



Family News

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

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What's Happening at St. John's?

St. John's
Worship
this Week on
February 2,
2019

Proclaimers

Sam Vavra,
Elizabeth Rodden,
Claude Bragg

Theme

A Servant Community:
Actively Faithful,
Faithfully Active

Scriptures

1 John 3:17-18;
Matthew 4:18-23

Youth Sunday at St. John's

Sunday, February 2, 2020 @ 10:30am in the Sanctuary



If you look at the words on the top of your St. John's car sticker, they read, "A Servant Community: Actively Faithful, Faithfully Active." On Sunday, February 2, our youth proclaimers will share what it means for them to be active servants. This year our Youth Sunday proclaimers are Sam Vavra, Elizabeth Rodden, and Claude Bragg. The youth choir will sing two songs. There will be solos by Tyler Benton & Emma Goodrich. Jackson Kinney, Jacob Callaway, and Phillip Fries will lead our time with children. Lilly Marie Sweet will begin worship with a warm welcome. Owen Hahn and Xan Brien will read Scripture. Lily Wilkerson & Miller Ray will lead us in prayer.

We hope that you can join us for the 74th Annual Youth Sunday at 10:30am THIS Sunday, February 2.

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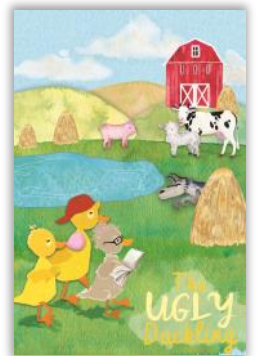
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Opera Carolina Presents: The Ugly Duckling

February 8, 2020 @ 10:30AM for FREE

On Saturday, February 8, children and families are invited to a free opera presentation of the "The Ugly Duckling." This will be at 10:30am in Broach Hall at St. John's Baptist Church. This is a community-wide event sponsored by St. John's Baptist Church and Opera Carolina. This is a great event to bring children and grandchildren to!

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-ugly-duckling-at-st-johns-baptist-church-tickets-89295853301>



Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt LIVE at St. John's

Sunday, March 15 @ 10:30AM

On Sunday, March 15, we welcome Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt to St. John's Baptist Church for a launch of her book, *The Gift of Forgiveness*, which will be released nationwide on March 10, 2020. Katherine is a New York Times best-selling author, lifestyle blogger, philanthropist, and ASPCA Ambassador, who speaks to and for her generation of women, providing a strong message of empowerment. Katherine will be a part of our regular worship service and will stay afterwards for book sales and signings. Overflow seating will be available. This event is free and open to all. Spread the word!

The book, *The Gift of Forgiveness*, is available for pre-order on Amazon now! Books will also be available for purchase at the event on March 15.



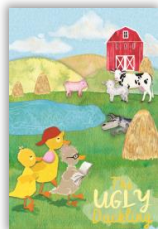
Messages from St. John's Staff

SAVE THE DATES

We received the 'Save the Date' card in the mail a couple weeks ago. The wedding is in May. The date is saved on our calendar. We will be there!

I hope you are 'Saving these Dates' on your calendar. Each event extends our message throughout Charlotte and increases our outreach efforts. HOWEVER, IT IS ESSENTIAL that you are present AND invite your neighbors, friends, relatives, colleagues, acquaintances, etc.

Opera Carolina Presents: ***The Ugly Duckling*** next Saturday, February 8th at 10:30 a.m., in Broach Hall. This is a FREE community-wide event sponsored by St. John's Baptist Church and Opera Carolina. Invite your friends with children!



On Sunday, March 15th, in our morning worship hour at 10:30am, we welcome Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt as she joins me in the St. John's Pulpit. Katherine is crossing the country launching her book, *The Gift of Forgiveness*. We have teams working on greeting, parking, technology, welcoming, promotion, etc. Plan to stay around awhile following worship for book sales and signings. Overflow seating will be available. This event is free and open to

all. Invite anyone you know who wants to be reminded of how God's gift of forgiveness is transformational.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was martyred by Hitler for standing up for the Jews and religious freedom. On Saturday, March 28, Al Staggs will present his one-person drama called "A View from the Underside" in our Sanctuary at 4PM. Tickets are \$10/person and are on sale now online here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-afternoon-with-al-staggstickets-90047306919>. If you would like tickets but do not want to purchase them online, please contact Mallory in the office for assistance. Get your tickets now and invite neighbors and friends to this event. Al Staggs is a long-time friend of mine. He served as a Baptist pastor for more than 20



years. He began his career as a performing artist and has presented this performance across the United States and Europe. On Sunday, March 29, Al will offer the message as he portrays Clarence Jordan, writer of The Cotton Patch Gospels.

