



Let's connect faith and life *together*

*In collaboration with Lee Street Theatre, St. John's presents:*  
**"Blood Done Sign My Name"**

*By Susan Shinn*

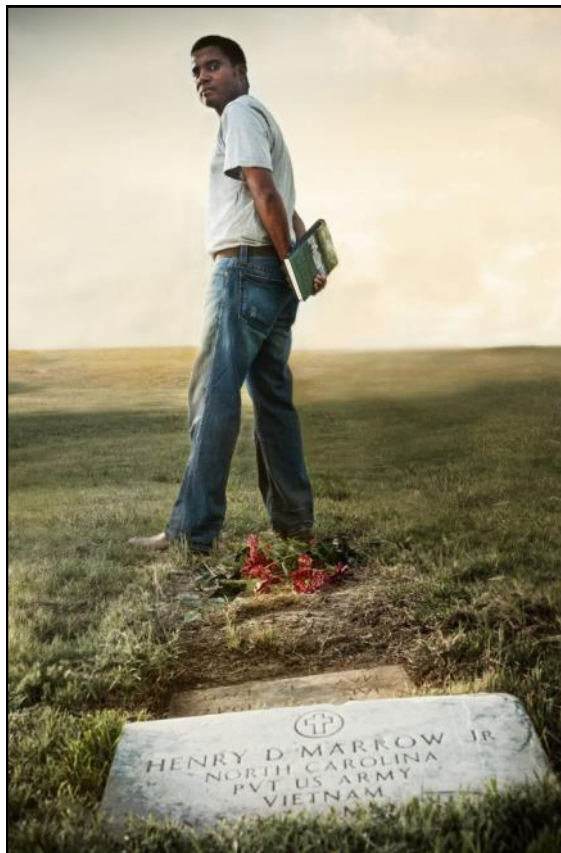
This month, Catawba graduate Mike Wiley brings "Blood Done Sign My Name" to St. John's, with two performances in the Faith Center.

The shows take place at 7:30 pm February 25 and 4 pm February 26. Tickets at \$10 are on sale at Seasons Gifts, the church office, and the St. John's Web site.

We talked with Wiley about the show, which chronicles the 1970 murder of Henry Marrow in Oxford. Last season, Wiley directed "The Parchman Hour" at Lee Street Theater. His company, Mike Wiley Productions, offers a rich repertoire of compelling productions, with stories shaped from cultural milestones of recent history. To learn more, visit [mikewileyproductions.com](http://mikewileyproductions.com).

SJ: How many times have you performed this play? Is this the first time it's been performed in Salisbury?

Wiley: I've performed this play several dozen times. This is my first time performing it in Salisbury. I've performed in Concord as well as Charlotte, but not Salisbury. And yes, this is my first time performing at St. John's.



SJ: How should play-goers prepare for this performance? Anything you'd recommend they read beforehand, if they do desire?

Wiley: I would say reading the book that the play is based on would give folks an idea for the enjoyment of the play. But really, understanding Civil Rights and American history would be the simplest way to come prepared.

SJ: The original event took place in 1970. Given the current race relations in this country, this play seems more relevant than ever.

Wiley: This play is certainly more relevant than even when it premiered in 2008. It is the very definition of the saying, "the more things change the more things stay the same."

SJ: You've said you want to open (hearts and) minds. What do you hope play-goers will take away from these performances?

Wiley: That we have come a long way, but we still have miles to go before we rest.

*"We have come a long way, but we still have miles to go before we rest."*

*Mike Wiley*

## From the pastor



One of the primary responsibilities of a church is to create safe space for folks to worship, learn, engage with one another, and stretch their minds.

I can't tell you how many times we've stressed the need for St. John's to be a place where folks can talk honestly and openly about issues of faith and life — a place where judgment is reserved while the love of God is proclaimed.

In a world of great division — and that includes way too many churches — we want to be a place where folks of many different backgrounds and ideas can gather and serve and grow.

At the heart of creating safe space is the willingness of our members and friends to faithfully embrace Paul's cry that "we, though many, are one" (Romans 12:9).

I'm so thankful to be in a congregation that doesn't shutter at differences of opinion. You're okay with it, and I love that about you.

But there's another, more practical aspect of "creating safe space" that also deserves attention.

**A Safe Facility.** As a downtown church we have to take seriously the complexity of having a facility that is "open for business" while "closed to intruders." That's not an easy task.

With the G2G renovation, we were able to install an impressive access control program that monitors and controls access to all of our doors in the education building, the Faith Center, and the side door and elevator into the sanctuary. The system allows us to embrace a rich sense of hospitality to our guests (our "front door" is always open during office hours), while providing much-needed access control to other parts of the facility.

Highlights of the system include the following:

- Access is controlled by programmable cards rather than keys. As such, all members are welcome to receive a card by contacting our facilities manager, Jon Koppe.

- The cards allow us to monitor who has entered the building and at what time. This safety feature is not installed to discourage access, but to help guarantee safety, especially during non-office hours.
- Cameras have been installed at key places around our campus that allow us to identify activity during any time of the day.
- All door locks can be programmed to open and close at certain times of the day. No access to the campus is granted between the hours of 11pm and 7am.
- With 30 exterior doors to our facility, it's extremely helpful for us to control door locks via a computer screen rather than physically checking all doors.

For the system to work properly, we need your help:

- Get a key card, especially if you are a regular visitor to the church for activities, rehearsals, or meetings. If everyone has a key, then exterior doors can remain locked during evening gatherings, discouraging passers-by from passing through.
- Yes, as a downtown church, we have our share of folks who wonder through the facility unannounced. Please don't get me wrong: we want to create open space for folks to engage the power of the Holy Spirit at St. John's. That includes welcoming guests and the occasional stranger. But a more secure facility limits access to parts of the campus that must remain particularly secure, like our child care center, the kindergarten, and the office area.
- If you are at a rehearsal or meeting, please don't prop open a locked door. Doing so leaves that part of our facility exposed ... and a propped door cannot be locked by our system. Doors will be programmed to be unlocked 15 minutes prior to and 15 minutes after the beginning of an event. When doors are locked, they are only opened from the outside by using a key card. And remember: red=locked; green=open.

