

St. John's Visitor

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COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE

Seeking solutions and making choices to deal with life circumstances are often difficult to do alone, as a couple, or even as a family. During such times, reaching out to another who is professionally trained can be a positive step to take.

Community Care and Counseling of Aiken provides counseling to couples, individuals and families, and is discreetly located at 120 Chesterfield Street NE. Many of us pass this small brick building, never really taking much note of the Faith Cottage.

The mission of this center is to facilitate the emotional, mental, and spiritual growth and health of families, couples and individuals. Community Care and Counseling of Aiken partners with churches (including St. John's), businesses, medical centers, and other local organizations within the community to serve Aikenites and surrounding counties. The center is a non-profit private pastoral counseling center, with licensed or registered therapists and counselors on staff. Referral services are provided as well, to assist clients desiring to reach new levels of functioning.

Counseling is offered to help clients deal with a variety of issues, including anxiety discomfort, divorce recovery, self-esteem issues, eating disorders, grief and loss, spiritual and faith struggles, sexual difficulties, parenting and step-parenting issues, depression and moodiness, career counseling and job concerns, family transitions and conflicts, behavior changes in a child or adolescent, men's and women's issues, and professional burnout concerns.

Three of St. John's members are serving on the Board for Community Care and Counseling at this time. Genie Farmer, long a passionate advocate, is joined by Nancy Reed and Midge Rothrock. Further, this center has been selected as one of the recipients of proceeds for 2010's Apple Fest.

The Center maintains a set-fee structure. However, not all clients are financially able to afford this fee. To schedule an appointment or obtain more information, please call the center at 641-9979.

Community Care and Counseling adds to the continuum of congregational care and nurture available to us, soon to include St. John's own trained Stephen Ministers, designed for 1:1 listening and support.

**May 9, 2010 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day**

**8:30 & 11:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym**

**"A MOTHER'S LOVE"
Scripture: Genesis 25: 19 - 28
Rev. Dr. George Howle**

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2010 Inez Crain Scholars:

- Lauren Norton**
- Catherine Gunnells**
- Christa Eberhard**
- Kaitlyn Mikes**
- Katie Binion**

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to **Leslie Hinton** in the death of her father, **Luther Earl Stanton**, in Greenwood on April 26.*

HOSPITALIZED: Discharged - *Susanne Rhoden, John Swanner*

*Is there a **COLLEGE GRADUATE** in your family? Please notify the church office (graduate's full name, name of degree and name of school) so that this accomplishment can be recognized.*

National Day of Prayer Service takes place in St. John's sanctuary Thursday, May 6, at 7pm with prelude music beginning at 6:45pm. The theme is *Prayer for Such a Time as This*. An hour of music, prayer and scripture reading is planned. You are invited to be present for Aiken's 18th observance of this day.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY will be May 16. Contact Nancy Reed or Anne Hawkins in the church office (648-6891) if interested in membership at St. John's Church.

COLUMBARIUM PRAYER GARDEN is close to reality! Remember to make your wishes known by contacting Nancy Fairgrieve in the Financial Services office, if you are interested in a niche or a memorial plaque in the Columbarium Prayer Garden. Purchase Agreements **are due June 1** with payment, if possible, at that time. Why the rush? The hope is to be able to begin construction this summer, to be completed in time for our November 7th All Saints Day worship services. (This is a self-sustaining ministry and, as such, will not receive funds from St. John's budget.)

Financials for week ending May 1, 2010

Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 29,526
Budget needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget Funds Rec'd to date	\$ 642,935
Expenses to date	\$ 561,064
St. John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$287,675

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise 2010	\$173,027.00
Rec'd to date	\$ 76,829.50
Expenses to date	\$ 53,525.00

St. John's Golf Tournament
Friday, May 21
at Cedar Creek Golf Club

MAY CIRCLE MEETINGS
MONDAY, May 10

11:30am # 4 The Willcox Inn

TUESDAY, May 11

11:30am #11 Malia's

12:30pm # 9 TBA

2:00pm #10 Resource Rm

7:00pm # 1 Mary Musick

7 Doral Drive

FRIDAY, May 14

10:00am # 2 Church Parlor

MONDAY, May 17

2:30pm # 3 Church Parlor

TUESDAY, May 18

7:00pm # 8 Meets at church

WEDNESDAY, May 19

5:45pm # 5 - Church Parlor

7:00pm # 7 - Church Rm 116

Attendance last Sunday

8:30	129
9:02	140
11:00	356
Total	625
SS	280

WEDNESDAY SUPPERS
are in recess after May 12
until fall.

