



# 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, February 24**

After Epiphany

**Worship Theme:**

Tell of the God Who Is  
Your Exemplar

**Proclaimer**

Rev. Dr. Amy Chilton

**Message**

*Forgiveness: A Most  
Impossible Calling*

**Scriptures**

Luke 6:27-42

## Open Table

Wednesday, February 27 @ 5:50 in Broach Hall

Our first Open Table of 2019 is on Wednesday, February 27 in Broach Hall. The menu is as follows: baked pasta (meat or vegetarian), garlic bread, salad, and dessert. We hope all will attend! Dinner is served from 5:50-6:30pm and all will end at 7:00pm. Meal costs are \$6/child and \$10/adult with a maximum cost of \$30/family. Contact Mallory at [mbrown@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:mbrown@sjcharlotte.org) or sign up at this link today: <https://goo.gl/forms/zQ53ySW9ZZzLjwdm2> Please sign up by Friday, February 22 at 12pm.



## Youth Mission Auction 2019

Sunday, March 17 after Worship

Come to Broach Hall after worship on Sunday, March 17 to raise funds for two years of youth mission trips—that's four trips! This is an important event for our youth and fun for the whole congregation...so plan to attend! Want to help us prepare to meet our \$30,000 goal? Consider one of the following:

- **Buy a lunch ticket beginning THIS Sunday**
- **Donate unwanted baskets that we can fill with fabulous items for the Silent Auction**
- **Think about what you can make for the Bake Sale—we love our SJBC bakers!!**
- **Donate an item for the auction**
- **Most importantly: plan to attend—it will be a time of wonderful fellowship for the entire church family.**

Baskets can be dropped off at the church office any time until 2/28. To make a donation contact Leslie Bragg ([lmbragg3@gmail.com](mailto:lmbragg3@gmail.com)) or Lia Benton ([liabenton@outlook.com](mailto:liabenton@outlook.com)) or use the attached [donation form](#) and place in the offering plate.

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## Guest Proclaimer on Sunday, February 24

Rev. Dr. Amy Chilton

Rev. Dr. Amy Chilton is Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion at Wingate University and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. She is ordained and most recently served as Associate Minister in the American Baptist Churches, USA. Having moved this summer from Pasadena, CA (and before that Seattle and Portland), she is a West Coaster getting to know a new region. She spends all her "free" time with her (nearly teenaged) daughter, Vija, and when they can they escape to the great outdoors.



## Sanctuary Worship Guild from Kevin

At St. John's we are blessed to have such a beautiful space for worship. Week after week our sanctuary lends itself to a worshipful mood that helps us transcend the noise and minutia of everyday life. You may notice that throughout the church year the banners, works of art, and even the decorations on the communion table change to reflect the seasons of the church year. I would like to organize a sanctuary guild that helps and takes ownership in the preparation and decorating of the sanctuary. If you are affected in a deep and personal way by the Christian symbols that are present in our sanctuary, I invite you to be part of this team. You do not have to come with experience in such matters, just an open heart and a willingness to serve.

Please email and let me know that you would like to be part of the first meeting.

J. Kevin Gray  
[kgray@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:kgray@sjcharlotte.org)

## News for Youth and Their Families from Lee

### February 24

- Youth Sunday Night Live will be on the regular 5:00 – 7:30 pm Sunday Evening Schedule

### Sunday, March 3

- Hornets Basketball Game** vs. Portland Trailblazers at 1:00 pm after worship for St. John's Basketball Teams and all youth.

### Sunday, March 17

- Youth Mission Auction** in Broach Hall after worship; all youth should plan to attend as we will be raising money for 4 youth mission trips

### June 15-22

- High School Mission Trip** to Puerto Rico
- Many more details will come on this in the weeks to come.

### July 22-27

- Unidiversity** Summer Camp in Knoxville, TN
- Sign-ups begin very soon. We hope all will consider attending this week of growth, learning, and community building.