Please know that our ultimate desire is to create open, hospitable, safe space at St. John's. We are not at all interested in building a fortress, but we want to be wise in creating a system that works best for all.

Thanks for your understanding and patience ... and for picking up your key card in the church office :)

Peace+  
Pastor Rhodes

PS: Part 2 of "creating safe space" includes an updated Child Protection Policy. We'll update you on that later.

# Paula Bohland Accepts Call to Our Partner School in Guatemala

La Escuela Integrada is pleased to announce that Paula Bohland is its new executive director.

She definitely knew what she was getting herself into. Paula has served as interim executive director for the past four years. In order to take on the full-time responsibilities, she recently left her position as Executive Director of Downtown Salisbury, Inc.

Paula will oversee fundraising, organizational development and work closely with the school's teachers and administrative staff. Although the school is located in Antigua, Guatemala, she will be able to continue living in Salisbury, commuting 4-5 times/year for work on-site.

Paula has been involved with La Escuela Integrada for the past nine years. She was made aware of the school when she and her husband, Tyler Keryluk, adopted their son Joe, now 11, from Guatemala.

"The first time I went to the school, it just touched something in me," Paula says. "I could see God was at work there, and I wanted to be a part of it."

When Paula first started working with the school, she was a consultant who helped write grants. The school is now managed by GRACES, a 501C3 organization based in the United States with a single purpose: raise money and awareness for the school.

"Through grant writing, I became more connected with the school and gained a greater understanding of the administration," Paula notes. "The board asked me to step in when the school's previous management returned to the United States."

The more Paula got involved, the more she wanted to be involved, she says.

"It's always been on my heart. The longer I served and knew what needed to be done, it became a yearning to be able to

do it and focus on it full-time. It was central in my life. I spent all my vacation time in Guatemala. What an honor."



*Paula helped Evelyn Medina develop The Mean Mug Coffee shop on South Fulton Street.*

Says Kevin King, board president, "Paula's expertise and experience will be invaluable as she leads this organization to greater success in the coming years. We really needed someone with intimate knowledge of the mission along with quality relationships with all the staff, teachers, and students. Paula has held the role of interim director for quite some time so this was a natural progression to her taking the full time, paid position. As the mission has grown the need for a dedicated executive became imperative, so we are thrilled that she has accepted and will be helping us grow on our past success."

Paula says she'll be visiting Guatemala at least quarterly.

"We have a sustainability plan for the school, and my focus will be to implement that plan," she explains. "As part of that plan, I'll also be meeting with corporate and individual donors. As an organization we're always going to be in fundraising mode, because education in Guatemala is not free."

The school is home to 180 children ages 5-18 in extreme poverty. They would have no other option for education without La Escuela Integrada. For more information and/or to become a sponsor of one of the school's students, visit their website at [www.wearegraces.org](http://www.wearegraces.org).



# Children's & Youth Ministry

## Kingdom Kids & EPIC

*elementary school youth group calendar*

**February 1, 8, and 15**

4:30-4:45 pm — Kingdom Kids & EPIC

**February 5 (Sunday during all three services)**

EPIC will collect money for the Souper Bowl of Caring

*\*Please note no Kingdom Kids or EPIC on February 22*

## The Well

*middle school youth group calendar*

**February 3-5**

Confirmation retreat: "Faith Alive" at Lutheridge

**February 10 (Friday):** 6th grade movie night, 6:00

**February 12:** Confirmation, 5:30

Looking at Christian ethics: *Is God in my school?*

**February 19:** RAK attack with high school group, 1-3pm

**February 26:** Confirmation, including a parent session

## FUEL

*High school youth group Calendar*

**February 5:** Super Bowl party, 5:30

**February 12:** youth group, 5:30

**February 19:** RAK attack, 1-3pm

**February 24-26:** LYO statewide retreat

## High School Church League Basketball

Each Monday and Thursday evenings at the YMCA in Salisbury you might run into a large gathering of folks from St. John's who have come to cheer on the high school boy's church league basketball team. We have a great group of boys who have been really enjoying the time they have to play some basketball with each other under the tutelage of Coach Kelly Everhart.

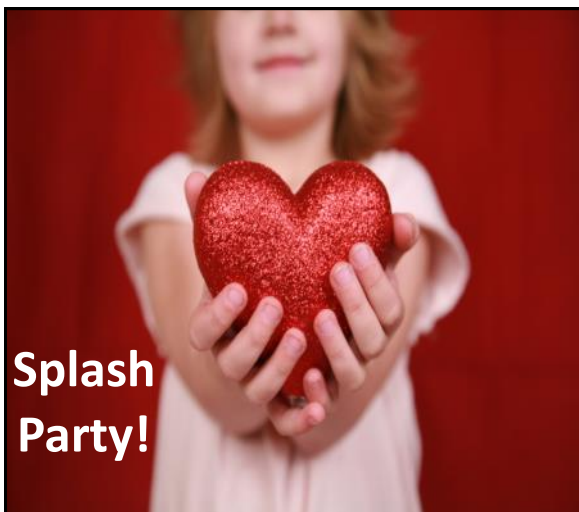
With 3 other teams in the league (First Presbyterian, Sacred Heart, and Gethsemane) the games have been a wonderful opportunity for boys to get to know each other better even if they are at other congregations. Playoffs start in early February. Come cheer our team to defend their title!



*Kai Thurow serves as our youth minister. Lauren Thurow is our children's minister. Contact them for more details or to help out with our children's or youth programs.*

## Splash Party is February 18

*For our tee-tiniest of members!*



- When?** Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 10:30 am
- Where?** The ARK at St. John's  
*Please enter double doors under canopy on lower level off Jackson Street, then follow the signs.*
- Who?** All children ages birth to 3 years old, their brothers, sisters, moms, dads and grandparents
- What?** A time of fellowship, games, songs, refreshment, and play

*Come join us for a morning of fun and play.  
We'll have you home in time for lunch and a nap!*

Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 15 to Lauren Thurow, children's minister, [lauren@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:lauren@stjohns-salisbury.org).

