

St. John's Visitor

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Brad Sherrill in a scene from Gospel of John

St. John's

UNDER THE STEEPLE

(A series celebrating our Faith through the Arts)

Presents

GOSPEL OF JOHN

The entire New Testament was originally presented orally - it was indeed a drama from its very inception. This Sunday, we have an opportunity to hear the entire Gospel of John in the medium for which it was written. Actor Brad Sherrill re-imagines the fourth Gospel as a one-man play in which a storyteller -John - relates the adventures of Jesus to a crowd of unbelievers - the audience. He inhabits dozens of other characters in his presentation of every word of the pure, life-changing, powerful Message.

One doesn't often have the chance to experience the whole Gospel, all at once. We most often study the Bible as a series of discrete passages, each with its own source, or we select readings for liturgies. What an opportunity to be able to experience the entire Gospel at once!

Brad responds to the question "why John?" by stating, as many other believers have, that John's Gospel is nourishment for the mind, heart, and soul. In this Gospel, Christ communicates with a directness, passion and authority which speaks not only to the body of believers but to each of us as individuals. Hearing John's Gospel in this unique way WILL have the power to enrich your faith! Don't miss it.

Please remember
FOOD FOR ACTS
when you come for worship next Sunday.
ACTS September Request
is Beef Stew

September 7, 2008
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon by Rev. Keith Stewart

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

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

****Additional information about the various Bible studies is available from the office.**

Meetings to Note

Thursday, September 4

9:30am *Experiencing God* Bible Study
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday, September 6

8:00am Grace Kitchen

Sunday, September 7

8:15am Coffee House
6:00pm Bible Study for Midlife Adults
6:00pm Youth Night Youth Mtg
6:00pm Parents of Youth Mtg
6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, September 8

8:00am First Place
10:00am Exercise & Fun Monday
12:00noon Music Reading Class
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Pastor Parish Relation Committee

Tuesday, September 9

12:30pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, September 10

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
9:30am *Acts* Bible Study
5:00pm Fellowship Supper
5:45pm Children's Choirs
6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00pm Women's & Men's Bible Study

Thursday, September 11

9:30am *Experiencing God* Bible Study
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Colin Braithwaite

Acolytes - Andrea Mikes, John Luke Nance

Altar Guild - Nell Berrie, Kay Shirley,
Vivian Tate, Judy Turner

Greeters 8:30 - Elizabeth Dill,

John and Andrea Downs

Greeters 11:00 - Gail & Evelyn Marine,

Tom Brown, Dorothy Brannon,

Bobby & Phyllis Coker, Lee & Dot Poe

Sunday AM Host (Sept 7)

John McMahan

Evening Hosts

Sunday (Sept 7) - Edward Yeh

Monday - Charles McKeel

Tuesday - Dennis Fish

Wednesday - Mike Uhle

Thursday - Keith Polk

Friday - Brian Eberhard

Saturday - George Bodkin

ANNIVERSARY: *Congratulations to Blanche & Delano who will celebrate 50 years of marriage on September 6.*

HOSPITALIZED: **Aiken - ; Discharged - Opal Babb, Denver Blosser; Walton Rehab - Ann Schifferli; Charleston - Denise Musick**

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT LEEDOM TAYLOR, JR.

August 25, 2008

I want to express my deepest appreciation & gratitude for prayers spoken on behalf of my daughter, Jeanne, in Palm Bay, FL. She suffered a stroke and is now slowly recovering. God is good! Thank you for being such a special church family.

Love in Christ, Roberta Timmerman

Deedee and I want to thank everyone who volunteered for childcare and those who donated items to the yard sale to raise money for our trip to Russia. Your love and support has been greatly appreciated. Our trip has been postponed until next summer due to the problems with Russia - Georgia. We hope to be able to go in the summer if things have calmed down. We also appreciate all of the items you all have donated for the children in Russia. I know they will be excited to receive them on our trip next year.

Sincerely, Susan Callahan

For Your Information - The UMW Executive Committee voted at their recent meeting to give \$500 to support the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

TWICE LOVED TREASURES are a welcome part of AppleFest but storage space is limited. **Please do not leave your donations until the week of Apple Fest.** Twice Loved Treasures, as in the past, will be accepted beginning Wednesday, Nov 5 through Friday, Nov 7, starting at 8:30am. Please contact Marsha Mikes at 644-7204 with question. Thank you!

