

THE DISCIPLE

A Monthly Publication of St. Jude's Church

"The purpose of St. Jude's Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by proclaiming through words, actions and love the Good News of God in Christ; to provide for spiritual growth and to minister, with love, to the needs of this congregation and to all people."

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A long time ago, in a place far away, the most Glorious King who ever lived went to visit his Kingdom: all the hamlets and villages, all the cities and towns, all the highways and byways. Of course, he traveled in his most regal coach, finest robes, with his most gorgeous crown on his head.

Everywhere he went huge crowds gathered and cheered, "Long live the king!" Each time he stopped and stepped out of his coach, important people came to greet him. But all the rest of the people in the towns - the people who had everyday jobs, came from ordinary families, and had no special position or rank - hung back as if they were afraid of him. This troubled the King.

One day, while he traveled in the farthest corner of the Kingdom, the King saw a young woman who had come to the well to draw water for her animals. When the King saw her his heart leapt. He knew that just by looking at her he could tell that she was the young woman he wanted to marry and spend his life with. The one he had been waiting for all his life. He started to get out of the coach to ask her to be his bride and to come live with him in the Palace. But then he remembered how all the other people in the other villages and towns had reacted to him and so he drove on.

Back at the Palace the King sought the counsel of his royal advisers. One said he should have simply impressed the young woman with his magnificence. Another suggested he demand that she marry him. How could she dare refuse the King? A third said he should send her presents until he had bought her love. And still another said he should send all the young men in the kingdom off to war until there was no one left to marry but the King himself.

The King dismissed them all and called in one of his humblest servants and said, "I will give you one of my royal robes if you will give me some of your old clothes." The servant gladly exchanged clothes with the King. The put on the well-worn clothes and became a carpenter in the woman's village. He said to himself, "If I presented myself to her as a King, it would have scared her. If I demanded she marry me and she obeyed, it wouldn't be love. If I tried to buy her affection it would have been for all the wrong reasons. And if I had been the only choice, it wouldn't really be a choice at all. I will win her heart by becoming like her, and then shower her with my love."

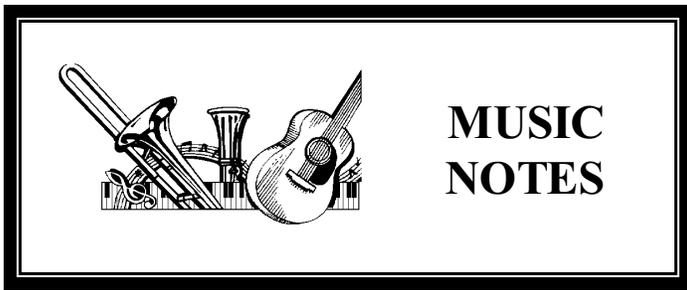
And he did. Thank you, Jesus.

A blessed Christmas to you and yours,

Bob+



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 5PM



MUSIC NOTES

Adult Choir –

Thanks to our Adult Choir for their commitment in preparation for Advent and Christmas music!

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00PM on November 30, December 6, 13, and 20.

On Christmas Eve, the choir will rehearse in music room at 9:45PM.

There will be no choir rehearsals on December 27 or January 3.

The choir will not sing at the 9:00AM Advent IV Holy Eucharist on Sunday, December 24.

Christmas Choir Party:

Following choir rehearsal on December 3, 2017 at the home of The Martins, 201 Warren Street.

Lessons and Carols

This wonderful service on Sunday, December 10 at 5:00PM centers around five scripture readings proclaiming the coming of The Messiah. These readings will be interspersed with congregational carols and anthems sung by Adult Choir. Accompaniment will be provided by violin, oboe, and organ. The service will last approximately fifty minutes.

Christmas Eve Music:

Family Communion Service

4:40PM: Noels for trumpet and organ

5:00PM: Holy Eucharist Rite II with children's sermon, congregational carols, and adult ensemble

Traditional Service

10:15PM: Noels for violin, cello, trumpet, and organ

11:00PM: Holy Eucharist Rite II--sermon, congregational carols, and anthems from Adult Choir

THE STORIES OF FAVORITE CAROLS

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Charles Wesley (1739) is a Christmas carol that first appeared in 1739 in the collection *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, having been written by Charles Wesley. His original opening couplet is *Hark! how all the welkin rings / Glory to the King of Kings*. The popular version is the result of alterations by various hands, notably by Wesley's co-worker George Whitefield who changed the opening couplet to the familiar one, and by Felix Mendelssohn. A hundred years after the publication of *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, in 1840, Mendelssohn composed a cantata to commemorate Johann Gutenberg's invention of the printing press, and it is music from this cantata, adapted by the English musician William H. Cummings to fit the lyrics of *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, that propels the carol known today.

