

Let's connect faith and life *together*



## Youth Auction is March 31

*This year's goal is \$18,000*

By Susan Shinn Turner

"Flexibility is key to the game."

That's the note Youth Minister Kai Thurow has attached to his printer. It's a good thing.

Kai has definitely had to be flexible when planning this year's youth auction, set for Sunday, March 31, beginning at 4:30 pm.

He notes that another major community fundraiser was scheduled for the Auction's original date, leading him to choose a Sunday evening. "We didn't want to appear to be in competition with them, and there are no more Saturdays available until June, which is a little late to be fundraising for a summer mission trip."

Add to that the fact that Rowan-Salisbury Schools moved the start date of school to Aug. 7 — after the date for the Nashville mission trip had already been set. So Kai will be taking a slightly smaller group July 28-Aug. 2, with 27 high school youth and six adults.

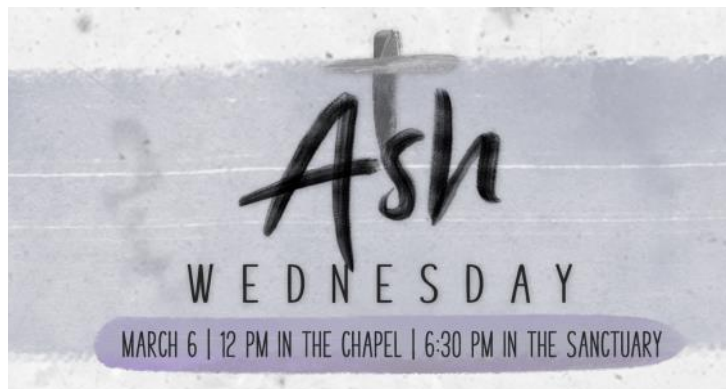
The focus of the youth auction has also changed this year, Kai notes.

As the cost for mission trips and retreats continues to rise, some families are stretched to participate, especially if they have two or more youth involved. "We believe in the transformational power of these trips and retreats," Kai notes, "so we don't want finances to be a reason our youth can't attend."

With that in mind, the auction will raise funds for all off-site events, with a priority given to the summer mission trip.

Kai hopes to raise \$18,000 at the Auction, similar to that of years past. With fewer youth attending this summer's mission trip, there hopefully will be more funds to supplement other events.

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# Pastor's Letter



*Pastor Rhodes and Rob Durocher, who leads all things related to worship and the arts.*

I'm fortunate to work with some outstanding leaders at St. John's.

**Leadership.** The winter is often loaded down with planning retreats, which was certainly the case this year. Our Leaders Retreat (mostly Council members) was Jan 25-26, including a 5-hour leadership training workshop on Saturday. Over 50 people participated in leadership training, which shows remarkable commitment to congregation and community.

Three priorities were identified at the Leaders Retreat: spiritual depth, families with young children, and marginalized communities. The priorities are intentionally broad, providing heightened focus to new and established ministries. As ministry groups meet to consider goals for the coming year, they'll be asked to give attention to the three priorities. In fact, the staff has already started. Meeting in retreat on Feb. 18, staff members began brainstorming and developing some super creative and exciting approaches to the three target areas.

It all begins with a committed core of leaders who center themselves in a common vision and invest in a common mission. No doubt, St. John's has some mighty fine leaders who do just that!

**Speaking of Leaders ...** Kudos to the Leadership Development

Task Force, under the direction of Mark Ritchie. They've been meeting since January 2018 to envision and build a culture of leadership at St. John's that is discipleship-driven and focused on three core areas: training (retreats, courses, online training), specific skill development (workshops, a resource guide), and mentoring. They hosted their first leadership training event at the Leaders Retreat to rave reviews. Much more to come, including a new initiative for early career adults.

**G2G Phase 2.** In addition to the three priorities for 2019, Council members have taken seriously another major agenda item for 2019: phase 2 of our G2G project. The Steering Committee and its subcommittees are meeting, and plans are beginning to take shape. It's gearing up to be an exciting year as we give some much-needed attention to the renovation of the sanctuary building and the CDC. Interested in being a part of the effort? Mark Lewis is chair of the Steering Committee, and he would love to talk with you. Contact Mark at [mlewis@fibrant.com](mailto:mlewis@fibrant.com).

Clearly, this month's pastor's letter has focused on the organizational side of our life together – a necessary function of who we are as a vibrant and necessary congregation in this community. Be sure to thank those who lead, especially those who perform so many of our behind-the-scenes jobs. It takes good leaders at a place like this, and we're fortunate to have them!

Blessings to you and yours. Thanks so much for your continued partnership in the Gospel.

+Pastor Rhodes

## The Season of Lent

Worship | Pray | Give | Serve | Love

**Sundays of Lent.** Throughout the 40-day season of Lent, our pastors will unpack five parables of Jesus in a sermon series titled "Beyond Charity" (see page 3). Worship is at 8:30, 9:27, and 11:00

**Wednesdays of Lent.** 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. We begin with a meal at 5:30 pm in fellowship hall, followed by Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm, in the sanctuary. The 30-minute service is rooted in the beautiful music of Holden Evening Prayer, accompanied by piano, guitar, organ, and flute. Each week, a short message will focus on one of the five disciplines of faith: worship, prayer, giving, serving, and loving.

"To be honest, it's my favorite form of worship," says Pastor Rhodes. "Not only does it help me bid farewell to the day, but the service itself is cloaked in beauty and mystery, opening me up to a worshipping community that reaches far beyond our four walls. It's profound, really."



## Lenten Sermon Series Invites Us to Reach “Beyond Charity”

By Susan Shinn Turner

If you’re asking the question “What is the purpose of my charity?” then you’re asking the wrong question.

Pastor Rhodes poses a different question: “How can I serve in a way that honors Jesus?”

And if you look deeply into the life of Jesus, “you’ll discover that Jesus wasn’t a very good example of how some folks think about charity.”

“Jesus didn’t give handouts to the poor,” Pastor Rhodes says. “Don’t get me wrong, there’s no doubt he understood the importance of feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. Just look at Matthew 25. But his approach went far beyond that. Jesus walked alongside them.”

A five-week Lenten sermon series, “Beyond Charity,” seeks to answer some tough questions about how to live a life like Jesus, especially when it comes to the vulnerable. How do we love the poor? How did Jesus approach the leper? Where does the Gospel enter in?

Pastors Rhodes and Laura will dive deeply into five parables from Matthew that require a shift in thinking: to honor God and love our neighbors, we must live beyond charity.

“It’s really looking very carefully at the life of Jesus and how he treated those on the outskirts of society,” Pastor Rhodes

says. “His was a ministry rooted in loving the neighbor, not just helping the neighbor.”

To be sure, providing for immediate needs such as emergency shelter, food, and clothing is still critical, Pastor Rhodes says. “It’s been a significant part of the church’s history. After all, the first hospitals and food banks were established by Christians.”

“But providing food, clothing, and shelter only touches the surface of how Jesus invites us to think about the needs of our neighbors. How do we build community? How do we shift from dependence to dignity? How do we think about mercy and justice from a biblical perspective? How do we genuinely welcome all people around the table? How do we serve in a way that honors Jesus?

