

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

A 55 Year Partnership

Rowan Helping Ministries and St. John's

By Susan Shinn Turner

Eva White wants to know if you can spare two hours a year.

Not a week. Not a month.

Two hours a year.

Eva is in charge of getting St. John's volunteers for Rowan Helping Ministries, and has a little over 100 slots to fill over the course of a year.

St. John's is responsible for cooking the evening meal on the second Wednesday of the month, doing laundry that evening, and then cooking breakfast on the Thursday that follows the second Wednesday.

"We have volunteers who have been there many years, some of them decades," says Eva, who volunteers with husband Ben. "It's a place people feel good about volunteering."

Eva notes that Covid protocols are in place. Everyone wears masks, and volunteers who prepare meals also wear gloves. There's very little contact now between shelter guests and volunteers.

"If you aren't comfortable volunteering, you can contribute financially through a fund at church," she adds.

Eva says she doesn't even remember when she and Ben began volunteering at RHM.

"The late Judy Trexler and I took over the volunteers when Frank DeLoache left," she recalls. "She and I started in 2009."



She adds, "It's just something I'm passionate about — helping the homeless and people in need."

So is Dave Roof, an RHM volunteer from the start.

These days, Dave serves as a volunteer for the Second Helping Program. He arrives at Food Lion on Statesville Boulevard on Tuesdays and Thursdays around 8:15 a.m. He hits four departments: deli, dairy, meat, and produce. He picks up day-old items which can no longer be sold, but which are still perfectly fine to consume. Then he takes it to RHM and unloads on the back dock. The whole process takes about 45 minutes.

He's also on the Thursday morning breakfast team with Ernie Kirchin, Parker Hatchett, Cheryl and Ted Goins, and others.

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Pastor's Letter



Pastors Demmel, Carter, and Woolly at Pastor Carter's ordination on Feb 26.

Dear friends,

Colleagues.

It's a word I love, although I know it sounds awfully formal. It begins with the Latin prefix *co-*, which indicates the joining together of something. It assumes that something is held in common, mutual.

The word itself — *colleague* — could simply represent someone you work with. But the intent of the word goes far beyond just working together. It represents a copartner, a companion, a confidant. True colleagues share

a common mission and purpose. They have the same drive, even if they approach it in very different ways. Colleagues can have very different personalities, but they see one another as confreres.

I have to say that I am truly blessed to be surrounded by such good colleagues at St. John's. Sure, that includes all of you, but I'm speaking specifically of those I work with on a daily basis, those I share office space with, meet with in staff meetings, pray with every Wednesday morning. Our job descriptions are different, but they hold a common thread: sharing the Gospel and helping to expand the Kingdom.

I'm blessed with some excellent colleagues at St. John's.

This month, we welcome two more colleagues. Their formal title is "pastor," but to me they will be colleagues. And I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to their arrival.

Pastor Carter and Pastor Demmel are uniquely qualified for the calls they have accepted. They come from very different backgrounds and experiences, but showcase the exact same drive. Our Call Committee is to be applauded for having identified their talents and thinking creatively about how to use them *both* in ministry at St. John's.

You might remember that last August we were only searching for one pastor and one youth director. After meeting with James and Lori, the Committee decided to change directions and, well, the rest is history.

The three-pastor model that was proposed isn't unique at St. John's. We've tested those waters on two separate occasions. But that was a while back and the situations were very different. With a changed culture and very different needs in the congregation, both the Call Committee and Congregation Council believed that the Holy Spirit was knocking on our door with a new approach to ministry.

Your new pastors — my new colleagues — will arrive in the next few days. I know the Lord has been paving the path for their arrival. Thank you in advance for the warm hospitality you will extend to them. I know it because I've experienced it on so many different occasions. Welcome them into your embrace, your homes, your lives. They'll be better for it, and so will you.

It feels like the time is right to welcome these new colleagues. Spring is around the corner, we're beginning to emerge from Covid, worship attendance is slowly increasing, and the G2G project is soon to be completed. It feels like we're turning the corner, don't you think?

When the people of Israel were facing a very unique period of uncertainty, the writer of 2 Kings wrote the following:

"The surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downwards, and bear fruit upwards." 2 Kings 19:30

What a hopeful proclamation then *and now!*

As we anticipate a season of bearing fruit, let's wrap arms of love around these new pastors/colleagues and the many others who will soon return to in-person worship and ministry at St. John's. Welcome back. Welcome home. Welcome!

Our very best to you.

