



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?

SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday!

St. John's Worship this Week on March 8, 2019

Proclaimer:

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Message

Prayer and Your Distress Cup

Scriptures

Philippians 2:5-11 & Luke 22:39-46

State & Community Mission Offering 2020

CBF Together for Hope & Hope Chapel

Each year, St. John's participates in two missions offerings committed to address the needs of the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the sick, and the powerless. One is Global Missions Offering and the second is the State and Community Missions Offering. Currently, we are accepting contributions for our annual State and Community Missions Offering. This year, the state portion of the proceeds will go to the mission efforts of LaCount and Anna Anderson who both serve as CBF field personnel in Halifax County and Northeastern North Carolina with Together for Hope, CBF's rural poverty initiative, focusing on providing poverty relief to men, women and children experiencing homelessness and the near-homeless. The community portion of the offering will go to Hope Chapel here in Charlotte.

2020 Goal: \$5,000
Received to Date: \$1,345

Two Weeks Away from Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt!

Sunday, March 15 @ 10:30AM during worship

On **Sunday, March 15**, we welcome **Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt** to St. John's Baptist Church for a launch and discussion 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 signings.

Spread the word and invite your friends!



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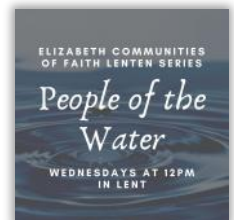
Easter Flowers Order Form

Elizabeth Communities of Faith Lenten Services

12PM Wednesday Lenten Services at St. John's in the Sanctuary

The Elizabeth Communities of Faith continue noontime Lenten worship services on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary at St. John's. Last week, St. Martin's Episcopal led the Ash Wednesday Service. The theme this year for services is "People of the Water" where we will examine the significance and impact of water in our collective and individual journeys of faith. Lunch will follow worship in Broach Hall after each service. A suggested donation of \$5 is collected for lunch and given to Galilee Refugee Center and Refugee Support Services.

- **March 11: Atrium Health Chaplains Lead Service**
- **March 18: Caldwell Presbyterian Leads Service**
- **March 25: Novant Health Chaplains Lead Service**
- **April 1: Hawthorne Lane UMC Leads Service**



Messages from St. John's Staff

Restoring Dignity, One Shower at a Time

Project Outpour and Hope Chapel Partner to Help Our Homeless Neighbors

Recently, Kevin Lynch stopped by the church office to share a story about an organization that would soon partner with Hope Chapel to provide showers to guests. Kevin states, "About six months ago, I heard of a Charlotte organization providing mobile showers for the homeless. I learned this organization is called Project Outpour. I tried to contact them in April 2019 when I heard they were seeking a truck large enough to pull their 6,000-pound trailer, but I never heard back. Thankfully, I was finally able to meet the organizer of this project, Lauren Jenkins, in the food line at Hope Chapel several months later. After talking with her about the mission of Hope Chapel, Project Outpour wanted to partner with us to serve our homeless neighbors."

Kevin shared this story with excitement and gratitude for what Project Outpour is doing for the homeless members of our community. He continued the story by saying, "At the same time I met Lauren, she mentioned that their service needed a place to dispose of their gray, wastewater, via a sewer trap. I committed to helping them make this happen with Hope Chapel splitting the cost. I looked on the internet and called ER Plumbing. They gave us a quote of \$2,400, which I thought was reasonable. I shared this with Project Outpour and they told me they had spoken to ER Plumbing six months earlier about this very issue. So, they called ER Plumbing again and said that Hope Chapel had a quote to help them with their wastewater disposal. Instead of charging us the price they quoted, ER Plumbing responded to our need by agreeing to do the work for free." Kevin was astounded at this generosity and thrilled to move forward.



Project Outpour was started by Lauren Jenkins in order to provide mobile shower access to "...persons moving through homelessness, [by] alleviating suffering and promoting holistic health and dignity." They believe that providing this space for the homeless to use, they are giving people back their self-worth and confidence. Think of the feeling you have after taking a hot shower at the end of a long day of hard work. That is the feeling Project Outpour is providing folks who often have not had access to adequate restroom facilities for weeks on end. According to their website, Project Outpour "...set[s] up shop on the streets. [Their] customized shower trailer is 18 feet long and comes complete with two full bathrooms. Each bathroom has its own sink, mirror, toilet, and shower. Guests are given 20 minutes [each] and [they] provide them with any supplies they may need. All items, with the exception of towels and washcloths, are theirs to keep."

