

St. John's Visitor

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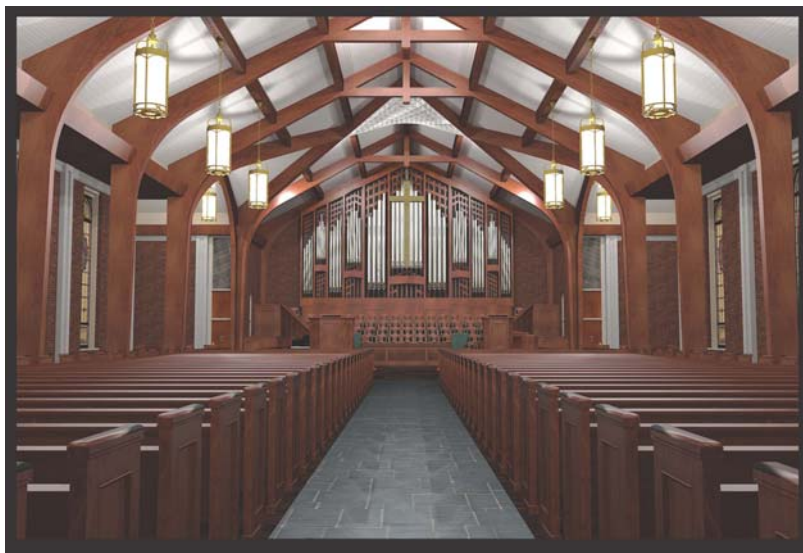
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Renovation Presentation Sunday Morning at 10 and noon

There will be another opportunity to hear about the proposed changes to our Sanctuary this Sunday, March 7. Many people heard the presentation at the Cottage Meetings, held in January and February, 2010. But, for those of you who had conflicts when you were invited, here's a chance to attend and form your own opinion about what is being proposed. Steve Kisner, Chairman of St. John's Trustees Committee, and Dave Buchanan, Chairman of the Sanctuary Renovations Committee, will again present the suggestions made by Church Interiors to upgrade and bring up to standards our beautiful sanctuary. George will also be part of the presentation.

Note that these sessions will be held in the Gym, and will begin at 10 am, after the 9:02 service, and repeat at noon, after the 11 am service.

Don't miss this last opportunity to hear about what is proposed. This is a very important decision we need to make for the future of St. John's UMC.



Meetings will be at 10 am and noon in the Gym. See you Sunday.

**March 7, 2010
Third Sunday in Lent**

**8:30am
Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
Luke 22: 39 - 46
Message by Gene Aiken**

**9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym
11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
"PRAYER: DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?"
Luke 22: 39 - 46
Rev. Dr. George Howle**



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVAL: *Heidi Jean Perkins, granddaughter of Tim & Mary Mark Perkins and great-granddaughter of Okey & Sarah Perkins was born February 23 in Greenville, SC.*

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Chris Copeland in the death of his grandfather, Albert Dewey Copeland, in Valdosta, GA, on February 22.*

IN MEMORIAM

JEAN TRIBBLE McFERRIN

February 23, 2010

Dear St. John's - Thank you very much for your thoughts and prayers during my mother's journey. She is home recovering and looks forward to returning to church activities. Couldn't have done it without you! God bless.
Tim Perkins and family

Rooms are still available! Anne Graham Lotz is coming to the Bi-Lo Center in Greenville, SC on March 19-20 to lead a "Just Give Me Jesus" conference. There is no registration or cost to attend. More information is found on Anne's website at www.annegrahamlotz.com. If you are interested in joining a group from St. John's, please contact Jan Gilbert at 646-0451 or janjacg@earthlink.net.

GETTING TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S series begins Sunday, March 7, and continues for an additional two Sundays. If you wish to learn more about Methodism or St. John's, this is your opportunity. Simply come to Ward Hall at 10am.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DINNER AND SEMINAR is March 15 at 5:30pm in Ward Hall. George Howle will be leading the program on *Holy Matrimony*. Information is available on the website where you may also make reservations. Otherwise please reserve through the church office, 648-6891.

Financials for week ending Feb 27, 2010

Budgetary needs for the week \$ 33,091
 Budget funds rec'd this week \$ 23,567
 Budget funds rec'd to date \$ 442,551
 Expenses to date \$ 280,177
 St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$301,040

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise 2010 \$130,107.00
 Rec'd to date \$ 12,980.00

An organizational meeting is planned for **ST. JOHN'S VISITATION MINISTRY**. If you are presently visiting congregation members or would like to be a part of this caring ministry, please come to Room 116 on Monday, March 22, at 10am. Call Nancy Perrine (649-0318) or Nancy Reed at church (648-6891) with questions.

Want to hear more of the **9:02 BAND?** You're invited to come and listen during the first Wednesday rehearsal of the month at 7pm in their practice room next to the Youth Room.

