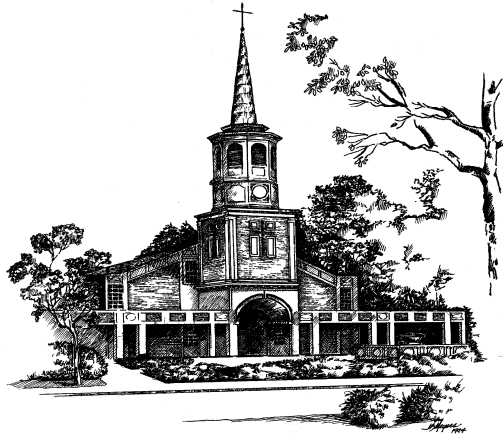


St. John's Visitor

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Worship with Us

SAVE THE DATE!

Coming soon, to a sanctuary near you! Right here, in fact, at St. John's ... a piano concert by Joseph Martin. Martin's music is said to range from hymns, to folksongs, to "rollicking toe-tappers." Sounds like something for everybody, doesn't it?

The concert will be held at 4 pm, Sunday, September 16.

This will be the first in a series of events planned as St. John's gift to the community, continuing in the tradition begun with the organ concerts of 2005. The events perhaps a touring choir, a dramatic presentation, an outstanding speaker, will all be open to the public, free of charge.

"Under the Steeple" is the name of the series. You'll be hearing more, about more events. But don't miss this first one!

WHY NOT TAKE A MOMENT?

Have you ever looked at the same face in the nearby pew week after week and wondered who that familiar person could be? All of us have had embarrassing moments when placing a name and a face together was very important, but we were unable to do it.

In a congregation as large as this, each of you is encouraged to take the risk and say a word of personal greeting to each other. Who knows? It may be the beginning of a long and meaningful friendship. Becoming a closely bound fellowship of God's people depends on our individual willingness to reach out to one another.

Many of you do speak to each other following the benediction every Sunday. Still, others leave without saying a word to anyone and then feel somewhat slighted that no one has spoken to you. Take the risk!! What difference does it make that the person says to you: "I've been here thirty years?" You haven't gotten to know each other and it's time you did.

There's nothing more meaningful than knowing those who share in the mission and ministry of Christ's Church. Reach out your hand, say a kind word and become better acquainted with your neighbor - you'll find it most satisfying.

September 9, 2007
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"A GOSPEL WORTHY OF ACCEPTANCE"
1 Timothy 1: 12-17
Rev. Dr. George Howle

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| Anthem | Lord, Here Am I The Chancel Choir |
| Offertory | Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed Aiken Brass |
| Hymns | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Something Beautiful Grace Greater Than All Our Sin |

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, September 6

- 9:30am *Believing God* Bible Study
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00pm Youth Bible Study
- 7:00pm Congregational Care

Sunday, September 9

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth
- 6:00pm Parents' Prayer Group
- 6:00pm *Christian Believer* Bible Study
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, September 10

- 8:00am First Place
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, September 11

- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, September 12

- 9:30 am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
- 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** - Ellen Bryan
- Acolytes** - Sidney Beckner, Danielle Smith
- Altar Guild** - Nell Berrie, Kay Shirley, Vivian Tate
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Kim DePriest
- Toddlers** - Charity Leigh
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Allison Beatty
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Barbie Heath
- Greeters 8:45** - John & Andrea Downs, Claudette Strickland, Ed Farmer
- Sunday School Greeter** - Beverly Burch
- Greeters 11:00** - Evelyn & Gale Marine, Jean & John Geiger, Dot & Lee Poe
- Sunday AM Host (September 9)**
John McMahan

Evening Hosts

- Sunday (September 9) - *Dennis Fish*
- Monday - *Mike Uhle*
- Tuesday - *Keith Polk*
- Wednesday - *Brian Eberhard*
- Thursday - *George Bodkin*
- Friday - *Gene Usher*
- Saturday - *Jim Fuqua*

Last Week's Attendance

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| 8:45 | 139 |
| 11:00 | 375 |
| Total | 514 |
| SS | 248 |

BIRTHDAYS: *Joe Thompson*, now residing at Trinity Lutheran Home, celebrated 99 years on Saturday, September 1.

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to *Paul and Yvonne Bockman* who will celebrate 50 years of marriage on September 7.

WEDDING: Congratulations to *Kristen Rose Tullius and Adam Frampton Bates* who were married Saturday, September 1, in the sanctuary.

HOSPITALIZED: *Aiken - Jane Goldston; MCG - Lila Breeeland; Doctor's - Bea Crawford; Discharged - Kathy Hargett, Bob Moody*

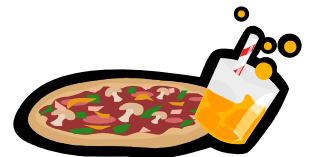
Did you have a **SUMMER GRADUATE** in your family this year? Please notify the church office with full name, degree and school so that we may recognize this achievement.

NEWEST MEMBERS of St. John's Church, along with staff members and those in leadership positions, have been invited to dinner in Ward Hall on Sunday, September 23, at 6 pm. This time is intended to help all involved become better acquainted. Please RSVP no later than Monday, September 17.

