



Family News

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

Vol. 77, No. 43 – Week of October 28-November 3, 2019

What's Happening at St. John's?

St. John's
Worship
this Week on
All Saints
Sunday

Proclaimer

Rev. Dennis W.
Foust, PhD

Message

Servant Church:
We Will Be a
Missional Church

Scripture

Micah 6:6-8 &
Luke 4:16-21

Join the Men's Chorus This Sunday

Sunday, November 3

On November 3rd many of our female choir members will be away on the Women's Retreat. Therefore I would like to **invite all the men in the congregation to join us in the choir loft for a men's chorus that Sunday.** We will be singing an old time Gospel song entitled "What A Day that Will Be." The arrangement will be easy enough that if you arrive at 9:45 in the choir room you will be ready to sing by 10:30. If you have questions, please email me at kgray@sjcharlotte.org. Rehearsal tracks are available for each part. Contact Mallory in the office if you would like a link to the track!

Change your
clocks
1 hour back
this
weekend!

Family Fellowship Event @ OMB

Sunday, November 10 after Worship

On Sunday, November 10, all families with children are invited to meet at Olde Mecklenburg Brewing at 4150 Yancey Road in Charlotte at around 12pm. Together, we will enjoy some time to hang out together. Feel free to change clothes before or come as you are. They have great food but there might also be food trucks! We hope you and your family will join us!



Inside this issue:

From Dennis Youth News Children's News	2
YVOTC Concert Clt. Pride Band Festival Singers Concert WDAV Concert Senior Adult Lunch Advent Devos CFH Opps. Interfaith Service	3
Staff Listing Prayer Concerns & Thank You Sunday Service Schedules Ministers on Call Brotherhood of Biscuit Calendar Book Club	4

Jubilee Store Tree Is Up!

Charlotte Family Housing Jubilee Store Coming Soon

We are excited to have Charlotte Family Housing's Jubilee Store happening at St. John's again this year. The event will be held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, December 7th and 8th and provides an empowering and dignified way for their clients to shop for children's Christmas gifts.

Here is how you can help:

· Starting this Sunday, **select a leaf from the Christmas tree** in the Main Entrance (gym) which shows a specific gift, purchase it and return it to the St. John's collection bin at the Main Entrance by November 24. If during the week, please leave the gift in the church office.

· Sign up at the **shared link below** for children's activities, meal servers, shopping assistants, gift wrappers and hospitality help needed each day of the event.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48acaf0-2019>

Contact Donna Scott at 919-280-9204 or djs58@nc.rr.com if you need more information.



Messages from St. John's Staff

OUTREACH AS A CARING CHURCH

What if each of us began inviting at least one person each week to worship with us? If 200 of us did so, we would be offering more than 10,000 invitations each year.

Do you know how to reach out to invite or influence other people to become participants in or members of St. John's?

You can make a list of persons you know who are not active in any congregation and invite them to be your guest on a Sunday or at an event. Offer to meet them at the Main Entrance, sit with them in worship and take them to lunch. Your list may include persons you have met through work, in your neighborhood, in a community group, persons who are new residents in our city, etc.

One way you reach out naturally is through compassionate care. Each week, you express compassion toward other persons. You befriend, listen, offer attention, follow-up with the needs of which you are aware, care for the lonely, seek to understand, affirm, forgive, relate concern, encourage, send notes, make phone calls, etc.

Some of these people have no church. And they need a loving church like St. John's.

Your care is beyond human. You offer compassion which reflects the heart of God. One of the biblical words translated as compassion is the Hebrew word, 'rahmim.' This word is derived from the same root as 'rehem,' which means womb. Like the womb is space where life is nurtured, compassion expresses God's heart which creates space for healthy life to grow.

Beloved, there are many medicines for all kinds of ailments. However, when your kind hearts and gracious hands express compassion, the worst sickness is healed – the sickness of feeling unloved or unaccepted. So, keep on smiling to encourage others, make that call, listen to their heartache, write that note and invite them to experience St. John's with you. People ...

News for Youth and Their Families from Lee Gray, Minister for Youth & Young Adults

Upcoming Events for Youth

Sunday, November 3

Join us for regular SNL from 5:00-7:30pm this Sunday! We will hear from lawyer, David Erdman on the topics of his faith and vocation.

June 21-27, 2020

High School Habitat Mission Trip to John's Island, SC. We think we will be able to pre-build in Charlotte beforehand this year!

