

St. John's Visitor

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A Greeting from Keith Stewart

On behalf of my family and me, I want to say how excited we are about becoming a part of St. John's United Methodist Church, as well as the community. We come to you from Chapin United Methodist Church in Chapin, SC, which has been our home for the past sixteen years. The call to ministry is both a privilege and a responsibility so, as we join your family, we pray for discernment and guidance in our ministry with you. Joining me will be my wife, Tina, and our six year old daughter, Savannah. Our son, Chad, is a junior at the University of South Carolina and our daughter, Megan, teaches second grade in Greenville, South Carolina.

Growing up in Augusta, GA, is like coming back home. I am a 1980 graduate of the University of South Carolina and come to you from 25 years in the building industry. I have just finished the third year of work on my Master of Divinity degree. I look forward to reaching out to each of you as we grow stronger in becoming Christlike.

In Christ,
Keith



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Community is invited!

JUNE 29, 2008

Single patriotic service at 10:30

**An all-church picnic in the gym follows
as well as the opportunity to
welcome St. John's new Nurture Pastor,
Rev. Keith Stewart**

Please plan to be there!

June 22, 2008 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

"FIRE IN MY BONES"

Scripture: Jeremiah 20: 7 - 13

Rev. 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, June 19

9:00am Vacation Bible School
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, June 20

9:00am Vacation Bible School
7:00pm Primetime Bridge Group

Sunday, June 22

8:15am Coffee House
4:00pm Eliza Hesse Recital
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00pm Women's Emmaus
No Women's Bible Study this evening

Monday, June 23

10:00am Summer Exercise Class
10:30am Primetime Sunny Monday
4:00pm UMW Executive Committee

Tuesday, June 24

2:30pm Handbell Concert
7:00pm Church Council

Wednesday, June 25

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

Thursday, June 26

6:30pm United Methodist Men
7:00pm Congregational Care Committee

Serving This Week

Crucifer - David Hallman
Acolytes - Colby Hozey, Matt Hudgins
Altar Guild - Sally Bradley, Sara Little, Cindy Snell, Marguerite Flynn
Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Deedee Vaughters
Toddlers - Helen Randall
2-3 Yr Nursery - Amanda Stefanakos
3-4 Yr Nursery - Tracey Smith
Greeters 8:30 - Tom & Pam McCollum
Greeters 11:00 - Mary Gardner, Shirley Powell

Sunday AM Host (June 22)

Dave Sherburne

Evening Hosts

Sunday (**June 22**) - *Jim Minear*
Monday - *Rick Endler*
Tuesday - *Matt Beckum*
Wednesday - *Jim Wert*
Thursday - *Tom Brown*
Friday - *Bob Kosky*
Saturday - *Marc Nadeau*

Last Week's Attendance

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| 8:30 | 136 |
| 9:02 | 103 |
| 11:00 | 358 |
| Total | 597 |
| SS | 232 |

ANNIVERSARY: *Congratulations to David & Mildred Karraker who celebrate 60 years of marriage on June 19.*

BAPTISM: *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 15, was Ella Dailey Jernigan, daughter of Drew & Amy Jernigan, granddaughter of Ron & Judy Jernigan, and great-granddaughter of Malcolm & Jewel Dailey.*

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Roger Carpenter in the death of his grandfather, Verlin Noe, in Maryville, TN, on June 12.*

HOSPITALIZED: **Aiken** - Marie Priester, Bill Durrett, Dottie Kochli, Harry Carey; **MCG** - Walt Burckhalter; **Discharged** - baby Julian Pollin, Dick Newsome; **Discharged to Shadow Oaks** - Eleanor Cool

MONDAY EXERCISE will meet at 9:30 on June 23 in Room 200.



There are now new hardback **NRSV BIBLES** in the Sanctuary and the Chapel. If you would like to cover the cost of one (\$10) or more Bibles in honor or memory of a loved one, please stop by the receptionist desk on Sunday morning or during the week make the arrangements.

UNITED METHODIST MEN have invited Vicki Bukovitz, Executive Director of ACTS, as their speaker for June. All men of St. John's are encouraged to attend and hear about the current activities of the ACTS Program. Bring your covered dish and join them in Ward Hall on Thursday, June 26, at 6:30pm.



