

St. John's Visitor

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St. John's UMM and "Antiques in the Heart of Aiken"

The Aiken Center for the Arts has recently completed their tenth annual Antiques Show and Sale, a major fund raiser for the Center. It is also the tenth year that the St. John's United Methodist Men have assisted the Arts Center and the antiques dealers by bringing all the many goods and displays into and out of the facility for the event. It has become a yearly tradition for the men and the dealers to join in support of this function. All the goods and display equipment are moved in starting early on Thursday morning before the show opens for the first event, a Preview Party, on Thursday evening.

The antique dealers have made friends with many of the men; some dealers even asking for certain men who have helped them before. It has been a mutually satisfying arrangement as most of the dealers need this help and have been generous in the gratuities given the UMM for their work. All of the gratuities go into the UMM treasury to support their mission projects.

Starting in 2000 this project for the UMM has grown to be their largest money making event. In 2000 Bob Kosky was asked by then chairperson Becky Robbins if the men would be willing to help. It was something new for the men with the elements of both service and additions to the men's club treasury. That first year netted the UMM \$460. This year the men's club netted \$1,785 for their work. Anna Dangerfield, general chairperson of the event for the past two years, attributes this to, "the spirit of cooperation among the men and the care with which everything is handled. The dealers have gained confidence in the men and have commented on the courtesy and teamwork displayed."

This year 28 men of our church, including several new men to the project, helped to make the event a success. With the UMM treasury receiving the funds, this will make a real difference in the lives of those served by the ministries and missions supported by the UMM. Those participating this year:

Adam Bates
Jeff Beckner
Jay Bilyeu
Dave Buchanan
Tom Calhoun
Mike Close
Bob Clyburn
Vernon Derrick
Dan Fabrick
Mick Ferrell
Jack Gilbert
Spence Grotheer

Archie Hargett
Paul Isaacson
Steve Lathrop
Mark Mahoney
Jimmy Moore
Ed Norton
Michael Norton
Jack Roberts
Don Roman
Virgil Sauls
Harry Shade
John Strickland

Gene Usher
Jim Wert
Jimi Whitesell

Bob Kosky, Project
Chair



Steve Lathrop disassembles booth



John Strickland, Bob Clyburn, Michael Norton, Spence Grotheer load a dealer's van

VALENTINE OPPORTUNITIES
Thursday, February 12 at 11:30
Luncheon for Senior Singles
RSVP to the office, 648-6891

Sunday, February 15 at 3:00
Fireproof - the movie
Bring your spouse, fiancé, friends
and enjoy popcorn, soft drinks & movie

February 15, 2009
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

"WHAT GOD IS IN YOUR WALLET?"
Scripture: 2 Kings 5: 1 - 5
Rev. Dr. George K. Howle
Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.
Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.

Meetings to Note

Thursday, February 12

- 9:30am Bible Study
- 11:30am Valentine Lunch
- 6:00pm Evangelism
- 7:00pm Preschool Valentine Prog
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, February 13

- 10:30am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal

Saturday, February 14

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, February 15

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:45am *Getting to Know St. John's* series
- 3:00pm *Fireproof* - Movie, all invited
- 5:00pm Youth Choir & Prayer Shawl
- 5:30pm *Fireproof Marriage* Bible Study
- 5:40pm Confirmands & Mentors
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study & Emmaus
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, February 16

- 8:00am First Place
- 9:30am Exercise Class
- 10:30am Sunny Monday
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Senior Adult Council & Finance

Tuesday, February 17

- 12:30pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Strategic Planning
- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 18

- 9:30am Prayer Shawl/Quilting
- 9:30am Bible Study
- 3:30pm Grief Share
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Men's & Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Nicole Neill
- Acolytes** - Sydney Beckner, John Boone
- Altar Guild** - Betty Mullikin, Ann Prather, Frances Burnham, Pat Sauls
- Crib Rm** (11am) Susan Vernon
Grandparent - Susan Lawson
- Toddlers** - Stephanie Shick
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Roslyn Ingram
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Kathy Samaha
- Greeters 8:30** - Claudette Strickland,
Sharon West
- Greeters 11:00** - Monnie Pitts, Walter Croft
- Sunday AM Host (2/15)** - Ken Alexander
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday (Feb 15) - Jim Fuqua
 - Monday - Dan Fabrick
 - Tuesday - Eric Randall
 - Wednesday - George Kelley
 - Thursday - Charlie Neill
 - Friday - Chuck Bryan
 - Saturday - Barry Pearson

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVAL: *Julia Colby Small*, great-granddaughter of **Bud and Joanne Zobel**, was born January 28 in Indiana.

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE: *Little Daniel "D J" Richard Carlberg*, grandson of **Don & Vicki Carlberg**, who was born prematurely in late November, was discharged and able to go home on February 5.

HOSPITALIZED: **ARMC** - Earl Bruorton; **Discharged** - Malcolm Dailey

IN MEMORIAM

SARA LOUISE FRANCK CHARLTON

February 5, 2009

"All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me." Thank you for praying for us and praising with us.

The Daileys and the Jernigans

SUNNY MONDAY MEETING on February 16 features an illustrated program by Bob & Elaine Hibbard entitled *Hidden Treasures of the Adriatic*, a 3 week journey to Slovenia, Croatia and Montenegro traveling along the beautiful Dalmatian Coast. Lunch menu includes meatball stroganoff over noodles, lima beans, pear salad, cornbread and chocolate butterfinger cake. Please make reservations through the church office (648-6891.)

