

St. John's Visitor

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Satur-day of Service

When people talk about St. John's what do you think they say? Are their comments accurate? What is the best way to get the public to recognize who we are and what we are all about? We must **go** to them. Why? Because they don't know what they're missing! Is there any place you'd rather be on Sunday mornings than in worship with your church family? We've got a good thing going!

This is why we have incorporated something new into our GIC schedule this year. It's called *Satur-Day of Service*. On Saturday, January 30, we are going to show Aiken exactly what St. John's is all about. We are focusing on this in two ways:

1. In service with our Local Mission Partners.
2. Through Random Acts of Kindness.

Volunteer teams will go out to serve the needs of our local partners: ACOM, ACTS, Aiken Pregnancy Care Center, Christ Central, Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands, Joseph's Coat, Salkehatchie, and My Father's House. These teams will be doing ministry and work projects. Our regional and international missionaries will also be a part of each team. To volunteer, contact Jan Gilbert at 641-3882 or janjacg@earthlink.net.

Random Acts of Kindness offer something for everyone. The options are limitless. Whom do you know that needs a good church home? Whom do you know that's in need or lonely? Where can you go to meet a total stranger?

This will take some of you out of your comfort zone. But that's when God teaches you, uses you, and blesses you the most. Sharing the Love of Christ doesn't have to be difficult or time consuming. In fact, it's often the simple, spontaneous acts that go the farthest. For ideas, go to www.putyourfaithinaction.org. Invitations are available for you to give to the recipients of your kindness and/or to those you'd like to invite to St. John's. They can be found in the Narthex, outside the gym, on the Missions Bulletin Board, and on the receptionist desk outside the church office.

Begin with prayer. Ask God what He wants from you. Don't tell Him all the reasons you can't "go out" on January 30. Ask Him to show you how you can. Ask God to put that perfect opportunity right underneath your nose so it becomes obvious.

As Believers in Christ we know there is only one Truth. Through our *Satur-Day of Service* God will be glorified as others experience the light of His love.

Don't you think others need to know what they are missing?

January 31, 2010
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Third
GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION
The Rev. Dr. Steve Dodson, preaching

8:30am Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
9:02am Contemporary Worship-Gym
11:00am Traditional Worship-Sanctuary

6:00pm Life Commitment Service-Chapel
Travis Pearson, preaching

Meetings to Note

Thursday, January 28

- 11:00am 55+ Luncheon
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 5:30pm Young Families Night
- 6:30pm United Methodist Men
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, January 29

- 10:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal

Saturday, January 30

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen (youth & missionaries)

Sunday, January 31

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 8:30am Faith Commitment Service
- 9:02am Faith Commitment Service
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Faith Commitment Service
- 6:00pm Life Commitment Service
- 6:00pm Bible Study

Monday, February 1

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 9:30am Exercise Class
- 10:30am UMW Exec Board/Fun Monday
- 12:30pm Al-Anon

Tuesday, February 2

- 12:30pm Bible Study
- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds
- 6:30pm GOLT

Wednesday, February 3

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship/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** - Alan Kelly
- Acolytes** - Rachael Perkins, Danielle Smith
- Altar Guild** - Judy Bilyeu, Pat Crawley, Fratie Hardigree, Nancy Vernon
- Crib Rm** - Kristin Padgett
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Helen Randall
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Kristi Yaughn
- Sunday AM Host (Jan 31)** - Jay Bilyeu
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday - (Jan 31) - Bob Fogle
 - Monday - Jeff Crenshaw
 - Tuesday - Robin Dillman
 - Wednesday - Kevin Buchanan
 - Thursday - John Paul Hyche
 - Friday - Jimmy Moore
 - Saturday - Open

Attendance - Jan 24

8:30	103
9:02	162
11:00	389
Youth	25
Total	679
SS	313

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVAL: Lane Boland Godard, son of Megan & J P Godard, was born January 21 in Augusta.

BAPTISM: Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 24, was **Katie Ellen Raynor**, daughter of Scott & Emilyann Raynor.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Eleanor Emslie, Bobbie Blackmon, Jim Ross, George Halfmann; **Discharged** - Marvin Rosine

IN MEMORIAM

VALDA ARMISTEAD PIRKLE

January 20, 2010

St. John's members are cordially invited to the 90th birthday celebration for **Eleanor H. Rorex** on Tuesday, February 2, in the Fellowship Hall of South Aiken Presbyterian Church at 6pm (no gifts expected.) Please RSVP to daughters, Sandy (644-7036) or Judy (644-9032.)

UMW EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet Monday, February 1, at 10:30am in UMW room 117.

NO BOOK CLUB MEETING on January 28. Plan to attend the GIC events scheduled for that evening.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY is February 21 at all services. If interested in church membership please contact the church office.