A serious task, no doubt. But after all, Pastor Rhodes says, “It’s Lent. Traditionally, Lent is when we look deeply into the life of Jesus. Where does that take us in our daily lives, and how will that help us grow more deeply in our relationships with God and one another?”

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6.



## Wednesdays! with Kingdom Kids

Each month, our children will explore new themes in bible stories and song.

**Every Wednesday in February 6 pm!**



### First Look: 3 and 4 year olds

Who made you? God made me. This month, we want our preschoolers to know they are wonderfully made by God, in God's image. We will talk about the fact that we are all important to God and address how that affects how we treat others and ourselves.



### 252 Kids: K-5th Grade

We were made in the image of God, to love God and love others in a unique way. This month, as we learn about individuality, we'll discover who we're meant to be.

### Parents—

Follow along with what your children are learning. The Parent Cue App is designed to help every parent do something each week to help their child move toward a deeper faith and better future.



## Kingdom Kids

We have lots of exciting things happening for our Kingdom Kids, including milestones, Wednesdays!, and Sundays.

**Wednesdays!**— Preschoolers (6-6:45 pm); K-5th Grade (6-7 pm) in the ARK  
**Sunday School**— Dismissed from 9:27 Worship at 9:45 pm in the ARK  
**Children's Church**— Dismissed during 11 am Worship Sermon

## Coming this Summer

VBS Summer 2019, June 17– 21

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Make sure to mark this date on your calendar!



**Volunteer Meeting March 12  
at 6 pm in the Pit.**



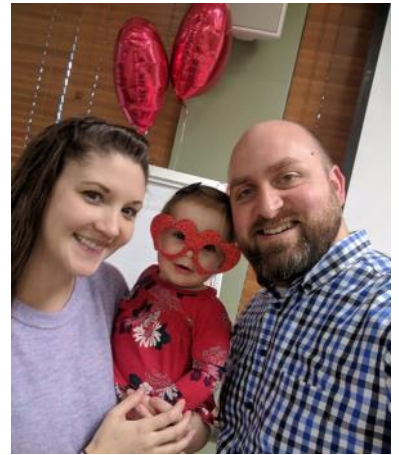
Registration will begin March 18.



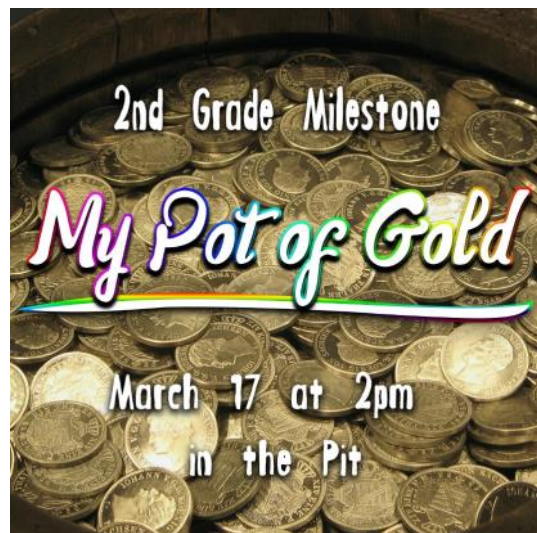
# Milestones

## Splash Party

On Feb. 2, our youngest Kingdom Kids met for the Splash Party milestone. They learned about how they were splashed by God's love through their baptism. The children and their parents enjoyed a fun love-filled playdate.



## Upcoming Milestones





# Youth Sunday is March 17

## *God's Plan, Our Voice*



By Kai Thurow, Youth Minister

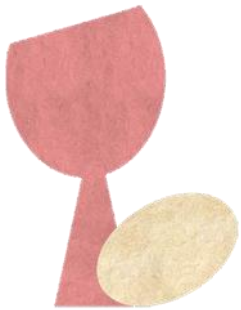
Youth Sunday is March 17 at all three worship services. Over 30 of our high school youth have been hard at work planning, writing, and preparing to lead our congregation in worship, an annual event that our members have grown to look forward to over the years.

The theme they've selected for Youth Sunday is "God's Plan, Our Voice." Four of our seniors are preparing testimonies for the different services, sharing their thoughts on how God is preparing them for what is to come.

Our heart's desire is to create a unique and powerful worship experience for everyone in the congregation. What a beautiful way to glorify God. Thank you for this opportunity!

We hope you can join us for worship on March 17.

## First Communion Sunday is March 10



12 of our elementary students and their families are preparing for First Communion on March 10 during 11 am Worship. Normally held in their 5th grade year, first communion is offered whenever parents discern their child is ready to receive and better understand the sacrament.

First Communion is part of our Milestones ministry. It begins with a kick-off "feast" and continues with home-based instruction, when students and families learn and grow together. A highlight is the First Communion Family Day, this year held on Feb 23. After some morning instruction, students walked to Pottery 101 to design and paint their own First Communion chalices that they'll use on March 10. Many thanks to owner Cheryl Goins for her generosity and leadership.

## Girl Scout Sunday is March 3



Our Girl Scouts will help lead 11 am Worship on March 3, serving as ushers, greeters, readers ... and selling their delicious Girl Scout cookies.

Support our Girl Scout troop with your cookie purchase and consider an extra box or two for a friend or your freezer. The Girl Scouts offer a special shout out to Amy Ritchie, widely known as the "star cookie mom." Mikell Reynolds and Ashlee Dangerfield lead our Girl Scout program, which includes troops for the younger Brownie scouts and the older Girl Scouts.

# Wednesdays!



Wednesdays! are for families.

We continue in March with meals, kingdom kids, rehearsals, confirmation, and Midweek Lenten Worship.

See you Wednesdays!

## Wednesday Meals

What's on the menu?

**March 6**

**Orange glazed pork loin**, pineapple casserole, limas and corn, roll, and dessert

**March 20**

**Chicken Tetrazzini**, green beans, Caesar salad, rolls and dessert

**March 13**

**Meatloaf**, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, cucumbers and onions, roll, and dessert

**March 27**

**Lasagna**, crunchy romaine salad, Texas toast, and dessert





# Student Ministry



## Confirmation Students at Faith Alive

*In February, St. John's Confirmation students participated in the Faith Alive Retreat at Lutheridge. The retreat focused on the sacrament of Holy Communion, with participants learning that the sacraments claim us (in baptism) and sustain us (in communion). They also looked at the important role that communion has played in the lives of the faithful in the past, present, and future.*

## Upcoming in March

### March Middle School Schedule

Sunday, March 3, 5:30 pm— Youth Group  
Wednesday, March. 6, 6:30 pm— Ash Wednesday  
Sunday, March 10, 5:30 pm— Youth Group  
Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 pm— Midweek Lenten Worship  
Sunday, March 17, 5:30 pm— Youth Group  
Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 pm— Midweek Lenten Worship  
Sunday, March 24, 5:30 pm— Youth Group  
Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 pm — Midweek Lenten Worship

\*\* On April 3, Confirmation Students will lead the Midweek Lenten Worship.

