

St. John's Visitor

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WANTED
A FEW (GOOD?
NOT SO GOOD?)
MEN
To Sing for
Mother's Day



JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR MEN

AND

THE MEN'S PRAISE CHOIR
SUNDAY, MAY 10, 11am Service

(Talent at singing is optional;
enthusiasm is required!)

REQUIREMENTS

COME TO ONE (OR BOTH) OF THE TWO REHEARSALS:
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
6:45 to 7:15 IN THE CHOIR ROOM
WE WILL PREPARE TWO PIECES (EASY!)

ALL AGES BOYS AND MEN ARE WELCOME
COME SING WITH US AND HAVE SOME FUN!

For further information, call Catherine Stapleton Nance
at the church, ext 26

May 3, 2009 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS?"
Scripture: Acts 8: 26 - 40
Rev. Dr. George Howle

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

LITERACY PROGRAM **BEING PLANNED**

Want to become a part of an exciting new mission at St. John's with the potential to really help some youth in our community? We are planning a new program to help build literacy skills for needy children in a strong Christian atmosphere. Our target ages are grades 1 through 3 beginning with a reading camp before or early in the next school year, with follow-up sessions twice a week. While still in the early planning stage, we seek the volunteers who would want to participate as instructors or helpers. We seek retired educators, current educators, loving parents, grandparents or anyone with a desire to help young people improve reading skills and can commit to a few hours a week to support this worthy mission. Necessary training will be provided.

Please notify Brent Boore at 649-2313 (wboore@bellsouth.net), Sharon West at 648-3824 (bishwest@bellsouth.net), or call the church office to express your interest. Let us hear from you soon so that we can include you in future planning sessions.

Meetings to Note

Thursday, April 30

- 9:30am Bible Study
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00pm *Godspell* performance

Friday, May 1

- 10:00am Ringspiration Rehearsal
- 7:00pm *Godspell* performance

Saturday, May 2

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen
- 10:30am Divine Dinners
- 7:00pm *Godspell* performance

Sunday, May 3

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 5:40pm Confirmands & Mentors
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, May 4

- 8:00am First Place
- 9:30am Exercise Class
- 10:00am Visitation Committee
- 10:30am Fun Monday for Retirees
- 12:30pm Al-Anon
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, May 5

- 12:30pm Women's Bible Study
- 1:00pm UMW Executive Board
- 6:30pm Education Committee
- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds Rehearsal/GOLT Mtg

Wednesday, May 6

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

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Zach Madden
- Acolytes** - Ryan Carpenter, Sarah Elizabeth Davis
- Altar Guild** Peggy Boykin, Nancy Martin, Nancy Perrine, Sandra Cantwell
- Crib Rm** (11am) Sherry Williamson
- Toddlers** - Nina Brown
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Robin Vitali
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Susan Loibl
- Greeters 8:30** - Joe/Leah Lewis, Elizabeth Dill
- Greeters 11:00** - Cecil Bischof, Monnie Pitts, Sharon West, Sherry Williamson, Bill/Sylvia Spell
- Sunday AM Host (5/3)** - Mick Ferrell

Evening Hosts

- Sunday (May 3) - Kevin Buchanan
- Monday - Lamar Keisler
- Tuesday - Jimmy Moore
- Wednesday - Jerry Johnson
- Thursday - Edward Yeh
- Friday - Charles McKeel
- Saturday - Dennis Fish

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVAL: *Eliana Nicole Reeves*, daughter of **Stephanie & Christ Reeves**, granddaughter of **Judy & Ron Jernigan** and great-granddaughter of **Jewel & Malcolm Dailey**, was born April 22 in Durham, NC.

BAPTISM: *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 26, was Edward Viktor Lee Howard*, who was also received as a professing member along with his parents, Ed & Kathy Howard.

CONGRATULATIONS: USC-Aiken recently awarded **Jerry Johnson** its Distinguished Citizen Award. Chancellor Dr. Tom Hallman presented the award.

NEW MEMBERS: Received last Sunday were the following:

Mamie Brown

1406 Wyman St NE 642-8323

Don & Donna Donley

101 Tall Pine Dr 643-1878

Carl & Emily Dunn, Affiliate Members

76 Oakcrest Ln

Brandon & Amanda Hall

1197 Luke Bridge Rd - Trenton 257-0440

Jim & Joan Hansen

148 White Cedar Way 649-3588

Ed, Kathy & Edward Howard

121 Sweetbay Dr 642-9448

Sinclair & Karon Short

2782 Club Dr 226-0883

Tina & Savannah Stewart

207 Springwood Dr 226-0229

Tom Thome

337 Magnolia Lake Ct 642-5196

CONDOLENCES: Sincere sympathy is extended to **Selona Murph** in the death of her brother-in-law and former St. John's member, **Julian Murph**, in Aiken on April 12.

