

St. John's Visitor

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CHURCH OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, April 4

12:00 Noon - Lenten Lunches conclude
at First Baptist Church

*Message by Rev. Mark Miller
Shaws Fork Baptist Church*

Thursday, April 5

5:00 pm - Fellowship Supper

Note change from Wednesday!!

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday

Service of Holy Communion

Friday, April 6 - Good Friday

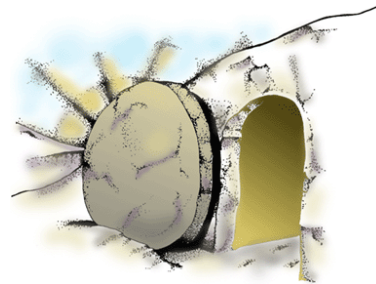
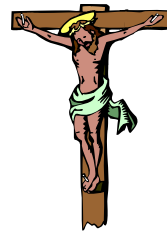
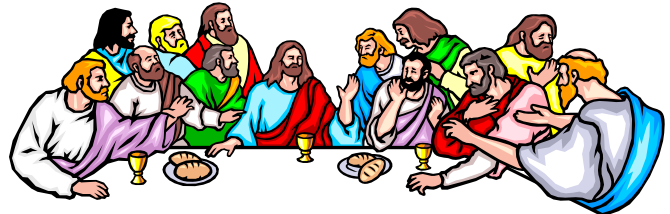
Church Offices Closed

7:00 pm - Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 8 - Easter

Identical services at 8:45 & 11:00 am

Holy Week



April 8, 2007 - EASTER SUNDAY

"WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK"

Scripture: **John 20: 1 - 18**

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

Identical services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Music by
St. John's Chancel Choir
The Aiken Brass
Joyful Sounds Bell Choir

Music includes ***Joy in the Morning
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Hallelujah Chorus***

"Ye shall see the
Son of man sitting on
the right hand of power,
and coming in the
clouds of heaven."

Mark 14:62

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note**Thursday, April 5**

9:15 am Women's Bible Study
 5:00 pm Fellowship Supper
 7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous
 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion

Friday, April 6

Church Offices Closed
 7:00 pm Tenebrae - Service of Shadows

Sunday, April 8 (Easter)

8:15 am Coffee House
No UMYF/Confirmation Class
No Parents' Prayer Group
No Women's Bible Study or Youth Choir

Monday, April 9

8:15 am First Place
 10:00 am Visitation Committee
 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
 7:00 pm Strategic Planning Committee

Tuesday, April 10

10:00 am Fun Tuesday for Retirees
 7:00 pm First Place
 7:00 pm Board of Trustees
 7:00 pm Congregational Care Committee

Wednesday, April 11

9:30 am Quilting Fellowship
 9:30 am *Old Testament Bible Study*
 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group
 4:00 pm Women's Bible Study
 5:00 pm Fellowship Supper
 6:30 pm Youth Bible Study
 7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
 7:00 pm Men's/Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Sunday Crucifer - Rebecca Osteen (8:45am)
 Karyn Osteen (11:00 am)

Thursday Acolytes - Eric Dillman,
 David Hallman, Victoria Lockridge

Friday Acolytes - Adam Bumpus,
 Connor Kane (Alan Kelly also assisting)

Sunday Acolytes - 8:45 am-Sarah Arnold,
 Jimmy Rodgers; 11:00 am Sarah Fleming,
 Lauren Pearson

Altar Guild - Mildred Karraker, Virginia
 Morris, Betty Mullikin, Ann Taylor

Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Rosalind Crenshaw

Toddlers - Charity Leigh

2-3 Yr Nursery - Denise Musick

3-4 Yr Nursery - Teresa Crain

Children's Worship - Pam Howle,
 Sue Payne & daughter

Greeters 8:45 - Hilda Secrist, Ann Carter,
 John & Andrea Downs

Sunday School Greeter - Diane James

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to **Nell and William Berrie** who will celebrate sixty years of marriage on April 6.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Debbie Madden** in the death of her father, **Albert C. Daniels**, in Aiken on March 27.

HOSPITALIZED: **Aiken** - Paul Bowers, Maude Lain; **Univ.** - Kathy Hargett; **Univ. Specialty Select** - Jimmy Player; **Discharged** - Benton Orr (infant); **Discharged to Mattie Hall** - Charles Lide

A very sincere thank you to **Barbara Williams** who made the eye-catching new worship bags for children to pick up as they walk into worship.

FUN TUESDAY for retirees takes place in Ward Hall next Tuesday, April 10. Please note change from normal first Tuesday date. All retirees are invited for fun, food and fellowship. Please come and join us!!

FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS
Menu for
Wednesday, April 11

Barbecue Sandwiches
Baked Beans
Chips & Pickles *Cole Slaw*
Ice Cream & Cookies

Financials for week ending March 31, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 22,074
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 411,749
Actual expenses to date	\$ 339,556.16
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,954,708.31

Serving This Week (concluded)

Greeters 11:00 - Jimmy & Ruth Stewart,
 David & Sandra Jameson,
 Selona Murph, Sherry Williamson

Sunday AM Host (Apr 8)
Frank Smith, III

Evening Hosts

Sunday (Apr 8) - *Charles McKeel*
 Monday - *Dennis Fish*
 Tuesday - *Mike Uhle*
 Wednesday - *Keith Polk*
 Thursday - *Brian Eberhard*
 Friday - *L. S. McCormick*
 Saturday - *Gene Usher*

Coming to St. John's
 Tuesday, April 24

COMMON SLEEP DISORDERS

... and what to do about them.

This seminar is sponsored by Aiken Regional Medical Center and will be held in Ward Hall beginning at 6 p.m. If you have trouble sleeping, you should attend this seminar. Complimentary dinner is included. To reserve your spot, please call Direct Doctors Plus physician referral service at 1-800-882-7445 and speak with a representative.

Last Week's
Attendance

8:45	204
11:00	512
Total	716
SS	268

STILL SEEKING PICTURES!!

The written and pictorial history of St. John's UMC, Aiken, is being updated. Photographs of the old church and parsonages, group photographs, pictures of events at the church or sponsored by the church over the years are needed. Please be sure your name is included so the picture(s) may be returned. Pictures may be left at the church office in envelopes marked to the attention of Bob Kosky. Also, please advise of any larger size memorabilia that could be photographed for possible use.

St. John's Youth News

No Youth Choir, UMYF, Confirmation Class or Parents' Prayer Group on Easter Sunday.

Starting April 15, a new Sunday School Class begins for all seventh and eighth graders. Come join us, and bring a friend!! Bobby Coker and Barry Clayton lead this class in grappling with real issues that face Christian teenagers today. See you in Room 235!!

On April 22, UMYF members will travel to Mount Horeb UMC in Lexington to meet with the UMYF members at that church.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Palm Sunday was just awesome! Watching our children waving their palm branches had to bring smiles to our congregation! If you were able to attend the Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday, we hope that your baskets were overflowing with plastic filled eggs. We also pray that you know that Jesus' love overflows for you, too! Thank you so much to all of the volunteers that made Palm Sunday a special day for all of St. John's children!

We hope to see you this Sunday morning so that we can hear together the true meaning of Easter.

CHRIST IS RISEN



YESTERDAY,
TODAY,



FOREVER



Deadline has passed for Salkehatchie sign-ups. If you are interested in being part of a camp this summer, please submit your registration NOW!!!

REMEMBER MOVIE NIGHT is April 15 at 6 pm. Men's Ministry friends invite you to a showing of 'Facing the Giants.'

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2007:**

**ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS & SHEPHERDS
REPORT TO WARD HALL FOR END OF ROTATION
EASTER PARTY!!!**

INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP application forms are available in the office. Applications are due by May 15. High school grads & non-traditional students may apply.

----- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY -----

For those who have been supporters of Habitat, we give you a big **THANK YOU**. For those who want to become a Partner with Habitat, you can by contributing your experience and skills in its program to reach those in need of low-income housing in our community. **There is a place for you in Habitat! Come and join the Habitat Team!**

Partner with Habitat today and make a difference for tomorrow. Take a 1st step and contact Habitat's office at 803-642-9295 or e-mail Habitat at www.habitataiken.org, or just stop by ... we would love to meet you.

Richard C. Church, Executive Director – Habitat for Humanity

BECOMING...A WOMAN OF GOD

Second Quarter, 2007 Provided by UMW



With Loving Thanks and Remembrance

As I grow older it is a pleasure for me to remember with pride the wonderful accomplishments of the women of St. John's.

Through the years, the UMW has supported many worthwhile projects. When our sanctuary was being built, the women of the church organized the dinners to encourage pledges for the building fund. Our turkey dinners have been most successful for many years, and all of us are proud of the Apple Fest. It would be impossible to name all of the things our UMW has done for our church.

To the women of our church, here is a sentence I copied from a book which ought to hang a bright star in your world: "Earth will send to heaven no better saints than the true Christian women who have done their best." Write that down near the door which leads to the secret place in your heart where you can see is as you go in and out.

As women of the church, may we move forward together. May God bless each of you and your families.