### March High School Schedule

Sunday, March 3, 5:30 pm— Youth Group  
Wednesday, March. 6, 6:30 pm— Ash Wednesday  
Sunday, March 10, 5:30 pm— Youth Group  
Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 pm— Midweek Lenten Worship  
Saturday, March 16, 10 am-12 pm— Youth Sunday Walk-thru  
Sunday, March 17—Youth Sunday  
Sunday, March 17, 5:30 pm— Youth Group  
Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 pm— Midweek Lenten Worship  
Sunday, March 24, 5:30 pm— Youth Group  
Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 pm — Midweek Lenten Worship  
March 29-30— Youth Auction Lock-in  
Sunday, March 31, 5:30 pm— Youth Auction



# Student Ministry

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There are plans for a separate fund-raiser for the middle-school youth who will attend the annual WOW mission trip in Knoxville this July.

**The Auction.** Since the high school youth will be going to Nashville, the theme for this year's auction is "Nashville Nights." The evening will include a sampling of country music, as well as some new genres that are popping in this self-proclaimed music capital of the world.

Bidding for the silent auction begins at 4:30 pm. The meal will be served at 5, with the evening's menu reflecting the theme. The live auction begins after dinner. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

"Our goal is to be done by 8:30 pm since it's a school night and the beginning of a work week," Kai notes.

**The Mission Trip.** At last summer's National Youth Gathering (NYG) in Houston, Kai learned about Serve Boldly, a Lutheran-based organization that organizes domestic mission trips all over the country.

"They're all about teaching our Lutheran teens to accompany and serve alongside our neighbors," Kai says. "It's about understanding the needs of the community and participating in a sustainable way. We want to provide a deeper experience for our youth. Doing so through the Lutheran lens is a cherry on top."

Serve Boldly's first mission work was in Nashville in 2011, and now there are trips offered in cities such as Milwaukee, Chicago, Denver, St. Louis, Philadelphia, and Atlanta.



*As part of the 2018 NYG, St. John's high schoolers clear out brush at a Lutheran church in Houston that had been flooded.*

Kai is intrigued by the idea of going to Nashville. It's easier to get to than some of the other cities, he says. "When I think of Nashville, I don't really think of a huge need there, but there are always so many opportunities to walk alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in many different ways."

The group from St. John's will be staying at a Lutheran church in downtown Nashville. During the mornings and afternoons, they'll participate in service and worship. Opportunities include working at food banks, refugee ministries, and children's centers. In the evenings, they'll be exploring the city.

"Work groups will change every day, so our youth will have the chance to interact with every single person on the trip."

After all, flexibility is key.



# Around the Church and Community

## 49 Days of Gratitude Continues Until March 30

By Susan Shinn Turner

The 49 Days of Gratitude celebration is rolling on.

The event, which runs through March 30, kicked off Feb. 9 with a parade and opening ceremony in Spencer. A variety of events and activities are slated for March, including two events at St. John's.

St. John's hosted an art crawl, which took place Feb. 15 in Peeler Hall. The artwork will remain on display through the end of this month.

St. John's will also host The Phoenix Readers in a presentation on March 15 at 7:30 pm in the Faith Center.

The Phoenix Readers is a volunteer readers' theater company of local people ages 55 and up. Part of the St. Thomas Players at Center for Faith and the Arts, the group of a dozen readers is led by Dr. Jim Epperson, Catawba College professor emeritus of theatre arts. The group performs at libraries, senior centers, and other local venues. Phoenix Readers participating in "The Great War" include Mike Cline, Katie Davis, Ray Davies, Karl Hales, and Lori VanWallendael, with Epperson as director.

According to the CFA Web site, readers theatre has been often called "theatre of the mind," a medium in which performers conjure a rich, sensory experience for the audience. The acting style is a fusion of acting and reading, and the scripts are created from a variety of literature: plays, novels, short stories, letters, songs, and poems. The performance is primarily stationary, with readers seated on stools, chairs, or boxes and scripts held in their hands or placed on lecterns. Physical movement is mostly suggested; scenery and costumes are only selectively implied.

"The Great War" was first performed in 2018 at Rowan Public Library, when Gretchen Witt had a WWI display sent by the state of North Carolina. Last year marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I.

"Gretchen Witt asked us if we could do something on World War I," Epperson says. "It's kind of been mushrooming from there."

The group also performed recently for the St. John's Senior Seasons Academy.



*Trinity oaks resident, Bea, with her collage. Rowan-Cabarrus Community College Fine Art & Design Club mounted and framed the art.*

Epperson put the script together based on writings from two library books, "Only Remembered," edited by Michael Morpurgo, and "50 Things You Should Know About the First World War," by Jim Eldridge.

Following the performance, the "Women of Faith" — Patsy Parnell, Diane Goodnight, and Diane Freeman, accompanied by pianist Kay Peeler, will sing several hits made popular during World War II.

The St. John's art display is a combination of several smaller groupings: military portraits by North Rowan High School students; mandalas by an artist, Elizabeth Cole, from CFA; collages by RCCC students and Trinity Oaks residents; and a collection of photos of World War II military equipment by a resident of Trinity Oaks.

The 49 Days of Gratitude has been inspired by the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Merci Train. Following World War II in 1949, the French people sent boxcars of gifts after the U.S.



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*49 Days, continued.*

sent an American Friendship Train filled with relief supplies two years earlier. The boxcar that came to Raleigh has long been part of the N.C. Transportation Museum, the group that's served as the project's home base.

St. John's members Sherry Mason Brown and Kimberly Lentz have been instrumental in developing the plans for the 49 Days of Gratitude.

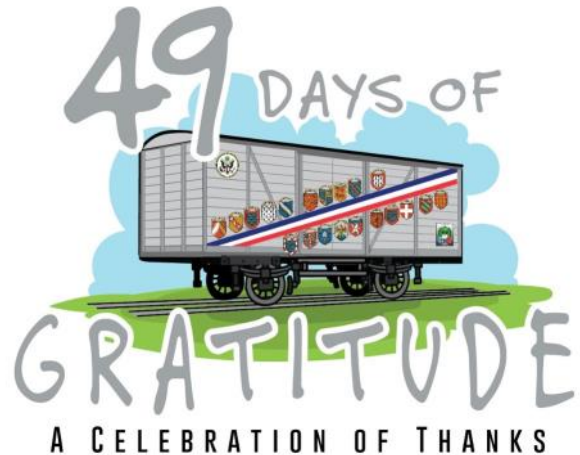
The idea had its genesis two years ago, when Anna Everhart, now a sophomore at North Rowan High School, painted the Merci car as part of the Fresh Artists project. Anna served as junior marshal at last month's parade.

Four donation boxes are located at St. John's in Peeler Hall. The sponsors and charities for each box include: Darryl and Barbara Jo Corriher, Smart Start Rowan; Sherry Mason Brown, Barnabas Connection; Rhodes and Krista Woolly, Engage North Rowan; Kimberly Lentz, Henderson School. Wish lists are located with the boxes.

Additionally, St. John's is serving as a major sponsor for the Butterfly Project, another offshoot of the gratitude project. Students at Knox Middle School will paint the ceramic butterflies to be used in permanent art installations

throughout the county. Middle schools throughout the county are participating. Each butterfly commemorates a child lost in the Holocaust, and the Butterfly Project promotes world peace.

