

Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*

It's time to **FOCUS** on VBS!



VBS 2019

By Susan Shinn Turner

It's time to *focus* on Vacation Bible School at St. John's!

"In thinking about what would be the safest way to get back for Bible school, we decided on a three-day VBS, dividing up age groups," says Stacey Shafer, children's minister.

VBS for 3- and 4-year-olds and kindergartners and first graders will take place 3-5 pm Sunday, June 13, and Monday and Tuesday, June 14-15, from 9 to 11:15 am. Then second to fifth graders will attend 9 to 11:15 am Wednesday-Friday, June 16-18.

"We are limited to 65 children per three-day session," Stacey says, "and, instead of the children travelling space to space, station leaders will come to them."

The opening each day will take place in the Faith Center, then each group will remain in one area. They'll have snacks, crafts, music, games, and a Bible story all in one place versus going to different stations on campus, Stacey says. Good safety

protocols will be in place based on the governor's up-to-date guidelines for group gatherings.

Interested in helping out? Stacey would love to round up a large host of volunteers.

"This cannot happen and be done safely without our volunteers," she says. "If you are available three days or five, I'd love for volunteers to reach out to me ASAP."

This year's theme of VBS is "Focus." The memory verse for the week is from Hebrews 12:2a: "Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith."

Day 1 will focus on Romans 1:20, seeing God in Creation. **FOCUS** on what you can see. Day 2 will focus on Matthew 7:24-27, the wise and foolish builders. You can **HEAR** from God. Day 3 will focus on Matthew 22:36-40 and First Corinthians 13, the greatest commandment. You can **LIVE** for God by loving others.

Registration for St. John's members and Kingdom Kids started April 18. Registration will open to the community May 10.

Parents may cut out the registration form on page 6 or register online. Links to online registration can be found on the calendar page.



Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

100 years is a long time. In the last 100 years we've experienced the Roaring 20s, the Great Depression, a world war, the beginnings of a highway system, the exploration of space, the advent of a personal computer ... and much, much more.

Our sanctuary was built before all of that happened.

It's hard to wrap your head around, isn't it?

I'll always remember Addie Ketner recounting the day she showed up for the dedication of our sanctuary. She was a young teenage girl, ripe with possibility but no clue what lay before her. She said that it was the most magnificent building she had ever been inside. And sure enough, it's a building that would carry her – and so many others – through all the twists and turns of what some consider the most important century in history.

We have the opportunity to make sure this very same sanctuary is well-suited for the next century – a place where, through all the twists and turns that are bound to come, we will be grounded in worship and prayer and relationship. A

sanctuary that boldly stands in the center of Salisbury as a testimony to the love and grace of God.

Yesterday, April 25, the congregation voted to renovate this much-loved sanctuary. It's an ambitious and necessary project. Thank you for your care and concern. Thank you for your good stewardship. Thank you for setting the stage for future generations to be nourished at the table and challenged by God's Word.

This project matters, and that's been evident by your response. Thank you.

And so, we begin!

Yep, you'll begin seeing construction crews very shortly. We'll outline the timeline when we know it and fully update along the way. If you have any questions, don't hesitate contacting us. In the meantime, let's be in prayer that this project will faithfully prepare this remarkable sanctuary for a new generation of ministry. A new century of service to our congregation and community.

Here we go! May God bless us and keep us in grace.

+Pastor Rhodes

A note about Pastoral Visitation

Pastoral Visitation took an entirely different shape during COVID as hospitals and state guidelines restricted and in most cases eliminated pastoral visits. As of April 1, our pastoral care team (Wade Rouser, Pastor Rhodes and Pastor Laura) have been fully vaccinated and are now available for in-home visits. If you are fully vaccinated and would like to schedule a visit, please contact the church office.

Hope for Today: Coping with the Loss of a Loved One

Sign Up for the Summer Grief Support Group

By Susan Shinn Turner

Nearly a year ago, St. John's began a counseling ministry called Hope for Today. The ministry is led by Lauren Stephenson and is open to members of the congregation and the community.

"When I first moved here, I had a meeting with Pastor Rhodes and expressed interest in doing counseling at church if there was ever a need," says Lauren, a licensed clinical mental health counseling associate with Catawba College's counseling services department. "Last spring, he was beginning to be concerned about our older population and those in isolation during COVID. Since I could work over the summer, we decided to start a support group, but that evolved into individual, one-on-one counseling."

Pastor Rhodes adds: "Early in the pandemic, we were trying to discern ways to help community members deal with a dramatically different environment. What we discovered was that far too many folks were grieving, and even more were living in isolation and increasingly anxious about social engagement. It was an untold epidemic that needed to be addressed."

Thanks to a few special gifts, the ministry was made available at no cost through the end of 2020. Beginning in January, participants were invited to make a \$20 contribution/visit, although not required.

"The contribution helps to ensure a long-term ability to provide this ministry and to create buy-in with our clients," Lauren says. Additional funding for the ministry is provided by a grant from the Benevolent Foundation.

Thus far, Lauren has worked with 16 clients and logged more than 120 appointments. It has ranged from one or two sessions to sessions over six months, she says, depending on the needs of each client. About half of the clients are church members, and half are community members.

"I have clients ranging from age 17 to their 80s," she says. "That part for me has been refreshing. I get a taste of lots of different kinds of topics. My clients have life experience, and I really enjoy that."

"In general, the pandemic has played a huge role in surging needs for mental health resources," Lauren notes. The most common issues clients are working through are relational

problems with family members or underlying depression and anxiety.

Lauren is available for appointments on Mondays. You can make an appointment through the church website or contact Deborah in the church office. To book through the website, go to stjohns-salisbury.org, click on the menu at the top right-hand side of the page (three horizontal lines), scroll down to Caring Ministries and click on Counseling Ministry and then Book Online button.