The First Noel, William Sandys & Davies Gilbert (Original Composer Unknown) (1823) The word, *noel*, seems to be a French word with Latin roots: *natalis*, meaning "birthday." It was first published in *Carols Ancient and Modern* (1823) and *Gilbert and Sandys Carols* (1833), both of which were edited by William Sandys and arranged, edited and with extra lyrics written by Davies Gilbert for *Hymns and Carols of God*. Today, it is usually performed in a four-part hymn arrangement by the English composer John Stainer, first published in his *Carols, New and Old* in 1871. Variations of its theme are included in *Victor Hely-Hutchinson's Carol Symphony*.

Silent Night, Father Joseph Mohr & Franz Xaver Gruber (1818) is a popular Christmas carol, composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber to lyrics by Joseph Mohr in the small town of Oberndorf bei Salzburg, Austria. A broken church organ in the midst of a Christmas Eve midnight service presented an opportunity for God to show his creativity. Father Joseph created the lyrics on the spot, brought the text to Franz Gruber to create a simple tune. Thus, *Silent Night* was sung for the first time.

O Come, Emmanuel, John Mason Neale (1851) is a Christian hymn for Advent. While it is most commonly known by that English title, it is in fact a translation of the original Latin, *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*; translations into other modern languages (particularly German) are also in widespread use. The 1861 translation of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* is the most prominent by far in the English-speaking world, but other English translations also exist. The hymn is a metrical paraphrase of the *O Antiphons*, a series of plainchant antiphons attached to the Magnificat at Vespers over the final days before Christmas.

What Child is This?, William Chatterton Dix (1865) is a Christmas carol whose lyrics were written by William Chatterton Dix in 1865. At the time of composing the carol, Dix worked as an insurance company manager and had been struck by a severe illness. While recovering, he underwent a spiritual renewal that led him to write several hymns, including lyrics to

this carol that was subsequently set to the tune of *Greensleeves*, a traditional English folk song. Although it was written in England, the carol is more popular in the United States than in its country of origin today.

O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles), John Francis Wade (1743) (Originally written in Latin as *Adeste Fideles*) is a Christmas carol which has been attributed to various authors. In 1743, John Francis Wade had produced a copy of the now popular *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. After his passing in 1786, English Catholics began returning to Britain, bringing the carol with them. Frederick Oakeley eventually came across this carol and was so moved that he decided to translate it into English for Margaret Street Chapel. After converting to Catholicism in 1845, Oakeley revised the original *Ye Faithful, Approach Ye* to the now famous *O Come, All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant*.

Away in a Manger, Unknown (1887) is a Christmas carol first published in the late nineteenth century and used widely throughout the English-speaking world. In 1887, *Away in a Manger* appeared in a little book of songs entitled *Dainty Songs for Little Lads and Lasses*, published in Cincinnati by the John Church Company. The mystery of this song gives credit to the great reformer Martin Luther, noting him as the composer of the song. Further research found this mystery to be false, but it still leaves no original composer to be named. In Britain, it is one of the most popular carols; a 1996 Gallup Poll ranked it joint second. The two most-common musical settings are by William J. Kirkpatrick and James R. Murray.

Angels We Have Heard on High, Unknown (1855) is a Christmas carol of French origin in the public domain. The song commemorates the story of the birth of Jesus Christ found in the Gospel of Luke, in which shepherds outside Bethlehem encounter a multitude of angels singing and praising the newborn child. The words of the song are based on a traditional French carol known as *Les Anges dans nos campagnes* (literally, “Angels in our countryside”) composed by an unknown author in Languedoc, France. That song has received many adjustments or alignments including its most common English version that was translated in 1862 by James Chadwick, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, northeast England. The carol quickly became popular in the West Country, where it was described as ‘Cornish’ by R.R. Chope, and featured in *Pickard-Cambridge’s Collection of Dorset Carols*.

Go Tell It on the Mountain, John Wesley Work (1879) is an African-American spiritual song, compiled by John Wesley Work, Jr., that has been sung and recorded by many gospel and secular performers. The original song composed by the African-American “spirituals” was taken by the Jubilee Singers of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. When John enrolled at Fisk University, he became heavily involved in their music program even though it was not his primary area of study. He soon came across the African-American spirituals and grew to love them and wanted to preserve them. In 1907, John published many of

the spirituals, but *Go Tell It On The Mountain* became largely known. Today it is considered a Christmas carol because its original lyrics celebrate the Nativity of Jesus.

