



Family News

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St. John's at Worship

Sunday, January 20

Second Sunday
after the Epiphany

Proclaimer

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon Title

Signs of Change

Scriptures

Isaiah 62:1-5 &

John 2:1-12

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All Deacons' Work Session: January 23

All deacon panels will meet on Wednesday, January 23 at 6pm for a work session. The Staffing Our Future Task Force will lead a structured discussion with our deacons on the goals related to staffing for this year and beyond. All deacons are highly encouraged to attend this spirited and meaningful discussion as we move further into a new calendar year at St. John's.



Youth Sunday & Souper Bowl of Caring

February 3, 2019 at 10:30am
in the Sanctuary

Youth Sunday is February 3, 2019 during morning worship. The youth will lead all aspects of worship. We hope you all plan to join us! A special offering will be collected on this Sunday for the Souper Bowl of Caring to support Loaves and Fishes & Friendship Trays of Charlotte.

I LOVE SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Join us on Sunday, February 10 as we celebrate our Sunday school ministry. Sunday school is the way the church organizes to *be* the church and *do* church effectively as we learn from one another, build relationships, and care for one another throughout life's many turns.



How Do You Witness of Your Faith?

Our theme for 2018-2019 is drawn from the hymn, "There's a Spirit in the Air." We will use a phrase of this hymn for the weeks between now and Lent to guide our worship. The phrase, "Lose your shyness, find your tongue: Tell the world what God has done," immediately follows the first verse of the hymn:

*"There's a spirit in the air,
Telling Christians everywhere,
Praise the love that Christ revealed,
Living, working in our world."*

My messages will offer practical suggestions to help you fulfill one of the commitments included in our church covenant: "We will, with God's help, so live our lives that others. Seeing the joy of Christian living, may seek to know Jesus Christ our Lord."

Here are the worship themes, message focal points and scriptures that will be emphasized each day:

January 20

Theme: Tell of the God Who Transforms
Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5 and John 2:1-12
Message: 'Signs of Change'

January 27

Theme: Tell of the God Who Gives Vision
Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-14; 61:1-4 and Luke 4:14-21
Message: 'Losing Your Shyness, Finding Your Tongue'

February 3 Youth Sunday

February 10

Theme: Tell of the God Who Creates New Community
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 and Luke 4:21-30
Message: 'When Home is No Longer Home'

February 17

Theme: Tell of the God Whose Message is Radical
Scripture: Luke 6:12-26
Message: 'Discipleship = Blessed and In Trouble'

February 24

Theme: Tell of the God Who is Your Exemplar
Scripture: Luke 6:27-42
Message Preached by Dr. Amy Chilton

March 3

Theme: Tell of Who God is to You
Scripture: Luke 9:28-36
Message: 'Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time'

You are Joyful Witnesses, Ministers in Daily Life as Christ's Scattered Church. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday as Christ's Gathered Church.

**Shalom,
Dennis**

Youth News from Lee

Upcoming Dates and News...

- **January 21—MLK Project:** The youth Martin Luther King, Jr. project is at Hope Chapel. We will repair the fence, an indoor closet, and also clean the facility. Additionally, we will cook and serve several hundred hot dogs. **Youth participating need to be at the church by 9:45am and will return to the church by 1:00pm.**
- **January 25-27—Youth Ski Trip** to Winterplace
- **February 3—Youth Sunday** during morning worship
- **March 17—Youth Mission Auction** after worship – Put this on your calendar and plan to be here!



Youth Mission Auction

Come to Broach Hall after worship on Sunday, March 17 to raise funds for two years of youth mission trips. This is an important event for our youth and fun for the whole congregation so plan to attend! Lunch and reservation information coming soon. Want to donate for the auction? Contact Lia Benton (Liabenton@outlook.com)



**Brotherhood of the Biscuit
will meet again THIS Friday,
January 18 at 6:30AM
in the Lounge.**

From Allison

Formation and Worship for Children on Sunday, January 20

Nursery/2s: This class will be cared for in their room during the Formation and Worship Hours.

PreK/K: This class will be cared for in their room during the Formation and Worship Hours. They'll be learning about how Jesus wandered away from his family to spend time in the temple when he was 12. They'll also enjoy time for art and play.

