

# COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

## THE CALENDAR



### Sunday, April 12

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:15 am Nursery open through 10:30 service
- 9:15 am Choir Practice, Church
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
*Cookies and Lemonade on the patio following service*
- 11:30 am VBS Interest Meeting, Parish Hall, directly after 10:30 am service

### Monday, April 13

- 5:00 pm Cursillo Reunion Group, Library
- 6:00 pm Women's Book Club, Library

### Tuesday, April 14

- 9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, April 15

- 10:00 am Rector's Bible Study, Library
- 12:10 pm The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Anointing, Chapel

### Thursday, April 16

- 9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall

### Friday, April 17

- 7:00 am Men's Cursillo Reunion Group, Library
- 9:00 am Yoga, Contact Carol Hancock

### Saturday, April 18

- 9:00 am Common Ground Spring Clean Up
- 2:00 pm Earth Day Celebration, Parish Lawn

### Sunday, April 19

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:15 am Nursery open through 10:30 service
- 9:15 am Choir Practice, Church
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
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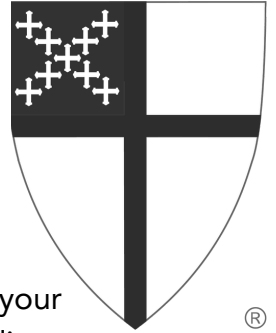
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

STARTS TODAY!

### ADULT CONFIRMATION & ENQUIRER'S CLASS

9:30 am | Parish Hall  
Sunday Mornings  
Beginning April 12

No matter where you are on your faith journey, consider attending this series, where we will explore together the basics of the Christian faith through the Episcopal lens. Confirmation by our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Glenda Curry is on May 24th at 10:00 am.



FIRST MEETING THIS MONDAY!



### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Mondays | 6:00 pm | Library

Join the women of St. John's for their next book study, *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi, Mondays from April 13 to May 18.

## Spring Men's Retreat

April 24-25  
Camp McDowell

Join us for a classic Camp McDowell weekend--camp activities, worship, and time to relax with friends. Scholarships available; please contact Father Chase. To register scan code or go to [bit.ly/0424retreat](https://bit.ly/0424retreat)



## SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK

**Clergy-Led Class:** Confirmation class begins, see above for details. Meets in the Parish Hall

**Lay-Led Class:** Luke Slaton will lead this week, focusing on his Santiago Pilgrimage.

*Children and Youth classes meet downstairs; the nursery is open during Sunday School*

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. LOVE YOURSELF.

# COMMON GROUND community garden

Spring Clean-up Day

Saturday, April 18 | Starting at 9:00 am

We are so excited that Common Ground will be on the garden tour in May! So...any extra hands would be appreciated on Saturday, April 18, for our Spring Cleanup. Please consider joining us as you can. We will start at 9:00 am. Contact Julia Chenault with questions

ST. JOHN'S BACK LAWN  
202 GORDON DRIVE  
APRIL 18 | 2:00-3:00 PM

## Fun for All Ages!

### ST. JOHN'S EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Build Bee Hotels | Make Nature Bracelets | Plant Zinnia Seeds | Scavenger Hunt | Earth Day Rap!

OUTREACH FOR APRIL

**CRISIS  
SERVICES**  
OF NORTH ALABAMA



Crisis Service of North Alabama provides free, 24/7 crisis assistance for a broad spectrum of needs in the Decatur area. A long-time partner of St. John's, they are in need of items for their programs. Go to [bit.ly/april26csna](http://bit.ly/april26csna) or scan code for the list of needs.



### VBS INTEREST MEETING TODAY!

After 10:30 am service | Meet in the Parish Hall

Adults and 6th-12th graders, come volunteer for the best week of the summer! Come and learn about ways to serve, our plans, and how to help us share the love of Christ with children in a fun, meaningful way.

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

HERO ACADEMY VBS: SERVING LIKE THE SAINTS  
June 22 – June 26 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Inspired by the lives of saints, St. John's Hero Academy VBS invites children to consider how following Jesus' call to love and serve others is the most heroic thing of all.



Registration

Go to [bit.ly/infovbshero](http://bit.ly/infovbshero) for more information.

## Harry Moore

POETRY READING

April 16 | 6:00 pm | Decatur Public Library

All are invited to a reading by parishioner Harry Moore from his award-winning poetry collection, *We the People: Confessions of a Caucasian Southerner*. The event is free and open to the public.

## Save the Date!

St. John's Episcopal Women's Brunch  
Saturday, May 9th at 11:00 am

### OUR PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

*We pray for family and friends who are ill or distressed, especially Marella Adams, Laura Lott Anglea, Russell Barr, Jenny Berry, Mary Blair, John Bolton, Kase Bradford, Walt Chenault, Mike Davenport, Jessica Kelley, Anne Ledbetter, Lisa Littrell, Tommy Loyd, Rip Nance, Nick Roth, Robert Schafer, Melissa Schafer, Bob Smith, Steve Smith, Glynn Tubb, Carolyn Tweedy, Kathy VanStry, Marilyn Volonino, and Gretchen Willis.*

*We pray for those who serve in and with the Armed Forces, especially Michael Blair, Steven Blair, Jonathan Easter, Garrett McElroy, and Austin Wallace.*

*We pray for the departed, especially Katie Harris.*

*We pray for persecuted Christians and refugees around the world; for an end to poverty, addiction, and violence of all kinds; for the students, families, teachers, and administrators of Banks-Caddell Elementary School; for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd; for All victims of violence, hatred, prejudice, and oppression, and the agencies that advocate for their safety, dignity, and respect. Calvary, Oneonta, seminarians completing second year of study, Renascence Halfway House, Montgomery, and all prison reformation and re-entry ministries.*

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God**