+Pastor Rhodes

The Season of Lent

The 40 day Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through Holy Week. The season invites Christians to renew their commitments to the disciplines of Lent as they prepare hearts and minds for Easter.

At St. John's, Lent is commemorated in worship, service, and devotion. Of particular interest this year is our daily devotional guide, "Grace Unbounded." We're sure you'll find it to be a meaningful way to guide you through the 40 days of Lent. Other opportunities include:

Worship:

Sundays of Lent. Online worship at 11:00 am; in-person worship at 9:27 and 11:00.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm: Holden Evening Prayer.

Throughout the centuries, Lent has been a time for Christians to return to the disciplines of faith. Midweek Lenten worship helps us see worship as an integral part of our weekly rhythm. Join us in person or **online** for Evening

Prayer, Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. The 30-minute service is rooted in the beautiful music of Holden Evening Prayer, accompanied by special musical guests. Guest Musicians are: Tori Jones, Violinist; Brandon Kepley, Pianist; Kevin Agner, cello; Chase Webb, Saxophonist; and Helen Rifas, Harpist.

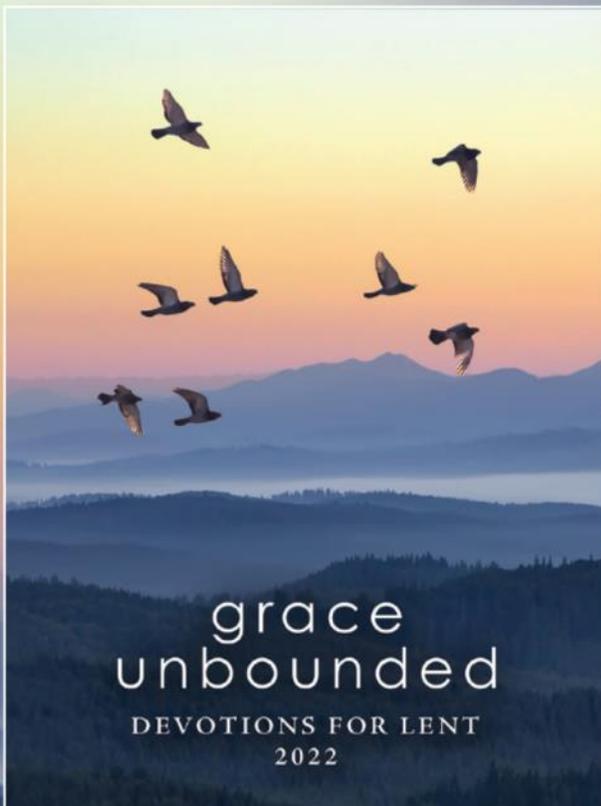
Join us in-person or online at 6:30. Nursery provided.

Service:

Personal Care Kits. Our congregation will be providing Personal Care Kits to some of the neediest people in the world. A project of Lutheran World Relief, we join congregations around the country in providing much-needed supplies to those living in extreme poverty. See page 7 for details.

Our Goal:

1 kit for every year of our history (275!)



Grace Unbounded

DEVOTIONS FOR LENT
2022

Join us as we read through
the Gospel of Luke.
Together.

*Copies are available in the track
racks outside of each service.
E-Book edition available online.*

 AUGSBURG FORTRESS

This Month with Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids is our children's ministry program at St. John's. First Look is for our Kingdom Kids birth to 4 years old, while 252 Kids is for our K-5th graders.

Each age is invited to participate in our Milestones Ministry, which celebrates special moments in your child's faith journey and invites them into a deeper exploration of that milestone. Every milestone includes hands-on teaching, a parent component, and a tool/gift that will help the child carry that faith milestone into their daily life.



Parent Meeting—Mar. 23 at 5:15pm in the Pit.

Pottery 101—Apr. 2 at 9 am, meet in the Well

First Communion Worship—Apr. 14 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

If your 3rd-5th grader is ready to participate in First Communion, please let Stacey know as soon as possible.

