

St. John's Visitor

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PLEASE REMEMBER

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

902 WORSHIP
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
9:02 AM IN THE GYM

March 2, 2008 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

"WHAT WOULD YOU DO?"

John 11: 32 - 46

Anthem **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** (11am)
The Chancel Choir

Offertory **Canon of Praise** (8:30 & 11am) - Women's Ensemble

9:02 Service

"MULLIGANS AND YARD SALES- GRACE AT ITS FINEST"

II Corinthians 5: 14 - 20 (9:02)

Music by the Praise Band

Walter Cantwell, Ministerial Intern

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, February 28

- 9:30am Bible Study
- 6:30pm United Methodist Men
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00pm Congregational Care Committee

Saturday, March 1

- 8:30am Church Council Planning Session

Sunday, March 2

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship in Gym
- 3:00pm Eagle Scout Ceremony - Rodgers
- 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00pm Women's Emmaus
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm *Christian Believer* Bible Study

Monday, March 3

- 8:15am First Place
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 4

- 10:00am Fun Tuesday for Retirees
- 7:00pm GOLT

Wednesday, March 5

- 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** - Sarah Arnold
- Acolytes** - Andrea and Kaitlyn Mikes
- Altar Guild** - Lynda Troutman, Sherry Williamson
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Susan Vernon
- Toddlers** - Katie Proctor
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Molly Jones
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Dawn Mahoney
- Greeters 8:30** - Paula & Barry Clayton, Claudette Strickland, Ed Farmer
- Sunday School Greeter** - Beverly Burch
- Greeters 11:00** - Walt Croft, Lee Poe, Marcia Harris, Sherry West, Nancy Vernon, Charles Thorngate
- Sunday AM Host (March 2)** *Bobby Coker*
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday (**March 2**) - *Robin Dillman*
- Monday - *Kevin Buchanan*
- Tuesday - *Lamar Keisler*
- Wednesday - *Clay Jones*
- Thursday - *Jerry Johnson*
- Friday - *Edward Yeh*
- Saturday - *Charles McKeel*

NEW ARRIVAL: *Amanda Grace Hillan*, daughter of *Aaron & Norma Hillan* and granddaughter of *Bill & Elaine Hillan*, was born January 22 in Austin, TX

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANOTHER GRADUATE:

CAROLINE ELIZABETH SALTER

B.A.-German, B.S.-Animal Science, B.S.-Dairy Science
The University of Georgia

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to former staff member Ellen Miller and her family in the death of her sister, Kathy McDermott, in Aiken on Feb 14.*

Sincere sympathy is also extended to Guerry McLendon in the death of her father, Julius Vincent Cook, in Savannah, GA, on February 20.

HOSPITALIZED: Aiken - Sally Hooper, Eleanor Cool; **Augusta Select Specialty** - Judy Emslie; **Discharged** - Mary Mark Perkins, Norflet Caprell, Betty Thorngate, Fred Penix, Dot Poe, Bob Dunn

Thank you for the outpouring of compassion from our many friends at St. John's. As we celebrated the 96 years of Earl Kennon Callahan's life, our visiting family members felt the warmth of the ministry and music in the service. You welcomed them through sharing the abundance of food provided. Thank you to all who made this hospitality possible.

In recent years, staff members and volunteers visited and brought the church to him. It meant so much, to him and to us. Someone's loving hands knitted a prayer shawl that became one of his treasures. Soft, comforting, prayerful.

In so many, many ways, we have been specially blessed to share our faith with the big family that is St. John's United Methodist Church.

Kennon L. and Julie Callahan

ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH are invited to Ward Hall at 6:30pm on Thursday for the United Methodist Men's covered dish supper followed by their program. This month Prof. Steven Millies from the Political Science Dept at USCA has been invited. Please consider joining them.

Annual observance of **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**, led by Church Women United is noon on Friday, March 7, at Second Baptist Church, 425 Hampton Ave NW in Aiken.

