



Prayer Requests

For Healing: Bob Benson, Anthony Bitting, Ellen Buchanan, Serena Cann, Ralph Coleman, Arlen Cotter, Tom Davis, Mimi Dial, Nancy Farish, Trey Franklin, Melinda Franks, Lamar Grimmitt, Robert Hemphill, Tom Herbkersman, Susie Heyward, Laura Wells Hiers, Roger Keane, Diane Lamar, Susan Love, Lynda Lovelace, Morris Lumpkin, Sandra Martin, Mickie Mathes, Marilyn Meacham, Susan Michaels, Jim Mittenzwei, Jane Ness, Evan Pertile, Rosemary Pollack, 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 Active Military: Fred Aldrich, John Benson, Heyward Davis, Stephen Donald, Michael Fisher, Michael Hook, Mike Williams

For those who have died: Warren King (12/13)

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve-Thursday, Dec. 24

*4:00 pm Signs of Christmas – Children’s Pageant
 * 4:30 pm Festival Holy Eucharist:
 Family Choir, Timpani, Trumpets and Organ
 At the Offertory:-- Christmas Ringers and Singers
 *Nursery Available.

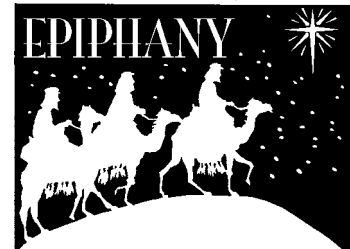
Christmas Eve 10:00 pm Carol Service:
 Carols by Chancel Choir and Congregation
 10:30 pm Festival Holy Eucharist:
 Music by the Chancel Choir, Handbells, Recorders,
 Clarinet, Timpani, Trumpets and Organ
 No Nursery.

Christmas Day- Friday, Dec. 25
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (one service only)
 No Nursery.

Sunday, Dec. 27
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Christmas Lessons and
 Carols—back by popular demand! (one service only)
 Nursery available. No Sunday School.

“Signs of Christmas” Children’s Pageant Rehearsal will be Monday, Dec. 21 at 4:00 pm in the church. The pageant will be on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm in the church. All children 3K-5th grade are invited to participate. Contact: Mary Jo Pendarvis (799-4767) At this rehearsal all children will also rehearse the song that they will sing together at the offertory during the 4:30 service. All boys and girls in grades 3-5 are encouraged to plan to join the Family Choir in the chancel during the 4:30 service.

Decorate the Church for Christmas Women and men are invited to join in the festive decorating of the church for Christmas on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 9:00 am. Bring your garden scissors, excitement, awe and wonder. Contact: Anne Miller (annemiller@sc.rr.com)



Feast of Lights

Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Nursery available for infants - 3 years old

The **Feast of Lights** pageant is St. John’s annual celebration of The Epiphany. The arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem and the manifesting of the baby Jesus as the Messiah are the highlights of this wonderful pageant. Come share in the revealing of the light of Christ.

Everyone is invited to participate in the pageant, either as a cast member or by sitting in the congregation. Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to be lambs, and adults are welcome to be shepherds. First and second graders will serve as the Heavenly Host of Angels, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will serve as the visiting shepherds to the Holy Family, EYC-aged youth are the apostles and the lay disciples are parish members.

Rehearsal will be Sunday, January 3 in the church
 If you would like to be part of the cast or for more information contact, Martha Smith 783-6684.

EYC 5-7 pm unless otherwise noted

Dec 20 EYC Christmas Party

Dec 27 Serving dinner for Home Works
4 pm arrive at St. Martin's
Serve dinner @ 6 pm

Jan 3 Parents' Night EYC

SKI TRIP Final Payment is DUE NOW!

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

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE 10:00 pm.

Don't miss it—come early! Carols by choir, congregation and handbells. Also Corelli's Christmas Concerto.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY CHOIR still seeks singers.

The choir has the best seats in the house on Christmas Eve! 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) to learn more or to sign up.

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.

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).

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

Men of St. John's Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 6:00 in the Barr Center. Fellow parishioner Jack Thompson will be the featured speaker, sharing some his experiences on the USC basketball team under Coach Frank McGuire and emphasizing the importance of community and tradition in any association. BBQ dinner will be served. RSVP to Brant Hellwig (hellwig@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there.

Girls' Night Out Social & Auction Sunday, Jan. 24 at the Kings Grant clubhouse. 5:00 pm Social, 6:00 pm Live Auction. Vacation homes, fabulous meals, portraits and rugs will be auctioned to benefit scholarship 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 will be on Friday, Jan. 29 at 6:30 pm, and will be held 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, \$20 at the door.

Kanuga Parish Family Weekend 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).

**Adult Christian Formation Offerings
TODAY 10:15 - 11:00 am**

Doing Mission vs. Being Mission Come and explore the difference between doing mission work and living out the mission of God in the world. How does this apply to youth missions? How does this apply to our faith, both as individuals and as a faith community? Are mission experiences just for youth, or should all parishioners be afforded the same opportunities? **Join us TODAY** during the Sunday School hour, Multipurpose Room-Lower Level, Heyward Hall.

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).

MOMS Bible Study will resume Jan. 5.

Rector's Bible Study will resume Jan. 4.

Today's Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our children and daughters-in-law, and for our grandchildren: McMahan, Julia, Davis, Emma, and Margaret Ann by Gloria and Tom Faults.

Altar Flowers *Open dates Jan. 10, 17, 24, & 31.* Order forms are available in the church narthex or on-line. Cost of altar flowers is \$80