

St. John's Visitor

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All the women of St. John's are invited to a **Spring Celebration**

By the
United Methodist Women
Saturday, April 24, 2010
10:30 am

Please make a note in your calendar, and call in your reservation to the church office (648-6891), so you can be a part of the fellowship and fun of this annual event. A special 175th Anniversary of Aiken presentation will be made by Lynne Katonak, a member of St. John's, and an expert on the "Winter Colonies".

Two new circles, formed precisely to accommodate younger women, are doing well and will be recognized this year. Kristi Yaughn heads a group which meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 5:45 pm for working moms. Another, co-chaired by Michelle Orr and Kelly Boni, encourages members with preschool-aged children and meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:30 am. Both of these new, exciting, youthful circles meet in the Church Parlor. They are growing spiritually, in leadership development, making life-long friendships, and will actively participate with the rest of our UMW Circles in the support of local and global missions.

Mary Halfmann, current President of UMW, does such a grand job of bragging about the successes and importance of UMW each month, when St. John's Church Council meets. She reminds our church leaders of the incredible and continuing contributions made by UMW, through fundraising efforts like Apple Fest and our annual Turkey Dinner, which allow several thousands of dollars to be given to deserving missions.

Make plans and relax in the company of these fine, Christian women who do so much good!

April 11, 2010 - Second Sunday of Easter

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

"WHERE DO WE GO FROM EASTER?"

Scripture: John 20: 19 - 31

Rev. Keith Stewart

9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym

"BURN US UP"

Scripture: Daniel 3: 16 - 18

Gene Aiken

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, April 8

- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, April 10

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen
- Bloodmobile in parking lot

Sunday, April 11

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

Monday, April 12

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

Tuesday, April 13

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

Wednesday, April 14

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am Bible Study
- 4:00pm Griefshare Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp
- 7:00pm Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Alan Kelly
- Acolytes** - Sydney Goodlove, John Luke Nance
- Altar Guild** - Virginia Morris, Linda Endler, Carol Fraser, Anne Barham
- Crib Rm** - Barbara Zirps
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Holley Kring
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Heather Young
- Sunday AM Host (Apr 11)** - Tom Nance
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday - (Apr 11) - Keith Polk
 - Monday - Brian Eberhard
 - Tuesday - Adam Bates
 - Wednesday - Gene Usher
 - Thursday - Jim Fuqua
 - Friday - Dan Fabrick
 - Saturday - Eric Randall

NEW ARRIVAL: *Carleigh Elizabeth Johnson*, daughter of **Bill & Erin Johnson**, granddaughter of **Wade & Jenny Johnson** and great-granddaughter of **Jack Rogers**, was born March 31 in Aiken.

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Dean Ray in the death of his mother in Denmark, SC, on March 30.*

HOSPITALIZED: **ARMC** - *Marie Durrett*; **Charleston** - *Bill Mobley*; **Discharged** - *Staff member Willie Green*

SECOND ANNUAL St. John's UMC Golf Tournament is not far off. The event takes place on Friday, May 21, at the Golf Club at Cedar Creek. Registration forms are available at the volunteer desk in the lobby. Cost is \$75 per individual player/\$300 per foursome. Enjoy lunch before your round. Proceeds benefit the *Jack Meeks Memorial Wheelchair Ramp Ministry*.

INVITATION FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Please join friends and family at a Community-wide Celebration of the **100th birthday of Ola Ruth Hitt** on Saturday afternoon, April 17, 2010, 3:00-5:00pm at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 120 Chesterfield St NE. (No gifts, please.)

THANK YOU to all who participated in our Easter Egg Hunt and Releasing of the Butterflies. What a wonderful day it was with so many kids, so many eggs, and our beautiful butterflies. How grateful we are for a Savior that brings us new life. A special thank you to *Marian Dean* and *Teresa Crain* for all of their hard work.



Financials for week ending Apr 3, 2010

Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 25,297
Budget needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Rec'd to date	\$ 526,608
Expenses to date	\$ 443,938
John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$293,038

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise 2010	\$171,827.00
Rec'd to date	\$ 73,134.88
Expenses to date	\$ 37,900.00



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

Have you completed your **SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY** yet? You can find it located on the website (www.stjohns-umc.org) and may find it a most interesting thing to do!

Attendance - Easter

8:30	267
9:02	240
11:00	614
Total	1121
SS	244

WEDNESDAY SUPPER
Menu for April 14

- Baked Ham
- Green Beans
- Baked Apples
- Biscuits
- Strawberry Shortcake



**NO SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
OR YOUTH CHOIR on April 11**

**BUT *please remember*
Youth Group has responsibility for Grace
Kitchen on April 17 and you are needed!**

**FUEL Retreat is scheduled for May 15-16.
Don't miss it!**

ACTS COLLECTION

- APRIL: Cereal
- MAY: Macaroni and cheese
- JUNE: Pasta

GO Global Outreach News

Thailand Update from the Morrisseys': Pastors Akerat and Da (whom we help support) have recently planted a new United Methodist Church in Nakhon Pithom, about one hour from Bangkok. They have a church building and held their first worship service two weeks ago for 30 people. Even with such a fruitful start, church pioneering is difficult, requires great sacrifice, and is often quite lonely. You can help make a difference by praying for Akerat and Da.

The Seekers of Good News Sunday school class is helping to host a **spaghetti lunch** with the Life for Children Aiken Outreach group on Sunday, April 18. Lunch will be served from 11:00 - 1:00 in Ward Hall. Donations will go toward the Kenya LCM Bible Camp in August and travel expenses.

Come to the **COOKOUT FOR KIDS** at Epworth Children's Home for a BBQ fundraiser at the campus circle on Saturday, April 17 from 11am - 4pm. Support the children and have BBQ from chefs across the Midlands, hear bluegrass music, see vintage cars.

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 Hyche	July 23-August 6
Kenya	Frances Osteen	August 4-17

Please contact Frances Osteen at 648-2548 for information.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010
3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
APOSTLES DEFEND THEIR FAITH
ACTS 5: 12 - 42

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS IN APRIL

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| <p>MONDAY, April 12
11:00am # 4 Church Parlor</p> <p>TUESDAY, April 13
10:30am #11 Caroline Heaton
259 Lancaster St SW
12:30pm # 9 Susan Terry
922 Valley Green Dr SW
2:00pm #10 Resource Rm
7:00pm # 1 Nita Bell
2004 Lorraine Dr SW</p> | <p>FRIDAY, April 16
10:00am # 2 New Moon Cafe</p> <p>MONDAY, April 19
2:30pm # 3 Church Parlor</p> <p>TUESDAY, April 20
7:00pm # 8 Meets at church</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, April 21
5:45pm # 5 - Church Parlor
7:00pm # 7 - EB 116</p> |
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WHEN WE NEED GOD'S LOVE MOST: When do we need God's love most? Of course we need that love every second of our lives. But at times God's love is especially precious to us, times when:

- ▶ we lose a loved one;
- ▶ life becomes so confusing that we do not know where to turn; or
- ▶ life just becomes meaningless and depression sets in.

At times like these it is very important to have someone who cares. Our congregation is training lay people, Stephen Ministers, who offer a ministry of Christian care.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Saturdays** - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
- 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 6** - Commission Stephen Ministers
- June 10-13** - SC Annual Conference, Florence
- June 14-18** - Vacation Bible School
- July 4** - Single Service & Churchwide Picnic
- August 15** - Blessing of Backpacks
- August 22** - Churchwide Bible Study, Sunday School



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



Serving you...

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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
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