

St. John's Visitor

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EASTER EGG HUNT

ST. JOHN'S UMC



March 28, 2010 - Palm Sunday

3:00 pm

(meet in back parking lot)

Ages Birth - 3rd Grade

We ask that each family participating in the egg hunt bring one dozen plastic eggs (per child) filled with individually wrapped candy, stickers, etc.

Eggs can be dropped off in the designated bins outside the church office or outside the preschool office by noon the day of the hunt.

You are welcome to come even if there is no one of the egg-hunting age in your family!

March 28, 2010
Passion/Palm Sunday

8:30am & 11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym

"A KING DIES ON A CROSS"

Luke 23: 33 - 46

Rev. Dr. George Howle

Rev. Keith Stewart

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS: *Connie Shade* received the President's Award for 2010 from the Transportation of South Carolina Association.

BAPTISM: *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 21, was Knox Bryan Young, son of Bryan and Casey Young.*

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Mickie Seitter in the death of her mother on March 15 in Buffalo, NY.*

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - *Ruth Stewart, Bill Mobley; Discharged to Carriage Hills - Joe Bumpus*

IN MEMORIAM

CLIFFORD A. "RED" RINEHART

March 16, 2010

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 28 - **Passion/Palm Sunday**

April 1 - **Maundy Thursday, 7pm**
Last Supper Dramatization

April 2 - **Good Friday, 7pm**
Tenebrae - Service of Shadows

April 4 - **Easter Sunday**
Identical Services at 8:30 & 11:00am
Contemporary Worship at 9:02 in Gym
Let your friends and neighbors know they are welcome to join the St. John's family for these services.

EASTER LILY ORDERS

may be placed at all 3 services on Palm Sunday, March 28. Cost is \$19 per plant to honor or remember a loved one during this season.



Financials for week ending Mar 20, 2010

Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 29,513
Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 481,344**
Expenses to date	\$ 369,223
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$296,238

***This figure represents the following: \$205,569 in Prepayments received in December 2009 for Pledges of 2010 and \$275,775 received thus far for 2010 pledges.*

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise 2010	\$171,827.00
Rec'd to date	\$ 64,156.00
Expenses to date	\$ 3,350.00

This Sunday morning (Palm Sunday) **ALL CHILDREN** are invited to meet around the fountain at 10:45 to carry palm branches into the 11:00 service. Please plan to be part of this long-standing St. John's tradition!



UMW EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet Monday, March 29, at 10:30am in Room 117.

Attendance - March 21

8:30	125
9:02	160
11:00	395
Total	680
SS	272

REMEMBER THAT SUPPER IS ON THURSDAY (APRIL 1) during Holy Week rather than Wednesday!!!

Menu

- Chicken Fingers*
- w/Honey Mustard Sauce*
- Macaroni & Cheese*
- Marinated Vegetables*
- Cornbread*
- Ice Cream Sandwiches*

Meetings to Note

Thursday, March 25

- 10:30am Bible Study
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 6:30pm United Methodist Men
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, March 26

- 9:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal

Saturday, March 27

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, March 28

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 8:30am Worship
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship
- 3:00pm Easter Egg Hunt
- 4:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, March 29

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

Tuesday, March 30

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

Wednesday, March 31

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am Bible Study
- 12:00pm Lenten Lunch at St Thaddeus
- 6:30pm *Last Supper* Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Zach Madden
- Acolytes** - Max Madden, John Luke Nance
- Altar Guild** - Lynda Troutman, Sherry Williamson, Mary Ann Ray, Mary Musick, Alice Burdette
- Crib Rm** - De Bumgardner
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Michelle Hudgins
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Denise Zimmermann
- Sunday AM Host (Mar 28)** - Dave Kelly
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday - (Mar 28) - Marc Nadeau
 - Monday - Jeff Ray
 - Tuesday - John Geiger
 - Wednesday - Bob Fogle
 - Thursday - Jeff Crenshaw
 - Friday - Robin Dillman
 - Saturday - Kevin Buchanan



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, March 28 Regular Meeting 6pm
Program Topic: Influence - Part 2

REMINDERS

No youth group meetings and no youth choir rehearsals on April 4 or 11 (Spring Break)

On Saturday, April 17, the Youth Group has responsibility for Grace Kitchen. You are needed!

UNITED METHODIST MEN meet this week in Ward Hall on Thursday at 6:30pm. Following a covered dish dinner, Marc Nadeau will share information about the work of the Gideons International Organization.

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 telephone the church office (648-6891) to make reservations by April 15.



PRAYER GARDEN COLUMBARIUM information sessions are planned for 10am & 12pm, Sunday, April 25.

ACTS COLLECTION
 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.

Mission Trip Opportunities for 2010

Location	Team Leader	Dates
Russia	Deedee Vaughters	July 6-15*
Honduras	TBD	June 9-19; June 23- July 3; July 6-16
Colombia	Matt Willoughby	June 22-30*
Thailand	Jackie Hyché	July 23-August 6
Kenya	Frances Osteen	August 4-17

*NOTE: The Russia and Colombia trip dates were reported incorrectly in previous issues. The dates above are correct. 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 28, 2010

3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
JESUS IS TRIED AND CRUCIFIED
LUKE 19: 28-40; 23: 1-49

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.

What's This Stephen Ministry We've Been Hearing About?



Stephen Ministry is lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministers are not counselors or therapists; rather, they are caring Christian friends who can offer a listening ear to help others through the tough times in life. Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised in their ministry. Please continue to pray for the class that meets each Tuesday morning for training with the Stephen Leaders. The class will be commissioned on Sunday, June 6.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY begins a study on Hebrews entitled *Looking Forward in Faith* on April 14 at 7pm. Contact person for the group is Carolyn Roberts, 649-6974.

LOOKING AHEAD
Wednesdays during Lent

Noon - St Thaddeus Episcopal **Lenten Lunch/Devotions**

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am

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

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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 HAWKINS
21 PAULA SAWYER
30 MICHELLE PEARSON
61 ALLISON BEATTY
60 MIDGE ROTHROCK
27 JIMI WHITESSELL
58 ALLEN RADCLIFFE
31 GERALD F. THOMPSON
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THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S

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Director of Music Ministries
Financial Services
Missions & Evangelism
Director, Adult & Senior Ministries
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Church Secretary
Director, Preschool/MDO Ministries
Director, Children's Ministries
PR/Communications Coordinator
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