

St. John's Visitor

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MONTHLY FAMILY ACTIVITY

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn away from it."
Proverbs 22:6

For those of you who were planning to attend the April 27 family outing at the Polo Match, I'm so sorry the weather chose not to cooperate! However, do not despair; we have many more activities planned. The **Family Life Council** has made it our mission to come up with an opportunity each month for the families of St. John's and within the community to come together for fun and fellowship somewhere outside of church. This month's activity is...

Strawberry Picking at **Gurosik's Berry Plantation**
345 Briggs Road North Augusta, SC 803.278.0594
This Saturday, May 10 - 10 am

We will meet at the farm and all pick our own strawberries. If time permits, we may stay for a picnic lunch, so pack something just in case. Check out their website at www.gurosiksberrplantation.com for directions. Hope to see you there!

Some other ideas we are looking into include:

Hopelands Garden Concert this summer

Rock climbing at Odell Weeks

Ice skating in Augusta

A day trip to Fort Discovery

A visit to the Planetarium

Canoeing on the Edisto

The dates and times of the events will vary each month depending on the particular activity so keep your eyes and ears open! The activity will be announced in the weekly newsletter as well as the Sunday church bulletin. Feel free to contact **Teresa Crain at 215-6034** with any questions or suggestions. Any new ideas for activities are always welcomed.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH

Walter Cantwell leaves this month for Hickory, NC, where he will work at Christ UMC until he begins seminary at Duke Divinity School.

St. John's looks forward to greeting a new associate who joins the staff in June as **Minister of Congregational Care**.

**May 11, 2008 - Day of Pentecost
Festival of the Christian Home**

"MOTHERHOOD: IT'S NOT EASY!"

Dr. George K. Howle

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

Meetings to Note

Thursday, May 8

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

Friday, May 9

- 11:00am Preschool Mother's Day Program

Sunday, May 11

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship in Gym
- 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00pm Women's Emmaus
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm *Christian Believer* Bible Study

Monday, May 12

- 8:15am First Place
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, May 13

- 7:00pm GOLT Mentoring Meeting

Wednesday, May 14

- 9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
- 4:00pm Grief Share Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Jake Busbee
- Acolytes** - Christa Eberhard, Colby Hozey
- Altar Guild** - Peggy Boykin, Nancy Perrine, Sandra Cantwell
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Allison Beatty
- Toddlers** - Charity Leigh
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Kathy Samaha
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Barbie Heath
- Greeters 8:30** - Joe & Leah Lewis
- Greeters 11:00** - Jack & Libby Taylor, Dot & Lee Poe, Sherry Williamson

Sunday AM Host (May 11)

Virgil Sauls

Evening Hosts

- Sunday (May 11) - *Keith Polk*
- Monday - *Brian Eberhard*
- Tuesday - *George Bodkin*
- Wednesday - *Gene Usher*
- Thursday - *Jim Fuqua*
- Friday - *Dan Fabrick*
- Saturday - *Eric Randsll*

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	137
9:02	157
11:00	397
Total	691
SS	360

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

ANNIVERSARY: *Congratulations to C. A. "Red" & Lynette Rinehart who celebrated 60 years of marriage on May 1.*

NEW ARRIVAL: *Mary-Margaret Elizabeth Brown, daughter of A.T. "Bucky" & Sara-Beth Brown, granddaughter of Kim & John Rush and great-granddaughter of Mary & Floyd Boswell, was born May 1 in Aiken.*

Sarah Grace Perkins, daughter of Andy & Christie Perkins and great-granddaughter of Sarah & Okey Perkins was born May 5 in Kingsland, GA.

NEW MEMBER: *Received into St. John's Church membership on May 4:*
Almeda Garland Russell

130 Greenville St. NW 649-6011

BAPTISMS: *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 4, were Britney Frances Almeda Bell, Sarah-Maiah Rayella Russell and Julian Javonne Pollin, children of new member, Almeda Russell.*

HOSPITALIZED: Discharged - *William Berrie; Carriage Hills* - *Nita Robison, Eleanor Cool; Mattie Hall* - *Harry Carey*

IN MEMORIAM

SUSIE FLOWERS CORLEY

May 1, 2008

IN MEMORIAM

PEGGIE SMITH OLCOTT

May 4, 2008

My family and I want to thank St. John's members and staff for all your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and food during Macey's cancer battle. I am blessed and grateful to be a part of St. John's caring family. God bless you all!

