



Family News

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St. John's at Worship

Sunday, March 17

Second Sunday in Lent & Heritage Sunday

Worship Theme:

My Life Flows in Endless Song

Proclaimer

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Scriptures

Luke 2:52

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Celebrating Youth Ministry

Join us this Sunday, March 17 for **Heritage Sunday** as we incorporate a celebration of the history of youth ministries at St. John's into our regular worship service. Valerie Hardy will join us to share memories of her time as youth minister at St. John's in the 1980s. Additionally, the Heritage Team has compiled a booklet devoted to the past 97 years of youth ministry at St. John's, including many past youth group members' personal stories and memories.

After Heritage Sunday, the **Youth Mission Auction** will take place in Broach Hall. Anyone is welcome to come to the auction whether or not you made lunch reservations. Attached to this email is a list of the exciting items available in the live and silent auctions on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you Sunday!



CBFNC Annual Gathering March 28 & 29 at FBC Greensboro

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina will hold their Annual Gathering on March 28 & 29 at FBC Greensboro. They invite us to join them for two days of fellowship, learning and growth. **Click here to register:** [Register Here](https://www.cbfncag.com/)

For more information, visit this site: <https://www.cbfncag.com/>

State & Community Missions Offering Update

We have only **two weeks left** before the closing of our annual Community and State Offering. This year the receipts of the offering will go to Habitat for Humanity and Urban Ministry Center. For many years we have supported both of these ministries in their work with the homeless and hungry. Our special offering will provide valuable financial assistance for their work.

2019 Goal: \$5,000.00
Received to Date: \$1,186.00

"...for I was hungry and you fed me ...I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25:35

News from the Ministers of St. John's

WERE YOU ALSO ONCE A YOUTH - OR STILL?

Occasionally, I meet an adult who, despite their best effort, is still trying to make peace with an experience from their youth years. Often, these incidents cycle back around in their memory unexpectedly, like a fresh cut on an old scar. For these adults, most of life is going well; but there is a desire to make right or understand something from their adolescent journey so they can rid themselves of a dissonance thereby adding more harmony to their living.

When you reflect on your youth years, you most likely have both positive and painful memories. Hopefully, the positive outweighs the painful.

Almost twenty years ago, a woman in her seventies, from a wealthy Atlanta family, made an appointment to tell me she had been raped by an uncle when she was fifteen. Her uncle had died and she felt free to tell someone her burden hoping to lighten her load.

In 1988, while participating in a medical mission trip to Mexico with members of the church I served in San Antonio, a member of our church became very angry. It took three of us to calm him down. As it turned out, a dentist told him the water had not been heated enough over the fire. In reality, his anger wasn't about the dentist. The anger was being expressed toward his father who had spoken these same words to him on a family camping

trip twenty-seven years earlier just prior to beating him. He was angry at a memory. We also tried to settle down an upset dentist extracting teeth in a small Mexican village. Some people walk with mud from their youth years encrusted on their adult shoes.

This Sunday, we celebrate 97 years of ministry on Hawthorne at Fifth. For each of these years, we have ministered to youth. We have anticipated their needs, discerned their hopes, listened to their visions, offered them values, taught them scriptural stories and passages and guided theological conversations. We

have wondered what is going on, baptized them to confirm their volitional commitments, affirmed their conversations and decisions, encouraged their growth in discipleship, captured moments of spiritual epiphany, expressed patience, sobbed with them and laughed uncontrollably alongside them. We have built houses and served the poor with them and blessed them when they finish high school to begin building their lives beyond their youth years. We have also been blessed by them. We have offered them the embrace of the God of peace so they can have more melody than dissonance in their lives. Were you also once a youth – or still?

**Shalom,
Dennis**



News for Youth and Their Families from Lee

Sunday, March 17

•Youth Mission Auction

- Set up on Saturday, March 16 from 9am-12 Noon
- We need youth here to help out for set up on Saturday, March 16th 9 am – 12 noon in Broach Hall, and of course for the Auction on Sunday, March 17th from 11:30am – 2:30pm.

Sunday, April 28

•Youth Banquet

- The theme is **"HOLLYWOOD."** Be thinking about a movie character or a famous actor/actress you'd like to dress up as. This is also our last Sunday evening of the spring.