For more information about the 49 Days of Gratitude, visit [www.49daysofgratitude.com](http://www.49daysofgratitude.com).



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## Comfort Food Ministry

By Diane Poole

*Did you know* that St. John's has a Comfort Foods Ministry? The church's freezer is stocked with meals provided by Wednesday Night Meals and other volunteers, that can be given to those in need. What a treat!

If a person you know is getting out of the hospital and not well enough to prepare a meal for themselves, or someone is going through a bad time financially or emotionally and could use extra help with food, all you have to do is to pick up the telephone or send an email. Members are welcome to ask for this special service directly. All requests are confidential.

Cheryl Sjoblom heads up this ministry and will be glad to respond promptly to the need, at [cbsjoblom@gmail.com](mailto:cbsjoblom@gmail.com). You may also call the church office. Please help us perpetuate this much needed Ministry.



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## Partnership With Catawba College: *The Picture Man*

By Diane Poole

This April, St. John's will begin collaborating with Catawba College to provide interesting speakers on a variety of continuing education topics and as presenters for our Seasons Academy. This collaboration promises to offer members of St. John's and the broader community greater access to these programs.

The first Community Forum, "The Picture Man," is scheduled for April 9-10. Author Julia Ebel, a Catawba College alumna, Class of 1972, will talk about the "Picture Men" and their impact in the preservation of local and family history.

Julia will be speaking to adults Tuesday, April 9, 10-11:30 am, and to children and their parents Wednesday, April 10, 10-

11 am. She will be available for book signings before and after each presentation. Her books, including *The Picture Man* and its study guide, will be available for purchase.

Both days are free and open to members of the Rowan-Salisbury community, so be sure to invite friends to attend.



Julia Taylor Ebel, Author

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## Register Online for the Men's Beach Retreat!



All St. John's Men are invited to join us April 5-7 for our annual retreat to Kure Beach. The weekend is filled with great fellowship, golfing, fishing, biking, and a Bible study by Pastor Rhodes. And there's always the option to do nothing at all!

The total cost of the retreat is \$125 and includes lodging, 2 breakfasts and the annual shrimp broil on Saturday evening.

Brochures, with detailed information and registration forms, are available around the church campus. You may also register online, at [stjohns-salisbury.org](http://stjohns-salisbury.org). Registration and payment are due March 10.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Rhodes, [garycrhodes@yahoo.com](mailto:garycrhodes@yahoo.com), or Gary Taylor, [gstaylor@carolina.rr.com](mailto:gstaylor@carolina.rr.com).



# Senior Seasons

## Senior Academy Winter 2019



*Betsy Mowery of the NC Transportation Museum was the kick-off speaker for the Winter Senior Academy. She spoke about the Merci Train, providing background on the 49 Days of Gratitude.*



*As part of the Gratitude Theme, The Phoenix Readers performed during Senior Academy in February. A volunteer readers theatre company under the St. Thomas Players umbrella, the group is led by Jim Epperson, Catawba College Professor emeritus of theatre arts.*

## Upcoming in Senior Seasons

**March 12, 12 pm** – Lunch & Learn – Register by March 8.  
FREE program with Dr. Pamela L. Thompson, MBA, PHD, Associate Professor in the Ralph W Ketner School of Business, who will present a program on her shark research. She has worked to develop a recommender system for shark presence along East Coast Beaches. *Bring your lunch or sign up for a boxed lunch.*

**March 26, 9 am to 3 pm** – Register by March 16.  
FREE tour of The Graham Family Homeplace, Billy Graham's personal book collection, Ruth's Attic, The Graham Brothers' Dairy Bar (Dutch Treat Lunch), and the Memorial Prayer Garden beside Billy and Ruth's gravesite.

**April 9, 10 am to 2 pm** – Spring Gathering, after the free "Picture Man" Forum (learn more on page 12.)  
Enjoy an \$8 lunch in the Fellowship Hall at Noon and be entertained by our surprise entertainment. Remember how much fun you had in December! Scholarships are available. Register by Friday, April 5.

**May 6-9** – Out Banks Bus Tour – Register by March 15  
Cost: \$564/person double occupancy; \$753 single occupancy. ½ the fee also due March 15.

**To register, call 704/6336-3431 x 220, email [diane@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:diane@stjohns-salisbury.org), or go online to St. John's website.**



### Mark Your Calendars

Fall Academy kicks off Sept. 10.

# Worship and the Arts

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## CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE CHANGES

We enter the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday, March 6, and begin our Midweek Lenten Worship on Wednesday, March 13 through April 10. During that time, the Chancel Choir rehearsal time will immediately follow each 6:30 pm service. We take this opportunity to extend an invitation to those who might like to join the chancel choir as they prepare for leading worship in song, anthem and liturgy especially for Palm Sunday, Holy Week Services, and Easter!

**ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE** meets on Sunday, March 10, March 24, and optionally on March 31, at 5 pm in the Youth Music Room. This group is scheduled to sing in mid to late March during 11 am worship. We encourage any ladies from Middle School – Adult age to join them in singing sacred music arranged for mixed female voices!

**ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CHORUS** is still welcoming new voices and is rehearsing each Sunday afternoon at 4 pm as they prepare for their Spring Concert on May 5, 2019 at 3 pm.

**LUTHER AND CLASSIC RINGERS** will have an adjusted schedule for ringing during the season of Lent. Kim Lentz, Director will be letting all ringers know what that schedule will be.

**ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL SINGERS** will meet at 7:45 am in the Chapel on Sunday, March 3 to prepare to lead 8:30 am Chapel Worship. Deanna Boksleitner, Director of the Chapel Singers welcomes any new voices to join with them!



## Trinity Singers and Ringers Valentine's Day Concert





# Worship and the Arts

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## Special Music and Meditation Services: *Mondays in Lent*

By Rosemary Kinard

You are cordially invited to join Pastors Rhodes Woolly and Laura Henrik along with area musicians for brief services of *Music and Meditation* during the lunch hour on three consecutive Mondays during this Lenten Season. They will be held in the St. John's Chapel at 200 West Innes Street in downtown Salisbury, on Mondays, March 11, 18, and 25, from 12:15-12:45 pm.

The services will include prayer and meditation, led by the St. John's Pastors, and special music by Davis Brown, Piano (March 11); Aleksandr (Sacha) Witt, Trombone, (March 18); and Rosemary Kinard, Flute and Rob Durocher, Piano (March 25)

Davis Brown is the keyboardist for contemporary worship at St. John's. He has been a composer and classically trained pianist for 40 years. His Symphony No. 1 was premiered by the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at the Reformation concert at St. John's in 2017. By day, Dr. Brown is a professor of international relations.

Aleksandr (Sacha) Witt teaches at Catawba College and serves on the music faculty at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. He is an active performer in the area, involved in chamber and orchestral music. He is currently the Bass Trombonist for the Western Piedmont Symphony and the Piedmont Wind Symphony. He holds degrees in music from Western Carolina University and the University of Maryland, College Park. A member of St. John's since he was 4 years old, he serves on the contemporary worship team, sings in the Chancel Choir, and plays for the 11 am Worship. He and his wife Ondria are the parents of two children.

