



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes & Announcements

November 8, 2009

Prayer Requests

For Healing: Bob Benson, Anthony Bitting, John Bussinah, Serena Cann, Tom Davis, Mimi Dial, Nancy Farish, Melinda Franks, Fred Hay Gantt, Lamar Grimmitt, Robert Hemphill, Tom Herbkersman, Laura Wells Hiers, Roger Keane, Warren King, Diane Lamar, Susan Love, Lynda Lovelace, Morris Lumpkin, William C. Mann, Wyndham Manning, Sandra Martin, 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, Will Sullivan, 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: Ramona Mitchell (11/3); Ruth Wicker Gardner (11/3), mother of Rachel Hodges

Stewardship 2010

Standing alone, one pledge unit is not going to make or break our annual budget. However, one pledge unit stacked on top of another pledge unit, stacked on top of another pledge unit enables us to carry out Christ's Great Commission in all kinds of ways. So far, out of 420 households we have received 126 pledge cards.

Thanks to all of you who have turned in your 2010 Pledge Card. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available in the pews, church narthex and parish office, as well as on our website.

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

--Ephesians 4.7

Wednesday Nights at St. John's

Kids zone

Wednesday 5:15 – 6:00 pm

Fun, Fellowship, Music, Bible Stories
Age 3K - 5th grade

Room 215-second floor, Heyward Hall

To sign-up contact: Mary Jo or Celia at 799-4767

Holy Eucharist 5:15 pm

Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the gym

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

Adult Program 5:15 or 6:30 pm

Exciting study of the book of James.

Details on back page. Child care available.

Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

(You may come late if attending the program.)



“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!”

Harvest Eve

Sunday, Nov. 22

5:00 pm Evensong in the Church

5:30 pm Dinner & Program in the Barr Center

Admission: bring a canned or boxed food item for Harvest Hope or bottle of vitamins for the HomeWorks project in Peru or some Coins for Change. This will be a fun evening of fellowship and thanksgiving for the entire parish.

Want a little help with Thanksgiving Dinner? The Women of St. John's will be selling frozen casseroles at the Harvest Eve dinner on Nov. 22. Profits from the sale will benefit the Food and Water Project at Cange, Haiti, the chapel at Camp Gravatt, the Jericho House in New Orleans, the seminarian book fund and the Bena Dial scholarship fund. Vegetable casseroles, dressing, biscuits and desserts will be available for purchase.

St. John's will host the Midlands “walk-about” with nominees for the next bishop on Saturday, Nov. 21 beginning with registration at 8:00 am. Certified delegates to the electing convention and all other interested persons are welcome. Registration is required. To register visit www.edusc.org/nextbishop.

EYC 5-7 pm unless otherwise noted

Nov 8 Paintball \$30
Depart St. John's @ 1 pm return by 6:30
Bring: paintball waiver & St. John's permission form.
Forms are linked on the blog.
Nov 15 EYC @ St. John's
Nov 22 Harvest Eve
Nov 29 NO EYC

SR High SKI TRIP

Jan 8-10, Cost: \$165
Contact Dorian to register. \$65 deposit due by Nov. 15
For info, please visit the youth blog.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR seeks 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 this Wednesday at 8:00 pm.
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 Music Activities on Wednesdays will take place during the weekly KIDS ZONE activities 5:15-6:00 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.

Eucharist Class for Children TODAY in the church. 3K, 4K 5K will meet at 4:00 pm. 1st-5th grade will meet at 4:30 pm.

Children's Christmas Eve Pageant "Signs of Christmas"
The pageant will be 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.

Children's Advent Craft Festival & Dinner Join us Wednesday, Dec. 2 in the Barr Center Gym. Drop in between 4:30-6:30 pm for a fun time of making crafts for gift giving or decorating the home for the season. Dinner at 5:15 pm. Dinner is \$5/family. To sign-up for dinner contact Mary Jo Pendarvis (799-4767 or mjp@stjohnscolumbia.org).

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).

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

Altar Flowers *Open dates Nov. 29*, & Dec. 6*, 20*, 27.*

Order forms are available in the church narthex or on-line. Cost of altar flowers is \$80. *We will have altar flowers during Advent.

St. Mary's/St. Catherine's Guild will be on Monday, Nov. 9 at 3:00 pm in the Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall. Contact: Judy Anderson (799-1821)

St. Monica's/St. Bridget's Guild will meet Monday, Nov. 9 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall. Contact: Margaret Buchanan (776-6713).

December Messenger deadline is Thursday, Nov. 12. All items must be copy-ready and e-mailed to Rachel Cross (rbc@stjohnscolumbia.org) for consideration in the December Messenger.

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

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.



Wednesday Night Adult Program An exciting study of the book of James. A practical book for our times, the book of James is filled with lessons about living a faithful and godly life. Join us at one of two times: 5:15 pm or 6:30pm. The Rev. Fletcher Montgomery will lead us in this Bible study. Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall.

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

"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. TODAY- Sarah Montgomery. Next Sunday, Nov. 15-Lee Rambo. 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 week: What is God calling you to do? 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. This week we will discuss the thought provoking and often controversial statement: "**You Can't Take the Bible Literally**". Chapter 7. 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 TODAY 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 and in loving memory of their mother, Ramona Mitchell, by Gail Fisher and Karen Reider.

Keenagers Luncheon (social group for retirees & friends) Join us Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 12:30 pm in the Barr Center Dining Room. Topic: The Sloppy Drinkers Club with Susan Buck who is a long time volunteer with Pets Inc. Come and learn about the wonderful work that is done by this organization on behalf of lost, mistreated, and homeless animals. Do not forget to bring your wish list item. Call the parish office (799-4767) to reserve your lunch by Friday, Nov. 13. Lunch is \$6.