



Prayer Requests

For Healing: Bob Benson, Anthony Bitting, Ellen Buchanan, Margaret Buchanan, Serena Cann, Ralph Coleman, Arlen Cotter, Tom Davis, Mimi Dial, Elaine Epting, Nancy Farish, Melinda Franks, Lamar Grimmitt, Donna Hall, Robert Hemphill, Tom Herbkersman, Susie Heyward, Laura Wells Hiers, Roger Keane, Denise Koopman, Diane Lamar, Susan Love, Morris Lumpkin, Sandra Martin, Mickie Mathes, Marilyn Meacham, Susan Michaels, Jim Mittenzwei, Evan Pertile, Rosemary Pollock, 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 Expectant Parents: Caroline & Jimmy Hartley, Taylor & Mike Rider

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

This Week at St. John's...

Those who wish to contribute to earthquake relief efforts in Haiti may do so through **Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)**, now working with our Haitian partners in order to coordinate a swift response. Donations may be made to ERD's Haiti Fund via www.er-d.org or mailed to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. The words "Haiti Fund" should appear on the memo line of checks.

Parish Office will be closed Monday, Jan. 18.

Rector's Bible Study will not meet this week 1/18.

Keenagers Luncheon (social group for retirees & friends) Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 12:30 pm in the Barr Center dining room. Topic: "The Ocean and You" with Tammie Richardson.

Yoga will not meet this week (1/19).

St. Teresa's Guild Please join us for our Spring planning meeting in the Barr Center Dining Room, Tuesday, January 19, 7:30. Bring a 'SMALL' salad to share.

Tweenagers (a women's group for all ages) will meet on *Thursday, Jan. 21* at 6:30 pm at the home of Martha Stroup (3401 Wilmot Ave.) Contact: Cathy Bourne (cbourne@sc.rr.com)

Kanuga Parish Family Weekend

Preparing Our Hearts for Easter
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. Registration forms available in the church narthex, parish office or on-line.

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



Shandon Cluster of Churches Worship Service

St. John's will host a worship service on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 4:00 pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Girls' Night Out Social & Auction Sunday, Jan. 24 at the Kings Grant clubhouse. 5:00 pm Social, 6:00 pm Live Auction. Vacation honeys, fabulous meals, portraits and rugs will be auctioned to benefit scholarships for the St. John's Women's Spring Retreat (March 19-21 @ Gravatt). Contact: Pam Hodnett (252-7578).

Men of St. John's will host an Oyster Roast on Friday, Jan. 29 at 6:30 pm, at Mill Creek (directions available on church website). This will be a fantastic opportunity for fellowship, not to mention the great food. Advance tickets \$15 before Jan. 23/\$20 after. Contact: Brant Hellwig (790-2797)

CHILI COOK OFF Jan. 31 @ 12-2 pm

Hosted by EYC

\$5 per spoon (spoons used for eating and voting!) This is a parish-wide event so bring the whole family! Proceeds go to Home Works Summer Missions. Contact Dorian (mdd@stjohnscolumbia.org) to enter your chili. ANYONE can enter! Prizes and awards will be awarded, and great fun will be had by all! Last year's winner was the Lewis family with their Tarheel Chili. Do you have what it takes to claim top honors?

EYC 5-7 pm unless otherwise noted

Jan 17 EYC Artshack @ St. John's

Join us as we explore and express faith with art

Jan 24 EYC: the gathering

Jan 31 CHILI COOK OFF

Feb 7 SUPERBOWL PARTY (details TBA)

ECUADOR MISSION MEETING TODAY @ 3:30 pm

Any youth or adults who are interested, please join us in the Senior High Room. 6-7 spots still available. \$200 deposit due

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

Curious About Choir? All interested singers (high school age through adult) are encouraged to participate in the Chancel Choir. New singers may join at any time. Private catch-up assistance is available. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Music Room.

Junior Music St. John's Singers is a choir of young people with treble voices in grade 3 and up who are interested in choral singing. This choir sings at the 9:00 am service on the first Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are on Mondays at 5:30 pm, and all boys and girls are welcome. Look for details about other Junior Music activities and choirs coming soon!

Selah St. John's instrumental group (guitars, mandolin, keyboard, etc.) is always looking for new players and singers. Please inquire about playing/singing with this group if your talents lie in this area. Contact Gordon Schell.

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.

What we do in worship A program for 3rd & 4th graders to help them understand and participate in the worship service. "What we do in worship" will be during the 9:00 service and will start on Feb. 7 and last for seven weeks (skipping Kanuga weekend, Feb. 14). Topics covered: "Why we worship," "People in worship," "Tools in worship," (Bible, Prayer Book, Hymnal), "Creeds, Prayers, Confession, The Peace," "Baptism," "Communion," and a "Church Year." The class will end with the presentation of a Bible on March 21. To sign up your 3rd or 4th grade child, please contact Mary Jo Pendarvis (mjp@stjohnscolumbia.org or 799-4767).

Harvest Hope Food Bank Keep up the giving and remember to bring dry or canned goods each Sunday and put the 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).

Agape Meal If you or someone you know are in need of a meal from the Agape freezer, (illness, death, surgery, newborn, etc.) please contact Taylor Rider (tzrider4@yahoo.com or 234-7687).

Bena Dial Scholarships are given by the ECW of the Diocese of Upper SC. Applications are now available online at www.edusc.org/ECW. Deadline is March 1.

St. Clare's Guild will meet Monday, Jan.25 at 7pm in the Parlor. Contact: Rebecca Smith (rebeccaosmith@aol.com)



5K Race and Children's Fun Run

to Benefit St. Lawrence Place will be Saturday, Feb. 6 at 8:30 am. Start Line: St. Joseph's Catholic Church Go to www.stlawrenceplace.org and click on Special Events to print out a registration form.

Adult Christian Formation Offerings

Sundays 10:15 - 11:00 am

The Book of Luke Join us as we read, study and learn from the Gospel of Luke. Weekly readings will be suggested followed by a summation of the week's lessons on Sundays. TODAY- John the Baptizer led by The Rev'd Fletcher Montgomery; 1/24 Three Songs of Praise-Lee Rambo

Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

The Reason for God by Timothy Keller We are continuing our study and discussion. 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 ways the the Gospel distinguishes Christianity and Christians from other religions and beliefs. Chapter 11 . "Religion and the Gospel". 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.

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 spring, everyone is encouraged to participate as the topics will be timely and important. This class will meet for 11 weeks in Room 9-lower level, Heyward Hall. We'll use the text *Your Faith Your Life* by Jenifer Gamber with Bill Lewellis (\$15)

Return to Mayberry Based on The Andy Griffith Show, this class explores basic values such as character, personal responsibility, honesty, and integrity that were routinely exemplified by the popular television show. After enjoying an episode of the show, we look to the lessons of the Bible that are exemplified in the show. This class will on the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 7:45 am service. 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 will not meet this week 1/18.

Today's Altar Flowers

To the glory of God and in honor of, and in thanksgiving for, Hayden Davis on his birthday by family and friends of Hayden Davis.

Altar Flowers Open dates Jan. 24 & 31. Order forms are available in the church narthex or on-line. Cost of altar flowers is \$80. Greens during Lent will be \$40.