In addition to counseling services, Lauren will lead an 8-week course this summer on **Coping With the Loss of a Loved One**. Free of charge, this class will meet 4-5:30 pm June 15 -Aug. 3. Lauren hopes to have 10 - 14 participants.

"The reason grief support groups work is that they give you a space to connect with others going through the same emotions," Lauren says.

The course can be for those who are coping with the loss of a spouse, parent, child, or other loved one. It can be for someone who has suffered a recent loss or an unresolved loss in the past.

Studies have shown that grief has been particularly acute during COVID because the "normal" mechanisms that help with grief have been mostly absent, including church-based funeral and memorial services.

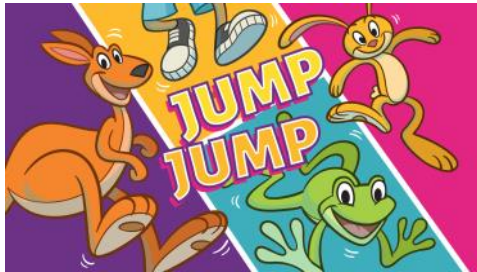
"When you are alone," she says, "you can feel that no one else understands your grief. But in a group when you are talking about it, others are able to recognize they're going through the same kind of grief. Grief groups also work if people are pretty consistent with attending."

The sessions will include coping skills, exercises to help process grief, discussing the stages of grief, and more.

To sign up for **Coping With the Loss of a Loved One**, contact Deborah in the church office.

Hope for Today
A Counseling Ministry of St. John's
Lauren Stephenson, M.S., LMHCA, NCC

FIRST LOOK



May

This month in First Look (birth to 4 years old), we will answer the question: Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect.

The first step to making wise choices is trusting that God's way is perfect. Our prayer is that we can help make many of the 35,000 choices a day our preschoolers will be making one day a whole lot easier. They will know to jump, jump and go God's way, because God's way is perfect!

Our Bible verse of the month:

"GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT." 2 SAMUEL 22:31, NIrV

252 Kids



May

In May, our 252 Kids (K-5th graders) will learn that to run the race of life, you need to train and grow stronger every day. You can show commitment by making a plan and putting it into practice.

Our Bible verse of the month:

"TRAINING THE BODY HAS SOME VALUE. BUT BEING GODLY HAS VALUE IN EVERY WAY. IT PROMISES HELP FOR THE LIFE YOU ARE NOW LIVING AND THE LIFE TO COME." 1 TIMOTHY 4:8, NIRV



In April, one of our youth completed her girl scout project by bringing Children's Minster, Stacey Shafer's, vision for a parent information wall to life! Thanks your great work!

Nursery Workers Needed

The nursery is now open for both services (9:15 am -12:15 pm). If you are interested in volunteering or working, please contact Stacey Shafer, Children's Minister, stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org.





First Look Fundraiser: “Bloom!”

Help us revamp the First Look space this May

By Susan Shinn Turner

For the First Look children at St. John's ages birth to 4, it's time to Bloom!

Bloom is a fundraiser to revamp the First Look area, according to Stacey Shafer, children's minister.

The Epic classroom for third- to fifth-graders and the First Look area will switch spaces. “Because of the numbers and activities 3- and 4-year-olds do, we need more space.

The revamped space will include a Bible story area and a video/dance area. Stacey also needs age-appropriate tables and chairs for story time and crafts, and painted walls that welcome kids into the love of Jesus.

“Part of the fundraiser is receiving donations to purchase supplies,” she says.

You can also go to amazon.com to purchase items directly. Search ‘Stacey Shafer’ under Custom Gift List. (For easy

access use the tiny url or QR Code below.

Items purchased from the amazon wish list will be shipped directly to the church.

The fundraiser will take place May 2-30. Children's Ministry team members will set up an information table before and after the 9:27 and 11 am services during May.

Donations can be made online at stjohs-salisbury.org by writing Bloom in the description box or by check with Bloom written in the memo line.

She is optimistic about the fundraiser's success.

“We'll just see what happens,” she says.

The Children's Ministry Team includes Barbara Jo Corriher, Jennifer Gebhardt, Rosalind Hines, Stephanie Payonk, Stephanie Roseman, and Meredith Williams. Penny Moss is council representative.



<https://tinyurl.com/bloomfundraiser>



First Look (3 years- 1st Grade)

June 13-15
Sunday, 3-5 pm
Weekdays, 9-11:15am

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ AGE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER: _____

ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

HOME CONGREGATION (IF APPLICABLE): _____

GRADE COMPLETED: (2020-21 School Year)

Please select one:

- 3 yr old
- Pre-K
- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade

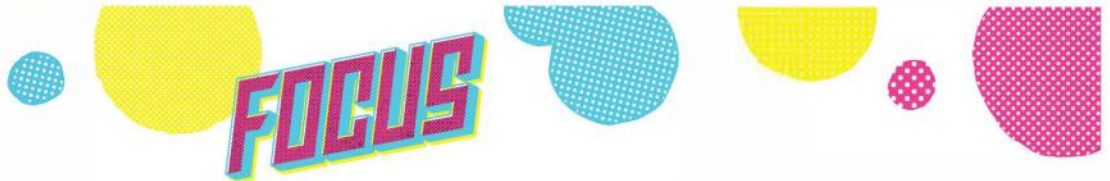
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252 Kids (2nd - 5th Grade)

June 16-18
9-11:15am



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STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER: _____

ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

HOME CONGREGATION (IF APPLICABLE): _____

GRADE COMPLETED: (2020-21 School Year)

Please select one:

- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade

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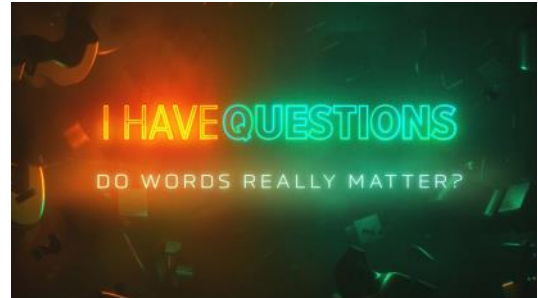
The Well Middle School

In May, our middle schoolers will complete the trending series about coping.

