

St. John's Visitor

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It Is Time Again to Sign Up as the St. John's Men's Ministry Presents the Annual Golf Tournament on Friday Afternoon, May 21.

On Friday, May 21, 2010, you are invited to participate in a terrific event at Cedar Creek Golf Course, do some good while you are enjoying yourself on the course, have a relaxing time of fellowship and fun, and maybe even win a prize!



Some of the 2009 participants enjoy George starting the tournament off with a bang. And, with a puff of smoke, too, it seems!

Last year's winners, Rene & Lee Boylston paired with Jan & Jack Gilbert, will have to go some to defend, but Rene and Jan might just inspire their playing mates to soar in 2010. Take heart, all you once-a-year golfers: again, mulligans will be sold.

The benefitting organization selected for this year's event is the Jack Meeks Memorial Wheelchair Ramp Ministry, a 25+-year effort on the part of many volunteers to design and construct wheelchair ramps for clients of Aiken County. Last year, over \$5000 was raised for the Ministers' Discretionary Fund.

You can pick up a form to enter at the receptionist desk, or ask Steve Lathrop, tournament chair and President of the United Methodist Men, to get one to you. For questions, call the church office, 648-6891; or, Steve Lathrop at 649-4508. For \$75 per individual player/\$300 per foursome, enjoy lunch at 11:30 before your round, and know that this will benefit a wonderful cause which has been strongly identified with the men of St. John's, and the good work they do.

Entry form and fee must be received by May 11, 2010. You don't want to miss this good time! And, yes – the foursomes can be all men, or all women, or mixed.

There will be some skills prizes as well as drawings in this Captain's Choice event. Spring is in the air – time to get back out on the course!

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 14!!
Set your clocks ahead one hour
Saturday night**

**March 14, 2010
Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:30 and 11:00am
Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
"HERO OR COWARD?"
Luke 22: 31-34; 54-62
Rev. Dr. George Howle
9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym
Message by Rev. Keith Stewart**

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, March 11

9:30 & 10:30am Bible Study
 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
 6:30pm GOLT
 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, March 12

9:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal

Saturday, March 13

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, March 14

8:15am Coffee House
 8:30am Worship
 9:02am Contemporary Worship
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:00am Getting to Know St. John's
 6:00pm Bible Study/Sunday Night Youth

Monday, March 15

8:00am First Place 4 Health
 9:30am Exercise Class
 10:30am Sunny Monday meeting
 12:30pm Al-Anon
 1:00pm Senior Adult Council
 5:00pm Marriage Enrichment-Dinner/Seminar
 6:00pm Endowment Committee
 7:00pm Book Club
 7:00pm Finance Committee
 7:00pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, March 16

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

Wednesday, March 17

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
 6:45PM Chancel Choir
 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp/Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Sydney Beckner
Acolytes - Hayden Hyche, Benjamin Rawls
Altar Guild - Lynda Troutman, Sherry Williamson, Mary Ann Ray, Mary Musick, Alice Burdette
Crib Rm - Brenda Meeks
2-3 Yr Nursery - Virginia Morris
3-4 Yr Nursery - Alice Burdette
Sunday AM Host (Mar 14) - Jim Heffner
Evening Hosts
 Sunday - (Mar 14) - Gene Usher
 Monday - Jim Fuqua
 Tuesday - Dan Fabraick
 Wednesday - Eric Randall
 Thursday - George Kelley
 Friday - Charlie Neill
 Saturday - Chuck Bryan

WEDDING: Congratulations to **Kimberly Corley and Marty Sawyer** who were married recently in Aiken.

CONGRATULATIONS: **Drew Jernigan** coached Silver Bluff boys' varsity basketball team which this year won their region's championship.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Rev. Loman Fish** who passed away in Aiken on March 4.

Sincere sympathy is also extended to **Ed & Genie Farmer** in the death of **Uncle Joe Farmer** in Aiken on March 7.

HOSPITALIZED: Discharged - Gert Morrell; **Discharged to Carriage Hills:** Dottie Sanders; **MUSC Charleston**- Bill Mobley

Stephen Ministry Notes: Did you know?



- Stephen Ministers make a two year commitment to training and service at St. John's.
- After their first 50 hours of training, they begin caring for a care receiver who has requested this Christ-centered Ministry.
- Stephen Ministers participate in twice monthly peer supervision and continuing education led by a Stephen Leader.
- Confidentiality is required by Stephen Ministers in their care-giving relationships.