Currently, their mobile shower unit moves to different areas in Charlotte in the parking lots of nonprofits. They will begin serving at Hope Chapel at the end of March on Thursdays. If you are interested in more information, please visit Project Outpour's website at www.projectoutpour.org. Contact Kevin Lynch if you have questions about the ministries of Hope Chapel.



Middle School Discipleship Retreat to Blowing Rock February 28-March 1, 2020

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

Upcoming Events for Youth

June 15-19

Volunteering for St. John's VBS

June 21-27

High School Habitat Mission Trip to John's Island, SC (near Charleston)

July 20-25

Unidiversity Summer Camp (for all youth) in Maryville, TN

August 8-11

Middle School Local Mission Trip

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

Sunday, March 8, 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 taught the Disciples to pray. They will have time for art and play. Music is at 9:40.

Grades 1-5: The 1st-5th Graders will learn about a poor widow who gave all she had and what Jesus had to say about that. Music is at 10am. 1st-5th Graders will join their families for worship.

Grow with St. John's

Al Staggs as Dietrich Bonhoeffer Saturday, March 28 @ 4PM in the Sanctuary



On Saturday, March 28, Al Staggs will present his one-person drama called "A View from the Underside" in the Sanctuary at 4PM. This play brings the life of one of the great heroes of the twentieth century, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, to the stage. Tickets are on sale NOW [here](#). If you want to buy tickets but do not want to do so online, please contact Mallory in the office and she can help you procure tickets. On Sunday, March 29, Staggs will join us in worship to offer his portrayal of Clarence Jordan.

Heritage Sunday 2020 on March 22 "98 Years of Learning"

"We will not neglect the great duty of religiously training our children, and those under our care..." (Covenant, adopted 1922)

"We will take seriously the responsibility and privilege of personal Christian growth..." (Covenant, revised 1973)

This year, Heritage Sunday will celebrate "98 Years of Learning" in the life of St. John's. Our recognition of this dedication to learning will be on Sunday, March 22. This date comes between two Sundays where we continue this tradition of learning: Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt's discussion on forgiveness on the 15th and Al Staggs play on Dietrich Bonhoeffer on the 28th and 29th.

Since the founding of St. John's almost 98 years ago, the people of St. John's have lived out the above statements from the church covenant. On April 16, 1922, attendance was recorded for the first time and the number present for Sunday school was 286. When the first church leaders were elected on May 1, 1922, John L. Dabbs was elected as the first Sunday school Superintendent. In 1923, a new building was built for Sunday school when the attendance on Sundays outgrew the first church building called the Community House. The picture of the construction of this building on March 14, 1923, shows that a tent was also being used for Sunday School. When the sanctuary building was planned, much needed learning space was allocated for all age groups in the building plans. Join us on Heritage Sunday for a celebration of our legacy of learning!

Vacation Bible School 2020 The Adventures of Moses

Vacation Bible School: *The Adventures of Moses* is June 15-19 from 9am-12pm this summer at St. John's in partnership with St. Martin's Episcopal Church. Registration is open now and closes at 11pm on June 7. Spaces tend to fill quickly, so don't wait!

[Click here to register!](#)

The cost is \$15/child. This is open to children aged 4 by June 1 - Rising 6th Graders.

Register today!

Easter Lilies 2020

Deadline: Sunday, March 8

This week is the LAST week to put in your order for Easter lilies. **The order form is on the back of the Family News.** You can fill this out and send in payment to the church office. Orders are due on Sunday, March 8. If you have questions, please contact [Mallory](#) in the church office.

Again, the order form is on the BACK of the Family News. Tear it off and send it to Mallory in the church office.

NAMI Support Groups March 10 @ 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, March 10 in Rooms 114 & 116.

Reach Out with St. John's

Homeless Team Volunteers Needed Can you serve OR make banana pudding?

On the third Friday of each month we need servers and banana pudding makers for our time to provide a hot meal at the Men's Shelter. Will you add your name to the list of potential volunteers to be contacted by Joy Jarrett when she is scheduling the helpers for this ministry? to join with other St. John's folks in service and ministry.



Let Mallory in the office know if you would like to have your name included on Joy's contact lists, either for banana pudding or for serving the meal! Upcoming dates are March. 20, April 17, May 15, and June 19.