Rosemary Kinard, raised in Alabama and Florida, is Associate Parish Musician at St. John's, having retired in 2007 as Professor Emeritus after twenty years as Head of the Choral Program at Catawba College. She was the founder of the St. John's Men's chorus in 1994, and served as the musical director until her retirement in 2017. She has degrees from Asbury College and Appalachian State University, is a singer, flutist, and keyboardist, accompanying the Chancel Choir, and directing various ensembles, including the St. John's Flute Ensemble and the Trinity Singers.



Rob Durocher is Minister of Music and commissioned Deacon at St. John's. He administers the music program of numerous choirs and ensembles and oversees the worship and music leadership for 8:30 am, 9:27 Contemporary Worship and 11 am Worship and coordinates the Arts at St. John's. He is an organist, keyboardist and composer, and is active in the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA where he serves on the Candidacy Committee. Born in Texas and raised in New Jersey, he came to St. John's in 1998, after having served churches in Gastonia and Ramsey, NJ.

Please invite your friends to join us for these brief but meaningful services of music and meditation at mid-day in the St. John's Chapel.

# GIFT Women's Ministry



By Angel Owens

Whether a survivor, in treatment, caretaker, or someone whose loved ones have been affected by cancer, join us as we pray together, March 11 at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

Pastor Laura says, "Last year, this service was a sacred time of hope, lifting each other up, and standing in solidarity with all those affected by cancer."

We hope you will find meaning in this time of scripture, song, and prayer.

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## GIFT Packing Party, March 12 at 1 pm



On Tuesdays throughout the year, GIFT Women's Ministry sponsors Food For Thought packing parties at Rowan Helping Ministries. All are invited to attend.

The next packing party is scheduled for March 12 at 1 pm at Rowan Helping Ministries.





# Welcome New Members!

Join us in welcoming our newest members to St. John's!

We're blessed to welcome a wide variety of guests in worship at St. John's. Often, our guests are eager to pursue a greater level of commitment to the life and ministry of the church, leading some to membership. If you are interested in learning more about St. John's and membership, speak with one of our pastors, Pastor Rhodes Woolly or Pastor Laura Henrik.

The Encounter class is a good place to start. The Sunday evening class provides a glimpse into the DNA of St. John's and the Lutheran church. It also provides next steps for those who may be ready to learn more and/or join in membership.

The next Encounter Class is schedule for May 19 at 6 pm.

**ENCOUNTER**  
*The DNA of St. John's* 



Mark and Claire Brinkley joined St. John's on Feb. 3 during 9:27 am worship. Mark is a teacher at Salisbury High School and Claire is an engineer in Charlotte, currently working on the new light rail system. In their spare time, they enjoy kayaking, hiking, fishing, reading, and playing golf.



Jim and Elizabeth Brady joined St. John's on Feb. 17 during 11 am worship. In their spare time, they enjoy reading, spending time with their family and grandchildren, travelling, tennis, listening to Christian music, and attending St. John's activities. They are involved in a wide variety of ministries throughout the community. "We are so excited to be involved at St. John's in the various volunteer opportunities, worship, Senior Seasons, women's ministry, bible study, and as greeters," writes Elizabeth. Welcome!



Eric, Ann, Kristen, and Ryan Brady joined St. John's on Feb. 17, during the 11 am worship. They enjoy spending time as a family, playing tennis and golf, and helping people in need. They are passionate about partnerships with local non-profits through Thrivent to fulfill their mission of helping children in poverty. They look forward to further involvement in worship, men's ministry, women's ministry, bible study and youth group. Kristin is a senior at East Rowan High School. Ryan is an 8th grader at Erwin.

# Around the Congregation

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## Congratulations!

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St. John's member and North Rowan High School senior, Jared Hensley, is the recipient of a full scholarship at the University of Michigan. Out of 1.4 million other students, he was awarded the National Merit finalist award. Congratulations!

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St. John's member, Meg Dees, has been named the new Vice President of Development at Catawba College. Meg previously worked with the Foundation for the Carolinas in Charlotte. Congratulations, Meg!

## Can you identify the current, lifetime member of St. John's in this photograph?

Following in the footsteps of previous St. John's members who served the church across the state and nation, the member in this photo had been elected to serve as archivist of the NC Luther League, our state's branch of the national Lutheran youth organization. It just so happened that this experience helped this person build their resume for their lifelong occupation!



*Answer is Glenn Ketner, Jr., left, back row.*

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## Contribute to the Archives

If you are interested in working with the archives committee or have a piece of St. John's history that you would like to share, please contact Doug Robinson, Archives Committee Member, [goheelz1986@gmail.com](mailto:goheelz1986@gmail.com).



# Testimonies of Faith and Life

## “If Kevin Can, I Can.”

By Jack Connery

At Joy Lutheran, our little church in Tulsa, Okla., I enjoyed assisting at communion and reading the lessons at Sunday services. At other times, I ushered and counted about 60 members attending. That was a good number.

When we moved to Salisbury and St. John's, in 2012, I was lost in the size of this building, cathedral-sized by Oklahoma standards, the size of the congregation, the immensity of the choirs, bell choir and pipe organ, the number of its programs, and the size of its budget. I finally got up the nerve to put my name on the volunteer lists to read the lessons and assist at communion.

Today, seven years later, I read the lessons and usher occasionally. I recall the first time I read. We normally sit on the right side about halfway up, but when either Jill or I read, we move to the left side at the front so that it is not a long walk to the lectern. I was scared that first time — reading to 300 people I did not know well, instead of 60 friends. It was a relatively easy lesson to read with no tough biblical names, so that was not a problem. But 300 people? With a magnificent choir behind me and 300 people in front of me? I had learned in Toastmasters many years ago to single out one person, make eye contact, and read to him or her. I had also been told to imagine that the 300 people were naked. But I could not do that in church. That would make it easy to read. But I was still scared.

On Friday and Saturday before my turn, I rehearsed the reading several times, finally reading it to the birds and squirrels from our deck early on Sunday morning. I was ready.

We got to our new seats, now among complete strangers, and somewhat afraid that someone would ask us to move from their seats. At the start of the service, there was a prelude, a music piece to be played on the cello. That would be soothing and relaxing. When that time came, this 11-year-old boy, sitting with his parents in front of me,



*Kevin Agner*

walked to the altar, picked up this cello, bigger than himself, and played the most beautiful music ever heard. He did it with such poise. When finished, he carefully laid the cello down and returned to his seat.

“If this 11-year-old can do it, I ought to be able,” I said to myself. Trembling, I approached the lectern at the given time. On the floor was a wooden box for the shorter folks to stand on. I certainly did not need it, so had to clear it out of the way, making some unruly noise as I kicked it aside. That was my start. As I started to read, I picked out the gent I wanted to read to, made eye contact, and continued, thinking of that little boy and the big cello. I read the lesson fine, with no mistakes. If this little boy could do it, I could. To this day, seven years later,

Kevin Agner, now a senior in high school, still plays the cello exceptionally well. He has even been a soloist with the Salisbury Symphony. Once in a while, I still get to read the lessons, and occasionally, Kevin plays the cello at the same service. On those times, I walk to the front of the church thinking, “If Kevin can, I can.” At other times, I think of Kevin as I approach the lectern.

