



Prayer Requests

For Healing: Bob Benson, Anthony Bitting, John Bussinah, Serena Cann, Arlen Cotter, Tom Davis, Mimi Dial, Nancy Farish, Melinda Franks, Lamar Grimmitt, Robert Hemphill, Tom Herbkersman, Laura Wells Hiers, Roger Keane, Warren King, Diane Lamar, Susan Love, Lynda Lovelace, Morris Lumpkin, Sandra Martin, Brownie McLaurin, Mickie Mathes, Marilyn Meacham, Susan Michaels, Jim Mittenzwei, Evan Pertile, Earl Redout, Sam Roberts, Colleen Robinson, Dominic Rocco, Allen Rogers, Frances Sak, Suzanne Long-Santos, Jody Spruill, Joyce Sumwalt, Aloo Tata, John Thomas, Martha Weed, Pearl Wilson

For Active Military: Fred Aldrich, John Benson, Heyward Davis, Stephen Donald, Michael Fisher, Michael Hook, Heyward Lindler, Mike Williams

For those who have died: William C. Mann

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve-Thursday, Dec. 24

*4:00 pm Signs of Christmas – Children’s Pageant

* 4:30 pm Festival Holy Eucharist: Family Choir, Timpani, Trumpets and Organ, At the Offertory:--The Bells of Christmas (Children’s Ringers and Singers)

*Nursery Available.

Christmas Eve 10:30 pm Festival Holy Eucharist: Music by the Chancel Choir, Handbells, Recorder, Timpani, Trumpets and Organ
No Nursery.

Christmas Day- Friday, Dec. 25

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (one service only)
No Nursery.

Sunday, Dec. 27

10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Christmas Lessons and Carols—back by popular demand! (one service only)
No Nursery or Sunday School.



Advent Giving Tree Tags are available TODAY outside the church. This year we will provide gifts for adults from Midland Center and children from Parenting Partners and the Department of Social Services.

Remember to bring your gifts to the church before or on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Children’s Advent Craft Festival & Dinner Join us Wednesday, Dec. 2 in the Barr Center Gym. Drop in between 5:00-6:30 pm for a fun time of making crafts for gift giving or decorating the home for the season. Dinner will be provided at 5:15 pm. To sign-up contact Mary Jo Pendarvis (799-4767 or mjp@stjohnscolumbia.org).



The Bells of Christmas

An extra-special musical event for kids age 5-10.
Wednesdays, Dec. 9 & Dec. 16
5:00-6:00 pm

Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall
“Getting Ready for Christmas!” Bells, Carols, Games, Service Project. Supper provided for children and siblings.
Call Celia Bane for details at 799-4767.

Christmas Decorations Purchase Christmas decorations for the church on-line using PayPal. Mail-in order form available in the December Messenger, in the narthex or online. *Deadline is Monday, Dec. 7.*

“Signs of Christmas” Children’s Pageant The pageant will be on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm in the church. All children 3K-5th grade will learn the carols in Sunday School. Children interested in a speaking part in the pageant, please contact Mary Jo Pendarvis (799-4767) by Dec. 3. Rehearsal will be Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4:00 pm in the church.

Next Sunday . . .

Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 6 at 10:15 am in the Barr Center. Brochures detailing the election process and nominees are in the pews, church narthex and on-line. All members of record of the congregation 16 years of age and older are entitled to vote at the annual meeting, either in person or by proxy. Proxy ballots are available in the parish office until Dec. 4. All ballots must be returned to the parish office or to the vestry secretary, Michael Burkett, before the call to order of the meeting.

EYC 5-7 pm unless otherwise noted

Nov 29 NO EYC
Dec 6 EYC Movie Night
Dec 13 Visit parish shut-ins
Dec 20 EYC Christmas Party

SKI TRIP Final Payment is due Dec. 7th

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

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIRS seek singers!

The choir has the best seats in the house on Christmas Eve! At the 10:30 service on Christmas Eve, the Chancel Choir and friends will sing a few very easy carols. (No part singing required.) Join us for practice Wednesday at 8:00 pm in the Music Room. At the 4:30 service on Christmas Eve, there will be a family choir for all ages singing the familiar carols (no part singing required). Call Celia (799-4767, X 105) to learn more.

Children's Advent Music Activities (K5-grade 5) will take place on Wednesdays, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16, 5:00-6:00 pm.

As you enter for worship every Sunday, please pick up a green Wonder, Love and Praise songbook. Some songs at all services (except 7:45) will be from this hymnal supplement.

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 With flu season here teachers and staff are in need of hand sanitizer and tissues as well as normal school supplies. A collection box is in the Barr Center Lobby. Contact: Barbara Mullen (252-1571).

Altar Flowers *Open dates Dec. 6*, 20*, 27.* Order forms are available in the church narthex or on-line. Cost of altar flowers is \$80.

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

Bathrobes Needed Robes appropriate for shepherds' costumes for the Feast of Lights. Children's sizes. Leave the robes in the break room. Contact: Martha Smith (783-6684)

Kanuga Parish Family Weekend February 12-14, 2010 Thanks to the generous contribution given by the Men of St. John's, the Kanuga Committee is able to offer additional fee reductions. Now the cost to spend a weekend in the mountains with your parish family, enjoying spiritual programs and meaningful fellowship, along with delicious meals, warm fires, hiking, fly fishing, shopping, and much, much more, is: \$145.00 per adult, \$55.00 per youth (10-18), \$25.00 per child, (5-9) Children (0-4) are free.

Kanuga Gift Certificates To order a wrapped gift certificate for the weekend at Kanuga with St. John's, call Laura Williams (787-2619).

**Adult Christian Formation Offerings for Fall
Sundays 10:15 - 11:00 am**

Adult Christian Formation Forum TODAY Discussion about the six nominees for eighth bishop of Upper South Carolina. Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

Classes resume December 13.

"Waylaid by Light: The Gospel that John Wrote" written by The Rev. Dr. John MacReadie Barr III. This class 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. Next class on John will be Sunday, Dec. 13-Beverly Moore. Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

Discovering the Episcopal Church and St. John's:

Exploring the Episcopal Church and St. John's is a great class for newcomers to St. John's, for those seeking to be confirmed and for those who want a refresher on the Episcopal faith and tradition. This class is led by The Rev. Fletcher Montgomery and The Rev. Mary Moore Roberson. ****Room changed to Barr Center Dining Room****

The Reason for God by Timothy Keller. Come learn, listen and share your thoughts on The Rev. Mr. Keller's thought-provoking and best-selling book on the nature of Christianity in a modern world as we explore issues and questions we all confront. All welcome, even if you have not read the book, but are interested in the questions and issues posed by Mr. Keller. Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall.

Return to Mayberry Join us Dec. 13 as we explore basic values such as character, personal responsibility, honesty and integrity that were routinely exemplified on The Andy Griffith Show. Offered immediately following the 7:45 a.m. service, we'll share breakfast and a few laughs as we are reminded of the Bible's teachings. Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

MOMS Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:30 am until noon in the Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall. Childcare provided. 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 Mondays at 11:00 am in the Room 9-lower level, Heyward Hall.

Today's Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God.