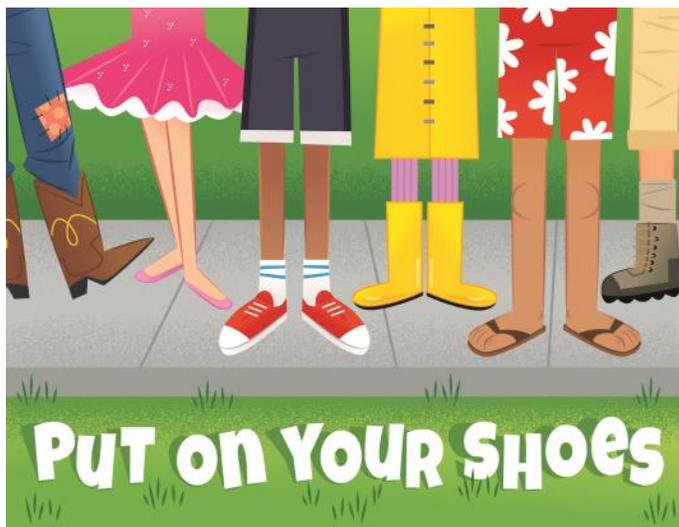
**Please encourage your children to bring their bibles to church with them. Our Sunday school leaders will ask that they use them during their time together.*

Nursery workers and volunteers needed!

Nursery workers and volunteers are needed. If you are interested, contact Stacey.

Any questions?

Contact our Children's minister, Stacey Shafer
stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org.



This month's First Look Theme (Birth to 4)

No matter what kind of shoes we wear, everyone can be friends with Jesus.

We can be friends with Jesus no how young or old.

We can be friends with Jesus wherever we live and whatever language we speak.

We can be friends with Jesus no matter how much money and education we have.



This month's 252 Kids Theme (K-5th grade)

The connection between cooperation and God's character, as shown through God's Big Story

Thank you, Caroline!

When we entered into the Call Process without an associate pastor or a youth director, Caroline stepped up and said, “Do you need some help?”

Caroline’s a busy young lady, having graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in May 2020 and currently working at the Community Care Clinic as she prepares to begin the Physicians Assistant Program at Radford University in Fall 2022.

But she loves her church. And she knows how much youth ministry meant to her growing up.

No doubt there was a total void in leadership. Pastor Rhodes quickly said, “Absolutely!” And thus began Caroline’s work “holding things together” (her words) as we searched for new youth leadership.

Thank you, Caroline, for your dedication, love, and faithfulness!



Youth RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) Attack—moving items in some of the downstairs rooms in the education building. Thank you!

Upcoming Events for Senior Seasons



Join us on March 8 at 12 pm in the Pit for a Lunch N Learn with local Bee Keeper Marcel Renn. He will present a "show and tell" program on bee keeping. Come and learn why bees are so important to our environment.

Bring your own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.



Come out and meet Pastor Lori Carter, the new Associate Pastor of Congregational Care on March 29 at 11:30 AM in the Pit. Enjoy lunch prepared by caterer Debbie Suggs for only \$5.

RSVP at diane@stjohns-salisbury.org.



Lenten Project 2022

1 Care Kit for each of our 275 Years!

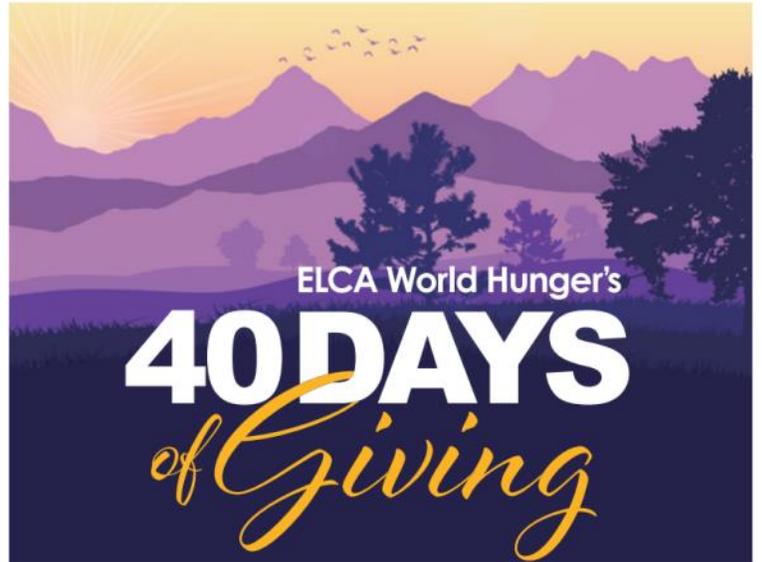
Our congregation will be providing Personal Care Kits to some of the neediest people in the world. A project of Lutheran World Relief, we join congregations around the country in provided much-needed supplies to those living in extreme poverty.

You can help! 5 items are needed for each care kit. Because shipping regulations are so stringent, we're asking members to buy individual items and bring them to the designated collection area in Peeler Hall between March 6 and April 14.

Please be precise about the size requirements listed below. And thanks so much for your partnership!

