and Christian formation (education). If you would like to send a note of welcome their current address is: 140 Pheasant Ridge Circle, York, SC 29745.

Music at St. John's

Today's Music: 9:00 am music by Selah; 11:15 solo by Katy Hinson

Next Sunday, December 26: 10:30 am Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist. Choir of adults and children. Come and hear a new boy soprano soloist! **Sunday, January 2:** 9:00 am solo by Roddey Smith; 11:15 am solo by Julie Lumpkin.

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. We need to know how many to expect and make arrangements for there to be a vestment to fit you. **Carol Service 10:00 pm Christmas Eve** Don't miss this half-hour of congregational participation in singing the carols of Christmas! The choir will lead the congregation in singing and be joined by trumpets, flute, drums and other percussion instruments, bells, cello, violin and saxophone. The Early Music Ensemble will also perform part of Corelli's Christmas Concerto and the Pastorale Symphony from Haydn's *Messiah*. **Wednesday Chancel Choir Rehearsals** resumes in New Year.

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

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

Dec 19	EYC Advent/Christmas Party Join us 5-7pm for incredible food, awesome people, good fun, and more to celebrate our community and the coming of our Savior Christ Jesus. And there's a gift for each youth too.
Dec 26	No EYC
Jan 2	No EYC
Jan 9	Bowling
Jan 16	EYC @ St. John's
Jan 22	(Sat) Volunteer @ Harvest Hope 8:30am - 2pm

FEAST OF LIGHTS: Jan 6

The youth play 19 important roles in this classic parish tradition. We have about 10 spots left. Contact Dorian to participate.

SR HIGH SKI TRIP: Jan 7-9

Final Payment is NOW DUE. Thank you!

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

CHILI COOKOFF! Jan 23 @ 12:30

This fundraiser for youth missions has become a huge parish event over the last few years. Put it on your calendar! Contact Dorian if you would like to enter your chili. We need 15-20 entries!

Children at St. John's

Nursery Available on Sundays 9:00 am Service, 10:15 am Sunday School Hour, 11:15 am Service

Children's Sunday School 10:15 am

Children's Chapel 9:00 am Service for 3K, 4K, 5K

Children's classes will resume in the New Year on Sunday, January 9, 2011.

Adult Formation – Early Class, Following 7:45 am service on January 9, 2011 (Heyward Hall, Multi-purpose Room) 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 (10:15 am) Resumes January 9, 2011.

Today, the Adult Formation Class, meeting in the Multipurpose Room, will take a fun look at Christmas Carols. We will have a great time and learn something at the same time. Special Christmas snacks including hot apple cider will be served.

In the Heyward Hall Parlor, join us for some lively Coffee Talk today.

The Counterfeit Gods Class, meeting in the Barr Center Dining Room, continues their review and discussion today of Keller's excellent DVD the "Prodigal God," based on one of his earlier books about the parable of the Prodigal/Lost Son.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

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. Questions, call Ned Badgett, 787-8189.

Rector's Bible Study Mondays, 11 am, Room 109, lower level Heyward Hall. No meetings on December 20 & 27.

Decorate the church beginning at 9:30 am on Thursday, December 23. Meet in the Barr Center Gym. Come join in the festivities!

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.

Knitting will resume weekly on Thursdays at 2:00 pm in the Heyward Hall Parlor beginning January 6, 2011.

Christmas Pageant: You are invited to the Children's Christmas Pageant at St. John's on Friday, December 24 at 4 pm. Speaking parts are available and offered to children in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. If your child is interested, call Mary Jo Pendarvis at 799-4767. Children will practice carols in Sunday school. A full practice for ALL will be held on *Thursday, December 23* at 3 pm in the church. All children participating in the pageant should attend. **(NOTE NEW REHEARSAL DATE)**

Feast of Lights The Feast of Lights is St. John's celebration of Epiphany. The arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem and the manifesting of the baby Jesus as the Messiah are the highlights of this wonderful pageant. Practice is Sunday, January 2 at 3:00 pm. The Feast of Lights program is Thursday, January 6 at 6:30 pm. Email Julian Horst ehorst@mindspring.com by 12/31/10.

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

Perfect Gift In honor of that friend or family member, make a donation to the *Bread and Water Campaign for Cange, Haiti*. An attractive thank-you card will be sent to that person on your behalf. For more information and a form, go to www.stjohnscolumbia.org. Contact Ned Badgett at 787-8189.

Office Closed The Parish Office will close on December 24 and 27 to observe the Christmas holidays. The office will also close on December 31 for New Year's.

Keenagers meet Tuesday, December 21 at 12:30 pm in the Dining Room. Charles Duvall and Patrick McCormick will present the Christmas program. Hear Charles' unusual, to say the least, version of the Christmas story. Learn things about that first Christmas that you cannot believe possible! Patrick, son of Katherine McCormick, will sing for us and with luck his songs will throw some interesting light on those historic events.

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

