

St. John's Visitor

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Getting to Know St. John's

*will be held Sundays in June
from 10:00am to 10:45am in Ward Hall
Light Refreshments will served*

This is for You:

*If you are not yet a member and want to know more,
If you have joined recently and want to know more,
If you have been here a while and want to know more.*

Who We Are

June 7, 2009

History of St. John's and UMC by Rev. Dr. George Howle

What We Believe

June 14, 2009

Methodist Beliefs by Rev. Keith Stewart

How We Serve

Date to be arranged (either June 21 or 28)

St. John's Ministries and Missions

Reserve your seat by calling the church office - 648-6891!

May 31, 2009 - Day of Pentecost

Graduation Sunday

Messages this week by:

George Howle

Gene Aiken

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

Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.

**Wednesday, May 20, 7:00pm in the Gym
"Moving St. John's into the 21st Century"
(Additional meetings planned for the fall)**

SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the United Methodist Church will be in session May 31-June 3 at the Florence Civic Center. Representing St. John's will be Rev. George Howle, Rev. Keith Stewart, Ron and Judy Jernigan, Vera and Lamar Keisler, Chuck and Hazel Tatman. Please be in prayer for this Conference and for those privileged to represent St. John's Church.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, May 28

1:30pm Joseph's Coat
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, May 29

10:00am Ringspiration rehearsal

Saturday, May 30

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, May 31

8:15am Coffee House
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm College Group Meets
(Check with Mahoneys)

Monday, June 1

8:00am First Place
9:30am Exercise Class
10:30am Fun Monday for Retirees
12:30pm Al-Anon
7:00pm Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, June 2

6:30 pm GOLT
7:00pm Joyful Sounds rehearsal

Wednesday, June 3

9:30am Quilting
6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Colin Braithwaite

Acolytes - Jordan Kelley, Alan Kelly

Altar Guild Peggy Boykin, Nancy Martin,
Nancy Perrine, Sandra Cantwell,

Crib Rm (11am) Susan Vernon

Toddlers - Dana Massey

2-3 Yr Nursery - Erin Herron

3-4 Yr Nursery - Kathy Samaha

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 (May 31) - Bobby Coker

Evening Hosts

Sunday (May 31) - Bob Fogle

Monday - Jeff Crenshaw

Tuesday - Robin Dillman

Wednesday - Kevin Buchanan

Thursday - Lamar Keisler

Friday - Jimmy Moore

Saturday - Jerry Johnson

Attendance - May 24

8:30	121
9:02	135
11:00	311
Total	567
SS	245

NEW ARRIVALS: *James Burford Holloway, son of Jim (III) and Susan Holloway and grandson of Betty and Newt Holloway, was born May 15 in Charlotte, NC.*

Reid Coleman Atkins, son of Carrie and Lucas Atkins and grandson of Claire and Ray Hesse, was born May 22 in Sevierville, TN.

WEDDING: *Congratulations to Laura Whitney Perkins and Christian Andrew Schaffner who were married in the sanctuary on Saturday, May 23.*

NEW MEMBERS: *Received into membership on May 24:*

Deri and Spencer Beard
122 Singletree Lane 502-0112

Heath Bradham /Holly Hinnant
548 Palm Drive S 649-1833

David Canestrari
310 Birch Wood Ct,
Warrenville 979-2321

James David Lock
Baptized and received
2009 Confirmand

CONGRATULATIONS, 2009 COLLEGE GRADS!

JAMES AUSTIN CARPENTER

(Grandson of Jim & Anne Carpenter)

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

CASEY BRETT GOODLETT

(Grandson of Claude & Marie Goodlett)

Ph.D. - Computer Science, The University of Utah

MATTHEW BRANDON ROBINSON

Ph.D. - Physics, Baylor University

LESTER KYLE SEIGLER

B.A.- English, B.A. - Music, Furman University

JULIE MARIE SHADE

Associate in Arts, Aiken Technical College

MYLES DAVID SURRETT

(Grandson of Davie Surret)

B.A. - History, Furman University

TARA ELIZABETH TRIPP

Associate in Health Science - Midlands Technical College

IT'S ON THE WAY! The pages of our new St. John's Family Album have been assembled and sent to LifeTouch Photography for printing. Many church members embraced the project, and scores of volunteers and staff brought it to fruition. Our sincerest thanks to all of you and especially to Tom Brown and Bob Kosky, our roving photographers. The completed directory should be sent to us for distribution around the middle of July.

