



# Family News

*A Servant Community: Actively Faithful, Faithfully Active*  
St. John's Baptist Church · 300 Hawthorne Lane · Charlotte, North Carolina

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*St. John's  
at Worship*

**Sunday, May 20**  
*Day of Pentecost*

**Proclaimer:**  
Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

**Sermon:**  
*Winds of Change?*

**Scripture:**  
Acts 2:1-11



**SUNDAY  
MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

Our Church Council has scheduled a Church Conference for Sunday, May 20, following worship. A report from our Investing in the Future Task Force will be on the agenda. Lunch menu will be fried chicken, green beans, macaroni & cheese, and dessert. The cost will be \$10/adult and \$6/children under 12. Please email or call Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office to make your reservation by **Wednesday, May 16** ([jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org) or 704.333.5428, ext. 11).

## **OPEN TABLE:**

### **Intergenerational Evenings with Purposeful Play**



Our St. John's Covenant reads, "*We will love and encourage each other in the family of the church...*"

To strengthen opportunities for our multiple generations to interact and learn from one another and play together, we are scheduling 6 Wednesday evenings per year. Our next **OPEN TABLE** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 23**. Please email or call Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office to make your reservation by Sunday, May 20, at ([jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org) or 704.333.5428, ext. 11).

Meal costs will be \$10/adults and \$6/child under 12 with a maximum of \$30 per household. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:50 and will continue to be served until 6:30. We will gather in Broach Hall and dismiss by 7:00 pm. All generations will be together for this time as we enjoy intergenerational table games, storytelling, conversations, etc.

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**IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK!**

In *Encountering God*, Diana Eck tells how Pentecost Sunday was celebrated in the Middle Ages. Some congregations prepared 'Holy Spirit holes' in the roof of their sanctuary to signify their openness to the Spirit of God. On Pentecost Sunday, during worship, doves were released through the hole and bundles of rose petals were dropped through the hole onto the worshipping people in the sanctuary. In dramatic fashion, choirboys walked through the aisles making whooshing sounds and playing drums to remind everyone of the rush of the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost which ignited the witness of Christ's Church; a story told in Acts 2. The people wore the colors of red, orange or yellow; colors symbolizing fire. (Yes, please!)

Pentecost is a Jewish Holy Day (holiday) which was significant in the early Church. It is the Feast of Shavuot, a celebration often called Feast of Weeks or Festival of First Fruits in scripture. Set fifty days after Passover, Pentecost celebrates the grain harvest and the giving/receiving of the Torah. Today, Jews focus on discussions of scripture and the importance of learning the stories, the commandments and the pathways of the Lord.

Jewish tradition teaches the Jews slept through the night when God was giving them the Torah, so they now encourage a tradition of staying awake all night discussing scriptures and expressing their eagerness to learn Jewish teachings. It is also taught that when the Torah was originally heard by the Jews, each person heard the words in their own tribal language according to their ability to understand.

Following worship this Sunday, we will move to Broach Hall for **Church Conference** (have you made your reservation?). We will hear reports from our **Investing in the Future Task Force**. They will introduce recommendations which have been approved by the **Church Council and Deaconate**. These recommendations are aimed toward moving the congregation forward in numerous ways.

It is apropos for these recommendations to be acted upon by the people of St. John's on Pentecost; the day in the Church Year when we celebrate the Holy Spirit igniting the witness of Christ's Church. We may not experience the all-consuming fire of the Lord this Sunday; but wear red, yellow or orange and **listen for a spark!**

Shalom,  
Dennis



Youth News from Lee

**Sunday, May 20** - Youth will **NOT** play **Paintball** this Sunday, May 20. Late May is very busy, and we could not come close to getting the numbers we paid for on the April date that was rained out. This event will be rescheduled for the early fall.

