



Family News

A Servant Community: Actively Faithful, Faithfully Active
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**St. John's
Worship
this Week on
Sunday,
August 4**

Proclaimer
Rev. Dr. Daynette
Snead
Scripture
Esther 4:12-17

What's Happening at St. John's?

Welcoming the Rev. Dr. Daynette Snead

Guest Proclaimer this Sunday, August 4

Rev. Daynette Snead, is an Ordained Minister and a Licensed Christian Diversity/Inclusion Coach. She holds a Master of Divinity in Practical Theology and currently serves as the Associate Pastor, First Chin Baptist Church New Bern, a Burmese refugee community. Daynette coaches leadership and congregations seeking to breakthrough cultural barriers for Christ. Currently attending Gardner-Webb University, she is a 2019 Doctor of Ministry cohort. (Source: <http://www.diaspra.com/about>)



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God Loves Everyone!

Charlotte Pride Festival on August 17-18 in Uptown

The 2019 Charlotte Pride Festival is Saturday-Sunday, August 17-18, and the 2019 Bank of America Charlotte Pride Parade starts at 1pm on Sunday, August 18. If you would like to volunteer to help staff our booth at the festival on Saturday, August 17 and/or Sunday, August 18, e-mail Todd Stillerman at stillerman@gmail.com or text Mattie Stillerman at 704-362-6743. This year's official St. John's Pride t-shirt is available for \$10. We hope everyone will consider marching with us in the parade!

Have You Contributed to Global Missions?

2019 Goal: \$16,000
Contributions to Date: \$11,514

From now through August 31 we are focusing on our 2019 Global Mission Offering. So far, we have received well over half of our goal for this season! This year, \$1000 is going to aid those impacted by the Sierra Leone fire in West Africa and \$15,000 is going to the Nyarweng School in South Sudan. Please consider giving today! This offering will be collected through August 31. The pictures included this week are of the teachers and staff at the Nywarweng School (top right) and the students (bottom right).



Messages from St. John's Staff and Friends

Serve as a Host for Baptist Peace Fellowship Board Members

Friends and Partners in Peacemaking:

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America ~ Bautistas por la Paz is seeking your assistance. Our Fall board meeting will be held this September in Charlotte, and as we are "of North America," board members will be coming in from across the United States as well as Mexico and Canada. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to host an out-of-town board member (or two) from Wednesday, September 25 – Saturday, September 28. There are nine people who need housing in total.



Please contact Allison Paksoy at allison@bpfna.org or 704-301-9447 if interested or for more information. Thank you in advance for your hospitality and for supporting our mission of peace rooted in justice.

Peace and Blessings,

Allison Paksoy
Communications and Operations Manager, BPFNA

Charlotte Readers Podcast Episode with Martha Kearsse

Coming on August 6

On August 6th, Martha Kearsse will appear on Charlotte Readers Podcast with Landis Wade an episode co-host, Sara Vavra, where the three will discuss Martha's book, *The Sun is Up*, a book that acknowledges white privilege and explores hospitality theology against the backdrop of Charlotte's racial history. Greg Jarrell, from QC Family Tree and author of *Riff of Love*, says that "...in a church culture that loves its willful blindness, this memoir comes from a powerful white lady who has seen the light, and now has an important song to sing."



The show starts with Martha reading about the work that needs to be done, where she identifies what she calls "...the very ugly, very large elephant in the room." For those new to podcasting, you can listen at the website: charlottereaderspodcast.com. For those who love podcasting already, you can listen on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher, iHeart Radio, or wherever you like to get your podcasts.

News for Youth and Their Families

from Lee Gray

August 10-13

•Middle School Local Mission Trip

Below are pictures from at Unidiversity 2019 in Maryville, TN. We had a great week!



Check Facebook for more pictures from the week at Unidiversity.

News for Children and Their Families

from Allison Benfield

Promotion Sunday

August 25 is Promotion Sunday! We'll gather in Broach Hall at 9:00am for some light breakfast treats, we'll say goodbye to the 6th Graders and present them with their Bibles and send them to youth group, children will promote into their new classes for the year, and we'll have a parent meeting to talk about the upcoming year. In worship, as is tradition at St. John's, the 2nd Graders will receive their Bibles. Please plan on being here for this important Sunday so we can begin our year the right way!

Summer Sunday School

Nursery and PreK/K Classes: We will resume our normal schedule of Sunday School and Worship Care this Sunday.
Grades 1-5: These classes will combine for the summer and we'll have class all through August.



Pictures from Camp St. John's



Worship with St. John's

Summer Formation at St. John's @ 9:15 in Broach Hall

August 4: Poverty and Building a Sustainable Charlotte

Charlotte is the 3rd fastest growing population in the United States with a booming hospitality industry, growing skyline, and exploding population. However, the chances for folks living in poverty to rise out of poverty are decreasing. Leaders from Charlotte Family Housing, Foundation for the Carolinas and others will be with us these Sundays as we learn and choose which actions to take as we strengthen as God's actively faithful people.

Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service

Sunday, August 11, 2019 @ Caldwell Presbyterian

You are invited to attend the Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service on Sunday, August 11 from 4PM-6PM at Caldwell Presbyterian Church on E. 5th Street. We encourage you to park at St. John's and walk to Caldwell due to limited parking. There will be a reception afterwards with light hors d'oeuvres. The theme for this services is: The Golden Anniversary of Stonewall-A Jubilee Celebration of Accomplishment. We hope to see you there!

