

St. John's Visitor

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Spring Brunch for UMW

On April 24, Ward Hall was full of happy sounds of fellowship as the United Methodist Women enjoyed their Spring Celebration. Lynne Katonak, in tribute to Aiken's 175th Anniversary, entertained approximately 100 women with her mesmerizing stories of the residents of the Winter Colonies.

Two new circles, comprised mostly of younger women, were welcomed, along with other new members. A tribute was also paid to those women of St. John's who passed to Life Eternal this past year. As always, these UMW events are open to all the ladies of St. John's family.

While pulling off a surprise like this took some doing, the new circles chose to pay utmost honor to two amazing and long-term UMW women by naming their circles in their honor. Circle #2 is now officially the *Vera Keisler Circle*, while #5 carries the name of UMW's current president, *Mary Halfmann*.



Mary Halfmann, Vera Keisler

Service recognition pins were presented to two deserving members, *Hilda Secrist* and *Peggy Thome*, for their tireless service both within St. John's as well as the community of Aiken.



Hilda Secrist



Peggy Thome

Plans are already underway for 2010's Apple Fest, the theme of which is "Lifting the Hearts of Others". Mark your calendar for November 6 – always a special day in the life of St. John's.

May 16, 2010 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym
11:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

"HOW PAUL AND SILAS LANDED IN JAIL"
Scripture - Acts 15: 16 - 34
Rev. Dr. George Howle

8:30am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
Message by Gene Aiken

Time is running short!
Remember to sign up for the **May 21**
Golf Tournament THIS WEEK.

*We'll gladly pair you up, if you aren't
already in a 4-some. Don't miss the fun!*

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, May 13

- 10:30am Women's Bible Study
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, May 14

FUEL Youth Retreat in Gym

Saturday, May 15

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen
- FUEL Youth Retreat in Gym

Sunday, May 16

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 8:30am Worship
- 9:02am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45am Growing Christians SS Breakfast
- 9:45am Fuel Retreat Breakfast
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 4:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00pm Bible Study

Monday, May 17

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 9:30am Exercise Class
- 10:30am Sunny Monday Meeting & Lunch
- 1:00pm Senior Adult Council
- 7:00pm Book Club
- 7:00pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, May 18

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

Wednesday, May 19

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am Bible Study
- 4:00pm Griefshare Group
- 5:00pm Choir Dinner
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp
- 7:00pm Bible Study

Serving This Week

- Crucifer - Zach Madden
- Acolytes - Matt Hudgins, Hayden Hyche
- Altar Guild - Peggy Boykin, Nancy Martin, Nancy Perrine, Sandra Cantwell, Sandra Dunn
- Crib Rm - Kristin Padgett
- 2-3 Yr Nursery - Helen Randall
- 3-4 Yr Nursery - Kristi Vaughn
- Sunday AM Host (May 16) - Ken Alexander
- Evening Hosts
 - Sunday (May 16) - Dan Fabrick
 - Monday - Eric Randall
 - Tuesday - George Kelley
 - Wednesday - Charlie Neill
 - Thursday - Chuck Bryan
 - Friday - Barry Pearson
 - Saturday - Bruce Burns

NEW ARRIVAL: *Jacob Ryan Trussell, son of Laree & Jason Trussell, grandson of Dell & Carl Benhardt and great-grandson of Laree & Russell Busbee, was born April 30 in Charleston, SC.*

BAPTISM: *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 9, was Emily Campbell Poole, daughter of Stephen & Mandy Poole and granddaughter of Tony & Donya Long.*

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Mary Wiland in the death of her sister, Jane Cashman, in Aiken on May 9.*

HOSPITALIZED: *Aiken - Mary Wiland; MCG - Virginia Lybrand; MUSC-Charleston - Bill Mobley*

Noah and his crew (the Alleluia Choir) send their thanks to the loving members of their church family who came to Cumberland Village to wish them well on their voyage through 100% Chance of Rain!

Baby Shower for GENE AND KATIE AIKEN is being held Sunday, May 23, 3:00 - 5:00 pm in Ward Hall. All are invited to drop by and share in their joy!

SUMMER FLOWERS for fountain area, prayer gardens: Your help is requested to plant fresh flowers in the fountain area, the prayer gardens and to help with weeding and planting around the Ebenezer Center gymnasium area. Work will begin Saturday, May 15, at 7:30am. Please help if you are able!