Thank you - Faye Carnley

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Menu for Wednesday, 14

- Barbeque Ribs & Sandwiches*
- Potato Salad*
- Pickles Chips*
- Ice Cream & Cookies*

Financials for week ending May 3, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 15,475
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 590,870
Actual expenses to date	\$ 548,482
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 1,086,608

Faith Promise report for week ending May 3

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	1,275.00
Received YTD	45,085.61
Balance for which to pray	\$188,166.87

CALLING ALL GRANDS

At last month's meeting the Senior Adult Council made plans to get the **GRAND-Parenting** for the nurseries in motion. The only requirement for volunteers is to have a love of children. There is a paid attendant in each room, so no "diaper duty" or clean-up is required. **GRAND-Parents** are greatly needed for the 11am service at least one Sunday each month from 10:45 to 12:15. If you would be interested in serving this important ministry, please contact Marian Dean at 649-9974 or Nancy Reed at the church.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



St. John's
youth ministry

No meeting on May 11 - Mother's Day

Carowinds trip is Saturday, May 17.
Please contact Gene Aiken NOW if you have not yet signed up.

Pool party at the Moore's home (1643 Huntsman Dr in Foxchase) is scheduled for Sunday, May 18.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



A soup kitchen is coming to St. John's. Eight groups numbering 8-10 people are needed to help facilitate this worthwhile cause. Breakfast will be served on Saturday mornings from about 8:00am-9:30am. Currently three groups have already volunteered so five more groups would be appreciated. This would mean each group would be responsible for working about once every 2 months. It is hoped to begin this program as early as June. If you have a group that would be interested or as an individual you are willing to be placed on a team, please contact either Bobby Coker, 649-1511(H) 439-6596 (C) or Marsha Mikes, 644-7204 (H) 645-0078 (C).



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR will be located outside of the kitchen beginning Friday, May 9. This sale offer a buy one, get one free deal so you'll want to check it out. Dates will be May 9-14 (Friday-Wednesday.)



PRESCHOOL/MDO last day is May 22. MDO will keep summer hours on certain days during July ONLY.

UMW MAY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Monday, May 12	
11:30 am # 4	Eejay's
Tuesday, May 13	
11:00 am #11	Sugar Magnolia Cafe
12:30 pm # 9	Becky Robbins
	325 Bissell Rd
	(RSVP to Frankie Lambright)
2:00 pm #10	Church Resource Rm
7:30 pm # 1	Pat Sauls
	907 Magnolia Ln SE
Monday, May 19	
2:30 pm # 3	Church Parlor
Tuesday, May 20	
2:00 pm #13	Church Resource Rm
7:00 pm # 8	Church Parlor
Wednesday, May 21	
7:00 pm # 7	Church - Room 116

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2008:

1ST GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
2ND GRADE: THOU ART
3RD GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
4TH GRADE: THE ARKADE
5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: JOYFUL NOISE
5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: CREATION STATION

Hey, kids! Vacation Bible School is coming!
When? June 16th to June 20th

A parent can register you online at www.stjohns-umc.org (look for *VBS registration* on the right side) or by completing a registration form located outside of Michelle Brown's office. Completed registration forms need to be turned in to the main office by May 31st. Be sure to check back in Children's Corner every week to meet a new character from our awesome VBS program this year, Power Lab!



OBERRAMMERGAU 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.



DO YOU HAVE A COLLEGE GRADUATE THIS YEAR? Please let us know the details: full name, name of school and name of degree.

LOOKING AHEAD

May 9 - Preschool Mother's Day Program
May 9-14 - Scholastic Buy 1, Get 1 Free Book Sale
May 18 - Confirmation Sunday
May 22 - Preschool/MDO Last Day
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.*



Serving you...

Ext

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
58 WALTER CANTWELL
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
21 PAULA C. SAWYER
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33 MARY KOSKY
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