

# St. John's Visitor

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY TABLEAU



Our church family is welcome to experience together *The Last Supper* tableau.

Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece comes to life on the Thursday before Easter, known as Maundy Thursday. This powerful dramatic presentation will take place on **March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** in the darkened sanctuary. The St. John's Chancel Choir begins the drama as the "Living Curtain", drawing back to reveal this dramatic tableau as shown in our production of 2006.

The original painting of *The Last Supper* by Leonardo da Vinci is on the walls of a monastery dining room in the church of Santa

Marie Zelle Grazia in Milan, Italy. Twenty years after its completion the painting was seriously deteriorated and, today, it is but a faint image of its former glory. Nevertheless, "The Last Supper" is, and continues to be, a universal religious symbol from which generations have drawn strength and inspiration. *The Last Supper* was an effort to capture the shocked responses of Jesus' disciples at the dramatic moment when Jesus had just said, "One of you sitting here at the table with me will betray me."

No other scene in the life of Christ has been painted more often. The traditional "Living Masterpiece" will be recreated by men of St. John's who will make The Last Supper come alive as they step out from the tableau to portray one of the most poignant messages of the Easter season.

Immediately following the drama, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

### TAKE NOTE

Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend.

Set clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night!!!

902 WORSHIP  
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE  
9:02 AM IN THE GYM

**March 9, 2008**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent - YOUTH SUNDAY**

**'LOOKING UP'**

**Scripture: 1 Timothy 4: 12-14**

Rebecca Osteen, Randi Hyche - Youth Group Members

Anthem

**Tree of Life**  
The Youth Choir

## NEWS OF THE FAMILY

**WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS** received March 2:

**Kate and Art Justice**

2194 Wise Creek Ln 641-2812

**Casey and Daniel Seawell**

**Mary Margaret, Elizabeth Clair "Ellie" and Caroline Anne**  
added to baptized roll

116 Scotch Pine Ct 507-2745

**CONGRATULATIONS:** *Walter Cantwell* is the first of four recipients to receive the Royce Reynolds Award which will provide full tuition for three years at Duke Divinity School. He makes St. John's proud!

St. John's can also take pride in **James "Jimmy" Douglas Rodgers** who attained the rank of **Eagle Scout** and received the award in the Court of Honor last Sunday.

**HOSPITALIZED:** **Aiken** - Ray Hydrick; **Richland Memorial** - Young Mac Massie; **Discharged** - Dot Poe, Fred Penix; **Discharged to Carriage Hills** - Judy Emshie, Eleanor Cool

### IN MEMORIAM

**SARA "SALLY" KATHRYN GROFF HOOBER**

**March 1, 2008**

*My family and I want to thank St. John's for your prayers and support since July, 2007. The meals delivered by Lamar Keisler and prepared by Genie Farmer were so helpful. The individuals who prepared meals during the summer gave me the strength to face the next six months.*

*Having a shawl made by praying hands comforted me during treatments. How wonderful of Sandra Cantwell to create the prayer shawl ministry! Christmas was truly a gift of love from the children's ministry led by Tina Frazier. "The Magi Mix" was perfect to have during treatments. I was touched that the children made the cookies. The Yule log certainly added a warm Christmas feeling to our home.*

*I was overwhelmed by the diverse giving of love and care from our St. John's congregation. You have helped bring me to remission!* **Mary Jane Lock**

*The New Journeys Sunday School Class would like to thank all those who contributed to our suitcase collection drive. With your help we collected 154 suitcases for the children of Helping Hands!*

**Financials for week ending March 1, 2008**

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 21,579
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 335,699
Actual expenses to date	\$ 275,210
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,133,608

**Faith Promise report for week ending March 1**

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,152.48
Received last week	3,525.49
Received YTD	21,077.04
Balance for which to pray	\$212,075.44

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

Menu for Wednesday, March 12  
Roast Pork  
Carrot Souffle Green Beans  
Baked Apples

