

St. John's Visitor

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St. John's Youth Choir with director Pepper Choplin at Springmaid Beach in April, 2009.

The Youth Choir of St. John's had a wonderful time participating in a Youth Choir Festival held in April 2009 at Springmaid Beach. Out of 100 participants, 10 were chosen by the director, noted composer Pepper Choplin, to receive awards for excellence. Four of those ten were members of our own youth choir: Ryan Fogle, Taylor Mabry, Tayler Rodgers and Bethany Manders. Plans are underway to go back to the festival in April, 2010. During the fall, we will sing at worship services, participate in a theatre workshop here at the church on September 12, and prepare to help celebrate Christmas with wonderful music here at St. John's.

**August 23, 2009
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Messages this week by
Rev. George Howle and Gene Aiken
Scripture: Joshua 24: 15**

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

Rehearsals for youth choir begin on August 30. We meet from 5pm to 6pm, then go to Ward Hall for dinner before youth group begins. We welcome new members as we begin our exciting fall program – St. John's youth and also their friends! Please call Catherine at the church for more information. We hope to see many of you on August 30.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, August 20

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

Friday, August 21-Sunday, August 23

Fuel Youth Retreat at St. John's

Sunday, August 23 -Name Tag Sunday

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 12:00pm Strategic Planning Session w/Lunch
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, August 24

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 12:30pm Al-Anon

Tuesday, August 25

- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds rehearsal

Wednesday, August 26

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir rehearsals resume
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Adam Bumpus
- Acolytes** - Matthew Hudgins, Daniel Lunn
- Altar Guild** Donna Caprell-Kraft, Gayle Garrison, Mary Cornelius, Paula Clayton, Sharon West
- Crib Rm (11am)** - Krissy Zeigler
- Toddlers** - Stephanie Shick
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Michelle Orr
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Roslyn Ingram
- Greeters 8:30** - Claude and Marie Goodlett
- Greeters 11:00** - Gail and Evelyn Marine
Monnie Pitts, Sharon West

Sunday AM Host (Aug 23) Mick Ferrell

Evening Hosts

- Sunday (Aug 23) - Rick Endler
- Monday - Matt Beckum
- Tuesday - Jim Wert
- Wednesday - Tom Brown
- Thursday - Bob Kosky
- Friday - Marc Nadeau
- Saturday - Jeff Ray

**Attendance
August 16**

8:30	83
9:02	185
11:00	430
Total	698
SS	312

CONDOLENCES: Sincere sympathy is extended to **Joan Bodkin** in the death of her brother, **John Wilson**, in Stafford, NY, on July 30.

Deepest sympathy is also extended to **Jean Harris** in the death of her sister, **Madeleine Anthony**, in Seminole, FL, on August 11.

HOSPITALIZED: Univ.: Barry Pearson; Discharged - Bill Kulp

Thank you for your generous donations! There was an enormous response to the Backpack and School Supply Drive, enabling this church to make a huge delivery to Christ Central. They were thrilled! Thanks to all for serving these children in the name of Christ!

YOUNG WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S

are invited to a UMW event planned especially for them on Sunday, August 30, from 2:00-3:30 pm in Ward Hall. Learn about the opportunities available to you and those that can be created by you. RSVP to 648-6891 by August 24 and indicate whether child care is needed.



NEW NAME TAGS for those who have requested them are clipped to a ribbon next to the office door as they are finished. Please check to see if yours is among them.

A CHRISTIAN THEATER WORKSHOP for grades 6-12 is being held at St. John's Saturday, September 12, from 2:30-5:30pm. There is no cost for the workshop but participants need to pre-register. Forms are available on the receptionist's desk outside the church office. Please call Catherine Stapleton Nance at the church, ext. 26, for additional information.

Financials for week ending August 15, 2009

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 19,850
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 993,411
Actual expenses to date	\$ 964,601
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 352,800

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd YTD	\$106,898.62
Disbursed YTD	\$ 95,889.90

**2009 Faith Promise year =
2/1/09 thru 1/31/10**

FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS will start again Wednesday, September 9, with serving beginning at 5pm. Reservations are requested - **standing reservations must be re-confirmed.** Volunteers are needed to help with cooking, set-up, collecting money and clean-up. Please consider which Wednesday you are available and how you can best assist to make these suppers possible.

LONG RANGE PLANS for St. John's are the subject under consideration next Sunday when the Church Council Leadership meets for a Strategic Planning Session. The meeting begins after 11am worship and lunch will be served. Please notify the office that you plan to attend.

