

St. John's Visitor

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St. John's *UNDER THE STEEPLE*
Presents
"Godspell"

Performed by members of St. John's and the Aiken community
April 30, 7pm
May 1, 7pm
May 2, 7pm

Based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, *Godspell* is one of the most successful musicals in history. We invite you to experience the parables from this beloved scripture in a fresh, energetic way.

Admission is free for all *Under the Steeple* events. We will be taking a Love Offering during the evening.

GODSPELL will be presented in the gymnasium of our educational building.

April 26, 2009 - Third Sunday of Easter
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be observed at all services

"YOU ARE WITNESSES"

Scripture: Luke 24: 36 - 48

Rev. Dr. George Howle

Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.
Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.

At the Called Charge Conference last Sunday, April 19, 2009, a vote was taken to decide about the purchase of twenty acres of land located on Vauclose Road.

The motion was defeated with twenty-six nay votes and six votes in favor.

Meetings to Note

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24 - Youth Choir Trip

- 10:00am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal
- 5:00pm Scrapbooking

Saturday, April 25

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen
- 9:00am Scrapbooking

Sunday, April 26

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 10:00am Ujereh Program - Senegal
- 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:40pm Confirmands & Mentors
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth
- 7:00pm Strategic Planning Committee

Monday, April 27

- 8:00am First Place
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 12:30pm Al-Anon
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study/Book Club
- 7:00pm Strategic Planning Committee

Tuesday, April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

- 9:30am Prayer Shawl/Quilting
- 9:30am Bible Study
- 3:30pm Grief Share
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Men's & Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Conner Kane
- Acolytes** - Sydney Beckner, John Boone
- Altar Guild** - Virginia Morris, Linda Endler, Mimi Wiland
- Crib Rm** (11am) Dee Bumgardner
- Toddlers** - Polly Riede
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Charity Leigh
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Kristi Yaughn
- Greeters 8:30** - Ann Carter, John & Andrea Downs
- Greeters 11:00** - Dorothy Brannon, Tom Brown, Marcia Harris, Jack & Libby Taylor
- Sunday AM Host (4/26)** - Michael Rollins
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday (**April 26**) - Tom Brown
 - Monday - Bob Kosky
 - Tuesday - Marc Nadeau
 - Wednesday - Jeff Ray
 - Thursday - John Geiger
 - Friday - Jeff Crenshaw
 - Saturday - Robin Dillman

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVAL: *Charles "Charlie" Rylan Shick, son of Chuck and Stephanie Schick, was born April 14 in Augusta.*

CONDOLENCES: *Sincere sympathy is extended to Pauline Waterhouse in the death of her daughter-in-law, Connie Eubanks Waterhouse, in Aiken on April 12.*

Deepest sympathy is extended to St. John's Financial Secretary, Nancy Fairgrieve, in the death of her husband, Alan Fairgrieve, at their home on April 19. Alan was also the brother of Jane Simmons.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - *Becky Robbins; Discharged* - *Bob Rehn, Anne Butts, Bob Tolar*

IN MEMORIAM

DONALD NEILSON ROTHROCK

April 17, 2009

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY is this weekend, April 26. Please contact the office if interested in joining the St. John's church family.

HELP NEEDED TO SERVE TORNADO VICTIMS! ACTS is receiving many referrals from Red Cross to assist tornado victims with basic household needs. Supplies are almost depleted. Items needed are: **Underwear and socks** (adult and children), **Furniture, Housewares** i.e. dishes, glasses, flatware, cookware, sheets, kitchen and bath towels. Donations can be dropped off at ACTS, 401 Hayne Ave, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm.

ST. JOHN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT is getting closer! It will happen on Friday, May 22, at The Golf Club at Cedar Creek. Pick up your registration/information form at the volunteer desk in the lobby.

Financials for week ending April 18, 2009

Budgetary needs for this week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 29,485
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$558,656
Actual expenses to date	\$457,412
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 707,808

Faith Promise Update

Fiscal Year 2009-Faith Promise	\$176,312.00
Fiscal Year 2009-Rec'd YTD	\$74,090.62
Fiscal Year 2009-Disbursed YTD	\$64,425.00
**2009 Faith Promise year = 2/1/09 thru 1/31/10	

St. John's **PrimeTimers Travel Group** invites others to join them for their day-trip to Savannah, GA, on *Saturday, June 13*. Carolina Tours will provide the motor coach, driver and tour director for the group to dine at *Lady & Sons* for lunch, a visit to *RiverWalk* and then enjoy *The Beat Goes On* musical production at the historic Savannah Theater. For cost, itinerary and other details, contact **Joan Irwin (642-4061)**.

