

St. John's Visitor

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Christmas? Now? In August?

It's probably a bit hard to imagine singing "Jingle Bells", hanging Christmas wreaths and drinking hot cocoa right now, as the temperatures soar above 90 degrees. However, in August, we will begin working on a Christmas play to be done in the 8:30 & 11:00 am services on **December 5th**. The play is called *A Simple Christmas Pageant*.

As the title says, it is indeed a simple program, reminiscent of a slower and gentler time ("A Prairie Home Companion" meets "A Charlie Brown Christmas"). It contains familiar carols, some of which the congregation will enjoy singing with us. As always, the children's and youth choirs will have a large part in the production, but this play is *multi-generational*. Moms, Dads and anyone who has always wanted to participate in a play can enjoy this low-pressure experience. There are very few lines to learn and familiar music. *Also, children and youth who have not previously sung with the choirs are welcome to join us as a visitor, just for this play.* The **children** will rehearse from **5:45 to 6:45 on Wednesdays**, beginning August 25 and the **youth** will rehearse on **Sundays at 5pm**. Rehearsal times for adults are minimal and will be announced after casting, based on the participants' availability.

Come join us for a relaxed way to begin the Christmas season on December 5th.

August 8, 2010
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
Rev. George Howle preaching

"A NEW PAIR OF GLASSES"
Scripture - Luke 10:25-37

9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym
11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
Message by Walter Cantwell

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, August 5

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

Saturday, August 7

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, August 8

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

Monday, August 9

- 10:30am Exercise Class
- 6:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, August 10

- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, August 11

- 9:30am Bible Study
- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 6:00pm Youth Band Practice
- 6:30pm 12 Keys Facilitator Training
- 7:00pm 9:02 Band Practice
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Danielle Smith
- Acolytes** - Annalise Eberhard, Sophie Nance
- Altar Guild** (August) - Donna Caprell-Kraft, Gayle Garrison, Mary Cornelius, Paula Clayton, Sharon West
- Crib Rm** - Michelle Brown
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Michelle Orr
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Jennifer Willoughby
- Sunday AM Host (8/8)** - *Virgil Sauls*
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday - (**Aug 8**) - *Charles McKeel*
 - Monday - *Dennis Fish*
 - Tuesday - *Mike Uhle*
 - Wednesday - *Keith Polk*
 - Thursday - *Brian Eberhard*
 - Friday - *Adam Bates*
 - Saturday - *Gene Usher*

**Attendance
August 1**

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| 8:30 | 96 |
| 9:02 | 120 |
| 11:00 | 334 |
| Total | 550 |
| SS | 248 |

WEDDING: Congratulations to *Sara Michelle Davis and Nicholas Casparius* who were married July 30 in Mt Vernon, Indiana. Sara is the daughter of *Sue Payne* and granddaughter of *George & Joan Bodkin*.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to *Brian Eberhard* in the death of his brother, *Kevin Eberhard*, in Aiken on July 21.

HOSPITALIZED: Univ. - *Mary Ann Clyburn*; **Discharged** - *Kevin Kalbaugh, Allen Radcliffe, Gail Hendrick*

IN MEMORIAM

MARY FRANCES SWEET HEROLD

August 1, 2010

IN MEMORIAM

HAZEL KING HEATON

August 2, 2010

NEW MEMBERS will be received at any or all services on August 15. If you've been attending for awhile and would like to become a member of St. John's church family, please contact the church office.

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL/MDO programs resume on August 30. Parents conferences and open houses take place the preceding Wednesday and Thursday, August 25-26.

PLEASE REMEMBER to notify the church office when your address changes. Frequently charges for that information are paid several times because of the numerous mailings done before new information is received from the post office.

Financials for week ending July 31, 2010

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| Budget funds rec'd this week | \$ 17,804 |
| Budget needs for the week | \$ 33,091 |
| Budget Funds Rec'd to date | \$965,740 |
| Expenses to date | \$961,059 |

St. John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$270,332.82

Faith Promise Update

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| Faith Promise 2010 | \$173,987.00 |
| Rec'd to date | \$110,996.25 |
| Expenses to date | \$111,900.00 |

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH begins Monday, August 23, at 8am in Rm 217. This is a health-oriented Bible Study which begins with the church-wide 12 Keys Bible Study.

