

St. John's Visitor

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Joseph's Coat Update

In May, 2009, a new ministry was formed of yarn and colors. The goal of this community outreach group includes caring and comfort to others. The name represents all the textures and colors of His love.

In their first year, they have given almost 500 items, and because of the donations received (UMM of \$500; GOLT of \$250 as well as private donations of funds and yarn), they have been able to expand their outreach ministry to include approximately 18 local community organizations. These include children in crisis, pregnancy care, newborn and displaced children and youth, hospice care units, nursing homes and private individuals in crisis or need who come to their attention.

For example, each time a wheelchair ramp is built, a shawl or lap robe is provided. And, when a child is removed from their home or parents by the Sheriff's Department, they are given a security blanket and stuffed animals from Joseph's Coat.



The members of Joseph's Coat, in addition to creating shawls, blankets, lap robes, chemo hats and wraps, baby blankets, caps and layette sets, also act as the contact person for one or more of the external agencies served. Touching stories, and even some yarn donations, are shared after these visits.

As participants in the recent GIC, members of the Joseph's Coat ministry visited with several of the missionaries. Pictured are most of the members of Joseph's Coat with Director Deborah Lamb, from My Father's House, a local mission providing transitional housing for women.

September 5, 2010
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
9:02am Contemporary Worship - Gym
11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

"SPIRITUAL WORSHIP"
Roman 12: 1 - 2
Rev. Dr. George Howle

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join this lively group, which meets in the Church Library on Thursdays at 1:30. Follow the laughter. You will find them in a circle of bright colors – a circle of love.

Meetings to Note

Thursday, September 2

9:30am Chrismon Workshop
1:30pm Joseph's Coat
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, September 4

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, September 5

8:15am Coffee House
8:30am Worship
9:02am Contemporary Worship
9:45am Bible Study/Sunday School
11:00am Worship
4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm 12 Keys Bible Study

Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

Church Offices Closed

8:00am First Place 4 Health

Tuesday, September 7

10:00am 12 Keys Bible Study
12:30pm Bible Study
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 8

9:30am Bible Study
9:30am Quilting Fellowship
5:45pm Children's Choirs
6:00pm Youth Band Practice
6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm 9:02 Band Practice
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Grp
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm 12 Keys Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Danielle Smith

Acolytes - Adam Beckum, Casey Beckum

Altar Guild (September) - Kay Shirley,

Judy Turner, Anita Allen, Ginger Talbert

Crib Rm - TBA

2-3 Yr Nursery - TBA

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Sunday AM Host (9/5) - John McMahan

Evening Hosts

Sunday - (Sept 5) - Jimmy Moore

Monday - Danny Perrine

Tuesday - Edward Yeh

Wednesday - Charles McKeel

Thursday - Dennis Fish

Friday - Mike Uhle

Saturday - Keith Polk

Attendance - August 29

8:30	109
9:02	158
11:00	344
Total	611
SS	388

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

BAPTISMS: *Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 29, was Lane Boland Godard, son of J. P. & Megan Godard.*

ANNIVERSARY: *Celebrating 55 years of marriage on September 3 are Jane and Spence Grotheer.*

CONDOLENCES: *Deepest sympathy is extended to Beth Harman in the death of her step-mother, Jane Bowman Soddors, on August 25 in Greenville, Ohio.*

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Fraser Sofge, Bill Mobley; **Eisenhower** - Roscoe Hightower; **Discharged** - Betty Thomason; **Discharged to Mattie Hall** - Jack Rogers

Dear St. John's Family - Bob and I have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of love from our wonderful church family during my recent illness. The ministerial visits during my hospitalization and your cards, calls, e-mails and, most importantly, your prayers, meant so much to both of us. The meals from our friends, Asbury Class members and my wonderful Circle 9 sisters and the visits from those bearing food for us were so gratefully appreciated. Thank you, church family; we are truly blessed by all of you.

Mary Anne Clyburn

REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Please submit newsletter items by Friday morning of this week!

HELP NEEDED in Grace Kitchen this week, Labor Day weekend. Let Bobby Coker (home-649-1511 or cell 439-6596) know if he can count on you in cooking and serving this breakfast.

CLASS OF 1955 - Anywhere, USA!

A get-together is planned for those lucky enough to have graduated from high school in 1955, for a special 55th year class reunion. So -- come on, St. John's classmates! If interested in joining us for a fun time, please call Donna Walker, 643-9282.

UMW CIRCLE 2 has their first meeting of the school year on *Friday, Sept 10*, from 9-10am in the parlor. This circle is geared toward women with school-aged children, but anyone is invited. New members are welcome anytime!