Attendance - Feb 28

8:30	126
9:02	167
11:00	372
Total	665
SS	354

WEDNESDAY SUPPER

Menu for March 10

Seasoned Chicken Breasts
Baked Tomatoes w/
Mozzarella Cheese
Green Beans *Rolls*
Brownie

Meetings to Note

Thursday, March 4

9:30 & 10:30am Bible Study
 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, March 5

9:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal

Saturday, March 6

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, March 7

8:15am Coffee House
 8:30am Worship
 9:02am Contemporary Worship
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:00am Renovation Presentation
 10:00am Getting to Know St. John's
 11:00am Worship
 12:00pm Renovation Presentation
 4:30pm Honduras Team Mtg
 4:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
 6:00pm Bible Study/Sunday Night Youth

Monday, March 8

8:00am First Place 4 Health
 10:00am Exercise Class
 12:30pm Al-Anon
 6:00pm Pastor-Parish Committee

Tuesday, March 9

9:30am Stephen Ministry Training
 12:30pm Bible Study
 7:00pm Joyful Sounds/Men's Bible Study
 7:00pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 10

9:30am Quilting Fellowship/Bible Study
 12:00pm Lenten Lunch at St Thaddeus
 4:00pm Griefshare Group
 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
 5:45pm Children's Choirs
 6:00pm Lenten Communion Service
 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp/Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Sydney Beckner
Acolytes - Zach Harrington, Colby Hozey
Altar Guild - Lynda Troutman, Sherry Williamson, Mary Ann Ray, Mary Musick, Alice Burdette
Crib Rm - Hilda Secrist
2-3 Yr Nursery - Commie Peebles
3-4 Yr Nursery - Dottie Kochli
Sunday AM Host (Mar 7) - John McMahan
Evening Hosts
 Sunday - (Mar 7) - Edward Yeh
 Monday - Charles McKeel
 Tuesday - Dennis Fish
 Wednesday - Mike Uhle
 Thursday - Keith Polk
 Friday - Brian Eberhard
 Saturday - Adam Bates



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Sunday, March 7 **6:00pm**
Remember - Your friends are welcome, too!

Mentor/Confirmation meetings continue.

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS IN MARCH

Monday, March 8

11:00am # 4 Church Parlor

Tuesday, March 9

10:00am #11 Church Parlor

12:30pm # 9 Bar-B-Q Barn

2:00pm #10 Resource Rm

7:00pm # 1 Melba Fair

Monday, March 15

2:30pm # 3 Church Parlor

Tuesday, March 16

7:00pm # 8 Meets at church

Wednesday, March 17

5:45pm #5 - Church Parlor

7:00pm # 7 - EB 116

Friday, March 19

10:30am # 2 Church Parlor



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages walking – 5th grade will be on Sunday, March 28th at 3:00.

Drop your candy-filled Easter eggs in the church lobby or outside the Preschool office by noon the day of the hunt!

ACTS COLLECTION

MARCH: *Beef Stew*

GO Global Outreach News

There will be a tour of **Epworth Children's Home** in Columbia, SC on March 14. The group will leave St. John's at 9:00 a.m. Activities include attending a 10:30 a.m. church service at Epworth, followed by a tour of the campus and ending up with lunch in the cafeteria (\$5 per person). Contact Randy Shelley at 649-1979 for more details.

The next 3½ day **Kairos Weekend** at McCormick Correctional Institution begins March 18. Ten folks from St. John's are on the team. Along with scripture passages, bags of cookies will be delivered to all 1,300 prison residents each evening during the weekend. Will you participate to allow God's word to go into a very fertile harvest field? Will you answer our Lord's call to care for some of His "very least brothers" (Matthew 25:31-46)? Please bring cookies to the church kitchen by noon on Tuesday March 16. Contact Pam McCollum (642-9414) or Jennifer Willoughby (643-8146) for recipe guidelines & other details.

The Global Outreach Leadership Team (GOLT) is looking for a team of 5-10 **volunteers to help prepare mailings** throughout the year. This involves stuffing/sealing envelopes and applying address labels for around eight mailings per year. Please contact Brett Jarriel (642-5886) if you are interested in helping out.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT GOOD FRUIT

LUKE 6: 43 - 45

5TH-6H GRAPPLE DARE FOR THE WEEK:

I DARE YOU TO SET ASIDE EXTRA TIME TO REALLY GET TO KNOW YOUR FRIEND GOD. GO FOR A WALK AND TALK ABOUT YOUR DAY WITH GOD, OR READ YOUR BIBLE AND TALK WITH GOD ABOUT WHAT YOU READ.

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesdays during Lent

Noon - St Thaddeus Episcopal **Lenten Lunch/Devotions**
6:00pm - St. John's Chapel, **Lenten Communion Service**

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am

March 7 - Renovation Presentation (10am & 12pm)

March 15 - Marriage Enrichment Dinner & Seminar

March 21 - Scout Sunday

March 28 - Passion/Palm Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt

April 1 - Maundy Thursday (Last Supper Presentation)

April 2 - Good Friday (Tenebrae Service)

April 4 - Easter Sunday

April 16 - U S Army Chorus (Under the Steeple)

April 25 - King's Brass (Under the Steeple)

May 21 - St. John's Golf Tournament at Cedar Creek

May 23 - Confirmation Sunday

May 30 - Graduation Sunday

June 10-13 - SC Annual Conference, Florence

In our Sunday bulletin distributed before the 8:30 and 11 am services, there appears this phrase: "This is God's House. Enter in reverence, meditate in quietness, worship in prayer and leave with the desire to serve."

With this being the Lenten season, renewing our commitment to the basics of our faith can be a very rewarding way to prepare for the glorious arrival of Easter morn.

When St. John's members see one another, we are such a friendly and loving congregation that we greet with joy and affection. In fact, what a good sense of community one can feel by receiving that warm hug or handshake so often shared as we gather in the narthex and St. John's halls.

Included in that consideration of one another is respect for the ability to enter the Sanctuary and find it to be just that: a sanctuary where one can experience peace and quiet.

In preparing ourselves for worship, having a chance to reflect quietly, even to hear the Prelude music so artfully crafted, is a comforting way for many to begin turning hearts and minds toward God.

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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...

Ext

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE
29 KEITH STEWART
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE HAWKINS
21 PAULA SAWYER
30 MICHELLE PEARSON
61 ALLISON BEATTY
60 MIDGE ROTHROCK
27 JIMI WHITESSELL
58 ALLEN RADCLIFFE
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