

St. John's Visitor

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Summertime, and not much going on around St. John's, you'd say.

Well....you might be wrong!



What are these folks doing? Listening to George sharing his wisdom? Well, maybe. But, more likely they are intently trying to figure out what is being drawn for a heated contest of Pictionary, part of the Game Night held on July 15th, where Adults from 50 to 99 were invited to *party like it's 1969*. It was a lot of fun! If we can coax Brenda Meeks into it, maybe this can become a regular event!

On August 16th, we'll again have the wonderful Blessings of the Backpack events. More details will be highlighted in a future issue of The VISITOR, but for now, if you haven't done so already, please put this happy day on your calendar. Tina Frazier and the other volunteers along with our new Children's Ministry Director Allison Beatty are excited about the breakfast (9:30), the blessings (9:02 and 11 services) and the 3 to 5 pm BLAST. Tell your friends and neighbors! Teachers, especially, will want to come for the prizes.



Strategic Planning

efforts continue with the Church Council Leadership having a session on Sunday afternoon, August 23rd. Having a plan for the future is so important to the continuing success of St. John's. As you attend the various 21st Century meetings (resuming in September), you will be given your own copy of the Long-Range Plans. See the bulletin board in the reception area for photos of your Church Council members, and share with them your hopes and ideas for the future, as they prepare for this event.

United Methodist Women

will hold an event on August 30th, the specific purpose of which is to encourage the formation of some new circles, concentrating on the younger women. Ask a UMW member for more details. Invitations are "in the mail"!

Choir Practice for Christmas music starts this Wednesday. Yes, it takes many months to create the wonderful sounds of the annual Christmas concert. Also, UNDER the STEEPLE will have *Acts of Renewal* on September 13th at 3 pm, with a fresh approach to the Christian message through Theatre.



Meetings to Note

Thursday, July 23

9:00am Summer MDO
 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
 7:00pm GIC Team Leaders

Saturday, July 25

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, July 26

8:15am Coffee House
 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth
 6:00pm College Class at Mahoney's
 6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

9:00am Summer MDO
 7:00pm Church Council
 8:00pm Strategic Planning Tutorial

Wednesday, July 29

9:00am Summer MDO
 9:30am Quilting
 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
 7:00pm Women Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Kathleen Brannon
Acolytes - Whitney Campbell, Ryan Carpenter
Altar Guild - Pat Dickey,
 Jewell Burckhalter, Jenny Johnson
Crib Rm (11am) - Jennifer Willoughby
Toddlers - Helen Randall
2-3 Yr Nursery - Meg Massie
3-4 Yr Nursery - Heather Young
Greeters 8:30 - Lee & René Boylston
Greeters 11:00 - Bill & Nancy Vernon,
 Dorothy Brannon, Tom Brown,
 Tom & Diane Meyer

Sunday AM Host (July 26) - Michael Rollins

Evening Hosts

Sunday (**July 26**) - Tom Brown
 Monday - Bob Kosky
 Tuesday - Marc Nadeau
 Wednesday - Jeff Ray
 Thursday - John Geiger
 Friday - Bob Fogle
 Saturday - Jeff Crenshaw

**Attendance
 July 19**

8:30	99
9:02	120
11:00	348
Total	567
SS	288

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

NEW ARRIVAL: Mackinnon Christiaan Usher, son of Kevin & Kay Usher and grandson of Gene & Arlene Usher, was born July 13 in Aken.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to Betty Minear in the death of her son, Alan Daugherty, in Charleston on July 16.

HOSPITALIZED: Select Specialty, Augusta - Joe Bumpus; Univ. - Jack Rogers; **Discharged** - Lib Sofge, Jane Goldston

IN MEMORIAM

DELILAH SCOGGINS McCOMAS THORNTON

July 16, 2009

Dear St. John's,

Thank you for your tremendous financial support for the upcoming Kenya camp in August. Expenses in Kenya are so high that the estimated cost of the three day camp was \$8400. This included mattresses, blankets, overnight lodging, food, and transportation for the children. You were instrumental in helping to raise over 50% of those funds through Faith Promise, eating spaghetti and wearing yarn necklaces. The funds have been sent to Kenya and the Life for Children staff are making preparations for the camp. We continue collecting money for craft supplies, further support of the children and next year's camp. We are so blessed to be part of a church that truly has a heart for missions!