“The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.” Lamentations 3:22-23 NLT

Sunday, May 2, 4-5:15 pm – Youth Group
Wednesday, May 5, 6-7:15 pm – Unit 4 – Faith Alive Makeup (In Person)
Sunday, May 16, 4-5:15 pm – Youth Group

* May 9, Mother’s Day - NO YOUTH GROUP



FUEL High School

In May, our high school students will complete a series about the impact of our words.

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Sunday, May 2, 6-7:15 pm – Youth Group
Sunday, May 16, 6-7:15 pm – Last Youth Group
Sunday, May 23 – Graduation Sunday 11am Service

*May 9, Mother’s Day—NO YOUTH GROUP

Honor Our Graduates, May 23 at 11 am

Join us for Graduation Sunday, May 23 at 11 am, when we will honor our 16 high school seniors and present scholarships awarded by the Benevolent Foundation.

Part of our tradition is to present seniors with a gift, a book with notes and signatures from members of St. John’s congregation. These books will be located outside worship spaces the first two Sundays in May, as well as in Peeler Hall throughout the week.







Hip-Hip-Hooray for New Activities in May!

If you are interested in participating in the following activities, please sign up online www.stjohns-salisbury.org or email diane@stjohns-salisbury.org. It helps in setting up the meeting space and in food preparation.

Picnic on the Patio

Tuesday, May 4, 12 pm:

Join us for a Picnic on the Patio outside Peeler Hall. DJ Buddy Poole will provide our music and entertainment. Come and enjoy listening to music of the 50's and 60's, laugh at a few jokes, and enjoy the fellowship of your friends. Lunch will be provided for \$5 or bring your own. In case of rain, we will move inside Peeler Hall.



Mark your calendars for a picnic at Diane and Buddy Poole's home on June 8, 4-6 pm.

Lunch-N-Learn

Tuesday, May 25, 11:30 am– 12:30 pm: Elizabeth Novak, MPH, CHES, and Program Manager for the Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter will speak on the **10 Warning Signs of Alzheimers**. Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living. Join us to learn how to recognize common signs of the disease; how to approach someone about memory concerns; the importance of early detection and benefits of a diagnosis; possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process, and Alzheimer's Association resources.

What to watch for in Yourself and Others

- The difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's.
- Common warning signs.
- The importance of early detection and benefits of diagnosis.
- Next steps and expectations for the diagnostic process.
- Alzheimer's Association Resources.

Sign up for the Senior Seasons email!

Each Friday, our seniors get an update with upcoming events, zoom links, and the "Thought for the Day."

If you would like to receive these emails, please contact the church office 704-636-3431 or email angel@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Join a Small Group this Spring

If you are still looking to join one of our new small group studies, please check out our upcoming studies. These 3-6 week studies provide you with the opportunity to engage in Bible study that is practical, thought provoking and applies to your everyday life. We will provide descriptions of these studies in FaithLife as well. We will begin this in a Zoom format but can easily transition to meeting in person when possible.

Sign-up on the St. John's website or contact danny@stjohns-salisbury.org for more information and/or if you are interested in leading this small group Bible Study.

Blind Spots

3-week study

**Tentatively begins May 18,
7-8 pm (flexible)**



Blind spots. Whether they're on your car or in your life, they're dangerous because we can't see them. But we all have them. Most of us think we know ourselves because we've been ourselves our entire lives. But what we don't see is how other people see us. We don't usually know what it's like to be on the other side of us. But discovering our blind spots is one of the ways we grow as a person. So, how can we see something that we're blind to? We can't! But God and other people can reveal them to us. But we need to be open to it, and that's not always so easy. We have to know that we don't know it all and turn to the One who does. Sometimes God uses other people to show us where we're out of step with the person He created us to be; where we're rubbing someone wrong without even knowing it. Other times, God uses tests and trials in our lives to get our attention. It's not always fun or easy—in fact, it's usually not—but growing as a person is always worth it.

Deal With It

3-week study

**Flexible date, time and
location**



There will never be a shortage of challenging things thrown at us in life—things that ask a lot of us. We all have stuff in our lives that we'd rather avoid or ignore. Maybe there is unresolved relational tension in your life, or maybe there is a challenging task ahead of you at work. Whatever your "stuff" is, you have to choose between ignoring it and addressing it. In this series, we're going to see what life might look like if you viewed the difficult things thrown your way a little differently. Because often times these difficult things are

the exact things God is using to bring you to Him. And when you take the time to address those things, you're making a spiritual decision, allowing God to come alongside you as you go. And the good news? Your heavenly Father wants that for you! God isn't interested in seeing you make it through life with a mediocre story; He wants you to thrive. And sometimes the only way to do that is to deal with the stuff—good and bad—that life brings.

Close

3-week study



Do you keep God at arm's length? You might even do it without realizing it!

Maybe you think God is generally angry or disappointed with you because of the way you live or the choices you make. Or, maybe you feel like He wants something from you—like He wants you to do more than you're already doing or to follow His "rules" more closely. No matter the reason, most of us tend to keep God at a distance from time to time. But is that really God's heart for a relationship with us? As tempting as it is to think that God is angry, or distant, or mad, or all He cares about is for people to follow His rules, Jesus' arrival on Earth and His subsequent death on the cross proves otherwise. What God actually cares about is a relationship with us. He wants to be close to us. And He did everything in His power to make sure that we could be close to Him. In this series, we'll spend the next few weeks diving into what it really means to walk closely with God, starting with the question: God, will You go with me?

If you are looking for thought provoking weekly Bible Studies, Bible Project.com offers some very insightful studies on their website. You can access the weekly Bible Studies at the top of the opening page. These Bible Studies are geared for individuals and families.

