

St. John's Visitor

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

The family of St. John's ranges in ages and stages from our newest infants, to a soon-to-be 100 year old *Ruth Milks*. In spring, graduation and passages are occurring at greater frequency, it seems. St. John's Youth Director, Jimi Whitesell, is currently creating a newsletter to especially honor the high school new grads who have been part of our Youth Ministry. Many of you, living locally, will receive a copy of this. For those not living right in Aiken, as in past years, graduate names will also appear in the VISITOR, as they pass this important milestone. Others in our extended church family keep in touch, as they experience important events in their lives. Be sure to congratulate these families and individuals, as they continue connecting their Christian roots to St. John's, while sprouting their wings.

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B.A., Elementary Education (magna cum laude) - The University of South Carolina

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B.S., Biology (with honors) - The University of South Carolina Honors College

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B.S., Chemical Engineering - The University of South Carolina

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, May 20

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

Friday, May 21

Golf Tournament at Cedar Creek

Saturday, May 22

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, May 23

8:15am Coffee House
8:30am Worship
9:02am Contemporary Worship
9:45am Skype visit with Smith Family
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
3:00pm Aiken Baby Shower (Churchwide)
5:00pm Youth Choir
6:00pm Bible Study/Sunday Night Youth

Monday, May 24

8:00am First Place 4 Health
10:00am Exercise Class

Tuesday, May 25

9:30am Stephen Ministry Training
7:00pm Church Council
7:00pm Men's Bible Study/Joyful Sounds

Wednesday, May 26

9:30am Quilting Fellowship
9:30am Bible Study
4:00pm Final Griefshare Group
with Communion
6:45pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp
7:00pm Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Andrea Mikes

Acolytes - Jordan Kelley, Daniel Lunn

Altar Guild - Peggy Boykin, Nancy Martin,

Nancy Perrine, Sandra Cantwell,
Sandra Dunn

Crib Rm - Krissy Zeigler

2-3 Yr Nursery - Dana Massey

3-4 Yr Nursery - Amanda Ingram

Sunday AM Host (May 23) - Mick Ferrell

Evening Hosts

Sunday - (May 23) - Rick Endler

Monday - Matt Beckum

Tuesday - Jim Wert

Wednesday - Tom Brown

Thursday - Bob Kosky

Friday - Marc Nadeau

Saturday - Jeff Ray

NEW ARRIVAL: *Kamille Leah Alfasi*, daughter of Kathy & Eli Alfasi and granddaughter of **Linda & Mick Ferrell**, was born May 6 in Boca Raton, FL.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcomed into the St. John's church family on May 17:
Roscoe and Myra Hightower

4 Mary Ann Dr 649-2095

Gary & Connie Hazlewood and Katherine Lee Hazlewood

Elizabeth Allen Hazlewood added to baptized roll

126 Laurel Oak Dr 522-4467

Vesta P. "Fritz" Friday

Trinity Lutheran Home 522-0773

Bob and Val Hart

272 Windemere Way 226-0463

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Ernie & Anita Allen** in the death of their brother-in-law, **Charles Dubose**, in Florence, SC, on May 13.

Sincere sympathy is also extended to **Gene Usher** in the death of his father, **Robert Usher, Jr.**, in Trumansburg, NY, on May 12.

HOSPITALIZED: MCG - Virginia Lybrand; Charleston - Bill Mobley; Discharged - Mary Wiland, Mary Jane Lock, Betty Thomason

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 provides 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**.

Attendance last Sunday

8:30	119
9:02	181
11:00	358
Total	658
SS	341

Financials for week ending May 15, 2010

Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 29,851
Budget needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget Funds Rec'd to date	\$ 716,634
Expenses to date	\$ 611,346

St. John's loan amt w/Security Fed
\$283,248.88

Faith Promise Update

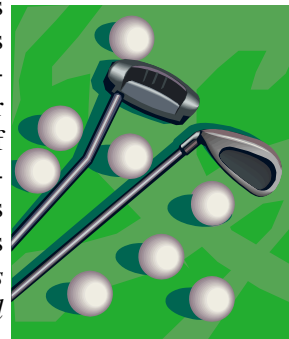
Faith Promise 2010	\$173,027.00
Rec'd to date	\$ 91,115.50

UNITED METHODIST MEN invite all men of the church to a Jimmy Stewart Fish Fry on Thursday, May 27. Come at 6:30pm, enjoy the fish and bring a dessert.



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

sponsored by St. John's United Methodist Men is happening this week on Friday at Cedar Creek Golf Course. Beneficiary of this year's event is the *Jack Meeks Memorial Wheelchair*



Ramp Ministry. Although labor is supplied by volunteers, funding is needed for materials to construct wheelchair ramps for Aiken County clients. Last year's tournament raised over \$5000 for the Ministers' Discretionary Fund and it is hoped this year's tournament will do equally as well.



St. John's
youth ministry

YOUTH CHOIR 5pm, Sunday, May 23
YOUTH GROUP 6pm, Sunday, May 23,
which is also Confirmation Sunday.

High School Graduates will be honored on Sunday, May 30.

FUEL Youth Retreat which took place over last weekend was awesome - sorry if you had to miss it!

Plans for Memorial Day Weekend include a trip to Aiken State Park for a Sunday evening cookout. Details will follow.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at St. John's takes place on Monday-Friday, June 14-18, from 9am to 12 noon. This year's theme involves a **HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION**. Registration may be done on the website:

www.stjohns-umc.org

Click on the VBS logo and follow the directions listed.



VBS NEWS

ACTS COLLECTION

MAY: Macaroni & Cheese JUNE: Pasta



GO Global Outreach News

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.

Honduras Trips: There are still openings available for three upcoming short-term mission trips to work with the Honduras Agape Foundation. The travel dates are: June 9-19, June 23- July 3, & July 6-16. Activities will include construction, Vacation Bible School & evangelism. Please contact Michael Norton (648-9740) or Frances Osteen (648-2548) if interested.

New Missionary Booklet: The Global Outreach Leadership Team (GOLT) has produced a new 31-page booklet with updated information on all our current mission partners. Permanent copies of the booklets have been placed in the sanctuary pews for reference. Please contact the church office if you would like an additional copy to take home. Information on our mission partners is also available on our web site: www.stjohns-umc.org/.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010

3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
PAUL DESCRIBES GENUINE LOVE
I CORINTHIANS 13: 1 - 13

BABY SHOWER for Gene & Katie Aiken is Sunday (May 23) from 3-5pm in Ward Hall. All are invited.

SADNESS: A sadness settles so softly on us. It is seemingly without cause. Yet it lingers like the winter fog. A caring, trained Stephen Minister is ready to help you find your way through the mist. He or she will not judge you or push you to get better; instead, your Stephen Minister will listen and care for you while you work through your feelings.



LOOKING AHEAD

- Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
- 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

May 23, 2010 – Day of Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday

11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
Message by Rev. Dr. George Howle

8:30am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym
Message by Keith Stewart

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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
JANE TIMMERMAN
LOUIS PLAYFORD
WILLIE M. GREEN
ENSLEY O. ADAMS
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YVONNE DUBLIN

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Director of Music Ministries
Financial Services
Missions & Evangelism
Director, Adult & Senior Ministries
Assistant to Ministers
Church Secretary
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Director, Children's Ministries
PR/Communications Coordinator
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