Grow with St. John's

Terrific Tuesday Book Club

Join us on August 6 @ 12PM at the Harkey's house.

All interested readers, please come to Betty Harkey's home at 2044 Ferncliff Road, on Tuesday, August 6 at 12PM. Bring your favorite salad to share. At this meeting, we will make plans for the coming year regarding book choices and such. Bring a list of books you would like us to consider. If you have questions, email Betty at harkeybq@gmail.com or call her at 704-366-5901. Invite a friend to join us!

Women of the Church Retreat 2019

Queen Esther and the Journey to the Authentic Self

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. More details to come as the time draws closer.



Save the date for the
Annual Women of
the Church Luncheon
on Sunday,
September 15 in
Broach Hall!

Building Sabbath Weeks

July 29-August 16

Our annual "building sabbath" is scheduled for the weeks of July 29-August 2 (1st floor), August 5-9 (2nd floor), and August 12-16 (3rd floor & outside). This is a time when our custodians are hard at work performing extra cleaning and maintenance tasks. Weekday and evening meetings at the church may be cancelled, rescheduled, or moved so that needed maintenance can be completed. Some entrances may be closed for a few hours of more. Please contact Jacquelyn McAbee, Church Administrator, if you have custodial or maintenance needs during these weeks. Thank you for being flexible during this time!

Serve with St. John's

School Uniform Drive

Now Through August 25 @ Main Entrance

The first of August marks the beginning of our uniform donation drive for Highland Renaissance Academy. **These uniforms will be collected at the Main Entrance on a rack from now until August 25.**



Needs include:

- **Girls khaki or navy pants:** Sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18
- **Boys khaki or navy pants:** Sizes 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20
- **Short-sleeved polo shirts:** ALL Sizes - White and navy
- **Long-sleeved polo shirts:** ALL Sizes - White and navy

GREATEST NEED IS FOR SMALLER SIZES.

Training for Immigration

Court Observers

August 24 from 10AM-12:30PM at First UMC

On June 23rd, as part of our focus on welcoming the stranger, we heard about the Advocates for Immigrant Rights (AIR) Court Observer Project. This project trains interested individuals to serve as citizen observers in the Charlotte Immigration Court. Stories from these court observers, as well as feedback from immigration attorneys, are showing that the presence of these observers is fostering due process, fairness and consistency in the courtroom. The observer simply sits, observes and makes notes, and it makes a positive difference. Time involvement is one morning or afternoon per month (3-4 hours). A training for new volunteers will be on Saturday, August 24th from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM at First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Tryon St., Charlotte. If you have questions about the training, contact Beverly Hester @ beverlyrhester@earthlink.net, email questions to AIR.4.Charlotte@gmail.com or visit the AIR website at: www.AIR4Charlotte.org You can also sign up for the training on the website.

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Ministers

Every participant in God's Servant Church

Equipping Ministers

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

New Dean of School of Divinity at Wake Forest University

Jonathan L. Walton Named Dean of WFU School of Divinity

The Wake Forest University School of Divinity is one of the church's missions included in the St. John's MT25 arena of Education. St. John's sends an amount annually to support their work. The school started in the Fall of 1999 and has just appointed its 3rd Dean, Jonathan L. Walton. He studies the intersection of religion, politics, and media culture. His first book, "Watch This! The Ethics and Aesthetics of Black Televangelism," explores the theological and political traditions of African American religions broadcasts. Walton came to Wake Forest from Harvard Divinity School where he was assistant professor of African American religions. Wake Forest President, Nathan Hatch welcomes him saying, "He has become an important national voice on religious and social issues and his wisdom and vision will help prepare our divinity school students for meaningful lives in ministry."



Save the Date for the NAMI Walk

Saturday, October 26, 2019 @ Reedy Creek Park in Charlotte

If you are interested in joining this walk for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, please register at: www.namiwalks.org/charlotte.

Calendar for August 4-10

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

Sunday, August 4

8:00am Search Task Force (Lounge)
9:15am Sunday School (Broach Hall and Classrooms)
10:30am Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
2:00pm South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)

Monday, August 5

12:30pm Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
8:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, August 6

7:00am Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
10:00am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
1:00pm Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305 & Youth Lounge)
5:15pm SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
7:00pm Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, August 7

6:30am Benton Basketball (Gym)
9:30am Yoga (Room 114)
10:00am Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
6:00pm Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
6:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)
7:30pm Sherrill Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, August 8

10:00am Craft & Needles Ministry (Room 209)

Friday, August 9

8:00pm AA (Lasater Hall)

Saturday, August 10

All Week Middle School Mission Trip
7:00am Benton Basketball (Gym)
9:30am Charlotte Family Housing Family Empowerment
.....(Gym & Broach Hall)

Prayer Concerns & Sympathy

Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Carol Drye, Melissa Nash, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, & Jeck Warren-home; Parker Jackson, military; Construction workers working on the street outside of our building (they requested to be added to our list as pressure builds closer to their deadline)

Sunday, August 4

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 & Phil Vavra; 5th St./Narthex-Susan King; Broach Hall-Jimmy Carpenter; 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 July 22-29: \$19,814
Income through July 29: \$661,829
Annual 2019 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,140,000

Ministers on Call:

July 29-August 4: Lee Gray 704-451-1309
August 5-11: Allison Benfield 828-524-0287
August 12-18: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287



Do you have a parking sticker? If you do not, please get one from Mallory in the office today!