Please plan to stay for a **SOUP LUNCH** after church on Feb 22. Serving will begin at 10:30 for those attending early services. Friendship Class will gratefully accept donations which will be used to underwrite mission projects.

Financials for week ending February 7, 2009

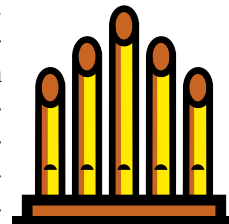
Budgetary needs for two week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd last two wks	\$ 32,925
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$175,986
Actual expenses to date	\$154,075
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 790,808

Faith Promise

2009 Faith Promise	\$122,108
2009 Received YTD	\$ 6,637.56
Bal. to be Disbursed	\$ 13,072.36
2009 Disbursed YTD	- 0 -

****2009 Faith Promise year - 2/1/09 thru 1/31/10**

St. John's members are invited to attend the American Guild of Organists recital **presented by our own organist, MARK DICKENS**. It will be Sunday, February 15, 3pm, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Augusta. For further information, call Catharine, ext. 26.



COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHESES take place at St Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church this year and will begin March 9.

**Fellowship Supper
Menu for February 18**
*Barbeque Ribs &
Mini BBQ Sandwiches
Potato Salad
Ice Cream & Cookies*

Attendance February 8

8:30	119
9:02	118
11:00	425
Total	662
SS	302



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
6pm-8pm February 15

Movie Night!!

Come and bring your friends!!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE! St. John's will be making a second mission trip to New Orleans over Spring Break, April 4-9. **The trip is open** to all current 6th grade and older youth as well as the entire congregation. Focus is on repairing homes in the St. Bernard parish. Cooks also needed. Contact Gene Aiken about trip cost and for additional information.

PARENTS interested in obtaining a DVD of our **children's Christmas musical, *Chimes in the Night***, may do so by filling out an order form (located in the children's music rooms.) These DVD's are available for a nominal fee of \$5, thanks to the kindness of Greg Robinson, who produced them. Please leave the completed order forms on Catherine's office door in the envelope provided.

THE OLDER ADULTS enjoyed the Retreat at Springmaid Beach last week! *Wesley, a Heritage We Can Live With*, was the theme presented by Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor.

ACTS COLLECTION IN FEBRUARY: BEEF STEW

Missionary Prayer Focus: For God to provide a location for Tigers Go summer program, Camp Collide.

GO Global Outreach News

Epworth Children's Home is holding a campus workday on March 21 from 9-3:00 PM. Activities will include raking and painting. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to help out, please contact Maureen Bernard (221-9635).

Christ Central is looking for volunteers to help with their "Jobs for Life" training program that teaches unemployed and underemployed adults the skills to find and retain a job. Contact Sandy Miller (643-9084) or Christ Central directly. They are also in urgent need of men's clothing, underwear and socks, dinner plates, pots, pans and coffee makers.

Prayer is the means of support most requested by our missionaries. If you would like to join a prayer request team for a specific ministry, contact Renee Reid (642-8951). Team leaders are especially needed to serve as the main contacts for each of the ministries we support at St. John's.

Reyes' Family Prayer Request (Brazil): "We need clear directions from God; open doors for the boys schooling or peace to remain where we are."

CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2009**

1 ST GRADE:	CREATION STATION
2 ND GRADE:	PALMS & PSALMS
3 RD GRADE:	HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
4 TH GRADE:	THOU ART
5 TH GRADE:	FROM BC TO PC

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP on Thursday morning, 9:30-11:00, begins a practical study of prayer entitled *Praying in God's Time* on February 12 which will continue for 8 weeks. Contact De Bumgardner (652-7121) or Glenna Lathrop (649-4508) with questions or for additional information. New participants welcome!!

LADIES are reminded that an 8wk study of Max Lucado's *3:16* begins this week on Wednesday (Feb 11) in Rm 207 from 7-8pm. Facilitator is Carol Fraser.

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS begins Sunday, March 1, in Room 207. This is aimed at *young married couples*, ages 25 & up. Contact person is Molly Jones, 644-5267 (H) or 221-3830 (cell.)

Save the Date for this year's Vacation Bible School, Crocodile Dock! Dates are June 8th through June 12th, 2009.

Crocodile Dock is buzzing with fun for kids, teenagers, and adults! We will discover that God is active in our lives and that His fingerprints are everywhere! Be sure to check back here in the upcoming weeks for more details!



LOOKING AHEAD

February 12 - Valentine Lunch
February 12 - Preschool Valentine Program
February 15 - Movie Presentation - *Fireproof*
February 25 - Ash Wednesday
March 1 - Youth Sunday
April 4-9 - Mission Trip to New Orleans
April 1 - Lent Lunches begin - St Mary Catholic Church
April 5 - Passion/Palm Sunday
April 5 - Easter Egg Hunt
April 12 - Easter Day
April 24-25 - Youth Choir Trip
May 17 - Confirmation Sunday
May 31 - Graduation Sunday
May 31-June 3 - South Carolina Annual Conference
June 8-12 - Vacation Bible School
June 13-20 - Sand River Salkehatchie

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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...

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26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
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57 NANCY REED
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