

St. John's Visitor

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Planning Continues for the Long Range Future of St. John's



Over 40 leaders of St. John's met for several hours on Sunday, August 23rd, to continue to review and refine the elements of our Strategic Plan. Shortly after George Howle's 2005 return to St. John's, he tapped Tom Hallman and a few others with strong past experiences in planning to look at our Vision, Mission, and Long-Term Goals. Careful review included considering the comments of 600+ members who attended those early Cottage Meetings which George conducted, beginning in the fall of 2005.

This process has been arduously continued, with Tom Hallman handing off the leadership for 2009 to the capable hands of Tracey Smith, current chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and members Jay Bilyeu, John Keenon, Mark Mahoney, Genie Farmer, Bob Kosky and Midge Rothrock. Ad hoc top leadership from Church Council has participated in honing our Plan, and often attends the Strategic Planning scheduled meetings. Articles of progress have appeared over the years in the VISITOR.

On Sunday, the leaders convened to hear about Economic/Demographic Trends in our Community, Church Membership Trends, Successful Church Models, UMC's impetus on "Open Minds, Open Doors", Connectivity Through Technology, and Visions we each had, long range, for St. John's. Input had been gathered from a broad number of sources, and was not just the ideas from those in attendance.



Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats were discussed at the working tables, which led to a review and, if appropriate, revision of our Long-Range Goals.

This fall, the 21st Century meetings will continue. George has been handing out these Long-Range Goals to attendees, and seeking input.

This Strategic Plan belongs to all of us at St. John's. Through the leaders tapped to represent each member, as well as the St. John's staff, the actual direction of our Plan is worked and re-worked to be a road map to lead St. John's to a future we can all create together and support.

August 30, 2009

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Messages this week by

Rev. George Howle and Keith Stewart

Scripture: II Samuel 6: 1 - 11

Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.

Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym.

**BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13!**

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, August 27

- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 6:30pm United Methodist Men
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, August 30

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 9:45am Reading Orienteering Program
- 2:00pm UMW Event for Young Women
- 5:00pm Youth Choir resumes
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Youth Group w/Parents

Monday, August 31-Preschool/MDO Resume

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 12:30pm AI-Anon
- 4:00pm Drama Class
- 6:30pm Cub Scout Kick-Off

Tuesday, September 1

- 1:00pm UMW Board Meeting
- 7:00pm GOLT
- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds rehearsal

Wednesday, September 2

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Lindsay Carpenter
- Acolytes** - Ryan Carpenter, Jordan Kelley
- Altar Guild**-Donna Caprell-Kraft, Gayle Garrison, Mary Cornelius, Paula Clayton, Sharon West
- Crib Rm (11am)** - De Bumgardner
- Toddlers** - Polly Riede
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Charity Leigh
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Kristi Yaughn
- Greeters 8:30** - Claude and Marie Goodlett
- Greeters 11:00** - Gail and Evelyn Marine
Monnie Pitts, Sharon West
- Sunday AM Host (Aug 30)** Bobby Coker
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday (Aug 30) - John Geiger
- Monday - Bob Fogle
- Tuesday - Jeff Crenshaw
- Wednesday - Mark Mahoney
- Thursday - Kevin Buchanan
- Friday - Lamar Keisler
- Saturday - Jimmy Moore

Attendance - August 23

8:30	108
9:02	155
11:00	414
Total	677
SS	313

NEW ARRIVAL: Carlisle Vance Livingston IV, son of Lindsey & Vance Livingston and grandson of Don & Vicki Carlberg, was born July 27 in Columbia. Clara Elizabeth Moore, daughter of Melanie & Jason Moore and granddaughter of Michael & Margaret Rollins, was born August 23 in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES: Congratulations to Mark & Monnie Pitts who celebrate 55 years of marriage on August 27.

Congratulations also to Bob & Elaine Hibbard who celebrate their 55th anniversary on August 28.

CONGRATULATIONS: Joan Nagle has been selected as the recipient of the 2009 Founders' Day Award from the United Methodist Foundation of Western Pennsylvania and will be honored at a reception and luncheon in Pittsburgh in late October.

Ann Carter won the Women's 65-69 division at the USATF (Track & Field) Multi-Events Championships held mid-August in Shoreline, WA.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Bill Kulp

NEW MEMBERS will be received on August 30. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining at this time.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Interested in joining a UMW circle for young women of St. John's? Come to the organizational gathering in Ward Hall Sunday, August 30, from 2:00-3:30pm. This is a time to exchange ideas, enjoy fellowship and refreshments and make new friends. All women of the church wanting to know more about the UMW circles are welcome.