Financials for week ending Feb 23, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 26,129
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 314,120
Actual expenses to date	\$ 233,381
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,133,608

Faith Promise report for week ending Feb 23

2008 Faith Promise	\$231,052.48
Received last week	2,040.00
Received YTD	17,551.55
Balance for which to pray	\$213,500.93

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Menu of Wednesday, March 5

- Barbeque Sandwiches*
- Baked Beans*
- Pickles, Chips*
- Ice Cream & Cookies*

LENTEN COMMUNION continues on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-6:45 in the Chapel. On February 27, Dan Peck will be leading the service and on March 2 Vicki Bukovitz serve as leader. You are invited for this time of worship and reflection. A nursery is available.

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	119
9:02	172
11:00	411
Total	702
SS	323

Remember Food for ACTS when you come to worship Sunday.



St. John's
youth ministry

Spring Break Missions Trip is April 5-10

There will be an organizational meeting on *Sunday at 4pm* in the Youth Room for all who are interested in being part of this trip.

Regular Sunday Night Youth - 6pm

One-day Salkehatchie is scheduled for March 8. Please make note of this date.

Regular Salkehatchie applications are available from Gene Aiken.



THE HONDURAS AGAPE FOUNDATION (HAF)

has several mission teams heading south during the spring and summer, with the next trip set for *March 26 to April 5*, focused mainly on dental care and construction support. Randy Shelley is to represent St. John's on this particular trip, which still has space available as of late February.

HAF serves mainly in the town of Quimistan, in north-western Honduras, helping provide basic housing, medical/dental care, educational support and child sponsorship in association with a local congregation (Agape Church) and Compassion International. The interdenominational, Aiken-based foundation's outreach dates back to fall, 1998, when Hurricane Mitch ripped Honduras, where losses amounted to about 7,000 lives and almost \$4 billion in damage.

For 2008, hopes are to build three simple, sturdy houses, and maintain the other branches of support in Quimistan and the surrounding area. Plans are also in place for a June 12-22 trip (with Jeff Ray on board) and a July 9-19 trip. There is also discussion of an August group.

Along with participation on mission teams, prayer and monetary support are welcome. Details are available via the Web site, at www.hondurasagape.com, and from Michael Norton (the foundation's president) and Randy Shelley. HAF can also be reached via regular mail, at P.O. Box 6315, Aiken, 29804-6315; and phone, at 649-6915.

**EASTER
EGG HUNT!**



Mark your Calendar! St. John's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, March 16th for ages birth-3rd grade. Lunch will be served after the 11 o'clock service, followed immediately by the Easter Egg Hunt. We ask that each participating child bring a dozen plastic eggs filled with candy, stickers, etc. Eggs can

be dropped off in the designated box outside the church office before Wednesday, March 12th.

Reminder: First Baptist Church hosts a discussion/seminar on Saturday, March 8 (9am-2:30pm) entitled *What Christians Need to Know About Islam*. Please make lunch reservations by calling First Baptist Church at 648-5476.

LENTEN LUNCH/DEVOTIONS begin at noon at First Presbyterian Church, concluding before 1pm.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008:**

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PARENTS: Mark your calendars & have your children discover Jesus' miraculous power this year during VBS June 16-20. *Power Lab* is this year's theme and it is, "bubbling over with fun, exciting opportunities to transform the hearts of your children." St. John's is delighted to have *Cheryl Stephens & Kathy Samaha* as this year's Directors of VBS. Denise Musick and Allison Beatty will be serving as Co-Directors. Please consider making long lasting relationships with other parents by investing your heart in helping the kids grow closer to Jesus, along the way, you will find that you will too!

WOMEN OF WESLEY UMC extend an invitation to attend their 5th Conference on March 7-8. The 2008 theme is *Who are you in Christ?* with Friday evening session related to our health. This event is open to any interested persons. There is a fee which includes lunch on Saturday. Contact Linda Washington (648-7138), Bernice Sanders (649-2450) or Thelma Edward (642-7113) for more details.



FUN TUESDAY FOR RETIREES

will be held in Ward Hall next Tuesday, March 4, from 10am until 11:30. This time is a good mix of fellowship, food, fun and exercise. Join them and find out for yourself!

LOOKING AHEAD

- 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 5-10** - Mission trip to New Orleans
- April 27** - Organ Concert
- May 18** - Confirmation Sunday

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*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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