Grades 1-3: Worship 101 is from 9:15-10:00. They'll be learning about the different seasons of the church year. Grace Notes is from 10-10:20. 1st-3rd Grade will join their families for worship.

Grades 4-5: Formation Class is from 9:15-10:00. They'll be learning about how Jesus was presented in the temple when he was very little, and they'll learn about Anna and Simeon who were so glad to finally meet the one who would change everything. Grace Notes is from 10:10:20. 4th-5th Grade will join their families for worship.

Parent Seminar on February 24

On Sunday, February 24, parents of children are invited to gather in the Chapel with Allison during the Sunday School hour to learn about and discuss ways that you can create intentional opportunities at home to deepen your child's (and family's) faith. Allison will share easy ways to build prayer, scripture, and service into your life as a family. There will be time to discuss what good resources are available to parents, what resources you would be interested in finding, and what things are already working for your family.

Room in the Inn: Urgent Needs

Room in the Inn needs the following slots filled for the next three weeks:

- **January 18:** 1 more for set up crew (4:00 pm-5:00 pm), 1 more overnight host (5:30pm-7:30 am)
- **January 25:** 2 for set up crew, 2 overnight hosts, 1 laundry assistant
- **February 1:** 2 for set up crew, 3 overnight hosts, 1 laundry assistant

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caaae2eaafb6-room9>

You may also contact Alice Wirz (ahwirz@carolina.rr.com) or Dale Johnson (dwj9578@usa.com) for more information.

Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

All are invited to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through music, art, and poetry on **Monday, January 21 at 7pm at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church**. This program is free and presented by Opera Carolina. The program is a fusion of the arts with readings from Dr. King's well-known speeches and writings. Several members of the St. John's choir will be singing in this program.

Panel Discussion: January 31

"Civil Discourse: Building a Bridge of Communication Between Differing Opinions"

Members and friends of the St. John's family are invited to a special program sponsored by Aldersgate Retirement Community on January 31 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The program, entitled "Civil Discourse: Building a Bridge of Communication Between Differing Opinions," will feature a panel discussion, with our own Dr. Dennis Foust, Rev. Joshua Bowron of St. Martin's Episcopal, and Rev. Harry Burns of Tranquil AME Church serving as panelists. For more information, contact Nina or Carl Philips at ninacarl@gmail.com or 704-596-3135. Location is the Aldersgate Fellowship Hall, Ray Hall Center.

Open Table

Wednesday, February 27
@ 5:50 in Broach Hall

Our next Open Table is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27. The theme is Mardi Gras! We will gather in Broach Hall at 5:50 and dismiss by 7:00 pm. Contact Mallory or sign up at this link today: <https://goo.gl/forms/zQ53ySW9ZZzLjwdm2>



MRT News

Refugee 101

If you would like to learn more about the refugee situation in Charlotte and the services offered by Refugee Support Services (RSS) you can register for a free "Refugee 101" session to be held on March 6, 9:30 a.m. at their office, 3601 Central Ave. We need to register early before the class fills up so call Mallory in the church office if you would like to go by February 15. If you need further information about this opportunity please contact Nina Phillips (ninacarl@gmail.com) or Beverly Hester

Heritage Sunday March 17, 2019

This year Heritage Sunday will be celebrated on March 17th. We will be celebrating the Youth Ministry at St. John's. This is also the date for the Youth Auction; so, it will truly be a celebration.

If you have friends, sons, daughters, grandchildren (or great-grandchildren), aunts, uncles, cousins etc. who have been part of the Youth Ministry at St. John's, please invite them to plan to be present on March 17th.

In addition, if you have pictures of Youth Activities, we would love to have your pictures and are happy to copy and return to you. We are particularly interested in Youth Sundays and Youth Auctions for past years. You may contact Fredda Kimball or Linda Crowder or leave them with Mallory in the Church Office. If you have memories of your participation in the Youth Ministry, it would be wonderful if you could send those to us or to Mallory by email (or leave with Mallory, if written). Thanks so much.