Independent Studies

“Step by Step,” our new online study

New in 2021 is a growing list of independent studies you can access at a time that’s convenient for you.

Some of the classes are led by leaders at St. John’s. Others are led by carefully-selected teachers from throughout the country. Some will enjoy the challenge of completing a “St. John’s Certificate,” which you’ll receive after completing a certain number of independent studies. Others will be drawn to a single class that piques your interest.

Step by Step is an introduction to the small catechism. Teachers from St. John’s and around the church will guide you through the basics of the Christian faith and life.

Each video lesson in *Step by Step* lasts around 3 minutes, so anyone can find time to enjoy this study. Join in when it’s right for you!

You may have already been through the 10 Commandments step, led by Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. The next step is the Apostles’ Creed, which will be made available in May.



Follow along with the video lessons. PDF study guides are available to download for your own notes if you choose!

We want your feedback.

Have you begun the study? Let us know what you found meaningful and what could be improved. Email angel@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Ongoing Opportunities

Contact Deborah@stjohns-salisbury.org to sign up

Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study

With Pastor Laura, 8-9 am via zoom

Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Study

With Pastor Rhodes, 8-9 am via zoom

Leading from the Keys

Davis Brown Steps in as Interim Worship Leader

By Susan Shinn Turner

Since mid-March, Davis Brown has been interim contemporary worship leader at 9:27 worship.

If his name sounds familiar, it should. Davis is a longtime musician for both 9:27 worship (keyboard) and 11 am worship (percussion).

“It’s going well,” he says of his new assignment. “I was honored to be considered for the position while they look for a permanent person. I’m enjoying this work very much.”

Davis is also a longtime composer, and while he is still very much rooted in classical music, he says, “it isn’t the be-all end-all.”

With contemporary music, he says, he has learned to use chord sheets.

“I’m feeling the vibe, if you will,” he says. “You have to know when to be inventive, and when to pull back and get out of people’s way. One just picks it up by experience. As the leader of the band, I certainly know what I want.”

He continues, “In the end, it’s the other musicians who have to try to interpret directions on a chord sheet, then make something that fits with a song.”

Davis is in the process of rebuilding the Praise Band, and is especially looking for guitar players.



“That’s what really makes a praise band,” he notes.

Asking Davis to take the reins for 9:27 was a pretty simple choice, says Rob Durocher, minister of music and the arts.

“Davis has been part of that service with his keyboard skills for quite a while,” Rob says. “He was always very creative in his ability to lead through the keyboard. He already has a built-in sense of trust and relationships. He’s doing the formidable job of keeping the worship going and working with our contemporary worship musicians. He does a great job of keeping things consistent. He’s flexible, willing, and thoughtful. He’s a rare breed of musician, given his knowledge of classical and rock styles.”

Davis says he enjoys the variety of both services.

“We are one congregation,” he says. “That’s why I’m glad I can have a role in both services. I’m blessed with being comfortable with both styles of music.”

Davis formed and ran a praise band at a church he attended in Charlottesville, so he’s also comfortable with the role of praise band leader.

“I’ve tried to make the transition seamless and I’ll make changes gradually,” he says.

A Talented Community!

Throughout COVID, we’ve been far more intentional about welcoming community musicians to participate in our services. On May 2, we welcome Chris Gratton to help lead the 9:27 service. Chris is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) area representative. His office is in the St. John’s Community Ministry Center.



Coming Up in Worship

Midweek Service of Holy Communion

Returns Wednesdays in May

Midweek Service of Holy Communion returns May 5. This 30-minute service of holy communion in the St. John's Chapel takes place each Wednesday, 12:15-12:45 pm. Designed with our older members in mind, please note that we'll be following strict guidelines for creating safe worship space, including the wearing of masks and social distancing.

Ascension Eve Worship

Wednesday, May 12, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday, May 13, is Ascension Day. Join us for our Ascension Eve Worship on Wednesday, May 12. Ascension Day celebrates Christ's ascension to heaven according to the scriptures, and is usually celebrated forty days after Easter. Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter. Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:6-11 all give an accounting of Jesus ascension. While on earth, He was a servant. Now in heaven, He is exalted and the ruler and Lord of all. By entering heaven as the representative of mankind, He completed the work of our salvation and guarantees the eventual glorification of all who love Him. Just as Jesus went up in the clouds, He will return the same way.

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 23

Join us May 23 at 9:27 am (Faith Center), 11 am (Sanctuary and Online). For Jews, Pentecost celebrates the gift of the law at Mount Sinai and occurs 50 days after the Passover. In the book of Acts, the disciples and early followers of Jesus, gathering in Jerusalem for the Pentecost celebration, were lost and confused because of Jesus' ascension. Suddenly they were overwhelmed by the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). Since that time, the church has connected God's gift of the Holy Spirit with the day of Pentecost, now one of the

three major festivals of the church year.

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, May 23, 11 am

Joins us as we honor the class of 2021 and award students with scholarships from the Benevolent Foundation.

Weekly Worship at St. John's

Online and In-person (subject to change)

Sundays at 11am

Broadcast online from the Sanctuary. Join us by visiting our website or YouTube channel. Search "SJLC." Our in-person worship is limited to 150 participants. Masks required.

Sundays at 9:27am

In-person worship in the Faith Center. Thanks for wearing masks. More details on our website.

Wednesdays at 12:15pm

Midweek in-person service of holy communion. Thank you for wearing a mask.

Please watch for updates regarding in-person worship in FaithLife, social media, and website as we monitor recommendations and guidelines for in-person indoor gatherings.

