

St. John's Visitor

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July Comings & Goings



JULY 16 & AUGUST 27TH

Parents Night Out

Because God cares about your marriage and your family, so do we. Enjoy your night out and we'll mind your children. It's free! **5:30-8, Friday** nights. Register online www.stjohns-umc.net or call the office.

JULY 21st ~~Game and Party Night~~ sponsored by Senior Adult Council

Laughter and fellowship is good for the soul! **Wednesday, starting at 6 pm**, there will be fun and food galore in Ward Hall. Last year, this games night was so popular that Brenda Meeks, Linda Endler and the rest of her planning team have decided to do it again. Your cost of admission? A covered dish. No need to register. Just come and have some fun! 50+.



Deserving of A Round of Applause

Just Completed:

Salkahatchie – In the highest temperatures of any recent memory! The Sand River Salkehatchie involved St. John's adults who toil with out-of-town youth, housed and fed here, working in Aiken; and the PeeDee Salkehatchie workers include St. John's adults and youth. Whew!! HOT!

Our VBS Successful for 2010 – And, we may have had *the best one ever!* With 81 volunteers and nearly 200 children, the experience was a really exciting adventure on the High Seas.

4th of July Patriotic Worship and All-Church Picnic - With nearly 700 in worship and over 500 at picnic, special thanks goes to St. John's own leaders Brigadier General John Geiger, Colonel Gary Lamb, Laura Anne Matthews, Dot Poe and their wonderful volunteers. With stirring words and music, it was a motivating salute to service men and women, with yummy food and incredible décor for the indoor Gym picnic.

Colombia Trip – Safely back and full of information about the sights, sounds, and needs are St. John's members Matt Willoughby (team leader), Gary Allington, De Bumgardner, and Stephanie Osteen.

Russian Trip - Returning from Russia are Deedee Vaughters (team leader) and son Ford, Janet Wertz and her son Will, and Barbara Williams. It will be fascinating to hear the perspective of these youth, too!

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, July 15

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

Friday, July 16

5:30pm Parents' Night Out
7:00pm Primetime Bridge Group

Saturday, July 17

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, July 18

8:15am Coffee House
8:30am Worship
9:02am Contemporary Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, July 19

10:00am Exercise Class
7:00pm AWARE Evangelism Course
7:00pm Finance Committee

No Sunny Monday or Senior Adult Mtgs!

Tuesday, July 20

6:00pm GriefShare Grp to Fatz Restaurant
6:30pm Strategic Planning Committee
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 21

9:30am Quilting Fellowship
6:00pm 50+ Game & Card Night
6:00pm Youth Band Practice
7:00pm 9:02 Band Practice
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Alan Kelly
Acolytes - Brittany and Whitney Campbell
Altar Guild - Pat Dickey, Jewel Burckhalter, Jenny Johnson
Crib Rm - Sherry Williamson
2-3 Yr Nursery - Kelly Boetsch
3-4 Yr Nursery - Emily Moore
Sunday AM Host (July 18) - Bryan Staubs
Evening Hosts
Sunday - (July 18) - George Kelley
Monday - Charlie Neill
Tuesday - Chuck Bryan
Wednesday - Barry Pearson
Thursday - Bruce Burns
Friday - Rick Endler
Saturday - Matt Beckum

Attendance July 4 - 669

Attendance July 11

8:30	114
9:02	120
11:00	352
Total	586
SS	266

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to the following members in the recent losses of family members:

Kate Justice whose sister, **Thelma Gray**, passed away in Thomasville, GA, on June 23.

Luke Zimmermann in the June 26 loss of his brother, **Andrew Zimmermann**, in Austin, TX.

Mark Hudgins in the death of his father, **Phillips Dexter Hudgins, Jr.**, in Walterboro on July 2.

HOSPITALIZED: MD Anderson, Houston, TX - *Michael DeMinck; **Discharged** - Mary Lou Wallace, Mary Wiland, George Bodkin, Rick Wells

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES ALLEN BLEDSOE

June 29, 2010

My children and I thank my St. John's church family for the many phone calls, cards, visits and, most importantly, prayers. I feel so blessed and overwhelmed with all the expressions of love, support and encouragement. I thank God for leading me to you. Fondly, Suzanne Sparks

LOST SOME THINGS? If you are missing dishes, check the cabinet in the hall outside kitchen (toward Newberry St.) If you've lost jackets, check on the rack in the hallway where the parlor is located.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP will be dining at **Fatz Restaurant** on Tuesday, July 20, 6pm. Help Nancy Reed get a reservation number by notifying her or the office that you can attend. Come and invite a friend come along, also.

HAVE A HEART for children and want to teach them about Jesus' love? If so, why not become a Children's Ministry Volunteer? Several people are needed to assist with Children's Church which meets during 11am worship for about 30 minutes. Commitment would be once a month. Contact Allison Beatty at 648-6891 if you can help.

