

# St. John's Visitor

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## St. John's Celebrates Back-to-School Sunday



Blessing of the Backpacks



Teachers are Appreciated



Greeting from Superintendent Everitt



Sunday Afternoon Back-To-School Blast



More Sunday Afternoon Activities

**August 24, 2008**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**"THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION YOU WILL EVER ANSWER"**  
**Scripture: Matthew 16: 13-16**  
**Rev. Dr. George K. Howle**

**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, August 21

6:00pm Preschool Ice Cream Social  
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, August 22

5:00pm Girls Scrapbooking Workshop

Saturday, August 23

8:00am Grace Kitchen  
8:30am Girls Scrapbooking Workshop

Sunday, August 24

8:15am Coffee House  
9:45am Program on Facebook/My Space  
10:00am New member coffee  
6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, August 25

10:00am Summer Exercise Class  
4:00pm UMW Executive Meeting  
6:00pm MDO Open House

Tuesday, August 26

Preschool/MDO Resume

7:00pm Church Council

Wednesday, August 27

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups  
6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

Thursday, August 28

6:30pm United Methodist Men  
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Serving This Week

**Crucifer** - Sarah Arnold  
**Acolytes** - Max Madden, Benjamin Rawls  
**Altar Guild** - Gayle Garrison, Paula Clayton, Mary Cornelius, Sharon West, Donna Caprell-Kraft  
**Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Deedee Vaughters  
**Toddlers** - Helen Randall  
**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Amanda Stefanakos  
**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Tracey Smith  
**Greeters 8:30** - Sharon West, Claude & Marie Goodlett  
**Greeters 11:00** - Walter Croft, Mary Gardner, Bill & Nancy Vernon, Keith & Julie Polk

Sunday AM Host (Aug 24)

Mick Ferrell

Evening Hosts

Sunday (Aug 24) - Matt Beckum  
Monday - Jim Wert  
Tuesday - Tom Brown  
Wednesday - Bob Kosky  
Thursday - Marc Nadeau  
Friday - Jeff Ray  
Saturday - John Geiger

**ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations to Donna & Stewart Petersen who celebrate 55 years of marriage on August 22.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANOTHER GRADUATE!

SUSAN C. LOIBL

Master's degree in Education

Columbia College

**CONDOLENCES:** Deepest sympathy is extended to Paul Bowers in the death of his step-sister, Libby Prendergast, on August 9.

**HOSPITALIZED:** Aiken - Ann Schifferli, Rusty Findley; **Discharged** - Tricia Beiers; **Discharged to Carriage Hills** - Betty Thorngate

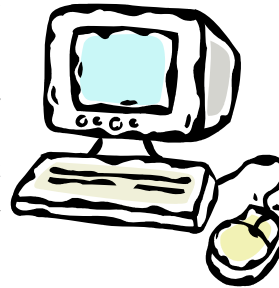
Dear St. John's Family - I wanted to thank you so much for all of the cards, visits, flowers, words of encouragement and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. It is so nice to be a part of such a loving church family - my spirits were truly lifted! We are truly blessed to be members of St. John's.

In God's love, Polly Riede

Arlene Usher sends her thanks and sincere appreciation for the cards, notes, phone calls, and food she has received.

SPECIAL EVENT SUNDAY (8/24)

during the Sunday School hour: An officer from the Public Safety Dept will present a program in Ward Hall on Facebook and Myspace.



This information has been shown in the school system and is an excellent way to learn what is on the internet for viewing by our young people and how we can understand it. Friendship Class has made the arrangements and invites everyone interested to attend.

Registration for CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRIES continues. Lots of good things are planned for fall!

Financials for week ending August 16, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week \$ 35,042  
Budgetary funds rec'd this week \$ 23,449  
Budget funds rec'd to date \$1,010,785  
Actual expenses to date \$ 902,694  
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$ 996,908

Faith Promise Report for week ending August 16

2008 Faith Promise \$233,252.48  
Received last week 1,830.00  
Received YTD 88,582.39  
Disbursements to date 79,793.20  
Balance for which to pray 144,670.09

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** meet next on Thursday, August 28, at 6:30pm in Ward Hall. Mike Brandt, women's basketball coach at USC-A, will be speaking on the topic *Motivation and Leadership from the Basketball Court to the Business World.*

**NEW MEMBERS** are being received next Sunday, August 24. Please contact the church office if interested. All recent new members are invited to attend the Welcome Coffee that morning at 10am in Ward Hall.