## Two Youth Mission Trips to Guatemala scheduled this Summer

This summer, St. John's will send two mission groups to Guatemala in July — a total of 47 participants.

On July 2-8, 20 rising freshmen through graduating seniors will travel to Antigua, followed by 19 youth members the week of July 9-15. Four chaperones will accompany each group. There, they will work with students and staff at Escuela Integrada, our partner school there.

St. John's youth groups visit Guatemala every three years. On the "off" years they attend the National Youth Gathering and then complete their three year cycle with a domestic mission trip. Kai Thurow is the youth minister.

The cost for this trip is about \$1,400 per person, Kai says. "But we're hoping to do enough fundraising so that each family only has to pay \$500 per person."

Kai notes that a half-dozen families have more than one child going on the trip.

With the trip cost in mind, Kai has set a goal of \$18,000 for this year's auction and dinner, set for March 25.

Please mark your calendar, and plan to read more details about the Guatemala-themed evening in the March *Eagle's View*.

Why two trips?

"In working with mission groups, we have discovered that smaller groups work better," says Paula Bohland, recently named executive director of the school (see article on page 3). "That way, each group is more easily transported, and can get to know students and staff better."

"We are absolutely thrilled to have not one but two groups with us in Guatemala this summer. As always, I'm humbled by the high level of engagement by St. John's congregation. I'm eager to see what God will do in July."



*35 youth and adults participated in the 2014 mission trip to Guatemala (left). The mission includes daily interaction with the students, a field day at a local soccer complex, home visits, worship in a local church, and an excursion to a local volcano. This year participants will assist with the installation of safe stoves in homes.*

## A Reformation Primer

Beginning this month — and in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation — we will offer a special feature entitled “A Reformation Primer.”

In the monthly article we’ll take a look at some of the intriguing stories and personalities of the Reformation. Upcoming articles include:

**February:** A Reformation time-line

**March:** Little known stories of Martin Luther

**April:** Katie Luther, the nun who became Luther’s wife

**May:** The Luther family. Who were Martin and Katie Luther’s children?

**June:** Luther’s latter years — conflict and agony

**July:** The Reformation in context — Why is it considered one of the five most significant events of the millennia?

**August:** Philip Melancthon — Luther’s indispensable side-kick

**September:** The little town of Wittenberg — How an other-wise unknown town became the center of the Reformation

**October:** Luther’s year in exile — Luther’s year of hiding in Wartburg Castle changed the course of history.

**November:** “What makes a Lutheran a Lutheran?”

**December:** Luther’s Christmas traditions

*To get started, this month’s “Reformation Primer” offers a simple Reformation timeline. Important and the not-so-important events during the days of Martin Luther:*

1483, November 10. Martin Luther is born in Eisleben

1501. Luther enters law school at the University of Erfurt, what he called “a beerhouse and a whorehouse.”

1505, July 2. Luther was nearly struck by lightning on his way home from school. He immediately decided to become a monk. He would move to the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt. He was 22 years old.

1512 Luther is awarded the Doctor of Theology degree at the University of Wittenberg. He would spend the rest of his career as a professor and chair of theology at the university.

1517 Nailed the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg.

1520, Dec 10. Luther burns the papal bull (letter) that demands he recant or face excommunication.

1521, January 3. Luther is excommunicated by Pope Leo X.

1521, April. Luther is summoned by Roman Emperor Charles V to the Diet of Worms, where he is forced to defend his positions. Luther famously says, “Here I stand, I can do no other.”

1521, November 7. Luther is kidnapped on his way home from Worms. Outlawed and exiled to the Wartburg Castle

1522 Luther completes his German translation of the New Testament, widely regarded as escorting in a “new” and modern German language. He returns to Wittenberg

1525 Married Katharina von Bora, a nun who had fled from a convent in Nimbsch. Together they would have six children (3 boys and 3 girls) and raise 6 of Luther’s sister’s children.

1529, October 21. The pope calls King Henry VIII a Defender of the Faith after he rejects Luther.

1529. Luther publishes “A Mighty Fortress.” Some tradition holds that he published “Away in a Manger” the same year. Born into a musical family, at least 42 hymns are attributed to Luther. Although part of the lore of Luther, there’s no evidence that he used popular drinking songs as tunes for his hymns.

1530 Luther and Philip Melancthon present The Augsburg Confession, outlining core tenants of the Lutheran faith.

1534 Luther completes his translation of the German Bible, including the Old Testament. The Apocrypha is not included.

1546, February 18. Luther dies in Eisleben.

## Pastor Rhodes to teach 3 week Class on the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of our faith in more ways than one. It encapsulates who God is and who we are in relationship to God. The Creed is a remarkable statement of faith — a time-honored document about which two wars were fought.

“To fully understand the Christian faith,” says Pastor Rhodes, “you’ve gotta wrestle with the Apostles Creed. There’s no way around it.”

Ready to wrestle? Pastor Rhodes is leading a three week class on the Creed on three consecutive Wednesdays beginning February 8 from 6:30-7:30 pm. The class is held in the Conference Room, room 218 of the education building. Join us!

### Lutheranism 201

The class is part of our Lutheranism series that helps to unpack some of the key aspects of Martin Luther’s *Small Catechism*.

Pastor Danielle teaches Lutheranism 101, an introduction to the basics of the Lutheran faith. Lutheranism 201 tackles the Apostles' Creed. Lutheranism 301 will unpack the Ten Commandments. Together they form part of our Reformation500 emphasis on bringing greater clarity to the core tenants of the Lutheran faith.

Whether you’re a cradle-to-grave Lutheran or brand new, these classes are for you!