There's got to be a lesson here. There are gregarious and outgoing people in this world who are not afraid to try anything. Then there's me and other people like me. I suppose there have been lots of “Kevins” in my life that have helped me out of my comfort zone, but I will never forget this one. Maybe one day I can be a Kevin to someone else. I hope so.

Thanks, Kevin.

*Jack Connery is a resident of Trinity Oaks and a member of its Memoir Writing Class. This is one of the assignments he wrote for that class.*

# Our Lutheran Partners

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## Camp Agapé Seeking Health Care Volunteers

Camp Agapé is seeking week-long, live at camp, volunteer healthcare providers with current certifications (RN, LPN, EMT, PA, MD, etc.) to help provide excellence in health care this summer. Can't stay the whole week? Sunday afternoon/evening volunteers to assist with med check-ins, etc. are needed as well.

Volunteers signing up for Sunday afternoon/evening should plan to stay from 2-7 pm Sunday afternoon.

For volunteers signing up for the entire week, most sessions run from 2 pm Sunday afternoon to 2 pm Friday afternoon. Tasks include check-in and organization of camper medications on Sunday afternoons, as well as supervision and dispersing of medications throughout the week. Health care supervisors reside in the Bolick Health Center during their stay at Agapé (all meals provided).

If you have a camper of your own, you can sign them up for the same week of camp at a discounted price! Just contact Agapé at 919-552-9421 with the week you intend to volunteer. Program spots are filling fast . . . so don't delay!

To find out more, contact Randy at [exec@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:exec@agapekurebeach.org), Christa at [program@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:program@agapekurebeach.org), or 919-552-9421.



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## "I'm A Lutheran" Nominations

Do you know an ELCA member who has a unique story to tell?

Living Lutheran is looking for nominations for its monthly "I'm a Lutheran" feature. Past features have included people with interesting vocations, impressive accomplishments, or exciting experiences. They're looking for people who are passionately living, showing their faith in their everyday life, and are comfortable talking about it.

Send the name and contact information for your nominee, as well as a little bit about why you think they'd be a great candidate, to [megan.brandsrud@elca.org](mailto:megan.brandsrud@elca.org).

# LivingLutheran



*Pick up your Summer Camp Booklets in the tract racks around campus. Camp opportunities are available for all ages.*



# Around the Church



*On Saturday, Feb.2, St. John's hosted A Concert of Joy, Storytelling, and Jazz with the Calvin Edwards Trio. The concert honored the memory of Eleanor Qadirah, founder of the Rowan Blues and Jazz Festival.*

*St. John's jazz ministry provides a comfortable forum where lovers of music can connect, converse, and celebrate a true American art form.*

## Learn More About Jazz: *The St. John's Library*

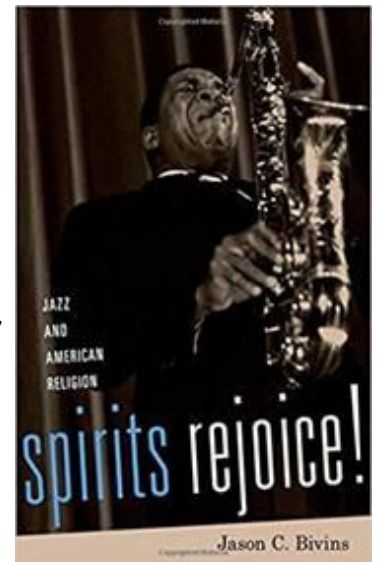
*"Spirits Rejoice!*, by Jason Bivins explores the relationship between American religion and American music, and the places where religion and jazz have overlapped.

Much writing about jazz tends toward glorified discographies or impressionistic descriptions of the actual sounds. Rather than providing a history, or series of biographical entries, *Spirits Rejoice!* takes to heart a central characteristic of jazz itself and improvises, generating a collection of themes, pursuits, reoccurring foci, and interpretations. Bivins riffs on interviews, liner notes, journals, audience reception, and critical commentary, producing a work that argues for the centrality of religious experiences to any legitimate understanding of jazz, while also suggesting that jazz opens up new interpretations of American religious history.

Bivins examines themes such as musical creativity as related to specific religious traditions, jazz as a form of ritual and

healing, and jazz cosmologies and metaphysics. *Spirits Rejoice!* connects Religious Studies to Jazz Studies through thematic portraits, and a vast number of interviews to propose a new, improvisationally fluid archive for thinking about religion, race, and sound in the United States. Bivins's conclusions explore how the sound of spirits rejoicing challenges not only prevailing understandings of race and music, but also the way we think about religion."

—Amazon Review



# Around the Church and Community



Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you for all of the prayers and sympathy notes during this past week, with the death of my parents. Your concerns and kind words are comforting to us.

Sincerely,  
David Agner  
2/10/19

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Dear Church Retreat "LRC" Friends,

For those who have never played L (left) R (right) C (center) with friends on the St. John's Church Retreat— you have missed out. What a surprise to find out that the dollars raised would benefit Meals on Wheels. Thank you to each of you who played with your three dollars and gladly "lost" them to Meals on Wheels.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Fink  
12/4/18

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Dear friends and family of St. John's,

Words cannot express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many acts of loving kindness and support you provided to our family, during Jim's unexpected medical stay at Rowan Medical Center during Christmas. Special thanks to all who made visits and checked on us daily. Your prayers were uplifting and carried us through each day. St. John's family has shared their concerns and loving acts of truly caring. We are so grateful to each of you for your love. It is truly a privilege and blessing to worship with you weekly and attend activities. Your open arms of love have provided healing, joy, peace, and unique friendship.

We are truly BLESSED!

Your thankful friends in Christ,  
Jim and Elizabeth Brady

## Congratulations

To Lauren Graham and Brett Henson, who will be married on March 9 at Catawba College.

Kristin and Dee Hord on the birth of a daughter, Callen Marie Hord, on Jan. 24. Proud grandparents are David and Bonnie Hord.

## Consolation

David, Sally, Rebecca, Laura and Kevin Agner, family and friends, on the death of David's mother, Mildred Agner, on Jan. 31, 2019, and David's father, Dr. Marshall Agner, on Feb. 6.

Julius and Barbara Waggoner, Dan and Janet Waggoner, Rosalind and Danny Hines, family and friends, on the death of Julius' brother, William J. Waggoner, on Feb. 14.

Jeff Peeler, Herman and Ermine Peeler, family and friends, on the death of Jeff's wife, Joyce Peeler, on Feb. 15.

Tyler and Elaine Holden on the death of Tyler's mother, Patsy Holden, on Feb. 19.

Crystal and Adam Ryerson on the death of Crystal's grandmother, Betty Miller, on Feb 15.

## Baptisms

Ellen Jolene Schmiesing was baptized during 9:27 worship, Feb. 24. Ellen is the daughter of Craig and Carrie Schmiesing.





## Healthy in Every Way: 2019 CDC Goals

By Barbara Jo Corriher

St. John's CDC advisory committee met recently to evaluate goals and establish new goals for 2019. The committee agreed that they want to continue to focus on the mind, body and spiritual health of the children and the staff of St. John's CDC.