Please continue to pray for the class and for the leaders.

GETTING TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S series continues Sunday, March 14. If you wish to learn more about Methodism or St. John's, this is your opportunity. Simply join George Howle in 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 contact the church office, 648-6891.

SUNNY MONDAY GROUP meets in Ward Hall on March 15. St. John's member, Tommy Harman, a gifted craftsman, will speak about the woodcarving he enjoys. Menu includes ham, scalloped potatoes, lima beans and key lime cake. Please make your lunch reservations.

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.

Attendance - March 7

8:30	124
9:02	187
11:00	326
Total	637
SS	312

Financials for week ending Mar 6, 2010

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 29,969
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 472,520
Expenses to date	\$ 304,500
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$299,840

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise 2010	4131,407.00
Rec'd to date	\$ 20,825.00
Expensed to date	\$ 3,250.00

WEDNESDAY SUPPER

Menu for March 17

- Potato Soup
- Ham/Cheese Croissant
- Sandwiches
- Chips Pickles
- Coconut Cake

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The support for **St. John's Columbarium Prayer Garden** has been very encouraging. As promised, the next step is to hold an informational session, so that members can make the best possible, most informed decision, as we enter into signing Agreements to proceed.

For you who have notified the Columbarium Ministry Team of your interest, either through return of the postal card, or by personal contact, each will be called and invited to the informational session. *Importantly, others who are interested in learning more are also encouraged to attend one of the two briefings.*

On Sunday morning, April 25, at 10 am or noon, whichever time suits your schedule better, please come to Ward Hall to see samples of the niches, and hear more details.

St. John's **PrimeTimers Travel Group** invites others to join in for their **2-day/1-night** trip to "**Georgetown, SC & Brookgreen Gardens**" on **Monday & Tuesday, May 10-11**. *Carolina Tours* will provide the motor coach, driver, and tour director to visit our state's oldest city, cruise the waterway and also enjoy the extensive outdoor exhibition near Myrtle Beach. Reservations needed by **March 28** for the trip to be *confirmed*. For info on cost, itinerary, etc, contact **Zenith & Bob Sharpe (648-1268)**.

ACTS COLLECTION
MARCH: *Beef Stew*

GO Global Outreach News

Don't forget the tour of **Epworth Children's Home** on March 14. Activities include attending a 10:00 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 3-day **Kairos Weekend** at McCormick Correctional Institution begins March 18. If you would like to help bake cookies for this event, please bring them 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.

Mission Trip Opportunities for 2010

Location	Team Leader	Dates
Russia	Deedee Vaughters	June 6-15
Honduras	TBD	June 9-19; June 23- July 3; July 6-16
Colombia	Matt Willoughby	June 21-30
Thailand	Jackie Hyche	July 23-August 6
Kenya	Frances Osteen	August 4-17

Financial assistance is available as funds permit. These applications need to be turned in to Gene Aiken, Michael Norton or Frances Osteen by March 27. Please contact Frances Osteen at 648-2548 for additional information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010

3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SON
LUKE 15: 11 - 32

5TH-6H GRAPPLE DARE FOR THE WEEK:
I DARE YOU TO BE DIFFERENT! I DARE YOU TO OBEY THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE. I DARE YOU TO RESPECT YOUR TEACHERS AT SCHOOL BY LISTENING TO THEM WHEN THEY TALK. I DARE YOU TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS THAT YOU CAN'T DISOBEY YOUR PARENTS BECAUSE YOUR PARENTS ARE THE BOSSES OF YOU.



Mark your calendars! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children, ages walking – 3rd grade, will be on Sunday, March 28th at 3:00. Drop off your candy-filled Easter eggs in the church lobby or outside of the Preschool office by noon the day of the hunt!

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. For more information, check Anne's website at www.annegrahamlotz.com. If interested in joining a group from St. John's, please contact Jan Gilbert at 646-0451 or janjacg@earthlink.net.

BOOK CLUB meets Monday, March 15, 7pm, in Room 204. Everyone is invited to attend and discuss *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova. Contact Sharon West, 648-3824, for info.

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 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
May 23 - Confirmation Sunday
May 30 - Graduation Sunday
June 10-13 - SC Annual Conference, Florence

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*We grow in faith and number by sharing
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