THIRD GRADERS will be presented with their own Bibles at 11:00 am worship next Sunday. Information is being mailed to appropriate families. Should you have a student in that class and not be notified, please contact the church office.

If interested in volunteering for a new **AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM** for grades 1-3 called *Reading Orienteering Club* please come to an information session in Ward Hall on Sunday, August 30, at 9:45am. Elaine Clanton Harpine will be there to introduce her program.



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
Sunday, August 23
No Youth Group Meeting this evening

APPLEFEST ANNOUNCEMENTS

JEWELRY DONATIONS and small jewelry boxes may be left in the basket on volunteer's desk. Questions? Call Nancy Perrine, 649-0318.

It is not too early to prepare and freeze a favorite recipe for the **FROZEN CASSEROLE BOOTH**. November 7 is just around the corner and the fruits of your labor are always appreciated at Apple Fest Time.

Please contact Jackie Hyche at 648-9106 if you can help in any of the following areas: **Children's Games, jelly jars for preserves** (leave in UMW room), **Publicity and TWO co-chairs for the Bake Shop.**

If you have any donations for the **SILENT AUCTION** or would like to serve on the committee, contact Jennifer Willoughby, 646-8146, or Susan McDonald, 663-4009.

ACTS COLLECTION

AUGUST: Instant or canned potatoes

SEPTEMBER: Canned beans

Missionary Prayer Focus: May God's word flow through Ben and Jenny Reyes as they teach in Brazil.

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, Mick and Linda Ferrell and Nancy Fairgrieve.** A cookie campaign to provide 6,000 dozen home-made cookies is now underway. Please contact Dave Kelly (649-3591) for more details regarding recipes and guidelines if you would like to help bake cookies.

Ron and Amy Smith, our missionaries in Italy, have now been on the field for six months. Living in the community of Niguarda in Milan, they have developed a positive relationship with a local church and are working with their team to find new ways to bring Italians to Christ.

Recent graduate **David Dill** leaves for Kampala, Uganda in one week to serve as an architectural intern through December. He will work mainly on the design of a new school project. St. John's is supporting David through funds and prayer support. For more updates on David's trip: <http://davidadill.blogspot.com/>

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009
NEW ROTATION BEGINS THIS WEEK

(ALL AGES GATHER IN THE ARKADE ON SUNDAY!)

TERRY FLEMING BIBLE STUDY has been meeting nearly 9 years and new members are always welcome! Group resumes on Wednesday mornings beginning Sept 9 at 9:30 to study Galatians, then Ephesians. Contact person is Betty Holloway, 644-3683.



THURSDAY MORNING Bible Study begins at 9:30 on Sept 10 with the video-driven Beth Moore study of *Esther*. Books may be ordered from Glenna Lathrop, 649-4508, or Jan Gilbert, 641-3882.

LADIES OF ST. JOHN'S: Remember to sign up for the Spiritual Life Retreat for Saturday, October 17. Spaces are filling and you don't want to be left out. Very reasonable and includes lunch, too. In fact, food will be provided for both body and soul. Contact Judy Jernigan, 648-9859 for additional details or pick up a pamphlet from the receptionist's desk.

LOOKING AHEAD

- August 21-23** Fuel Youth Retreat
- August 23** - Bibles presented to Third Graders
- August 23** - Strategic Planning Session (lunch served)
- August 26** - Chancel Choir resumes weekly rehearsals
- August 30** - UMW Organizational Gathering
- September 6** - Great Day of Singing
- September 13** - Under the Steeple "Acts of Renewal"
- October 4** - World Communion Sunday
- October 13-14** - Celebration Dinners
- October 25** - Trunk or Treat
- November 1** - All Saints Day - Daylight Savings time ends
- November 7** - AppleFest
- November 13-15** - Asbury Hills Youth Retreat
- November 19** - UMW Turkey Dinner
- 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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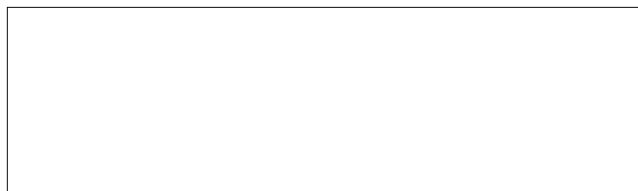
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We grow in faith and number by sharing
the Good News of Jesus Christ, through
worship, nurture and service.*



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