## News for Children and Their Families from Allison

### Sunday, February 24

#### Formation and Worship for Children

- 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 calmed a storm out on the lake. They'll also enjoy time for art and play.
- Grades 1-3:** Formation Class is from 9:15-10:00. They'll be learning about how Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray. Grace Notes is from 10-10:20. 1st-3rd Graders will join their families for worship.
- Grades 4-5:** Formation Class is from 9:15-10:00. They'll be learning about how Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray. Grace Notes is from 10-10:20. 4th-5th Graders will join their families for worship.

#### Parent Seminar in the Library @ 9:15am

- This Sunday, February 24, all parents of children are invited to gather in the Library 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.

**MANS' JAM**  
Saturday, February 23, 2019  
7:30 PM

SINCE 1967  
*Band of Oz*

**FLIGHT**  
BEER AND MUSIC HALL

Proceeds to benefit  
**National Brain Tumor Society**

314 N. College Street  
Charlotte, NC

Tickets are \$20.00  
VIP Tables \$300.00

ticket link <https://tbbevents.brainlum.org/event/2019-mans-jam/215869>  
or tickets can be purchased at the door

## Lenten Season at St. John's

- All season, devotional booklets are available in the office and online called *Face to Face with Ourselves: The Cup of Authenticity*, written by Dennis
- Ash Wednesday Experience in Broach Hall from 9AM-11:45AM and 1PM-7PM on Wednesday, March 6; self-led, reflective stations you can do on your own time and at your own pace; This was designed and planned with all ages in mind!
- Elizabeth Communities of Faith Services each Wednesday in Lent at Caldwell Presbyterian Church at 12PM starting Wednesday, March 6 and continuing through Wednesday, April 17
- Palm Sunday Service of Worship on Sunday, April 14
- Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 18 in the evening (exact time coming soon)
- Easter Sunday on April 21

## Heritage Sunday 2019 Celebrating Youth Ministries at St. John's

This year Heritage Sunday is celebrated on March 17th. Invite anyone who has been a part of the youth ministry of St. John's to join us for worship this day. As we plan for this day, we have some specific requests. If you have youth directories and pictures from the following years, we would love it if you would share them with Fredda Kimball or Linda Crowder:

- **before 1959**
- **1980-1995**
- **2005**
- **2006**
- **2008**
- **2009**

We appreciate your help and look forward to seeing anything you have to share for Heritage Sunday!

## State and Community Missions Offering

Our offering for State and Community Missions will continue until the end of March, with your gifts this year going to support Habitat for Humanity and Urban Ministries. Through Urban Ministries volunteers from St. John's make 200 sandwiches each month and staff a weekly Room in the Inn ministry during the winter months. On March 10 we will hear from Katie Church of Urban Ministries about these and other services provided by that agency for the homeless in our community.



### Elizabeth 8K Road Race

Saturday, March 23, 2019

@ Independence Park

Once again, St. John's is a sponsor for Charlotte's oldest road race. As a sponsor, we can offer 10 free registrations and a 10% discount to all who choose to participate. If you would like to run in the race and need a free code or 10% off code, email or call Mallory for this. If you want to volunteer, sign up through this link: <https://elizabeth8k.racesonline.com/volunteers>

## Loaves & Fishes Food Drive: Week 4

Last chance! The food drive is ending this week. Have you thoughtfully shopped? Donated money? Don't forget to say prayers for the pantry volunteers and their clients and for yourselves as you donate food that will make such a difference in all the lives involved.

## Right Moves for Youth Wins

The big winner of the NBA Allstar game in Charlotte this past Sunday night was actually Right Moves for Youth, an organization founded in the late 1980's by Dave Scheppegegrell, who was at the time a school resource officer, and St. John'sian Frank Bragg, who had founded and was board chair of a juvenile restitution program called Kids Repay. Both men saw first hand the need for a preventive program to encourage youth to attend school regularly, strengthen social skills, and get ready for college and the workforce. The NBA win by Team LeBron means that Right Moves for Youth receives \$350,000 to further their goal of helping students excel academically, socially and emotionally. The program partners with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, the Police Department, YMCA, the Sheriff's Department, the Charlotte Housing Authority, and the community at large. Professionally trained staff, complemented by volunteers, work with underserved students, using a group counseling model on topics such as personal development, health and wellness, college and career exploration, decision making, relationships and finances. Currently RMFY has programs in 27 Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, serving 1600 students. Phillips Bragg serves on the Board of Directors and is St. John's liaison to this ministry. As part of the St. John's budget for 2019, the St. John's Mission Resource Team has allocated \$2500.00 of the \$70,000 mission budget for the year. We are grateful to Frank Bragg for the founding of this work and for the ongoing work of Phillips Bragg as a board director and for his serving as St. John's liaison to this vital ministry to youth in our community.

