

St. John's Visitor

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Aiken Pregnancy Care Center Mission Project



The children of the members of the Friendship Sunday School Class are sponsoring a church-wide drive to collect new and gently used items to donate to the Aiken Pregnancy Care Center.

The *Aiken Pregnancy Care Center* is a Christian ministry promoting God's design for women. It does this through building relationships, offering free practical help, counseling and education programs, and pregnancy testing—all in an atmosphere of Christian love. Believing that lifestyle choices begin at a young age, the Center also seeks to help adolescent girls through activities and retreats focusing on purity of heart, mind and body.

The items being collected include things you typically associate with raising and caring for children ages 4 years and younger as well as maternity clothing for expectant mothers. Some examples are:

- Kid's Clothing (sizes newborn to 4T)
- Diapers, Wipes and Pull-ups
- Formula
- Bottles
- Books (e.g., "What to Expect...")
- Car Seats
- Strollers
- Cribs
- Swings
- Toys

Donated items can be given to your child's pre-school/MDO teacher or placed in the collection box near the gym entrance. The due date for these items is April 30, 2009. If you have questions or need assistance with larger items, please contact Kevin Buchanan at 617-9558 or Kelly Boni at 642-0361.

March 15, 2009 - Third Sunday in Lent

**"WILL MUSLIMS JOIN US AT THE
THRONE OF THE LAMB?"**

Scripture: Revelation 5:9

David Williams - Missionary Partner, Ethiopia

**Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.
Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.**

Meetings to Note

Thursday, March 12

- 9:30am Bible Study
- 6:00pm Evangelism Committee
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, March 13

- 10:00am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal

Saturday, March 14

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, March 15

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 10:00am A-V presentation - Ethiopia
- 12:00pm Ethiopia Short-term Trip Mtg
- 5:00pm Youth Choir/Prayer Shawl
- 5:30pm *Fireproof Marriage* Bible Study
- 5:40pm Confirmands & Mentors
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study/Youth Group

Monday, March 16

- 8:00am First Place
- 9:30am Exercise Class
- 10:00am Women's Bible Study
- 10:30am Sunny Monday Group
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Finance & Senior Adult Council

Tuesday, March 17

- 12:30pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Strategic Planning Committee
- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study & Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 18

- 9:30am Prayer Shawl/Quilting
- 9:30am Bible Study
- 3:30pm Grief Share
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs
- 6:00pm Lenten Communion Service
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Men's & Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Christa Eberhard
- Acolytes** - Sydney Beckner, Hayden Hyche
- Altar Guild** - Lynda Troutman, Sherry Williamson, Mary Ann Ray, Mary Musick, Alice Burdette
- Crib Rm** (11am) Susan Lawson
- Toddlers** - Amy Jernigan
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Amanda Ingram
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Carrie Killian
- Greeters 8:30** - John & Betty Jossey
- Greeters 11:00** - Keith Polk, Julie Polk, Debi Rood, Johanna Gibbs, Henriann Goddard
- Sunday AM Host (3/15)** - Jim Heffner
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday (**March 15**) - Jim Fuqua
 - Monday - Dan Fabrick
 - Tuesday - Eric Randall
 - Wednesday - George Kelley
 - Thursday - Charlie Neill
 - Friday - Chuck Bryan
 - Saturday - Barry Pearson

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVAL: *Carter Royce Eckle, son of Laurian & Bryan Eckle and grandson of Gwen & Ambrose Schwallie, was born February 19 in Arlington, VA.*

Rachel Ann Mussetter, daughter of Mitch and Jessica Mussetter, was born March 5 in Augusta.

HOSPITALIZED: **ARMC** - Coleen Carey; **Select Specialty, Augusta** - Earl Bruorton; **Doctor's** - Herb Freitag; **Discharged** - Bob Tolar, Bill Mobley

Remember that **David Williams**, our missionary in Ethiopia, is visiting St. John's this Sunday, March 15. He will preach at all three services and give a presentation from 10-10:45 in Ward Hall. At noon, David will be in Ward Hall to meet with anyone interested in a mission trip to Ethiopia in the fall.

SUNNY MONDAY GROUP meets next week on March 16. All retirees are invited to hear the Primetime Singers from Trinity on the Hill UMC, Augusta. Meeting begins at 10:30am in Ward Hall. Lunch reservations are requested - please telephone the church office, 648-6891.

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME is having Campus Work Day on Saturday, March 21 - van leaves at 8am and returns about 4pm. A head count is needed for the minivan & free lunch is provided by Epworth. From youth to seniors, all ages & talents are invited! Please notify the church office that you plan to come or contact Maureen Bernard (221-9635) for more information.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN invite all women of St. John's to join in their Spring Celebration. Mark the date of March 29 at 2 pm to hear Special Guest Speaker Dr. Elizabeth Everitt.

