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CELEBRATION DINNERS COMING UP: MARK YOUR CALENDARS



CELEBRATE! That is what we intend to do. Our campaign theme for this year is **SHAPING OUR FUTURE**. This is the third in a series: *Release the Future* (2006), *The Future is Now* (2008), and this year's: *Shaping Our Future*. Together, we are creating the church of St. John's for ourselves and the generations to follow.

Two Celebration Dinners are planned, for Tuesday, October 13th, and Wednesday, October 14th. Christy Kisner, Paula Kane, and their volunteers are starting this week to make dinner reservations for you. Expect a call from a hostess/host to arrange for the date that will suit you best. Please answer their call, and help the fellow members of our church family organize these dinners. We will enjoy a delicious meal together, and watch a new video. **For those of you with young families, these callers will explain how the children's time is to be organized, by age group.**

No matter which night you choose, plan to be at the gym by 6:15 pm. Bring along your nametag, if you can readily put your hands on it. If not, your hostess can make a temporary one for you. Each night will feature the same meal, at no charge, prepared so well by Genie Farmer and her always willing and able team. You can count on heading home by 8 pm.

Bob Kosky and Mike Kelley have been working diligently to create the sights and sounds of St. John's for another of the very popular videos, and Bob is interviewing some of the members who share their dreams and visions for St. John's future. You will be interested in what all is being planned in the various programs and ministries in our church, community, and the world. See where your money goes. *You'll likely feel a great sense of pride and confidence for our future.*

You heard George ask from the pulpit whether we would be content if he DID NOT give a single sermon about *giving* again this year. This idea seems to appeal to most of the congregation. What else did he say about not preaching about money? He said all we would have to do is *agree to come to a dinner.*

This promises to be a wonderful time of fellowship – an evening to enjoy. Yes, *you will be given a pledge card to fill out*, and asked to leave it that very night. Or, if you need more time, you can turn it in on Sunday. That's it. That's all the pressure you'll get. No guilt, no reason to avoid hearing another sermon about the merits of giving. Just your chance to do what you think is right and comfortable for you, as a welcome member of this great community known as St. John's.

Last year, members responded to this type of stewardship awareness and commitment. This is again unlike other campaigns to give, with "step up" charts, a bit of arm-twisting, not even a Consecration Sunday. We all know these are challenging economic times. We will know even more about the wonderful things St. John's is doing after our time together, and we can only imagine the potential for the FUTURE. The FUTURE we are SHAPING.

See you at our CELEBRATION DINNERS!

**September 20, 2009
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Messages this week by
Rev. Keith Stewart and Gene Aiken**

Scripture: James 1: 2 - 8

**Services at 8:30 and 11:00
in the sanctuary.**

Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, September 17

- 9:30am Sisters Bible Study
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 7:00pm Congregational Care
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, September 18

- 10:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Bridge Group

Saturday, September 19

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen opens

Sunday, September 20

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:00am Getting to Know St. John's
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm Revelation & Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Youth Group

Monday, September 21

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 9:30am Exercise Class
- 10:30am Sunny Monday
- 12:00noon Women's Bible Study
- 12:30pm AI-Anon
- 6:00pm Endowment Committee
- 7:00pm Finance/Book Club/Senior Adult Coun
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 22

- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds/Men's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Church Council

Wednesday, September 23

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am TF Bible Study
- 4:00pm Grief Share Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Zach Madden
- Acolytes** - Collin Ray, Michael Rogers
- Altar Guild** - Kay Shirley, Judy Turner, Anita Allen, Ginger Talbert

- Crib Rm (11am)** - Susan Lawson
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Kimberly Canada
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Charity Leigh
- Greeters 8:30** - Claudette Strickland
- Greeters 11:00** - Debi Rood
- Sunday AM Host (Sept 20)** Dave Sherburne
- Evening Hosts**

- Sunday (Sept 20) - Chuck Bryan
- Monday - Barry Pearson
- Tuesday - Jim Minear
- Wednesday - Rick Endler
- Thursday - Matt Beckum
- Friday - Jim Wert
- Saturday - Tom Brown

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Mary Ann Rogers; **Discharged to Carriage Hills** - Mae Croft; **Discharged** - Jim Bodie, Jenny Johnson

SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW: Start-up costs for the **Stephen Ministry** of St. John's United Methodist Church in Aiken are being underwritten by the Fellowship Class Sally Ewing Memorial Fund.

SUNNY MONDAY GROUP resumes meetings next Monday, 9/21, after a summer recess. The program features St. John's Russia group - Deedee Vaughters, Pam McCollum and Susan Callahan - who will share details of their trip in early June. The lunch menu is baked chicken, broccoli casserole, rice pilaf and cinnamon cake. Call the church to make your meal reservation.

NEXT UM MEN'S MEETING is coming up on Thursday, September 24, at 6:30pm in Ward Hall. The invited speaker is Ms. Kristin Brown, Executive Director of Aiken Center for Arts.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are available on a table outside Ward Hall if you are among those who had pictures made.

