



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes & Announcements

April 12, 2009

## St. John's Episcopal Church

Mission Statement: Preparing you to accept God's grace, grow in faith, and serve Christ in the world.

### Worship Services

*Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him!*

Worship with us Sundays: 7:45, \*9:00 & \*11:15 am

Wednesdays: 5:15 pm

\*Nursery available.

### Sunday School

Sunday School \*10:15 – 11:00 am for age 2 – adults

*Sunday School will not meet TODAY.*

*Classes resume April 19.*

\*Nursery available.

### Parish Office

The parish office is located in Room 112-first floor, Heyward Hall. Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. You can reach the staff and clergy by calling 803-799-4767. The office will be closed Monday, April 13.

### Prayer Requests

Prayer requests of all kinds are kept in a prayer logbook in the parish office, and are removed or updated monthly from the date they are made. At the Prayers of the People we pray aloud, by first name, for those who are members of the parish. Please call the parish office (799-4767) to make or renew a request.

### E-pistle (weekly e-newsletter)



This is a weekly E-newsletter of the most important announcements from St. John's. It is e-mailed to members and friends of St. John's every Wednesday.

To subscribe e-mail: [webmasters1@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:webmasters1@stjohnscolumbia.org)

### Stewardship

*A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church.*

1 Corinthians 12:7 NLT

### Upcoming Parish Activities

**Keenagers Luncheon** (a social group for retirees & friends) will be on Tuesday, April 21 at 12:30 pm in the Barr Center Dining Room. Topic: "A Gullah Tale: Moses, Pharaoh, and the Peezle Tree" with Matthew Fletcher. Lunch is \$5.00. Reserve your place by calling the parish office (799-4767 or [nsg@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:nsg@stjohnscolumbia.org)). All are invited regardless of age!

**All Women of St. John's** Please join us for our spring ECW Branch Dinner at the King's Grant clubhouse on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. Lauri Yeargin from Camp Gravatt will be our speaker. Cost: \$15.00 per person. Please RSVP by April 16 to Pam Hodnett ([phodnett@att.net](mailto:phodnett@att.net) or 252-7578).

**Connections** (a social group for couples in their 20s & early 30s) will meet on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm at the home of Lara and Scott Winburn (2914 Monroe St.). Contact: Collins Williamson (787-5759).

**Confirmation** will be celebrated on Sunday, April 26 at the 11:15 am service. Please join the confirmands and Bishop Henderson for a reception on the patio following the service.

**St. John's Gravatt Day Picnic & Outdoor Church Service** Sunday, May 3 at the Bishop Gravatt Center in Aiken. Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am followed by a barbeque lunch with all the fixin's, swimming, relaxation and games. **Optional Overnight** stay at Gravatt (May 2-3): Registration forms for the overnight are available in the back of the church or online.



**Yoga** will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room--Lower Level. Contact: Anne Miller (799-4498).

**The Knitting Group** will meet Thursdays at noon in the Library-first floor, Heyward Hall. New and experienced knitters welcome! Contact: Elisabeth Williamson (738-1175) or Lisa Wilcox (252-1180).

### Visitors and Newcomers

**Newcomers Welcome** All newcomers and interested visitors are invited to an informal get-together at the home of Tammi and Brant Hellwig on the evening of Thursday, April 16 from 6-7:30 pm. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Brant Hellwig (790-2797). For more info about this event or St. John's, please visit our website:

[www.stjohnscolumbia.org](http://www.stjohnscolumbia.org)

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## Children's Ministries

Newborn – 5th grade

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**Vacation Bible School** *Crocodile Dock-Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light* June 15-18, 9:00 am – 12 pm. \$10/child, \$20/family max. VBS is for 3K through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration forms available on-line or in the back of the church.

**CAMP (Christian Action Mission Project)** for children in rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade. June 15-18, 9:00 am–12 pm. \$10/child, \$20/family max. Registration forms available on-line or in the back of the church.

For additional information about Children's Ministries, please contact the Director of Children's Ministries, Mary Jo Pendarvis (799-4767 or [mjp@stjohnsocolumbia.org](mailto:mjp@stjohnsocolumbia.org)).

