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5:30 P.M.- CHORAL EVENSONG for ADVENT

Music before Service begins at 5:05 p.m. Reception to follow in the Parish House.

PARISH KALENDAR

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday - Friday

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

*Morning and Evening Prayer
with Holy Communion*

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Women of Saint John's

ECW Board Meeting

Monday, December 4th at 10:00 a.m.

In the Green-Meldrim House

Robin Williams, Professor of
Architectural History at SCAD, will
be speak about Savannah's
architectural heritage.

Thursday, December 7th

After 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

In the Green-Meldrim House

Seasonal Refreshments. All Welcome!

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CIRCLE

Will be meeting Wednesday, December 13th at 6:15 p.m. in Cramer Hall, first floor. "Prayer and Desire" is the book study from E. M. Bounds on Prayer for the evening, followed by thanksgiving and intercessory prayer. All are welcome to attend!

WREATH-MAKING THIS SUNDAY

Families with children (Preschool to High School) are invited to kick off the Advent season with a special St. John's tradition, parents and children making an Advent wreath together for their home. Please join us at 10 a.m. on December 3rd in the Fellowship Hall (1st floor Cranmer Hall). *If you have a wreath ring from years past, please bring it with you.* You may want to bring your clippers/secateurs! All other supplies are provided. Children will bring the Advent candles forward to be blessed during the 10:30 service.

MINISTRY WITH YOUTH

It is with gratitude we announce that Mr. David Svihel has accepted the position of *Minister with Youth* at St. John's Church. He comes to us with a sound theological education, experience in ministry with youth, a heart for the gospel, and a sympathy for the liturgical and sacramental tradition of Anglicanism, not to mention a wife, Kalista, and baby girl, Lily. God willing, they will be here this weekend. (His last name is pronounced like "veal" with an ess before it.)

I know they will be warmly welcomed by all, and this is important; because a ministry with youth may be *distinct* from other forms of ministry, but it is not *separate*. We are not putting him in

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital or hospice.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Dr. Davidson J. Carson

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. R. Scott Howard

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Haddon Watson Whitfield Watson
William Sills Daniel Sills
Jamie McClellan Philip Inglesby

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the marriage on Saturday November 25th of Catherine Courtenay Miller and Brian Christopher Dufour

And in loving memory of Sally O'Donnell Whittington; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George O'Donnell; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Cook by Mr. Floyd G. Whittington, Sr. and sons; Floyd, Jr. and George

And in loving memory of Lt. John Woodard Sognier, Jr. by Dr. and Mrs. Morgan W. Murray and Dr. and Mrs. William E. Osborne.

And in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Belford on the anniversary of their wedding day by Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Belford, Jr.

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ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 a.m. Cranmer Hall 3rd Floor & Chapel

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast with Father O'Brien 6:45 a.m., Parish House

Thursday- St. Luke with Father Dunbar

7:00 a.m., Dining Room, Parish House

Thursday- Men's Small Group with lunch

Noon- Fellowship Hall, CH1

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursdays - Reading Group at 9:15 a.m. with Father O'Brien in the Fellowship, CH1

Wednesday - C. S. Lewis Group- December 13th - 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall, CH1

CANNED GOODS SALE

Bazaar Canned Goods will be for sale following the 10:30 service this Sunday. Look for Jane Pressly or Eddie Culver if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION

The Women and Sunday School of St. John's are collecting new toys for children ages 5-17 to be distributed by the Salvation Army. Collection bins are in Cranmer Hall and the Church lobby until December 17. All donations gratefully received!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

charge of a youth ghetto! His ministry will be most fruitful where it builds on relationships not only with teenagers but also with their families, and with the congregation as a whole. If he is to minister with youth, he will need to minister with their parents also, and in some sense with us all. He will need to teach us. That's a change we must expect and welcome, as we welcome him.

Investing in a full-time Minister with Youth was one of the recommendations of the St. John's 2030 Report, and a big step for this parish, where youth ministry has not been given this specialized attention, but left to the clergy and parishioners as they had gifts, desire, time and energy for it. Though not without fruit, this approach fell short of what is required in the deeply skeptical culture of our time. A ministry with youth is not a matter of providing "programs" that may or may not engage and entertain teenagers. It is about forming faith in them that will endure and mature in them as adults.

One of the reasons we were able to offer this position is because a number of parishioners (as requested) made a modest increase in giving. Another is because one couple in this parish this fall donated some real estate to St. John's, and designated the gift towards the St. John's 2030 plan. We believe the property can be sold in the near future, and expect it will produce revenue that will pay a sizable portion of this new position over the next few years. To be sure, more will be needed, and if anyone is interested in contributing to this expense, please do talk to me: but the gift of these parishioners is a

testimony to their hope for St. John's and their willingness to invest themselves in that hope. That's an attitude that I hope is contagious!

May this new ministry with youth so flourish among us, that they may have grace "to stand fast in thy faith, to obey thy word, and to abide in thy love; that being made strong by thy Holy Spirit they may resist temptation and overcome evil; and may rejoice in the life that now is, and dwell with thee in the life that is to come" (Prayer Book, p. 43) GGD

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL/
MIDDLE SCHOOL & UP! TREE
TRIMMING- DECEMBER 10TH**

Mandatory Pageant Practice: All children performing in the pageant will meet in the Fellowship Hall in Cranmer Hall for a light lunch after church. The children will change into costume and do a few run-throughs in the church.

Middle School and Up! Youth Lunch: Meet inside Cranmer Hall entry after church to walk over to Mello Mushroom. Return to church for Tree Trimming at 1:15 p.m.

Tree Trimming: Children, youth and their families are invited to trim the Parish House tree and tune our pipes with carols, lemonade, and cookies at 1:15 p.m. in the Green-Meldrim House

WREATHS, GARLANDS & POINSETTIAS
If you would like to give a poinsettia, wreath or garland for the decoration of the Church at Christmas, send a check to the Church Office made payable to **St. John's Chancel Society**. Please include a note of how the memorial or honorarium should read. Poinsettias are \$30 each. Wreaths and Garlands are \$80 each.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, page 90
 Decalogue (p. 68) & Exhortation (p. 85). *The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent.*
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Church & Cranmer Hall*)
 9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery** (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M.—SUNG EUCHARIST, SERMON & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

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Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.
If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.)