

# St. John's Visitor

July 28, 2009 Published weekly by St. John's UM Church

Richtland at Newberry, Aiken, SC 29801 Volume 9, Issue 29

## What's In a Name? **NAME TAG** **SUNDAY IS AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>**

Quite a while back, Vera Keisler turned to a person without a badge in the pew next to her and said, "My name's Vera Keisler," while she stuck her thumb under her name tag, "What's yours?"

The person next to her? Harry Sampson!

From that Sunday on, when you see Harry at St. John's all over the halls, and in every niche, you'll know it's him. Why? He's gotten the *not-so-subtle* message: **WEAR YOUR NAME TAG.**



Paul Musick and the other folks on Deedee Vaughter's Evangelism Committee have a challenge for us all. On Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, this is what we have been asked to do:

Come with your name tag proudly displayed! That's all. And, if you don't, there will be a grace period where you can truly fess up: maybe you left yours in the glove box in that old car you sold; or, it's in that drawer every house has where all things odd get tossed, never to see the light of day again.

Whatever your excuse, IF you don't have one, please call the church office and ask for a new one to be made. How are they made? Well, starting with a sheet of paper with our logo, Anne Hawkins, Administrative Assistant to our pastors, gets the names and prepares them. Next, either Bob Kosky or Carla Dillman laminate them. When they're ready, you'll find them clipped in a row near the office door. Bob and Carla have been making these for us for a long time – just another example of giving, giving, giving of their time by St. John's wonderful members.

If you don't wear your tag, expect to be greeted like a visitor, until you begin to wear one again. While on the subject of greeting visitors, let's remember to be gracious and warm to those whose faces are not familiar, when they choose to attend St. John's. There must be hundreds of other choices, and we need to react accordingly when they pick us.

This first month, it will be for fun. But, don't be surprised if there is a twist or two added as a motivation to put on these tags, in the future months!

August 2, 2009  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Messages this week by:

Keith Stewart

Gene Aiken

Scripture: Psalm 51: 10 - 12

Theme - Getting Right With God

*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, July 30**

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

**Saturday, August 1**

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen
- Youth to Edisto

**Sunday, August 2**

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

**Monday, August 3**

- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 12:30pm AI-Anon
- 6:30pm Stewardship Committee

**Tuesday, August 4**

- Primetimers to Atlanta & Social Circle
- 6:30pm Education Committee

**Wednesday, August 5**

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 1:00pm Youth to Jade of China
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

**Serving This Week**

- Crucifer** - Nicole Neill
- Acolytes** - Danielle Smith, Alan Kelly
- Altar Guild** Donna Caprell-Kraft, Gayle Garrison, Mary Cornelius, Paula Clayton, Sharon West
- Crib Rm (11am)** - Susan Vernon
- Toddlers** - Dana Massey
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Erin Herron
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Kathy Samaha
- Greeters 8:30** - Claude and Marie Goodlett
- Greeters 11:00** - Gail and Evelyn Marine
- Other to be announced

**Sunday AM Host (Aug 2)** Jay Bilyeu

**Evening Hosts**

- Sunday (Aug 2) - Robin Dillman
- Monday - Kevin Buchanan
- Tuesday - Lamar Keisler
- Wednesday - Jimmy Moore
- Thursday - Jerry Johnson
- Friday - Edward Yeh
- Saturday - Charles McKeel

**Attendance - July 26**

8:30	116
9:02	121
11:00	326
Total	563
SS	268

**NEW ARRIVALS:** *Kassie Lane Borst*, daughter of *Kristin & Ken Borst* and granddaughter of *Elaine & Denny Bennett*, was born July 2 in Stockbridge, GA.

*MacKinnon Christiaan Usher*, son of *Kevin & Kay Usher* and grandson of *Gene & Arlene Usher*, was born July 13 in Aiken.

*Brynn Rebecca Brown*, daughter of *Heath* and former staff member *Michelle Brown*, was born July 23 in Augusta.

*Henry William Lawson*, son of *George & Amy Lawson* and grandson of *George & Susan Lawson*, was born July 27 in Nashville, TN.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to *Courtney Lynn Arnold* and *Paul Athan Gregory* who were married Saturday, July 25, in the sanctuary.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations, *Bill & Ginny Brown*, who celebrate 60 years of marriage on July 30.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ANOTHER GRADUATE:**

**JENNIFER PERKINS**

(Granddaughter of Sarah & Okey Perkins)

B.A. - International Studies

The University of Georgia

(Also commissioned 2nd Lt in the U.S. Army-her father, General Nick Perkins, was speaker.)

**HOSPITALIZED:** ARMC - Mildred Whitaker, Evelyn Morris, Marie Priester; Doctor's - Jane Selman

Please come pray for the *Kenyan Global Outreach* team this Sunday, August 2, at 10:45 in the chapel. The team will be leaving for Kenya on August 6.



St. John's **PRIMETIMERS TRAVEL GROUP** invites others to join them for their *two-day trip* to the North Georgia mountain town of **Helen** on Thursday & Friday, October 1-2, for the longest running *Oktoberfest* in America and for a side-trip to Dahlonega for the Gold Museum and to dine at the famous *Smith House* for a great family-style meal. Carolina Tours will provide the motor coach, driver and tour director. For cost and other details, contact Spence Grotheer, 642-0084.

**Financials for week ending July 25, 2009**

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 24,315
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 905,137
Actual expenses to date	\$ 865,830
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 356,600

**Faith Promise Update**

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd YTD	\$ 97,865.62
Disbursed YTD	\$ 91,322.82

**\*\*2009 Faith Promise year =**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** - Interested in joining a UMW circle for the young women of St. John's? Come to their organizational gathering on August 30 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. They plan to exchange ideas, enjoy fellowship and refreshments and make new friends.

