



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes & Announcements

March 8, 2009

Prayer Requests

For Healing: Lou Hiers Atkins, Nell Barr, Bob Benson, Tom Davis, Mimi Dial, Nancy Duvall, Nancy Farish, Gloria Faulds, Melinda Franks, Fred Hay Gantt, Le Roy Gibson, Lamar Gremmitt, Robert Hemphill, Laura Wells Hiers, Warren King, Mary Law, Anna Legare, Walter Lewis, Susan Love, Charles Mitchell, Ramona Mitchell, Jim Mittenzwei, Sally Mullinix, Dale Ness, Evan Pertile, George Pierce, Sam Roberts, Colleen Robinson, Allen Rogers, Jody Spruill, Ida Storrs, Aloo Tata, John Thomas, Bob Turner, Kit Turner, Virginia Vincent, James Walker, Martha Weed, Florrie Willock, Pearl Wilson

For Expectant Parents: Liz & Ryan Brewer, Sarah & Hoyt Burnett, Lisa & Travis Faulds, Meagan & Brad Higinbotham, Jordan & Michael Mancini, LeAnne & Shane McCormack, Becky & David Shea, Amanda & David Williams

For Active Military: Fred Aldrich, John Benson, Stephen Donald, Michael Fisher, Michael Hook, Heyward Lindler, Ben Minton, Scott Turner, Mike Williams

For those who have died: Charles Hightower, brother of Louise Hightower



Wednesday Nights at St. John's

5:00 pm Junior Choirs (age 3 and up)

5:15 pm Holy Eucharist

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinners

in the Barr Center Gym. Reserve your place by filling out a reservation card at church, calling the parish office (799-4767) or sending an e-mail to: Wednesdays@stjohnscolumbia.org

This week's menu: Spaghetti & meat sauce, garlic bread, green salad, & freshly baked cinnamon rolls.

Adults - \$6.00 each
Children (3-10) - \$3.00 each
Children 2 and under - free
Family Max - \$24.00

*6:30 – 7:15 pm Lenten Programs for all ages

Adults "40" How often it is that we see the number 40 in the Bible! Spend the season of Lent as it was meant to be, in preparation for Easter, by exploring the Bible. Class meets in the Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

Youth: The Justice Mission reflecting the heart of God for the oppressed of the world. Wednesdays during Lent, beginning March 4. We will meet in the Sr. High Room.

Children 3K-5th grade Lessons from the Animals of the Season: a lamb, a donkey, honeybees, chicks and a bunny. What do these animals have to do with the season? Classes meet on the first floor of Heyward Hall.

*Nursery available for newborns – 3 years old.

This Week at St. John's

If, through prayer, God is leading you to enter a pledge or amend your pledge for this year, please take a moment to do so. Pledge cards are available at your pew or from the church office.



TODAY at St. John's

Choir Festival Choral Evensong at 4:00 pm

Over 100 boys and girls ages 10-18 from 6 churches in Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Columbia will sing.

St. Mary's/St. Catherine's Guild will meet on Monday, March 9 at 4 pm in the Parlor. Contact: Judy Anderson (799-1821).

St. Monica's/St. Bridget's Guild will meet on Monday, March 9 at 7 pm in the Parlor. Program: Power of Forgiveness. Contact: Margaret Buchanan (mbuch6108@bellsouth.net)

Women's Retreat Ladies: Come join us March 27-29 for loads of fun, fellowship, and thought-provoking sessions to help you wholeheartedly embrace whatever is calling you now. Registration forms available outside of church TODAY. *Deadline is Monday, March 9.* Call Dana Turner at 834-2520 or email her at ddturner@sc.rr.com for more information.

Yoga will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room-lower level.

April Messenger Deadline is Thursday, March 12. Please send all items to Rachel Cross (rbc@stjohnscolumbia.org).

Lists of Birthdays & Anniversaries of parishioners for March & April are now available in the church narthex.

Harvest Hope Food Bank Thanks to everyone for upping our donations in February. 247 pounds of food were delivered to the food bank. So stay with the good work and we can achieve our goal of doubling our donations in 2009. Remember your list: car keys, children, offering envelope, and food items for Harvest Hope. Put items in basket in the church narthex.

Super Galactic Yard Sale: Sat., April 18 Spring cleaning? Don't throw it out! Donate it to youth missions. Deliver donations to the church the week after Easter. This huge yard sale is open to the community and raises funds for our summer missions.