Love in Christ,

Jewel Dailey



Apple Fest 2007

Last year's Community Apple Fest for ACTS was amazing as we joined over 20 churches to celebrate the 20th anniversary of ACTS. There are many in our church wanting to move forward with a community event and there are many wanting to move forward with a St. John's organized event. So what do we do? Pray...and pray...and pray some more. At least that's what I've been doing. At this time I don't have any clear answers from God, however, I don't believe He wants Apple Fest to be a divisive event. It has always been an event to bring the members of St. John's together in service and fellowship. It has always been fun. It is time to move forward with the fun and begin planning the St. John's 2007 Apple Fest on Saturday, November 3. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to be a part of this event. There are so many ways to be involved! First we need three or four somewhat organized and enthusiastic women who are called by God to lead this event. As soon as God calls you, please call me (642-8951) to share the good news! I will be waiting for you to step forward to serve.

Peace be with you,

Renee Reid

CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Youth Development Center at Camp Long is a Department of Juvenile Justice Facility for low-risk, non-violent juvenile offenders. Juveniles are placed at the Youth Development Center through the court system. The most common charges are truancy, running away, or incorrigible behavior.

Camp Long serves up to 30 boys and 15 girls. Currently, the Center is serving 27 boys and 14 girls. The cost of running such a facility is enormous. The kids attend classes in English, Science, Math, and Social Studies, but there is little money left in the budget for arts and crafts. UMW Circle 8 is taking up supplies to restock the craft room closet. Anything is welcome, including gift cards from Hobby Lobby and Wal Mart. There is a box in the Seekers classroom (Room 207) for all donations.

More information can be found at the website, www.clemson.edu/yli/long/ or you can contact YDC staff member and Circle 8 member Jackie Hyche at 648-9106.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FUN AND SERVICE

Do you have a little time and want to volunteer, but don't have time to attend regular meetings? The Activities Committee offers you this unique opportunity. On occasion, the church hosts special events such as a luncheon for the church staff, the Valentine's luncheon for widows and widowers, or receptions. There is a need for help in bringing food, table decorating, setting up, cleaning up, and telephone calling.

This is an opportunity to meet others and to serve St. John's at the same time. It's fun, too! **You will only be called when you are needed**, and it is our hope that the response to this request will allow for several teams to be established in order to rotate events among teams. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Snell, 642-5672, or e-mail, alsnell@bellsouth.net.



God's Cell Phone Number: Jeremiah 33:3

**UMW Disbursements
First Quarter 2007**

Staff Appreciation Luncheon	\$ 236.60
Church Women United	200.00
Response Magazine Subscriptions	72.00
Pledge to Mission sent to District	5000.00
World Thank Offering (2006)	575.10
Bethlehem Center Columbia	500.00
Bethlehem Center Spartanburg	500.00
Killingsworth Home	500.00
Johns Island Rural Mission	500.00
Wallace Family Life collected	282.00
Wallace Family Life donation	218.00
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	139.50
Gift to Mission	5.00
Gift in Memory	5.00
Special Mission Recognition	35.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	500.00
St. John's United Methodist Men	<u>1000.00</u>
 Total Disbursements	 <u>\$10,268.20</u>

Prayer Request Corner

As women, we pray

- For a closer relationship with you, God
- For your love and joy in our hearts
- For your comfort and reassurance
- For unity through service to you
- For our actions to bring others to you

Dear Members of the UMW,

Your generous donation to the Wrapped in Love Prayer Shawl Ministry was an answer to our prayers. Since its beginning last April, the ministry has grown beyond our expectations. Over seventy individuals have been wrapped in shawls that have been lovingly and prayerfully made by our members. We have also had the privilege of presenting each baby who has been baptized in our church with a white blanket that we hope will serve as a reminder of the love and commitment of our congregation to these precious young children and their families.

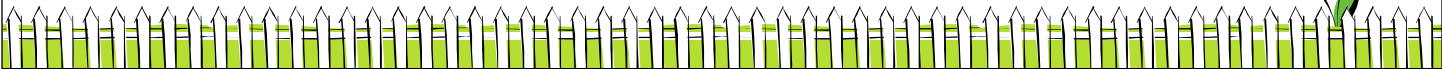
We vow to be wise stewards of the funds with which you have entrusted us, and we look forward to many more opportunities in the coming year to be the hands of Christ in our church and our community.

We ask that you continue to cover this new ministry in prayer - prayer that God will lead us to those who need a tangible reminder of His love and His plan to give all of us "a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Your Sisters in Christ,

Wrapped in Love Prayer Shawl Members

Take time to visit with this wonderful group on Sunday evenings or Wednesday mornings. They'll teach you and provide what you need to see if God is calling you to serve with them. Call Pam McCollum for more information at 642-9414.



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