

# St. John's Visitor

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## ATTENTION SUNNY MONDAY MEMBERS

No meeting in January!!!

You are invited to attend the Mission Luncheon on Thursday, January 22, part of the 2nd Global Impact Celebration at St. John's Church.

End of Year Statements will be mailed this week.

Please contact

Nancy Fairgrieve (office) by January 20 with any questions.

## 2009-2010 REGISTRATION for

St. John's Preschool, Kindergarten and Mothers' Day Out is SATURDAY, February 7, 2009. Please watch this newsletter for further details.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Do you have yours? Some boxes of offering envelopes still remain to be picked up from the tables outside Ward Hall.

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

is next Sunday, January 11. Please contact the church office if interested in joining the St. John's Church Family.

## GETTING TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S

This series will be held February 8, 15 and 22 (Sundays) during Sunday School hour for new members or anyone interested.

## Church Council - 2009

**Chairperson** - Dennis Fish

**Vice-Chairperson** - Jeff Wallace **Recording Secretary** - To be determined

### Members at Large

Class of 2009	Class of 2010
Vicki Carlberg	Linda Calhoun
Rick Endler	Barry Clayton
Marie Goodlett	Rosalind Crenshaw
Doris Hoffman	Dennis Fish
Gail Marine	Tommy Grier
Keisha Uhle	Van Smith

**Lay Leader** - Ron Jernigan

### Lay Members, Annual Conference

Ron Jernigan, Lamar & Vera Keisler, Chuck & Hazel Tatman, Donna Walker

### Reserve Members, Annual Conference

Rick/Linda Endler, Archie/Kathy Hargett, Judy Jernigan, Catherine Stapleton Nance

### Class of 2011

Brad Boni  
Kent Falb  
Amy Jernigan  
George Lawson  
Erika Smith  
Jeff Wallace

### Treasurers

Mae Croft  
Jan Boore

### Assistant Treasurers

Trent Arnold  
Ray Hydrick

### Presidents

UMW - Mary Halfmann

UMM - Steve Lathrop

UMYF Reps - Alan Kelly & Jimmy Rodgers

### Ministry Area Chairpersons

#### Administrative

Finance - Jack Gilbert  
Pastor Parish - Al Snell  
Stewardship - Paul Rideout  
Trustees - Steve Kisner

#### Nurture, Outreach & Witness

Congregational Care - Jeanette Isaacson  
Education - Ken and Nancy Perrine  
Evangelism - Deedee Vaughters  
GOLT - Michael Norton  
Worship - Barry Clayton

### Program Staff Relating to Council

Minister (Voting member) - George Howle	Nurture Pastor - Keith Stewart
Staff & Planning - Harry Sampson	Financial Services - Nancy Fairgrieve
Music Ministries - Catherine Stapleton Nance	Preschool/MDO - Michelle Pearson
Adult/Senior Ministries - Nancy Reed	Event Coordinator - Mary Kosky
Children's Ministries - Michelle Brown	Youth Ministries/GOLT - Gene Aiken
Communications - Midge Rothrock	Youth Ministries - Jimi Whitesell

January 11, 2009 - First Sunday after the Epiphany

"IT'S NOT HOW YOU START"

Scripture: Mark 1: 4 - 11

Rev. Dr. George Howle

Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.

Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

**NEW ARRIVALS:** *Nathan Matthew Jones, son of Andrew & Hillary Jones and great-grandson of Anne Barham, was born December 22 in Charleston, SC.*

*Marian Yeste Stapleton, daughter of David & Marian Stapleton and granddaughter of John & Cynthia Stapleton, was born December 24, also in Charleston, SC.*

**NEW MEMBERS** received on Sunday, December 21:

**Kevin & Margaret Bridges**

**Bryce Walters** (grade 1) added to baptized roll  
142 Tirasco Ct Warrenville, SC 663-6908

**Byron & Bette Vanier**

486 Edengale Way 649-7420

**Ray Ward**

1615 Partridge Dr 648-4910

**WEDDING:** *Congratulations to Joy Melissa Ward and Mark Fenton Waite who were married in Atlanta on January 3, 2009.*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** *Congratulations, Bob & Ann Prather, who celebrated 50 years of marriage on December 21.*

