



Family News

A Servant Community: Actively Faithful, Faithfully Active
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St. John's Virtual
Worship at Home
on April 19, 2020

Join us for an online
worship experience at
10:30am on Facebook,
YouTube, and the
website.

Worship resources will
be distributed for
guidance.

Easter Sunday Recap

Celebrating the Risen Christ at Home

This past Sunday, we celebrated Easter from our homes. While it was certainly different from a "normal" Easter Sunday, there was still a strong sense of togetherness and connection, despite our physical distance. As worship began online, J. Noel Lance played various preludes on the organ and piano as images of blooming flowers, taken by SJBC members, scrolled across the screen. Below are a few of the images featured during this time. Then, as worship began, videos of SJBC members exclaiming, "Christ is risen!" popped up one by one, followed by Dennis and Paula saying with joy, "Christ is risen, indeed!" The entire service was a celebration of the risen Christ as hymns were sung, scripture was read, prayers were offered, music was both played and sung, and Dennis offered a theological reflection. We are so thankful to everyone who contributed to this service! On Facebook alone, we had over 1,000 engagements on the Easter Sunday worship video. We are reaching out to so many people online during this time! If you did not get to see the worship video on Sunday, here is the link to the website: [Link to Easter Sunday video](#)

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[Website Link](#)



Financial Giving Update

Reminders and an Update

Please remember to contribute financially during this time apart. During these months, our ministries continue to need support. Staff salaries still need to be paid. Utilities need to be paid. We need your ongoing support. In the next few weeks, we will be launching **ONLINE GIVING** to St. John's. This will increase our capabilities and make it easier and more convenient for many of you to contribute! **Stay tuned for an announcement on online giving soon.** If you have any questions about giving or your pledges, please contact Jacquelyn McAbee at her cell number 434-579-1177 OR jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org.

Mask-Making Continues

You Can Help!

A number of St. John's servants continue answering the widening call for masks. There are currently over a dozen St. John's servants involved in some aspect of this effort. In addition to those who are actually doing the sewing, some are offering pieces of fabric, others are ordering supplies such as elastic and sharing with others, and still others are doing curbside pick up and delivery of various components for making masks. Mallory Brown is pictured here, modeling a mask made by Willa McNeill.



If you would like to participate in some way with this effort or if you have questions please contact the following:

- Willa McNeill: 704-578-3201; willa.mcneill@gmail.com
- Nina Phillips: 704-596-3135; ninacarl@gmail.com

***PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO MASK IS A SUBSTITUTE FOR STAYING AT HOME, WASHING YOUR HANDS AND FOLLOWING ALL THE RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES TO PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, AND ANYONE ELSE.**

Brotherhood of the Biscuit

Friday, April 17 on Zoom at 7AM

Despite these extraordinary circumstances, Brotherhood of the Biscuit continues meeting on Fridays throughout the month! Instead of meeting in person, of course, they are meeting through Zoom video conferencing. If you would like to join their Zoom call this Friday, April 17 at 7AM, click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/890430385>



The photo to the left was shared by Kathy Bragg. It is of a flower cross her family constructed for Easter Sunday on their farm in Huntersville.

The photo to the right was submitted by Amy Chilton and her daughter, Vija. They spent Easter morning watching the sun rise on the coast of New Haven, CT.



Contact the Staff

A List of Cell Phone Numbers and Email Addresses

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- Kevin Gray- 803-524-0287; kgray@sjcharlotte.org
- Mallory Brown- 704-477-3349; mbrown@sjcharlotte.org
- Jacquelyn McAbee- 434-579-1177; jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org

Please call or email any of our ministers or staff members if you or someone you know has a need for which they can be of assistance.

Prayer Concerns, Notes, & Sympathy

Emily Batts, Byron Bullard, Mary Chilton (mother of Amy Chilton), Carol Drye, Teri Franklin, Don Furr, Camille Green, Polly Hull, Johnnie Morcock, Carl Phillips, Gene Poole, Elma Thomas, Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott); Parker Jackson, military; all affected by COVID-19 at this time

"Thank you for your continuing love and support during my eye surgery and recovery. God Bless You." -Virginia Allen

Sympathy to Carolyn, Stephen, Eli, and Addy Allred in the death of Carolyn's father, Robert Lugo, on April 5th.

Sympathy to Jeff, Betsy, Matt, and Emily Almond in the death of Jeff's father, Wilbert Almond, on April 4th.

Sympathy to John, Alice, and Forest Wirz in the death of John's sister, Susan Wirz Laney, on March 31st.

Sympathy to Steve, Pauline, Dory Ann and Willow Carter in the death of Steve's father, Kenneth Carter, on March 12th.

Financial Ministry Plan Report:

Week of April 8-14: \$21,940
Income through April 14: \$296,238
Annual 2020 Ministry Plan Budget Goal: \$1,175,000

Please continue to contribute financially. During these months, our ministries continue to need support. Staff salaries still need to be paid. Utility bills will still need to be paid. Along the way, as we become aware of unique opportunities or needs, we want the church's finances to be strong enough so we can respond.

You may mail your financial gifts to: St. John's Baptist Church, Attn. Jacquelyn McAbee, 300 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, NC 28204.

State and Community Missions Offering Update:

2020 Goal: \$5,000
Received to Date: \$2,810

All contributions to this offering will go to the newly created Coronavirus Response Fund and Together for Hope with LaCount and Anna Anderson.