

# St. John's Visitor

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## ACTS - Area Churches Together Serving

What is ACTS? ACTS provides assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ to those in need. It is a major player in our community, reaching out to the poor throughout Aiken County and working with other community agencies through client referrals and cooperative projects. St. John's United Methodist Church is a key player in supporting ACTS. Your Faith Promise Offerings are at work. We have committed to give at least \$6,000 to ACTS in 2008.

In 2007 ACTS served over 16,000 people, that is 2,000 more people served than in 2006. Here are the facts:

Interviews	4,307 interviews were conducted to determine needs
Food Pantry	6,090 individuals received food for one week (3 meals/day) or a total of 127,890 meals
Senior Food Program	An average of 435 needy elderly received 2 bags of food each month for a total of 5,220 individuals served in 2007
Clothing	3,134 individuals received several outfits of clothing each or a total of 59,774 individuals
Utilities	1,041 families were provided funds to prevent shut off of utilities
Medications	228 individuals received prescription assistance
Furniture	67 homes received furnishings. Many of these were due to fires, church and agency referrals
Housewares	198 families received sheets, blankets, etc.
Other Services	805 individuals or families received services of gasoline, bus tickets, emergency food, diapers, transient food bags, heaters and fans.

What can we do to help the needy? At our Global Impact Celebration, we learned that it would be helpful to ACTS if we could collect one item from ACTS emergency food list. By collecting one item, ACTS will not have to purchase this item from the food bank where food is also short. *For the entire month of June, we will be collecting canned vegetables.* If you should have other items, please donate those also.

You can also support ACTS by enrolling your Bonus card at Bi-Lo. Bi-Lo will donate 1% of the total purchases accumulated by ACTS sponsors. Simply give your bonus card and enrollment form (pick up from the bulletin board) to the cashier between July 1 and April 30.

St. John's is coming together to fulfill Matthew 25:35-36.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

In His Love and Service,  
Sandy Miller  
Jerusalem (Local) Global Outreach Team Leader

**May 25, 2008 - Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**"NOAH'S STORY"**

**Scripture: Genesis 6: 17 - 22**

Dr. George K. Howle

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

**Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.**

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

**Meetings to Note**

**Thursday, May 22**

*Preschool/MDO last day*

- 6:30pm United Methodist Men
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00pm Kindergarten Graduation

**Sunday, May 25**

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 10:00am New Member Coffee
- No Women's Bible Study this week*

**Monday, May 26**

*Church Offices Closed*

**Tuesday, May 27**

- 7:00pm Church Council

**Wednesday, May 28**

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

**Thursday, May 29**

*Preschool/MDO Final Day*

- 7:00pm Kindergarten Graduation

**Serving This Week**

- Crucifer** - Warren Durrett
- Acolytes** - Max Madden, Zach Madden
- Altar Guild** - Peggy Boykin, Nancy Perrine, Sandra Cantwell
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Allison Beatty
- Toddlers** - Rebecca Harper
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Amanda Stefanakos
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Tracey Smith
- Greeters 8:30** - Joe & Leah Lewis
- Greeters 11:00** - Jack & Libby Taylor, Dot & Lee Poe, Sherry Williamson

**Sunday AM Host (May 25)**

*Mick Ferrell*

**Evening Hosts**

- Sunday (May 25) - *Jim Wert*
- Monday - *Tom Brown*
- Tuesday - *Bob Kosky*
- Wednesday - *Marc Nadeau*
- Thursday - *Jeff Ray*
- Friday - *John Geiger*
- Saturday - *Bob Fogle*

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:30	137
9:02	103
11:00	520
Total	760
SS	307

**NEW MEMBERS:** *Welcome to the Confirmation Class of 2008 received as professing members on Sunday, May 18:*

- Walter Marsh Burckhalter, III*
- Timothy Ryan Carpenter*
- Sarah Elizabeth Bryant Davis*
- Ryan Michael Fogle*
- Zachary Semba Harrington*
- Hayden Ruel Hyché*
- Jordan Michelle Kelley*

- Daniel Richard Lunn*
- William Shingler Mize*
- John Luke Nance*
- George Benjamin Rawls, III*
- Michael James Rogers*
- Brandon Cody Thomas*
- Claire Quinn Vecchio*

**FYI:** *On display in Ward Hall is a collection of photographs serving as a memorial tribute to the late **Richard (Dick) Morrell**. This display may be viewed during the next month. Please take time to sign the memory book so that there will be a record of visitors.*

**CONDOLENCES:** *Deepest sympathy is extended to **Duane Coldiron** in the death of his father on May 9 in California.*

**HOSPITALIZED:** *Aiken - Mary Wiland; MCG - Little Julian Pollin ; Discharged - Harry Carey; Discharged to Shadow Oaks - Eleanor Cool; Discharged to Pepper Hill - Marian Leach*

**NEW MEMBERS** will be received at all services Sunday, May 25. Please contact Nancy Reed if interested in joining this Sunday or at another time.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to deliver donations to ACTS on Mondays. Contact Barbara & George Zirps at 649-3281.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN'S** speaker at the May 22 meeting will be Jon Scott, Public Relations Director for the (Methodist) Wesley Commons Retirement Community in Greenwood, SC. All men of St. John's are invited for this first-hand opportunity to hear details and evaluate Wesley Commons. Bring your covered dish and come to the gym at 6:30 Thursday evening.

