

St. John's Visitor

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MOVING ST. JOHN'S INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

*Before we think about what it will mean to be **Moving St. John's into the 21st Century**, we need to look back to see what has been accomplished at St. John's during the first few years of the 21st century.*

***2000 – 2009 The Ebenezer Center** was completed and consecrated, providing classrooms for children and adults. Expanded youth facilities, the new kitchen and the gymnasium provide capability for mission, ministry, recreation, and worship.*

***Dinner for Eight** groups began and a new **Church Cookbook** was published. The **Sanctuary Narthex** was redecorated. The 63 rank **Schantz Organ** was installed and consecrated and the first **Under the Steeple** service was held. **Hearing Devices** were added to the Sanctuary. A new **HVAC Chiller** was installed. A **Volunteer Receptionist** program was begun.*

*A **Coffee House** was begun outside Ward Hall on Sunday mornings. A **Grief Support Group** was begun and continues as a vital ministry. Our first and second **Global Outreach Celebrations** were held and our **Global Outreach Leadership Team** replaced and expanded our mission effort. Our **Amazing Rotating Students (O.A.R.S.)** Sunday School program was established with remodeling of classrooms and the artistic painting of hallways represent a day's journey on foot in Jesus' day.*

*A new Salkehatchie summer service camp, **Sand River Camp**, was started at St. John's to repair homes in the Aiken area, with campers from throughout the state participating. **Grace Kitchen**, a program for feeding the hungry in our area, takes place every Saturday morning with a supporting Bible study.*

*Our **9:02 Contemporary Service** which is held in the Gym has grown in spirit, numbers, and enthusiasm since it began. **New and Prospective Members'** gatherings were established to acquaint people with the staff, leaders, and policies of St. John's.*

You can surely think of additional projects and programs that have taken place in this 21st Century. But where do we go from here? Beginning this Spring (May 13, 20, & 27th), meetings will be held to inform and explain and answer questions about what you would like to see happening in our church home. These meetings will continue in the Fall.

*Rev. George Howle and the Trustees Committee will share with you some of the possibilities for **Moving St. John's into the 21st Century**. This will be a chance to be informed, ask questions, and participate with fellow members in registering your hopes and dreams for St. John's. Look for your invitation in the mail and make it a priority to attend one of these meetings.*

**May 10, 2009 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day**

"WHAT IS LOVE?"

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-16a

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

Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.

We also want to wish our organist, Mark Dickens, well as he leaves St. John's after worship to take a fulltime music director's job at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia. Plan to take a moment to wish him well after the services on Sunday.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, May 7

- 9:30am Bible Study
- 6:45pm National Day of Prayer Service
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, May 8

- 10:00am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal
- 11:00am Preschool Mother's Day Program
- 8:00pm Youth Group Lock-In
- 8:00pm Family Movie Night

Saturday, May 9

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, May 10

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

Monday, May 11

- 8:00am First Place
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 12:30pm AI-Anon
- 6:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, May 12

- 12:30pm Joyful Sounds Rehearsal
- 6:30pm GOLT
- 7:00pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, May 13

- 9:30am Quilting/Bible Study
- 5:00pm Final Fellowship Supper until Fall
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs
- 6:45pm Choir Men
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Information-gathering Meetings
- 7:15pm Chancel Choir-All

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Lizzie Mahoney
- Acolytes** - Annalise Eberhard, Ryan Fogle
- Altar Guild** Peggy Boykin, Nancy Martin, Nancy Perrine, Sandra Cantwell,
- Crib Rm** (11am) Barb Zirps
- Toddlers** - Megan Godard
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Denise Zimmermann
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Casey Seawell
- 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 (5/10)** - Virgil Sauls
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday (May 10) - Mike Uhle
- Monday - Keith Polk
- Tuesday - Brian Eberhard
- Wednesday - George Bodkin
- Thursday - Gene Usher
- Friday - Jim Fuqua
- Saturday - Dan Fabrick

CONGRATULATIONS: *Tom Young* has been awarded the Silver Compleat Lawyer Award by the South Carolina School of Law Alumni Association .

Congratulations to the cast, musicians and all involved in the excellent production of Godspell last weekend. It was a real treat for all who attended.

CONDOLENCES: *Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Dorothy M. Waltz who passed away in Aiken on April 12. Mrs. Waltz was a longtime member of the St. John's Quilting Fellowship.*

HOSPITALIZED: Discharged - young Mac Massie

IN MEMORIAM

SARAH MELSON PONDER

April 27, 2009

IN MEMORIAM

CECIL J. McFERRIN

April 28, 2009

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is Thursday, May 7. Aiken's observance of this day takes place in the St. John's sanctuary with prelude music beginning at 6:45pm. An hour of music, prayer and scripture reading is planned. Everyone is invited!

