

# St. John's Visitor

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## INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP

In 1975, when I was six years old, my grandmother moved from Brandon, Mississippi to Aiken to help raise her four grandsons. She became our second mother: it has been said that the Crain boys were a handful! She became very active in church life at St. John's immediately. Ma had us lined up on in a front pew every Sunday morning. She loved serving her church and she participated in many activities. She was very active in the United Methodist Women. She helped found and organize Sunny Monday. She would drive the church van for groups going on trips. She played the organ for many functions and groups. She loved dressing up as Mrs. Santa Claus for the Fall Festival before Turkey dinner every year. The Inez Crain Scholarship was founded in her honor.

Ma was a lifelong teacher. After getting a 2-year teaching degree, she started teaching school in a one-room schoolhouse when she was 18 years old. She taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade for 30 years in Mississippi. After moving to Aiken, she substituted in Aiken County Public Schools. She taught Sunday School all along the way. I found a letter from one of her former students in her bible. It was dated December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1983 - 23 years after David was in her sixth grade class.

*.....I was reading my Bible this morning, I came to Luke 2: 1-20, and began to read the familiar passage about the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. As I did so, you came to mind, because I remember way back to the sixth grade when you made us memorize this passage.....I was made to memorize this passage, and I've never forgotten it.*

*.....So as I read, with these passages and you on my mind, I thought I needed to let you know how much I thank you for giving that assignment to me, and that you occupy a special place in my heart.*

Ma was a very special person to a lot of people. The Inez Crain Scholarship is given to students who are active members of St. John's that are continuing their education. Application forms are now available in the church office.

*James Crain*

**REMINDER:** If you plan to, or have made a donation through the sale of stock please contact Nancy Fairgrieve in the finance office. The Privacy Law will not release names with the sale and proper credit to your contribution statement cannot be made.

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

February 24, 2008  
Third Sunday in Lent

**"A RECIPIENT OF GRACE"**  
Rev. Dr. George Howle  
**Scripture: John 4: 5 - 26**

902 WORSHIP  
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE  
9:02 AM IN THE GYM

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

*Meetings to Note*

**Thursday, February 21**

9:30am James Bible Study  
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Friday, February 22**

9:15am Preschool Council

**Sunday, February 24**

8:15am Coffee House  
9:02am Contemporary Worship in Gym  
4:30pm Men's Praise Choir  
6:00pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00pm Christian Believer Bible Study

**Monday, February 25**

8:15am First Place  
3:30pm UMW Treasurers Meeting  
4:00pm UMW Executive Meeting  
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, February 26**

7:00pm Church Council

**Wednesday, February 27**

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** - Rebecca Osteen  
**Acolytes** - Lindsey Carpenter, Zach Madden  
**Altar Guild** - Phyllis Campbell, Ann Prather, Mary Ann Ray, Frances Burnham  
**Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Darby Copeland  
**Toddlers** - Rebecca Harper  
**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Amanda Stefanakos  
**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Tracey Smith

**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 24)** - Mick Ferrell

**Evening Hosts**

Sunday (Feb 24) - Matt Beckum  
Monday - Jim Wert  
Tuesday - Tom Brown  
Wednesday - Bob Kosky  
Thursday - Marc Nadeau  
Friday - Jeff Ray  
Saturday - John Geiger

**BIRTHDAY:** Special wishes to **Bill Baxter** who celebrated his 90th birthday on February 14. Bill is a resident of Wesley Commons in Greenwood, SC.

**BAPTISM:** Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, February 17, were **Samuel Grayson Willoughby** and **Mason Audrey Willoughby**, children of **Matt and Jennifer Willoughby**.

**CONDOLENCES:** Sincere sympathy is extended to **Doris Boatwright** in the death of her sister-in-law, **Ruth Hurt** in Greenwood, SC, on February 14.

Deepest sympathy is also extended to **Phil Polk and family** in the death of his mother, **Vera Polk**, in Aiken on February 14.