In Christ, Aiken Life for Children Outreach Group

Financials for week ending July 18, 2009

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 32,666
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 880,822
Actual expenses to date	\$ 850,653
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 356,900

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd YTD	\$ 97,106.62
Disbursed YTD	\$ 91,322.82
**2009 Faith Promise year =	2/1/09 thru 1/31/10

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS are being received next Sunday, July 26. Please contact the church office if you are interested in becoming a part of St. John's.

**July 26, 2009
 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Messages this week by:
 Keith Stewart
 Gene Aiken**

**Scripture: John 6: 11 - 13
 Theme - God's Abundance**

**Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.
 Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.**



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, July 26 6:00pm
Youth Group Meeting

Join Gene & Jimi for lunch at Ferrando's on Richland Ave on July 29.



Does the church office have your **CORRECT ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER?** Please help staff have accurate and up-to-date records for you (and your adult children) by notifying us of changes. Your help is greatly appreciated!

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet on Thursday of this week for their monthly covered dish dinner. Speakers for this meeting are the Reverends Mike & Sherri Morrissey, ministers serving as the first Methodist missionaries to Thailand. All men of the church are invited to join them in Ward Hall at 6:30pm.

ACTS COLLECTION

JULY: Cereal

AUGUST: Instant or canned potatoes

Missionary Prayer Focus: May Shirley Townsend Jones stay focused and on task. May God encourage her and those around her.

GO Global Outreach News

There will be a **potluck supper** at 6:30 PM on *Wednesday*, July 22, in Ward Hall to meet **Reverends Mike & Sherri Morrissey**, two United Methodist ministers. The Morrisseys are the first GBGM missionaries to serve in Thailand and will be giving a presentation about their ministry.

The **Kairos #32 prison ministry** will take place at McCormick Correctional Institution in McCormick, S.C. from September 16-19. Participating from St. John's will be **Dave and Beth Kelly, Jim and Charlotte Holly, Tom and Pam McCollum, Nancy Fairgrieve and Mick Ferrell**. A cookie campaign to provide 6,000 dozen homemade cookies will begin in late July. Contact Dave Kelly (649-3591) for more details if you would like to help bake cookies.

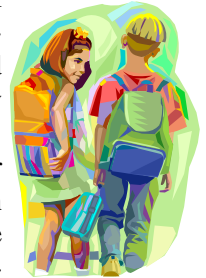
The upcoming **mission trip to Kenya** will be August 6-18. **John and Frances Osteen** will join five other volunteers to put on a Bible camp for **Michael Agwanda's** Life for Children AIDS orphans. Please keep them in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009

THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS
DUANE COLDIRON, TEACHING
(ALL AGES GATHER IN THE ARKADE DURING SUMMER MONTHS!)

OPERATION BACKPACK is on the schedule for Sunday, August 16. You can help by collecting school supplies and new backpacks! All donations will go to benefit local and statewide missions. The drop-off boxes are located outside Allison Beatty's office and by the church kitchen!



Also, donations are being request for Door Prizes to be given to Aiken County School Teachers. If anyone would be interested in donating a vacation home for a few nights or *ANY* donation you feel a school teacher would appreciate, please contact Phyllis Coker, 649-1511.

On Saturday, October 17, from 9:30-4 pm, **A WOMEN'S RETREAT** (total cost is minimal and includes lunch) is scheduled at "Still Waters", a private home and chapel. **Designed for women, and by women**, including St. John's own Judy Jernigan, this interdenominational and fulfilling day is themed "Up, Up and Away". Pick up a brochure at the Receptionist Desk for further information. Space is limited, and registrations are due no later than October 1st.

LOOKING AHEAD

- July 22** - Potluck Supper & Missionary Presentation
- July 28** - Strategic Planning Tutorial
- August 6-18** - Mission trip to Kenya
- August 16** - Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 17** - Public School resumes
- August 21-23** Fuel Youth Retreat
- August 23** - Strategic Planning Session
- September 6** - Great Day of Singing
- September 13** - Under the Steeple "Acts of Renewal"
- 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
- November 22** - Thanksgiving Sunday, Holy Communion
- December 6** - Children's Christmas Program
- December 20** - Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
- January 27-31, 2010** - Next Global Impact Celebration

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*We grow in faith and number by sharing
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worship, nurture and service.*



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