Financials for week ending March 7, 2009

Budgetary needs for this week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 29,007
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$379,882
Actual expenses to date	\$282,146
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 727,008

Faith Promise Update

Fiscal Year 2009-Faith Promise	\$176,312.00
Fiscal Year 2009-Rec'd YTD	\$60,388.62
Fiscal Year 2009-Disbursed YTD	\$ 3,750.00
**2009 Faith Promise year = 2/1/09 thru 1/31/10	



**First Annual
St. John's UMC
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

is
Friday, May 22, 2009
The Golf Club at Cedar Creek
*Registration forms are available
at the volunteer desk in the lobby.*

Don't be left out. You are special! Help us make our St. John's **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** complete by making your portrait appointment. Sign up on-line through a link on St. John's Web site or at one of the sign-up tables on Sunday or Wednesday night.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Menu for March 18
(No dinner on March 11)

- Roast Beef*
- Scalloped Potatoes*
- Peas & Carrots*
- Cole Slaw*
- Strawberry Shortcake*

Remember to check the sign-up sheet to see how you can help!!

Attendance March 8

8:30	101
9:02	125
11:00	447
Total	673
SS	271



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
6pm-8pm **February 15**
Come and bring your friends!!

You can help the mission program by saving **Campbell soup coupons**. Women all over the state contribute Campbell soup labels to the Wallace Family Life Center. They have redeemed these to purchase computers and even a van. There is a coupon, similar to the one shown below on every can of Campbell soup. Simply cut out the coupon with the bar code (please cut out the coupon and **do not** save the entire label from the can) and when you have collected a few, deposit them in the wicker basket that is usually on the floor in the hall near the Katie Williams classroom. If you can't find the basket, any staff member will be glad to take them.



*Typical Campbell soup coupon.
 (Do not save the entire soup can label!)*

OPEN DATES ON FLOWER CALENDAR include March 29 and April 26 as well as selected Sundays in the remaining months of the year.

*ACTS COLLECTION IN MARCH:
 Macaroni & Cheese*

Missionary Prayer Focus: For safe travels and a fruitful trip as Dave Williams travels to Aiken and for peace as his family remains in Ethiopia.

GO Global Outreach News

- **Michael Norton** will travel with missionary Charlie Chastain to a conference in the Ukraine on March 15. The purpose is to help Christian leaders, organizations, churches and individuals minister more effectively to orphans and street children in Russia and Eastern Europe.
- **Michael Agwanda from Life for Children Ministries (LCM)** will host a meeting at 2:00 in the church parlor on Sunday, March 22 to discuss opportunities to participate in a satellite LCM team. This U.S.-based team will work with the LCM Board to support and grow the ministry.
- **Sandy Miller** will be conducting a tour of **Christ Central** on March 24 at 9:45 AM. If you would like to join the tour, please call Sandy at 643-9084.
- **Dr. Randy Shelley** will travel with a medical team to Honduras from March 26-30 to provide critical dental care for the children there. Please keep them in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
 SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009**

1ST GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
2ND GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B
3RD GRADE: THE ARKADE
4TH GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
5TH GRADE: CREATION STATION
BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: "WE SHOULD HELP
 PEOPLE WHENEVER WE CAN." GALATIANS 6:10

Reminder to OARS Kids: If you recite your Bible verses, you receive toppings for number of verses recited. Plain ice cream goes to those who do not recite any verses.

MARCH 10 is not far off and with it comes the deadline for the Inez Crain Scholarship application. Forms are available in the church office.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT will take place on Palm Sunday, April 5, at 3pm. Please leave a dozen plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy, stickers, etc. in the designated box outside the office before Friday, March 27, for each child participating.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS needed by March 24. Contact Jennifer Willoughby, 648-8146, for specific instructions.

Worship Opportunities on Wednesdays during Lent

*Noon - St Mary's Catholic Lunch/Devotions
 6:00 pm - Lenten Communion Service in St. John's Chapel*

LOOKING AHEAD

March 15 - David Williams, Visiting Missionary Partner from Ethiopia
March 26 - Joseph Martin Concert
March 29 - Musical Lenten Journey - Chancel Choir
April 4-9 - Mission Trip to New Orleans
April 5 - Passion/Palm Sunday
April 5 - Easter Egg Hunt
April 9 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service
April 10 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Shadows
April 12 - Easter Day
April 24-25 - Youth Choir Trip
May 17 - Confirmation Sunday
May 22 - St. John's Golf Tournament at Cedar Creek
May 31 - Graduation Sunday
May 31-June 3 - South Carolina Annual Conference
June 8-12 - Vacation Bible School
June 13-20 - Sand River Salkehatchie

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*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 L. HAWKINS
21 PAULA C. SAWYER
30 MICHELLE I. PEARSON
33 MARY KOSKY
61 MICHELLE BROWN
MARK DICKENS
60 MIDGE ROTHROCK
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