A Hymn for Trinity Sunday, May 30: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* (ELW #413)

By Rob Durocher
Minister of Worship and the Arts, Deacon

True story— MANY years ago, my brother Chris and I were sitting in church enjoying the congregation’s singing of the glorious hymn, *Holy, Holy, Holy!* We both did our best to sing along, young as we were (because back then it was cool to pretend you knew what you were doing!) but that was until the final stanza when out of the blue we were blasted by a powerful voice sitting behind us (I believe it was Mrs. Audrey Snow!) singing a descant (an independent treble melody sung or played above a basic melody) at the top of her lungs which made us both look at each other first in a bit of shock and then causing us both to burst out in laughter uncontrollably much to the consternation of our parents and disapproving looks by a few others sitting in front of us. It was a good thing that the others surrounding us were taken up by the words, the beauty and familiarity of the melody and the grandeur of the organ’s accompaniment! Chris and I still get a chuckle out of this 50+ years memory!

Several years later not having forgotten that experience, that same descant came pouring out of a choir’s soprano section as this hymn of the day was sung. This time my reaction was very different! As I listened to the words being sung with this descant superimposed over the melody, my heart leaped for joy as text and music came together!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea!
(from verse 4)

Although it can be considered a ‘general hymn’ that can be sung most any time of the year, traditionally, *Holy, Holy, Holy* was written for the Festival Sunday of the Holy Trinity (which we will observe on Sunday, May 30, 2021.) The Festival of the Holy Trinity always immediately follows the Sunday of Pentecost. Celebrated as early as the 10th century AD, in 1334, Pope John XXII approved the Festival of the Holy Trinity for the whole church and its importance began to spread through all of Europe. Observance of Holy Trinity Sunday boldly reminds us that we worship and glorify *Father, Son and Holy Spirit* – One God in three persons – a blessed Trinity.

Since the mid-late 1800’s the Christian church throughout the world has been singing the amazing hymn, *Holy, Holy, Holy,*



Lord God Almighty. The inspiring hymn text was written by Reginald Heber (1783–1826), who was a parish priest in the village of Shropshire, England and then later in 1823 was consecrated as the Anglican Bishop of Calcutta, India. Dr. Heber was an esteemed Biblical scholar whose ministry spanned continents and many different peoples. Heber is considered one of the heroes of our faith, having written many hymn texts and preached all over the world. His writings and teachings emphasized the timely principals of our faith: that God is three in One, God is the Most Holy and God’s creation reflects his eternal glory.

The holiness of God was the catalyst for Heber in penning the words to this hymn. His experience working in areas where vice and misfortune were prevalent and especially in Calcutta where the people were prone to worshipping other deities and idols would remind him that God was merciful and mighty and worthy of our praise from morning to sunset. In verse one, Heber writes the following lyrics:

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

He clearly refers the prophet Isaiah’s vision of heaven where

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Worship and the Arts

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he sees the angels and the seraphim bowing down to worship God (Isaiah 6:3): *'And one cried unto another, and said HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.'* The great theologian John Wesley wrote of this passage of scripture: *"Singing in consort. Holy - This is repeated thrice, to intimate the Trinity of persons united in the Divine essence. Glory - Of the effects and demonstrations of his glorious holiness, as well as of his power, wisdom, and goodness."* Heber echoes Wesley's commentary in his first verse of the hymn!

In the second verse, he also refers to Revelation 4:6-9 where in images of a 'sea of glass', the 'elders and the saints' and six-winged living creatures all fall down before God Almighty to bring him worship and praise as they cast their crowns before his feet.

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shall be.*

Once again Heber begins this verse with what is called in Greek the *Trisagion* (thrice Holy) invoking the Trinity adored by all the saints worshipping God who was, and is and is to come! Heber encourages us in his text to 'join in' with the saints and angels in singing an endless song!

In the third verse of Heber's hymn, he carefully describes the Trinity without 'encroaching upon its mystery' when he writes:

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

This is evidenced with the phrase, "though the darkness hide Thee" and we're reminded that our sinfulness exacerbates the separation from God and man ("though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see"). We may not completely understand or 'see' the Trinity in its fullness in this lifetime, but those are not reasons that preclude our worship of the Triune God. Heber wrote: "We have a friend and protector, from whom, if we do not ourselves depart from Him, nor power nor spirit can separate us. In His strength let us proceed on our journey, through the storms, and troubles, and dangers of the world. That same is He who liveth, and was dead; who is alive forevermore; and hath the keys of hell and of death." There is no one like our God who is perfect in

power in love and in purity.

Finally in verse four it all comes together when Heber refers to Psalm 145:10 (*All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!*)

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

"Holy, Holy, Holy" gives the faithful in Jesus Christ the opportunity to elevate our minds as we hear the angel's words as read in God's word, and inspires us to experience God's mercy and love and to surrender our hearts to him. The hymn inspires us to raise our voices in proclaiming with the saints and angels to all the world that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Reginald Heber died in 1826 from a sudden stroke while he was ministering in Calcutta, India at the age of 42. His hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" was first published in the year of his death in *A Selection of Psalms and Hymns for the Church of Banbury*. Perhaps the mastery of this hymn is found in the beautifully simple tune written and harmonized by The Rev. Dr. Johns Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876), who held a Doctorate in Music and who took Holy Orders in the Church of England. He was a Precentor and Organist/Choir Master at Durham Cathedral. His tune NICEA, named after the Council of Nicea where the nature of the Holy Trinity was shaped theologically, has a unique elegance and magnificence that both compliments and accompanies Heber's 'stately language.' Bacchus' tune is also an example of Victorian hymn writing with subtlety and solid harmonies.

Since the hymn's inclusion in Bacchus' *Hymns Ancient and Modern* in 1859, Heber's hymn, *Holy, Holy, Holy* has spanned many Christian traditions and centuries, uniting them in four timeless stanzas and has found its home in our hearts and thousands of hymnals throughout the world!

Use the QR code to watch a YouTube video of the hymn.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39Zfr00UW_s



Worship and the Arts



Holy Week and Easter 2021



G2G Phase 2 Construction to Begin Mid-May

G2G Phase 2 was put in motion to provide space for a new generation of ministry through much needed renovations.

