

St. John's Visitor

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STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS RETURN FROM TRAINING

Alice Allington, Jeanette Isaacson, Rick Endler and Keith Stewart will return to St. John's on June 13th, 2009. They are in Orlando right now, completing seven days of intensive training in the techniques of teaching others to do caring ministry. These four, known to us already for their nurturing presence in our congregation, are the first Stephen Leaders for St. John's. Alice has previously been a Stephen Leader at another congregation. She understands the rich benefits and the commitment it takes to have this successful caring ministry within a church. Jeanette Isaacson is currently the Chair of our Congregational Care Committee, and Rick Endler is also a member of this committee. Their respective roles on Congregational Care fit naturally with the Stephen Series, since this ministry will be a cornerstone of Congregational Care, going forward. Keith Stewart, our Nurture Pastor, will be partnering with Stephen Ministers, when we have a cadre trained to be a part of the caring ministry here at St. John's, providing one-to-one care for those who are in need.

In the Fall our Stephen Leaders will provide 50 hours of training for laypeople from the congregation. Those training for Stephen Ministry learn skills and develop their talents for bringing Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, depressed, or experiencing other stresses in life. Stephen Ministers respect confidentiality and are non-judgmental. They are not counselors. They are trained Christian caregivers. Their role is to listen and to care - not to counsel or advise. Through lecture, discussion, and experiential learning, people learn everything from how to be an effective listener to specific techniques for ministering to people in need. Our congregation will reap many, many blessings through our involvement in this ministry of care.

Many of you within our St. John's family may already have the training to be a Stephen Minister at another congregation. Your call to Alice Allington is something she would really welcome. Even if you may not wish to be active again, Alice would benefit from talking with you. She can be reached at 642-3492.

Perhaps God is calling you to be one of those caring, committed servants who offer His love to those who are hurting. If you are interested or want to learn more to help decide, contact Alice Allington at 642-3492; or talk with Jeanette Isaacson at 644-9168.

**June 14, 2009
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Salkehatchie 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.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

Is off to a rousing start.

St. John's halls are full of excited children as well as a wonderful number of volunteers.

This year's theme is **Crocodile Dock**.

As you can see from the clever displays throughout the church, a great deal of effort has gone into this week's activities. Thanks to all who have given of their time and talents to make this week possible.



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

MORE COLLEGE GRADS:

DAVID ALLEN DILL

B.A. - Architecture, Mississippi State University

LESLIE ANN DILL

B.S. - Nursing (cum laude), Medical College of Georgia

(Grandchildren of Elizabeth Dill)

ANNIVERSARIES: *Congratulations to*

John & Billie Keenon who celebrate fifty-five years of marriage on June 13.

John & Nancy Church who celebrate fifty years of marriage on June 13.

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Tim Dangerfield in the death of his mother, Pauline Elizabeth (Betty) Dangerfield, June 7 at Isle of Palms.*

Sincere sympathy is also extended to Luke Reid in the death of his stepfather, Bruce Howard, on June 1 in Hanceville, AL.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Mildred Spencer, Beth Green

Holly McFerrin Huber wishes to thank all of the congregation who have offered prayers, wishes and offerings in the memory of her father, **Cecil Jerome McFerrin**.

First session is over but you are welcome to attend the remaining two sessions of **GETTING TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S**. On June 14 Rev. Keith Stewart will discuss Methodist Beliefs and on June 28 staff and leaders will share ways they (and you) can serve. Come to Ward Hall at 10am.



Next **SUNNY MONDAY MEETING** will be June 15 at 10:30 am in Ward Hall. The lunch menu is baked ziti, salad, Italian garlic bread, and coconut cream cake. Please make lunch reservations through the office. **NO SUNNY MONDAY IN JULY OR AUGUST.** Meetings will resume in September.

FLOWER CALENDAR has openings for each Sunday in July. Please contact the office (648-6891) if you would like to remember or honor a loved one with a vase of flowers. Cost is \$40 per vase.



Last Sunday to honor or remember your Dad in the **FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN** is June 14. Look for a Circle 8 member after the 8:30am service or before & after the other two services. Cost is \$1 per name.



PARTY LIKE IT'S 1969!! "Younger Senior Adults" on up are invited on Wednesday, July 15, to Ward Hall at 5:30 for food, games, prizes and a good time. Simply bring a covered dish of your choosing and come casual - no reservation needed.