**May 23** - **Open Table** – Wednesday Night Intergenerational Meal and "Purposeful" Play

**June 3** – **Senior Graduate Recognition Sunday**



Youth, please remember to sign up to help out with **Vacation Bible School** June 11-15. Here's the link to sign up: <https://goo.gl/forms/e6tVKNy330syazV83>

**Summer Youth Events**

**June 17-23** – **High School Mission Trip with Sea Island Habitat** (There will be no work days beforehand as no framing crews are needed for any Habitat Affiliates in Charlotte, Matthews, or Davidson)

**July 23-28** – **Unidiversity Youth Summer Camp**

**August 11-14** – **Middle School Local Mission Trip** (this includes rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders)

From Allison

**Nursery/2s:** This class will be cared for in their room for Formation Hour and Worship Hour. We have some brand new toys for these children to enjoy!

**PreK/K:** This class will remain in their classroom for Formation Hour and Worship Hour as they share a story together, make some art, and play together. This week, they'll learn about how the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost.

**Grades 1-5:** From 9:15-10:00, they will have Formation Class. They will be learning about how the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost. Grace Notes will be from 10:00-10:20. 1st-5th Graders will join their families for worship.

In Missions 101 we learned about how St. John's is connected to South Sudan and about how we helped build a school there. We spent some time working on letters to the students at the school.



**Register Today!!!**  
**Only 17 spots left!!!**

## A Year in the Church

Rising 2nd-6th Graders

explore and celebrate the church year by choosing an art guild for the week! Guilds include:  
 -Drama  
 -Mosaics  
 -Painting  
 -Textile Art



4 Year Olds- Rising 1st Graders

explore and celebrate the church year in a special experience designed just for them! Each day includes art, story, and play.

**St. John's/St. Martin's VBS 2018**  
**June 11-15; 9am-noon**  
**\$15/child**  
 Children aged 4 by June 1 - Rising 6th Graders  
 To register visit: <https://st-johns-st-martins-vbs-2018.eventbrite.com>  
 Questions? [abenfield@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:abenfield@sjcharlotte.org)

**Registration required. Registration closes June 4, 2018.**

We still need a few volunteers. You can sign up on our Sign Up Genius at [bit.ly/2q7SVRY](http://bit.ly/2q7SVRY) or send Allison an email at [abenfield@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:abenfield@sjcharlotte.org).  
**VBS can't happen without you!**

The Opera "*I Dream*" will be performed at the Knight Theatre from May 18-25. Because St. John's participated in the Singing Sunday programs, our congregation has been extended a code for 20% off when ordering tickets online.

Use the code **COMMUNITY** when you go to the ticketing website: <https://www.carolinatix.org/events/detail/opera-carolina-i-dream>



Also, this Sunday we will be hosting another soloist from the opera, Kenneth Overton, in worship.



### Welcome New Member

Katherine Mae Rodden joined the church on Sunday, May 13, by profession of faith. She is the daughter of Greg and Shannon Rodden.

## Guest Reception

Guests of St. John's are invited to drop in for an informal Meet-and-Greet Reception this Sunday, May 20, from 9:15 to 10:15 am in the Parlor. This a no-pressure way for you to meet Dr. Dennis Foust and some church members, while learning more about St. John's. Light breakfast foods, as well as hot and cold beverages, will be served. Anyone wanting to know more about becoming a St. John's member is welcome to attend.

### ST. JOHN'S WI-FI NOW AVAILABLE CHURCH-WIDE

The Technology Resource Team is excited to announce that Wi-Fi connectivity is now available at St. John's! Members and guests to our facilities can now connect smart phones, tablets and laptops to the Internet wirelessly throughout the building, including in Sunday School classrooms and in other meeting spaces like Broach Hall and the church lounge.



To connect to the St. John's wireless network, you can choose from three options:

- "SJBC Guest" is an open guest connection available for the general public. This connection is not password protected.
- "SJBC Member" is a connection available to members and families in our church community. It is protected by a password, which has been communicated via a church wide e-mail. This password may be updated periodically.
- "SJBC Wifi" is a password-protected, closed connection for church staff only.

Once you've made your connection, you will be required to click through a disclaimer page and, if necessary, enter the appropriate password. The new Wi-Fi system was made available through the first distribution from the St. John's Baptist Church Endowment Fund.