On Sunday, April 25, the congregation passed the motion to begin construction on the G2G Phase 2 renovations.

The congregation approved RL Glover Enterprises as our General Contractor to complete the base bid, not to exceed \$2.8 million, along with the use of construction financing to bridge the receipt of pledges over the next three years. An amendment to the motion allows us to adjust the scope of work within the G2G Phase 2 project as we receive future pledges and donations. The remaining work not yet fully funded includes handicap accessible restrooms on the main level of the sanctuary and renovation of the music wing.

We are so thankful to announce that, as of April 27, the G2G Phase 2 campaign has received a total of \$2,515,567 in pledges and gifts. Thank you for your generosity and investment in the future of St. John's!

You'll be pleased to know that construction is set to begin mid-May on a project that is expected to take 13 months to complete. We'll be sure to keep you updated along the way.



The May "Conversations that Matter" podcast **Pastor Rhodes Interviews Jason Walser**



Have you subscribed to the St. John's "Conversations that Matter" podcast ?

Jason Walser shows up in lots of places around our community. Most recently, he's leading the effort to develop the new Bell Tower Green.

This month, Pastor Rhodes interviews Jason and learns about his background, what motivates him, and why the new park is one of the community's most important developments in a long time.

Listen to the full conversation by searching "Conversations that Matter" on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, iHeart Radio, Spotify and more.

You can also catch up on past sermons on the SJLC Sermon Podcast Channel. Search "SJLC," and don't forget to rate and subscribe!

My Journey in the Pursuit of Racial Healing

By Mark Ritchie

When I followed God's invitation into social justice work fourteen years ago, I began volunteering weekly at Rowan Helping Ministries in their Crisis Assistance Network (C.A.N.) program hearing requests for assistance from those who have

less resources than will meet their basic needs. This is very humbling work as I quickly learned that "there but for the grace of God go I" and that just because someone has less doesn't mean that they are less. It became obvious that no one asking for assistance wanted to be there but they had run out of other options. As an interviewer, I heard stories of hardships brought on by many, many factors for each individual. Yes, there were some bad choices included among the factors but always underneath those decisions was a feeling of desperation originating from failed relationships, both personal and societal. Wanting to assist in a more engaging way, I helped establish a life coaching program within RHM's C.A.N. program that invited clients into a learning process to restore hope and to build their resources. What I most learned

through my 10 years in this work is how resilient people are in surviving within a social system designed to keep those at the bottom down, especially with black skin, and keep the fortunate up at the top, especially with light skin. **[Lesson 1: The system is designed to favor the powerful.]**

This is most obvious when examined through the lens of skin color and its associated lie that skin color explains the difference between people. Skin color and other physical features vary among all of us and are a natural part of God's love for diversity. We only need to look at all of the diversity in God's creation to know that God must love diversity. The DNA diversity in all humans is only .1% which means we are all 99.9% genetically the same; truly there is only one human race! Our white European culture has taught the narrative that God created the different races, but I have learned that the idea of different human races is a manmade invention that began in 1444 by the Portuguese slave traders intentionally labeling all people of Africa worthy of enslavement because of their "beastliness" despite the fact that there were many African societies equal to those in Europe. The further designation of the "color-coded" races

came in 1735 by a white European who, of course, put white at the top and black at the bottom to further justify the right to enslave Africans, all in the pursuit of economic greed.

[Lesson 2: Those in power determine the narrative that maintains their power.]



Mark and Jane Ritchie

Now we've all come to know that slavery is a sin and it's time that we see racism itself as a sin. By racism as a sin, I don't mean just racist behaviors, I mean the very belief that there are different human races. There is certainly diversity of skin color depending on the amount of melanin present and diversity of other physical features too, but these are all found between every person. My skin tone was the lightest of my family and I was the only blonde child, and our lip thickness and nose shapes varied just as every family's portraits show. It is our mental bias that has determined our racial thoughts, and it's time to "turn around" as Jesus says from these beliefs that divide us. **[Lesson 3: My beliefs are what get in the way of authentic relationship.]**

Cultural differences certainly exist and are abundant in our nation formed by immigrants. Our nation's history is full of intolerance of cultural difference and even the empowered white immigrants had strong hatred among their different national origins. But our country was founded on the white European belief of superiority and the first step was to drive out the indigenous Americans by labeling them as savages with no right to land or even life. The need for labor and desire for wealth brought enslaved Africans especially to the South for rice, cotton, tobacco, and lumber to meet the commercial desires of Europe. All of these non-indigenous Americans brought elements of their culture with them and depending on where they fell in the power structure, their culture was deemed either favorable or unfavorable. After the end of slavery, the Jim Crow laws protected the white supremacy and created the cultural environment of non-whites that has then been used against them as justification for their continued oppression. **[Lesson 4: I have been complicit in maintaining this oppressive system, and I have the responsibility to participate in dismantling it.]**

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The Vision for Racial Healing adopted by St. John's has three main components: the Confession that we have been complicit in the sin of racism and acknowledgment of our racial biases, our Commitments to opposing racism and dismantling the system it has created, and our Principles as Christians that hold us accountable to our commitments to form authentic relationships rooted in love. I invite you into your own journey to bring forward God's vision for loving relationships. **[Lesson 5: I still have a long way to go in my journey.]**

The St. John's Vision for Racial Healing is available on our website.



Volunteer for Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels will return to daily meal deliveries on June 1.

St. John's has 2 teams - the first and second Wednesday of every month. Amy Ritchie is the coordinator of the first Wednesday and Elaine Gerst helps coordinate the second Wednesday.

There are several routes available to volunteer!

Interested? Contact Amy Ritchie, amyritchie1985@gmail.com.



Communications Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete the St. John's Communication Survey. We want to make sure we are keeping you updated with the most relevant information through the best avenues for you! This survey should take less than 3 minutes, but will provide us great feedback! Please cut this sheet out of the Eagle's View, complete the front and back and turn it in to the church office. You may also complete the form online at stjohns-salisbury.org/communicationsurvey

Name _____

Preferred Phone _____

Email _____

Anything you would like us to know about email information or frequency?