Contents for Personal Care Kits

Towel	Light-weight bath-size between <u>20"x40"</u> & <u>52"x27."</u> <i>LWR will not accept larger towels.</i>
Toothbrush	Individual in its own packaging. No multiples.
Comb	WIDE toothed comb with a handle.
Fingernail clippers	One regular size pair of clippers taken out of its packaging.
Soap	Two 4 oz. bars.



An additional Lenten Project. Another way to serve your neighbor during Lent is through the *40 Days of Giving campaign*. The campaign invites your to give a small amount each of the 40 days: for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities around the world. You may contribute in 3 ways.

1. Make a check out to St. John's with "world hunger" in the memo line.
2. Contribute online through our website. Note "world hunger" in the "other" category.
3. Collection jars will be available in Peeler Hall.



Worship and the Arts

SCHEDULE FOR CHOIRS IN MARCH:

The Chancel Choir: will rehearse each Wednesday in March immediately following Wednesday Evening Services of Evening Prayer.

St. John's Men's Chorus will continue to rehearse each Sunday at 4:00 pm in the Choir Room.

The Luther Ringers will rehearse on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Bell Loft of the Sanctuary.

The St. John's Women's Ensemble will rehearse on Sunday, March 13 and 27th at 5:15 pm in the Choir Room.

9:27 Musicians will rehearse on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Faith Center.

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES DURING LENT

This year we'll have the blessing of including guest musicians in our services of Evening Prayer each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We'll begin to center our hearts for worship beginning at 6:25 pm. as our musicians prepare us. They will also play during the service. Our Guest Musicians are: TORI JONES, Violinist, BRANDON KEPLEY, Pianist, KEVIN AGNER, cello, CHASE WEBB, Saxophonist and HELEN RIFAS, Harpist. We hope that you'll join us each Wednesday Evening in March either in person or online. Midweek Services begin on Wednesday, March 9th and continues each Wednesday evening until April 6th.

Pastor Lori Carter Ordained on February 26



Congratulations to Pastor Lori Carter (center), who was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Saturday, February 26 at Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston-Salem. Pastor Lori will serve as the Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at St. John's, beginning March 13. Joining her are fellow pastors from the Winston-Salem area, along with Bishop Tim Smith, Pastor Rhodes Woolly, and Pastor James Demmel (second row, in front of Pastor Rhodes), who will serve as St. John's Pastor for Youth and Outreach.

Fighting the Cold

Members take advantage of a cold sanctuary by providing coats and blankets to people in need

When we returned to worship in the sanctuary late last Fall, we did so with the assumption that the new boiler would be in operation.

Well ...

When the wrong boiler was delivered, we entered into supply chain challenges that delayed delivery of the new unit to early March ... which made the sanctuary a frigid place to worship.

Far be it for us to complain! Instead, members rallied around the idea of cold weather and remembered those who live without heat every day — principally our neighbors who are homeless.

With that in mind, worshippers were invited to show up on February 13 with dollar bills and cans of soup to share. On

February 20, you were invited to wear warm coats you could donate at the end of worship. On February 27, you were invited to wrap up in a warm blanket that you'd donate as you left the building.

Thanks to you, 130 coats and 54 blankets were donated for the cause, along with over 300 bowls of warm soup! The coats and blankets were delivered to Rowan Helping Ministries and Prevent Child Abuse Rowan on February 28.

And what's the status of the boiler? We're pleased to announce that it has been delivered and is currently being installed — just in time for *next* winter!

But that's okay. Thanks to a supply chain challenge, you were able to supply much-needed coats and blankets to folks who really needed the help. Thank you!

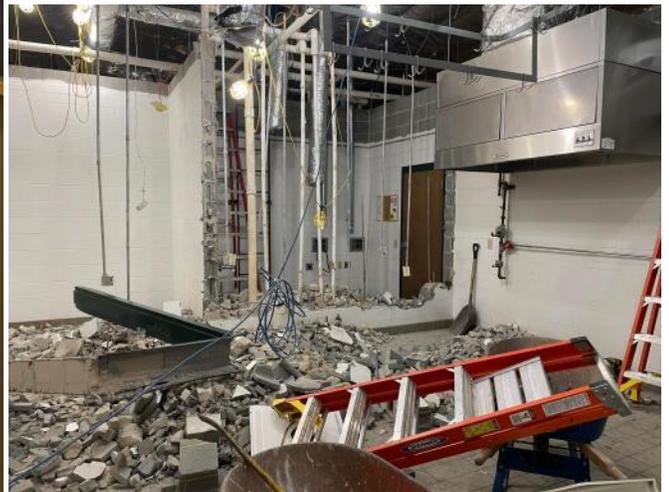


Stacey and Aaron Shafer deliver coats to Rowan Helping Ministries.

