

St. John's Visitor

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What Makes for a SUNNY MONDAY?

Good friends, laughter, an interesting speaker, and a healthy, affordable lunch might just be one answer to that question. Senior members and non-members alike (55+) convene at St. John's one Monday morning a month, make plans for trips and other activities of mutual interest, and enjoy the day. The most recent gathering took place on Monday, March 15, and was convened by Shirley Powell. The guest this month was the talented Tommy Harman who displayed some of his incredible woodcarvings. Various natural materials are used by this artist to make his whimsical creations, including cypress knees, scruffy golf balls, and sweet potatoes. (Ask Tommy!)

Shirley Powell and Bob Clyburn currently rotate emcee duties for Sunny Monday. Nancy Reed, Director of Senior Ministries, sets up the program and coordinates with these rotating leaders to make this a worthwhile time of fellowship. This group is one of the longest-running organizations around St. John's, with a history dating back to 1976, was started by the Reverend Buddy Miller, with Inez Crain as an early, active driving force. Thanks to the foresight of these leaders, as well as the Hibbards, Zobels, Grotheers, Brenda Meeks, Alice Burdette, Doug Leader, Zenith Sharpe, June Cannon and so many others, it is good to be a senior at St. John's!



Scenes from a Sunny Monday



Tommy Harman, guest speaker & St. John's member, displays his work.



This group of Prime Time Seniors plan to enjoy four more trips in 2010 (Georgetown & Brookgreen Gardens; Charleston; Taste of SC; and Lake Lanier/Callaway Gardens), coordinated by Spence Grotheer, who puts together a monthly bulletin which features other travel ideas our Prime Timers are welcome to take advantage of, at favorable rates to fun locations. Already this year, travel has taken them to UM's Older Adult Retreat in Myrtle Beach. Contact Nancy Reed at the church office to join.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, March 18

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

Friday, March 19

- 9:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Bridge Group

Saturday, March 20

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, March 21

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 8:30am Worship
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:00am Getting to Know St. John's
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm Bible Study/Sunday Night Youth

Monday, March 22

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 9:30am Exercise Class
- 10:00am Visitation Committee
- 12:30pm Al-Anon
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 23

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

Wednesday, March 24

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am 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
- 7:00pm Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Lauren Pearson
- Acolytes** - Jordan Kelley, Daniel Lunn
- Altar Guild** - Lynda Troutman, Sherry Williamson, Mary Ann Ray, Mary Musick, Alice Burdette
- Crib Rm** - Opal Bullington
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Lauren Fulmer
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Sharon West
- Sunday AM Host (Mar 21)** - Bill Burch
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday - (Mar 21) - Barry Pearson
 - Monday - Bruce Burns
 - Tuesday - Rick Endler
 - Wednesday - Matt Beckum
 - Thursday - Jim Wert
 - Friday - Tom Brown
 - Saturday - Bob Kosky

WEDDING: Congratulations to **Holly Danielle Hinnant and Adam Heath Bradham** who were married in the sanctuary on Saturday, March 13.

BIRTHDAY: Special birthday wishes to **Dot Etheridge** who celebrated 95 years on Sunday, March 14.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Mitch Mussetter** in the sudden death of his father on Friday, March 5, in Colorado.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Jean "Skippy" Bryson, Joe Bumpus, Okey Perkins, C A "Red" Rinehart, Jack Rogers; **MUSC - Charleston** - Bill Mobley

THE FAMILY OF JEAN TRIBBLE McFERRIN sincerely appreciates all of your loving responses for our loss. We miss her greatly but we bask in His Sonlight that she is with our Daddy, Cecil Jerome McFerrin. They are truly blessed in another reunion.

WHEN DONATING STOCK to the church please remember to notify the Financial Secretary since no information regarding the donor is provided to the church.

UNITED METHODIST MEN meet for their monthly covered dish supper in Ward Hall on Thursday, March 25, 6:30pm. Marc Nadeau, representing Gideons International, is the speaker

GETTING TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S series concludes Sunday, March 21 with staff members giving a brief look at some of the St. John's programs. Come to Ward Hall at 10am.