Sunday, June 2

•Senior Recognition Sunday

- Our graduating seniors will be honored in the 10:30 am worship service.

June 10-14

- Vacation Bible School *"The Journeys of Paul"*
- The [link to VBS Youth Helpers is now open](#). The application will be open until May 6.
- Here's the link:
•<https://goo.gl/forms/fEVzwhgj2HydEoy23>

News for Children and Their Families from Allison

Sunday, March 17

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 entered Jerusalem for the last time. They'll also enjoy time for art and play. Please note that during March and April, this class will be working on a special Easter art project. They will need time each week to work on it; so your regular attendance is appreciated.
- Grades 1-5:** Formation Class is from 9:15-10:20. They'll be learning about prayer and why prayer is part of our worship. 1st-5th Graders will join their families for worship.

Paul's Journeys: VBS 2019

June 10-14, 2019; 9AM-12PM

Registration is open to all for VBS 2019 and is a little different this year. Please note there are two ticket types this year. One is for 4 Year Old's-Rising 1st Graders (Young Artists). One is for Rising 2nd-6th Graders (Apprentices). **To register, [click here](#).**

Worship with St. John's

Sing with the Choir for Easter

- When:** Easter Sunday April 21
- Rehearsal Times:** Wednesday, April 17 at 7:15pm & Sunday, April 21 before worship
- Contact:** J. Kevin Gray | kgray@sjcharlotte.org | 803-524-0287

Lenten Worship Theme:

May the Spirit Fill Our Praise, Guide Our Thoughts, & Change Our Ways

- Palm Sunday:** April 14
- Maundy Thursday Service:** April 18
- Easter Sunday:** April 21

Elizabeth Communities of Faith Services

Each Wednesday in Lent, the Elizabeth Communities of Faith will meet at Caldwell Presbyterian at 12PM. The theme is "Meals with a MESSage," focused on Luke's meal stories. Lunch is included each time with a suggested donation of \$5. The dates for each service are as follows:

- Wednesday, March 20** (St. John's leads service)
- Wednesday, March 27**
- Wednesday, April 3**
- Wednesday, April 10**

Serve with St. John's

Easter Outfit Collection

Through March 31 @ Main Entrance

St. John's is collecting new or gently used children's outfits *with* socks and underwear for A Child's Place. The collection point for outfits is the main entrance by the gym. Please have all outfits in by Sunday, March 31.

Room in the Inn: Urgent Needs

- March 15:** 1 more overnight host
- March 22:** 1 more overnight host

To sign-up, please call Dale Johnson at 704-364-2575 or access the Signup Genius signup list located at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caaae2eaafb6-room9>

Grow with St. John's

One Voice Chorus & Charlotte Pride Band Concert on April 12 and 13 at First UMC

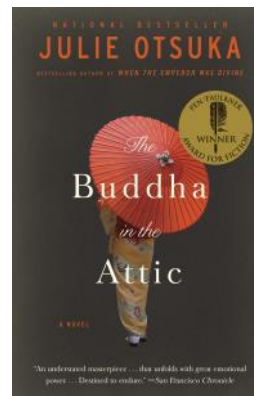
One Voice Chorus (OVC) and Charlotte Pride Band (CPB) are proud to announce a joint concert, "Love: Nothing Stronger." The concert will be presented on Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13 at 7:30 pm in First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Tryon Street in Charlotte.

This is the first collaboration between the full groups which believe that such partnerships lead to deeper and more powerful connections within our larger community. OVC is an SATB chorus comprised of approximately 70 singers begun in 1990. CPB has approximately 45 musicians and was founded in 2010. Both groups are proud to include both LGBTI members and straight allies.

Each group will perform several selections. In addition, the program will also feature both groups performing together. Tickets are available for \$15 at the door and online at: <https://onevoicechorus.com/events/>.

Opera Guild of Charlotte Vocal Competition

All are invited to attend the Young Artists Vocal Competition of the Opera Guild of Charlotte at St. John's on Saturday, March 23 from 11AM-4PM. Many vocalists will be auditioning and would love your support.



Terrific Tuesday Book Club March 26 @ 12PM

Start reading for March's meeting of the Terrific Tuesday Book Club. This month, we will discuss *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka. We meet at 12PM in the Library and share lunch together in the Lounge after our discussion.