Renovations Begin at the CDC



Thanks to Sally Taylor for sprucing up the cross at the entrance of the CDC!



The kitchen has been gutted and walls moved. Other projects include the addition of a multi-purpose room and a therapy room for children with special needs.

Salisbury Lends Support to Ukraine

Tolling of the Bells

At 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 25, downtown congregations rang their bells for 10 minutes. The ringing of a bell is a universal signal for a call to prayer, often used by congregations to gather for worship.

Our hope was to encourage anyone within the sound of these bells to pray for the people of Ukraine as they face the onslaught of war.



Ricky Howsare, David Ellenburg, Taylor Hutchins and members of the construction team took turns ringing the St. John's tower bell. Ruth Ann and Pastor Rhodes rang the "Wiley Lash" bell in the tower of the Faith Center.

Prayer Vigil at Bell Tower Green

A few hundred people from throughout the community and various denominations gathered on February 28 at Bell Tower Green for a prayer vigil, lighting candles and gathering in prayer and silence for our sisters and brothers in Ukraine.

The vigil was attended by over 50 students from Catawba College who were there to lend support and encouragement to a classmate whose parents live in Kiev.

As candles were lit, the giant water wall was lighted in blue and yellow, the colors of the Ukrainian flag.



Flower Arranging Workshop is April 2

Led by Clyde | Saturday, April 2 | 10:00am – 12:00pm

Do you like seeing flowers on the St. John's altar? Join us as we learn how to design and execute beautiful floral arrangements that can be used for the St. John's altar and your own homes. Clyde will teach us designs that emphasize the use of common garden greens, along with artificial and real flowers.

At the end of the workshop, you will take away a beautiful arrangement and a wealth of ideas.

Participants will need to provide containers and floral snips (scissors or garden shears). We will meet in the Pit for this workshop.

Reservations will be necessary for purchasing supplies. To RSVP please email or call Sandy Jordan at sandygayjordan@gmail.com, or 704-202-9681.

Space will be limited, so make your reservation early!



Around the Congregation

RHM, from page 1

“It’s just something we ought to do,” Dave says of his volunteer work. “That’s what Christians are called to do, to serve.”

“You meet the most polite and the most grateful people,” says Sharon Agee, who volunteers with husband Mike. They were on the laundry team but now help serve meals.

Celia and Steve Jarrett have been volunteering for about five years, she says. They’re on the cooking team since Celia has cooked for Wednesday night meals.

“Steve and I always volunteer in May and Mark and Lindsay volunteer in August,” Celia says. “We call it the Jarrett-Wineka team because we know we’ll help each other.”

Others have joined that team, including Dennis and Kathy Ingold, and friends of Celia and friends of Lindsay.

“It’s an opportunity to be in a small group with your friends,” Celia says.

Their menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, and peach cobbler.

“Lindsay always brings ice cream,” Celia says. “We make a Sam’s Club run together. That’s always a fun time for us to spend time together.”

(The team may or may not go to New Sarum for refreshments after their volunteer shift is over.)

“It’s very easy to volunteer and it’s a lot of fun with friends,” Celia says.



Some of St. John’s other volunteers include Tom and Judy Childress, Melody Moxley, Ann Hatchett, Sandy Jordan, and Darryl and Barbara Jo Corriher.

“It’s easy to get volunteers if you don’t ask a volunteer to commit to too much,” Eva notes.

Many hands really do make light work, she says. “It’s just not a huge commitment.”

St. John’s involvement with RHM goes back to its beginnings, which predates Kyna Grubb, its current executive director.

“St. John’s has had volunteers, as well as members who have served on our board, including the late Tippie Miller,” she says. “We’ve had financial support, and your congregation members have served in a variety of ways. The connection to Rowan Helping Ministries is through the congregation’s desire to find a passion to serve. You all have logged quite the hours and the dollars.

“For us, the participation has been there forever. Rowan Helping Ministries wouldn’t be here without our downtown churches.”

If you’d like to volunteer two hours a year to help our homeless neighbors, please contact Eva White at mevawhite@hotmail.com.

Read the “RHM Timeline,” next page

Rowan Helping Ministries: A Timeline

By Susan Shinn Turner

On a bitterly cold night in the early 1960s, a homeless man froze to death. It was a call to action for the downtown churches, including St. John's.