## Luther’s Table Blessing for Families

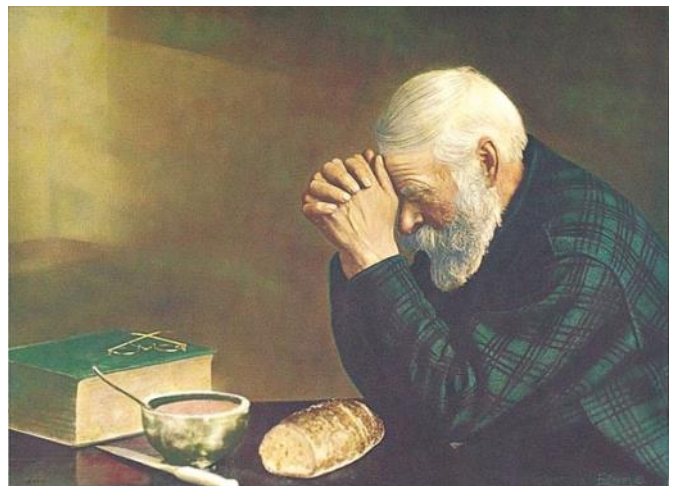
*One of Martin Luther’s great contributions to the church was his emphasis on family life. Never before had a theologian of his stature given so many practical, faith-building tools for families to use at home. We commend the following table blessing to you this month:*

*Begin with one of your family members speaking this or another similar Bible passage.*

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. (Ps. 24:1 NRSV)

*Then all who are able speak this prayer together.*

All here gathered, food from the land,  
all is gift from your gracious hand.  
Feed us today; feed all those who hunger;  
teach us to feed one another.  
We ask this in the name of the one who is our  
bread, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# Music Ministry

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## Men's Chorus

The St. John's Men's Chorus has resumed rehearsals each Sunday afternoon at 4:45 pm in the Choir Room.

The chorus will provide special music for Boy Scout Sunday on February 12 at the 11 am service. Its 22nd Annual Spring Concert will be at 4 pm May 21 in the sanctuary. If you would like to join the Men's Chorus, please contact Rosemary Kinard, director, or Rob Durocher.

## Trinity Singers and Ringers News

The Trinity Singers and Ringers will present a Valentine's "Sing-Along" for Trinity Oaks residents at 10:30 am Thursday, February 12, in the Special Events Room. They are also preparing for their annual Joint Concert with the Y-Wonders later in the Spring. The Trinity Singers rehearse each Thursday morning at 10:15 at Trinity Oaks. The Trinity Ringers rehearsal follows at 11:00.

## Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir provides worship leadership at the 11:00 service each Sunday. The 44 voice choir is one of the largest all-volunteer church choirs in the area and has an excellent reputation for singing a wide variety of music. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00. Interested in joining or learning more? Contact Rob Durocher, director.

## Save the dates for Music & Meditation

This year's Music & Meditation series is set for March 13, 20 and 27 from 12:15-12:45 pm in the Chapel. The concerts take place during three Mondays in Lent. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a time of reflection during this most holy season.

## The St. John's Flute Ensemble

The John's Flute Group is planning to provide prelude music for worship during the spring. If you are interested in joining the group, or if you have questions, please contact Rosemary Kinard, director.

## Christmas DVDs Available

If you would like to own a copy of the 2016 Men's Chorus Christmas concert CD or a beautiful DVD of the entire concert, please contact Joy Chaffin in the church office at 704-636-3431 or email her at joy@stjohns-salisbury.org.

They are available for a small donation to help cover production costs.



*Our Music Ministry hosts two different bell choirs. The Luther Ringers rehearse on Monday evenings. The Classic Ringers rehearse on Wednesdays. Contact Kim Lentz, director, for more information.*



# Worship and Music Ministry

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## Rosemary Kinard to Retire as Men's Chorus Director

Rosemary Kinard, director of the Men's Chorus since its inception in 1994, is retiring as director. Her last concert with the group will be May 21.

"I just felt like this was the right time to slow down a little bit," Rosemary says.

The group has grown from a handful of men to a chorus of 50, and its ministry impact has been enormous.

"We're taking this next step very seriously," Rob Durocher says. "We want the future to be one that honors the chorus's long tradition and Rosemary herself." With that in mind, Rob, Rosemary, the pastoral staff, and the Men's Chorus Council will soon be mapping out the future of the group.

Until then, the chorus's full attention is on the spring concert.

"Rosemary has provided wonderful inspiration and leadership for the Men's Chorus," says Pastor Rhodes. "I'm a little biased, but I

think it's the finest group of its kind anywhere around. What a legacy she leaves."



*Prior to her work at St. John's, Rosemary was director of choral music at Catawba College.*

Seeing the relationships formed over the years, Rosemary says, "has been a beautiful thing to watch." The ministry created by this group has been fulfilling to her personally as well.

"It's like having 50 children," she says, "and watching them grow and appreciate one another as a family is so inspiring. They're very caring toward one another. They're just an amazing group of human beings who happen to sing together. They love music and they love to sing. There's a great camaraderie, and I have loved these past 22 years."

Men's Chorus officers are Donny Yost, president; Dave Foreman, secretary; and Julius Waggoner, treasurer. Randy Overcash takes care of public relations, Carol Hair is the group's librarian, and Janie Rollins is their longtime accompanist.

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## Upcoming: Mark your calendars now!



March 19, 7:00

The Lenoir-Rhyne A Capella Choir in concert at St. John's. Would you like to host a student? Contact Rob Durocher.

May 21, 4:00

The St. John's Men's Chorus Spring Concert

September 23, 7:00

The Salisbury Symphony and Chorus will present Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony as part of the St. John's Reformation500 celebration.



October 18-24

St. John's and the Piedmont Players present "In God's Own Country," a story of Henry Muhlenberg and the birth of the Lutheran church in America. They play, presented by a 20+ person professional theater company in Germany, opens the Piedmont Players 2017-18 season at the Meroney. Would you like to help sponsor the play? Contact Pastor Rhodes.

*Kay Brown Hirst and Gary Freeze talk with "In God's Country" producer at the Meroney*

# Partners

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Dear friends,

Let me start by saying thank you for what you do. Thank you for providing Salisbury with faith and hope.

As the principal of Salisbury High School, it is my job to provide faith and hope as well. Our students need the same kind of encouragement that congregations provide. Studies show that relationships are the number one factor in student success. At SHS, our faculty and staff have been challenged to build relationships with their students and to truly understand them for who they are and how they tick. We've made gains with many of our students, but we've only scratched the surface.