ALONE
"What's wrong?"
"Nothing."



But there is something wrong, and it makes it all the worse when you don't know what it is. You hurt. They're together. You're alone. If you are going through separation or divorce, call Stephen Ministry. We want to help.

DUBER ROJAS PRESENTS!

This special guest on Sunday, August 8, is currently a missionary to Granada, Spain, where he works with Muslim youth. He's a former coach with the Christian Union Sports Club which is Mark Wittig's soccer ministry in Colombia. Plan to be in Ward Hall at 10am and hear about the fruits of one of the ministries we support.



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
August 8 Regular Meeting 6:00pm
Lunch on Friday (8/6) at noon - Duke's
 On Wednesday, August 11 - Bowling

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DEPARTMENT is in need of a few good *Sunday School Teachers* to either rotate teaching a couple of Sundays a month or to fill in as a substitute. If you are able to help in this vital position, please contact Allison in the church office.

STUDENTS of all ages will not want to miss the annual Blessing of the Backpacks on August 15 in both the 9:02 and 11:00 services. Bring your backpack to church and receive a special blessing from Rev. George for the start of the school year!

BOOK CLUB resumes Monday, August 16, with a book exchange. Come join us and bring any or all the books you have read over the summer. Plans can then be made for upcoming selections at this meeting. Meet in room 204 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and bring a friend. If you need more info please call Sharon West at 648-3824.

ACTS COLLECTION

August - Toilet Tissue

GO Global Outreach News

New Habitat Build: This fall St. John's UMC will be teaming with other local churches to support a home-build project for Habitat for Humanity. Construction will begin in late August and be completed in December. Funds from Faith Promise will be donated to support the project. We will be looking for St. John's members to volunteer their time and efforts to assist with the construction on our assigned days. At this time, however, we are in need of someone to serve as the primary point-of-contact and lead our efforts in supporting this project. If you are interested in serving as the St. John's leader for this project, call Kevin Buchanan at 617-9558 (or buchanan4@gforcecable.com).

Colombia Sports Club Missionary Presentation: On Sunday, August 8 at 10:00 am in Ward Hall, **Mr. Duber Rojas** will give a presentation on his work as a missionary in Spain. Mr. Rosas is a former coach with the Christian Union Sports Club (Mark Wittig's soccer ministry in Colombia) and is now the first missionary from the organization. He is currently working with Muslim youth in Granada, Spain. Come hear about this fruit of the Colombia ministry that we support. Contact Michael Norton at 648-9740 for more info.

Epworth Back to School: Epworth Children's Home is asking for donations of gift cards (Target, Walmart, etc.) to help the children with back-to-school clothes. If you can help, please drop off the cards at the church office by 8-15.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2010

3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
DAVID DEFEATS GOLIATH
1 SAMUEL 17: 1—50

APPLE FEST 2010 - The Apple Fest is a church-wide fundraiser sponsored by St. John's United Methodist Women. Chosen as recipients of this year's proceeds are: The Child Advocacy Center, Community Care and Counseling Service and Helping Hands. Preparing for and working at this yearly event is a special time to come together meet new people, visit with long-time acquaintances and ultimately give back to the community. Leaders for this year's Apple Fest are Kelli Smith, Sherald Rodgers, Melody Binion, Beth Eberhard, Betty Holloway, Nancy Perrine, Joyce Bowman and Steve Lathrop. Support of anyone wishing to participate in this worthy cause is very welcome. Contact any of the persons named above.



NEXT

GRIEFSHARE GROUP
Wednesday, August 18
 6pm at Eejay's



REMEMBER that St. John's is collecting *new School supplies* for a local charity. Donations may be left in the appropriate boxes located by the gym and outside Allison's office. Due date is August 15.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
August 15 - Blessing of Backpacks
August 22 - Churchwide Bible Study-Sunday School Hr
August 25/26 - Preschool/MDO Open House
August 27 - Parents' Night Out
August 30 - Preschool begins
October 3 - World Communion Sunday
October 31 - All Saints Day
November 6 - Apple Fest 2010
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
58 ALLEN RADCLIFFE
31 GERALD F. THOMPSON
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