Easter Outfits Collection For "A Child's Place"

Starting now, St. John's is collecting new or gently used children's outfits for A Child's Place. We are collecting NEW boy and girl outfits, sizes 5-14, with new socks and underwear with each outfit. The collection point for outfits is the main entrance by the gym. **Please have all outfits in by March 29.**



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

Sympathy Notice and Invitation

Sympathy to Dan Biber and family in the death of Judy Biber on Tuesday, March 3 at home. **A memorial service for Judy's life and ministry will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 1PM in the Sanctuary** with a reception to follow.

As a dual-faith family, the Biber family also invites SJBC to sit Shiva in Judy's honor at their home. They will hold these gatherings on Tuesday, March 10, Wednesday, March 11, Thursday, March 12, Sunday, March 15, and Monday, March 16 at 7:45PM. A longer service will be held on Thursday, March 12 at 7:45AM with breakfast. All are invited to come and participate. Their home is at 406 E Kingston Ave, Charlotte, NC 28203.

Calendar for March 8-14, 2020

Complete calendar online: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

Sunday, March 8

9:15am Sunday School (Classrooms)
 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 10:30am Godly Play (Room 221)
 10:30am Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
 12:00pm Pastoral Deacon Training (Lasater Hall)

Monday, March 9

11:45am Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
 5:45pm Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 6:30pm Administrative Deacon Panel (Lounge)
 6:30pm Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
 8:00pm Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)

Tuesday, March 10

10:00am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
 11:00am Bible Study (Room 209)
 12:00pm Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
 1:00pm Memorial Service for Judy Biber (Sanctuary)
 5:15pm SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
 6:00pm Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305 & Youth Lounge)
 6:15pm Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
 6:30pm Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Support Groups
 (Rooms 114 & 116)

Wednesday, March 11

6:30am Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:30am Yoga (Room 114)
 10:00am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
 12:00pm Elizabeth Communities of Faith Service (Sanctuary)
 12:30pm ECoF Lenten Lunch (Broach Hall)
 6:00pm Mission Resource Team (Conference Room)
 6:00pm Belmont AA (Room 114)
 6:00pm Handbells (Handbell Room)
 7:00pm Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 12

10:00am Craft and Needles (Lounge)
 2:00pm Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
 7:30pm CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)

Friday, March 13

8:30am WDS and Children's Theatre of CLT (Lasater Hall)
 5:00pm Room in the Inn (Gym, Lounge)
 8:00pm Eastway AA (Room 114)

Saturday, March 14

7:00am Benton Basketball (Gym)
 9:00am Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305 & Youth Lounge)

Prayer Concerns

Virginia Allen, Emily Batts, RD Bond, Byron Bullard, Carol Drye, Teri Franklin, Don Furr, Camille Green, Carolyn Hall, Carolyn Hicks, Polly Hull, Johnnie Morcock, Carl Phillips, Gene Poole, Elma Thomas, Debora Thon, Joe Trull, Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott); Parker Jackson, military

Sunday, March 8

Deacons: David Sherrill, Gail Sifford, Laura Sorrell, Anne Sutton, Keith Towery, Kathy Turner, Mindy Vergakis, Nancy Wilson, Lindsay Wilson, Sally Young
Greeters: Main-Ed Turner and Bobby Furr; 5th St./Narthex-Treva Bridges; Broach Hall-Ed Outen; Elevator-Marvin Carter
Tellers: Tom Blackmon and Matt Collins
Ushers: Arnold Philemon, Marvin Carter, Bobbie Hahn, Bobbie & Don Hinson, Susan King

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of February 24-March 1: \$10,625
 Income through March 1: \$197,387
 Annual 2020 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,175,000

Ministers on Call:

March 2-8: Dennis Foust 704-359-7234
 March 9-15: Allison Benfield 828-448-8412

Remember to TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD one hour this weekend! Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 8!

Calla Lily Order Form 2020

I will give ____ (number) lilies at \$18 each.

_____ in memory of _____

_____ in honor of _____

Please enclose or send cash/check with this order form. Checks made to St. John's Baptist with "Easter Lilies" in memo line.

Donor name and telephone:

_____ I wish to pick up my lilies.

_____ I do not wish to pick up my lilies.

The deadline to place your order is Sunday, March 8, 2020 with Mallory in the office.