**HOSPITALIZED:** **Aiken** - Eleanor Cool, Sally Hooper; **Augusta Select Specialty** - Judy Emslie, **Trinity-Augusta** - Mary Mark Perkins

**IN MEMORIAM**

**VIRGINIA CATHERINE LLOYD MIDGETT**

**February 15, 2008**

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

Menu for Wednesday, February 27

*Hot Chicken Salad*

*Glazed Carrots*

*Salad w/Fruit /Poppy Seed Dressing*

*Blueberry Cobbler*

**CAN YOU HELP?** Altar Guild needs small vases (*but not bud vases*) with wide mouths to use when rearranging and delivering the altar flowers following Sunday worship.

**FLOWER CALENDAR** has open dates on April 20, April 27 and in all remaining months of the year. Please contact the church office at 648-6891 to arrange altar flowers in honor or memory of loved ones.

**Financials for week ending Feb 16, 2008**

Budgetary needs for the week \$ 35,042  
Budgetary funds rec'd this week \$ 27,689  
Budget funds rec'd to date \$ 287,991  
Actual expenses to date \$ 202,108  
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$1,246,608

**Faith Promise report for week ending February 16**

2008 Faith Promise \$231,052.48  
Received last week 5,874.00  
Received YTD 15,511.00  
Balance for which to pray \$215,540.93

**LENTEN LUNCH/DEVOTIONS**

continue on Wednesdays from 12-1 and are hosted by First Presbyterian Church. St. John's is responsible for this time on February 20. You are invited to be present. Walter Cantwell will bring the message on that day.

**THANK YOU** for your response to the request for suitcases for children at Helping Hands. Collection continues until March 2.

**REMINDER TO UMW:**

Circle Treasurers or their representatives are asked to meet with Hilda Secrist at 3:30pm on Monday, February 25. This will be mainly a "get to know each other" time, a preview of the proposed budget and a question/discussion session.

**Full Executive Committee** convenes at 4pm. If possible, please have pledge totals to Hilda Secrist by then.

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:45	122
9:02	est 200
11:00	424
Total	746
SS	326

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



St. John's  
youth ministry

### ANOTHER ONE DAY SALKEHATCHIE

On Saturday, March 8, another single day effort is planned to complete the unfinished details left from what began during the GIC.

Meet in Gloverville that morning and plan to get a lot of painting done along with a few odds and ends of other jobs.

Paint brushes and rollers are needed so please bring whatever you can.



### SPRING BREAK MISSIONS TRIP

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. Dates are April 5-10. Information packets are available at Sunday youth group meeting or on Sunday morning after services.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** in Aiken will hold the annual observance of *World Day of Prayer* on Friday, March 7 at noon. The services will be held at Second Baptist Church located at 425 Hampton Ave NW in Aiken. This year's theme is *God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding*. Donations received at this time (payable to Aiken Church Women United) will help provide services for Children's Place, Abused Women, Salvation Army, Alston Wilkes Society, Development Center and Camp Hope.

**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.

An invitation is extended to interested persons to attend a discussion/seminar entitled *What Christians Need to Know About Islam* being held at First Baptist Church on Saturday, March 8 (9:00am to 2:30pm.) Lunch will be provided for \$7/person. Presenter is Dr. Michael McCullar, executive pastor of Johns Creek Baptist Church in Alpharetta, GA, who is a lecturer and author. If planning to attend, please make your reservation by calling First Baptist Church at 648-5476.



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### O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008:

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

*LENTEN COMMUNION SERVICES continue on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-6:45 in the Chapel. On February 20, Nancy Reed will be giving the message and on February 27, Dan Peck will deliver the message. You are invited to participate in this time of reflection and worship. A nursery is available.*

### 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**)

### LOOKING AHEAD

**March 1** - Planning Session  
**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 6** - Sacrament of Holy Communion  
**April 13** - Healing Service  
**April 27** - Organ Concert  
**May 18** - Confirmation Sunday

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## Serving you...

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