**PLEASE NOTE**

**During Holy Week,**  
**supper will be Thursday,**  
**March 20**  
**No supper on Wednesday,**  
**March 19**

*Meetings to Note*

**Thursday, March 6**

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

**Sunday, March 9**

8:15am Coffee House  
9:02am Contemporary Worship in Gym  
6:00pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00pm *Christian Believer* Bible Study

**Monday, March 10**

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

**Tuesday, March 11**

7:00pm Board of Trustees

**Wednesday, March 12**

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**

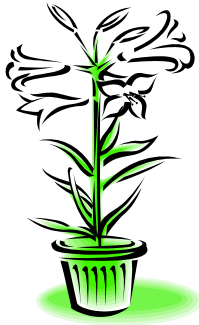
**Crucifer** - Nicole Neill  
**Acolytes** - Lauren Pearson, Rachael Perkins  
**Altar Guild** - Mary Musick, Lynda Troutman, Sharon West, Sherry Williamson  
**Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Allison Beatty  
**Toddlers** - Charity Leigh  
**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Kathy Samaha  
**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Barbie Heath  
**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, Charlie Thorngate  
**Sunday AM Host (March 9)**  
*John McMahan*

**Evening Hosts**

Sunday (**March 9**) - Dennis Fish  
Monday - Mike Uhle  
Tuesday - Keith Polk  
Wednesday - Brian Eberhard  
Thursday - George Bodkin  
Friday - Gene Usher  
Saturday - Jim Fuqua

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:30	134
9:02	195
11:00	403
Total	732
SS	332



**EASTER LILY ORDERS** will be taken the next two Sundays, March 9 and March 16. Names of persons being honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$16 per plant. Please see a volunteer in the lobby outside the office.

Vacation Bible School 2008  
June 16 - 20 (Monday-Friday)

Theme: POWER LAB

Directors: Cheryl Stephens  
Kathy Samaha

Please think about how you can help.

**GRAVATT GOLDEN DAY**

Tuesday, March 18, 2008,

from 9:30am to 3:30pm at Camp Gravatt.

A day of education and renewal for Adults 55 and over.

The day's agenda includes Bible Study, Guided Nature Hikes and Activities. The guest speaker is Patrick McMillan

(you have seen him on SC-ETV) :

Ecological Interactions in a Changing World

There is a cost which includes lunch.

Call *Nancy Reed* at the church office to sign-up as a group!

**UMW MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Monday, March 10**

11:00 am # 4

Church Parlor

**Tuesday, March 11**

11:00 am #11

Mary Kenney  
502 Larchmont Pl

12:30 pm # 9

Amanda's Restaurant  
RSVP to Sherry Williamson

2:00 pm #10

Church Resource Rm

7:30 pm # 1

Marguerite Flynn  
113 Kimberly Dr.

**Monday, March 17**

2:30 pm # 3

Church Parlor

**Tuesday, March 18**

2:00 pm #13

Church Resource Rm

7:00 pm # 8

Church Parlor

**Wednesday, March 19**

7:00 pm # 7

Church - Room 116



**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR  
SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008:**

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



**Sunday, March 16 - Palm Sunday**

Worship services at 8:30, 9:02 and 11:00 am

**Wednesday, March 19**

Concluding Lenten Lunch/Devotions

First Presbyterian Church - Noon

*No Wednesday Supper or Communion this day*

**Maundy Thursday, March 20**

5:00 pm - Fellowship Supper

*Note change from Wednesday!*

7:00 pm - **The Last Supper** tableau

followed by Service of Holy Communion  
(Nursery available)

**Good Friday, March 21**

7:00 pm - Tenebrae Service (No Nursery)

**Easter Sunday, March 23**

Worship services at 8:30, 9:02 and 11:00 am

**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 19** - Habitat for Humanity  
Construction on new house begins

**April 27** - Organ Concert

**May 18** - Confirmation Sunday



Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 16 Ages Infant - Grade 3  
Lunch will be served after 11:00 am service and Egg Hunt follows.  
Each participant should bring one dozen plastic eggs filled with candy, stickers, etc. Leave these in the designated box outside church office before March 12.

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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  
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON  
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE  
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE  
27 GENE AIKEN  
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34 ANNE L. HAWKINS  
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