We have identified 100 students who we consider "at-risk," often due to behavioral issues, academic inadequacies, attendance problems, or a simple lack of support structure. I am asking for your help. We would like to pair these students with an influential person in the greater Salisbury area who can mentor them throughout the year; someone these students can turn to and confide in; someone who can give them advice and support them through their challenges. Mentors would be asked to contact their student weekly and drop by school to check in on them frequently.

If members of St. John's would like to help mentor an SHS student, please let me know. We will be conducting a Mentor

Kickoff to discuss expectations for the program and to conduct training. Students will be paired up carefully according to the mentor's background. Parents must be in agreement for their child to participate in the program.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. The SHS staff is convinced that our mentoring program is the next step in providing every student with the opportunity for success.

Luke Brown, [luke.brown@rss.k12.nc.us](mailto:luke.brown@rss.k12.nc.us)

*Note: Luke and his family joined St. John's this past fall. He plays bass in the 9:27 worship ensemble.*



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## Donate to the St. John's Tent Village at Lutheridge

St. John's has been asked to raise \$50,000 to fund a new platform tent village at Lutheridge. The church has already received \$20,000 towards the project.

Adding the four elevated tree-house style platform tents will serve the camp's High School Outdoor Adventure Program in several ways:

- The Outdoor Adventure Program at Lutheridge has grown during the past 15 years, outgrowing the four platform tents already in place. The new tent village will give the program more room to grow in the coming summers.
- Adding the tent village will free up cottages to increase Lutheridge's growing adult and family programming.
- The new elevated tent village will have a "wow" factor, much like the new pool, attracting campers and helping

retain current campers. Any commitments over \$50,000 will go toward remodeling restrooms in Lakeside Lodge.

A group of six St. John's members is serving as the steering team for the project. They are Mike and Sharon Edwards, Harrison Parrott, Dave Roof, Cora Shinn, and Anna Grace Woolly. Although a more formal campaign will be held this spring, donations can be directed to the project even now.

For more information about Lutheridge, visit their website, [www.lutheridge.com](http://www.lutheridge.com).



## Church Library is a Terrific Resource

By Catherine Soderberg

Have you visited our church library lately? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful resource.

It is available for your use whenever the church is open, and uses an honor-code checkout system. Here's how it works: Let's say you find a book that you want to check out. All non-fiction, fiction and biography materials have a card in the back of the book. Just put the date of check-out, your name and a telephone number where you can be reached on the card. Place the card in the yellow basket on the table and voila, you are done. You have two weeks to keep the materials. If you need more time, just come in and renew the materials. When you are finished with the materials, return them to the wire basket on the table and we will check them in.

You can now search by title or author on our search computer to find a book in the system. Easy instructions on how to get into our search software are on a display right next to the computer. Just put in the title or author you are looking for and it will search our database to see if we have it.

Additionally, all of the cataloged materials in the library can be accessed at home by going to the church's Web site. Click on the Discipleship tab and then click on Resources. Where it says "and now you can search our li-

brary," click on these words. This will take you to the search page. It is immensely helpful, for example, if you are a Life Group leader and want to know if we have a particular material that you would like to use in your small group. All the Life Group materials have been grouped together and so labeled and you can preview any of the DVDs using the search computer.

Children can take advantage of the new children's materials (books and DVDs) as well. During the year, we have color sheets that correspond to the Bible story being shared that week. We also have a book of the week that is usually the same Bible story they are learning but by a different author.

That's not all! If you want to listen to a sermon from the 11 am service, just click on the sermon icon on the library computer and select the week you want to hear. You can also view weddings, funerals and special events that have been recorded.

Finally, we have multiple sets of Bibles, commentaries, Bible Dictionaries, maps etc. if you are researching a topic. Reference materials cannot be taken out of the library but you are free to use them there..

So come on in and take advantage of this wonderful resource!



*The library is loaded with resources, books, and DVDs for children and adults. You'll be surprised at how much is available for use! A special treat is the "St. John's bell" that can be rung in the library. It is from the old St. John's Lutheran Church on West Innes Street, an African-American church that eventually closed and formed Crown in Glory Lutheran Church on East Bank Street.*



# Around the church and community

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Congratulations to Susan Shinn and Jim Turner, who were married on January 6 in the sanctuary. They had met on a mission trip to Cuba and quickly fell in love.

The marriage is also a time for saying goodbye, as Susan will leave the Salisbury area to live with Jim in Raleigh. Susan has served as the St. John's Communications Assistant for six years. She will continue to write for our newsletter and produce our Advent and Lent devotionals.

Congratulations Susan and Jim! We wish you all the best in your new life together.



## MOM Clinic returns to Salisbury

The next MOM Clinic has been scheduled for September 15-16 at the old JC Penney in West Side Plaza. The clinic provides no-cost dental care for those in need. The 2015 clinic served over 700 clients, providing cleanings, extractions, and other services.

St. John's has been a partner since the very beginning. We will soon open volunteer registration for those who would like to help.



*Above, Meg Dees helps guide patients at the 2015 clinic. Above left, Jeanne Moore helps with an extraction. Well, she stands by to support the patient!*

# Our Schools

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*Several CDC students enjoy a beautiful day in the playground. The St. John's Child Development Center serves 180 children and their families daily.*



*Our kindergartners love sunny days on the playground. The St. John's Kindergarten is over 75 years old and is well-known as one of the finest kindergartens in the area.*

*Call 704.636.4404 to place your child on a waiting list for the year he or she will attend. Please call as early as possible.*



# Senior Seasons

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## Road to Reformation

This year's "walk" began January 22, 2017. We will walk for 12 weeks through Germany seeing sites and places of Martin Luther. You will receive, via email, a brief description of places we have "virtually" visited and turn in your miles weekly. Our walk concludes Easter Sunday.

Your Health Care Ministry team hopes that this walk gets each of us up and moving.....such a benefit to the health of our bodies and minds! If you did not get signed up, please email [stjohnshcm@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshcm@gmail.com) to be included in the walk! We want you along!