Do you read the Eagle's View?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never
- N/A

Do you read mailings/postcards?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never
- N/A

How do you prefer to receive the Eagle's View monthly newsletter?

- Mail
- Email PDF
- Online PDF— Don't email me, I know where to look
- If you shared it in other emails or social media, I would read it!
- Please do not send this newsletter to me.
- N/A

Do you visit social media for updated church information and events?

- Always Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never
- I don't use social media.
- N/A

Please let us know how we can improve the newsletter

Do you use the St. John's app?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never
- N/A

Do you read the Wednesday FaithLife?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never
- N/A

Which improvements would like to see in the app? (Select all that apply)

- No changes. I already use it.
- Access to mobile directory
- Ministry/Small Group Chat
- Interactive Livestreaming (polls, notes, digital bulletin, and giving while worshipping remotely)
- In-app registration, meal sign-ups, events, and giving
- Updated in-app media (on-demand church videos, digital ministry, sermons, etc.)
- I will not download the app, even with any updates
- N/A

Emails (Select all that apply)...

- I prefer emails from targeted ministry groups.
- I prefer one email from the church.
- Emails could be condensed into fewer.
- I receive too many emails from St. John's.
- I am content with the number of emails I receive.
- This is how I stay informed. Send more!
- I signed up, but never receive emails.
- Church emails always go to spam!
- N/A

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When/it you worship online, how do you access the bulletin?

- Social media posts prior to worship
- Facebook Live Stream Comments
- Website
- Email
- I don't follow the bulletin
- St. John's App
- N/A

If you are looking for cancelations or delays, where do you check first?

- Social Media
- Email
- Website
- St. John's App
- Local News
- N/A

If you want news on upcoming events, where do you check first?

- Website home screen
- Website events page
- Social Media
- Livestream Announcement Slides
- Livestream Announcement Comments
- FaithLife Email
- Eagle's View Newsletter
- Targeted Ministry Emails
- St. John's App
- N/A

I would prefer to get church updates...

- Website home screen
- Website events page
- Social Media
- Livestream Announcement Slides
- Livestream Announcement Comments
- FaithLife Email
- Eagle's View Newsletter
- Targeted Ministry Emails
- St. John's App
- Target Text Messages

Overall, do you feel like the church does a good job of keeping you informed?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

If no, how might we improve?

Overall, are you happy with the amount and frequency of communication?

- Yes
- No, I receive too much communication.
- No, I don't find out about things before they happen!
- N/A

If no, how might we improve?

If you would like to update your email subscriptions to tailor them to your current

Benevolent Foundation Awards \$25,500 in Grants

Each year, the St. John's Benevolent Foundation provides over \$100,000 in scholarships and grants to local and global partners. Grants are awarded twice each year, with the first grant cycle ending March 1. Scholarships are awarded during the spring. We are proud to partner with the following organizations in their ministry efforts, each of whom received a recent ministry grant:

GRACES (on behalf of Escuela Integrada in Guatemala —
Food bags for remote learners \$2,400.00

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) — Scholarships for
leadership training camps \$5,000.00

Crumley Archives at LTSS — Assistance for technology
updates and archival supplies \$500.00

Conversations that Matter— To help bring Dr. Sonny Kelly's
play, "The Talk," to Salisbury \$4,000.00

Sudan Rowan — scholarships for students to attend
secondary school in South Sudan \$4,000.00

NC Synod — The Lifeline Fund helps reduce educational debt
of NC Synod pastors and deacons \$2,000.00

Meals on Wheels — provide home delivered meals and
groceries for homebound seniors or disables citizens of the
Rowan County community \$3,700.00

Isenberg Elementary — Provides high interest children's
library books for Isenberg Elementary. The grant also provides
a subscription to the Junior Library Guild, which secures
newly published youth literature in a time of partial virtual
learning. \$1,400.00

Hope for Today – counseling for those facing COVID related
stress, fear, loneliness and anxiety around re-entry. \$2,500.00

Total: \$25,500.00

Quarterly Financial Report

January – March 2021

Kindergarten, August 2020 through March 2021 (school year)

Budget Income: \$ 70,320 Actual Income: \$ 68,494

Budget Expenses \$ 68,920 Actual Expenses: \$ 61,970

Child Development Center, January through March 2021

Budget Income: \$ 333,751 Actual Income: \$ 295,939

Budget Expenses \$ 348,979 Actual Expense: \$ 339,293

St. John's Lutheran Church, January through March 2021

Budget Income: \$ 354,856 Actual Income: \$ 353,605

Budget Expenses \$ 364,490 Actual Expenses: \$ 343,455

Shop With a Mission this Mother's Day

Discover woman-owned, vegan, and reusable products



By Angel Owens

Whether shopping for Mother's Day or preparing for 2021 graduation, Seasons Gifts has your shopping needs taken care of!

Shop with a mission. Shop at Seasons Gifts.

Joy Susan

Shop with a mission this Mother's Day by supporting woman-owned businesses with a conscience, like Joy Susan.

Joy Susan is woman owned and family run. A leader in the vegan leather handbag market, all handbags are made of 100% polyurethane, a synthetic material with no animal products or animal by-products.

Joy Susan's website boasts durability and quality, "It's every bit as good as genuine leather, and once you try it, you'll never go back— and you won't be missing anything."

Seasons Gifts carries a number of colors and styles— a perfect gift for the mothers in your life.

Charles Viancin

What do you gift the environmentally conscious chef in your life? Charles Viancin creates BPA-free, reusable silicon kitchen accessories to keep your food fresh!

The unique designs are inspired by nature and used to contain kitchen

messes, keep food fresh, seal in heat for hot foods, and keep cold foods chilled.

