

Prayer Requests

For Healing: Bob Benson, Anthony Bitting, John Bussinah, Serena Cann, Arlan Cotter, Tom Davis, Mimi Dial, Nancy Farish, Melinda Franks, Lamar Grimmit, Robert Hemphill, Tom Herbkersman, Laura Wells Hiers, Roger Keane, Warren King, Diane Lamar, Susan Love, Lynda Lovelace, Morris Lumpkin, William C. Mann, 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, 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

Stewardship 2010

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. Follow-up letters will be mailed soon.

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

--Ephesians 4.7



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.

Children's Advent Craft Festival & Dinner Join us Wednesday, Dec. 2 in the Barr Center Gym. Drop in between 5:00-6:30 pm for a fun time of making crafts for gift giving or decorating the home for the season. Dinner will be provided at 5:15 pm. To sign-up contact Mary Jo Pendarvis (799-4767 or mjp@stjohnscolumbia.org).



The Bells of Christmas

An extra-special musical event for kids age 5-10.
Wednesdays, Dec. 9 & Dec. 16
5:00-6:00 pm

Multipurpose Room-lower level, Heyward Hall
"Getting Ready for Christmas!" Bells, Carols, Games, Service Project. Supper provided for children and siblings.
Call Celia Bane for details at 799-4767.

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.*

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



"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!" Harvest Eve TODAY

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.

ECW will be selling frozen casseroles at the Harvest Eve dinner TODAY. Vegetable casseroles, dressing, biscuits and desserts will be available for purchase.

EYC 5-7 pm unless otherwise noted

- Nov 22 Harvest Eve
Please arrive at 3:30
to help cook dinner and prepare
- Nov 29 NO EYC
- Dec 6 EYC Movie Night
- Dec 13 Visit parish shut-ins
- Dec 20 EYC Christmas Party

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

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIRS seek 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.) No practice this Wednesday.

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 Advent Music Activities (K5-grade 5) will take place on Wednesdays, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 5:00-6:00 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.

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).

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.

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

Bathrobes Needed Robes appropriate for shepherds' costumes for the Feast of Lights. Children's sizes. Leave the robes in the break room. Contact: Martha Smith (783-6684)

Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 6 at 10:15 am in the Barr Center. Brochures detailing the election process and nominees are in the church narthex and on-line. All members of the congregation 16 years of age and older are entitled to vote at the annual meeting, either in person or by proxy. Proxy ballots available in the parish office until Dec. 4. All ballots must be returned to the parish office or to the vestry secretary, Michael Burkett, before the call to order of the meeting.

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.

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

Today's Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God in loving memory of our grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Calvin Bruton, The Honorable John Bratton Davis, Mrs. Lee Kary Greenwald, and Mr. John Malcolm McCardell by Mr. and Mrs. John Malcolm McCardell III.

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:--The Bells of Christmas (Children's Ringers and Singers)
- *Nursery Available.

Christmas Eve 10:30 pm Festival Holy Eucharist:
Music by the Chancel Choir, Handbells, Recorder, 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)
No Nursery or Sunday School.

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- Jeff Brooker. Next class on John will be Sunday, Dec. 13-Beverly Moore. 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 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. 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 the second Sunday of each month 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.

Programming Note: Adult Christian Formation Team will host a forum on Sunday, Nov. 29 during the Sunday School hour.

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 will not meet this week.

Rector's Bible Study Mondays at 11:00 am in the Room 9-lower level, Heyward Hall.