July 20-25, 2020

Unidiversity Youth Summer Camp – Maryville College

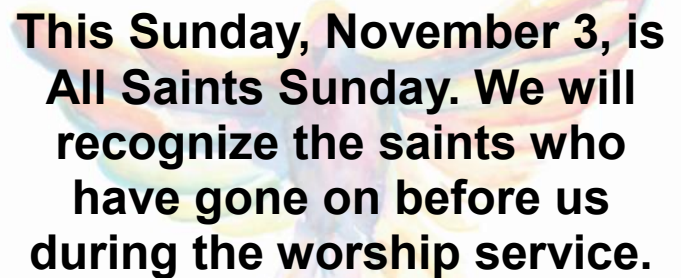
August 8-11, 2020

Middle School In-Town Local Mission Trip

need the compassion of Christ's Church. We offer God's welcoming love. Let's become more focused on inviting people into our inclusive and compassionate community. We provide healing!

Shalom,
Dennis

P.S.: If 200 of us invite 2 persons each week, we will invite 400 persons each week and more than 20,000 persons each year.



This Sunday, November 3, is All Saints Sunday. We will recognize the saints who have gone on before us during the worship service.

NAMI Support Groups

November 12 @ 6:30pm

The NAMI support group for family members/caregivers of those with mental illness meets monthly at St. John's on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 8:00pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday, November 12 in Rooms 114 & 116.

News for Children and Their Families from Allison Benfield, Minister for Spiritual Growth

Sunday, November 3

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 Hour and Worship Hour. They'll be learning about how God freed the Hebrew people from slavery with Moses' help. They'll also enjoy time for art and play. Music will be at 9:40.

Grades 1-5: These classes will be learning about how Joseph had some dreams that made his brothers mad. Grace Notes is from 10-10:20. Children will worship with their families. Worship bags will be available.

Schedule Change for Advent!

As worship planning for Advent has begun, we will be approaching things in a new way. **Our children's choirs will sing on December 15, not on December 8.** Please mark your calendars!

Grow with St. John's

Young Voices of the Carolinas Concert:

THIS Saturday, November 2 at 5PM in the Sanctuary

The fall concert for the Young Voices of the Carolinas is this Saturday, November 2 from 5:00-6:30pm here at St. John's in the Sanctuary! Tickets at \$10/adult and \$8/students and seniors. Buy tickets online at yvotc.org or at the door. This will feature all 80 singers in the choir singing classic and contemporary music We hope you all will come out to support their work!



Charlotte Pride Band Concert

Contemporary Classics

The Charlotte Pride Band will present a concert to kick off its 10th season on Saturday, November 2 at 7:30pm dedicated to *Contemporary Classics!* This concert will be in Heaton Hall at Myers Park Baptist Church. Tickets are \$15/person and family passes are \$25/family. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

Courage, Heroes, & Legends Concert

Festival Singers at St. John's on Nov. 16 @ 7PM

This Festival Singers Concert is based on the theme of courage demonstrated by those who work day by day in the battlefields of war, discrimination, and personal trials. The concert will feature patriotic selections honoring Veterans; *Last Letter Home*, a soldier's last words to his family; *Flying*, a stunning all female work by composer Rachel DeVore Fogarty about Amelia Earhart; and many more. There are two concerts: November 16 at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary at St. John's and November 17 at 4:00PM at Central UMC in Concord. **If you're interested in coming and want to greet folks at the door, please email Kevin at kgray@sjcharlotte.org.**

WDAV Service of Lessons & Carols

LIVE from St. John's on Tuesday, December 3 @ 7PM

Mark your calendars for this year's live broadcast from St. John's of the WDAV Service of Lessons and Carols. This will be held on Tuesday, December 3 at 7PM in the Sanctuary with a reception following in Lasater Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas Gathering for Senior Adults
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
11:30am-1:30pm in Broach Hall



Reach Out with St. John's

Can You Write an Advent Devotional?

St. John's Advent Devotional Booklets Coming Soon

I want to write a devotional for the book. Who do I contact to let them know I am willing to write?

Kevin Gray at kgray@sjcharlotte.org

How long does my devotional need to be? No longer than 3-5 paragraphs that are each 4-5 sentences long

When is my devotional due? November 18

To whom do I send it? Send it to **BOTH** Kevin Gray (kgray@sjcharlotte.org) **AND** Mallory Brown (mbrown@sjcharlotte.org)

What are the topics for each Advent week? (You can choose the topic)

December 2-7: Hope

December 8-14: Peace

December 15-21: Joy

December 22-24: Love

Host a Meal!

Charlotte Family Housing Meal Hosting

Volunteers are needed to provide dinners on Sunday, Nov. 17, Tuesday, Nov. 19, and Thursday, Nov. 21 for the residents of Hawthorne Place on the 2nd floor. You have to complete a background check for the safety of the families. **Contact Donna Scott for information and to sign up: 919-280-9204.**

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 26 at 7PM

MeckMin presents its 44th Annual Citywide Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 7PM at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on Beatties Ford Road. The Rev. Dr. James Howell, Senior Minister of Myers Park UMC, is the speaker. All attendees are asked to bring canned goods to donate to Crisis Assistance Ministry and Loaves & Fishes.

