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'PrimeTimers' ...

St. John's Senior Adult Ministries

Back in the mid-seventies, St. John's gave birth to an exciting ministry designed to address the needs of the growing retirement community within St. John's and the City of Aiken. It was during that period that the 'Sunny Monday' Group was formed to bring together that constituency each month for fellowship, stimulation and outreach to the community. That group grew rapidly and served the community well. In the mid-nineties, the group was fortunate to have one of St. John's former ministers, the Rev. Bob James and his wife Jackie, to retire in Aiken and provide support to the monthly program. Soon after, at the request of the leadership coordinators (Alice & Harry Burdette) and the ministers, the James' were asked to spearhead an effort of revitalization and expansion of the Senior Adult Ministries.

A committee of selected St. John's laity was formed to explore areas of potential growth in 'programs' for the Senior Adults. The objective was to identify and put in place other group activities which would provide for the varying interests of the Senior Adults and retirees at St. John's and the surrounding community. The new name, '**PrimeTimers**', was offered as the 'umbrella' under which the expanding Senior Adult Ministries would be known. Several activity areas were developed and, at this time, the 'umbrella' encompasses the following groups:

* The **PrimeTimers Sunny Monday Group** meets the third Monday each month at 10:30 am in Ward Hall for a variety of program subjects suggested by the group. Those who make reservations are also served a delicious luncheon meal at a reasonable cost. Facilitators: Ed Norton & Alice Burdette

* The **PrimeTimers Quilting Group** meets each Wednesday for the joy of America's earliest art form. The group starts quilting at 9:30 am, they fellowship together as they quilt, and end about 12:00 noon. Revenues generated are used to help further the Lord's work in various charitable ways. Anyone interested in needlework is welcome to join in with this activity. Facilitator: Alice Burdette

* The **PrimeTimers Travel Group** plans and takes day outings and multiday trips to selected venues, at times using professional tour companies with a large motorcoach. These trips are open to all adults, space permitting, and enhanced fellowship throughout the congregation is realized. Facilitator: Spence Grotheer

* The **PrimeTimers Bridge Group** meets the third Friday of each month at 7:00 pm in Ward Hall for the fun of the game; they normally have about 5 tables. All skill levels are welcome, and you do not need a partner to attend the evening activity. New 'players' should call the office for a reservation; members rotate the host/hostess responsibilities and will make arrangements for you. Facilitators: Doug Leader & Sarah Perkins

* The **PrimeTimers Fun Tuesday Group** meets the first Tuesday at 10:00 am (except for the summer months) for various fun activities to keep mind, body, and soul healthy and active . . . with light refreshments available, too. Facilitators: Zenith & Bob Sharpe

For further information about a specific activity, please contact the person(s) as noted above. If you would like to help start a new **PrimeTimers** activity, please speak to the minister or Nancy Reed, Director of Adult and Senior Ministries.

PLEASE REMEMBER

to pray for Frances Osteen and the group of volunteers with whom she is travelling as they assess possibilities for mission with Michael Agwanda's *Life for Children* organization in Kenya.

April 20, 2008 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I AM THE WAY "

Scripture: John 14: 1 - 6

Dr. George K. Howle

Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.

A Personal Testimony - Barry Clayton
Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

BAPTISM: *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on April 13 was Leah Elizabeth Burkhalter, daughter of Jeff & Lara Burkhalter and granddaughter of Steve & Jennifer Geddes.*

NEW ARRIVAL: *William Clarence Higginbotham IV, son of Mary & Billy Higginbotham and grandson of Abby Poulton, was born April 2 in Lexington, SC. William McKain Rapp, son of Davis & Alex Rapp and great-grandson of Flo Conrad, was born April 10 in Pendleton, SC.*

NEW MEMBERS:

Jim & Yvonne Cole
298 Davenport Lane 644-4811

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to a good neighbor, **Miss Ola Hitt**, who celebrates 98 years on Friday, April 18.

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Susan Terry in the death of her mother, Ruth Reid, in Greenville, SC, on March 14.*

HOSPITALIZED: **Aiken-Betty Boone, Eleanor Cool, Nita Robison; Charlotte, NC - Helen Lane; Discharged to Mattie Hall - Harry Carey (correction f/last week)**

Dear St. John's - How blessed Gene & I have been to be a part of this great congregation. Your love and concern, cards, food, flowers, visits and phone calls helped make my hospital stay so much better. A special thanks to Rev. George, Walter Cantwell, the Lay Visitation ministry, Nancy Reed, the Prayer Shawl Ministry and all of those who are prayer warriors. How special you all are and how blessed I was! Thank you, everyone, You are all special. *Love, Gene & Arlene Usher*

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD FRANK MORRELL

April 11, 2008

PRIMETIME BRIDGE GROUP

will play in Ward Hall on Friday, April 18, at 7:00pm.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Menu for Wednesday, April 23

*Tomato Basil Soup
Fried Chicken Salad
Ciabatta Bread & Butter
Chocolate Chip Cake*

Financials for week ending March 22, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 42,919
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 524,206
Actual expenses to date	\$ 438,962
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,117,608

Faith Promise report for week ending March 22

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	2,057.00
Received YTD	41,141.11
Balance for which to pray	\$192,111.37

PRIMETIME SUNNY MONDAY

meets in Ward Hall on April 21 at 10:30am. Joy Burnheim, who enjoys being part of the local group of story-tellers, will be talking about her trip to Fairbanks, Alaska. The lunch which follows the meeting includes chicken & wild rice, green beans, corn bread and banana pudding. Please make reservations on the friendship pad or telephone the church office (648-6891.)