Pastor Laura will be working closely with the staff to implement the Orange Curriculum in their classrooms. Orange is anchored in teaching children the stories of the Bible in a real, relational, and fun way. Pastor Laura will also be available to the staff for spiritual guidance.

The advisory committee and the CDC staff wish to strive to serve healthier snacks and meals to our CDC children. We will be looking at Healthy Rowan's nutrition guidelines and the organization GO NAPSACC to improve our practices in the area of healthy eating.

The CDC playground committee has submitted an application to N.C. State's College of Design. Once our application has been accepted, N.C. State will proceed to design an Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environment. This new initiative's objective will be to support young children's healthy, active lifestyles while learning through nature. We are anxiously awaiting approval from the university.

In preparation for our new playground, Courtney Bost, CDC Director, has enrolled in NC State's Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments Certificate Program.

There are many who care deeply about our CDC and are

committed to promoting the nurturing of our children spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically each and every day.

Kristy King is in her 11<sup>th</sup> year with St. John's CDC. She believes in providing quality childcare to our children.



*Kristy King, CDC Program Coordinator*

When she began with the CDC, she was a teacher in a three-year-old classroom. Later, Kristy moved into a four-year-old class, and now serves as part of the administrative team as Program Coordinator.

As our Program Coordinator, Kristy works with the teachers to implement their lesson plans, prepares staff schedules, and works to enhance the CDC's Creative Curriculum with hands on activities. Kristy really enjoys having the opportunity to share her creativity with other co-workers.

She credits working with a great staff and her love for the children as the reasons she has remained with St. John's for over 10 years. Thank you Kristy for the love, joy and talent you bring to St. John's CDC!



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## Kindergarten and Pre-K Registration

Registration for the St. John's Kindergarten and Pre-K is now available.

Email [kindergart@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:kindergart@stjohns-salisbury.org)  
or call 704-636-4404.

You can also find more information at  
[stjohns-salisbury.org/kindergarten](http://stjohns-salisbury.org/kindergarten).

# Worship Leaders for March

\*indicates 8:30 am worship service    ^indicates front row

## LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

March 3 Jonathan Williams  
 March 6 Gretchen Witt  
 March 10 Dave Roof  
 March 17 Andrew Poe  
 March 24 Randy Overcash

## READERS

March 3 \*Mitch Siegel, Lilly Dangerfield  
 March 6 Raymond Coltrain  
 March 10 \*Stacey Shafer, Dan Waggoner  
 March 17 \*Cindy Fink, Bryan Wymbs  
 March 24 \*Judy Childress, Ted Goins  
 April 7 \*Bob Loeblein, Diane Goodnight

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

March 3 Perry Hood, ^Willi Beilfuss  
 March 6 Donna Beilfuss  
 March 10 \*Carol Beaver  
 March 17 Elaine Gerst, ^Willi Beilfuss  
 March 24 \*Parker Hatchett  
 April 7 Toni Kenerly, ^Eleanor Sifford

## ALTAR GUILD

March Scott Rhodes, Mary Willis Page, Joyce Cline

## COMMUNION PREPARERS

March Linda and Roger Hull

## GREETERS

March 3 Penny and Aiden Moss, Stan and Sandy Jordan  
 March 10 Raymond and Kay Coltrain, Rosalind and Noah Hines  
 March 17 Bradley and Laurie Stevens, James Bradshaw  
 March 24 Bryan and Mary Wymbs, Bill and Linda Safrit  
 March 31 Gary, Scott, and Davey Rhodes, Ott and Julie Pinkston  
 April 7 Harold and Judy Ann Deal, Franco and Brenda Goodman

## WELCOME PLACE GREETERS

March 3 Lorna Reasor  
 March 10 Linda Phillips  
 March 17 Mimi Carlton  
 March 24 Carolyn Hood  
 March 31 Hen Henderlite  
 April 7 Barbara Waggoner

## AFTER-SERVICE GREETERS

March 3 David Phillips, David Hord, Larry Cesario  
 March 10 Cary Gebhardt, Mary Wymbs, Cindy Fink  
 March 17 Dennis Ingold, Mike Agee, Wesley Rhyne  
 March 24 Larry Britt, Karen Puckett  
 March 31 David Phillips, Karen Rogers, Larry Cesario

## ACOLYTES

March 3 Ryan Brady, Kristen Brady  
 March 6 Youth  
 March 10 Kevin Agner, Cali Proper  
 March 13 Youth  
 March 17 Olivia Dagenhart, Katherine Sullivan  
 March 20 Youth  
 March 24 Emma Myers, Kayla Sachse  
 March 27 Youth  
 March 31 Chad van der Poel, Archie Dees

## ELEMENT BEARERS

March 3 Noah Hines  
 March 17 Sydney Sims

## CRUCIFERS

March 3 Tessa Brown  
 March 6 Youth  
 March 10 Anna Grace Woolly  
 March 17 Julie Kenny  
 March 24 Nina Sachse  
 March 31 Elizabeth Jones

## NURSERY

March 3 Annette Brown, Sandra Jiles  
 March 10 Annette Brown, Sandra Jiles  
 March 17 Annette Brown, Tangy Roseborough  
 March 24 Ruth Koppe, Gemma Brown  
 March 31 Nettie Scrip, Adrienne Anderson

## Happy Birthday!

*Congratulations to our Octogenarians  
 celebrating*

### March Birthdays:

Bobbie Ann Brown, Tom Carlton, Eva Doyle, Pat Epting,  
 Howard Everhart, Burt Harris, Joan Harris, Don Julian,  
 Mack Lampert, Barbara Sims, Dot Smith, Irene Stewart,  
 Emily Stirewalt

## Worship Attendance

Jan. 27	489
Feb. 3	512
Feb. 10	548
Feb. 17	510
Feb. 24	521



## USHERS: Head Ushers

March Glenn Stokes, Dan Waggoner

### USHER TEAMS

March 3	Team 1E*	Tom Childress, Jim Boger
	Team 9	Cliff Ritchie, captain
March 6	Team 10	Larry Britt, captain
March 10	Team 2E*	Tom Smith, Jim Boger
	Team 1	Mark Derrick, captain
March 17	Team 3E*	Bob Loeblein, Jeff Nelson
	Team 2	Scott Robinson, captain
March 24	Team 4E*	Bob Rusher, Bobby Rusher
	Team 3	Carole Parrott, captain
March 31	Team 5E*	Jim Boger, Ronnie Smith
	Team 4	Loyd Hill, captain

### 9:27 COMMUNION PREPARERS

March and April Vernon Davis, Cyndii Owen, Cheryl Sjoblom

### 9:27 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

March 3	Mark Ritchie, David and Julie Carr, Christine Mowery, Wendy Harris
April 7	Richard and Delores Imblum, Michael Johnson, Danny and Rosalind Hines
April 21	Bill Johnson, Dennis and Kathy Ingold, Cyndii Owen, Karen Jones