Yard Sale Planning Meeting: March 15 @ 3 pm

EYC Calendar

Sundays 5-7 pm unless otherwise noted

Mar 8	Paintball 2-5:30 pm Cost \$27.50 Cash or Check payable to Triggertyme
Mar 13-14	Lock-in Friday @ 7 pm
Mar 15	NO EYC
Mar 22	EYC: the gathering
Mar 29	EYC @ the Art Shack
Apr 5	Labyrinth and prayer stations: 4-8pm Open to everyone in the parish Coffee Bar

The Justice Mission: reflecting the heart of God for the oppressed of the world. Wednesdays during Lent.

Youth Mission to Ecuador We have 16 youth and adults who will be traveling to Quito, Ecuador to minister with Youth World International this summer. Please check out the display located outside the church before and after services to learn more about this experience. Parishioners will be given the opportunity to sponsor individual missionaries through prayer and financial support.

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

Junior Choirs meet on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.
Age 3-grade 1: 5:00-5:30 pm. Grades 2 and up: 5:00-6:00 pm.

Chancel Choir practice Wednesdays, 7-9 pm in the Music Room. Enquiries about participating may be directed to Director of Music Celia Tolar-Bane at the church Monday-Thursday or on Sunday mornings.

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.

The Knitting Group will meet Thursdays at noon in the Library. New and experienced knitters welcome! Contact Elisabeth Williamson (738-1175) or Lisa Wilcox (252-1180) if you have questions.

St. Clare's Guild will meet Monday, March 16 at 6:30 pm in the Barr Center. Contact: Jackie Barker (254-5340).

Keenagers Luncheon Tuesday, March 17 at 12:30 pm in the Barr Center Dining Room. Topic: Buddhism with Clyde Ireland. Lunch is \$5. Make your reservation for lunch by calling the parish office (799-4767 or nsg@stjohnscolumbia.org) before Monday, March 16.

Tweenagers (group for Women 40-60) will meet Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 pm. Location: Linda Lovelace's home (229 Tombee Ln.). Our program will be a discussion of the book "The Shack" by William Young. Please read the book if you have a chance, but come even if you don't. Remember to bring refreshments to share. Contact: Cathy Bourne (cbourne@sc.rr.com).

Confirmation will be Sunday, April 26. Adults who wish to be confirmed need to contact The Rev. Fletcher Montgomery (799-4767 or jfm@stjohnscolumbia.org) before March 20.

UTO Reminder The spring ingathering of the United Thank Offering will be on March 22 at all three services. Parishioners at Episcopal churches throughout the world will bring their offerings, given with their thankful prayers, to aid mission and ministry in the world. Blue boxes and envelopes will be available in the narthex.

Diocesan Continuing Education & Training Day for Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Visitors, Safe Church, & Race Relations will be Sat. March 28 at St. Martin's. *Deadline March 23.* To sign up contact: Rachel Cross (799-4767).

Connections (young couples group) will meet March 25 at 7 pm at the home of Emily and Byron Davison (4712 Reamer Ave.) For info contact Collins Williamson (787-5759).

Missing: The griddle we use on the gas stove is missing from the kitchen. If you have any information about it, please call the parish office (799-4767).

Easter Flower Memorials order forms are now available in the narthex, Barr Center, parish office or online. Cost: \$12. Deadline is March 20.

Altar Greenery during Lent *Open dates:* March 15 and 29. Order forms are available in the church narthex or on-line.

Lenten Devotional booklets are available in Heyward Hall by the nursery and lobby of the Barr Center.

"Won't you watch one hour with me?" A sign-up sheet for the all-night prayer watch is now available in the church narthex. One or more people are needed for all hours between 7:45 pm Maundy Thursday (4/9) until Good Friday, 12 Noon. Men of St. John's will provide security during the late hours.

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 5 at 3:30 pm at Still Hopes. All children and grandchildren are welcome! Sponsored by St. Clare's Guild.

Adult Christian Formation

Walking the Bible TODAY immediately following the 7:45 am service. 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.

Sundays 10:15-11:00 am

The Essential Bible Guide: 100 Readings Through the World's Most Famous Book TODAY Dana Turner presents "The Travels of Paul." Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

Superheroes of the Bible This week – Sampson. Parlor-first floor, Heyward Hall.

Living Faith This DVD series by N. T. Wright will focus 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. Barr Center Dining Room.

Rector's Bible Study Mondays at noon in Room 9.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study Tuesday 6:45 am in the Barr Center. Contact: Ned Badgett (787-8189)

MOMS (Ministering Our Mother's Spirits) Bible Study Tuesday 9:30 am in the Parlor-first floor. Childcare provided. Contact: Cope Fralick (256-7749).

Altar Greens

Given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our son Joseph by Sandie and Ernie Ellis.



Weekly E-newsletter To sign-up to receive the weekly E-pistle and notices about Wednesday Nights, please e-mail webmasters1@stjohnscolumbia.org.