

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVAL: *Emma Lynn Riede*, daughter of *Polly & Robert Riede*, was born January 29 in Aiken.

BAPTISM: *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, February 3, was Zachary Michael Vernon, son of Scott and Susan Vernon.*

CONGRATULATIONS: *Dr. Tom Hallman* was named *Man of the Year* at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet recently.

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Reverends Paul & Sheila Rogers in the death of Paul's father, Rev. Will Rogers, in Asheville, NC, on January 31.*

HOSPITALIZED: *Augusta Select Specialty-Judy Emslie, Donnie Brown*

From the Reyes Family and me, thank you to the Contagious Christians Sunday School Class and other wonderful church folks for your love, encouragement, food for the body and for the soul, as well as gifted or borrowed clothes. It was a great week for our church, especially the special bonding that occurred with the missionaries and with each other. God is good!
Flo McElmurray

IN MEMORIAM

MARGARET JULIA GOOCH KIGER
January 30, 2008

IN MEMORIAM

EARL KENNON CALLAHAN
February 2, 2008

THE FAMILY LIFE COUNCIL has a Valentine gift for married couples in our church family. Look for the large heart in the narthex - after February 6 - and pick up your couples' devotional while supplies last!

GIC FOLLOW-UP MEETING
 There will be a Global Outreach (Missions) Life Commitment luncheon meeting Sunday, February 10, in Ward Hall immediately following the 11:00 Worship Service. During the meeting, you will receive more detailed information about how you can begin serving in missions locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Even if you were unable to attend the Life Commitment Service on January 27, please plan to attend. Contact Jan Gilbert at 646-0451 (cell) or jan.gilbert@stjohns-umc.org with questions.

REMINDER

NO FELLOWSHIP SUPPER on Wednesday, February 13

Financials for week ending February 1, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 117,335
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 221,889
Actual expenses to date	\$ 140,329
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,246,608
<i>Faith Promise Cards on 2/1/2008 were 298 for a total of \$217,852</i>	

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	189
11:00	530
Total	719
SS	343

Meetings to Note

Thursday, February 7

9:30am James Bible Study
 7:00pm Preschool Valentine's Day Program
 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, February 8

4:00pm Youth leave on ski trip

Saturday, February 9

9:00am Pinewood Derby
 9:30am CPR Training

Sunday, February 10

8:15am Coffee House
 12:00noon GIC Follow-up Lunch Meeting
 4:00pm Alvin Blount Organ Concert
 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
 6:00pm Christian Believer

Monday, February 11

8:15am First Place
 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
 7:00pm Pastor Parish Committee
 7:00pm GIC Leadership Team debriefing

Tuesday, February 12

1:00pm Ministry Staff GIC debriefing
 6:00pm Eye Diseases/Disorders Seminar
 6:30pm GOLT Team debriefing
 7:00pm First Place

Wednesday, February 13

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
 9:30am TF Bible Study
 12:00noon Lenten Lunch-1st Presbyterian
 4:00pm Grief Share Group
 6:00pm Communion Service
 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
 7:00pm Men/Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Ellen Bryan
Acolytes - Christa Eberhard, Max Madden
Altar Guild - Phyllis Campbell, Ann Prather, Mary Ann Ray, Frances Burnham
Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Allison Beatty
Toddlers - Charity Leigh
2-3 Yr Nursery - Kathy Samaha
3-4 Yr Nursery - Barbie Heath
Greeters 8:30 - Claude & Marie Goodlett, Bobby & Phyllis Coker
Sunday School Greeter - Carla Dillman
Greeters 11:00 - Ray & Mozelle Hydrick, Dorothy Brannon, Tom Brown, Johanna Gibbs, Henriann Goddard
Sunday AM Host (Feb 10) - *Virgil Sauls*
Evening Hosts
 Sunday (Feb 10) - *Mike Uhle*
 Monday - *Keith Polk*
 Tuesday - *Brian Eberhard*
 Wednesday - *George Bodkin*
 Thursday - *Gene Usher*
 Friday - *Jim Fuqua*
 Saturday - *Dan Fabrick*



St. John's
youth ministry

No Youth Meeting this Sunday evening. Those on the ski trip will be returning around 3-4pm.

