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## UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

### ◆ WORSHIP ◆

#### Monday to Friday

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

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

#### In addition, on Wednesdays

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

#### In addition, on Thursdays

5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist*

### ◆ PARISH PICNIC ◆

Join us for food and fun today **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 a.m. service** until 2:00 p.m., it's sure to be a great time for all ages.

### ◆ JULIEN GREEN LEGACY ◆ COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Join St. John's and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the United States on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. for a cocktail reception featuring French wines and cuisine at the historic Green-Meldrim house as we celebrate the legacy of author Julien Green, "the French Margaret Mitchell", who made Green family memories of life in Savannah the basis for his novels. For complete details and to purchase tickets - [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

### ◆ SUMMER READING ◆ PROGRAM

Sign up on May 13<sup>th</sup> to get a goodie bag! Ages newborn - 11 are invited to "Book a Trip" & check out books from the Children's Library at St. John's. Winners will get a prize at the end of the summer.

## MINISTRY WITH YOUTH AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH (I)

*By Mr. David Svihel,*

*Minister with Youth at St. John's Church*

One of the pillars of ministry for the Youth of St. John's is the gospel. To understand its importance for youth ministry, we need to know what the gospel is.

### What is the Gospel?

The gospel is good news. In Corinthians 15, St. Paul informs the Corinthians that what he is about to tell them is "of first importance" so they (and we too) should listen up, because this is crucial. Paul writes, *That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.* So the gospel is about Christ, (which means 'anointed one'). As one pastor said, "The Gospel is of first importance because it is through the gospel that God works to take people from death to life."

### But How?

Many people have heard "Jesus died for your sins" but do not really appreciate what that means. To understand the gospel, we must first grasp that we are sinners in need of forgiveness. The Prayer Book gives us very helpful language for thinking about this. "Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.

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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 Mr. Edwin H. Culver

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Sean F. Finnegan

**ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne  
10:30 a.m. Jack McClellan Jamie McClellan  
Jacob Perkins William Taylor Daniel Sills  
William Sills Turner Stevens

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and on the occasion of the marriage of Jacqueline Elizabeth Conney and Daniel Paul Carter, Jr.

And in thanksgiving for and on the occasion of the birthday of Vincent Graham Cooper by Ms. Patti Cooper.

And in celebration of the 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary of Frank and Denny Somoskey.

**Continued from Eastern Lily Dedications:**

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Moore, Sr., by Judge and Mrs. William T. Moore, Jr.

Our family, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Wamock  
Loved ones, by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wyly, Jr.

Katherine Keller Perry, by Mrs. William P. Thompson

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mr. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland,  
Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III,  
Mrs. James C. Pedrick, Mrs. Morgan W. Murray,  
Mrs. Rhett N Willis

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

No Coffee Hour – Parish Picnic Instead!

**ROAMING GREETER**

Mrs. Gary M. Schubert

**SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:**

CRANMER HALL-3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR

**Upper School - D. Keane & F. DeRienzo**

**Middle School – D. Svihel**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:**

*Collects Study With Father O'Brien and Will & Mary Helen Burdell. CH3-Reading Room  
1 Kings Father Dunbar's Class in Chapel*

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

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

Thursday- *St. Luke* with Father Dunbar

7:00 a.m. Third Floor Cranmer Hall

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Thursday- Book Study with Father O'Brien 9:15 a.m.,  
CH3-Reading Room

Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - C.S. Lewis Group, 11 a.m. CH3 –  
Reading Room (Last meeting for this study)

**ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CIRCLE**

Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 6:15 p.m. following  
Evening Prayer in Cranmer Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.  
The discussion topic is Prayer & Obedience.  
All are welcome to attend.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done." Sin is not just "bad things we have done", but a sinful orientation of the heart.

How does Christ's death deal with my sin and separation from God? God is the source of life, and sin is separation from him. Sin leads ultimately to death. Jesus speaks often in the Gospel of John about the *eternal life*. To have eternal life is to be saved from sin and receive forgiveness and restored relationship with God now *and* in eternity. Christ died the death we should have died because of our sin and separation from God. Out of love God sent Christ to enter into the death we deserved and to rise again to new life so that we could live. Christ's life, death, and resurrection are given by faith through preaching and baptism as a gift of grace.

Martin Luther called Jesus' work for us "the great exchange." In a moving passage from his writings he says, "Christ is full of grace, life, and salvation; the soul is full of sin, death, and condemnation. Let faith step in, and then sin, death, and hell will belong to Christ, and grace, life, and salvation to the soul." Christ takes all that is ours and gives us all that is his. How amazing!

### **Too Much of a Good Thing?**

Can you preach the gospel too much? If we tell the youth too often they have been forgiven and united to Christ in baptism they might use it as an excuse to do whatever they want. St. Paul dealt with this in Romans where he answers the question: *should we keep sinning, so we can get more grace?* Paul's answer is: *By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?*

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.* The answer is: No. You are a new person. You have a new identity. You have new life. You belong to Jesus.

### **The Gospel and Youth Ministry: So What?**

We live in a world of image and identity. There is immense pressure on youth to look a certain way and to be a certain kind of person through performance and accomplishment. The youth (and everybody) want to be seen as smart, successful, or authentic. This pressure we all experience never relents and the rules of the game are always changing.

When the Youth of St. John's are truly captured by the grace of God in the gospel it changes things. Instead of striving to earn identity and acceptance through performance, they can receive their identity as righteous, beloved, and sons and daughters of God and co-heirs of his kingdom with Christ. All of this is a gift that cannot be earned. It allows us to live life in the world from a sense of belovedness as adopted children of God, instead of orphans looking for a place to belong. Is there any better news? DMS

*(To be continued)*

#### ***MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT***

*When:* Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.  
*Where:* Plantation Club on the Palmetto golf course in The Landings.  
*Contact:* Jim McClellan 201-3895  
mcclellzoot@gmail.com

Easter 2

April 15, 2018

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL .....Prayer Book, page 171

*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery** (Cranmer Hall)

**9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (Cranmer Hall)

*Nursery for Newborns to Kindergarten until 10:15 a.m.*

**10:30 A.M. - MORNING PRAYER, SERMON & CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

HYMN: #345 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ..... St. Columba  
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer .....Prayer Book, pages 3-7  
Versicles and Responses .....7-8  
EASTER ANTHEMS: #682 .....461, 463  
Psalms #23, #33 ..... 368, 378  
First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:1-16, 30, 31  
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS #615, 619 .....10  
Second Lesson: 1 St. Peter 2:19 and St. John 10:11 .....172  
BENEDICTUS #634 ..... 14  
*Children may exit following the cross for CHILDREN’S CHURCH (Kindergarten – Grade 5).*  
Apostles' Creed..... 15  
Versicles and Responses ..... 16  
Collect of the Day ..... 171  
Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace.....17-20  
Welcome and Announcements .....Father Dunbar  
HYMN [insert] *Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands*..... Christus Lag in Todesbanden  
Sermon .....Father Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences  
Anthem: *Psalms XXIII* ..... C. Hylton Stewart  
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)  
General Thanksgiving (*said by all*) and Aaronic Blessing ..... 19  
HYMN: #396 *The Church’s One Foundation*.....Aurelia  
VOLUNTARY: *Song of Triumph* ..... Charles L. Talmadge

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*No Coffee Hour Today - All are invited to the Parish Picnic.*

*If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

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