In 1967, they formed Rowan Cooperative Christian Ministries. Dial Help was founded in 1970 and operated in the basement of Tri-County Mental Health. First Presbyterian started operating a soup kitchen in 1982, and the downtown churches opened an emergency winter night shelter in 1983, rotating locations.

The Crisis Assistance Network opened in 1985, operating from John Calvin Presbyterian Church.

In 1986, Rowan Helping Ministries was incorporated, and all of these services moved to 226 N. Long St., thanks to a donation of land from Cheerwine in 1988.

In 1997, members of St. John's built the Eagle's Nest I, a transitional housing behind RHM, and in 2004 built Eagle's Nest II.

In 2011, the biggest event since the founding of RCCM happened: the Miracle on Long Street. The late Paul Fisher, the late Jimmy Hurley, and others were meeting at the original building, now known as the Ralph Ketner Center. They had been told beforehand it was woefully overcrowded.

As the men entered the building, they saw a little girl sitting outside in the rain, waiting for the school bus. They had no idea that women and children were staying there in a space only meant for men.

Inside, Hurley pounded the table. "Hell, let's build a new building, and let's do it now," he said.

Fisher came home and told his wife, Sue, what he had seen. "It was the beginning of children staying there," Sue said last month. "He said to me, 'We cannot allow this.'"

The money was raised quickly — so quickly, in fact, that the project was dubbed "The Miracle on Long Street" — and the Robertson-Stanback Center opened in 2014, named for the lead donors, Julian Robertson Jr. and Fred Stanback.

69th Pinewood Derby Held

The Pinewood Derby is an event held in most Cub Scout units since 1953. Each scout is given a kit containing a 7" x 2³/₄" block of pine wood, 4 plastic wheels, and 4 nails. The scout and a parent/guardian work together to build a "race" car. All the Cub Scouts race their cars against each other in a Derby event sponsored by their pack on a 32 ft. track using a hill for gravity power.

The use of pinewood cars started with California Cub Scouts in 1953 and soon spread to units throughout the US. Leaders of St. John's Pack 443 built its own Derby track in 1960 and it was used until 1990 when Goodman Lumber provided materials for a new track of more modern design, which is still in use today by our scouts.

Our 2022 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby winners include:

1st place winner Liam Coble

2nd place winner Grayson Ryerson

3rd place winner Jeremy Smith

Best Design car went to Jackson Williams

If your child is interested in becoming a Cub Scout, please see either our Scout Master Dave Roof at 704-798-8001 or our Committee Chair Ashley Lisenby 980-521-0193.



95 year old Pens: *Seasons Gifts*

By Gerrie Blackwelder

There is honor in having an old church — right up until the point repairs become costly.

You may know that St. John's is the first church in Salisbury, having been founded in 1747. Our sanctuary building was dedicated in 1927 and, like so many older church buildings, is undergoing renovation as steps begin wear, floors sag, and carpet frays.

Our goal is to prepare it for another 100 years of ministry.

Current and past members hold memories of splashing water at baptisms at the baptismal font, others walking up the Sanctuary steps for weddings to beautiful music, and some reflect on the quiet moments of saying final goodbyes at meaningful funerals.

Others just love the beauty of the cathedral-like room which has held innumerable sermons of meaning and so many friendships of note.

All aspects of the church will remain the same in the most current renovation, but flooring had to be modified due to use.

My husband, Darrell Blackwelder, enjoys working on woodcraft and glass projects. He came up with a novel idea to help parishioners hold onto precious memories from the Sanctuary remodel. He harvested some of the heart pine flooring put down in 1927 and is making commemorative ink pens.

Darrell planes the heart pine, then cuts it into 8-inch lengths of about 1-inch thickness, and through a four-step process

turns the wood at about 2500 rpms. Two types of pens will be offered: one set of pens, using a 12-step process which brings the wood to a glasslike shine, and an alternative method, leaving the wood completely natural to the touch.