*Congratulations, also, to Jerry & Billie Johnson, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 31!*

**CONDOLENCES:** *Deepest sympathy is extended to Ken Griffin in the death of his brother, Bobby Griffin, in Aiken on December 17.*

*Sincere sympathy is also extended to Pauline Waterhouse in the death of her husband, Frederick R. Waterhouse, in Aiken on December 27.*

**HOSPITALIZED:** ARMC - Sara Charlton

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ROGER C. CONEY**

**January 5, 2009**

*Dear St. John's - My daughter, Toni, & I wish to thank our members for the visits, flowers & many thoughtful deeds you showed us before and after the deaths of Ryan and Onita. The shock of the two deaths was deadened by your kindness. Thanks for your love.*

**Fred Robison**

*Dear St. John's Family - During my first semester at seminary, I felt a sense of peace while encountering hectic deadlines and endless papers. I accredit this peace and assurance to you since you have showered me with prayers and acts of love. Hopefully, I will see many of you at church as I continue to visit Aiken throughout my days at Duke. Know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Blessings, Walter Cantwell**

**Financials for week ending December 30, 2008**

Budgetary needs for two week	\$ 35,042
Budget funds rec'd last two wks	\$ 20,302
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,615,942
Actual expenses to date	\$1,522,342
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 852,308

**Faith Promise Report for week ending Dec. 30**

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last two weeks	\$1,965.00
Received YTD	138,523.14
Disbursements to date	119,389.84
Balance for which to pray	94,729.34

**Fellowship Supper  
Menu for January 14**

*Tenderloin of Pork w/Chutney  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Baked Apples  
Strawberry Cobbler*

**Last Week's Attendance**

*January 4, 2009*

8:30	92
9:02	143
11:00	328
Total	563
SS	316

**Meetings to Note**

**Thursday, January 8**

9:30am Women's Bible Study  
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Friday, January 9**

10:30am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal  
5:00pm Scrapbooking

**Saturday, January 10**

8:00am Grace Kitchen  
9:00am Scrapbooking

**Sunday, January 11**

8:15am Coffee House  
9:45am Confirmation Class  
12:00noon Youth to Ice-Skate & Bowl  
2:00pm UMW District Officer Training  
6:00pm Fireproof Marriage-Organizational  
6:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Monday, January 12**

8:00am First Place  
9:30am Exercise Class  
10:30am Sunny Monday  
7:00pm Senior Adult Council

**Tuesday, January 13**

7:00pm Board of Trustees  
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 14**

9:30pm Quilting/Prayer Shawl Groups  
9:30am Bible Study  
5:00pm Fellowship Supper  
5:45pm Children's Choirs  
6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group  
7:00pm Women's & Men's Bible Study

**Serving This Week**

**Crucifer** - Kaitlyn Mikes

**Acolytes** - Colby Hozey, Andrea Mikes

**Altar Guild** - Judy Bilyeu, Pat Crawley,  
Fratie Hardigree, Nancy Vernon

**Crib Rm** (11am) - Katie Proctor

Grandparent - Sherry Williamson

**Toddlers** - Nina Brown

**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Bobin Vitali

**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Alison Carpenter

**Greeters 8:30** - Joe & Leah Lewis

Lee & René Boylston

**Greeters 11:00** - David & Sandra Jameson,

John & Joyce Bowman,

Johanna Gibbs & Henriann Goddard

**Sunday AM Host (1/11)** - Tom Nance

**Evening Hosts**

Sunday (**Jan 11**) - Keith Polk

Monday - Brian Eberhard

Tuesday - George Bodkin

Wednesday - Gene Usher

Thursday - Jim Fuqua

Friday - Dan Fabrick

Saturday - Eric Randall



St. John's  
youth ministry

**SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP**  
meets **AT NOON** on Sunday, January 11.  
Come to the Youth Room.  
An afternoon of ice-skating  
and bowling is planned.