On Sunday (8/24), **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** will dedicate House #70 located at 321 Union St. St. John's members are invited to attend this celebration event. The home was a joint effort of St. John's, St. Mary's, First Baptist and St. Augustine Churches. A special thanks to everyone who participated in the construction activities or provided lunches!!!

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	108
9:02	151
11:00	437
Total	696
SS	299



St. John's  
youth ministry

**Fuel Retreat is August 22-24. Meet at church on Friday, 4:30, ready to leave.  
Sunday, August 24  
No Youth Group Meeting this evening**

**Sunday, September 7  
Parents' Meeting 6:00-7:30  
Covered Dish - Bring a dish to share!**

**APPLEFEST 2008** - Please begin donating items for the *Christmas Shop*. Decorations, ornaments, linens - anything Christmas! Any Christmas cards you have not used can be packaged and sold, also. Leave items in the Christmas Shop Box in front of the office or on the table in Rm 119 (UMW/AppleFest room.)

Volunteers needed for *Apple Dumpling Gang* - contact Glenna Lathrop (649-4508), Doris Roman (642-3459) or Jan Close (643-0961) for details and times.

*Frozen casseroles* are always in demand. Please look over your family favorites and make your contribution to this popular booth. Mary Halfmann, 644-3098, is coordinator and can respond to your questions.

**COOKIE CHALLENGE REMINDER:** Seekers of Good News Class will deliver breakfast to the class that beats their total of 86 dozen cookies for Kairos. Home-baked cookies are needed by September 15 - no powdered sugar, no nuts, 2" diameter and sent in a shirt-sized gift box (no baggies, please.) Beth Kelly (295-7188, cell) or Jennifer Willoughby (514-2034, home) can tell you where to deliver the donations.

## **GO** Global Outreach News

Deedee Vaughters (439-5701) and Susan Callahan (617-8933) are collecting **crayons, coloring books, stickers, and other easy-to-pack toys** to share with disabled youth in Russia during their trip this September.

ACTS is collecting **CEREAL AND/OR OATMEAL** during the month of August. Please use the blue containers in the narthex.

ACTS is looking for donations of **SOCKS and UNDERWEAR** to help children and teens get ready for school this fall.

**MARK WITTIG**, our missionary partner in **MEDILLIN, COLOMBIA**, has asked for help in sponsoring young athletes in his Christian Union Sports Club. For \$45 per year, each child receives a uniform, soccer ball and copy of the New Testament. Contact Brett Jarriel (642-5886) for more information.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE: THE ARKADE**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS**  
**5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRP I: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS**  
**5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRP 2: THOU ART**

**SHARE YOUR CRAFT/BAKING** with 1st through 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Sunday nights from 6-8 pm. All gifts/cookies will benefit a local missions project. Come up with a craft/gift/baking idea and empower the 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders to be your elves! Call Michelle Brown to pick your date and share your idea. Expenses for supplies will be reimbursed. Sign up today! 803-522-2010.

**AIKEN PREGNANCY CARE CENTER** works to promote God's design for women by building relationships, offering free practical help, counseling & educational programs, and pregnancy testing, all in an atmosphere of Christian love. Funding is obtained through their annual spring banquet, the "Life Walk", and contributions from churches and individuals. The annual walk takes place Saturday, September 20. There are many ways to participate - contact Sandy Miller (643-9084) or Mimi Wiland (649-2644) for further information.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**August 22-24** - FUEL Retreat (Youth)

**August 24** - Third Grade Bible Presentation

Commissioning of mission participants

**August 26** - Preschool and MDO resume

**September 7** - *Gospel of John* - Under the Steeple series

**September 21-25** - Book Fair

**October 5** - World Communion Sunday

**October 12** - Fred Swann, Organist - Under the Steeple

**October 20** - U.S. Army Chorus - Under the Steeple

**October 26** - Trunk or Treat

**November 1** - AppleFest

**November 2** - All Saints Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends

**November 7-9** - Asbury Hills Youth Retreat

**November 16** - St. John's Charge Conference

**December 6** - Birthday Party for Jesus

**December 7** - Children's Musical

**December 21** - Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

**January 18** - Day of Commitment to Christian Unity

**Jan 21-25** - Global Impact Celebration

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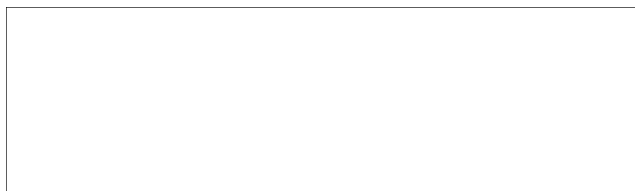
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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



## Serving you...

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29 KEITH STEWART  
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