

St. John's Visitor

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**AMERICAN
BOYCHOIR** ★

Monday, January 25th, 7pm



Save the date. St. John's "Under the Steeple" series resumes for 2010 with the exciting, world-renowned American Boychoir. No Admission. A free will offering will be taken. 648-6891.

Visit www.AMERICANBOYCHOIR.ORG.

Founded in 1937, The American Boychoir has been located in Princeton, NJ since 1950. Founded by Herbert Huffman, whose vision was to create a performance choir at the highest professional levels, to have a profound effect on the academic, social and moral development of boys.

After a successful audition and visit, an offer may be extended to become a member, including boarding at the Princeton campus and developing their skills to become a participant in their touring choir.

Tours include 16 states annually, on average, as well as international treks, including Czech Republic, Tanglewood, Denmark and Sweden, Japan, and Lincoln Center. They've ALSO appeared with all the major orchestras from Berlin to San Francisco. So many television appearances were made, including performances at Academy Awards, *PBS Live*, *A Carnegie Hall Christmas*, NBC's *Today*, and a documentary of the Boychoir's "I Never Saw Another Butterfly".

The shared refrain from the members is: "This experience changed my life."

Catherine Stapleton Nance is still seeking housing accommodations for a few of the boys. Call her for more details if you might consider opening your home on Monday night to a couple of these interesting kids.

REMEMBER-OFFICE CLOSSES MONDAY 1/18!!

**January 17, 2010
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**8:30 service in the sanctuary
"FILLED TO THE BRIM"-Rev. Keith Stewart**

9:02 contemporary service in the gym

**11:00 service in the sanctuary
Annual Pulpit Exchange**

**Message by Father Grant Wiseman
St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church**

**(Rev. Howle is guest minister
at First Baptist Church today)**

Meetings to Note

Thursday, January 14

9:15am Sisters Bible Study
 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, January 15

10:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal
 10:30am UMW Circle 2
 7:00pm Bridge Group

Saturday, January 16

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, January 17

8:15am Coffee House
 8:30am Worship
 9:02am Contemporary Worship
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship
 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
 5:00pm Youth Choir
 6:00pm Bible Study/Sunday Night Youth

Monday, January 18 - Church Office Closed

8:00am First Place 4 Health
 12:30pm AI-Anon
 7:00pm Senior Adult Council/Book Club

Tuesday, January 19

12:30pm Bible Study
 7:00pm Joyful Sounds
 7:00pm Finance Comm/ Strategic Planning

Wednesday, January 20

9:30am Quilting Fellowship
 9:30am TF Bible Study
 4:00pm Griefshare Group
 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
 6:30pm Cottage Meeting
 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group/Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Kaitlyn Mikes
- Acolytes** - Rachael Perkins, Benjamin Rawls
- Altar Guild** - Judy Bilyeu, Pat Crawley, Fratie Hardigree, Nancy Vernon
- Crib Rm** - Susan Vernon
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Nina Brown
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Katie Proctor
- Sunday AM Host (Jan 17)** - Bryan Staubs
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday - (Jan 17) - Eric Randall
 - Monday - George Kelley
 - Tuesday - Charlie Neill
 - Wednesday - Chuck Bryan
 - Thursday - Barry Pearson
 - Friday - Open
 - Saturday - Rick Endler

Attendance - Jan 10

8:30	88
9:02	221
11:00	432
Total	741
SS	341

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW MEMBERS: Welcomed on Sunday, January 10:

John & Jane Parker
 1917 Cottonwood Dr 29803 648-9932
Jennifer Cudworth and son, Ethan Greer (age 3)
 2405 Roses Run 29803 803-9799-3024
Will and Amy Parrott
William (1st grade) and Elaina (age 3)
 1105 Evans Rd 29803 641-0191

NEW ARRIVAL: Sean Jacob Grigg, son of Austin & Lauren Grigg and grandson of Bud & Joanne Zobel, was born December 28 in Atlanta.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Amanda Taylor and Roger Darrell Daniels who were married in the sanctuary on January 9. Amanda is the granddaughter of Ann Taylor.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended Vernon Derrick in the death of his brother, P. K. Derrick, on December 25.