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**Ministers**

*Every participant in God's Servant Church*

**Equipping Ministers**

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Office hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Fri.: 8:30 am-12:00 noon

**Prayer Concerns & Celebrations**

Joe Ehrenberger - Asbury; Nancy Burgess, Camille Green, Genice Harper, Polly Hull, Dale Johnson, Laura McGuire, Brad Sifford and Carole Ann Simpson - home; Johnnie Morcock and Mattie Stillerman - upcoming surgery

**Sympathy**

to Ken and Melissa Millette on the death of Ken's father, Samuel M. Millette. His service will be on Thursday, May 17, at 1:30 pm at St. Vincent de Paul (6828 Old Reid Road) with a reception following at the Cypress retirement community.

**Sunday, May 20**

**Deacons:** Gail Sifford, Ellen Smith, Henry Snyder, Laura Sorrell, Kathy Spence, Todd Stillerman, Anne Sutton, Elizabeth Whipple, Lindsay Wilson, Alice Wirz

**Tellers:** Marvin Carter, Paul Lloyd

**Greeters:** Main-Ed Turner, Chuck Jones; 5th St.- Vanessa Boling, Betty Thomopson; Broach Hall-Ed Outen; Elevator- Marvin Carter

**Ushers:** Arnold Philemon, Marvin Carter, Bobbie Hahn, Bobbie & Don Hinson, Susan King

**Financial Ministry Plan Report:**

Week of May 7-13: \$26,436  
 Income through May 13: \$314,635  
 Annual 2018 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,135,000

**Ministers on Call:**

May 14-27: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412 & Dennis Foust 704-359-7234



⇒ In 1957, an apartment building on Hawthorne Lane, is purchased for \$80,000. It is used for children's Sunday School.

Men's Softball season will begin in early June. All games are played on weeknights at Providence Baptist Church. Please let Lee Gray know if you are interested in playing. We are looking for a few new players as several of our regulars have moved out of town.



Jacquelyn will be out of the office from May 23 to June 4 on vacation. If you would be willing to help out in the church office for a few hours during this time (still need help on May 29, 30 & June 4), please contact her at 704-333-5428 ext.

11 or [jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org). No office skills necessary!

The **Charlotte Bronze Handbell Ensemble** is excited to announce three Spring Concerts, Eclectic Bronze – Danza! You'll be amazed and entertained with a variety of music from the dance! There is \*no\* charge for admission – a free-will offering will be taken.

- **Sat., May 19, 7pm** - McGill Baptist Church, Concord
- **Sun., May 20, 7pm** - St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Mooresville
- **Mon., May 21, 7pm** - First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte

**Calendar: May 20 - 26**

Sunday, May 20

8:00.....Church Council (Conference Room)  
 9:00..... Guest Reception (Parlor)  
 9:15..... Sunday School (Classrooms)  
 10:30..... Worship (Sanctuary)  
 11:30..... Church Conference/luncheon (Broach Hall)  
 1:00..... South Sudanese worship (Chapel)  
 3:00..... CROP (Lasater Hall)

Monday, May 21

6:00..... Joy Class (Lounge)  
 6:30..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)  
 8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, May 22

7:00..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)  
 10:00..... Staff meeting (Conference Room)  
 10:00..... HeadStart closing program (Broach Hall)  
 11:00..... Bible Workbench (Room 209)  
 12:00..... Terrific Tuesday Book Club & lunch (Library/Lounge)  
 4:15..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)  
 5:15..... SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, May 23

6:30..... Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 9:30..... Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)  
 9:30..... Yoga (Room 114)  
 5:50..... Open Table (Broach Hall)  
 6:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)  
 6:30..... Charlotte Nets AAU (Gym)  
 7:15..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 24

6:30..... Elizabeth Community Association (Broach Hall)

Friday, May 25

8:00..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, May 26

7:00..... Benton Basketball (Gym)  
 9:30..... Kids Basketball (Gym)

Complete calendar online:  
[www.StJohnsBaptistChurch.org](http://www.StJohnsBaptistChurch.org)