## Senior Seasons Spring Academy

Our Spring Academy begins Tuesday, March 7, 2017 and finishes Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Please join us for interesting learning opportunities and fellowship! Academy brochures will be available soon, but you may register online at [www.tinyurl.com/senior-seasons](http://www.tinyurl.com/senior-seasons) or contact Carolyn Byrd.

Course titles included for Spring are:

**Living Side by Side:** An Examination of Race in Salisbury and Rowan County (morning course - 10:00 - 11:30). Facilitated by Pastor Rhodes

**Spring Forward to a Healthier You** (afternoon course - 12:30 - 2:00). Facilitated by Senior Seasons Steering Committee

**Rowan County and the Civil War** (afternoon course - 12:30 - 2:00). Organized and facilitated by Kaye Brown Hirst

**Stretch, Balance and Breathe** (bonus course - 2:15 - 3:15). Led by Judy Childress



*Seasons Academy is always a great time for fellowship.*



## Wade Rouzer serves as interim in our ministry to the homebound



A year ago, Wade Rouzer returned to St. John's after serving as director of youth and family ministries at St. James, Concord.

Wade joined St. John's in 1979 when he married wife Peggy, and together, they have five children and nine grandchildren. Wade was hoping to do some volunteer work at St. John's, and had already helped Pastor Danielle with one of the Milestones, introducing third-graders to the Bible.

That's when Wade was asked if he would consider doing pastoral visits during Pastor Danielle's maternity leave, also helping fill the void created when Pastor David Nelson recently retired as pastor for care and homebound ministry.

"I want to make sure that everyone still feels a part of church whether they're there or not," Wade says of his visits, "and that people at church still love them. I'm getting to visit with friends I've known for a long time."

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For 40 years, Wade worked with his twin brother, Allan, in their family business, Rouzer Motor Parts, a business Allan still runs. Wade left the family business to attend seminary, receiving a master of arts degree in Christian education, youth ministry and pastoral counseling from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

Wade served at St. James for seven years. "Time passes fast when you are having fun. I loved that church and I loved the people. I was director of youth and family ministries, and also what I like to call, 'and oh, by the way...'"

At St. James, Wade wore a lot of hats. At St. John's, he'll concentrate on visiting homebound members and members who are in nursing homes. He began his duties in early January, and made about a dozen visits his first week on the job. He's also made many phone calls and is in the process of scheduling further visits. He says that Pastor Nelson's notes have been invaluable.

He'll make visits weekly, monthly or quarterly, and work closely with Pastor Rhodes, Carolyn Byrd, who is responsible for the daily prayer update, and Joy Chaffin, office manager.

"I'm just pleased to be back with my home church," Wade says. "It's family."

## Join **lifegr:ups**

In a Life Group, eight to 12 adults meet regularly for about an hour and 15 minutes to pursue spiritual growth and healthy relationships. You'll be encouraged to live out the truths you discover in the Bible as you encourage others to do the same.

The goal is for each LifeGroup to meet three times a month, including opportunities for fellowship and service. **How do I join?** To join a LifeGroup, come to GroupLink,

an event where you can meet people and become part of a group based on the day and time that works best for your schedule. You will be asked to make an 8-week commitment to invest in community, and grow in your relationship with God.

The next GroupLink will be held in early spring. For more information, contact Pastor Danielle (once she returns from maternity leave!)

# Worship Leaders for February

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indicates 8:30 a.m. worship service    ^indicates front row

## LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

Feb 5 Randy Overcash  
Feb 12 Dave Roof  
Feb 19 Frank Goodnight  
Feb 26 Jonathan Williams  
Mar 1 Gretchen Witt (*Ash Wednesday*)

## READERS

Feb 5 Charles Moll\*, Susan Myers  
Feb 12 Stacey Shafer\*, Connor Towns  
Feb 19 Carl Beaver\*, Dave Foreman  
Feb 26 Parker Hatchett\*, Franco Goodman  
Mar 1 Mary Willis Page (*Ash Wednesday*)  
Mar 5 Acquawon Stallworth\*, John Henderlite

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Feb 5 Christine Mowery, Donna Beilfuss,  
Gretchen Witt^  
Feb 12 Carol Beaver\*  
Feb 19 Donna Weinhold, Perry Hood, Gretchen Witt^  
Feb 26 Beth Boger\*  
Mar 5 Marilyn Smith, Wesley Rhyne, Dennis Rogers^

## ALTAR GUILD

February Sally Taylor, captain; Sandy Jordan, Joan Harris,  
Pat Roos, Robin Cohen

## COMMUNION PREPARERS

February Laura Salow and Maria Lewis

## GREETERS

Feb 5 Dennis & Kathy Ingold, Stan & Sandy Jordan  
Feb 12 Harold & Peggy Mowery, Bradley & Laurie Stevens  
Feb 19 Franco & Brenda Goodman, Jay & Meg Dees  
Feb 26 Darrell & Gerri Blackwelder, Ron & Janice Raper  
Mar 5 Ken & Carol Brown, Bryan & Mary Wymbbs

## WELCOME PLACE GREETERS

Feb 5 Lorna Reasor  
Feb 12 Linda Phillips  
Feb 19 Barbara Waggoner  
Feb 26 Mimi Carlton  
Mar 5 Hen Henderlite

## AFTER-SERVICE GREETERS

Feb 5 Nancy Shirley, Karen Rogers, Bill Safrin  
Feb 12 Cory Gebhardt, Gary Rhodes, Donny Yost  
Feb 19 Dennis Ingold, Frank Goodnight, Ron Smith  
Feb 26 Bill Johnson, Karen Puckett, Norman Sloop

## ACOLYTES

Feb 5 Grace Shafer and Anna Everhart  
Feb 12 Tessa Brown and Gemma Brown  
Feb 19 Sascha Medina and Olivia Dagenhart  
Feb 26 David Holden and Grace Faller

## CRUCIFERS

Feb 5 Spencer Everhart  
Feb 12 Jared Hensley  
Feb 19 Kevin Agner  
Feb 26 Faith Faller