Financials for week ending August 28, 2010

Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 28,928
Budget needs for the week	\$ 33,091
Budget Funds Rec'd to date	\$1,080,002
Expenses to date	\$1,085,207
St. John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$265,535.08

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise 2010	\$173,987.00
Rec'd to date	\$118,788.75
Expenses to date	\$116,150.00

PICNIC FOR FAMILIES of preschoolers is planned for Sunday, September 12, 4pm at the Odell Weeks shelter. Although intended as a social for those having children in that age group, anyone is welcome and invited. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Can you help with **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** by putting out boxes and delivering the filled ones to a local collection site? Let Kristen Bates know at 649-3297 or contact Allison in the church office.

Do you know a child, 1st-3rd grade, who would benefit from **HELP IN READING?** A free year-long reading program is being offered with one-on-one tutors. Camp Sharigan begins September 20. Call Elaine Clanton Harpine for more information, 803-593-4988.

APPLE FEST: *The Country Bake Shop* features goodies to satisfy anyone's sweet tooth. Homemade cookies, cakes, specialty breads, preserves and confections are welcomed. Attractively packaged items sell best. Please label and price. Donations will be accepted Nov 4-5 in the gym. Contacts:
Kelly Boni - 642-0361
Michelle Orr - 649-6444 or
Kristi Vaughn - 649-1463.



**NO Sunday Night Youth Meeting
or Youth Choir Rehearsal
next Sunday, September 5.**

APPLE FEST BOOKWORM CORNER - Collection boxes have been set out in front of the church office and in the hallway outside the kitchen. Children's books, inspirational books, books written by popular authors and special interest books are especially popular with buyers. Contact Mary Ward at 649-1779.



ACTS COLLECTION - September: Crackers

STIR, presented by Stonecroft Ministries in conjunction with Aiken Christian Women's Connection, is a love global webstream seminar focused on how to stir the hearts of women for Christ in the 21st century. You are invited to this free webcast on Saturday, October 2, from 1-5pm; networking & lunch (\$10) at noon. Register at 648-8126 or 648-9433, e-mail aikenstir@gmail.com or click on the link at www.stjohns-umc.org.

Have you joined one of the **12 Keys Bible Study Groups**?

GO Global Outreach News

ACTS Update: Karen Perry, Operations Manager for ACTS, reports: "We need your help! We are very low on children's clothing & shoes in all sizes. We accept donations Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm at 401 Hayne Avenue."

Epworth Reminder: September 12 will be the second of two Work Day Offerings to support Epworth Children's Home, which provides CARE to over 75 children.

Kairos Weekend #34 at McCormick Correctional Institution is from September 16-19. Several folks from St. John's are on the team led by Jim Holly. Scripture passages & bags of homemade cookies will be delivered to all 1,260 prison residents by team members daily during the weekend. **6000 dozen** are needed. Will you participate to allow God's word to go into a very fertile harvest field & answer our Lord's call to care for some of His "very least" (Matthew 25:31-46)? Please bring cookies to the church kitchen by noon on September 14. Contact Beth Kelly (see below) or Pam McCollum (642-9414) for recipe guidelines/details.

Habitat Volunteers Needed: St. John's volunteers will be needed for construction as well as providing lunches on September 24/25 & November 12/13. To help with construction, please contact Kevin Buchanan at 617-9558 (buchanan4@gforcecable.com) or Lee Boyleston at 648-9242 (lee@holleyheatingandair.com). To help with lunches, contact Beth Kelly at 649-3591 (beththechef@juno.com).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

**3K THROUGH 4TH GRADE:
DAVID BECOMES KING
2 SAMUEL 5: 1 - 5; PSALM 37**

SEPTEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, September 10

10:30am # 2 Church Parlor

MONDAY, September 13

11:00am # 4 Red Pepper Café

TUESDAY, September 14

10:00am #11 Church Parlor

12:30pm # 9 Red Pepper Café

2:00pm #10 Resource Rm

7:00pm # 1 Melba Fair

116 Riviera Rd

WEDNESDAY, September 15

5:45pm # 5 Church Parlor

7:00pm # 7 Church Rm 116

MONDAY, September 20

2:30pm # 3 Church Parlor

TUESDAY, September 21

7:00pm # 8 Meets at church

APPLE DUMPLING TIME is coming fast. If you have helped in the past, be expecting a call soon. Anyone wanting to help, call Glenna Lathrop at 649-4508 or email - glennalathrop@bellsouth.net.

THE COLLEGE CLASS is meeting each Sunday at 10:00 in Room 204. Breakfast is served at 10:00. Come and join them! A bonfire/cookout is planned for September. Bring a friend and help make plans. The service project for September is to help at the Camp Sharigan reading clinic on September 20.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am

October 3 - World Communion Sunday

October 31 - All Saints Day

November 6 - AppleFest 2010

November 7 - Daylight Savings time ends

November 17 - Charge Conference

November 18 - UMW Turkey Dinner

December 5 - Children's Musical Program

December 19 - Christmas Music Sunday

December 24 - Candlelight Services (3)

January 16, 2011 - Day of Commitment to Christian Unity

January 21-23 - Mission Impact Celebration

February 11 - Valentine Luncheon

February 11-13 - Youth Revolution

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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...

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34 ANNE HAWKINS
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