

St. John's Visitor

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UNDER THE STEEPLE" SERIES OPENS ON SUNDAY

The steeple of St. John's is a well-known feature of the Aiken skyline. And it's set to become well-known for a series of Sunday afternoon events focusing on the arts.

It may be an organ recital (like those we sponsored to celebrate our new Schantz organ), a touring choir, an outstanding speaker, a dramatic presentation ... the possibilities are endless.

Now we're ready for the first in the series: a piano concert given by pianist/composer Joseph Martin. He plays hymns, folksongs, a repertoire that ranges from "impressionistic adaptations of sacred standards to rollicking gospel toe-tappers."

Martin, a native of North Carolina, is a graduate of Furman University with a Master of Music degree in piano performance from the University of Texas. He has taught at Texas, performed solo recitals, and played with symphony orchestras in the United States and Mexico. More than ten million copies of his compositions have been sold worldwide, and his music has been heard in such diverse locations as Carnegie Hall and the Lawrence Welk Theater in Branson, Missouri, from the National Cathedral in Washington to thousands of churches all over the world.

Like all the events in this series, there is no admission charge. " 'Under the Steeple' " is St. John's gift to the community," says Herb Hoffman, who chairs the Fine Arts Facilitators, an adjunct of the Worship committee.

This opening concert will take place at 4 pm Sunday, September 16, in the St. John's sanctuary. Come, and bring your friends. You'll be glad you did!



CHURCH OFFICES

will be closed

Monday, September 3

Labor Day Holiday

**Please remember FOOD FOR ACTS
when you come to worship next Sunday.**



**September 2, 2007
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

GREAT DAY OF SINGING!

Offertory

I Choose Jesus
Gary Frazier, Baritone

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, August 30

7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous
7:00 pm Youth Bible Study

Friday, August 30

10:00 am Fine Arts Publicity Committee

Sunday, September 2

8:15 am Coffee House
4:30 pm Men's Praise Choir
5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 pm Women's Emmaus
6:00 pm UMY and Parents' Prayer Group
Women's Bible Study will not meet
Christian Believer Bible Study will not meet

Monday, September 3

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, September 4

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Global Outreach Leadership Team

Wednesday, September 5

9:30 am Quilting Fellowship
9:30 am Prayer Shawl Group
1:30 am Old Testament Bible Study
5:00 pm Fellowship Supper
6:00 pm Children's Choirs
6:45 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Rebecca Tuten
Acolytes - Rachael Perkins, Collin Ray
Altar Guild - Nell Berrie, Kay Shirley, Vivian Tate
Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Susan Vernon
Toddlers - Katie Proctor
2-3 Yr Nursery - Molly Jones
3-4 Yr Nursery - Dawn Mahoney
Greeters 8:45 - John & Andrea Downs, Phyllis Coker, Ed Farmer
Sunday School Greeter - Beverly Burch
Greeters 11:00 - Evelyn & Gale Marine, John & Jean Geiger, Dot & Lee Poe
Sunday AM Host (September 2)
Bobby Coker
Evening Hosts
Sunday (September 2) - Robin Dillman
Monday - Kevin Buchanan
Tuesday - Lamar Keisler
Wednesday - Tom Nance
Thursday - John Tucker, Jr.
Friday - Edward Yeh
Saturday - Charles McKeel

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	154
11:00	434
Total	588
SS	346

NEW ARRIVAL: *Phoebe Elizabeth Hiner, daughter of Eric and Melissa Hiner, was born August 22 in Augusta.*

ANNIVERSARY: *Congratulations to Shel and Eleanor Rideout who celebrate 60 years of marriage on August 30.*

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Hazel Rozier, former Preschool/MDO worker, who died of injuries incurred after being thrown from a horse.*

HOSPITALIZED: **Aiken - Bob Moody**

IN MEMORIAM
JAMES RAYNOR BARHAM, JR.

August 24, 2007

Dear Friends of Epworth - Thank you so much for your hard work and kindness. We are deeply appreciative for your generous donation of back-to-school supplies. You can be assured that the donation will be of great benefit to us...We appreciate your remembering our needs. May God bless you...John E. Holler, Jr., President (Liz Schilb delivered these supplies to Epworth Children's Home. She reports that the generosity of St. John's is much appreciated and that prayers are requested as the children begin the school year.)

ATTENTION, SENIOR ADULTS!