### 9:27 HOSPITALITY TEAM

March 3	Angel Barber, Cammie Yarborough, Wayne Everhart, Danny, Noah, and Rosalind Hines, David and Julie Carr
March 10	Dean Safrit, Tammy Safrit, Judi Downs, Henry Hopf, Donna Groce, Lindsey Wineka
March 17	Debbie Carter, Doug Carter, Cheryl, Jack, and Chad van der Poel, Mike Jacobsen, Cyndii Owen
March 24	Stacey and Grace Shafer, Jack and Jeanie Moore, Adam and Crystal Ryerson
March 31	Doug and Donna Groce, Rosalind, Danny, or Noah Hines, Kim Robinson, Ben and Eva White

### 9:27 COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

March 3	David and Julie Carr
March 10	Mike and Sharon Agee
March 17	Dennis and Kathy Ingold, Cyndii Owen, Jill Nothstine
March 24	Stan and Sandy Jordan
March 31	Bob and Sandy Melton

### 9:27 USHER TEAM

March Anthony Weaver, Missie Weaver, Steve Butner, Camille Butner, David Carr

### PA OPERATORS

March 3	Darrell Blackwelder
March 10	Roger Alexander
March 17	David Wilson
March 24	Mike Agee
March 31	Taylor Hutchins

## St. John's Leadership

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL

2019 President .... Bill Johnson  
Vice President .... Cory Gebhardt  
Secretary .... David Phillips  
Treasurer .... Tommy Page  
Financial Secretary...Brenda Munday

#### Term Expires 2019

Cory Gebhardt  
Dennis Ingold  
Bill Johnson  
Karen Puckett  
Karen Rogers

#### Term Expires 2020

Larry Cesario  
Cindy Fink  
David Phillips  
Wesley Rhyne  
Aleksandr (Sacha) Witt

#### Term Expires 2021

Randy Overcash  
David Hord  
Mike Agee  
Mary Wymbs  
Larry Britt

#### Youth Members

Anna Grace Woolly and Archie Dees

#### Benevolent Foundation Trustees

Nancy Shirley, Chair  
John Henderlite  
Chip Bridges  
Chris Agner  
Margaret Kluttz

### MINISTRY GROUP STAFF CONTACTS

Worship & The Arts – Rob Durocher  
Discipleship – Pastor Laura Henrik  
Mercy & Justice – Pastor Laura Henrik  
Congregational Life – Diane Poole  
Stewarding God's Resources – Ruth Ann Diehl

## Buck-a-Meal Sunday

(1st Sunday of each month)  
Sunday, March 3

Buck-A-Meal for February was \$443. Every dollar bill donated equals a meal at Rowan Helping Ministries.

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

# Around the Congregation

## Camille Butner and Family Plan to Build Church in Honduras

By Susan Shinn Turner

When Camille Butner and her brother, Carl Nichols, were in the process of settling their parents' estate, they came up with a unique idea to donate the money.

Carl, who lives in Mooresville, has been involved in mission work in Honduras since 1992. Either this summer or next summer, he will join a team there to build a church in memory of his and Camille's parents, Jim and Daisy Nichols.

Jim and Daisy died a year and four months apart — Daisy in March 2016 and Jim in July 2017.

"We were having to clean out the stuff and it was very stressful," Camille says. "Carl and his wife Jane would help. One day, I decided, why don't we take the money from the estate and build a church? I told Carl my idea and he thought it was wonderful. It all became a big ol' pleasure, and we raised \$5,000 to build the church."

It took three sales in October and November to meet their goal, Camille says. "We finally raised all the money with the last one, and we were so excited. Cyndii Owen helped with the pricing, and we did it all ourselves."

Bless their hearts.

"Yeah, bless our hearts is right!" Camille says. "But we were so excited about the project, and it felt right. It felt like the God thing to do. We thought our parents would be happy. Getting rid of their stuff was a hard thing 'til I had a positive thing to give it to."

Carl, who spent his career with Duke Energy, does mission work through the Honduran Evangelistic Association. This group serves the Chorti Indians, an indigenous people in Honduras. The church they will build is much like a picnic shelter, with concrete floors and pillars, a metal roof, and rows of concrete blocks around the perimeter.

"Mom and Daddy had always been very supportive of my mission work," Carl notes. "Ultimately, when we build the church, I hope as many family members as possible can go with us. As soon as they get a village that qualifies, we'll go down and build the church."



*A church similar to the one to be built.*

To qualify for a church, a village must be holding ongoing worship services and have a worship leader who agrees to take training.

Although the church is being built in the Nichols' memory, the village will give the church its name, Carl says. "I thought it would be a positive thing. It accomplishes two things: we were able to prepare the house to sell it, and we were able to donate to a worthy cause. It gave everybody a chance to do something good, not only for an oppressed people, but for the Lord."

Carl and his wife Jane are members of First Baptist Church in Mooresville. He says of the project: "It gives a sense of permanence to the village. They know it's the Lord's building."



# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 8:30a Chapel Worship 9:27a Contemporary Worship/HC 9:45a Children's Sunday School 10a Adult Sunday School 11a Sanctuary Worship/HC 11:15a Children's Worship 4p Men's Chorus 5:30p Youth Group	<b>4</b> 10a Staff Meeting 1p Monday Rembrandts 6:30p Cub Scouts Pack 443 Den Meeting 7p Luther Ringers Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 8a Women's Bible Study 9:30a Senior Academy 6p Relay for Life 6p Youth Auction Team 7p BSA Troop 443 Order of the Arrow	<b>6</b> 7:15a High School Breakfast 10a Chrismson Meeting 12p Ash Wednesday 1p Bread Riot 5:30p Wednesday Night Meals 6p Kingdom Kids 6:30p Ash Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> 7:30a Men's Bible Study 10:15a Trinity Singers 11a Trinity Ringers 2:45p Barnabas Connection 6p 9:27 Worship Rehearsal 6:30p Cub Scouts Pack 443 Committee Meeting	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
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## St. John's Ministry Staff

### Pastoral Ministry

Senior Pastor .....The Rev. Rhodes Woolly  
Pastor for Discipleship.....The Rev. Laura Henrik  
Visitation.....Wade Rouzer

### Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Music.....Rob Durocher, Deacon  
Associate Parish Musician.....Rosemary Kinard  
Director of Music Emeritus.....Karl Kinard, Deacon  
Director, St. John's Men's Chorus..... Jason Harwood  
Assisting Organist.....Deanna Boksleitner  
Bell Choirs.....Kimberly Lentz  
Media Specialist.....Taylor Hutchins  
Contemporary Worship Leader.....Bradley Chestnut

### Program Ministry

Children.....Stacey Shafer  
Youth .....Kai Thurow  
Senior Adults .....Diane Poole  
St. John's Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) .....Teresa Stoner  
Child Development Center (infant –age 4 and after school)....Courtney Bost

### Administrative Team

Business Manager .....Ruth Ann Diehl  
Office Manager.....Joy Chaffin  
Accounting.....Brenda Munday  
Communications Specialist ..... Angel Owens  
Writer .....Susan Shinn Turner  
Facilities Manager.....Jon Koppe  
Maintenance.....David Ellenburg

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The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

## 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.

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Stacey	201	Rob	208
Brenda	202	Taylor	217
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## On Call List

The list of ministers "on call" is also printed in the Sunday bulletin and updated as needed.

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 Joy Chaffin at [joy@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:joy@stjohns-salisbury.org). Also let Joy know if you would like to receive the daily Prayer Chain.

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