Financials for week ending July 10, 2010

Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 29,274
Budget needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget Funds Rec'd to date	\$ 898,502
Expenses to date	\$ 844,841
St. John's loan amt w/Sec Fed	\$274,299.84

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise 2010	\$173,987.00
Rec'd to date	\$106,024.66
Expenses to date	\$100,125.00

DID YOU NOTICE?

....the **4th of July photos** on the bulletin board outside Ward Hall? Check and see if you find your own picture there! Thanks to **Nancy and Ken Perrine** for capturing the day on film.

.....how great our grounds are cared for by **the grounds-keeping teams** (led by Brian Eberhard and Sherald Rogers) who faithfully groom the campus, even in this summer's heat wave?

.....also, **Bob Kosky and Al Snell** worked on the front flower beds and around the fountain area, just in time to shine for the 4th of July celebration. After the big cleanup project completed last year, these plantings look exceptionally lush and healthy this summer!

Many volunteers work hard at assuring a good first impression to those who enter St. John's, whether weeding, power washing, mowing, or trimming. What a powerful and humble ministry they provide!

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE . . .

Across the hall from the Library, near Room 110, the rest room has been made into a Family Restroom. This should be especially helpful for those with wheelchairs or walkers. There's a changing table, too.



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Friday lunch (noon) at McDonald's on Richland Av.

REMINDER!! Grace Kitchen on Saturday, July 17, is Youth Group responsibility. **YOU are needed.**

Pool Party on July 21 at the Beckum home on Springwood Drive.

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE: If you plan to take advantage of *Parents' Night out*, please bring your children to the parking lot doors (under covered portico.) Registration takes place there.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S NEXT MEETING is Thursday, July 22, 6:30pm in Ward Hall. Following the covered dish dinner, the Colombia Mission Team will share first-hand experiences of their recent trip to that country.

COLLEGE CLASS meets at 10am in Rm 204 on Sundays. The study topic this summer is parables of Jesus. All college-age young adults are welcome and invited to bring a friend.

COLLEGE MISSION TRIP is fast approaching on July 24-31. Destination is Dallas, TX, to work with K-1st graders in a Hispanic immigrant community. There are still a few openings for tutors to help children learn to read. If interested, please contact Elaine Clanton Harpine at 803-593-4988.

Your copy of *The Ministries of St. John's Directory* is available from the church office - one per family. .

ACTS COLLECTION

JULY: Pasta Sauce AUGUST: Toilet Tissue



Meal Delivery Volunteers Needed: The Aiken Area Council on Aging is asking for our help in delivering meals to seniors in the Aiken, Graniteville & N. Augusta areas. Volunteers drivers are needed for the Home Delivered Meal Program ("Meals on Wheels"). Meals are delivered Monday through Friday each week & each route takes an hour or less to complete. Detailed route sheets are provided along with coolers for hot & cold food. The meal containers can be picked up at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on Highway 421 or here in Aiken.

Volunteers who are 55 or older are eligible for the RSVP Program. This will reimburse these drivers for gasoline used to drive from their homes to the food pickup site & back.

Sonya Moody is Program Coordinator for the Home Delivered Meals Program. According to Ms. Moody, "We are having a really hard time getting help in this area. The HDM Program is run strictly by volunteers & without them we would not be able to deliver meals to seniors who are in dire need of them."

If you are willing & able to help out with this worthy cause, please contact Ms. Moody at 648-5447.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010

**3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
SAUL BECOMES KING
1 SAMUEL 8:1-22; 9:1-2; 10:17-24**

WHO WILL KNOW?: STEPHEN MINISTRY



Who will know about my problem if I talk to a Stephen Minister? Many people ask this question. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. No one will find out what you discuss with your Stephen Minister. If you have a burden you need to share, perhaps a Stephen Minister can help.

FLOWER CALENDAR has openings in all Sundays in August. Cost is \$40 per vase. Please contact the office, 648-6891, if you would like to honor or remember a loved one with altar flowers.

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:30 & 11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
"HEY! LISTEN UP!" - Matthew 21: 23-32
Rev. Robert B. Clyburn**

**9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym
"AGE OF DISTRACTION" - Luke 10: 38-42
Rev. Keith Stewart**

LOOKING AHEAD

- Saturdays** - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
- July 16** - Parents' Night Out
- July 21** - 50+ Activity Night
- August 15** - Blessing of Backpacks
- August 22** - Churchwide Bible Study-Sunday School Hr
- August 27** - Parents' Night Out
- October 3** - World Communion Sunday
- November 6** - AppleFest 2010
- November 7** - All Saints Day (Daylight Savings time ends)
- November 18** - UMW Turkey Dinner
- December 5** - Children's Musical Program
- December 19** - Christmas Music Sunday
- January 16, 2011** - Day of Commitment to Christian Unity
- January 21-23** - Mission Impact Celebration
- February 11** - Valentine Luncheon
- February 11-13** - Youth Revolution

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*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
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE HAWKINS
21 PAULA SAWYER
30 MICHELLE PEARSON
61 ALLISON BEATTY
60 MIDGE ROTHROCK
27 JIMI WHITESSELL
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