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## Youth Ministry

6th – 12th Grade

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**EYC** is St. John's youth group for grades 6-12. We meet on Sunday evenings from 5-7:00 pm. We eat, hang out, goof off, and explore what it means to live in the way of Jesus. Come and join us in community to explore Jesus and our faith in new ways.

### EYC Calendar

Apr 18 (Sat) Super Galactic Yard Sale  
Apr 19 No EYC  
Apr 26 EYC @ the Art Shack  
May 2-3 EYC Overnight @ Gravatt with Night Zip \$55  
May 10 EYC

**Super Galactic Yard Sale and BBQ Sale** April 18  
Spring cleaning? Don't throw it out! Donate it to youth missions. We will accept donations this week, April 14-17th in the gym. This huge yard sale is open to the community and raises funds for our summer missions. We will also have breakfast items and award winning BBQ by the pound for purchase.

For additional information about Youth Ministry, please contact the Director of Youth Ministries, Dorian Del Priore (799-4767 or [mdd@stjohnsocolumbia.org](mailto:mdd@stjohnsocolumbia.org)).

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## Music Ministry

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**Curious About Choir?** Interested persons (high school age through adult) are encouraged to inquire. New singers may join at any time. The Chancel Choir rehearses in the Music Room on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm through June, and now is a perfect time to join. Private catch-up assistance is available as needed. Contact a choir member or the Director of Music.

**Selah**, St. John's (mostly) acoustic group lead worship once a month and are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in singing or playing. Contact Gordon Schell at 790-5329 or the Music Office.

**Junior Choirs** for all ages meet on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm September through Easter.

For additional information about Music Ministry, please contact the Director of Music, Celia Tolar-Bane (799-4767 extension 105 or [ctb@stjohnsocolumbia.org](mailto:ctb@stjohnsocolumbia.org)).

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## Servant Ministry

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**Collection for Harvest Hope** Each week help to fill the basket located in the back of the church with canned or dried food. Wouldn't it be GREAT if our food basket were overflowing next Sunday at all three services?

**Volunteer Opportunity** The Men of St. John's will be volunteering at the Harvest Hope Food Bank (2220 Shop Rd.) from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 25. The food bank is serving an increasing segment of the population in these difficult economic times, and our efforts will provide an immediate benefit to those of our neighbors in need. Questions? Contact Brant Hellwig (790-2797).

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## Adult Religious Education

April 19-May 17

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**Sunday School Classes** 10:15 -11:00 am

*Classes resume April 19*

**Walking the Bible** meets once a month immediately following the 7:45 am Sunday service. This class will meet next Sunday, April 19. Come enjoy a wonderful breakfast and study the Old Testament while learning about the places where the Old Testament stories took place. This class meets in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

**The Essential Bible Guide: 100 Readings Through the World's Most Famous Book** A Bible study class based on the book by Whitney T. Kuniholm. This class meets in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

**Living Faith** This DVD series by N. T. Wright focuses on: history of the Church, comparing Christianity to other religions, providing answers to common challenges to Christianity, and summarizing Christian doctrines and beliefs. Wright is the Bishop of Durham and a leading New Testament scholar. This class meets in the Barr Center Dining Room.

**Cads (sometimes) of the Bible** This series looks at well-known figures, at the moments they stumble, and discusses the divine and human aspects of these sacred narratives. 4/19 Jacob, The Heel; 4/26 David, The Sheep Stealer; 5/10 Peter, The Flawed Rock; 5/17 Mary Magdalene, Gossip Girl. Led by The Rev'd Mary Moore Roberson, this class meets in the Parlor – first floor, Heyward Hall.

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## Adult Bible Studies

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**Rector's Bible Study** Mondays at 12:00 pm in Room 9-lower level. Contact: The Rev. Fletcher Montgomery (799-4767). *This study will resume April 20.*

**Men's Early Bird Bible Study** Tuesdays at 6:30 am in the Barr Center Dining Room. Reading schedule is posted on the website. (Enjoy our breakfast buffet, too.) Contact: Ned Badgett (787-8189).

**MOMS (Ministering Our Mother's Spirits) Bible Study** We are reading *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Waver. Tuesdays, in the Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall, from 9:30 – noon. Nursery is provided. Contact: Cope Fralick (256-7749).

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