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.

Financials for week ending August 22, 2009

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 13,501
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,006,912
Actual expenses to date	\$ 998,292
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 350,600

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd YTD	\$108,439.62
Disbursed YTD	\$ 95,889.90
2009 Faith Promise year =	
2/1/09 thru 1/31/10	

DIVINE DINNERS are back and there is room for a few more chefs! Join the others on Saturday, September 12, at 10am. Come with an empty cooler, leave with it full of ready-to-go meals for your family! Call or email Kathy Samaha, 641-9741 or samaha_a@bellsouth.net for more information.

Stephen Ministry Minute

Many of you who attend Sunday School have already had the pleasure of an overview of Stephen Ministry, as delivered by either Alice Allington, Rick Endler, or Jeanette Isaacson. Together with Nurture Pastor Keith Stewart, these folks have come back from their leader training in Florida with solid plans for St. John's, as we prepare to become a Stephen Ministry congregation.

An overview will be available in the near future, if you are not a part of a Sunday School class, and would welcome an opportunity to learn more about Stephen Ministry in our midst. The details of this briefing will be provided in an upcoming VISITOR.

If you have questions, any of the four above-named trained leaders invite you to talk to them about Stephen Ministry.

NAME TAGS are on the ribbon outside the office door.



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, August 30 6:00pm
PARENTS are meeting with youth group!!

**Please bring a covered dish
and come to Ward Hall.**

**On Labor Day weekend (Sept 6)
there will be movie night.**



APPLEFEST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention "Crafty" People: The United Methodist

Women need your crafts for the *Craft Booth* at the Apple Fest in November. Now that summer is over, it is time to get busy.

Apple Dumpling Gang needs volunteers! Contact Glenna Lathrop (649-4508, glennalathrop@bellsouth.net) or Doris Roman (642-3459, djrdjr@bellsouth.net).



ACTS COLLECTION

AUGUST: Instant or canned potatoes

SEPTEMBER: Canned beans

Missionary Prayer Focus: For God to strengthen the Mission Society and its relationships with over 200 missionaries.

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.

John and Frances Osteen returned safely on August 18 from their mission trip to Kenya. According to Frances, "*The Bible Camp was successful. We continued to develop relationships with the adult Kenyan team members and the children. We also provided the children mattresses, blankets and mosquito nets. Someone from one of the Atlanta churches donated money to buy dry beans for the children. There was enough money to rent a bus one afternoon to take the village children on a ride through downtown Kisumu and to see Lake Victoria. Many of them live within just a few miles of the lake but have never seen it. This was done to try and expand the children's knowledge of the world and let them see that there can be a future for them if they stay in school.*" The Osteens will make a more detailed presentation of their trip in the near future.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

These Third Graders were presented Bibles during 11am worship last Sunday:



Britney Frances Almeda Bell	Heather Maxine Moore
Mark Collins Bradford, Jr.	Megan Elizabeth Musick
Connor Wade Buchanan	Meredith Kate Proctor
Ryan Martin Conner	Palmer McRae Rowan
Elizabeth Ann Crain	Mary Margaret Seawell
Carswel Elizabeth Donaldson	Rhett Ewan Taylor
Caroline Marie Heath	Ray Bauer Vaughters, IV
David Ngoc Heaton	Haley Quinn Vecchio
Sophie Gabrielle Karapatakis	Jackson McDaniel Yeh
Brian Alexander McKeel	

WALK BY FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: The class format will be Bible study oriented--the who's, what's, when's, and where's of the Bible--and members are encouraged to commit time during the week for personal study and prayer. Please meet in the Parlor Sept 13 at 10:00 for the first class. Contact Paul Musick for more information, 649-6869.

PARENTS: SAVE THE DATE! On October 8th, **John K. Rosemond**, noted author, will be at St. John's. Details to follow in the coming weeks.

LOOKING AHEAD

August 26 - Chancel Choir resumes weekly rehearsals
August 30 - UMW Organizational Gathering
September 6 - Great Day of Singing
September 9 - Wednesday Fellowship Suppers resume
September 13 - Bring a Friend to Church this Sunday 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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*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
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Director of Music Ministries
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