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1863) got its birth from the Civil War (1861). Henry Wadsworth Longfellow went through a number of devastating family circumstances in the years prior to the conception of this carol. Filled with tragedy and discouragement, Henry composed this carol to vent all of his feelings and emotions during this time. Two stanzas, now omitted from most hymnals, speak of the cannons thundering in the South and of hatred tearing apart, “the hearth-stones of a continent.” Henry, at this point, wants to hang his head and wallow in despair, but then he hears the Christmas Bells and is reminded that, “God’s not dead, nor doth He sleep.”

Angels, from the Realms of Glory, James Montgomery (1816) is inspired by Luke 2:13. The author, James Montgomery was a Scottish-born hymnodist, poet, and editor. Attributing to his writing was a devotion to Christ and to the Scriptures. *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* was first sung in a Moravian Church in England on Christmas Day, 1821.

Do You Hear What I Hear?, Noël Regney & Gloria Shayne (1962) is a song written in October 1962, with lyrics by Noël Regney and music by Gloria Shayne Baker. The pair, married at the time, wrote it as a plea for peace during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Regney had been invited by a record producer to write a Christmas song, but he was hesitant due to the commercialism of the Christmas holiday. It has since sold tens of millions of copies and has been covered by hundreds of artists.

Mary, Did You Know?, Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene (1984) is a Christmas song with lyrics and music written by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene. It was originally recorded by Christian recording artist, Michael English on his solo debut album in 1991 (English and Lowry were both members of the Gaither Vocal Band). Lowry would record the song several times himself, most notably with the Gaither Vocal Band on their 1998 Christmas album.

The Little Drummer Boy, Katherine K. Davis (1941) (originally known as *Carol of the Drum*) is a popular Christmas song written by the American classical music composer and teacher Katherine Kennicott Davis in 1941. It was recorded in 1955 by the Trapp Family Singers and further popularized by a 1958 recording by the Harry Simeone Chorale. This version was re-released successfully for several years and the song has been recorded many times since.

From: *Morgan, R. (2010). Then sings my soul (Special ed.). Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson.*

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST
at ST. JUDE'S**



Would like to thank everyone in advance for taking time to help out with this ministry. Also remind them to pick up key for building sometime during the week before they need it.

THANKS,
Dana

DECEMBER

- 3rd Paul & Fran Pye
Marvin Jones
- 10th Erwin & Martie Hooker
Harper Downey
- 17th David & Susan Martin
Tracy & Johnny Johnson
- 24th MERRY CHRISTMAS EVE
TBD
- 31st NEW YEARS EVE
TBD

**ST. JUDE'S WOMEN
NEWS**



Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Annual **Adult Christmas Party** at the home of Matt & Holly Mardell, 114 Belling Street immediately following Lessons & Carols on December 10th. The Committee will provide wonderful cheer for fellowship and fun.



**PARISH FAMILIES
MINISTERED TO THIS
MONTH...**

...Patti & Tom Lohr

...Eve & Billy Richardson ...Jimmy Skardon
We try to have an ongoing Food/Flower/Card/Soup Ministry and we feel bad when we do not know or find out late about a need in our church family. Please be certain to contact the church office and let us know of a need in our parish family whether it's a meal or a visit from the Rector.

MEETING! PARISH ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21st following 10:30AM service with covered dish luncheon. All committees are asked to have their reports in the office no later than Thursday, January 4th.



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

- The DOK meets on the first Sunday of each month at 9AM in the Vestry Room in Skardon Hall.
- The only requirement for membership is a commitment to prayer and serving our Lord!
- If you have an interest and would like to begin the discernment process please join us at the December meeting which will be on **Sunday, December 3**.
- For more information, or contact Ann Walters (843) 560-0710, or Marianne Holmes, (843) 844-8400.



Thanks to...

...everyone who helped with breakfast in November: Stacy & Benjy Kennedy, Chris Stroble; Charles & Cindy Lucas, Matt & Holly Mardell;

Marilyn Peters, Patti & Tom Lohr, Diane & Dave Mathews; Ben & Susan Harrison, Marianne Holmes

...To everyone for keeping the food pantry stocked, bags made and stocked in the closet for giving out.

