

St. John's Visitor

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Joseph Martin Returns "Under the Steeple"

On September 16th, 2007, our Fine Arts Series began in earnest, with the extraordinary Joseph Martin, pianist, composer, and humorist, providing his engaging wit along with his love of the Lord and of his work.

There was an opportunity of a lifetime for some of the folks in Aiken to join with our Chancel Choir in a workshop given by Joe on the Saturday before his concert. For choir people to be in the presence of this renowned composer was a magical experience for many of us. Joseph has more than 1000 works in publication, with sales of more than 10 million. He has performed all over the world, including Carnegie Hall, and all the major concert halls as well.

Photos appearing here are of a casual and relaxed Joseph Martin, working with the choir "groupies" who wanted the day to last even longer than it did.



After his concert in the Sanctuary, so many times Catherine Stapleton Nance and the other coordinators of St. John's *Under the Steeple* series were asked, "When is Joseph Martin coming back?"

Joseph and Sue Martin, his superbly talented wife, return to perform here on **Thursday, March 26th, at 7 p.m.** Sue Martin has done voice work for Disney's animated features, and complements Joe's performance, to the delight of those who have heard them appear together.

Please plan to attend, and bring your neighbors and friends. As always, there is no charge for this concert. A free-will offering will be taken.

Expect to see big smiles on the faces of the Chancel Choir members that week. Joseph Martin will be leading them in rehearsal on that Wednesday. Together, they will polish up the pieces which the congregation will hear on Sunday, March 29th, at both services. While Joseph himself will not be conducting that day, he will have left his mark upon the choir's interpretation of his glorious works. The worship service in song performed that Sunday is entitled *A Lenten Journey Through Songs and Music*.

March 22, 2009 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

"SAVED BY GRACE"

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8 and John 3:16

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

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

The fun picture on the right (no, it isn't really Bobby Coker!) will bring a smile to the choir who know that during the workshop for "The Winter Rose", one of Joseph's most often performed cantatas, he enjoyed more than one of his favorite Mountain Dews.



Meetings to Note

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

10:00am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal
7:00pm Bridge Group

Saturday, March 21

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, March 22

8:15am Coffee House
2:00pm Life for Children Ministries
5:00pm Youth Choir
5:30pm Fireproof Marriage Bible Study
5:40pm Confirmands & Mentors
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, March 23

8:00am First Place
10:00am Exercise Class
10:00am Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 24

12:30pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 25

9:30am Prayer Shawl/Quilting
9:30am Bible Study
3:30pm Grief Share
5:00pm Fellowship Supper (IN GYM)
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 - Colin Braithwaite
Acolytes - Jordan Kelley, Alan Kelly
Altar Guild - Lynda Troutman, Sherry Williamson, Mary Ann Ray, Mary Musick, Alice Burdette
Crib Rm (11am) Jennifer Willoughby
Toddlers - Helen Randall
2-3 Yr Nursery - Meg Massie
3-4 Yr Nursery - Heather Young
Greeters 8:30 - John & Betty Jossey
Greeters 11:00 - Keith Polk, Julie Polk, Debi Rood, Johanna Gibbs, Henriann Goddard
Sunday AM Host (3/22) - Dave Sherburne
Evening Hosts
Sunday (March 22) - Jim Minear
Monday - Rick Endler
Tuesday - Matt Beckum
Wednesday - Jim Wert
Thursday - Tom Brown
Friday - Bob Kosky
Saturday - Marc Nadeau

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVAL: *Layla Deepa Walke, daughter of John & Enu Walke and granddaughter of Pat & Sue Ann Walke, was born in Washington, DC, on March 3.*

WEDDING: *Congratulations to Laree Ann Benhardt and Jason Ryan Trussell who were married in the sanctuary on Saturday, March 14.*

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Vernon Derrick in the death of his sister, Margaret Bouknight, in Sumter, SC, on March 11.*

Sincere sympathy is also extended to the family of Charles Hartline who passed away in Aiken on March 15 following a lengthy illness.

HOSPITALIZED: **ARMC** - Coleen Carey, Virginia Lybrand, Fred Penix, Elsie Leader; **Select Specialty, Augusta** - Earl Bruorton; **Discharged** - Frances Singer

ATTENTION, EVERYONE!! Do you like to read? St. John's will be starting a new book club. Plan to be in Room 204 on Wednesday, March 25, to meet with Sharon West between 7:00-7:30pm on that first evening *OR* give her a call at 648-3824.

