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STEPHEN MINISTRY



On June 6, 2010, St. John's commissioned our first group of Stephen Ministers, after they had successfully completed 50 hours of training to achieve certification. This ministry stands ready to confidentially listen and walk with you in times need, on a 1:1 basis. Assignments are woman to woman, or man to man, and do not include children or families, but are on an individual basis. Contact the church office to be connected, or call Alice Allington, referral coordinator, at 642-3492.

In order to have a broader idea of how Stephen Ministers can assist, reading "After People" might expand your notion. Stephen Ministers are ready to come alongside you and provide comfort and support for as long "after" as needed.

Stephen Ministers are there:

...after you've washed and returned the last casserole dish.

...after the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life.

...after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away - and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty.

...after you arrive home following the funeral service and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

...after the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful.

...after the doctors have said, "There's nothing more we can do".

...after the door has slammed shut for the very last time.

...after the phone call you'd always hoped you'd never get.

...after you realize the hands on the gold watch you received at your retirement party move more slowly than you every imagined.

...after the nursing home director shakes your hand says, "Welcome to your new home".

...after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

...after the baby has arrived, putting more demands on you than you ever dreamed possible.

...after you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final paycheck.

...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk about it.

August 15, 2010
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
Rev. Keith Stewart preaching

9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym
11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

"SON, WHY HAVE YOU
TREATED US THIS WAY?"

Luke 2: 41 - 52
Rev. Dr. George Howle

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, August 12

- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 3:00pm Travel Planners Meeting
- 3:00pm Acolyte Training
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, August 14

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, August 15

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

Monday, August 16

Public School Begins

- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 1:00pm Senior Adult Council
- 2:30pm UMW Circle #3
- 7:00pm Book Club
- 7:00pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, August 17

- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Strategic Planning Committee

Wednesday, August 18

- 9:30am Bible Study
- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 6:00pm Youth Band Practice
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsals resume
- 7:00pm 9:02 Band Practice
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp
- 7:00pm Honduras Agape Foundation

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Lauren Pearson
- Acolytes** - Breanna Downs, Ryan Fogle
- Altar Guild** (August) - Donna Caprell-Kraft, Gayle Garrison, Mary Cornelius, Paula Clayton, Sharon West
- Crib Rm** - Susan Vernon
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Lisa Ray
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Katie Proctor
- Sunday AM Host (8/15)** - Ken Alexander
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday - (Aug 15) - Jim Fuqua
 - Monday - Dan Fabrick
 - Tuesday - Eric Randall
 - Wednesday - George Kelley
 - Thursday - Charlie Neill
 - Friday - Chuck Bryan
 - Saturday - Barry Pearson

ANNIVERSARY: *Les and Mattie King will celebrate 60 years of marriage on August 17.*

NEW ARRIVAL: *Congratulations to Laura & David Paschall on the birth of their son, Carter James Paschall, born June 11 in Chattanooga, TN. The proud grandparents are Jim & Vicki Bukovitz.*

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Jenny Johnson; **Discharged** - Bob Borneman, Mary Anne Clyburn

We are so thankful for the support of George, Keith and our church family during Allen's recent surgery. We are grateful that the surgeons think the operation was a complete success. Your cards, calls, emails, meals and offers of help were so meaningful to us during these last several weeks. Thank you, church family.

Allen and Nola Radcliffe

PRIME TIMERS TRAVEL GROUP invites others to join their day-trip on Wednesday, 9/15, for A TASTE OF S O U T H CAROLINA.



A Visit will be made to Park Seed Co., lunch at Yoder's and a tour made of the Happy Cow Creamery (with samples) in Pelzer. Carolina Tours provides motor coach, driver and tour director. A sufficient number of reservations is needed to confirm the trip. For info on cost, itinerary or other details, contact Mattie & Les King at 643-9844.

ALTAR GUILD request was received for vases (but not bud vases.) Bring to sacristy or church office.

NEW MEMBERS will be received at 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.

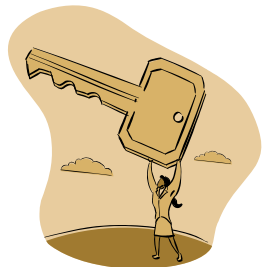
Financials for week ending August 7, 2010

Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 33,347
Budget needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget Funds Rec'd to date	\$999,087
Expenses to date	\$980,669
St. John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$269,832.82

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise 2010	\$173,987.00
Rec'd to date	\$113,208.00
Expenses to date	\$112,900.00

Don't forget! The *Twelve Keys Study* starts on August 22. This is a grass roots opportunity for us to corporately look at the heart of who we are and who God wants us to be as a church. If you haven't joined a Small Group or Sunday School Class yet, it's not too late! For more detailed information go to www.stjohns-umc.org, call the church office at 648-3882, or pick up a blue information/registration form at the receptionist desk, in the sanctuary, gym or bulletin board as you enter the doors to the church office. Study guides are currently being distributed in small groups, Sunday School classes, and after worship on Sunday.



NEXT PARENTS' NIGHT OUT will be Friday, August 27, from 5:30-8:00. Register online or call the church office. It's an opportunity to enjoy an evening out without sitter charges for parents of children ages newborn and up.

Attendance August 8

8:30	121
9:02	160
11:00	287
Total	568
SS	249



St. John's youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

August 15 Regular Meeting 6:00pm
12 Keys Bible Study begins!

Lunch on Friday (8/13) at noon will be at
Mi Rancho on Richland Av.

Looking ahead: August 22 - Parents' Meeting!!!!



REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS takes place again next Sunday, August 15, in the lobby. Rehearsals begin again on Wednesday, August 25.

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.

PROMOTION SUNDAY will be August 22. All students are invited to come "move up" to the next class in Sunday School. If you haven't attended in a while, now is the perfect time to come back. We'll look forward to seeing all of you there!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS next Sunday (8/15) during both 9:02 and 11:00 services.

ACTS COLLECTION in August - Toilet Tissue

GO Global Outreach News

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.

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).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2010

3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:

JONATHAN WARNS DAVID

1 SAMUEL 18: 1 - 4; 19: 1 - 7; 20: 1 - 42

NEXT GRIEFSHARE GROUP

Wednesday, August 18

6pm at Eejay's

STILL NEEDED: A few good *SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS* to either rotate teaching 1-2 Sundays/month or to fill in as a sub. If interested, please contact Allison in the church office.

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH starts Monday, August 23, 8am, Rm 217. This is a health-oriented Bible Study which begins with the church-wide 12 Keys Bible Study. Contact is Mary Jo Wilson, 648-1644.

PLEASE LEAVE donations of *new school supplies* to be used locally in the boxes located by the gym and outside Allison's office. Additionally, donations of gift cards (Target, Walmart, etc) for Epworth Children's Home in Columbia are also being collected. Bring to the church office by August 15.

BOOK CLUB on Monday, August 16, is a book exchange. Meet in Room 204 at 7pm. All are welcome to come and bring a friend. Sharon West, 648-3824, serves as coordinator.

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** - AppleFest 2010
- November 7** - 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

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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
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Director of Music Ministries
Financial Services
Director, Adult & Senior Ministries
Assistant to Ministers
Church Secretary
Director, Preschool/MDO Ministries
Children's Ministries and GOLT
PR/Communications Coordinator
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