**REMINDER** to senior adults: There is no Sunny Monday meeting in August. Monthly gatherings will resume in September on the third Monday.

**RETREAT FOR WOMEN** is planned for Saturday, October 17, 9:30 - 4:00 at Still Waters, a private home and chapel in Aiken. Additional information and registration details are available from a pamphlet on the receptionist's desk.



St. John's  
youth ministry

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

**Saturday, August 1**  
*One Day Trip to Edisto Beach*  
**Sunday, August 2**                      **6:00pm**  
**Fun Night**

*Join Gene & Jimi for lunch at Jade of China  
on Wednesday, August 5, at 1 pm.*



**MOTHER'S DAY OUT** concludes its summer schedule this week on Thursday, July 30. The program will be in recess until the end of August.

### ACTS COLLECTION

*AUGUST: Instant or canned potatoes*

**Missionary Prayer Focus:** Continue to meet the needs of each woman who walks in the door of Aiken Pregnancy Care Center and may God provide a larger facility.

## GO Global Outreach News

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 others to put on a Bible camp for **Michael Agwanda's** Life for Children AIDS orphans. Please keep them in your prayers.

**David Dill** is preparing to leave for Uganda to serve as an intern in Kampala from August through December. He will work on the design of a new school project for Engineering Ministries International (EMI). David has requested our prayer support in the following areas:

- That he will be spiritually prepared to undertake what God has called him to do
- For the staff and projects of EMI
- That he and his fellow interns will be flexible enough to adapt to a different culture
- That his actions will glorify God in all things

For updates on David's trip: <http://davidadill.blogspot.com/>

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009**

**THE LOST SHEEP  
MARY COLEMAN, TEACHING**

**(ALL AGES GATHER IN THE ARKADE  
DURING SUMMER MONTHS!)**

The **BOOK CLUB** is back!! Starting September 21, we will be reading "Same Kind of Different as Me" by Ron Hall & Denver Moore. **October 19** - we will discuss "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and **November 16** - we will discuss "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan. We will meet in Room 204 at 7:00pm. Please come join us and bring a friend. Sharon West can provide more info at 648-3824.

**REMINDER:** School supplies and backpacks are being collected and drop-off boxes are located outside Allison Beatty's office and by the church kitchen. Items will benefit local and statewide missions, including Epworth Children's Home. Also, donations of door prizes for Aiken County school teachers are requested. These will be awarded at the breakfast planned in their honor on August 16. Contact person is Phyllis Coker, 649-1511.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**August 6-18** - Kenya Mission Trip  
**August 16** - Blessing of the Backpacks  
**August 17** - Public School resumes  
**August 21-23** Fuel Youth Retreat  
**August 23** - Strategic Planning Session (lunch served)  
**August 26** - Chancel Choir resumes weekly rehearsals  
**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

# St. John's Visitor

PERIODICALS POSTAGE PAID  
AT AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
USPS 673-640

ST. JOHN'S VISITOR  
P O Box 809  
Aiken, SC 29802-0809

POSTMASTER: Send change of address to  
P O Box 809 Aiken, SC 29802-0809

## 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  
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  
61 ALLISON BEATTY  
60 MIDGE ROTHROCK  
ALLEN RADCLIFFE  
JIMI WHITESSELL  
JANE TIMMERMAN  
LYN PATTTERTSON  
31 GERALD F. THOMPSON  
WILLIE M. GREEN  
ENSLEY O. ADAMS  
ROBERT WOODS  
YVONNE DUBLIN

Minister  
Nurture Pastor  
Director of Staff and Planning  
Director of Music Ministries  
Financial Services  
Director of Youth Ministries  
Director, Adult & Senior Ministries  
Assistant to Ministers  
Church Secretary  
Director, Preschool/MDO Ministries  
Director, Children's Ministries  
PR/Communications Coordinator  
Volunteer Facilities Coordinator  
Asst Director, Youth Ministries  
9:02 Music  
Interim Organist  
Custodian Coordinator  
Custodian  
Custodian  
Custodian  
Custodian

[george.howle@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:george.howle@stjohns-umc.org)  
[keith.stewart@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:keith.stewart@stjohns-umc.org)  
[harry.sampson@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:harry.sampson@stjohns-umc.org)  
[catherine.stapleton@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:catherine.stapleton@stjohns-umc.org)  
[nancy.fairgrieve@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:nancy.fairgrieve@stjohns-umc.org)  
[gene.aiken@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:gene.aiken@stjohns-umc.org)  
[nancy.reed@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:nancy.reed@stjohns-umc.org)  
[anne.hawkins@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:anne.hawkins@stjohns-umc.org)  
[paula.sawyer@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:paula.sawyer@stjohns-umc.org)  
[michelle.pearson@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:michelle.pearson@stjohns-umc.org)  
[allison.beatty@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:allison.beatty@stjohns-umc.org)  
[midge.rothrock@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:midge.rothrock@stjohns-umc.org)

[jimi.whitesell@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jimi.whitesell@stjohns-umc.org)

[gerald.thompson@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:gerald.thompson@stjohns-umc.org)

Church Office: 648.6891  
Church FAX: 648.7197  
Preschool: 648.4745  
Web Site: [www.stjohns-umc.org](http://www.stjohns-umc.org)

*St. John's Visitor is published weekly except the last week of the year by  
St. John's United Methodist Church, 104 Newberry St NW, Aiken, SC 29801-3918.*