ST JOHN'S ACTIVITY PHOTOS NEEDED - If you have such photos taken over the last year or so, the Directory Committee is interested in seeing them for possible publication in the new Pictorial Directory. These can include activities or special events on or off the grounds, i.e. Sunday School, Wednesday Night Supper, Scouting, musical performances, Global Impact Celebration, mission trips, etc. Photos need to be good quality, glossy prints or from photo CD's and will be returned if you wish. Please leave your photos/CD's in the office or call Susan Frushour at 648-8126.

Lenten Lunch & Devotions continue at St Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church at noon on Wednesdays during Lent. **ST. JOHN'S** has responsibility on April 1.

Financials for week ending March 14, 2009

Budgetary needs for this week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 30,273
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$410,155
Actual expenses to date	\$311,906
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	\$65,314.68
Fiscal Year 2009-Disbursed YTD	\$35,000.00

****2009 Faith Promise year = 2/1/09 thru 1/31/10**

INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP applications will be accepted through March 31. Forms are available in the church office.

THANK YOU for doing your part! Over 96 volunteers are working to construct YOUR new St. John's Pictorial Directory. You can do YOUR part by signing up before March 22 for your photo. Get an appointment time at the sign-up tables on Wednesday night 3/18, Sunday 3/22, or on-line from your computer. If you need assistance with your appointment call Susan Lawson (648-5079) or Claudette Strickland (649-5405). Transportation can be arranged.

SPRING CELEBRATION - All Women are invited to hear Dr. Elizabeth Everitt on Sunday, March 29, at 2pm in Ward Hall.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

March 25

*Baked Chicken
Lima Beans
Mac & Cheese
Tossed Salad
Key Lime Pie*

Attendance March 15

8:30	94
9:02	143
11:00	352
Total	589
SS	293



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6pm **March 22**

Parents' meeting is scheduled for

Sunday, March 29, 6pm.

Please bring a covered dish.

Any youth who are interested in playing in a **YOUTH BAND** are asked to contact Jane Timmerman at 643-8503.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS are needed by March 24. Please contact Jennifer Willoughby at 646-8146.

EASTER EGG HUNT, held annually at St. John's, will be Palm Sunday, April 5, at 3:00pm. Gather in the rear parking lot. Drop off plastic eggs (12 per child) filled with individually wrapped candy, stickers, etc., before Friday, March 27.

OARS ICE CREAM PARTY will be during Wednesday night supper on April 15. Have you learned your verses?

ACTS COLLECTION:

MARCH - Macaroni & Cheese

APRIL - Canned Fruit

Missionary Prayer Focus: For many volunteers and much to be accomplished at the *Epworth Children's Home* work day on March 21. Also, for the team and attendees of Kairos 31 to feel God's presence and come to know Him in a real way this week.

GO Global Outreach News

A **Campus Workday at Epworth Children's Home** will be held Saturday, March 21, from 8AM to 4PM. Sign up outside of Ward Hall. Epworth will provide lunch. For more information, contact Maureen Bernard (221-9635).

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.

Aiken Pregnancy Care Center's Annual Spring Fund Raising Banquet will be Thursday, April 30, from 7:00- 9:00 PM. Seating will begin at 6:45. The event will be held at St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church in St. Angela Hall. This year's keynote speaker is **Patrick Eades**, executive director of the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Coastal Georgia. Please contact APCC at 642-3949 if you would like to host a table or simply attend as a guest.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2009

1ST GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B

2ND GRADE: THE ARKADE

3RD GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE

4TH GRADE: CREATION STATION

5TH GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: "THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS TO SERVE THE SAME LORD, AND WE CAN EACH DO DIFFERENT THINGS." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:5-6

Another successful **BASKETBALL SEASON** has been completed. The youth of our church represented us well in demonstrating not only their athletic skills but, more importantly, their sportsmanship skills. St. John's would like to thank the head coaches who volunteered their time and talents to make this opportunity available for our youth. We had 11 teams with over 100 participants in the Church League this year.

Ben Dean, Mike Mahoney	5-6 Year Olds
James Crain, Paul Musick	7-8 Year Olds
Mike Uhle	9-10-Year Old Girls
Clay Smith	9-10 Year Old Boys
Tom Nance, Jeff Ray	11-12 Year Old Girls
Mark Mikes	13-15 Year Old Girls
Baker Leigh, Dwayne Berry	13-15 Year Old Boys
Brian Madden	16-18- Year Old Boys

Also, thanks to all the assistant coaches and parents for supporting the St. John's teams.

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesdays during Lent

- Noon - St Mary's Catholic **Lenten Lunch/Devotions**
- 6:00pm - **Lenten Communion Service** - St. John's Chapel
- March 26** - Joseph & Sue 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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*We grow in faith and number by sharing
the Good News of Jesus Christ, through
worship, nurture and service.*



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