PRIMETIME TRAVEL GROUP goes to Georgetown, SC, & Brookgreen Gardens on Monday & Tuesday, May 10-11 (2 days/1night.) Travel arrangements have been made through Carolina Tours. Spots are still available for those interested. Reservations are needed by March 28 for the trip to be confirmed. Contact Zenith & Bob Sharpe, 648-1268, for information on cost, itinerary and other details.

Financials for week ending Mar 13, 2010

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 29,311
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 451,831
Expenses to date	\$ 336,057
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$296,638

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise 2010	\$171,827.00
Rec'd to date	\$ 62,840.00
Expenses to date	\$ 3,450.00

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S General Meeting



will be a spring brunch on April 24 at 10:30am in Ward Hall. The ladies of St. John's are invited to attend. Please contact the church office by April 15 to make reservations.

Interested persons are invited to attend an organizational meeting for **ST. JOHN'S VISITATION MINISTRY**. Please come to Room 116 on Monday, March 22, at 10am. Call Nancy Perrine (649-0318) or Nancy Reed at the church (648-6891) with questions.

Attendance - March 14

8:30	89
9:02	145
11:00	368
Total	602
SS	267

WEDNESDAY SUPPER

Menu for March 24

- Roast Pork
- Creamed Potatoes/Gravy
- Squash Casserole
- Fruit Salad
- Ice Cream w/Toppings

PRAYER GARDEN COLUMBARIUM

All who have notified the Columbarium Ministry Team of their interest, either through return of the postcard or by personal contact, will be called and invited to an informational session. These will be on Sunday morning, April 25, at 10 am or noon, whichever time suits your schedule. Please come to



Ward Hall to see samples of the niches, and hear more details. *Any others who are interested in learning more are also encouraged to attend one of the two briefings.*

Speaking of Golf, and Helping Others.... On April 30, Yahweh Wilderness will hold their inaugural golf fundraiser at The Aiken Golf Club. This is a 50-hole challenge and fundraiser. If you have questions or interest, please call Mike Kidd at 642-1135. Yahweh Wilderness Expeditions is a Christ-centered volunteer based group that provides wilderness programming to promote fellowship, deeper trust in God and building better relationships through the teachings of Jesus. Yahweh's 50-Hole Challenge will raise funds for its programs. The event starts at 8 am, and will end at 4 pm, with lunch and refreshments provided throughout the day. Find your sponsors and visit their Registration Page at yahwehwildernessexpeditions.com to request a golfer packet.

ACTS COLLECTION for MARCH: Beef Stew

GO Global Outreach News

The next **Honduras Agape Foundation Mission trip** will take place from April 3-10. Team members from St. John's include Jeff and Abby Ray, and Beth and Annalise Eberhard. The team is trying to collect 500 children's toothbrushes by March 26 for dental hygiene training. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, there will be a collection box set up in the lobby outside the church office.

Please remember the upcoming 3-day **Kairos Weekend** at McCormick Correctional Institution beginning March 18. Pray that hearts will be touched and lives will be changed.

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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010

**3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET
JOHN 13: 1 - 17**

**5TH-6H GRAPPLE DARE FOR THE WEEK:
THIS WEEK, I DARE YOU TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO SHOW YOU'RE READY TO BE A BOSS BY SERVING YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS, YOUR FRIENDS, AND YOUR NEIGHBORS. I DARE YOU TO GET READY TO BE THE BOSS, NOT BY BEING BOSSY, BUT BY SERVING OTHER PEOPLE BEFORE THEY EVEN TELL YOU WHAT TO DO.**

Drop off candy-filled Easter eggs for **EASTER EGG HUNT** in church lobby or outside Preschool office by noon, Sunday, March 28, the day of the hunt!

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 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 17 - Miss Ola Hitt's 100th birthday celebration

April 24 - UMW Brunch

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

June 14-18 - Vacation Bible School

**March 21, 2010
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**8:30am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
9:02 Contemporary Worship - Gym
11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
"PILATE AND HEROD: TWO SAVVY POLITICIANS"
Luke 23: 1-12; 20-24
Rev. Keith Stewart
Rev. Dr. George Howle**

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*We grow in faith and number by sharing
the Good News of Jesus Christ, through
worship, nurture and service.*



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