



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes & Announcements

March 1, 2009

Prayer Requests

For Healing: Lou Hiers Atkins, Nell Barr, Bob Benson, Tom Davis, Mimi Dial, Nancy Duvall, 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, 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, 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

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.

Youth Basketball Luncheon will be TODAY after the 11:15 service. The church will provide the main course. Families please bring the following:

Last name	A-J	Dessert
	K-Q	Side Items
	R-Z	Salad

Collection for Cooperative Ministry New underwear and socks for children and adults will be collected TODAY and Monday, March 2 only. A collection box will be in the Barr Center lobby only. Contact: Tom Savage (796-8488).

Harvest Hope Food Bank Make food donation a habit--check your list as you leave for church each Sunday: car keys, children, offering envelope, and food items for Harvest Hope. Place your items in the basket in the church narthex.

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

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).



Wednesday Nights at St. John's March 4 - April 1

Wednesday Night Dinners

Dinner begins at 5:30 pm in the Barr Center Gym
Reserve your place by filling out a reservation card at church,
Send an e-mail to: Wednesdays@stjohnscolumbia.org
or calling the Parish Office (799-4767).

This week's menu: Fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, green beans, Rolls, & sheet cake. Drumsticks available for children.

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

Lenten Programs for all ages

*6:30 - 7:15 pm

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. Guest speakers from our Christian community will talk with us about themes surrounding the number 40. 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.



Next Sunday, March 8 at St. John's Choir Festival Choral Evensong at 4:00 pm

Over 100 boys and girls age 10-18 from 6 churches will sing
A select 25 festival singers will lead music at the 11:15 service

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 @ 3pm

EYC Calendar

Sundays 5-7 pm unless otherwise noted

Mar 1	Fire and Ice: come join us as we host St. Francis in Chapin
Mar 8	Paintball 2-5:30pm Cost \$27
Mar 13-14	Lock-in Friday @ 7pm
Mar 15	NO EYC
Mar 22	EYC: the gathering
Mar 29	EYC @ the Art Shack
Apr 5	Labyrinth (Details TBA)

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

Ecuador

Beginning next Sunday, March 8, we will have a display set up to educate the parish about the youth mission experience to Ecuador that will take place this summer. We have 16 youth and adults who will be traveling to Quito, Ecuador to minister with Youth World International. Parishioners will be given the opportunity to sponsor individual missionaries through prayer and financial support.

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.

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

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. 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)

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. 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: TBA. Our program will be a discussion on 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).

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

UTO Reminder The spring ingathering of the United Thank Offering at St. John's 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.

Altar Greenery during Lent *Open dates:* 8, 15, and 29. Order forms are available in the church narthex or on-line.

Church Women United (CWU) of the Midlands will observe World Day of Prayer on March 6 at St. David Lutheran Church, 132 St. David's Church Road, W. Columbia. This year's program has been prepared by the women of Papua New Guinea built around Romans 12:1-21 emphasizing as its theme. In Christ there are many members, yet one body. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., the program starts at 10:30, followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions or need driving directions, please call Ann Gregg 776-5145.

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

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 5 at 3:30 pm at Still Hopes.

Women's Retreat Ladies: Each one of us has a special way of being in the world. This is affirmed in our baptismal vows when we profess that each of us is unique in God's eyes, each of us a light to the world. We are all called to be icons through which the world can discover the fullness of God. Wherever you are in your life's journey, this year's Women's Retreat will give you an opportunity to explore your unique calling, the special way you have of being in the world. 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. Call Dana Turner at 834-2520 or email her at ddturner@sc.rr.com for more information. Early bird registration ends TODAY. Register and pay your fees today and save \$10.00!

Adult Christian Formation

Sundays 10:15-11:00 am

The Essential Bible Guide: 100 Readings Through the World's Most Famous Book TODAY Les Cotter & Bob Graham presents "The Church is Born". Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall.

Superheroes of the Bible This week – David: A boy and his slingshot. Class led by Michael Burkett. Class will meet in the Parlor.

Living Faith Beginning TODAY this is a 10 week DVD series by N. T. Wright. Wright is the Bishop of Durham and a leading New Testament scholar. The series will focus on the following topics: History of the Church, Compares Christianity to other religions, provides answers to common challenges to Christianity, and summarizes Christian doctrines and beliefs. This class will meet in the 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.