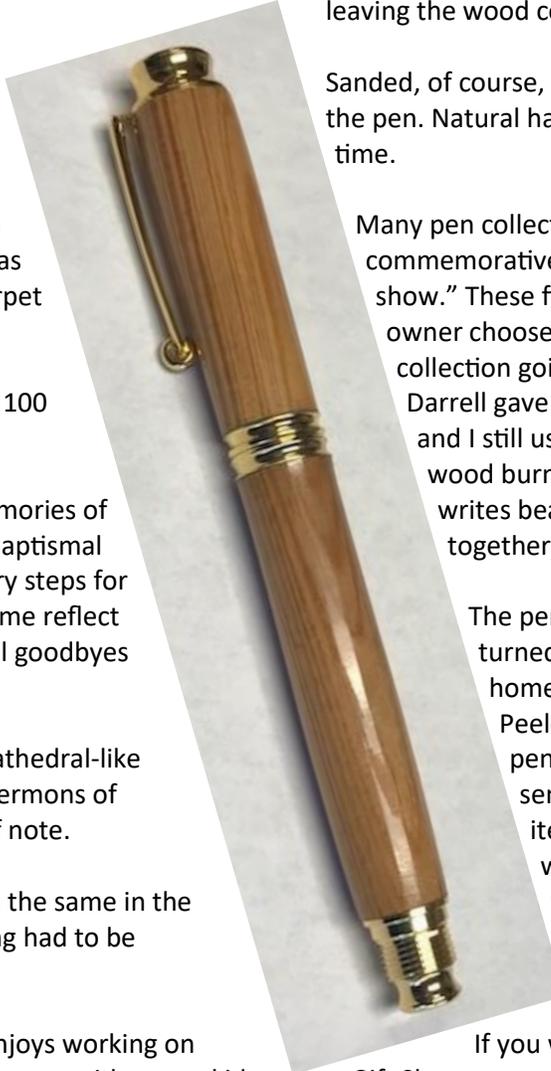
Sanded, of course, the natural pens darken over the life of the pen. Natural hand oil gives the pen a satin-like shine over time.

Many pen collectors do not actually write with commemorative pens, but these are not "merely for show." These fine pens are certainly made for use, if the owner chooses. I have an abundance of pens in a collection going back to my father's passing in 2005. Darrell gave me a pen made from my dad's workbench and I still use it. It, too is heart pine with a natural wood burnished to a natural shine. Well worn, it still writes beautifully after daily work and retiring together from teaching in 2010!

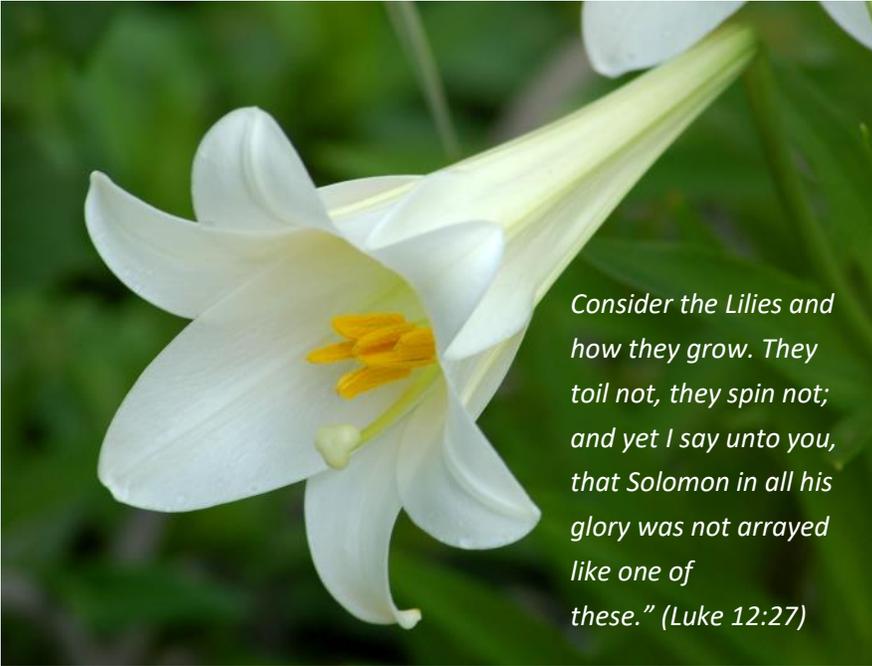
The pens, which use a standard refill by Cross, are turned in his home woodworking shop at our home and sold through Seasons Gifts Shop in Peeler Hall. Darrell can also make fountain pens and pens from other woods that hold sentimental value. The lovely shop also has items made by other church members, as well as Mission Partners throughout the world. All proceeds from the pens go directly to the church's senior ministry program.

If you would like to purchase pens from Seasons Gift Shop, you may call the church office at 704-636-3431. To order or for questions, contact Darrell Blackwelder at deblackw@ncsu.edu.

The shop is open from 9 to 11 am on Sundays or by appointment. Contact Sherry Mason Brown at 704-754-0331 or the church office to make an appointment.