Deepest sympathy is also extended to **Walt Burckhalter** in the death of his brother, **Llewellyn "Lew" Jarrette Burckhalter III** in Aiken on April 21.

HOSPITALIZED: **Columbia** - young Mac Massie; **Discharged** - Becky Robbins, Chuck Tatman

DIVINE DINNERS will be prepared in the kitchen Saturday, May 2, 10:30. If interested in going home with 6 different freezer-ready meals, contact Kathy Samaha at 641-9741 or samaha_@bellsouth.net.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER will be observed May 7, 7 pm with a service in St. John's sanctuary. An hour of music, prayer and scripture reading is planned. All are welcome!

ALTAR FLOWER OPENINGS:
May 17 and May 24 (\$40/vase)

| Attendance - April 26 | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 8:30 | 112 |
| 9:02 | 149 |
| 11:00 | 411 |
| Total | 672 |
| SS | 289 |

For 74 years United Methodists have given support to **Epworth Children's Home** through the Mother's Day Offering. Honor your mother or her memory by celebrating this fine tradition with your generosity. A pink envelope will be provided to you May 10. Please respond generously.

*Remember St John's
Golf Tournament
Friday, May 22*

At Cedar Creek Golf Club

Registration forms available at the volunteer desk in the church lobby.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

May 6

- Pork Tenderloin*
- Scalloped Potatoes*
- Green Vegetable*
- Apple Cobbler a la Mode*



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
May 3, 6:00pm Regular meeting
Friday, May 8
Lock-In to redecorate the youth room!
Join us on that night.

FUN MONDAY for retirees follows the exercise class in the Youth Room next Monday, May 4, at 10:30am. All seniors are invited to be part of this time of fellowship.

Would you like to volunteer with babies? During **Vacation Bible School** we have a need for volunteers to care for babies and toddlers in the Crib Room. Contact Michelle Brown if you would like to help June 8-12, 9am to noon.

STATION LEADERS: Please submit your supply lists!

TO HONOR OR REMEMBER YOUR MOTHER in the Mother's Day bulletin, please see a member of UMW Circle #10 next Sunday, May 3, after 8:30 service, after 9:02 service (by the gym) as well as before & after the 11am service.

ACTS COLLECTION

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

JUNE: Canned tuna and/or canned salmon

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

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. Contact APCC (642-3949) if you would like to attend.

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 worldwide, will be shown Friday, May 15, at 6:30pm in the gym. Child care (6 wks - 4 years) is available by making reservations through the church office. Popcorn & drinks provided. Contact Beth Kelly (649-3591) for more details or to help host this event.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009

1ST GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
2ND GRADE: CREATION STATION
3RD GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS
4TH GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
5TH GRADE: THOU ART

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: "ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT" ACTS 2:4

MISSION TRIP FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

If you have always wanted to participate in a short-term mission trip but have been unable to afford it, here's a solution that may work for you. Through a unique opportunity, special funds have been made available to encourage participation in mission trips. Intended as a need-based offer, the funds will pay up to 50% of a trip's cost (as determined by the mission trip team leader and GOLT's Short Term Team Coordinator). Individuals would be expected to participate in fund raising to help cover the remaining costs.

Two current mission trip options are Honduras (June 10-20) and Kenya (August 6-18). If interested, please contact Frances Osteen (648-2548) for more information and an application. Applications will be handled by the GOLT on a first come, first serve basis. This is a unique offer that may not be available in years to come. The funds are not from Faith Promise and are subject to availability.

BOOK CLUB'S NEXT SELECTION is *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. May meeting is Monday, the 18th, at 7pm in Rm 204. Everyone is invited to join for the book discussion. Sharon West 648-3824, can provide additional information. Come & bring a friend!

LOOKING AHEAD

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
June 22-26 - Outreach VBS at Memorial Baptist Church
July 5 - Single worship service
August 16 - Blessing of the Backpacks
August 17 - Public School resumes
August 21-23 - FUEL Youth Retreat
October 4 - World Communion Sunday
November 1 - All Saints Day - Daylight Savings time ends
November 7 - AppleFest

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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.*



Serving you...

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