Sincere sympathy is also extended to Stephanie Shick in the death of her grandmother, Edith Brant, in Columbia, also on December 25.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Jim Walls, E. C. Pirkle; **Discharged to Carriage Hills:** Eleanor Emslie, **Discharged** - George Halfmann, Carolyn Gimmy

Thank you to all the St. John's cookie bakers who sent Christmas cookies to St. Thaddeus Soup Kitchen. There were enough to send home, putting a smile on faces of those eating there!
 Debbie Rood

YEAR END STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MAILED. PLEASE CONTACT NANCY FAIRGRIEVE IN THE FINANCE OFFICE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TO MAKE ANY CORRECTIONS NECESSARY FOR 2009.

ATTENTION, 'SUNNY MONDAY' MEMBERS - Remember that there is **NO Monday Meeting in January**. Instead, you are invited to attend the special **'Travel Talk'** on **Thursday, January 21**, noted below, as well as the **GIC Mission Luncheon on Thursday, January 28, at 11am (no charge)** in the gym. **HOWEVER, reservations are requested for the events you plan to attend which involve meals.** Simply call the office to make a reservation.

If you are not yet committed to attend "MEET A MISSIONARY" event, please come Friday night, January 29, at 7 pm to Ward Hall. Child care will be available with advance reservations. Call the church office at 648-6891 to reserve a spot and let the office know if child care is needed. You are so very welcome and invited to be present!

UNITED METHODIST MEN meet Thursday, Jan 28, 6:30pm in Ward Hall and will hear from GIC's Global Outreach Missionaries.

BOOK CLUB meets Jan 28, 7pm in Rm 204 to discuss *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons* by Lorna Landvik. Contact person is Sharon West at 648-3824.

Special 'TRAVEL TALK' by Carolina Tours . . . Carolina Tours, located in Lexington, SC provided many PrimeTimer's trips during 2009. They will be visiting St. John's UMC (Ward Hall) at **10am on Jan. 21** for one of their many **Travel Talks**. **All Adults of any age** are invited to hear about the wide variety of trips they offer and possibly receive an unexpected bonus.

WEDNESDAY SUPPER
Menu for January 20
Fried Chicken
Potato Salad Green Beans
Biscuits Banana Pudding
January 27-Kickoff Banquet
Third Global Impact
Celebration



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, January 17 6:00pm
Youth-parent meeting
Please bring a covered dish.
Confirmation mentoring begins

Stephen Ministry Training Begins at St. John's

Yes, we are officially up and running, with the first training session held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, from 9:30 until noon. These dedicated volunteers embarking upon this 50-hour training effort are learning or polishing skills for effectively providing one-on-one ministry when called upon to listen in crisis situations and times of other great needs. This Christ-centered ministry was founded by Dr. Kenneth Hauk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, and has stood the test of time, involving 150 denominations thus far.

The first class of St. John's Stephen Ministry Training has 19 participants, as well as leadership from *Alice Allington*, *Rick Endler*, *Jeanette Isaacson* (certified Stephen Ministry Leaders), and Nurture Pastor *Keith Stewart*. You can find these caring and concerned trainees here at St. John's for many Tuesday mornings to come. Prayers were answered to have so many respond to His call to serve in this way.