These gifts are not only perfect for the environmentally conscious mother on Mother's Day, but also for a 2021 graduate heading to college or moving out on their own. These lids store easily, save money, reduce clutter, and eliminate waste!

In fact, according to the Charles Viancin website, "a single Charles Viancin silicon lid will last longer than the hundreds of thousands of rolls of plastic wrap and aluminum foil that are wasted every year."

Store Hours

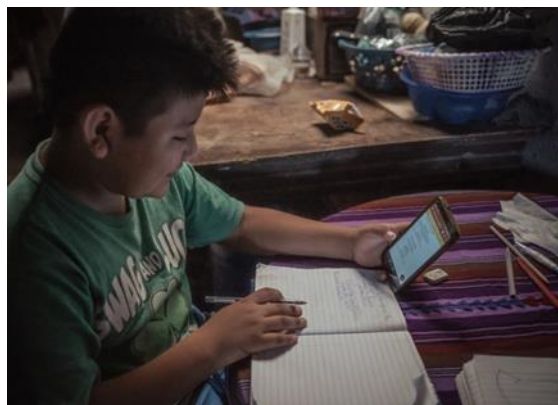
Seasons Gifts plans to reopen, with the help of vaccinated volunteers, beginning Sundays this May, 9 am— 11 am.

You may also contact Seasons Gifts to schedule a time to shop or make purchases virtually with a personal shopper, 704-636-3431.

Interested in Volunteering?

Seasons Gifts is run by volunteers from our Senior Seasons ministry. If you are interested in volunteering one Sunday each month, please contact Barbara Jo Corriher at dbc corriher@ctc.net.





Guatemala:

At-Home Learning and Sponsorships

New Computers and the At-Home Learning Program

As at-home learning continues in Guatemala, it was necessary to purchase new computers for the teachers of Escuela Integrada. Thankfully, GRACES received a donation for the purchase of new computers. The teachers are so thankful! The school is still unaware of when they will be able to return to in-person classes.

The Guatemalan government has yet to give any indication as to when in-person classes will resume again. For this reason, the school continues with their At-Home Learning program and students continue to receive classes virtually through the support of data packages. It is not ideal, but thankfully the students and families are engaging and very grateful for the ability to continue their education during this time.

Sponsorship in Honor of Elizabeth Harry

Elizabeth Harry, a member of St. John's who passed away March 13, 2021, had been sponsoring a child with GRACES for a few years. It was her wish that her sponsor child, Katerin, finish her education. GRACES has set up a memorial fund in her honor and to continue Katerin's sponsorship. To donate, you can send a check to GRACES at: GRACES PO Box 532, Salisbury, NC 28145. GRACES is so grateful to Elizabeth for her years of generosity and for truly helping to change lives in Guatemala.

You're Invited

You are invited to the wedding of Taylor Hutchins and Pamela Lopez-Arredondo.

A note from Taylor: "The service will be Saturday May 22 at 6 pm in St. John's sanctuary. Due to the unknowns of group gatherings during the pandemic, we decided early on to invite only family members to participate in-person. But we would love to have you join us virtually! The service will be streamed on our website www.taylorandpam.com



"We do intend on having a larger celebration this coming fall. Please check our website for all the details.

"We appreciate you and thank you for your encouragement, thoughts and prayers. We love you all!"

St. John's Leadership

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Altar Flowers

We have many openings for altar flowers in May and throughout the summer. Please contact Deborah in the church office if you would like to provide altar flowers, Deborah@stjohns-salisbury.org, 704-636-3431.



Happy Birthday!

*Congratulations to our Octogenarians
celebrating May birthdays:*

Eleanor Andrews, James Bradshaw, Harold Deal, Don Duggan, Diane Everhart, Bud Graeber, Perry Hood, Connie Hurlocker, Tom Hurlocker, Kathy Isenhour, Barbara Rufty, Jean Rufty, Ann Sachtleben, Cora Shinn, Tom Smith, Walter Tatum

Condolences

Dave Roof and family, on the passing of Joyce Roof on April 6.

Tim, Stephanie, Christopher, Brandon Kafitz and family, on the passing of Paula Kafitz on April 6.

Fran Hoke on the passing of her son, Steven Benson on April 22. He was 70 years old.

Congratulations

On the birth of Olivia Reese Patterson, born on March 22. Parents are Brent and Mallory Patterson. Grandparents are Stan and Rita Honeycutt.

On the birth of Lillian "Lily" Christine Phipps, born on April 21. Parents are Devin and Ashley Phipps. Grandparents are Gary and Angela Graham.

Calendar Updates

You may have noticed the monthly calendar has not been included in the Eagle's View for several months. Due to the necessity for schedule flexibility because of COVID safety precautions, please continue to check the Wednesday FaithLife, social media, and our website for the latest calendar updates.

You may also sign up for more detailed information from Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, and Senior Seasons via email.

Thank you for your continued patience regarding scheduling and promotion.

St. John's Ministry Staff

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cdc@stjohns-salisbury.org

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Worship During Covid-19 Restrictions

Traditional Worship Sundays at 11 am in the Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship Sundays at 9:27 am in the Faith Center

Visit stjohns-salisbury.org and click "listen live,"
watch on Facebook Live, or search "SJLC" on YouTube

Listen to worship each Sunday morning at 11 am on
stjohns-salisbury.org, and click Listen Live. Listen to previous
week's service at 9 am Sunday on WSAT 1280 AM.

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The June/July Eagle's View will be published in May.
Please email stories and news to
angel@stjohns-salisbury.org by May 14!

On Call List

If there is a pastoral emergency, please call **704.856.9751**
to reach the pastor on call.

Prayer Chain. Our Prayer Chain is updated daily and
emailed to interested persons Monday through Friday. To
add or subtract a name, please contact Deborah Cross at
deborah@stjohns-salisbury.org. Also let Deborah know if
you would like to receive the daily Prayer Chain.



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