ACTS donation request for June

Canned Vegetables

(Other donations also welcome)



Financials for week ending June 14, 2008

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| Budgetary needs for the week | \$ 35,042 |
| Budgetary funds rec'd this week | \$ 24,280 |
| Budget funds rec'd to date | \$ 784,065 |
| Actual expenses to date | \$ 639,777 |
| St John's loan amt w/Security Fed | \$1,072,708 |

Faith Promise report for week ending June 14

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| 2008 Faith Promise | \$233,252.48 |
| Received last week | 1,765.96 |
| Received YTD | 64,083.89 |
| Disbursements to date | 51,950.00 |
| Balance for which to pray | 169,168.59 |

There will be an organizational meeting for **APPLEFEST '08** on Monday, June 30, at 7 pm in room #118. Anyone interested in working for Applefest and contributing to its success is urged to attend!

PRIMETIME SUNNY MONDAY meets on June 23 at 10:30 in Ward Hall. Bob Kosky, along with some others, will be talking about the Salkehatchie Summer Service Program. Lunch follows the meeting. Please make reservations by calling the church office or on the reservation card in the sanctuary pew racks. Sunny Monday meetings return to their 3rd Monday normal date next month.

At the Global Impact Celebration (GIC) in January, many of you expressed interest in a possible **SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP TO PARAGUAY**. We have contacted Rev. Ben Reyes and tentatively scheduled approximately a ten day trip in early October or November, 2008. A meeting will be held in Ward Hall immediately following the 11:00am service on Sunday, June 22, to discuss the potential trip and determine approximately how many wish to be missionaries from St. John's Church. All are welcome to this meeting whether you expressed interest previously at the GIC or have since been moved to do mission work.



St. John's
youth ministry

Wednesday, June 18
Lunch with Gene & Marshall - 1:00pm
*Meet at the Pizza Place
across from the church*

June 22 - 6:00 pm
Sunday Night Youth Meeting
will be led by Katie, Julie and Jimi.
(Gene & Marshall will be at the Great Escape)
Come out for some good ice cream!!

Sr High trip to Charleston will not take place due to circumstances beyond local control. HOWEVER, other plans are in the works for some day trips.



A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY
ELIZA HESSE, who recently received her Master of Music degree in Violin Performance from Arizona State University, will present a recital in the St. John's sanctuary next Sunday, June 22, at 4:00 pm. You are invited to be present.

FYI - In an article in one of the April newsletters, the prayer shawl article mentioned two young men currently serving in Iraq. Their addresses are shared below should anyone be interested in sending cards or letters:

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| PFC Robert Krueger | Lt. Michael E. Goldston |
| HHT 3/3 ACR | Unit 42001 MNC-1 C3 JOC |
| FOB SYKES | APO AE 09342-2001 |
| APO AE 09334 | |

GO Global Outreach News

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

Jeff Ray is leading a trip June 12-22. Please be in prayer for the team's safety and effectiveness in serving God in Quimistan.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

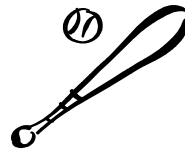
O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2008:

- 1ST GRADE: THE ARKADE**
- 2ND GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE**
- 3RD GRADE: CREATION STATION**
- 4TH GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: THOU ART**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: FROM BC TO PC**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is taking place this week. Roughly 190 students are attending and this number does not include teachers and helpers. Through their mission emphasis, children in Aiken, Columbia (South America) and Ethiopia (Africa) will be helped. Enthusiasm abounds and all participating appear to be having a wonderful time.

UPCOMING FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, June 22, at 3:00pm
Bowling at Park Avenue Lanes



SUNDAY, July 20, at 5:45pm
Green Jackets game
(more detailed to follow)

Please contact Teresa Crain at 215-6034 if you are interested in both/either activity.

LOOKING AHEAD

- June 16-20** - Vacation Bible School, 2008
- June 28-July 5** - Pee Dee Salkehatchie
- June 29** - Independence Day Celebration
- July 13** - Communion (all services)
- July 12-19** - Santee Salkehatchie
- July 26** - Junaluska Singers
- August 2** - Grace Kitchen begins
- August 17** - Promotion Sunday, Blessing of Backpacks
- October 5** - World Communion Sunday
- October 26** - Trunk or Treat
- November 2** - All Saints Sunday
- November 30** - First Sunday of Advent
- Jan 21-25** - 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...

Ext

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE
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23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
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27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
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30 MICHELLE I. PEARSON
33 MARY KOSKY
60 JAN GILBERT
61 MICHELLE BROWN
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