Come and join the Fun Tuesday as it resumes September 4 at 10 am in Ward Hall. Start the fall season with us!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

SEPTEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Monday, September 10
11:00 am # 4 & #14 Parlor, Ward Hall
Tuesday, September 11
10:00 am #11 Church Resource Rm
12:30 pm # 9 The Bowery
2:00 pm #10 Church Resource Rm
7:30 pm # 1 Rm 206
Monday, September 17
2:30 pm # 3 Church Parlor
Tuesday, September 18
2:00 pm #13 Church Rm 116
7:00 pm # 8 Church
Wednesday, September 19
7:00 pm # 7 Church Rm

Financials for week ending August 25, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week \$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week \$ 26,504
Budget funds rec'd to date \$ 991,562
Actual expenses to date \$ 872,185
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$1,748,208

FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

Wednesday, September 5 menu:
Seasoned Chicken Breast
Tomato Mozzarella Pie
Broccoli Fresh Fruit
Cobbler with Ice Cream

Cost this year is \$4/person with a family cap of \$18. Please remember to make your reservation and indicate if you intend it to be a standing reservation.

Volunteers are necessary to make this program successful - please check the list located outside the office and sign where you can help.



DINNER FOR 8

With so many reservations being telephoned to the office, there has been some confusion between the various sign-up lists. Would those who wish to participate in the fall session of this program please re-confirm your reservation? Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

St. John's Youth News

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Everett Johnson Memorial

Everett Johnson died of cancer October 2006. His cancer was discovered 11-12 years earlier. When Zach Coker was in his first year of youth, he began requesting prayer for Everett every Sunday night at youth meetings. This became something we did every Sunday night with someone else requesting prayer when Zach was not there to do so. When Zach went off to College, other members continued to request prayer for Everett. Some time ago, we had Everett come to the Sunday night youth meeting to meet and discuss his cancer. After Everett's death, the youth group decided to plant a tree in Everett's honor at his church in Graniteville. This Sunday is that dedication ceremony. The ceremony will take place at St. James Lutheran Church, 20 Laurel Dr., Graniteville, SC. It would be nice if some of the older youth who knew about Everett could join the Coker's at the church on Sunday for their 11:00 service.

Movie Night

Next Sunday Night, September 2nd we will have a movie night at Sunday Night Youth. We have not decided for sure on what movie yet, but we will have drinks, popcorn, and pizza for the movie. We will project the movie on the wall, and hook up the big speakers to give us a nice little theater feeling. Youth will run from 6-8 on this night. Hope to see you there.

LOOKING AHEAD

August 29 - Children's Choirs resume
 September 2 - Congregational Hymn Sing
 September 5 - Wednesday Suppers Resume
 September 16 - Joseph Martin Concert
 September 23 - New Member Dinner (rescheduled)
 September 30 - Celebrate St. John's 150 Years!
 October 7 - World Communion Sunday
 October 21 - Stewardship Sunday
 November 3 - Apple Fest
 November 4 - All Saints Sunday
 November 5 - St. John's Charge Conference
 November 11 - Prayer/Healing Service
 December 2 - Children's Christmas Program
 December 23 - Chancel Choir Cantata
 January 23-27 - Global Impact Celebration

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2007:

1ST GRADE: THE ARKADE
 2ND GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
 3RD GRADE: CREATION STATION
 4TH GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: THOU ART
 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: FROM BC TO PC

WHY NOT JOIN A SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY?

Reading the Bible With Confidence and Joy

Take what you have learned and put it into practice with this 4 week class. The vehicle is the Gospel of Mark. For more information call Judy Jernigan, 648-9859.

Journey Through the Old Testament

This is an ongoing study set at a leisurely pace and led by Terry Fleming. New members are welcome! Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the library.

Believing God

Do you take God at His word believing what He has told us, or do you just believe in His existence and the salvation He offers? Join other ladies for this intriguing study by Beth Moore. Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Backsliders Class. Contact Renee Reid (642-8951) to register.

Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God

Learn to hear when God is speaking to you. Find out where God is working and join Him. Experience God doing through you what only God can do! Sundays at 6 p.m. in Rm 113. Contact Flo McElmurray at 642-5763 to register.

Christian Believer

For those who want to go deeper-a study that emphasizes the relationship of worship, belief and daily life. Sundays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. beginning August 19. Call Terry Fleming to register or for more information.

Men's Study Groups

New members are always welcomed. Currently the study is *Serious Answers to Hard Questions*. A new study will be offered in the fall. Wednesdays at 7. Contact Jim Holly at 648-1700 for more information.

Women's Monday and Wednesday Night Study Groups

Join us for a 4 week study from *The Book* using 1 Peter! We'll investigate just what it means to be God's chosen people. Mondays and Wednesdays at 7. Contact Judy Jernigan (648-9859) to register.

First Place

Begins Monday mornings on August 27th. Call Betsy Mahoney (649-1279) for information. The first study will be the Gospel of John.

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worship, nurture and service.*



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