

# music

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At the Great Vigil of Easter, the paschal candle bearer and cantor, St. John's Choral Scholar John Callison, will sing the thrilling "Exsultet" at the beginning of the service, while all is still in darkness. Other music for this

unique service will include Rory Cooney's exciting musical setting of the traditional Exodus readings with John Bane as soloist, William Boyce's "Alleluia" sung by St. John's Chamber Singers and musical settings by Dorothy Papadakos and David Hurd, top contemporary Episcopal composers.

Be sure to come early to find a seat on Easter Sunday! At the offertory at both 9:00 and 11:15 you will hear J. S. Bach's "Awake, Thou Wintry Earth" with choirs, two trumpets (Dick Goodwin and Charlie Polk), timpani (Dreher High School senior Lawson Smith), violin (Monica Johnston), cello (Brian McCants) and organ. Come and join in the uplifting singing of familiar and traditional hymns, psalms and service music.

Other Chancel Choir anthems during April will include "Sanctus" by Charles Gounod (St. John's Choral Scholar Haley Rice, Soloist); Howard Goodall's modern and delightful setting of the text "Love Divine," and César Franck's "Psalm 150."

## Children's Music Activities Continue

Music activities for 5K-grade 4 children will continue on Wednesdays (5:00-5:45 pm) April 14 through May 5. (No session on April 7.) Bring your children to join in the fun!

### Younger kids (grades 5K-1)

- active music fun and great snacks every week
- sing several times a year during worship (coming up: May 9 and May 23)
- kids internalize fundamental Christian truth and learn to praise God through singing
- Teacher: Rebecca Whalen, mother of 5, 20 years teaching church children's choirs

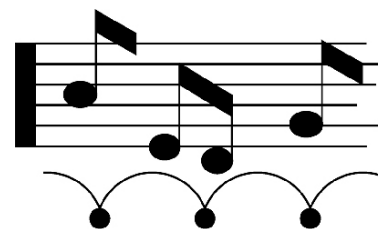
### Older kids (grades 2-4)

- active music fun with bells, drums, other instruments, as well as singing (NEW curriculum)
- play/sing several times a year during worship (coming up: May 9 and May 23)
- chance to sing solos for those who want to do so
- Teacher: Director of Music Celia Tolar-Bane

## Choral Scholars to Present Recital

St. John's Choral Scholars, all USC music majors, will present a very special recital in the Music Room on Sunday, April 25 at 4:00 pm. This year's Choral Scholars are Katy Hinson, Soprano (rising senior), Haley Rice, Mezzo-Soprano (graduating in May), Jarred Morehead, Pianist (graduating in May) and John Callison, Baritone (rising second-semester senior). All have presented recitals at the USC School of Music this year in fulfillment of requirements for graduation, and they are planning a program together that is sure to please.

Choral  
Scholars



## Music Ministry Team Getting Up to Tempo

The Music Ministry Team, recently instituted by St. John's vestry, is beginning its work. Members are Rodger Stroup, Chair, the Director of Music, three vestry members (Ann Ruderman, Bill Todd and Jamie LaBorde), a representative of Selah, a representative of Handbells, Mary Sherrer and Brian McCants.

# administration

## May Messenger

May Messenger Deadline is Thursday, April 8. All items must be copy-ready and e-mailed to Rachel Cross (rbc@stjohnscolumbia.org) for consideration in the April Messenger.

### “The Pink Link”

Many of you are familiar with the pink envelopes located in the pews and elsewhere at St. John’s. In recent months, the amount of gifts received in those pink envelopes has diminished, so, as a member of the Finance Committee, my goal in this paragraph is to briefly and simply explain the link between the gifts received in the pink envelopes and the other funds (pledges) received by St. John’s. Because of the historic generosity of our parish family fulfilling not only their pledges, but also remembering to give periodic gifts in the pink envelopes, we have been able to pay the principal portion of our loan payments thus freeing annual pledges for other ministries. Simply put, we are able to do more for the glory of God when we, as a parish, are willing to give a monthly gift, over and above our pledge, in the pink envelope. So, I leave you with the pink link – that gifts in the pink envelope allow us to use pledge income for those ministries which we faithfully believe are directly related to the development and maintenance of the spiritual connection of each of us as members of St. John’s to God. Please prayerfully consider making gifts to St John’s to address this very important need. –Jeff Brooker Vestry liaison for the Finance Ministry Team

Current Pledge Standings		
	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budgeted:	\$ 80,993	\$ 161,986
Received:	\$ <u>70,922</u>	\$ <u>151,124</u>
Amount over (under) budget:	\$ (10,071)	\$ (10,862)

In February, \$2,732 was received towards the Heyward Hall debt challenge. Pink building fund envelopes are available in the church pews each week.

# pastoral care

## Mental Health in Our Parish and Our Community

### Did you know...?

In the United States one in four people lives with some kind of mental illness or addiction. Probably every family at St. John’s is affected in some way, and the impacts of these illnesses can be difficult to address and to talk about.

To provide help to families, the Midlands chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mentally Illness) holds facilitated support groups at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church.

Closer to home, our Pastoral Care Committee has gathered written materials about resources for families from a recent conference for South Carolina clergy and faith congregations. These materials are in our parish library, for anyone to use. We have also included a place there for you to indicate interest in meeting informally with other St. John’s members to talk about experiences and offer mutual support.

For questions call Mary Bryan 254-8235 , Barbara Mullen 252-1571, or Eileen Schell 790-5329.



## Meals

### Agape Reminder

Agape volunteers provide meals for St. John’s members and families in times of illness, surgery, death, and childbirth. If you, your family, or others you know may need this comfort food, please call the parish office (799-4767).