## ELEMENT BEARERS

Feb 5 Grant Shafer  
Feb 19 Sam Medina

## LORD'S PRAYER

Feb 12 Mallory Rhyne

## USHERS: Head Ushers

February Ernie Kirchin and Glenn Stokes

## USHER TEAMS

Feb 5	Team 1E*	Tom Childress, Mark Derrick
	Team 1	Mark Derrick, captain
Feb 12	Team 2E*	Tom Smith, Jeff Nelson
	Team 2	Scott Robinson, captain
Feb 19	Team 3E*	Bob Loeblein, Jeff Nelson
	Team 3	Carole Parrott, captain
Feb 26	Team 4E*	Bob Rusher, Bobby Rusher
	Team 4	Loyd Hill, captain
Mar 5	Team 5E*	Ronnie Smith
	Team 5	Steve Puckett, captain

## PA OPERATORS

Feb 5 Darrell Blackwelder  
Feb 12 Mike Agee  
Feb 19 David Wilson  
Feb 26 Roger Alexander

## Wednesday meals for February

**Feb. 1** — chicken supreme, rice with mushrooms, peas and carrots, salad, roll and dessert

**Feb. 8** — loaded potato bar, broccoli, baked apples, Boger's best buns and dessert

**Feb. 15** — pulled pork, pinto beans, pineapple casserole, slaw, Mexican cornbread and dessert

**Feb. 22** — roasted chicken, mac & cheese, butter beans and corn, slaw, cornbread and dessert

**A note about recycling.** Perhaps you've noticed our move to all paper products around campus. Our Council has made a decision to be more sensitive to the environment and landfill waste by eliminating all Styrofoam and as much plastic as possible. Because we already had a large inventory of Styrofoam in place, it will be used until depleted.

"Admittedly, the decision bears some additional monetary cost," says Jon Koppe, facilities manager, "but we believe it is more than offset by our decision to be better stewards of the environment."



## Ash Wednesday

March 1

12 pm—Chapel  
6:30 pm—Sanctuary

## Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to our Octogenarians celebrating birthdays in February:  
Irene Nankey, Paul Carter, Sonny Allen,  
David Willingham, David Nelson, Ken Fink,  
Marie Fork, and Marty Blackburn

## Eagle's View deadline

The March Eagle's View will be published in March.  
Please email stories and news to  
joy@stjohns-salisbury.org by Feb. 9.

## ST. JOHN'S LEADERSHIP

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL

2017 President.....Karen South Jones

#### Term Expires 2017

Karen South Jones  
Norman Sloop  
Nancy Shirley  
Ronald Smith  
Donny Yost

#### Term Expires 2018

Ben Goodman  
Frank Goodnight  
Jeanie Moore  
Gary Rhodes  
Bill Safrit

#### Term Expires 2019

Cory Gebhardt  
Dennis Ingold  
Bill Johnson  
Karen Puckett  
Karen Rogers

#### Youth Members

Grace Faller and Victoria Plyler

### MINISTRY GROUP CHAIRPERSONS

*Worship* Gretchen Witt and Randy Overcash  
*Outreach* Geoffrey Hoy  
*Congregational Life* Ann Bostian  
*Discipleship, Adult* David Hord  
*Discipleship, Youth* Sandra Sullivan

## Attendance

Dec 4	458	Jan 1	374
Dec 11	522	Jan 8	Closed/Snow
Dec 18	650	Jan 15	517
Dec 24/5pm	490	Jan 22	414
Dec 24/9pm	460	Jan 29	471
Dec 25 Unity	184		

## Buck-a-Meal Sunday

*Sunday, February 5 (1st Sunday of each month)*

Buck-A-Meal for December was \$178, and January was \$258. Every dollar bill donated equals a meal at RHM.

You may bring non-perishable foods on the first Sunday of the month, or to the office anytime during February.



# Announcements and Letters

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## Congratulations

Jessica and Nick Goodman on the birth of a daughter, Brooks Taylor Goodman, on December 6, 2016.

Susan Shinn and Jim Turner, who were married Jan. 6 at St. John's.

Pastor Danielle and Michael DeNise on the birth of a son, Moses Milan DeNise, on January 17, 2017, in Salisbury.

## Consolation

Family and friends of Ellen Trexler, who died Nov. 29; family and friends of Corinna Gardner, who died Dec. 1; family and friends of Raymond Ritchie, who died Dec. 31; and friends and family of Evelyn Kinder, who died Jan. 18.

## Pastoral Care and the Prayer Chain

A reminder to let us know if you will be in the hospital so that our pastoral care team and hospital visitors can join with you in presence and prayer. Also, names are added to the daily Prayer Chain by request and permission only. To honor your privacy, we only include those names that are shared with us and have been approved by the person added to the list.

## Scholarship Applications due Feb. 28

The St. John's Benevolent Foundation makes available significant scholarship assistance to students seeking post-secondary education. Application forms are available in track racks around campus. The deadline for receiving the application and supporting documents is 5pm on February 28, 2017. Contact Ruth Ann Diehl for more information.

## Church Decorating Committee Seeks Members

The St. John's Decorating Committee is responsible for decorating our worship areas during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Our goal is to reflect the joy and celebration of each season while enriching the worship experience.

We meet a few times a year for planning, and we gather each season to decorate. You do not have to have a talent for decorating.....just a desire to help.

We have three worship areas to decorate and would like to create teams for each area. If you are interested in serving on this committee or simply helping on decorating days, please contact Sandy Jordan at [sjordan@fibrant.com](mailto:sjordan@fibrant.com) or 704-202-9681.

Dear friends at St. John's,

From the first time I attended worship, I knew I was home. You've shown me many times, through my good times and especially through my recent years of more challenging ones, that I was right.

Thank you so much for your cards, your calls, pastors' visits with communion, CDs and bulletins of services, and all other thoughtfulness and love you have shown.

"Dear St. John's" is a truly appropriate name for you — for you are a "DEAR" witness to the love of our living Lord!