Shalom and Be Well While Doing Good!
Dennis

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Anna McLeod Cushman joined on Sunday, January 26, 2020 by transfer of membership from FBC-Greensboro. She is the daughter of the late Mans McLeod and Carole McLeod and grew up at St. John's. She resides at 2512 Weddington Avenue, Apt. 1444, Charlotte, NC with her husband, Blinn.



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

Sunday, February 2, 2020

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 will learn about how Jesus welcomed and blessed children. They will have time for art and play, and Music is at 9:40.

Grades 1-5: The 1st-5th Graders will learn about how Jesus calmed a storm. Music is at 10:00. 1st-5th Graders will join their families for worship. It's Youth Sunday, so we will have Moments with the Younger Church led by the youth.

VBS: June 15-19, 2020!

The moment you have been waiting for is here! VBS Registration is open! Registration closes at 11pm on June 7. Spaces tend to fill quickly, so don't wait! [Click here to register!](#) In The Adventures of Moses we will learn about how Moses chose to work with God and help free his people. VBS is June 15-19; 9am-Noon. \$15/child. This is open to children aged 4 by June 1-Rising 6th Graders. Register today!

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

Upcoming Events for Youth

February 2

Youth Sunday during worship at 10:30am

No Evening Activities the night of February 2

February 28-March 1

Middle School Discipleship Retreat to Blowing Rock

Grow with St. John's

Open Table: Pancakes and Music

Wednesday, February 19 @ 5:50pm

We hope you and your family join us for the first Open Table dinner of the new year on Wednesday, February 19 from 5:50-7:00pm in Broach Hall! We will have a delicious dinner of legendary **Brooksakes** with bacon, and grits to celebrate Shrove Tuesday a week early and enjoy entertainment from Kevin Gray and Friends! Call or email Mallory in the office or sign up with this link online: <https://forms.gle/Zsmu9DbdBkvwdyaf5>



Tuesday Bible Study Group

Room 209, 11AM

We invite all interested persons to join us each Tuesday at 11 am in room 209 for this weekly Bible study. We are studying the book of Amos as one of the 12 Minor Prophets. Sessions are 60 minutes. Contact Steve Hoffman at 704-604-9634 if you have questions.

Anyone is welcome to join us! Call Steve Hoffman @ 704-604-9634 to register or for additional information.

Ash Wednesday Sacred Space

Wednesday, February 26 in Broach Hall
9AM-12PM & 1PM-7PM

On Ash Wednesday, Broach Hall will be open for self-led, reflective, prayer stations. These include but are not limited to the following: salt prayers, making prayer beads, walking the labyrinth, and a prayer wall. This experience was designed with all ages in mind. From 9AM-12PM and 1PM-7PM on February 26, a St. John's minister will be present to administer ashes. From 12PM-1PM, we hope you will attend the Elizabeth Communities of Faith service here in our Sanctuary. During the day in Broach Hall, there will be special opportunities to hear music, thoughts, and a story from our ministry staff. We hope all will consider coming to this experience at any point during the day as we begin another Lenten season.

Elizabeth Communities of Faith

12PM Lenten Services at St. John's this Season

Beginning February 26, the Elizabeth Communities of Faith (ECof) will have noontime (12PM) Lenten services each Wednesday in Lent here at St. John's. Each week, except for February 26, there will be a soup and sandwich lunch following the service in Broach Hall. Services will last approximately 30 minutes and 30 minutes for lunch. The timing makes this ideal for anyone in the working world to attend on his or her lunch break. We hope you will attend these services during this reflective season of Lent. Each congregation and member of the ECof has a part in planning these services. Invite your neighbors and co-workers to come and join!

Elizabeth 8K Road Race

Saturday, March 21 @ Independence Park

The annual Elizabeth 8K Road Race is Saturday, March 21. St. John's is a sponsor for this event. So, we have a code for 10 free registrations and 10% off registration on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reach out to Mallory if you want a code! Register here: <https://raceroster.com/events/2020/25466/2020-elizabeth-8k>



Reach Out with St. John's

Loaves and Fishes Food Drive

You Can Help this February

This February we have an extra day* to support the Loaves & Fishes Food Drive. By participating, you are giving emergency food assistance to children and their families, the elderly, the working poor, all those in our community that need help. The food is distributed through a network of pantries in Mecklenburg Co. L&F has taken a referral for each person and has given them an appointment to the most convenient pantry. (Our food will go to the pantry at the Galilee Center on Central Avenue, a very busy pantry.) Volunteers assist the shoppers as they choose the items they need. Nutrition and variety are important issues for the pantry; so that needs to be our guide in donating. In each adult Sunday School class, you will find special shopping bags with lists of the most needed items (some are expensive items, but here's where we can really help) and more detailed info about Loaves & Fishes and the food drive. These supplies will also be available in Mallory's office and at the collection sites in the lobbies of Broach Hall and the main entrance.

