COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

THE CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal, Church
9:15 am Nursery Available Until 11:45 am
9:00 - 10:15 am Parish Breakfast and Advent Wreathmaking, Parish Hall
10:30 am The Holy Eucharist (Rite II), *followed by Cookies and Cocoa, Parish Hall*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

5:00 pm Cursillo Reunion Group, Library
6:30 pm Scout Meeting, Parish Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, Parish Hall
9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall
10:00 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

10:00 am Rector's Bible Study, Library
12:10 pm The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Anointing, Chapel
5:30 pm St Nicholas Night with Dinner and Outreach, Parish Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall
1:00 pm Caregivers Support Gathering, Library
5:30 pm Theology on Tap, The Brick Deli

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00 am Men's Cursillo Reunion Group, Library

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 am - Noon Parish Work Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal, Church
9:15 am Nursery Available Until 11:45 am
9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am The Holy Eucharist (Rite II), *followed by Cookies and Cocoa, Parish Hall*
5:00 pm Festival of Lessons & Carols for Advent, *Reception in the Parish Hall follows*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Plenty Good Room

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We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2027. St. John's goal is 100% participation. Each pledge, no matter the size, matters from all who call St. John's their church home. Pledges can be made by hand delivery, mail, and online. Thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure supporting St. John's now and in the future!

TUESDAY!

Men's Advent Breakfast Bible Study



TUESDAYS IN ADVENT
7:00-7:45 AM | PARISH HALL

Men of St. John's, join Father Rufus on Tuesday mornings during Advent. The breakfast will be delicious and the study on Joseph will be enlightening. Bring a friend with you!

THURSDAY!

Caregivers Support Gathering

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
1:00 PM | ST. JOHN'S LIBRARY

A monthly gathering offering a safe, compassionate space for caregivers to share experiences, find encouragement, and receive support as they care for those they love. Contact ehuber4404@gmail.com for more information

SAVE THE DATE!

Caroling & Dinner Out

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 5:00 PM

We'll meet up at Riverside, 1009 Line Street for caroling and head to the Brick Deli for a Dutch treat dinner aferwards.

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. LOVE YOURSELF.

SATURDAY!

THERE'S A JOB FOR EVERYONE!

Parish Work Day



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:00 AM TO NOON

Advent is the season of preparation! Join us for a morning of preparation as we ready the church for Christmas. Check out the project list and contact Junior Warden Ann Stewart to claim a project. If you can't make Saturday, consider doing a project at your own convenience. Every little bit is appreciated!

PROJECT LIST: **bit.ly/workday1205**

Thank you for helping care for our church home! **Contact Ann at jac97nat00@yahoo.com or 256.303.9758.**

NEXT SUNDAY!

FESTIVAL OF

Lessons & Carols for Advent

Featuring the choirs of
St. John's Episcopal Church, Decatur,
and the Church of the Ascension, Vestavia Hills

DECEMBER 6 | 5:00 PM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL

ELEVEN PAIRS OF SHOES STILL NEED BUYERS OR MONETARY DONATIONS!

St. Nicholas Hygiene & Shoe Drive

Eleven pairs of shoes still need buyers or monetary donations! We are continuing our annual tradition of sharing kindness and generosity with the youth at the Boys and Girls club through two outreach opportunities: the St. Nicholas Shoe Drive and Hygiene Kit Donation Drive.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

bit.ly/26shoedrive

bit.ly/26hygiene

Please bring donations to the church by **Wednesday, December 2.**

WEDNESDAY!



St. Nicholas Night: Dinner & Outreach

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
5:30 PM DINNER | 6:00 PM PROGRAM | PARISH HALL

Join us for dinner followed by assembling hygiene kits and presenting the shoes to the staff of Boys and Girls Club 3rd Street!

On the menu: lasagna, salad, garlic bread and ice cream bars.

Dinner helpers needed for food prep, set-up, serving and clean-up. Your help would be greatly appreciated! **Call Ann Stewart at 256.303.9758**.

OUR PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

We pray for family and friends who are ill or distressed, especially Russell Barr, Jenny Berry, Billy Biles, John Bolton, Joe Burns, Walt Chenault, Susan Easter, Jessica Kelly, Laura Laire, Bobbie Patton, Earl Pettey, David Rahm, Richard Ray, Heidi Ross, Nick Roth, Robert Schafer, Melissa Schafer, Rebecca Self, Shane Smith, Steve Smith, Dot Straub, Anne Sykes, Raven Troop, Glynn Tubb, Julie Warren, Rachel Wiley, and Gretchen Willis.

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

We pray for the departed.

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; and for the Brotherhood of St Andrew; Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham; Emmanuel, Opelika; St Andrews, Birmingham; St Andrews, Montevallo; St Andrews, Sylacauga; and St Andrews, Tuskegee.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for their grandchildren: Caroline, Mary Florence, Caitlyn, Eleana, Asher, Gabriel, Hannah, and Ryan, by Joel and Beth Weinbaum