

St. John's Visitor

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YOUTH SKI TRIP 2008



Lenten Lunches
are hosted by
First Presbyterian Church
Wednesdays from 12-1pm.
You are invited to attend.

PLEASE REMEMBER
Early Worship in the sanctuary
now begins at 8:30 a.m.

902 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17
9:02 AM IN THE GYM

February 17, 2008
Second Sunday in Lent

"GOD SO LOVED"

Rev. Dr. George Howle

Scripture: John 3: 1 - 17

Anthem **God So Loved** - Chancel Choir (11am)
Offertory **He Holds the Keys** - Gary Lamb, Tenor (8:45)



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **James Owens** in the recent death of his brother-in-law, **Paul Barfield**, in Dallas, TX.

HOSPITALIZED: **Aiken** - Sally Hooper, John Tucker; **Augusta Select Specialty-** Judy Emslie

IN MEMORIAM

MARILYN McLAUHLIN WHITLEY

February 4, 2008

IN MEMORIAM

DONNIE MAE HURST BROWN

February 6, 2008

My dear St. John's family, I have been simply overcome with feelings of grace at the love you have poured out to me and to our family. Your visits and gifts of food for us were so very much appreciated. Your cards and letters have been amazingly uplifting to me, but I know Herb would have felt so humbled by it all. The church was truly his life and I am so glad that for the last years of that life he was able to be a part of the beautiful St. John's family. I know he would encourage us all to continue to grow in our faith and in our love and care for each other. After all, we have important work to do!
In His service always, Doris Hoffman

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who responded to the request for globes to be used during the GIC. They may now be retrieved from the church. Please drop by to get yours.



SUNNY MONDAY MEETING is February 18 at 10:30 am in Ward Hall. This month Mr. Elliott Levy of the Aiken County Museum will be present to share some of Aiken's history with the group. Please make lunch reservations on Sunday's friendship pad or telephone the church office (648-6891.)

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Menu - Wednesday, February 20

*Chicken, shrimp & sausage gumbo
 with rice
 Cornbread
 Cole Slaw
 Buttermilk Pie
 Hot Dogs for Children*

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	134
11:00	477
Ski Trip	32
Total	643
SS	319

Financials for week ending February 9, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 38,413
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 260,302
Actual expenses to date	\$ 164,036
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,246,608

Meetings to Note

Thursday, February 14

- 9:30am James Bible Study
- 11:30am Valentine Lunch
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, February 15

- 7:00pm Primetime Bridge Group

Sunday, February 17

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship in Gym
- 9:45am Growing Christians Class Breakfast
- 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00pm Women's Emmaus
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Christian Believer

Monday, February 18

- 8:15am First Place
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Senior Adult Council
- 7:00pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, February 19

- 7:00pm First Place

Wednesday, February 20

- 9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
- 9:30am TF Bible Study
- 12:00noon Lenten Lunch-1st Presbyterian
- 4:00pm Grief Share Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 6:00pm Lenten Communion Service
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Men/Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Gaines Milliner
- Acolytes** - Colby Hozey, Alan Kelly
- Altar Guild** - Phyllis Campbell, Ann Prather, Mary Ann Ray, Frances Burnham
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Casey Young
- Toddlers** - Holley Kring
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Ann Prather
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Laura Rowan
- 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 17)** - Norflet Caprell
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday (Feb 17) - Eric Randall
- Monday - George Kelley
- Tuesday - Charlie Neill
- Wednesday - Chuck Bryan
- Thursday - Barry Pearson
- Friday - Jim Minear
- Saturday - Rick Endler



St. John's
youth ministry

**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.

Next meeting of the *Congregational Care Committee* is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, at 7:00 pm in Room 116.

INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP application forms are available in the church office. Those eligible include high school seniors heading for college as well as those resuming their education after some years.

PRAYER LIST is updated weekly and available on the website or printed copies are located on a table in the narthex of the sanctuary for those interested.



ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY BRIDGE GROUP will meet on Friday, February 15. Please call the church office or Hilda Secrist if you plan to attend. You do not need to have a partner. Anyone who enjoys playing bridge is welcome.

FLOWER CALENDAR OPENINGS - February 24 (both vases), March 9 (one vase) and various Sundays in the remaining months of the year. Contact the office if interested in honoring or remembering family members or other loved ones with altar flowers.

PRIMETIME BRIDGE GROUP meets in Ward Hall on Friday, February 15, at 7pm. Please let Hilda Secrist or the church office know if you plan to come.

Did you know that most children arrive at **Helping Hands** with all their possessions in a black trash bag? The New Journey's Sunday School class is collecting "gently used" suitcases for the children of Helping Hands. We are attempting to line the long downstairs hall with suitcases; add yours to the line! Collection ends March 2.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2008:**

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

UMW REMINDER - Brief meeting of Treasurers at 3:30pm will precede the Executive Committee meeting at 4pm on Monday, February 25. *Treasurers, please give pledge totals to Hilda Secrist by February 24 either by phone or by a note in the UMW folder.*

UNITED METHODIST MEN will hold their next meeting on Thursday, February 28, at 6:30pm in the gym. The scheduled speaker is Steven Millies, Assistant Professor of Political Science at USC-Aiken, whose topic will be Religion and Politics.

Any men who are interested in playing a part in the upcoming **LAST SUPPER TABLEAU** should contact Catherine at the church, 648-6891, ext. 26.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dates for 2008

June 16 - 20

Please note for your calendars



LOOKING AHEAD

- February 14** - Valentine Luncheon for Singles
- February 17** - 902 Contemporary Service begins
- March 9** - Youth Sunday
- March 20** - *Last Supper* Dramatic Presentation and Communion
- March 21** - Tenebrae - Service of Shadows
- March 16** - Palm Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt
- March 23** - Easter Sunday
- April 5-11** - Mission trip to New Orleans
- April 27** - Organ Concert
- May 18** - Confirmation Sunday

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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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