Be a Volunteer RA!

Charlotte Family Housing Needs Your Help!

The Resident Advisers for the two shelters hold a team meeting twice a month. During these meetings Charlotte Family Housing needs volunteers to **fill in for the RAs at our Hawthorne Place Shelter**. The RA Volunteer's primary responsibility is to **buzz residents in and out of the shelter** during their shift. Beyond that, volunteers are encouraged to introduce themselves to residents as they come in and be on hand in case there are emergent issues. **Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0448a8af29a3ff2-hawthorne>.** You will get an email to fill out a background check form when you sign up. It is free and protects the residents of the shelter. Consider doing this today!

St. John's Baptist Church
300 Hawthorne Lane | Charlotte NC 28204
704.333.5428 | www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

Ministers

Every participant in God's Servant Church

Equipping Ministers

Minister for Spiritual Growth.....Allison Benfield
ext. 18 - abenfield@sjcharlotte.org
Minister for Worship and Music.....Kevin Gray
ext. 14 - kgray@sjcharlotte.org
Minister for Youth & Young Adults.....Lee Gray
ext. 15 - lgray@sjcharlotte.org
Senior Minister.....Dennis Foust
ext. 12 - dfoust@sjcharlotte.org

Church Staff

Administrative Assistant.....Mallory Brown
ext. 11 - mbrown@sjcharlotte.org
Church Administrator.....Jacquelyn McAbee
ext. 20 - jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org
Custodians.....Chris Mullis, Sonny Ross, Debora Thon
Graded Choirs Director.....Anna Ball
Organist.....Noel Lance
nlance@sjcharlotte.org
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted
ext. 39 - weekdayschool@sjcharlotte.org
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm, Friday 8:30am-12:00 noon

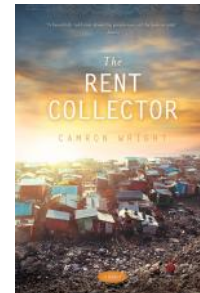
Dates to Remember

All Deacons Meeting: Monday, November 18 @ 7:30pm in Broach Hall (panel meetings before at 6:30pm)
Jubilee Store: December 7-8
Advent Season: Begins on Sunday, December 1
Hanging of the Green Service: Sunday, December 8 @ 10:30am

Terrific Tuesday Book Club

Tuesday, November 26 @ 12PM in the Library

The book club will meet again on Tuesday, November 26 at 12PM to discuss the book *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright. Bring a lunch to eat afterwards in the Lounge. This will be the last meeting of 2019. This book's story is set in a Cambodian dump called Stung Meanchey and is a story of hope and second chances as one woman tries to save her chronically ill child while living in the worst of places.



Calendar for October November 3-9

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

Change your clocks back this weekend as Daylight Savings Ends!

Sunday, November 3

9:15am..... Sunday School (Classrooms)
10:30am..... Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:30am..... Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
2:00pm..... South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
5:00pm..... Sunday Night Live (3rd Floor, Lounge, Gym)

Monday, November 4

11:45am..... Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
12:30pm..... Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
5:30pm..... Basketball Clinics (Gym)
5:45pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
8:00pm..... AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, November 5

6:30am..... General Election (Broach Hall)
10:00am..... Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
11:00am..... Bible Workbench (Room 209)
6:15pm..... Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)

Wednesday, November 6

6:30am..... Benton Basketball (Gym)
9:30am..... Yoga (Room 114)
6:00pm..... AA (Room 114)
6:00pm..... Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
6:00pm..... Handbells (Handbell Room)
7:15pm..... Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, November 7

9:00am..... Unity Coalition (Lounge)
6:00pm..... Elizabeth Historic Committee (Broach Hall)
7:30pm..... CBFNC College Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, November 8

8:00pm..... AA (Lounge)

Saturday, November 9

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

Prayer Concerns & Thank You

Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Carol Drye, Joyce Ehrenberger, Polly Hull, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, & Jeck Warren; Parker Jackson, military

Sunday, November 3

Deacons: Jeff Almond, Kevin Benton, Marc Cardella, Gary McFarland, Durning Moore, Greg Rodden, David Sherrill, Henry Snyder, Keith Towery, Bert Green

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner & Phil Vavra; 5th St./Narhex-Linda Kerley; Broach Hall-Jimmy Carpenter; Elevator-Marvin Carter

Tellers: Jeff LeVie and Ken Hungate

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

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of October 21-27: \$11,362
Income through October 27: \$876,081
Annual 2019 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,140,000

Ministers on Call:

October 28-November 3: Lee Gray 704-451-1309
November 4-10: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287

Brotherhood of the Biscuit

Friday, November 15 @ 6:30AM

Brotherhood of the Biscuit meets again on Friday, November 15 @ 6:30am in the Lounge. All are welcome to come, have a biscuit, and join the fellowship.