On Sunday, January 18, a Parents' Meeting is planned for those who have youth in the 6th through 12th grades. Please bring a covered dish to share at come at 6:00pm. The meeting, 6:30-7:30, will follow supper.

*MISSED during the holiday season: One of the candle-lighters used by the acolytes. Please return to the sacristy.*

**UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR JANUARY**

**Monday, January 12**

11:00am # 4 Church Parlor

**Tuesday, January 13**

10:00am #11 At the Church

12:30pm # 9 Papa Russ'

2:00pm #10 At the Church

7:30pm # 1 Mary Musick - 7 Doral Drive

**Wednesday, January 14**

7:00pm # 7 Room 116-118 at the Church

**Monday, January 19**

2:30pm # 3 Jewel Dailey - 824 Magnolia St SE

**Tuesday, January 20**

7:00pm # 8 At the Church

6:30pm # 8 Kitchen

**Missionary Prayer Focus: Pray that God will expand our hearts and vision during this new year.**

**GO Global Outreach News**

Grace Kitchen's breakfast service has grown from 13 initially to 86 individuals recently. We offer Bibles to those to whom we are trying to minister. Our supply is almost out. Please open your heart by giving a Bible for Grace Kitchen.

Aiken Pregnancy Care Center's baby closet is facing a desperate need for diapers (size 4 and 5) to serve their clients. If you feel like giving a blessing of baby diapers, please deliver them to APCC at 225 Barnwell Ave NW.

ACTS reports a growing need for children's clothing & coats, from infant to size 16. Clothing for men & women is also needed. Donations can be dropped off at Hayne Avenue Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM.

The 2009 Global Impact Celebration begins January 21. You should have received a GIC brochure in the mail that lists the speakers, guest missionaries and schedule of events. A letter from George that includes a reservations card for events with meals will be mailed out on January 7.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009

*GIC PREVIEW*

*ROTATE AND LEARN ABOUT LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION IN OARS!*

**Memory Verse: Matthew 24:40**

**THE KING WILL REPLY, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME."**

You are invited to join *The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study* which meets from 9:30-11:00am beginning January 8. This four-week study on prayer's goal is to help you more fully consider, experience and cherish the priceless gift of prayer. This will be followed by a continuing eight-week study on prayer. You may pick up a study book in Nancy Reed's office, Rm 108.

**SCRAPBOOK WEEKEND** is upcoming! Come to the Youth Room on Friday, January 9 (5-10pm) and Saturday, January 10 (9am-5pm.) Bring your photos, supplies and join the fun!! Contact Nancy Reed at 648-6891 or 648-0221 to reserve your spot.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** resumes on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5pm in the Parlor.

The *7th Annual Holiday Heater and Utility Drive* continues at ACTS. If St. John's members wish to help provide safe, electric oil-filled radiators for clients at ACTS, please contact Karen or Vicki at 649-3800 for further details.

**FLOWER CALENDAR** has two vases open in January and numerous other dates throughout the year.

There will be an **ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS PRESENTATION** on Tuesday, January 20, at 2pm at Hitchcock House, 102 Crepe Myrtle Ct.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- January 18** - Day of Commitment to Christian Unity
- January 21-25** - Global Impact Celebration
- February 3-5** - Older Adult Retreat, Springmaid Beach
- February 6-8** - Youth Ski Trip
- February 12** - Valentine Lunch
- February 25** - Ash Wednesday
- April 4-9** - Mission Trip to New Orleans
- April 5** - Passion/Palm Sunday
- April 12** - Easter Day
- May 17** - Confirmation Sunday
- May 31-June 3** - South Carolina Annual Conference

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We grow in faith and number by sharing  
the Good News of Jesus Christ, through  
worship, nurture and service.*



## Serving you...

### Ext

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE  
29 KEITH STEWART  
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Director of Youth Ministries  
Director, Adult & Senior Ministries  
Assistant to Ministers  
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Director, Preschool/MDO Ministries  
Event Coordinator  
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