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	126
9:02	116
11:00	375
Total	617
SS	267

Meetings to Note

Thursday, April 17

9:30am Bible Study
6:30pm United Methodist Men
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, April 18

7:00pm Primetime Bridge

Sunday, April 20

8:15am Coffee House
9:02am Contemporary Worship in Gym
4:00pm UMW General Meeting
4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Christian Believer Bible Study

Monday, April 21

8:15am First Place
10:30am Primetime Sunny Monday
7:00pm Senior Adult Council
7:00pm Finance Committee
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 22

6:00pm Executive Committee
7:00pm Church Council

Wednesday, April 23

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
9:30am TF Bible Study
4:00pm Grief Share Group
5:00pm Fellowship Supper
6:00pm Tour of St. John's for new members
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00pm Men/Women's Bible Study

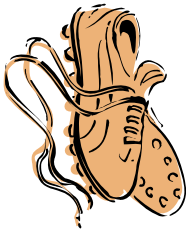
Serving This Week

Acolytes - Kyle Bechner
Crucifer - Sydney Beckner, Andrea Mikes
Altar Guild - Linda Endler, Virginia Morris, Betty Mullikin, Ann Taylor, Mimi Wiland
Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Casey Young
Toddlers - Holley Kring
2-3 Yr Nursery - Ann Prather
3-4 Yr Nursery - Laura Rowan
Greeters 8:30 - Hilda Secrist, Ann Carter, John & Andrea Downs
Sunday School Greeter - Diane James
Greeters 11:00 - Evelyn & Gail Marine, John & Jean Geiger, Debi Rood, Charlotte Holly
Sunday AM Host (April 20)
Bryan Staubs
Evening Hosts
Sunday (April 20) - *Chuck Bryan*
Monday - *Barry Pearson*
Tuesday - *Jim Minear*
Wednesday - *Rick Endler*
Thursday - *Matt Beckum*
Friday - *Jim Wert*
Saturday - *Tom Brown*



St. John's
youth ministry

April 20 6:00 PM
Sunday Night Youth Meeting
Sign-ups continue for the Great Escape,
summer retreat for current 6th-8th graders
in Cleveland, TN,



K.K.I.K. (Kicks for Kids in Kenya) -
 Come join our St. John's children in collecting gently used or new shoes! There are drop-off boxes in our church. Please help with this donation and pray for Kenya's children. All donations will be given to "Life for Children Ministries." Contact is Taylor Mabry, 648-9730. Thank you!!!

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN of St. John's United Methodist Church will hold their first general meeting of the year on Sunday, April 20, 2008, at 4:00 pm in Ward Hall. The speaker will be Richard Church of Habitat for Humanity, who was one of the local missionaries at our Global Impact Celebration. He was very impressed with the commitment of St. John's members to missions, and he would be delighted to see some of our income from Apple Fest designated for his charity. All women of the church are invited to join us for this meeting.



UNITED METHODIST MEN have invited Rev. Bruce Fox to speak at their Thursday, April 24, meeting. Rev. Fox is one of the founders of the Christ Central Ministries and Senior Pastor for the South Aiken Church of God which has recently completed a beautiful church facility on Whiskey Road. All St. John's men are invited to attend and meet one of the outstanding ministers of the Aiken area.

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY
GERMANY 2010

Bob and Mary Anne Clyburn are hosting a trip to Europe in 2010 to attend the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany. That Passion Play is the most sought after ticket in the Christian world, performed every ten years since 1634. One of two itineraries to the play are being considered: one featuring Alpine countries with the Glacier Express and the other featuring cities of Eastern Europe. If you are interested in taking this trip in the summer of 2010, please get in touch with the Clyburns with your questions at 803-644-9752 by June 1st. Tickets go on sale shortly; brochures with tour dates and prices will soon be available.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2008:

- 1ST GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE**
- 2ND GRADE: CREATION STATION**
- 3RD GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS**
- 4TH GRADE: THOU ART**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: FROM BC TO PC**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B**

CAN YOU HELP? St. John's will host a Salkehatchie Camp during the week of June 7-14. Teenagers from across the state will work on repairing five area homes at no charge for families otherwise unable to afford renovations. Help is needed to provide meals for approximately 70 people during this week. Twenty meals (breakfasts, lunches and dinners) are involved. If you or your group would like to host a meal, your help would be greatly appreciated. The more donations received, the more there is to spend on the families in need. Please contact Phyllis Coker, Meal Coordinator, 648-2672 or 270-7121 or Gene Aiken, Youth Minister, 648-6891.



NEW MEMBERS since Fall, 2007, are invited to join Rev. George Howle and other staff members for a Welcome Coffee being held in Ward Hall on Sunday, April 27. This is an opportunity to meet some other new folks and learn a bit more about St. John's. In addition, the Congregational Care Committee will host tours of St. John's facilities for those interested. The dates are:

Wednesday, April 23, at 6pm
Wednesday, May 21 at 6pm

SINGERS NEEDED for all-male choir on Mother's Day. Rehearsals are Wednesday, April 30, and Wednesday, May 7, from 6:45 to 7:15 in the Choir Room. Music will be familiar and easy to learn. Come and bring a friend!

LOOKING AHEAD

- April 27** - Organ Concert
- May 18** - Confirmation Sunday
- June 1** - Graduation Sunday
- June 3** - Kings Brass Concert
- June 7-14** - Sand River Salkehatchie
- June 16-20** - Vacation Bible School, 2008
- June 28-July 5** - Pee Dee Salkehatchie
- July 12-19** - Santee 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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