APPLEFEST CO-CHAIRS meet 7pm on Monday, 9/8. All interested in Applefest are invited to be present.

Financials for week ending August 30, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 18,790
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,053,416
Actual expenses to date	\$ 976,285
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 996,908

Faith Promise Report for week ending August 30

2008 Faith Promise	\$233,252.48
Received last week	850.00
Received YTD	92,957.39
Disbursements to date	79,995.50
Balance for which to pray	140,295.09

CAN YOU SEW? The Lydia Project needs your help to make tote bags for women facing cancer treatment. Kits are provided and all pieces are pre-cut. You simply add thread. Evening & daytime training sessions available. Bring your machine or find a sewing buddy who will let you observe. The Lydia Project, an Aiken/Augusta agency, expects to distribute 4,000+ bags this year so your skills are greatly needed. If interested or need more details, please contact Lynda Platt, 641-0646 or e-mail

plattaiken@gforcecable.com.

Supper Menu-September 10

Pork Roast
Baked Apple Slices
Potatoes & Gravy
Vegetable Casserole
Banana Pudding



St. John's
youth ministry

Sunday, September 7 Fall Parent Meeting

6:00-6:30 pm-Covered dish supper

with youth and parents. Bring a dish to share!

Youth will then have their normal meeting.

Parents will then meet with Gene Aiken to discuss plans for fall and changes that will occur with the Safe Sanctuary Policy being implemented. Parental awareness is very important so parental attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged.



SPREAD THE JOY - First through sixth graders, with supervision from a parent, are invited on Sunday evenings from 6-8 beginning September 28 to make gifts for church members unable to attend due to physical or cognitive challenges. (Nursery available for younger siblings.) Different activities are planned for each

week. Watch the newsletter for details. Your child's spot can be reserved on the sheet outside Rm 108 or by contacting Michelle Brown (phone or email.)

FORTY-SIXTY: A study dealing with major issues many people face as they move into midlife. Myths/Realities, Children, Parents & Grandparents, Preretirement, Aging Parents, Losses, Giving Back are some topics under discussion. The 10 week study begins Sunday 9/9 at 6pm. Call Nancy Reed, 648-6891.

GO Global Outreach News

Paraguay Mission Trip Postponed

A potential short term mission trip to Paraguay planned for November 5, 2008 has been postponed and will be scheduled for the summer of 2009. Several individuals who originally planned to go on the trip have experienced personal health or family medical complications. We hope to re-schedule the trip when school is out permitting some teachers and students to attend who might otherwise not be able to participate in this mission trip.

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

Wanted: Creative volunteers to help plan Vacation Bible School activities for our mission trip to Kenya in December. Ideas are needed for music, outdoor games, crafts and stories that focus on the Christmas message and serve to build relationships with Kenyan partners. Activities will most likely be simpler than our own VBS programs and should take into account multicultural differences. Here's an opportunity for those who want to help but are unable to make the trip. Please contact Frances Osteen at 648-2548.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008:

1ST GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
2ND GRADE: CREATION STATION
3RD GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS
4TH GRADE: THOU ART
5TH/6TH GRADE GRP 1: FROM BC TO PC
5TH/6TH GRADE GRP 2: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SEPTEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Monday, September 8

11:00am # 4 Luncheon, Ward Hall 3

Tuesday, September 9

10:00am #11 Church Resource Rm

12:30pm # 9 The Bowery (RSVP Marsha Mikes)

2:00pm #10 Church Resource Rm

7:30pm # 1 Alice Ross

4039 Pheasant Run Dr

Monday, September 15

2:30pm # 3 Church Parlor

Wednesday, September 17

7:00pm # 7 At the Church

Saturday, September 20

TBA # 8 Hitchcock Woods

LOOKING AHEAD

September 3 - Wednesday Fellowship Suppers Resume

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

September 21 - Recognition of 50-year members

September 21-25 - Book Fair

September 28 - *Spread the Joy* Activities Begin

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 - Dedication of Shoe Box Contributions

St. John's Charge Conference

November 20 - UMW Turkey Dinner

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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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*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 L. HAWKINS
21 PAULA C. SAWYER
30 MICHELLE I. PEARSON
33 MARY KOSKY
61 MICHELLE BROWN
MARK DICKENS
31 GERALD F. THOMPSON
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