Fredda Kimball & Linda Crowder
Church Archivists

Paul's Journeys

This year, VBS is June 10-14 from 9am-noon each day. VBS is for children aged 4 by June 1-Rising 6th Graders. We'll be learning about Paul and the Early Church through stories, art, and fun. We are giving members of St. John's and St. Martin's a few weeks to sign up before we open registration to the community. Registration is a little different this year. Please note there are two ticket types this year. One is for 4 Year Olds-Rising 1st Graders (Young Artists). One is for Rising 2nd-6th Graders (Apprentices). Please choose the correct one when you register! **To register, [click here.](#)**

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm, Friday 8:30am-12:00 noon

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Larry Batts, Nancy Burgess, Nancy Fuller, Betty Hastings, Paul & Henrietta Huffman, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Jerry Stephens, Elma Thomas & Dee Turner- home

Sympathy

Sympathy to Marian Charles in the death of her brother, John;

Sympathy to Carolyn Hall and family in the death of her husband, McLain Hall on Thursday, January 10; the funeral service was held at 1PM at St. John's on Tuesday, January 15 in the Sanctuary with a reception following the service;

Sympathy to the family and friends of Jane May in her death on Saturday, January 12; the funeral service will be held Thursday, January 17 at 2PM in the Sanctuary with a receiving following the service in Lasater Hall

Sunday, January 20

Deacons: Jane Newman, Morgan Newman, Robby Ray, Shannon Rodden, Greg Rodden, Judy Sanford, Gail Sifford, Henry Snyder, Laura Sorrell, Kathy Spence

Greeters: Main-Carol & Tom Injaychock; 5th St./Narhex-Betty Thompson; Broach Hall-Ashley Hogewood; Elevator-Marvin Carter

Tellers: Marvin Carter & Jeff LeVie

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

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of Jan. 7-13: \$11,846
 Income through Jan. 13: \$30,154

Ministers on Call:

January 14-20: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234
 January 21-27: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287

SJ Basketball Game Schedule

Team	Date & Time	Location
6 & Under Co-Ed	January 19 @ 10AM (1/12-W)	St. John's
8 & Under Boys	January 19 @ 9:30AM (1/12-L)	Sharon Presby.
10 & Under Boys (Cardella)	January 19 @ 1PM (1/12-L)	St. John's
10 & Under Boys (Redding)	January 19 @ 2:45PM (1/12-L)	Friendship Missionary Baptist
12 & Under Boys	January 19 @ 3PM (1/12-W)	St. John's
12 & Under Girls	January 19 @ 2PM (1/12-L)	St. John's
14 & Under Boys	January 19 @ 1:30PM (1/12-L)	FBC Charlotte
15 & Under Girls	January 19 @ 12:45PM (1/12-W)	Hickory Grove
16 & Under Boys	January 19 @ 2:30PM (1/12-L)	FBC Charlotte
18 & Under Girls	January 19 @ 11:30AM (1/12-W)	FBC Charlotte

Terrific Tuesday Book Club
 January 22 @ 12PM in the Library

The Terrific Tuesday Book Club will meet to discuss the memoir, *Educated* by Tara Westover on Tuesday, January 22 at 12PM in the Library. All are welcome to join this discussion and bring a lunch to eat afterwards in the lounge.

Calendar for January 20-26

Sunday, January 20

9:15am..... Sunday School & Worship 101 (Classrooms)
 10:30am..... Worship (Sanctuary)
 1:00pm..... South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
 5:00pm..... Sunday Night Live (Gym/Lounge/3rd Floor)

Monday, January 21

All day..... Church offices closed for MLK Day
 8:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, January 22

7:00am..... Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
 10:00am..... Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
 11:00am..... Bible Workbench (Room 209)
 12:00pm..... Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library & Lounge)
 5:15pm..... SJBC Men's Basketball Group (Gym)
 6:15pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 7:30pm..... Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)

Wednesday, January 23

6:30am..... Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
 9:30am..... Yoga Class (Room 114)
 5:15pm..... Staffing Our Future Task Force (Broach Hall)
 6:00pm..... Handbells (Handbell Room)
 6:00pm..... All Deacons' Work Session (Broach Hall)
 6:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)
 7:15pm..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 8:15pm..... Team United/AAU Basketball Team (Gym)

Thursday, January 24

9:30am..... HeadStart (Broach Hall)
 5:00pm..... Architectural Task Force (Lounge)
 7:30pm..... CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, January 25

8:00am..... NewGen Peacebuilders (Broach Hall)
 5:00pm..... Room in the Inn (Lounge/Gym)
 8:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, January 26

7:00am..... Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
 9:00am..... NewGen Peacebuilders (Broach Hall)

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org



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