

St. John's Visitor

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SHEPHERDING MINISTRY UPDATE

1 Peter 5:2

Shepherd the flock of God, which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly.

In June I talked to the congregation of St. John's about establishing the Shepherding ministry. While the response was exciting, we still need some additional Shepherds to make the program viable. For the more than 550 member units in the congregation we have 24 Shepherding units and we need at least that many more.

The intent of the Shepherding ministry is to provide focal units within the congregation to act as liaison between the members of the congregation and the pastoral staff of the church. In order for that program to be viable the number of people for each Shepherd must be small enough to allow that contact and service. We need an additional 25 or so Shepherding units.

I would like each of you to consider whether or not you would like to be a Shepherding unit. Your task is only to act as a focal point in identifying help and support for members of the congregation from the pastoral staff. You will not be counselors but points of contact for information, help and prayer. The more Shepherds we have, the more service we can provide to the congregation.

In the near future you will receive a letter requesting your assistance. I hope each of you will seriously consider participation as a Shepherding unit. The members of the Congregational Care committee will conduct a training and information session in mid November so that each of you will know fully the duties of a Shepherd. It will not take a lot of our time but will provide immeasurable service to the members of the Kingdom of God.

If you have any questions you can contact me at 649-4508 or at stevenlathrop@bellsouth.net for additional information. Through your help, this will be another of the great programs for the members of the family of St. John's.

Steve Lathrop
Congregational Care Committee

September 30
CELEBRATE ST. JOHN'S 150 YEARS
Single Service 10:30 am
followed by lunch

Have you made your reservation?

September 16, 2007
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"WHAT MUST I DO FOR HEALING?"
Scripture: **II Kings 5: 1 - 14**
Rev. Dr. George Howle
A Service of Healing

Special Music by
Joseph Martin, Pianist

Meetings to Note

Thursday, September 13

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

Sunday, September 16

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 4:00pm Joseph Martin Concert
- 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:30pm Youth Choir
- 5:30pm Lay Leadership Committee
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth
- 6:00pm Parents' Prayer Group
- 6:00pm *Christian Believer* Bible Study
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Women's Emmaus

Monday, September 17

- 8:00am First Place
- 10:30am Primetime Sunny Monday
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, September 18

Staff Retreat

- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds Bell Choir
- 7:00pm Evangelism Committee

Wednesday, September 19

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

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Karyn Osteen

Acolytes - John Boone, Colin Braithwaite

Altar Guild - Nell Berrie, Kay Shirley, Vivian Tate

Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Casey Young

Toddlers - Holley Kring

2-3 Yr Nursery - Tara Long

3-4 Yr Nursery - Rosalind Crenshaw

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 16)

Jay Bilyeu

Evening Hosts

Sunday (September 16) - *Dan Fabrick*

Monday - *Eric Randall*

Tuesday - *George Kelley*

Wednesday - *Charlie Neill*

Thursday - *Chuck Bryan*

Friday - *Barry Pearson*

Saturday - *Jim Minear*

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS: *Sue Corley* celebrated 91 years on September 8. She is with her daughter, *Susan Keenan*, at 352 Winmona Dr in Decatur, GA 30030.

Manning Owen also celebrated 91 years on September 8 at Shadow Oaks.

Virginia Midgett was 94 on September 10. Her current address is 563 Beechtree Ct in Danville, VA 24541.

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to **John and Joyce Bowman** who celebrate 50 years of marriage on September 14.

Congratulations also to **John and Helen Lane** who celebrated 68 years of marriage on September 8. Their new address is 5512 Carmel Rd, Apt 231, Charlotte, NC 28226, phone 704-542-3655.

NEW MEMBERS: Joining St. John's on Sunday, September 9 were:

Jim and Anne Carpenter

402 Weyhill Pl 649-2057

Don & Doris Roman

568 Maidstone Way 642-3459

Matt & Jennifer Willoughby

Sam and Mason added to constituent Roll

138 Glencarin Dr

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Rebecca Winans** in the recent death of her father, **Lewis Sherard**.