...Those who volunteered to cook meals for the Youth Group: Stephanie & Fr. Bob Horowitz, Dana & Bonita Cheney, Martie & Erwin Hooker, Gary & Charlie Brightwell



PARISH MEETING

December 3, 2017

Vestry elections will take place on Sunday, December 3, 2017 immediately after the 10:30 AM worship service. Outgoing vestry members are Gilda Barnwell, Anthony Herndon, Byron Lee or Charlotte Valentine Requirements for vestry service are: regular attendance for worship services, financial support of the parish, a confirmed communicant at least 18 years of age.

The following parishioners have agreed to nomination for a three year term: Gary Brightwell, Patti Lohr, Ann Hughes, and Sue Hinson.

If you would like to have your name listed for nomination, or would like to nominate someone, please contact Fr Bob in the church office @ (843) 549-1050.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



2 Johnny Johnston
2 Julia Waddell
9 Billy Richardson
13 Pam Smith
17 Nicholas Martin

23 David Martin
24 Lawton Smith
25 Cindy Lucas
25 George Feild
31 Knox Martin



HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE OPPORTUNITY!

The Memorials Committee has obtained a case of Hymnals and Books of Common Prayer to replace some well used volumes in the church. These new books are available as an opportunity for Remembrance, Honorarium, or Thanksgiving for a loved one or event! The cost is \$20 for each prayer book or hymnal and can be forwarded to the church office. Please include the name of the person(s)/event you would like inscribed in each book.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

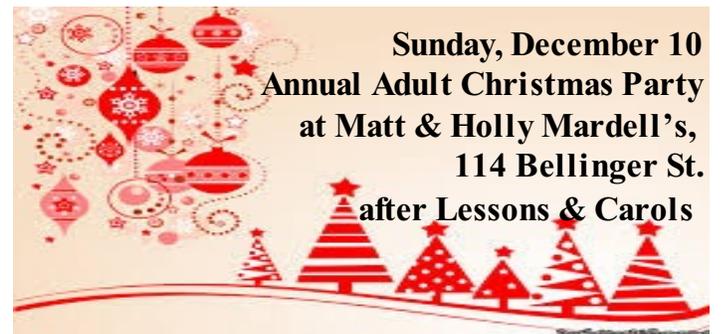


We will be ordering flowers from Tricia Utsey at the Flower Barn. Order deadline Sunday, December 3rd.

The price is 10"-\$24.95; make checks payable to THE FLOWER BARN.

If you plan to order separately, please have them wrapped in gold paper with red bows and delivered to church on Dec. 23.

Also, make sure you contact Lisa as to how you would like them to be put in the bulletin.



Sunday, December 10
Annual Adult Christmas Party
at Matt & Holly Mardell's,
114 Bellinger St.
after Lessons & Carols

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

(If your group is not listed please call the church office 549-1050)



Women's Bible Study - The Monday night Women's Bible Study meets from 6-7:30PM.



December 3 Deadline for ordering Christmas poinsettias. 10"-\$24.95, make check payable to THE FLOWER BARN. If you do not order with the church, please be sure they are wrapped in gold paper with red bows, delivered on December 23 and that you let the church office know what needs to be placed in the bulletin.

- 3 **Daughters of the King**, 9 AM
- 3 **Open Plate Offering** goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.
- 3 **Vestry Elections** following 10:30 AM Service
- 3 **Christmas Choir Party** following choir rehearsal at the home of The Martins, 201 Warren Street.
- 10 **Lessons and Carols Service**, 5-6 PM
- 10 **Annual Christmas Party** at the home of Matt & Holly Mardell, 114 Bellinger St., after Lessons & Carols
- 11 **Vestry Meeting**, 5:30 PM
- 24 **Altar Guild Decorates Church for Christmas, following 9:00AM service**
- 24 **Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant & Communion**
9:00 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite I (No Music)
4:40 PM - Noels for trumpet and organ
5:00PM - Holy Eucharist Rite II with children's sermon, congregational carols, and adult ensemble
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL**
10:15 PM - Noels for violin, cello, trumpet, and organ
11:00 PM - Holy Eucharist Rite II; sermon, congregational carols, and anthems from Adult Choir
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**, 10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite I

OCTOBER VESTRY NOTES

October 9, 2017



	10-1-17- 10-31-17		1-1-17- 10-31-17	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
Open Plate	2,389.80	2,000.00	13,740.10	20,000.00
Pledge	11,400.00	15,460.67	139,842.10	154,606.67
Other	0.00	166.67	4,885.00	1,666.67

Bob Smith presented the Treasurer's report. Bob stated that Open Plate is under budget \$6,649.70 year-to-date and Pledges are under budget \$10,743.90 year-to-date. Total Income is under budget year-to-date. Expenses are also under budget year-to-date. Account balances, including the Endowment Fund and Investment Fund, were presented and discussed. Bob Smith stated that so far, 15 pledges had been received for a total of \$70,690, only halfway to where we need to be. Bob stated that pledges will continue to come in. A concern was raised that maybe pledges were being withheld because of the situation with The Episcopal Church. Marvin Jones stated that any money contributed to St. Jude's after leaving The Episcopal Church is our money, this includes pledges. It was agreed that Marvin will formulate correspondence to send out to the congregation explaining this.

