



Prayer Requests

For Healing: Bob Benson, Anthony Bitting, John Bussinah, Serena Cann, Eunice Crawford, 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, Susan Love, William C. Mann, Susan Michaels, Mike Miller, Charles Mitchell, Ramona Mitchell, Jim Mittenzwei, Evan Pertile, Sallie Reynolds, Sam Roberts, Colleen Robinson, Dominic Rocco, Allen Rogers, Frances Sak, Suzanne Santos, Andrew Sharpe, Jody Spruill, Ida Storrs, Aloo Tata, John Thomas, Cassandra Gallucci-Treap, Martha Weed, Florrie Willoch, Pearl Wilson

For Expectant Parents: Kristin & Don Alexander, Christine & Hugh Burkett, 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 those who have died: Dale Ness (9/10), husband of Jane Ness, father of Dale Ness.

Thank You! A special thanks to the following people for their contribution to the lunch Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry event. We all appreciate your donation of time and energy. The steering committee worked for months to plan this event. The Parish Events Ministry Team and volunteers worked many hours. Mackie O'Keefe and the ECW prepared many many wonderful appetizers and helped with set up and clean up. Mackie O'Keefe and her workers in the kitchen made 100 lbs of homemade chicken salad. Jim Quinn and the Men of St. John's made homemade slaw. Laura Williams and her decorating crew made the day festive and fun. Brant Hellwig and the Men of St. John's worked so hard in the kitchen. Dorian Del Priore and the EYC served appetizers, cake, cleared plates, packed food, and sold leftovers. Anne Miller, Jennifer Mason, Brandon Templeton, Campbell Freeman and the Communications Team prepared programs, power point presentations and audio equipment. Bishop Duvall, as always, spoke beautifully and added a wonderful presence to this event. Angela Daniel and the 1999 Search Committee and Benton Williamson and the wardens provided great comic relief. Mary Moore and Marion Swain worked to organize the service. Angela Daniel and The Rev. Joseph Smith gave wonderful sermons. Kelly Burkett prepared a beautiful scrapbook for Fletcher. The Ministry Teams worked hard in preparing the gifts for Fletcher and the church as evident in the program.

Today at St. John's . . .

Welcome Back Sunday

Please join us TODAY for breakfast & a Ministry Fair in the Barr Center gym 10:15 -11:00 am

Parish Library "re-Grand Opening" TODAY Come and see and borrow one of the many interesting books in our library! Located in Room 124-first floor, Heyward Hall.

Financial Peace University "Preview" will be TODAY at 5:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall. Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 20 from 5-7 pm. To sign-up for the class contact Shelly Jones (665-7255).

Today's Altar Flowers Given to the glory of God and in honor of, and in thanksgiving for, Jack Oliphant and Sherry Winslow by Kindal and William Otis.

Wednesday Nights at St. John's

Junior Choirs at 5:00 pm

Holy Eucharist 5:15 pm

Dinner 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the gym

Adult Program Is Life Getting in the Way?

Details on back page. 6:30-7:15 pm in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall. Nursery available for newborns – 3K.

Children's Program for 4K-5th grade

Chancel Choir at 7:00 pm (You are welcome to come late if attending the program.)

Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm Enjoy wonderful food and great fellowship. Costs: Free-Children (0-2); \$2.00-Children (3-10); \$5.00-Adults. Reserve your plate by calling the Parish Office (799-4767) or e-mail

parishevents@stjohnscolumbia.org

Next Sunday . . .

Join us on the patio following the 9:00 am service on Sunday, Sept. 20 to honor John Walker for his years of service in children's christian education and to welcome him as our new Sunday School superintendent.

Sunday School for Children & Youth begin Sept. 20, 10:15 -11:00. Adult classes begin Sept. 27.

Searching For a Bishop An information session will be on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10:15 am in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall. If you'd like to know more about Upper South Carolina's search process please plan to attend.