HOSPITALIZED: **Aiken** - Jimmy Player; **Doctor's** - Bea Crawford; **Discharged** - Kathy Hargett

Have we heard about your **SUMMER GRADUATE?** Need full name, degree and school.

NEXT SUNNY MONDAY meeting is September 17 at 10:30 in Ward Hall. Special guest Linda Knox McLean will talk about the history of the fox-hunt. Lunch follows the program and this month's menu features chicken parmesan on spaghetti noodles, salad and lemon tarts.



UMW CIRCLE CHAIRS: Please remember to pick up tickets as well as other information pertaining to the Turkey Dinner. Date of the dinner is Thursday, November 15 and serving begins at 5:30 pm.



FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Menu for September 19

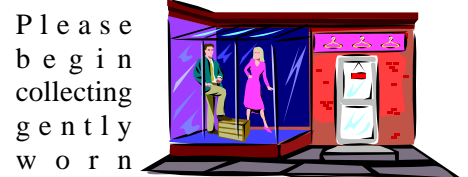
Baked Potato Soup

Ham/Cheese Croissants

Cheese Pizza for the kids

Salad Pickles

Chocolate Cake Squares



Please begin collecting gently worn clothing for all ages and sizes to be sold at the **CLOTHING BOUTIQUE** during Apple Fest on November 3. Volunteers are needed to help sort the week before and also the day of the sale. Contact Catherine Nance (642-5878) or Gwen Schwallie (642-9323.)

Financials for week ending September 8, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 27,736
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,033,599
Actual expenses to date	\$ 925,473
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,748,208

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	177
11:00	350
Total	527
SS	311

St. John's Youth News

Sunday Night Youth - 6 pm - begins with dinner (\$2)

September 16 begins a series called *World on Fire*, focusing on missions, local and abroad. Learn about things that are happening, hear from some church members, help in the community and around the world.

Remember that **Youth Choir** has started - rehearsals are on Sunday afternoon. Catherine Stapleton Nance is director.

Asbury Hills Fall Retreat is November 9-11. Sign-ups continue on Sunday.

PRAYING PARENTS - Come join us on Sunday evenings at 6:00 in the prayer room as we pray for all the youth of our church. "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." (Matthew 21:21)

2007 Women's Community Event

Trinity-on-the-Hill UMC

Saturday, October 6 9:00 am

Featured Speak is Rose Anne Coleman.

Fees and registration due by Wednesday, September 26

Renee Reid has information - 642-8951.

PARENTS OF 3-4 YR CHILDREN: If you use nursery care during 11am worship, please be advised that, beginning Sunday, September 16, **children will be moving to a new room, EB 145.**

The September 27 meeting of St. John's **UNITED METHODIST MEN** will feature a presentation by Dr. Ken Callahan, a pastor, professor, author and church consultant. Dr. Callahan has written several books and is noted for his outstanding seminars. Men of St. John's will want to make a special effort to meet one of Aiken's premier citizens. The meeting will begin with a covered dish supper at 6:30 pm.

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.



JOSEPH MARTIN

Composer and Pianist

will be in concert

Sunday, September 16 - 4:00 pm Sanctuary

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007:

- 1ST GRADE: CREATION STATION
- 2ND GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS
- 3RD GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
- 4TH GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: THE ARKADE

WANTED: FREQUENT FLIER MILES

Do you have Frequent Flier miles you would be willing to donate to help defray the cost of flying a missionary to our first Global Impact Celebration (GIC) next January? If so, please call Jan Gilbert at the church office at 648-6891 or on her cell at 646-0451.



LOOKING AHEAD

September 16 - Healing Service-Morning Worship

Joseph Martin Concert (Pianist)

September 18 - Staff Retreat

September 23 - Recognition of 50 Year Members
New Member Dinner

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 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

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

IDENTITY THEFT AND INTERNET SAFETY

Wednesday, September 26

7:00 pm

Ward Hall

Reservations (648-6891)

Donna DeMichael, Attorney - Director of Consumer Services and Education, Department of Consumer Affairs

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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

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23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
29 TERRY FLEMING
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
58 WALTER CANTWELL
60 NANCY REED
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
21 PAULA C. SAWYER
30 MICHELLE I. PEARSON
33 MARY KOSKY
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