- Ham & Chicken Salad Sandwiches*
- Bean Salad*
- Soup*
- Ice Cream & Cookies*

Meetings to Note

Thursday, May 6

- 10:30am Bible Study
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00pm National Day of Prayer Service

Friday, May 7

11:00am Preschool Mother's Day Program

Saturday, May 8

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, May 9

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 8:30am Worship
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 6:00pm Bible Study

Monday, May 10

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 6:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 12

- 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** - Casey Beckum, Zach Harrington
- Altar Guild** - Peggy Boykin, Nancy Martin, Nancy Perrine, Sandra Cantwell, Sandra Dunn
- Crib Rm** - Deedee Vaughters
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Megan Godard
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Roslyn Ingram
- Sunday AM Host (May 9)** - *Virgil Sauls*
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday - (**May 9**) - *Dennis Fish*
 - Monday - *Mike Uhle*
 - Tuesday - *Keith Polk*
 - Wednesday - *Brian Eberhard*
 - Thursday - *Adam Bates*
 - Friday - *Gene Usher*
 - Saturday - *Jim Fuqua*



**NO YOUTH GROUP OR
YOUTH CHOIR on Mother's Day!**
Remember: FUEL RETREAT is May 14-16

Come join the **BOOK CLUB** for our last two meetings before summer break. The May 17th discussion will be on *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert and on June 7th *Look Again* by Lisa Scottoline. We meet in room 204 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and bring a friend. More info - call Sharon West at 648-3824.

MEN WANTED to sing for Mother's Day. Come to rehearsal Wednesday, May 5, from 6:45 to 7:15 in the Choir Room. The pieces will be simple and familiar. All ages boys and men are welcome.

SAND RIVER SALKEHATCHIE (in Aiken) takes place June 12-19. St. John's will host young people from around the state to repair homes for local families in need. If you or your group would like to support this cause please contact Phyllis Coker, 803-649-1511 or 803-270-7121.

THINGS WILL GET BETTER - JUST HOLD ON.

You appreciate your friends' concern. But until things do get better, you need extra support. A Stephen Minister would like to provide that caring concern by being there to listen.



ACTS COLLECTION - MAY: Macaroni & Cheese

GO Global Outreach News

"**A Bike Ride to the Park,**" offered by the Aiken-based **Honduras Agape Foundation**, is set for May 22, as a way for local bicyclists to stretch their legs while helping needy families in Honduras. Plans are for a safe, escorted ride from H. Odell Weeks Activities Center to Aiken State Park.

The professionally managed ride was planned with the help of the Aiken Bicycle Club. It is not a race, and riders can pick their own pace and do all or part of the ride, with a maximum distance of 36 miles (a round trip). Starting time is 10 a.m. Medical personnel and law-enforcement personnel will be available, and the mileage is to be along a low-traffic route through the country. "Sag wagons" will be a part of the entourage, ready to offer help to anyone having a tough time.

Registration is \$25, due by May 10, and includes insurance and a T-shirt. Forms are available in the church office, and participating riders are asked to solicit sponsors to contribute either on a per-mile basis or a fixed amount.

Thanks for your continued support of this mission outreach to long-distance neighbors in need. Details on the ministry itself are at www.hondurasagape.com.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

**3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
LYDIA IS CONVERTED
ACTS 12: 1 - 18**



St. John's Alleluia Choir

The *Admirable Admiral* and the *Little Sailors* of St. John's Alleluia Choir invite you to join them this Saturday, May 8, at 3:30pm, at Cumberland Village for their performance of *100% Chance of Rain*. Guaranteed to be a delightful experience!

LOOKING AHEAD

- Saturdays** - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
- May 6** - National Day of Prayer
- May 7** - Preschool Mother's Day Program
- May 12** - Last Wednesday Supper before summer recess
- May 14-16** - FUEL Youth Retreat
- May 21** - St. John's Golf Tournament
- May 23** - Confirmation Sunday
- May 30** - Graduation Sunday
- June 6** - Commissioning of 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 Hr
- October 3** - World Communion Sunday
- November 6** - AppleFest 2010
- November 7** - All Saints Day (Daylight Savings time ends)
- December 5** - Children's Musical Program
- December 19** - Christmas Music Sunday

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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...

Ext

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE
29 KEITH STEWART
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
27 JIMI WHITESSELL
58 ALLEN RADCLIFFE
31 GERALD F. THOMPSON
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