

St. John's Visitor

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All St. John's United Methodist Women are invited to a

Spring Celebration

Sunday, March 29, 2009 ❖ Ward Hall ❖ 2 PM

Lead By Listening

Featuring Dr. Elizabeth Everitt

Superintendent, Aiken County Schools

❖ Who Should Attend? All women interested in the future of our kids

❖ Enjoy Refreshments and Great Fellowship Following a Short Business Session

❖ Childcare provided - Reserve by calling the church office - 648-6891

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 5 - Passion/Palm Sunday

April 9 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 10 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Shadows

April 12 - Easter - identical services at 8:30 & 11 am.

There will be no Wednesday Supper on April 8. However, a Soup & Sandwich Supper will be served on Maundy Thursday, April 9, from 5:00-6:30 pm. Reservations are still appreciated.

March 29, 2009 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

"MUSICAL LENTEN JOURNEY"

St. John's Chancel Choir

8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary

Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym

"BEING SPIRITUAL"

Luke 24: 13-16; 30-31

Gene Aiken, Director of Youth Ministries

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, March 26

- 9:30am Bible Study
- 6:30pm United Methodist Men
- 7:30pm Joseph Martin concert
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, March 27

- 10:00am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal

Saturday, March 28

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, March 29

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 2:00pm UMW Spring Celebration
- 5:00pm Youth Choir & Prayer Shawl Grp
- 5:40pm Confirmands & Mentors
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

- 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** - Kathleen Brannon
- Acolytes** - Daniel Lunn, Collin Ray
- Altar Guild** - Lynda Troutman, Sherry Williamson, Mary Ann Ray, Mary Musick, Alice Burdette
- Crib Rm** (11am) Susan Vernon
- Toddlers** - Dana Massey
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Erin Herron
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Kathy Samaha
- Greeters 8:30** - John & Betty Jossey
- Greeters 11:00** - Keith Polk, Julie Polk, Debi Rood, Johanna Gibbs, Henriann Goddard
- Sunday AM Host (3/29)** - Dave Kelly
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday (March 29) - Jeff Ray
 - Monday - John Geiger
 - Tuesday - Bob Fogle
 - Wednesday - Jeff Crenshaw
 - Thursday - Robin Dillman
 - Friday - Kevin Buchanan
 - Saturday - Lamar Keisler

BAPTISMS: Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 20 was **Mary-Margaret Elizabeth Brown**, daughter of A. T. "Bucky" & Sara-Beth Brown, granddaughter of **John & Kim Rush** and great-granddaughter of **Mary & Floyd Boswell**.

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 22 was **Tanner McTeer Padgett**, son of **Russ and Kristin Padgett**.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to the following in the recent deaths of family members:

Monty Montgomery in the death of his sister-in-law, **Eva Montgomery**, in West Plains, MO, on March 17.

Elmer Wilson in the death of his brother, **Dr. William R. P. Wilson**, in Seneca on March 18.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Frances Dunn, Mary Wiland, Fred Penix; **Select Specialty, Augusta** - Earl Bruorton; **Univ.** - Donna Petersen; **Discharged** - Coleen Carey, Virginia Lybrand, Elsie Leader

IN MEMORIAM

ELIZABETH ABERCROMBIE BRAMLETT

March 16, 2009

Dear St. John's Family - I appreciate your prayers and expressions of love and concern following my surgery. Your support and acts of kindness have strengthened and encouraged me. I continue to improve and am grateful for my good health.

Love, **Jeanette Isaacson**

Jerry King wishes to thank St. John's members for their prayers and support during the recent illness and hospitalization of his wife, **Ira King**.

St. John's **PrimeTimers Travel Group** invites others to join in for their **2-day/1-night** trip to Greensboro, NC on **Friday & Saturday, May 8-9** for **"The Barn and The Castle"**. **Carolina Tours** will provide the motor coach, driver, and tour director for us to visit **'Replacements'**, enjoy the **'Church Basement Ladies'** comedy production at the **'Barn Dinner Theater'**, and also dine at the medieval **'Castle McCulloch'**, a memorable event in itself. For cost, itinerary, and other details, contact **Zenith & Bob Sharpe (648-1268)**.