St. John's Golf Tournament
Friday, May 22-Cedar Creek Golf Club
Registration forms

Financials for week ending May 2, 2009

Budgetary needs for last 2 weeks	\$ 69,828
Budget funds rec'd last 2 weeks	\$ 33,660
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$592,316
Actual expenses to date	\$526,576
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 702,808

Faith Promise Update

Fiscal Year 2009-Faith Promise	\$176,312.00
Fiscal Year 2009-Rec'd YTD	\$76,488.62
Fiscal Year 2009-Disbursed YTD	\$64,425.00

****2009 Faith Promise year = 2/1/09 thru 1/31/10**

Attendance - May 3

8:30	139
9:02	129
11:00	326
Total	594
SS	283

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, a time of celebration for many of us. We will be honoring the women who made such a difference in our lives. Make a testimony to the difference a caring adult can make, use the pink envelope that will be provided. Make a difference in the life of a child. For more information on **EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME**, please visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org

Do you have a **COLLEGE GRAD** in the family? Let the office know full name, name of degree and name of school so that their achievement may be recognized!

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

May 13

Final supper

before summer recess!

BBQ Sandwiches

Baked Beans

Cole Slaw Chips

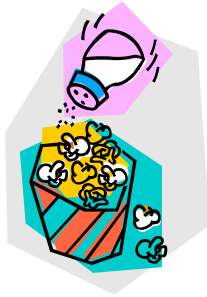
Brownies & Ice Cream



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
No meeting on May 10 - Mother's Day
Plan to be part of the Lock-In
on Friday, May 8.
Come at 8pm and help redecorate
the youth room!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT is Friday, May 8. Come enjoy a family night out and watch *Bedtime Stories* drive-in style. Meet in the gym parking lot at 8:00pm. Bring your blankets and chairs. Popcorn & drinks will be supplied. Need more information? Call Sharon West, 648-3824. Come and bring your friends!



REMINDER: Summer MDO registration has begun.
Summer date: July 7,8,9; July 14,15,16; July 21,22,23 and July 28,29,30.

ACTS COLLECTION

MAY: 1# bag rice and/or 1# bag beans
JUNE: Canned tuna and/or canned salmon

GO Global Outreach News

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. Childcare (6 wks - 4 yrs) will be provided, along with popcorn & drinks. **Make reservations** through the church office. Contact Beth Kelly (649-3591) for more details or to help host this event.

Mission Trip Opportunity: Special funds have been made available on a limited basis to help individuals participate in short term mission trips who cannot otherwise afford to do so. Up to 50% of a trip's costs can be funded through this opportunity. If you are interested, please contact Frances Osteen (648-2548) for more information and an application.

The **Glory Outreach Assembly** in Kenya used a modest gift of \$500 from St. John's to hold a highly successful sports ministry and church revival. Go to www.goaweb.org and click on "Revival in Bushi" to read the full story.

Whitney Simons will be visiting St. John's on June 21 to talk about her experience working with **Athletes in Action** in Puebla, Mexico.

- A mission trip to **Russia** will be June 7-17.
- A mission trip to **Honduras** will be June 10-20.
- The **Sand River Salkehatchie** will be June 13-20.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2009

- 1ST GRADE: CREATION STATION
- 2ND GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS
- 3RD GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
- 4TH GRADE: THOU ART
- 5TH GRADE: FROM BC TO PC

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

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR MAY

Monday, May 11

11:30am # 4 Church Parlor

Tuesday, May 12

11:30am #11 Travinia's Restaurant
12:30pm # 9 Red Lobster Restaurant
2:00pm #10 St. John's Resource Center
7:30pm # 1 Nita Bell
2004 Lorraine Dr

Monday, May 18

2:30pm # 3 St. John's Church Parlor

Tuesday, May 19

7:00pm # 8 At the Church

Wednesday, May 20

7:00pm # 7 Room 116-118 at the Church



Can't volunteer for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** but would like to help? Please feel free to donate/lend supplies for this year's VBS! Lots of inexpensive items can be found in your own home. Supply lists are located next to *Jock the Croc*, the green crocodile cutout by the main church office.



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 7-17** - Mission Trip to Russia
- June 8-12** - Vacation Bible School
- June 10-20** - Mission trip to Honduras
- 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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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



Serving you...

Ext

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26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
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