GETTING TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S sessions are open to new members as well as longtime members interested in learning more about Methodism and this church in particular. Next sessions are tentatively scheduled for March 7, 14 and 21. Mark these times on your calendars now.



UMCOR Responds to the Earthquake in Haiti

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has close ties with the Methodist Church in Haiti and is responding to the devastating earthquake with funding, material resources and prayers. Working with partners, UMCOR is channeling its resources to respond effectively to the people most in need.

St. John's supports UMCOR directly through its apportionments. Gifts to support their Haitian Relief efforts can be made to St. John's and designated for **Haiti Emergency** and will be forwarded to that agency. One hundred per cent of gifts made to this advance will go to help the people of Haiti. No money from this offering will go toward administrative costs.

Financials for week ending Jan 23, 2010

Budgetary needs thru 1/23/10	\$ 99,273
Budget funds rec'd thru 1/23/10	\$318,879
Expenses thru 1/23/2010	\$ 90,288
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 310,630

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd YTD	\$138,294.82
Disbursed YTD	\$144,155.95

Faith Promise year ends 2/1/10

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER
Menu for February 3**

- Roast Beef
- Creamed Potatoes
- Broccoli Casserole
- Carrot/Raisin Salad
- Rolls
- Peach Cobbler



St. John's
youth ministry

**No Sunday Night Youth, no confirmation/
mentor class, and no Youth Choir
on January 31**

**Plan to attend the Life Commitment Service
in the Chapel at 6pm when Travis Pearson
is bringing the message.**

Anne Graham Lotz is Coming! Anne Graham Lotz is coming to the Bi-Lo Center in Greenville, SC on March 19-20, 2010 to lead a "Just Give Me Jesus" conference. There is no registration or cost to attend but the closest and most affordable hotel rooms will go fast. For more information, check out her website at www.annegrahamlotz.com. If you are interested in joining a group from St. John's, please contact Jan Gilbert at 646-0451 or janjacg@earthlink.net.



VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON for St. John's senior singles will be Thursday, February 11 at 11:30am in Ward Hall. Please RSVP to the office, 648-6891.

ACTS COLLECTION

FEBRUARY: Canned Tuna or Salmon

MARCH: Beef Stew

GO Global Outreach News

The **Global Impact Celebration** begins Wednesday, January 27 with the Kickoff Banquet in the gym and Children's Missions Banquet in Ward Hall. Both meals start at 5:30 and are free. The Opening Service, featuring keynote speaker **Gregg Parris**, follows immediately at 6:30, also in the gym. Make plans to attend this exciting evening!

The **Aiken Area Council on Aging** can always use more volunteers for their Meals on Wheels program. Just one hour a week can make a difference to a senior. Please call 648-5447 for more information or to volunteer.

The **Helping Hands Partnership Team** needs large plastic bins and a chest of drawers for storage. If you are willing to make a donation, please contact **Sue Frushour** at 648-8126 or rsfrush@bellsouth.net.

David Dill (Elizabeth Dill's grandson) will visit St. John's on February 7 to give a presentation on his mission service as an architectural intern in Uganda this past fall. The presentation will be at 10:00 a.m. in Ward Hall. Contact **Michael Norton** at 648-9740 or norton905@bellsouth.net for more information.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010

**3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
JESUS IS REJECTED IN HIS HOMETOWN
LUKE 4:22 - 30**

5TH-6H GRAPPLE DARE FOR THE WEEK:

**THINK OF THE MEANEST PERSON YOU KNOW. I
DARE YOU TO PRAY FOR THAT PERSON EVERY DAY
THIS WEEK.**

FINAL COTTAGE MEETING takes place Wednesday, February 3, at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. If, for some reason, you have not received the invitation or were unable to attend previous meetings, you are welcome and invited to attend at this time. Your input is valued and important to this process.

2010-2011 REGISTRATION for St. John's Preschool, Kindergarten and Mothers' Day out is **SATURDAY, February 20**, from 8:00am-2:00pm.

FUN MONDAY FOR RETIREES begins at 10:30am next Monday, February 1. All retirees are invited to the Youth Room to share in this time of fellowship, food and entertainment.



LENTEN LUNCHES are hosted this year by St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church and begin Wednesday, February 24, the week *after* Ash Wednesday. They run from 12noon to 1pm and duties are shared among a number of churches. Please make note of the dates and attend all or as many as you can of these ecumenical gatherings.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
January 27-31, 2010 - Global Impact Celebration
February 3 - Cottage Meeting
February 11 - Valentine Lunch
February 17 - Ash Wednesday
February 20 - Preschool Registration
March 28 - Passion/Palm Sunday
April 1 - Maundy Thursday/Last Supper Presentation
April 2 - Good Friday
April 4 - Easter Sunday
May 23 - Confirmation Sunday
May 30 - Graduation Sunday
June 10-13 - SC Annual Conference, Florence

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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
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
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LOUIS PLAYFORD
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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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