TO HONOR OR REMEMBER YOUR MOTHER in the Mother's Day bulletin, please see a member of UMW Circle #10 on April 26 or May 3 after 8:30 service, after 9:02 service (by the gym) or prior to and after the 11am service.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

April 29

- Hot Chicken Salad*
- Marinated Vegetables*
- Salad w/Fruit Rolls*
- Strawberry Delight*

Attendance April 19

8:30	139
9:02	147
11:00	430
Total	716
SS	326



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
April 26 - 6 pm Regular meeting
Ask Gene or Jimi any question about faith!
Friday, May 8
Lock-In to redecorate the youth room!
Join us that night!

Have you notified Judy Jernigan (jern527@bellsouth.net or 648-9859) of your interest in a **SHORT-TERM SUMMER BIBLE STUDY**? There are a couple of options being explored. Make your preference known!

STATION LEADERS AND CREW LEADERS: Pick up your folder on the table outside Michelle Brown's office if you missed the first meeting.



STATION LEADERS - Please turn in your supply list *before May 1*.

SCRAPBOOK WEEKEND AHEAD - Friday and Saturday, April 24-25. Contact Nancy Reed.

ACTS COLLECTION
APRIL: Canned Fruit

MAY: 1# bags rice and/or 1# bags beans

Missionary Prayer Focus: Praise God for the opportunity to meet Karen Ujereh. May our hearts and ears hear of God's work in Senegal, India.

GO Global Outreach News

Karen Ujereh (pronounced "oo-jeer-ee"), our GBGM missionary from Senegal, will visit St. John's on Sunday, April 26 and participate in all three services. *Please join a presentation about her ministry at 10:00 AM in Ward Hall.*

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. Please contact APCC at 642-3949 if you would like to host a table or simply attend as a guest.

A tour of **Epworth Children's Home** will be held Sunday, May 3. Participants will leave St. John's at 8:30 AM, attend Epworth's 10:00 service, enjoy lunch (\$5 per person) and received a guided tour afterwards. Please contact Kevin Buchanan (617-9558) to sign up.

St. John's Movie Night: "The Jesus Film", a powerful resource used in missions world wide, will be shown Friday, May 15 at 6:30 PM in the gym. Day care will be provided, along with popcorn & drinks. Bring a friend and some Raisinets. Contact Beth Kelly (649-3591) for more details or to help host this event.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009

1ST GRADE: THE ARKADE
2ND GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
3RD GRADE: CREATION STATION
4TH GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS
5TH GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: "ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." ACTS 2:4

Preparation of **DIVINE DINNERS** has been delayed until **May 2** at 10:30 in the church kitchen. Prepare 6 different healthy, freezer-ready meals, each serving 4 people. Ingredient cost is divided among participants. Contact Kathy Samaha & reserve a spot at samaha_@bellsouth.net or 641-9741.

Come and enjoy **FAMILY MOVIE NITE** in the parking lot (with the gym as back-up) on Friday, May 8, at 8:00pm. More details to come.

SUMMER MDO REGISTRATION begins May 4. Summer dates: July 7,8,9; July 14,15,16, July 21,22,23 and July 28,29,30.

On May 7, the Aiken observance of the **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** will be held in St. John's sanctuary. An hour long program of music, prayer and scripture reading are planned. All are welcome. Please join in this joyous event! For more details see De Bumgardner or National Day of Prayer website: <http://www.ndptf.org>

WANTED - Men to Sing for Mother's Day! Enthusiasm required, singing talent is optional. Must attend one or both of the two rehearsals (Wed, April 29 and Wed, May 6, 6:45 to 7:15 in the Choir Room. Two easy pieces will be prepared.

LOOKING AHEAD

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 7 - *ALL* Volunteer VBS Meeting
June 8-12 - Vacation Bible School
June 13-20 - Sand River Salkehatchie
July 5 - Single worship service
August 16 - Blessing of the Backpacks
August 17 - Public School resumes
October 4 - World Communion Sunday
November 1 - All Saints Day - Daylight Savings time ends
November 7 - AppleFest

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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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