Father Bob presented legal scenarios, where we are as a church. He stated that if we prevail, nothing changes - we keep going. However, if The Episcopal Church prevails, he feels that St. Jude's will be given the option to go back to The Episcopal Church. Some members may choose to do that, others will stay with St. Jude's and others may choose to do something else. Father Bob stated that the mediation, talked about at last month's Vestry meeting, will take place November 6-8, 2017. Marvin Jones explained what usually takes place during mediation and the legal aspects.

Kathie Smith reminded the Vestry members of two events: First Good Friday - October 20th at Rick and Barbara Hawkins residence. Also, Homecoming - October 29th - still need a headcount.

YOUTH SUPPER VOLUNTEERS



The following parishioners have volunteered to prepare supper for the Youth group on Wednesday nights during the month of December:

6	Gilda Barnwell	538-8118
13	Cindy & Charles Lucas	549-5926
20	Marianne & Don Holmes	844-8400
27	NO Meeting! Merry Christmas!!	

If you would like to volunteer to prepare a meal for the Youth group please contact Marianne Holmes @ 844-8400.



CAROLING AND HAYRIDE

Friday, December 15
6:00PM

Christmas Hayride at 6:00PM on Friday, December 15, all are invited to carol and hayride around Walterboro with your Saint Jude's family and friends. Afterwards, we will enjoy a "hot dog and chili" dinner and decorate the tree.

COMMITTEE: **Ben & Susan Harrison**, David & Susan Martin, Ann Walters, Lynn Haddock



Celebrating our Heritage - Securing Our Future

We have been attempting to wrap up our 2018 stewardship campaign is To date, we have received 49 pledges totaling \$172,584.00. We welcome 3 new pledging members and are most grateful to the 18 parishioners who elected to increase their pledges for 2018.

While we greatly appreciate all the commitments that have been made; however as it stands now, we are being forced to develop a budget with approximately \$12,944.00 less pledge income; a significant blow to our already stretched church finances. To this end, parish programs and contracted services provided will probably be adversely affected. We currently operate with a minimal church staff who are dedicated to the work of our parish as well as numerous parishioner volunteers who conduct or support our various programs and ministries.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? To those who pledge increase it if you have not already; and above all, honor your pledge. To those who currently don't pledge, consider and make a pledge commitment. Be or become involved! There are too many good things taking place in our parish family for us to have these struggles.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FAMILY !!!



SPONSOR A CHRISTMAS CHILD FROM COLLETON COUNTY

Would you like to "adopt" a child for Christmas this year? You may do so through Colleton County First Steps. Twenty or more sponsors for these children are needed. Responsibilities would involve purchasing a toy and two sets of clothing for children, infants through eleven years of age. There is no suggested price. A "number" for your designated child with pertinent information will be available from Susan T. Martin (843-599-9261 cell) or 843-542-9494 (First Steps.)

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The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

St. Jude's has worship services

Sunday at

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Christian Education

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays at

12 noon Holy Eucharist

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

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The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Bishop

The Rev. Bob Horowitz, Rector

David Martin, Organist/Choirmaster

Bob Smith, Parish Treasurer

Lisa Marsh, Parish Administrator

Vestry Members

Marvin Jones, *Senior Warden/Memorial* '18

Jack Jackson, *Junior Warden* '18

Gilda Barnwell, *DCW* '17

Anthony Herndon, *Finance & Stewardship* '17

Byron Lee, *Evangelism* '17

Charlotte Valentine, *Christian Education* '17

Kathie Smith, *Fellowship* '18

Julia Waddell, *Youth* '18

Madison Utsey, *Fellowship* '19

Susan Martin, *Pastoral Care* '19

Marilyn Peters, *Outreach* '19

Rick Hawkins, *Christian Education* '19

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Return Service Requested

A PRAYER FOR ST. JUDE'S

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern St. Jude's by your Holy Spirit, that in our goals, our plans and our actions, we might always seek and heed your voice, follow your guidance, and pursue that course of action which will build your Church, and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.