March 27 Open Table

Join us for dinner in Broach Hall on Wednesday, March 27 from 5:50-7:00pm. Dinner costs are \$5/child under 12 and \$10/adult with a maximum of \$30/family. Click the link below to sign up or call Mallory in the office! <https://goo.gl/forms/GvE1sXl1VNhFZPuk1>

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

Prayer Concerns

Betty Hastings, Paul & Henrietta Huffman, Gene Poole, Peggy Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Elma Thomas, Dee Turner, & Jeck Warren-home; Parker Jackson, military

Sympathy

Sympathy to Chris Mullis in the death of his aunt on Wednesday, March 13.

Sympathy to the family of Harriet Lasater who died last Thursday, March 7. Her memorial service will be held at St. John's after Easter. We will share more details as they come to us.

Sunday, March 17

Deacons: Morgan Newman, Robby Ray, Shannon Rodden, Greg Rodden, Judy Sanford, Gail Sifford, Henry Snyder, Laura Sorrell, Kathy Spence, Todd Stillerman
Greeters: Main-Ed Turner, Mark McNeill; 5th St./Narhex-Susan King; Broach Hall-Ashley Hogewood; Elevator-Marvin Carter
Tellers: Tim Gibson & Morgan Newman
Ushers: Arnold Philemon, Marvin Carter, Bobbie Hahn, Bobbie & Don Hinson, Susan King

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of March 4 – March 10: \$17,022
 Income through March 10: \$195,809
 Annual 2019 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,140,000

Ministers on Call:

March 11-17: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412
 March 18-24: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287
 March 25-31: Lee Gray 704-451-1309

Staffing Discussion Sessions

- **Monday, March 18 at 5pm**
- **Thursday, March 21 at 10:30am**
- **Sunday, March 24 at 9:15am**

Church members are invited to join members of the task force in the conference room for discussions about our staffing goals. There will be no formal presentation – this is just an opportunity for questions, suggestions and open discussion.

Save the Date!



Brotherhood of the Biscuit will meet again Friday, March 15 at 6:30AM in the Lounge. All are welcome.



Maundy Thursday Worship

- April 18, 2019 @ 7:30pm
- Sanctuary

Women of the Church Retreat 2019

Save the date for the Women of the Church Retreat at the Blowing Rock Conference Center from November 1-3, 2019. Our own Janet L. Jones, M.Ed., LPC is our presenter and will use the Book of Esther as the retreat guide. The theme for the retreat is: *Queen Esther and the Journey to the Authentic Self.* We hope all women will consider joining in for this time of reflection and renewal.



Calendar for March 17-23, 2019

Sunday, March 17	
9:15am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
9:15am	Worship 101 (Classrooms)
10:30am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
10:30am	Worship/Heritage Sunday (Sanctuary)
11:30am	Youth Mission Auction (Broach Hall)
2:00pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
Monday, March 18	
8:00am	Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)
11:30am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
12:30pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
5:00pm	Staffing Discussion Session (Conference Room)
5:30pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
6:00pm	Deacons' Meeting with Architects (Broach Hall)
8:00pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, March 19	
7:00am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
9:30am	HeadStart (Broach Hall)
10:00am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
11:00am	Bible Workbench (Room 209)
2:00pm	Safety & Security Task Force (Lounge)
5:00pm	From Project (Lounge)
5:15pm	SJBC Men's Basketball Group (Gym)
6:15pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
7:00pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Wednesday, March 20	
9:30am	Yoga Class (Room 114)
10:00am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
12:00pm	Elizabeth Communities of Faith Lenten Service (Caldwell Presbyterian)
6:00pm	Membership Resource Team (Conference Room)
6:00pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
6:00pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30pm	Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)
Thursday, March 21	
10:30am	Staffing Discussion Session (Conference Room)
12:00pm	Novant Managers' Meeting (Broach Hall)
7:30pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, March 22	
5:00pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge/Gym)
8:00pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, March 23	
7:00am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
9:00am	Charlotte Family Housing Workshop (Room 305/Youth Lounge)
11:00am	Opera Guild of Charlotte Auditions (Sanctuary/2nd Floor Rooms)

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org