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.

Attendance last Sunday

8:30	116
9:02	155
11:00	423
Total	694
SS	282

Financials for week ending May 8, 2010

Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 43,848
Budget needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget Funds Rec'd to date	\$ 686,783
Expenses to date	\$ 572,511
St. John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$284,198.88

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise 2010	\$173,027.00
Rec'd to date	\$ 88,804.50
Expenses to date	\$ 53,525.00

SUNNY MONDAY GROUP meets Monday, May 17, at 10:30am in Ward Hall. South Carolina artist, **Jim Harrison**, will be talking about his career and his art. Please make lunch reservations through the church office, 648-6891.

PRIMETIME TRAVEL GROUP at St. John's invites others to join their day trip *Friday, July 30*, to visit Charleston, lunch at *Poogan's Porch* and tour America's only *Tea Plantation* on Wadmalaw Island where they grow, harvest, process and package the "American Classic" brand. Carolina Tours will provide the motor coach, driver and tour director. Sufficient reservations are needed by May 31 for the trip to be confirmed. For info on cost, itinerary and other details contact **Mattie & Les King, 643-9844.**

WEDNESDAY SUPPER
May 12 is the last supper
before summer recess.

REMEMBER to express your appreciation to Genie Farmer and all her wonderful volunteers for the great job they have done!



**No Sunday Night Youth Group
or Youth Choir on May 16.
FUEL YOUTH RETREAT IS
THIS WEEKEND, MAY 14-16!!**

If interested in a niche or a memorial plaque in the **PRAYER GARDEN COLUMBARIUM**, please make your wishes known by contacting Nancy Fairgrieve in the Financial Services Office. Purchase Agreements are due **June 1** with payment, if possible, at that time.

HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION is the journey for St. John's Vacation Bible School this year. The dates are Monday-Friday, June 14-18 from 9am to 12 noon. Registration may be done on the website, www.stjohns-umc.org, by clicking on the VBS logo and following directions.



Has the church office heard about **YOUR COLLEGE GRADUATE** - full name, name of degree and name of the school??

ACTS COLLECTION

MAY: Macaroni & Cheese JUNE: Pasta

GO Global Outreach News

New Missionary Booklet: On Sunday, May 16, the Global Outreach Leadership Team (GOLT) will introduce a new 31-page booklet with updated information on all our current mission partners. The booklets will be placed in the pews for reference and additional copies will also be available to take home.

Information on our mission partners is also available on our web site: www.stjohns-umc.org/. From the home page, select the "Missions" tab at the top & then click on "Global Outreach". Mission partners are organized by geographic region: Jerusalem is Aiken County, Judea is the rest of the U.S. & Ends of the Earth is international. The terms come from Acts 1:8 where Jesus instructed his disciples, "...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Videoconference with the Smiths in Italy: On Sunday, May 23, there will be a videoconference with Ron & Amy Smith, our missionaries in Milan, Italy. Using the interactive Internet conferencing program Skype, we will be able to see & talk with the Smiths & their children Winsor, Vanessa, Josiah & Jordan. The event will take place during the Sunday school hour (10:00 - 10:45 a.m.) in Ward Hall. Please attend this missionary visit. It will be a great opportunity to learn about the Smiths' current activities in Milan.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010

**3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
PAUL'S JAILER BELIEVES IN JESUS
ACTS 16: 16 - 34**

DIVORCE: It's over. You never dreamed anything could hurt so badly. You don't want to think, to remember.

Divorce. In this extremely painful time, you need the gentle, caring support of a **STEPHEN MINISTER**. A Stephen Minister will be there for you as you work through this difficult time, listening without judging or pushing you to get over it.



You are invited join the **BOOK CLUB** for the last two meetings before summer break. On May 17th the discussion will be on *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. On June 7 the book topic is *Look Again* by Lisa Scottoline. This meeting is in room 204 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and bring a friend. Sharon West, 648-3824, can provide additional details.

NEW MEMBERS are being received next Sunday, May 16. Contact Nancy Reed or Anne Hawkins in the church office (648-6891) if interested in membership at St. John's Church.



LOOKING AHEAD

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
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
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