Financials for week ending March 21, 2009

Budgetary needs for this week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 27,298
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$437,453
Actual expenses to date	\$338,829
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 720,208

Faith Promise Update

Fiscal Year 2009-Faith Promise	\$176,312.00
Fiscal Year 2009-Rec'd to date	\$65,391.62
Fiscal Year 2009-Disbursed YTD	\$41,800.00

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

EASTER LILY ORDERS

will be taken the next two Sundays at all 3 services. Cost is \$18 per plant to honor or remember a loved one during this season.



FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

April 1

- Lasagna
- Caesar Salad
- Breadsticks
- Brownies

Attendance February 22

8:30	114
9:02	136
11:00	436
Total	686
SS	289

CHILDREN'S CORNER



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6pm March 29

Parents are meeting, also.

Please bring a covered dish and join us!!

Wednesdays during Lent

Noon-St Mary's Catholic Lunch/Devotions

6:00pm Lenten Communion Service - St. John's Chapel

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet on Thursday at 6:30pm in Ward Hall. Come and enjoy venison stew followed by a program from Liz Stewart.

If you are a youth who is interested in playing in a **YOUTH BAND**, please let Jane Timmerman know, 643-8503.

EASTER EGG HUNT is April 5 at 3pm. Meet in rear parking lot. Please leave a dozen eggs per child (plastic, filled) by Friday, 3/27.

ACTS COLLECTION:

Macaroni & Cheese - March

Canned Fruit - April

Missionary Prayer Focus: For Randy Shelley and his team in Honduras. May God organize their efforts and provide them strength for the long days and may all know of Jesus' love.

GO Global Outreach News

Kairos #31 will be held March 26-29 at McCormick Correctional Institution in McCormick, SC. An effort is underway to pray continuously for the duration of the event. To participate, go to "www.mccormickfbc.org/kairos.htm", then select "Current Kairos MCI Team Training". At the next page, select "Sign up for a Prayer Vigil".

Karen Ujereh, our GBGM missionary from Senegal, will visit St. John's on Sunday, April 26.

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.

Prayer Impact is a short-term mission trip for 4-12 adults to Milan, Italy, to spiritually impact the region through prayer. This is to help support our missionaries **Ron and Amy Smith**. The trip will be June 13-19. If you are interested, please contact Frances Osteen (648-2548).

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

GRADES 1 & 2: ART ROOM - JIMMY MOORE AND MUSICKS

GRADES 3 & 4: KITCHEN - BECKUMS & RODGERS

GRADE 5: SCIENCE RM - JULIE MOORE & PAM HOWLE

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: "WE SHOULD HELP PEOPLE
WHENEVER WE CAN." GALATIANS 6:10

REMINDER: Children of Friendship Sunday School Class members are collecting baby & children's items for the Aiken Pregnancy Care Center until April 30. Also, OARS children are collecting clothes and toys for Christ Central and ACTS. Please help these children put their Bible learning into action!

MARCH 31 deadline is approaching for the Inez Crain Scholarship application. Forms are available in the church office. Phyllis Coker can help you with any questions you may have.

BOOK CLUB organizational meeting is Wednesday, 3/25, in Rm 204 at 7pm. If interested but unable to attend, contact Sharon West at 648-3824 for an update.

ACTIVITY PHOTOS REQUESTED for inclusion in the next pictorial directory. If you have some to share, please leave in the office or call Sue Frushour, 648-8126.

HAVE you made YOUR picture appointment?

LOOKING AHEAD

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 15 - Asbury Hills Presentation

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.*



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23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
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25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
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33 MARY KOSKY
61 MICHELLE BROWN
60 MIDGE ROTHROCK
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