PLEASE REMEMBER to include the church in your list of those notified when you change your address. It takes weeks to receive this information from the post office and the church frequently pays several times for returned newsletters.

Financials for week ending September 1, 2007

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| Budgetary needs for the week | \$ 28,907 |
| Budgetary funds rec'd this week | \$ 14,301 |
| Budget funds rec'd to date | \$ 1,005,863 |
| Actual expenses to date | \$ 915,419 |
| St John's loan amt w/Security Fed | \$ 1,748,208 |



ID THEFT AND INTERNET SAFETY is the topic of a Community Seminar being hosted by St. John's on Wednesday, September 26. This is the first in a series of two being sponsored by Channel 12. The speaker will be Donna DeMichael, Attorney and Director of Consumer Services and Education for the Department of Consumer Affairs. Come at 7 pm to Ward Hall and hear about this very timely subject.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS, under the supervision of Genie Farmer, have resumed. Remember that your part is important and volunteer where you are able. Cost this year is \$4 per person with a maximum of \$18 per family. Reservations are requested.

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Psalm 105:1
 You are invited to enter into a kingdom partnership--through prayer. The GIC Prayer Team will be keeping you informed of praises and requests. Come-- travel on your knees.
 -Praise God for His faithfulness.
 -Thank Him for His provision--every GIC team leader position is filled!
 -Pray for our pastor as he ministers in Kenya and as he travels home.
 -Pray for St. John's--that we will grow and build ourselves up in love (Ephesians 4:15-16).

St. John's Youth News

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Election Night

Sunday Night, September 9, there will be what most of you think of as elections, but they won't be the same as they always have been. This will also be our first night with dinner provided by the parents. All youth are asked to bring \$2 to Sunday Night Youth each week to help pay for dinners. There is also a present for everyone who shows up this night, so don't miss out!

Asbury Hills

Asbury Hills Fall Retreat is Nov. 9-11. The cost this year will get you everything except for a meal or two on the road. We will be doing many of the same things that have always been done at Asbury Hills, but there may be a new little twist or two. As always, we will have our worship service at the Mountain Chapel on Sunday morning, which is a great tradition. Sign-ups will continue Sunday!!

CAN YOU HELP? The International prison ministry program of Kairos will conduct a 72 hour intensive spiritual program to 42 carefully selected inmates of McCormick Correctional Institute of South Carolina September 13-16, 2007. Volunteers from all walks of life in SC, laity and clergy from many denominations, will give their time and pay for the privilege of participating in this program. One phase of the program is providing refreshments during breaks. For the weekend we need



6,000 dozen cookies. **WILL YOU HELP US?** The cookies can be baked, prayed over, and frozen until time needed. All types of cookies are needed but should be no larger than 2 1/2" in diameter. This size does not break as easily as larger ones. (Also, thin crisp cookies break and cannot be used.) **DO NOT USE POWDERED SUGAR TOPPING.** Wrap *cooled* cookies completely in plastic wrap or place in Ziploc bags and package in sturdy boxes like old shoe boxes. Cookies can be made ahead of time and frozen. While preparing the cookies, please pray for those who will eat them. Cookies should be brought to the church kitchen by 2 pm on Wednesday, September 12, or you may contact Kairos Team Member **Dave Kelly** (803-295-7143) for pick up. If you can't bake cookies, then perhaps you might write a check to Kairos of South Carolina. It costs \$5,000 - \$5,500 to fund each 3-day weekend.



Annual Work Day Offering
for **EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME**
will be received Sunday, September 9.

Please give generously by using the special envelope provided in the bulletin or indicate on your check the portion designated for Epworth.

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

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

GET REAL! The 2007 Women's Community Event will be held at Trinity on the Hill UMC on Saturday, October 6 beginning at 9:00. Guest speaker is Rose Anne Coleman. Fees and registration are due by Sept. 26. For info call Renee Reid at 642-8951.

"Be renewed...clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God." Ephesians 4:23-24



LOOKING AHEAD

September 5 - Wednesday Suppers Resume
September 16 - Healing Service-Morning Worship
Joseph Martin Concert (Pianist) - 4 pm
September 18 - Staff Retreat
September 23 - Recognition of 50 Year Members
New Member Dinner - 6 pm
September 25 - Church-wide Date of Prayer
September 26 - ID Theft/Internet Safety Program
September 30 - Celebrate St. John's 150 Years!
October 7 - World Communion Sunday
October 14 - Lay Speaker Training
Homecoming Drama
October 17 - Mortgage Fraud Program
October 21 - Stewardship Sunday
Lay Speaker Training
October 28 - Sarah Oliver Concert (Harpist)
November 3 - Apple Fest
November 4 - All Saints Sunday
Claflin College Choir
November 5 - St. John's Charge Conference
November 9-11 - Asbury Hills Youth Retreat
November 11 - Prayer/Healing Service
November 15 - UMW Turkey Dinner
November 18 - Thanksgiving Sunday
Soup/Salad Luncheon
November 26 - St. John's Choir at Biltmore House
December 2 - Children's Christmas Program
December 23 - Chancel Choir Cantata
January 23-27 - Global Impact Celebration

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