



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes & Announcements

September 20, 2009

### Prayer Requests

**For Healing:** Bob Benson, Anthony Bitting, John Bussinah, Serena Cann, Eunice Crawford, Tom Davis, Mimi Dial, Nancy Farish, Melinda Franks, Fred Hay Gantt, Lamar Grimmitt, Sally Hardy, Robert Hemphill, Jesse Hendricks, 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, Earl Redout, Sam Roberts, Colleen Robinson, Dominic Rocco, Allen Rogers, Frances Sak, Suzanne Santos, Andrew Sharpe, Jody Spruill, Ida Storrs, Aloo Tata, John Thomas, Martha Weed, Florrie Willoch, Pearl Wilson

**For Expectant Parents:** Kristin & Don Alexander, Christine & Hugh Burkett, Stacye & 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:** Olivia Walker Herold (9/14), aunt of John Walker

### Today at St. John's . . .



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

School superintendent. If it rains, we will gather in the atrium, lower level, Heyward Hall.

**Sunday School for Children & Youth** begins TODAY  
All classes meet in Heyward Hall 10:15 -11:00.

3K – Room 129, First Floor

4K – Room 130, First Floor

5K – Room 16 & 17, Lower Level

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade girls – Room 216, Second Floor

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade boys – Room 227, Second Floor

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade boys & girls– Room 226, Second Floor

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade boys & girls–Room 222, Second Floor

9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> Grades boys & girls–Rm. 221, Second Floor

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation – Room 215, Second Floor

**Searching For a Bishop** An information session will be TODAY at 10:15 am in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

**Financial Peace University** course begins TODAY 5:00-7:00 pm. If you are undecided about taking the course, please join us for the first class for free. Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

### 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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); \$3.00-Children (3-10); \$6.00-Adults. Reserve your plate by calling the Parish Office (799-4767) or e-mail

[parishevents@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:parishevents@stjohnscolumbia.org)

### Looking Ahead to October . . .

**ECW Cocktails by the Lake** All Women of St. John's are invited Monday, Oct. 5, 5:00-8:00 pm to the home of Mackie O'Keefe (6371 Eastshore Rd.). Please bring either an appetizer or beverage to share. Contact Pam Hodnett at phodnett@att.net or 252-7578.

**New Members and Visitors** are invited to a reception on Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Barr Center Dining Room. Please RSVP to Ashley Jaillette at [ajaillette@alumni.clemson.edu](mailto:ajaillette@alumni.clemson.edu).

**Men of St. John's Annual Steak Supper** Thursday, Oct. 15 at the King's Grant Clubhouse, 6:00 pm social, 7:00 pm food, \$15/person. Guests & newcomers are always welcome. Contact: Brant Hellwig 790-2797.

**Diocesan Convention Business Day & Bishop's Gala Dinner** Oct. 16 Convention Workshops Oct. 17 Carolina First Center in Greenville. Flyers detailing this event are in the church narthex. Register online at [www.edusc.org](http://www.edusc.org).

**Today's Altar Flowers** Given by Mr. & Mrs. John C. Buchanan IV and Mr. & Mrs. W. Davis Buchanan to the glory of God and in honor of Margaret and John Buchanan celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## EYC

5-7 pm unless otherwise noted

Sept 20 EYC @ the Art Shack  
2701A Rosewood Dr. facing on Woodrow across  
from Pizza Man  
Wall Mural Project  
Come ready to paint!

Sept. 27 EYC: the gathering  
Oct. 4 Ultimate Scavenger Hunt  
Oct. 11 EYC @ the Art Shack  
Oct. 18 EYC @ the SC State Fair (Details TBA)  
Oct. 24 Home Works 1 Day Blitz \$25

## THE JESUS DOJO Wed. night Bible Study @ 6:30

We will study scripture and investigate what it means to be a follower, a disciple, of Jesus.

## Diocesan Calendar

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)

**Acolyte Training Meetings** will take place in the church at 4:00 pm (prior to EYC) on Sunday, Sept. 27 & Sunday, Oct. 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](mailto:cmswainsr@gmail.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 Wednesday** 5:00-5:45 pm: ages 3-4 in the Multipurpose Room; grades 5K-2 in room 215. Grades 3-8 will not meet this week.

**Handbell rehearsals** begin Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 5:30 in the Music Room. If you can hammer a nail, you can play handbells. Join us!

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

**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).

**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.

**Men of St. John's Shrimp Sale Fundraiser** 10 pound orders at \$8 per pound. Bennetts Point shrimp delivered fresh for pick up on Oct. 15. Friends don't let friends eat imported shrimp. If interested, please contact Bob Reynolds (647-7576).

**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.

**St. Clare's Guild** will meet on Monday, 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 Oct.. \$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 Episcopal Church using a text entitled *Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church* by Jenifer Gamber with Bill Lewellis which is designed to deepen our understanding both of the faith and of our lives. This text is the adult version of the book being used for youth confirmation class. Copies will be available for purchase the first day of class. They cost \$15 each, and there is no reason why couples cannot share a copy. The class will also offer an insight into St. John's and the particular attributes and opportunities of our parish. Those seeking or considering confirmation in the spring will need to participate in this class which will be led by The Rev. Fletcher Montgomery and The Rev. Mary Moore Roberson. 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 Oct., 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).

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