**Looking Ahead
Spring Break Missions Trip
April 5-10**

St. John's Youth will travel to New Orleans to help rebuild homes in the St. Bernard Parish. The trip is open to anyone in 7th grade or older. Each youth attending is asked to have either their parent come along or be "adopted" by a participating adult. Cost and other information will be available on Sunday morning after services or from Gene Aiken.

Are you looking at a way to serve God? If you enjoy using computers and enjoy being with children, consider visiting the computer room upstairs in OARS to see how it runs. Individuals are needed who can give 45 minutes of his/her time for 6-8 Sundays during the Sunday School hour. If you are being called to give your time and share your talents, please contact Tina Frazier, Julie Whitesell, or Michelle Brown for more information!



ATTENTION, CIRCLE TREASURERS

Please, if possible, have pledge totals to Hilda Secrist by February 24. She does not need pledge card, simply the totals. Telephone her or leave a note in the UMW folder - your cooperation will be appreciated!

There will be a short *Treasurers Meeting* before the Executive Meeting at 3:30pm on Monday, February 25. If you cannot attend, please try to send a representative. It will be a "get to know each other" meeting, a preview of the proposed budget and a question & discussion session.

TAX ASSISTANCE

Free income tax preparation w/electronic filing is available at Weeks Center on Mon, Tu and Wed during February, and on Mon & Tu through April 8. Hours are 9-4. No appointments are necessary; taxpayers are served on a first come-first served basis. This service is provided by the Aiken **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** group and is available to all. Homebound members unable to come to Weeks Center may call Rick Benton at 649-6902 for special arrangements.

Additionally, free income tax preparation for low and middle income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older is available to Aiken County residents through April 10, 2008, at Aiken Public Library and Nancy Carson Library in North Augusta. Appointments may be made by calling 642-2023 (Circulation Desk) or 279-5767. **(AARP-Tax-Aide)**

Any men interested in playing a part in the upcoming *Last Supper* Tableau should contact Catherine Nance at the church, 648-6891 x26.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2008:**

- 1ST GRADE: FROM BC TO PC**
- 2ND GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B**
- 3RD GRADE: THE ARKADE**
- 4TH GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: THOU ART**

SINGLES ARE INVITED to a Valentine's Day Luncheon on Thursday, February 14, 11:30 am, in Ward Hall. Please RSVP by February 7 by calling 648-6891. Please indicate if you need transportation and if you have any dietary restrictions.



COMMON EYE DISEASES AND DISORDERS is the topic of a 6:00 pm seminar on Tuesday, February 12, sponsored by Aiken Regional Medical Centers and held in Ward Hall. Dr. Daniel Smith will be the presenter. Complimentary dinner will follow. Reservations are required and may be made by telephoning Direct Doctors Plus Physician Referral Service at 1-800-882-7445.



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY begins a 5-6 week study on the Book of James on February 7 at 9:30am in Room 116. Heather Young will be the leader with Glenna Lathrop serving as contact person for any questions: 649-4508 or glennalathrop@bellsouth.net.

LOOKING AHEAD

- February 10** - Organ Concert
- February 13** - Lenten Lunch, First Presbyterian Church
- February 13** - Lenten Communion Service
- February 14** - Valentine Luncheon for Singles
- February 17** - Contemporary Service begins (9:00 am)
- March 9** - Youth Sunday
- March 20** - *Last Supper* Dramatic Presentation and Communion
- March 21** - Tenebrae - Service of Shadows
- March 16** - Easter Egg Hunt
- March 23** - Easter Sunday
- April 5-10** - Mission trip to New Orleans
- April 27** - Organ Concert
- May 18** - Confirmation Sunday

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