**The food drive stretches from Groundhogs Day and Valentine's Day to Leap Year Day – all the month of February. So choose your celebration and support this important local ministry.*

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

Collecting for Charlotte Rescue Mission

Once again this year on Youth Sunday, our youth will collect the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering. In consultation with the Mission Resource Team, this year's recipient of the offering will be the **Charlotte Rescue**



Mission. While this organization is not a strictly food-based ministry, meals for people recovering from addiction are provided by CRM. The **Charlotte Rescue Mission** is also an organization with which the youth have volunteered with for twice a year for the last 7 years.

We hope that you will be able to make a donation to the **Charlotte Rescue Mission** by giving to the youth who will be standing at the doors following our 10:30 am Youth Sunday Worship Service.

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

Basketball Game Schedule

Team	Date & Time	Location
6 & Under Co-Ed	2/1 @ 1PM	St. John's
8 & Under Co-Ed	2/1 @ 2PM	St. John's
10 & Under Boys	2/1 @ 12PM	St. John's
12 & Under Boys	2/1 @ 12PM	Mulberry Baptist
12 & Under Girls	2/1 @ 10AM	St. John's
15 & Under Girls	2/1 @ 10AM	Mulberry Baptist
16 & Under Boys	2/1 @ 11:45AM	Trinity Episcopal
18 & Under Girls	2/1 @ 2:45PM	The Harvest Center
18 & Under Boys	2/1 @ 1:45PM	The Harvest Center

Calendar for February 2-8, 2020

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

Sunday, February 2

8:00am.....Church Council (Conference Room)
 9:15am.....Sunday School (Classrooms)
 9:15am.....St. John's 101 (Lounge)
 10:30am.....Worship Service Youth Sunday (Sanctuary)
 10:30am.....Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
 1:00pm.....Private B-Day Party (Gym/Lounge)
 2:00pm.....South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)

Monday, February 3

9:00am.....Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
 11:45am.....Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
 5:45pm.....Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 6:30pm.....Administrative Deacon Panel (Broach Hall)
 6:30pm.....Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
 6:30pm.....Pastoral Deacon Panel (Lounge)
 7:30pm.....All Deacons Meeting (Broach Hall)
 8:00pm.....AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, February 4

10:00am.....Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
 11:00am.....Bible Study (Room 209)
 1:00pm.....ECof Planning Session (Lounge)
 5:15pm.....SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
 6:15pm.....Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 6:30pm.....Minister Search Task Force (Conference Room)

Wednesday, February 5

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, February 6

6:30pm.....Elizabeth Community Association (Room 222)
 7:30pm.....CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, February 7

5:00pm.....Room in the Inn (Gym, Lounge)
 8:00pm.....AA (Room 114)

Saturday, February 8

7:00am.....Benton Basketball (Gym)
 10:00am.....Basketball Games (Gym/Lounge)
 10:30am.....Ugly Duckling Family Opera (Broach Hall)
 12:00pm.....Young Voices of the Carolinas Cabaret/Fundraiser
(Broach Hall)

Prayer Concerns

Emily Batts, Judy Biber, Martha Brown, Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Carol Drye, Teri Franklin, Don Furr, Polly Hull, Johnnie Morcock, Esther Narron, Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Margaret Snyder, Elma Thomas, Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott); Parker Jackson, military

Sympathy to Doug Hammond and family in the passing of his father, Robert Hammond

Sympathy to Brenda Jones and family in the passing of her mother, Mary Plattner.

Sunday, February 2

Deacons: Bert Green, Clara Howell, Chuck Howard, Libby LeVie, Jeff LeVie, Gary McFarland, Durning Moore, Jane Newman, Casey Perkins, Greg Rodden

Greeters: Main-Ed Turner & Phil Vavra; 5th St./NartheX-Susan King; Broach Hall-Ed Outen; Elevator-Marvin Carter

Tellers: Tom Blackmon & Matt Collins

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

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of January 20-26: \$22,990
 Income through January 26: \$85,696

Ministers on Call:

January 27-February 2: Kevin Gray 803-524-0287
 February 3-9: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234

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. **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.