<i>Joan Bodkin</i>	<i>Sandy Dunn</i>	<i>Dianne Meyer</i>
<i>Margaret Bridges</i>	<i>Jeannie Heard</i>	<i>Alma Mize</i>
<i>Tom Brown</i>	<i>Doris Hoffman</i>	<i>Nancy Reed</i>
<i>Bob Clyburn</i>	<i>Bob Kosky</i>	<i>Donna Walker</i>
<i>Anna Dangerfield</i>	<i>Glenna Lathrop</i>	<i>Mimi Wiland</i>
<i>Elizabeth Dill</i>	<i>Steve Lathrop</i>	
<i>Bob Dunn</i>	<i>Nancy Martin</i>	

ACTS COLLECTION

JANUARY: Beans and/or Rice (1# bag)
February: Canned Tuna or Salmon

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
January 13 - Cottage Meeting
January 17 - Day of Commitment to Christian Unity
January 20 - Cottage Meeting
January 25 - American Boy Choir Concert
January 27-31, 2010 - Global Impact Celebration
February 3 - Cottage Meeting
February 17 - Ash Wednesday
February 20 - Preschool Registration
March 28 - Passion/Palm Sunday
April 1 - Maundy Thursday
April 2 - Good Friday
April 4 - Easter Sunday
May 23 - Confirmation Sunday
May 30 - Graduation Sunday
June 10-13 - SC Annual Conference, Florence

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010

3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:

JESUS PERFORMS HIS FIRST MIRACLE - JOHN 2: 1 - 11

5TH-6H GRAPPLE DARE FOR THE WEEK:

**I DARE YOU TO SPEND TIME IN GOD'S WORD
 LEARNING ABOUT THE MESSAGE GOD GAVE YOU
 IN THE BIBLE. I DARE YOU TO TAKE THAT MES-
 SAGE AND TELL ONE FRIEND HOW GOD DEMON-
 STRATED HIS LOVE FOR EACH OF US BY SENDING
 JESUS TO DIE FOR OUR SIN.**

WEDNESDAY MORNING (Terry Fleming) Bible Study meets at 9:30 and welcomes new members. Beginning January 13, the class will study *Hebrews*. Contact Betty Holloway at 644-3683 for additional details.

AMERICAN BOY CHOIR on Monday, January 25 - If you are able to offer housing following the concert, (the boys are housed in pairs), please call the church office and leave a message for Catherine, or email at catherine.stapleton@stjohns-umc.org. You would need to provide breakfast for them on the 26th and get them back to the church in time to leave on the bus.

GO Global Outreach News

Satur-Day of Service: Something new has been added to the schedule for this year's GIC called *Satur-Day of Service*. It will be held on Saturday, January 30, and will provide an opportunity for St. John's to go collectively out into the community to share the love of Christ on that one given day. This will be done in one of two ways: 1) in cooperation with our local mission partners (ACOM, ACTS, Aiken Pregnancy Care Center, Christ Central, Grace Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands, Joseph's Coat, Salkehatchie, and Stand at the Crossroads/My Father's House), and 2) through what we are simply calling "random acts of kindness."

Our visiting regional and international mission partners will participate as volunteers on project/ministry teams as well. This will give everyone a chance to get to know each other better. Start thinking and praying about how you can serve that day. What can you give to a neighbor, a friend, or even someone you don't know? Is it a ride? An offer to do yardwork? Food for the hungry? Our acts of love and kindness will reveal that Jesus resides in our hearts and what "putting our faith into action" is really all about.

Contact Jan Gilbert at 641-3882 (home), 646-0451 (cell) or janjacg@earthlink.net to volunteer or for any questions you may have. Stay tuned for further details.

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*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
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE HAWKINS
21 PAULA SAWYER
30 MICHELLE PEARSON
61 ALLISON BEATTY
60 MIDGE ROTHROCK
ALLEN RADCLIFFE
JIMI WHITESSELL
JANE TIMMERMAN
LOUIS PLAYFORD
31 GERALD F. THOMPSON
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ENSLEY O. ADAMS
ROBERT WOODS
YVONNE DUBLIN

THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S

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Director of Music Ministries
Financial Services
Director of Youth Ministries
Director, Adult & Senior Ministries
Assistant to Ministers
Church Secretary
Director, Preschool/MDO Ministries
Director, Children's Ministries
PR/Communications Coordinator
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