Blessings of our Father God be with you — sent with love,

Fran Hoke



## Benevolent Foundation Trustees

Do you know that the Benevolent Foundation needs a new Trustee each year? We are always looking for congregation members who have an understanding of the investment markets and are willing to serve as a trustee of the Benevolent Foundation, which includes a 5-year term commitment. If you have an interest in serving on the Benevolent Foundation and would like to be considered as a trustee, please contact Tommy Page at [tommypage@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tommypage@carolina.rr.com), or 704.213.6150.

# February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 <b>All Day</b> Faith Alive Retreat/MS <b>All Day</b> Souper Bowl of Caring 8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship/HC 10a Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC 4:30p Men's Chorus 6p Super Bowl Party-FUEL/HS</p>	<p>6 Monday Rembrandts 6p Cont. worship planning and rehearsal 6p Cub Scout den 6:30p David Hord Lifegroup 7p Luther Ringers 7p Guatemala HS Mission Trip Mtg</p>	<p>7 10a Seasons Academy 5:30p Outreach Team 7p Worship Group</p>	<p>8 10a Staff meeting 1p St. John's Book Club 4p Willi Beifuss Lifegroup 4:30p EPIC &amp; Kingdom Kids 5:30p Wednesday meal 5:45p Alpha 6:15p Classic Ringers 7:30p Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9 5:30a RHM breakfast 7:30a Joshua Group 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers 6:30p Financial Peace Univ 7p Sandy Jordan Lifegroup <b>EAGLE'S VIEW DEADLINE MARCH ISSUE</b></p>	<p>10 6p 6th Grade Movie Night</p>	<p>11 9a NC Synod Youth Band 10a Encounter</p>
<p>12 8:30a Chapel Worship/HC 9:27a Contemporary Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship 12p Boy Scout Program/M meal 4:45p Men's Chorus 5p Women's Ensemble 5:30p Confirmation/HS-FUEL 6p Inner Voices</p>	<p>13 Monday Rembrandts 6p Cont. worship planning and rehearsal 6p Cub Scout Den Mtg 7p Luther Ringers</p>	<p>14 10a Seasons Academy 7p Cub Scout 443 District Round Table</p>	<p>15 10a Staff meeting 4:30p EPIC &amp; Kingdom Kids 5:30p Wednesday meal 5:45p Alpha 6:15p Classic Ringers 7:30p Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16 7:30a Joshua Group 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers 3p Junior Girl Scouts 7p Wild Women's Night Out</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC 1a RAK Attack 4:45p Men's Chorus 5p Women's Ensemble 6p Inner Voices</p>	<p>20 Monday Rembrandts 6p Cont. worship planning and rehearsal 6p Cub Scout Den 7p Luther Ringers</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 10a Staff meeting 4:30p EPIC &amp; Kingdom Kids 5:30p Wednesday meal 5:45p Alpha 6:15p Classic Ringers 7:30p Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23 10:15a Trinity Singers/Ringers</p>	<p>24 <b>All Day</b> Cub Scout Camp-In <b>All Day</b> LYO Statewide Retreat in Greensboro</p>	<p>25 7:30p Blood Done Sign My Name</p>
<p>26 8:30a Chapel Worship/HC 9:27a Contemporary Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship 4p Blood Done Sign My Name 4:45p Men's Chorus 5p Women's Ensemble 5:30p Confirmation/Parent Session 6p Inner Voices</p>	<p>27 Monday Rembrandts 4:15p Seasons Gifts board 6p Cont. worship planning and rehearsal 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 7p Men's Bible study 7p Women's Bible study 7p Luther Ringers</p>	<p>28</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p><b>Watch the bulletins and faith+life for calendar updates throughout the month.</b></p> </div>			

## St. John's Ministry Staff

### Pastoral Ministry

Senior Pastor.....The Rev. Rhodes Woolly  
 Pastor for Discipleship.....The Rev. Danielle Kosanovich DeNise  
 Visitation.....Wade Rouzer

### Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Music .....Rob Durocher  
 Associate Parish Musician.....Rosemary Kinard  
 Assisting Musician .....Daniel Trivette  
 Director of Music Emeritus .....Karl Kinard  
 Assisting Organist.....Deanna Boksleitner  
 Media Specialist.....Taylor Hutchins  
 Contemporary Worship Leader.....Brad Chestnut

### Program Ministry

Youth.....Kai Thurow  
 Children .....Lauren Thurow  
 Senior Adults .....Carolyn Byrd  
 St. John's Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) .....Teresa Stoner  
 Child Development Center (infant -age 4 and after school).....Joanna Smith

### Administrative Team

Business Manager .....Ruth Ann Diehl  
 Office Manager.....Joy Chaffin  
 Bookkeeper.....Toni Peeler  
 Facility Manager.....Jon Koppe  
 Maintenance.....Austin Oliver  
 Custodian .....Sandra Knox

## Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am — Chapel  
 9:27 am — Contemporary  
 11 am — Sanctuary

## Holy Communion

Contemporary Worship: 1st Sunday of the month  
 Chapel Worship: 2nd and 4th Sundays  
 Sanctuary Worship: 1st and 3rd Sundays

Nursery provided for infants through age 5 during services.

*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.*

Office hours — Monday through Friday, 9 am-5 pm  
 Telephone 704.636.3431; Fax 704.636.4461

### Extension # to leave message after hours:

Joy	200	Jon	207
Toni	202	Rob	208
Ruth Ann	203	Rosemary	218
Kai	204	Carolyn	220
Pastor Danielle	205	Brad	222
Pastor Rhodes	206		

Staff Email: first name@stjohns-salisbury.org  
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 Kindergarten 704.636.4404  
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## On Call List

The list of ministers "on call" is also printed in the Sunday bulletin and updated as needed. Please refer to the bulletin if there is an emergency and you need pastoral assistance:

Pastor Rhodes Woolly	Cell 704.754.2250
Pastor Danielle K. DeNise	Cell 919.475.1391

Feb 3-5	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
Feb 10-12	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
Feb 17-19	Pastor Rhodes Woolly
Feb 24-26	Pastor Rhodes Woolly

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