**Financials for week ending May 17, 2008**

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 18,627
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 650,877
Actual expenses to date	\$ 595,000
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,086,608

**Faith Promise report for week ending May 17**

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	7,175.82
Received YTD	54,649.93
Disbursement to Date	30,575.00

**NEW MEMBER COFFEE** is for you if you have joined St. John's since last Fall! You will receive a directory, information about programs and meet others who are new to this church family. Come on Sunday, May 25, 10am in Ward Hall! RSVP to the church office.

Next **UNDER THE STEEPLE** concert takes place on Tuesday, June 3 at 7:30 pm. Guests will be the **King's Brass** presenting the best in sacred brass music.

**NEW OPPORTUNITY:**

Join June Cannon on Monday, June 2, 10-11am (and continue weekly) for stretching, chair exercises and indoor walking at St. John's. Call the church office to sign up.



**FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS are in recess**

for the summer months. Please remember to thank **Genie Farmer** and her crew of helpers for the meals you've enjoyed.



St. John's  
youth ministry

**May 25**  
**6:00pm - Dinner for youth**  
**followed by**  
**YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**6:30-7:30**

**Invite your parents to join you for this!**  
Let them experience a service planned  
and led entirely by youth group members.

**June 1 is Graduation Sunday.** Breakfast for seniors  
is at 10am. Hopefully, information has been received  
by all high school graduates. Contact Gene Aiken at  
the church if you need additional information.

**FLOWER CALENDAR** has open dates on June 1, July 6, July  
27 and August 3. Please call the office if interested in remem-  
bering or honoring someone special on those dates. Cost is \$40  
per vase.

**NEW MISSION OPPORTUNITY - GRACE KITCHEN**  
Check the bulletin board outside Ward Hall for sign-ups!



**CONGRATULATIONS, 2008 COLLEGE GRADS!**

**MARTHA TAYLOR CARTER**

B.S. - Elementary Education  
Auburn University

**BENJAMIN DAVID GOODLETT**

(grandson of Claude & Marie Goodlett)  
B.S. - Psychology

The University of South Carolina Honors College

**CAROLYN GOLDSTON HARTLEY**

Doctor of Dental Medicine  
Medical University of South Carolina

**CAREN ELIZABETH "ELIZA" HESSE**

Master of Music - Violin Performance  
Arizona State University

**WESTON JOSSEY**

(grandson of John & Betty Jossey)  
B.S. - Computer Science  
Skidmore University

**EVAN DANIEL KANE**

B.S. - Mechanical Engineering (summa cum laude)  
The University of South Carolina

**ALISSA PAIGE MINEAR**

(granddaughter of Jim & Betty Minear)  
B.S. - Biology

The University of Georgia

**RYAN CHRISTOPHER PEARSON**

B.S. - Physical Education  
Coastal Carolina University

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2008:**

**Breakfast on the Beach Party!!!**

**Vacation Bible School, Power Lab:**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 12:00PM**

Meet Zap! She is one of the  
characters in our vacation bible  
school that reminds us that *Jesus*  
*gives us the power to help others!*  
The deadline for registration for vbs  
is just a couple of weeks away, so  
please register online through our  
website, [www.stjohns-umc.org](http://www.stjohns-umc.org). We



still need more volunteers. Please contact Michelle  
Brown at 648-6891 if you would like to help. If you  
cannot be here the week of vacation bible school, you  
can still help! We have several items that are needed for  
our program this year, and they may already be in your  
cabinets at home. The items are listed on the "baby  
beakers" near the main office. If you can donate the  
items, please bring them to Michelle Brown's office by  
June 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Do you know anyone over the age of 18 who loves chil-  
dren and is looking for a part time job?* St. John's is  
looking for someone to become a part of the nursery  
team. The hours are tricky because we are looking for  
help during all three services and some evenings. If you  
know someone who loves Jesus, loves kids, and would  
like the opportunity to make a few extra dollars in a lov-  
ing church, please share this information. If you know  
someone who has children under age 4 and would like to  
work, their children are invited to come with them and  
play in the nursery & worship the Lord during Sunday  
School! Contact Michelle Brown at 803-648-6891 or  
803-522-2010.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- May 22** - Preschool/MDO Last Day
- May 25** - New Member Coffee
- May 26** - Church Offices Closed
- 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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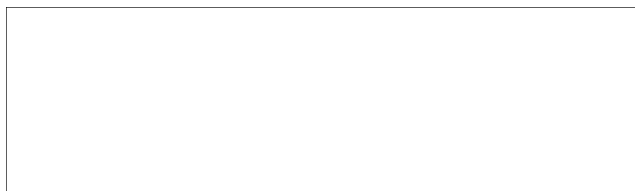
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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



## Serving you...

### Ext

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE  
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON  
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25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE  
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61 MICHELLE BROWN  
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Director of Music Ministries  
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Director of Youth Ministries  
Director, Adult & Senior Ministries  
Assistant to Ministers  
Church Secretary  
Director, Preschool/MDO Ministries  
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