Easter Decorations: *Order by April 8*

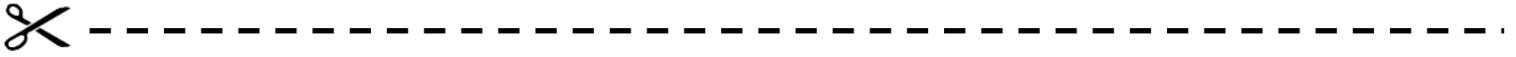


Consider the Lilies and how they grow. They toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Luke 12:27)

Be a part of a beautiful tradition at St. John's, as we decorate our worship spaces for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Give thanks for the blessings in your life or remember and honor loved ones with the purchase of a palm or lily. Lilies may be purchased for \$15.00. Palms may be purchased for \$25.00.

We will also be collecting donations for the Easter Cross and altar flowers. All orders/money may be mailed to or taken to the church office or placed in a marked envelope in the offering plate. Deadline for ordering will be April 8.

Lilies and palms are delivered fresh to the church prior to Easter and available for you to take home after 11 am Easter Worship. A dedication insert will be included in the worship bulletin.



2022 Easter Lilies, Palms, and Flowers

Given by _____

Decoration	Price	In Memory of.....	In Honor of.....
Lily	\$15.00 each		
Palm	\$25.00 each		
Flowers	Amount \$ _____		

A New School in Guatemala!

Great news! Our partner school in Antigua, Guatemala (Escuela Integrada) has moved into a new, larger school! It's an answer to prayer that we were able to find a space that makes room for the school's 200+ students and the many support services it provides for student families, faculty and staff.

St. John's has been in partnership with Escuela Integrada since 2009. Three of our members serve on the board and one member (Nancy Shirley) serves as operations manager, working remotely from Salisbury.

The school's mission is to provide holistic educational opportunities through physical, emotional and spiritual support for children living in extreme poverty in Guatemala.

It connects beautifully with St. John's long-standing passion for education, especially in providing excellent learning opportunities for those on the margins.

Although our students continue to learn remotely, they'll soon return in-person to a facility that is much better equipped for the amazing work they are a part of each and every day.

"Education is the way out of poverty," says Pastor Rhodes. "It's also a primary tool God uses to live into the 'abundant life' Jesus so desires for us" (John 10:10.)

Our primary way of partnering with Escuela Integrada is through student sponsorship. Learn more at www.wearegraces.com.

And be sure to take a tour of the new school by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntVRO37yVAc>.



Fun Facts about St. John's

Did you know that the North Carolina Synod was founded during an assembly at St. John's in 1802?

275 years: *Come celebrate the story*



St. John's Leadership

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Around the Congregation

Dear St. John's Congregation,

Words cannot express the gratitude in my heart for how my family and I have felt loved and supported following the unexpected death of my father, Dr. Marvin Jones, in a car accident on January 10, 2022. The cards, prayers, calls and texts, as well as the many kind condolences expressed, have warmed my soul. God is indeed good and the people of St. John's continue to demonstrate that goodness.

My father will have a Celebration of Life service at St. John's on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 11:00AM. The family will greet friends immediately following the service in Peeler Hall. A private internment in the St. John's Columbarium will follow.

Peace+

Mary Willis Page and Family

Condolences

Dale Huffman and family upon the death of Dick Huffman on February 3.

Kerry, Tim, Garrett, Katie and Mallory Gardner, on the passing of Claudette Barger on Feb. 14.

Susan Myers, Zach Tucker and family, on the passing of Gene Myers on Feb. 12.

Happy Birthday!

*Congratulations to our Octogenarians
Celebrating March birthdays:*

Bobbi Ann Brown, Tommy Carlton, Clarence Derrick, Pat Epting, Joan Harris, Don Julian, Mack Lampert, Barbara Sims, Irene Stewart, Emily Stirewalt,

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 precautions and G2G construction, please continue to check the Wednesday FaithLife, social media, and our website for the latest calendar updates. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

"I haven't seen you lately."

As society begins to emerge from two years of Covid, you will likely notice that you haven't seen some of your St. John's friends in quite a while — either because you or they have needed to refrain from public activities during Covid, including worship.

If you're ready to return, please know that our arms and these doors are open wide! Join us this Sunday in worship or during one of our smaller mid-week Lenten gatherings (Wednesdays at 6:30).

If you know of someone who hasn't been attending worship recently, reach out! You never know who might be in need or has simply gotten out of the habit of worshipping regularly. Your inquiry might make all the difference in the world.

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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
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