

St. John's Visitor

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ON SUNDAY, JULY 5TH, WE'RE HAVING AN

Independence Day Celebration!

SINGLE SERVICE AT 10:30
THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED

PLEASE BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

We will have the privilege of enjoying a wonderful patriotic service to celebrate Independence Day and to honor our military men and women, past and present. We appreciate so much all who have served and sacrificed that we might live and worship in freedom. Our thanks to **John Geiger**, who is arranging the honor guard who always add so much dignity and pride to this special day.



This stirring service will feature patriotic words and music, under the direction of **Colonel Gary Lamb**, a member of St. John's, and formerly the commander of The U.S. Army Band during his active duty years. Aiken Brass will participate with the Chancel Choir, as we salute those who serve and have served.

Plan to attend.

No reservations are required for the picnic in the Gym, right after this special service.



**June 28, 2009
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Messages this week by:
George Howle
Keith Stewart**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated at all services.**

**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 25

- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 6:30pm United Methodist Men
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, June 27

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, June 28

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 10:00am Final Session-Getting to Know St John's
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, June 29

- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 12:30pm AI-Anon

Wednesday, July 1

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

CHURCH OFFICES WILL CLOSE JULY 3!

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Christa Eberhard
- Acolytes** - Benjamin Rawls, Collin Ray
- Altar Guild** Sally Bradley, Carla Dillman, Cindy Snell, Margtuerite Flynn
- Crib Rm (11am)** De Bumgardner
- Toddlers** - Polly Riede
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Charity Leigh
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Kristi Vaughn
- Greeters 8:30** - Tom & Pam McCollum
- Greeters 11:00** - Lee & Dot Poe, Adam & Kristen Bates, Marvin & Shirley Rosine
- Sunday AM Host (June 28)** - Dave Kelly
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday (June 28) - Marc Nadeau
 - Monday - Jeff Ray
 - Tuesday - John Geiger
 - Wednesday - Jeff Crenshaw
 - Thursday - Robin Dillman
 - Friday - Kevin Buchanan
 - Saturday - Lamar Keisler

Financials for week ending June 20, 2009

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 21,038
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 780,002
Actual expenses to date	\$ 729,002
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$670,303.31

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise	\$176,512.00
Rec'd YTD	\$ 90,528.62
Disbursed YTD	\$ 89,197.82

****2009 Faith Promise year = 2/1/09 thru 1/31/10**

ANNIVERSARIES: Celebrating fifty years of marriage are:

- George & Mary Halfmann** - June 27
- Denny & Jacqui Workman** - June 26

WEDDING: Congratulations to **Megan Lindsay Stewart and Jeffrey Drake Plexico** who were married in the Chapin Baptist Church on Saturday, June 20. **Megan** is the daughter of **Keith and Tina Stewart**.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Mildred Whitaker; Univ. - Donna Petersen; Trinity - Bonnie James; **Discharged to Carriage Hills** - Eldon Bullington

Dear Members of our St. John's Family - Thank you for your gifts and prayers offered to us in support of our mission trip to Russia. We have been truly blessed with the opportunity to serve God's children.

From Russia with Love,

Deedee Vaughters, Susan Callahan and Pam McCollum

Our Stephen Ministry Leaders have returned from their intensive training in Orlando, Florida. **Alice Allington, Jeanette Isaacson, Rick Endler and Nurture Pastor Keith Stewart** are grateful for all the prayers and interest expressed. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead, as St. John's begins to develop our Stephen Ministry.

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.

Owen Clary will be sharing things he's learned doing research to satisfy his interest in Aiken history. All men of the church are invited to join the **UNITED METHODIST MEN** for their meeting on Thursday (June 25) and hear about *Only in Aiken*. Bring your covered dish and join them at 6:30pm. In Ward Hall.

COSTUME JEWELRY will be part of AppleFest 2009. Sort through your jewelry & jewelry boxes for possible donations. Collection basket will be on reception desk beginning June 22.

GETTING TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S FINAL SESSION

**Sunday, June 28 - 10:00am
Ward Hall**

**Topic is
St. John's Missions and Ministries:
How We Serve**

NEW MEMBERS will be introduced next Sunday. A number of people expressing interest in joining will be recognized at the 11am service although this can happen at any of the services. Please contact the church office if interested.

REMINDER to senior adults: There will be no Sunny Monday meetings in July or August. Monthly gatherings will resume in September. In the meantime, remember the August trip to the Georgia Aquarium, Patriotism Museum and dinner at the Blue Willow Inn of Social Circle, GA. Mattie King is the contact person.

Attendance - June 21

8:30	130
9:02	143
11:00	379
Total	652
SS	253



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
Saturday, June 27 - Grace Kitchen
June 27 - July 4: PeeDee Salkehatchie
Sunday, June 28 6:00pm
Youth Group Meeting
Wednesday, July 1
Lunch at Mi Rancho on Richland Ave



YOU MAY BE INTERESTED to know that St. John's contributed \$10.23 per member, surpassing the \$6 per member goal encouraged by Epworth Children's Home. A Certificate of Appreciation was received for helping to provide a place of hope and healing for the children in this state who have so little.

ACTS COLLECTION

JUNE: Canned tuna and/or canned salmon
JULY: Cereal
AUGUST: Instant or canned potatoes

Missionary Prayer Focus: May the children of Aiken come to know Jesus during the Community Bible School. May lasting friendships be made.

GO Global Outreach News

The Kenya team members are collecting plastic milk jug caps for the **Kenya Christian Camp**. They will be using them to make photo necklaces and need 150 caps. The slightly larger screw-on caps are preferred but any kind will do. There will be a collection point at the necklace station. Contact Frances Osteen with any questions (648-2548).

David Dill (grandson of Elizabeth Dill), a recent architecture graduate, will serve as an intern in Kampala, Uganda from August through December. He will work mainly on the design of a new school project. St. John's is supporting David's trip through funds and prayer support. We will have David come to St. John's for a visit after his mission service is completed.

Recent Mission Trips: Please give thanks to God for the recent safe return of the Russia and Honduras teams.

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

1. **Salkehatchie/Pee Dee** (June 24-July 4).
2. **Salkehatchie/Santee** (July 11-18)
3. **Kenya** (July 30-August 10)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009

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

PARABLES
THEME THIS SUNDAY: THE GOOD SAMARITAN



FLOWER CALENDAR has openings for July 26 (one vase) and all Sundays in August (one vase except both vases on August 2.) Please contact the office if you would like to honor or remember loved ones with altar flowers. Cost is \$40 per vase.



LOOKING AHEAD

- June 22-26** - Community VBS at Memorial Baptist Church
- June 27-July 4** - PeeDee Salkahatchie
- July 5** - Single worship service followed by picnic
- July 11-8** - Santee Salkehatchie
- August 16** - Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 17** - Public School resumes
- August 21-23** Fuel Youth Retreat
- October 4** - World Communion Sunday
- October 13-14** - Stewardship Dinners
- 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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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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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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