EYC

- Sept. 13 EYC Kick Off @ the Lake 3-7 pm
BBQ dinner and fun on the water @ the Close family lake house 148/152 Spence Shores Ct.
Full details on the blog
- Sept. 20 EYC @ the Art Shack
- Sept. 27 EYC: the gathering
- Oct. 4 Ultimate Scavenger Hunt
- Oct. 24 Home Works 1 Day Blitz \$15

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

Acolyte Training Meetings will take place in the church at 4:00 pm (prior to EYC) on Sunday, September 27 and Sunday, October 4. Attendance at one (1) of these meetings is REQUIRED for ALL new or veteran acolytes. All youth of the parish age 11 and up who are not already serving are especially encouraged to attend and to begin serving as Acolytes. Parents are always welcome to attend also! Contact the Acolyte Master, Marion Swain, with any questions at 803.493.4447 or cmswainsr@gmail.com.

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

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.

Selah, St. John's acoustic worship group is looking for additional singers to help expand our vocal range. Selah leads music at the 9:00 worship service about once a month. If you are interested in singing contemporary worship songs at St. John's, please contact Gordon Schell (790-5329)

Junior Choirs for grades 5K and 7up will begin this Wednesday 5:00-5:45 pm. St. John's Singers (grades 3 and up) will begin the year as a boys-only choir and will sing with the Chancel Choir men on the first Sunday of each month at the 9:00 am service. Girls will join the boys during December to prepare to sing for the Christmas Eve service.

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

Mt. LeConte Hike in the Smokies of Tennessee Oct. 22-24, Thursday through Saturday. A St. John's tradition for 40 years, we would love for you to join us! Call Margaret Anne DuBose 782-0661 or e-mail mabdubose@sc.rr.com.

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.

Hand Middle School's Helping Hands needs college ruled notebook paper, multi-section three ring binders, and book bags. A collection box will be in the Barr Center. Contact: Barbara Mullen (252-1571).

Fall Ingathering of United Thank Offering (UTO) will be Sunday, Sept. 27 at all three services. Let us continue to support this worthwhile mission. Envelopes and blue boxes are in the back of the church for your offering.

Keenagers Luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 12:30 pm in the Barr Center Dining Room. Topic: *A Fireside Chat with FDR* given by Dr. Edward Beardsley.

Altar Flowers Open dates October 4, 11, 18, & 25. Order forms are available in the church narthex or on-line. New cost of altar flowers will be \$ 80.00 beginning in October.

St. Mary's/St. Catherine's Guild will not meet this month.

St. Monica's/St. Bridget's Guild will meet Monday, Sept. 14 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall. Contact: Margaret Buchanan (776-6713)

St. Clare's Guild will meet on Sept. 21 at 7:00 pm at the home of Rebecca Smith for fellowship and planning of the 3rd Annual Nov. 6 Fall Fling. We welcome new members. Contact Rebecca Smith for more info, 960-5780.



Save The Date! St. John's Annual Fall Fling. Join us for Food, Fun and Music, Seibels House and Gardens, Friday, Nov. 6, 7:00 pm til 10 pm.
*Proceeds to benefit St. John's Youth Missions. Tickets go on sale in October. \$15/adult or \$20 at the door.

Adult Christian Formation Offerings for Fall

Adult Sunday School begins September 27.

"Waylaid by Light: The Gospel that John Wrote" written by The Rev. Dr. 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. Books will be available. Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

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. Room 9-lower level Heyward Hall

"The Reason for God" by Timothy Keller - Why does God allow suffering in the world? Begins Oct. 4. 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 The Rev. Mr. Keller covers in his very popular book "The Reason for God." Books available on Amazon.com.

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.

Wednesday Night Program "Is Life Getting in the Way?" Taken from the title of a Sister Hazel song, this title sums up the purpose of the class. Are we letting life get in the way of our relationship with God? Is what we hear, see, watch and absorb daily preventing us from having a meaningful relationship with God? Or, is what we listen to, watch and participate in weekly consistent with a godly message? Come explore the music of pop culture through Sister Hazel and other bands and compare what we hear with the message of the Bible and the Episcopal Church. 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

MOMS Bible Study meets on Tuesdays, at 9:30 am until noon in the Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall. Childcare provided. We are reading *To Live Is Christ, Embracing the Passion of Paul* by Beth Moore Contact: Cope Fralick (256-7749).

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).

Rectors' Bible Study will resume Monday, Sept. 14 at 11 am in Room 9-lower level, Heyward Hall.