Attendance	
September 13	
8:30	126
9:02	160
11:00	420
Total	706
SS	374

Financials for week ending Sept 12, 2009

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 29,174
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,076,746
Actual expenses to date	\$1,078,903
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 346,900

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd YTD	\$110,859.62
Disbursed YTD	\$ 99,678.60
2009 Faith Promise year =	2/1/09 thru 1/31/10

GETTING TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S sessions continue on Sunday, September 20, with *Methodist Beliefs* being discussed by Rev. Keith Stewart. Those interested are invited to Ward Hall at 10am.

BRIDGE GROUP will be playing in Ward Hall of Friday 9/18, beginning at 7pm. New players are always welcome and you do not need to bring a partner. Doug Leader is the contact, 649-6003.



BOOK CLUB: Come one, come all, to discuss the current selection on Monday, September 21, 7 pm, in Rm 204. All are welcome-men, women, youth-anyone wanting to attend. If you have read the book "Same Kind of Different as Me" please join us for our discussion.

The last few months have been extremely tumultuous in Honduras, with tremendous political unrest, but the work of **Honduras Agape Foundation** has continued unabated, offering support by way of several local congregations, including St John's. Plans are coming together for more HAF mission trips in the months ahead. First-hand information is available from Ed Norton, George Sewell and Randy Shelley.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
September 23
 Spaghetti Pie
 Salad Garlic Bread
 Lemon Pie



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
Sunday, September 20 6:00pm
Regular Meeting

CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIANS CLASS is collecting small Christmas tree ornaments. These ornaments will be used to decorate trees for children at MCG cancer unit while they are in the hospital over the holidays. Please drop ornaments off in Room. 206.

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL has space for additional students in 3K and 5K. Contact Michelle Pearson, Director, at 648-4745 or michelle.pearson@stjohns-umc.org.

ACTS COLLECTION
SEPTEMBER: Canned beans

Missionary Prayer Focus: At the Kairos weekend, may all those participating be open to God's guidance and love.

GO Global Outreach News

The Aiken Area Council on Aging needs volunteers for their Meals on Wheels program. Just one hour a week can make a difference to a senior. Please call 648-5447 for more information or to volunteer.

The **Kairos #32 prison ministry** will take place at McCormick Correctional Institution in McCormick, S.C. from September 16-19. Please pray that God's love will be shown to those involved and that lives will be transformed.

The Global Outreach Leadership Team (GOLT) will host a potluck supper on Sunday, September 27 at 6:00 PM in Ward Hall. There will be presentations from participants in the recent Tigers Go, Salkehatchie, Honduras and Kairos mission trips. Mark your calendars now for this evening of fellowship and learning.

Epiphany Ministry is a ministry dedicated to showing God's love to incarcerated youth through a three-day short course in Christianity and an ongoing follow-up program. Upcoming events at the Broad River facility in Columbia include a weekend for girls on September 25-27 and a weekend for boys on October 9-11. Please contact Jackie Hyche (648-9106) if you would like to become involved.

David Dill has asked for our prayers to help end the recent rioting in Kampala, Uganda where he is serving as an architectural intern with EMI. Please pray that David and the EMI staff will be kept safe and that the rioting will subside so they can continue their mission of designing and planning a girl's secondary school for AIDS orphans.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

1ST GRADE: THOU ART
2ND GRADE: MARY AND MARTHA'S B & B
3RD GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
4TH GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS begin next Sunday, 9/20, after all 3 services and continue for the following two Sundays. Ages 5-6 & 7-8 teams are co-ed; ages 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-18 have both boys and girls teams. Coaches are needed for all ages!! Contact Ben Dean with questions.

ALZHEIMER MEMORY WALK happens this Saturday (9/19.) June Cannon, 648-3511, will be happy to supply additional information.

APPLE FEST NOTES

Frozen Casseroles are needed from your kitchen. Whip up one of your favorite family recipes! Share it with others by making it a delicious contribution to the popular Frozen Casserole Booth at AppleFest, Nov. 7. Please label your donation with your name, content information and cooking instructions.

Costume jewelry is needed also. Please leave your donations in the basket in front of the office. Small boxes are also helpful.

Be part of the *Apple Dumpling Gang* - contact Glenna Lathrop, 649-4508, or Doris Roman, 642-3459.

Other shops for which you may volunteer or donate include Children's games, crafts, bake shop, silent auction, and publicity. Let Jackie Hyche, 648-906, or jackiehyche@bellsouth.net know of your interest.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 27 - Potluck Supper with Missionaries
October 4 - World Communion Sunday
October 8 - John K. Rosemond programs on parenting
October 13-14 - Celebration Dinners
October 25 - Trunk a Treat
November 1 - All Saints Day - Daylight Savings time ends
November 7 - AppleFest
November 13-15 - Asbury Hills Youth Retreat
November 19 - UMW Turkey Dinner
November 22 - Thanksgiving Sunday, Holy Communion
December 6 - Children's Christmas Program
December 20 - Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
January 27-31, 2010 - Next 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.*



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