St. John's **PRIMETIMERS TRAVEL GROUP** invites others to join them for their *day-trip* to Atlanta, GA, on *Tuesday, August 4*. **Carolina Tours** will provide the motor coach, driver and tour director for us to visit the Georgia Aquarium and the new Museum of Patriotism next door, and then enjoy dinner at *The Blue Willow Inn* during our return to Aiken. For cost, itinerary and other details, contact **Mattie King at 643-9844**.

Meetings to Note

Thursday, June 11

- 9:00am Vacation Bible School
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, June 12

- 9:00am Vacation Bible School

Saturday, June 13

Sand River Salkehatchie begins

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, June 14 - No Sunday Night Youth

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 10:00am Getting to Know St. John's
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, June 15

- 8:00am First Place
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 10:30am Sunny Monday Group
- 12:30pm Al-Anon
- 7:00pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, June 16

- 1:30pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 17

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Kaitlyn Mikes
- Acolytes** - Andrea Mikes, John Luke Nance
- Altar Guild** Sally Bradley, Carla Dillman, Cindy Snell, Marguerite Flynn
- Crib Rm** (11am) Kristin Padgett
- Toddlers** - Casey Young
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Kimberly Canada
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Katie Proctor
- Greeters 8:30** - Tom McCollum
- Greeters 11:00** - Lee & Dot Poe, Adam & Kristen Bates, Marvin & Shirley Rosine
- Sunday AM Host (June 14)** - Jim Heffner
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday (June 14) - Gene Usher
 - Monday - Jim Fuqua
 - Tuesday - Dan Fabrick
 - Wednesday - Eric Randall
 - Thursday - George Kelley
 - Friday - Charlie Neill
 - Saturday - Chuck Bryan

Attendance - June 7

8:30	136
9:02	131
11:00	363
Total	630
SS	287

CHILDREN'S CORNER



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
will not meet on June 14.
(Sand River Salkehatchie takes place
June 13-20)

APPLE FEST NEWS: Costume Jewelry is back! AppleFest 2009 will have costume jewelry once again - so begin sorting through your jewelry and jewelry boxes to donate. Beginning on June 22 there will be a basket on the receptionist's desk to place your jewelry donations. Any questions? Call Nancy Perrine, 649-0318.



ACTS COLLECTION

JUNE: Canned tuna and/or canned salmon

Missionary Prayer Focus: May God's grace fill Whitney Simons as she prepares to leave Mexico.

For God to reach all those participating in the upcoming Epiphany Youth Prison Ministry

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.

SC Boys Epiphany #44 will be held June 11-14. Please pray for this ministry which is dedicated to showing Christ's love to incarcerated juveniles.

Community Vacation Bible School will be held at Memorial Baptist Church Monday-Friday, 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. Volunteers are still needed - see accompanying article on this page.

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).

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009

1ST GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
2ND GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B
3RD GRADE: THE ARKADE
4TH GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
5TH GRADE: CREATION STATION

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

A prayer walk is planned Friday, June 12 at 9:30am in front of Memorial Baptist Church (3100 Vaucluse Rd-Aiken) to pray for the **COMMUNITY VBS** set to begin June 22-26 in the evenings. Currently 12 volunteers are still needed. Please consider volunteering for this amazing outreach to the children in our community. Youth, Moms, Dads and Grandparents are all welcome to come out and make a difference in the life of a child who will have the opportunity to learn about Jesus in a fun and exciting hands-on way. Your children are welcome and encouraged to come with you - **BUT** they will need to be registered. Call Michelle Brown to sign up today - 648-6891 or 522-2010 or michelle.brown@stjohns-umc.org.

CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS OR LEAVING TOWN for an extended period? Please notify the church office as there is a per copy charge by the post office for returned second and third class mail. It may take up to several months before new information is received. Newsletters are sent weekly by second class mail. Your help is appreciated to avoid paying several times for the same information.

LOOKING AHEAD

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 followed by picnic
August 16 - Blessing of the Backpacks
August 17 - Public School resumes
August 21-23 Fuel Youth Retreat
October 4 - World Communion Sunday
November 1 - All Saints Day - Daylight Savings time ends
November 7 - AppleFest
November 13-15 - Asbury Hills Youth Retreat
December 6 - Children's Christmas Program
December 20 - Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
January 27-31, 2010 - Next Global Impact Celebration

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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...

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23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
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21 PAULA SAWYER
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33 MARY KOSKY
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Director, Children's Ministries
PR/Communications Coordinator
Volunteer Facilities Coordinator
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