If you have not received your free 8 x 10, please come by the office or reception desk to pick it up. If you don't have an opportunity to stop by before the directories arrive in July, your photo will be distributed with your free directory. *Coordinators: Sue Frushour, Susan Lawson,*

Financials for week ending May 23, 2009

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 23,139
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 673,468
Actual expenses to date	\$ 594,097
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 694,908

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise	\$176,312.00
Rec'd YTD	\$ 85,800.62
Disbursed YTD	\$74,897.82
**2009 Faith Promise year =	2/1/09 thru 1/31/10



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP May 31 No meeting this evening

If you or your group can host a meal for **SAND RIVER SALKEHATCHIE** hosted by St John's June 13-20,, please contact Phyllis Coker, 648-2672 (cell 270-7121) or Gene Aiken at 648-6891.

APPLEFEST 09 will benefit *Children's Place, My Father's House* and the *Cumbee Center*. Help is still needed for Silent Auction, Children's Games, Publicity, Entertainment and Fried Apple Pies. Jelly jars are also needed. They can be left in the UMW room. If you have any fruit trees, bushes or vines, let Jackie Hyche know. Please keep AppleFest in mind as the canning season is upon us. To volunteer or offer comments and/or suggestions, contact Jackie, 648-9106 or email jackiehyche@bellsouth.net.

A new outreach ministry has been formed at St. John's. **JOSEPH'S COAT** will meet Thursdays 1:30-3:00 beginning May 28 in the youth room to knit or crochet items for Hospice, nursing homes and homebound persons in the community. Anyone interested in participating is welcome and may contact the church office for more details.

ACTS COLLECTION

JUNE: Canned tuna and/or canned salmon

Missionary Prayer Focus: Praise to God that Charlie, Miki and Isabel Chastain are in Russia! May they continue to feel His presence as they minister to the children in St. Petersburg.

GO Global Outreach News

-**Whitney Simons** will be visiting St. John's on June 21 to give a presentation in Ward Hall at 10:00 AM. Ms. Simons will be talking about her experience working with **Athletes in Action** and **Campus Crusade** in Puebla, Mexico. Please contact Michael Norton (648-9740) for more info.

A **Community Vacation Bible School** will be held at Memorial Baptist Church from June 22-26. Children from five area churches, Helping Hands & Christ Central are invited. The VBS is scheduled for 5:45-9:15 PM each day in an effort to appeal to a wider cross section of volunteers.

Men are especially encouraged to help out in order to provide positive male role models. A wide variety of volunteer positions are available. Please contact Michelle Brown (648-6891) or michelle.brown@stjohns-umc.org to help out with this special ministry.

Upcoming Mission Trips: Please support the following short-term mission trips with your prayers:

1. **Russia** (June 7-17)
2. **Honduras** (June 10-20)
3. **Salkehatchie/Sand River** (June 13-20)
4. **Salkehatchie/Pee Dee** (June 24-July 4).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009

- 1ST GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
2ND GRADE: THOU ART
3RD GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
4TH GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B
5TH GRADE: THE ARKADE

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

St. John's Vacation Bible School, Crocodile Dock, will be held from June 8th through June 12th. **The registration deadline is this Friday, May 29th.** Please register your child on St. John's website, www.stjohns-umc.org. Also, be sure to invite your friends and neighbors so that they can have a joyous time while experiencing Jesus' love. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please call one of the following: Allison Beatty 644-5819, Denise Musick 649-6869, or Michelle Brown 648-6891.

Please consider donating any supplies that you might have for this year's VBS. The supply list can be found next to Jacque the Croc, outside the main office and also outside the gym. Please place donated items outside Michelle Brown's office by June 1st. Thank you so much!



The Board of Directors of **ASBURY HILLS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER** located at Cleveland, SC, invites you to be present Sunday, June 7, 3:00pm, for the Dedication Service for the new cabins and remodeled buildings. Bishop Taylor will be present and tours, refreshments and camp activities are planned. Please RSVP to info@sccampsandretreat.org or call 1-877-255-7559..

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 31** - Graduation Sunday
May 31-June 3 - South Carolina Annual Conference
June 7 - ALL Volunteer VBS Meeting
June 8-12 - Vacation Bible School
June 13-20 - Sand River Salkehatchie
June 22-26 - Community VBS at Memorial Baptist Church
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

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
33 MARY KOSKY
61 MICHELLE BROWN
60 MIDGE ROTHROCK
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JIMI WHITESELL
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YVONNE DUBLIN

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Director of Music Ministries
Financial Services
Director of Youth Ministries
Director, Adult & Senior Ministries
Assistant to Ministers
Church Secretary
Director, Preschool/MDO Ministries
Event Coordinator
Director, Children's Ministries
PR/Communications Coordinator
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