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Every participant in God's Servant Church

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

**SJ Basketball Game Schedule**

Team	Date & Time	Location
6 & Under Co-Ed	Season Complete	n/a
8 & Under Boys	Season Complete	n/a
10 & Under Boys (Cardella)	February 24 @ 11:30AM	Sardis Presby.
10 & Under Boys (Redding)	February 24 @ 10:30AM	Mt. Harmony
12 & Under Boys	February 24 @ 10AM	St. John's
12 & Under Girls	Season Complete	n/a
14 & Under Boys	Season Complete	n/a
15 & Under Girls	February 24 @ 12:30PM	Trinity Episcopal
16 & Under Boys	February 24 @ 9:30AM	Friendship Missionary Baptist
18 & Under Girls	Season Complete	n/a

**Sign Up for Room in the Inn**

If you can help with Room in the Inn, please go to this link and do just that:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4c9aae2eaaf6-room9>

**Prayer Concerns & Celebrations**

Larry Batts, Al Bridges Betty Hastings, Paul & Henrietta Huffman, Parker Jackson, Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Elma Thomas, Dee Turner, & Jeck Warren-home

**Sunday, February 24**

**Deacons:** Charlie Harper, Christa Lynch, Todd Stillerman, Anne Sutton, Cindy McIntyre/Melissa Millette, Keith Towery, Kathy Turner, Elizabeth Whipple, Nancy Wilson, Alice Wirz  
**Greeters:** Main-Ed Turner, Bobby Furr; 5th St./Narthex-Vanessa Boling; Broach Hall-Gail Sifford 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 February 11-17: \$26,270  
 Income through February 17: \$141,762  
 Annual 2019 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,140,000

**Ministers on Call:**

February 18-24: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287  
 February 25-March 3: Lee Gray 704-451-1309  
 March 4-10: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234

**Book Club Announcement**

Next Tuesday, February 26, Katherine Stillerman is coming as a guest author to the Terrific Tuesday Book Club. She has authored four books and is excited to come and share her insights on her writing life. Come to the Library at noon and bring a sandwich and stay after for lunch and conversation with her, as well.

Let us know that you are planning to come by calling or emailing Mallory. We want to make sure we have enough room for all!

**Calendar for February 24-March 2**

Sunday, February 24

9:15am.....Sunday School (Classrooms)  
 9:15am.....Parent Seminar (Library)  
 10:30am.....Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)  
 10:30am.....Worship (Sanctuary)  
 10:30am.....Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)  
 5:00pm.....Youth Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, 3rd Floor, Chapel)

Monday, February 25

11:30am.....Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)  
 12:30pm.....Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)  
 5:30pm.....Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)  
 8:00pm.....AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, February 26

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, February 27

6:30am.....Benton Basketball Group (Gym)  
 9:30am.....Yoga Class (Room 114)  
 10:00am.....Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)  
 1:00pm.....Learning Charms (Room 116)  
 5:45pm.....Open Table (Broach Hall)  
 6:00pm.....AA (Lasater Hall)  
 7:00pm.....Handbells (Handbell Room)  
 7:15pm.....Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 8:15pm.....Team United/AAU Basketball Team (Gym)

Thursday, February 28

7:30pm.....CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, March 1

10:30am.....Metrolina Association for the Blind Yoga (Room 114)  
 5:00pm.....Room in the Inn (Lounge/Gym)  
 8:00pm.....AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, March 2

7:00am.....Benton Basketball Group (Gym)

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