

St. John's Visitor

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Frederick Swann, Organist

UNDER THE STEEPLE SERIES CONTINUES

St. John's *Under the Steeple* series, celebrating faith through the arts, invites you to a concert on Sunday afternoon, October 12th, at 4 pm in the Sanctuary.

It is noted that Mr. Swann has probably presided over more ranks of pipes and stopknobs on a regular basis than any organist in history. He was, in fact, the recitalist chosen to play for the consecration of our extraordinary Schantz pipe organ here at St. John's.

Frederick Swann, President of the American Guild of Organists (2002-2008), serves as Organist Emeritus of the Crystal Cathedral, Organist Emeritus of First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, and Organ Artist-in-residence at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Palm Desert, California. Mr. Swann is also University Organist, Artist-in-residence, and Artist Teacher of organ at Redlands (CA) University.

In addition to more than 2,500 solo recital presentations in major churches, cathedrals and concert halls throughout North America and many foreign countries, Mr. Swann performs frequently with symphony orchestras and choral organizations. In 2002 he was named Performer of the Year by the New York City chapter of the American Guild of Organists. In 2004 he was selected to perform the Inaugural Recital on the new organ in The Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles.

There is no charge, and tickets are not required. There will be a free-will offering.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for October 20 as well. The US Army Chorus from Washington, DC performs here at 7:30 pm *Under the Steeple*. We are delighted to host this concert at St. John's!

If you have not received a call inviting you to one of the Celebration/Stewardship dinners, please call the church office and make your reservation. We don't want you to miss out on this celebration! The dinners will be held on Tuesday, October 14; Wednesday, October 15; and Thursday, October 16. Dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 pm, and the evening's festivities will end at 8:00 pm. You will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Genie Farmer and her volunteers, good fellowship around the dinner table with your church family, and an uplifting video presentation about who we are and what all we do that makes us St. John's. Please join us!



Pat Sauls, Claudette Strickland, and Kathy Hargett
Celebration Dinner Coordinators

October 12, 2008
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
"HOW TO INVITE OTHERS TO A WEDDING"

Scripture: **Matthew 22: 1- 9**
Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

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, October 9

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

Friday, October 10

9:15am Preschool Council
1030am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal

Saturday, October 11

8:00am Grace Kitchen
1:00pm Organ Rehearsal & master class

Sunday, October 12

8:15am Coffee House
4:00pm Organ Concert
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:00pm Youth Choir
5:00pm Lay Leadership Committee
6:00pm Old Testament Bible Study
6:00pm Sunday Night Youth Meeting
6:00pm Women's Bible Study & Emmaus

Monday, October 13

8:00am First Place
10:00am Exercise Class
12:00pm Music Reading Class
6:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee
7:00pm Apple Fest Meeting
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 14

12:30pm Women's Bible Study
6:30pm Stewardship Dinner

Wednesday, October 15

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
9:30am Acts Bible Study
4:00pm GriefShare Group
5:00pm Stewardship Supper
5:45pm Children's Choirs
6:00pm Family Life Council
6:30pm Youth Bible Study
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00pm Women's & Men's Bible Study
8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Connor Kane
Acolytes - Katherine Weigle, Sydney Beckner
Altar Guild - Mae Croft, Brenda Meeks, Jane Fogle, Sandra Shelley
Crib Rm (11am) - Jennifer Willoughby
Toddlers - Casey Young
2-3 Yr Nursery - Amanda Stefanakos
3-4 Yr Nursery - Heather Young
Greeters 8:30 - Hilda Secrist, Michelle Hudgins, John & Betty Jossey
Greeters 11:00 - Barry & Paula Clayton, Bill & Mary Anne Quinn, Debi Rood, Shirley Powell

Sunday AM Host (10/12) - Tom Nance

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to **Fred and Nita Robison** who celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Friday, October 10.

WEDDING: Congratulations to **Michael Eugene Goldston and Anna Dupre Anderson** who were married Saturday, September 27, in Lanikai Beach, Hawaii.

CONDOLENCES: Sincere sympathy is extended to **Herb Freitag** in the death of his daughter-in-law, **Rosa L. Freitag**, in Wagener, SC, on October 2.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - Nita Robison; **Discharged to Mattie Hall** - Gene Carroll; **Discharged** - Bob Rehn, Sally Ewing, Dottie Kochli, Kashy Flores

Thank you for the cards, concerns & memorials for me and for my family. St. John's members have been so helpful and given me such a feeling of belonging and support during the past years of the illness and passing of my husband, Chuck.

With much appreciation, **Elinor Cannon**

APPLE FEST INFORMATION

The final Applefest meeting will be Monday, Oct 13, at 7 pm in Ward Hall. Please be prepared to turn in your request for change monies for your booth/area at this time. Contact Hilda Secrist if you cannot attend.

Frozen Casseroles needed - meat, chicken or vegetable for two, 8"x8" or 9"x13". Also soup, chili, sauces, frozen desserts or your favorite freezable appetizers. Please label - name, content & cooking instructions.

Book Worm Corner needs books! Especially welcome are children's books & videos, DVD's & western novels. Leave donations in boxes outside office. Pick-up can be arranged by Sharon West, 648-3824.

Financials for week ending October 4, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week \$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week \$ 24,094
Budget funds rec'd to date \$1,195,966
Actual expenses to date \$1,118,120
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$ 933,908

Faith Promise Report for week ending Oct. 4

2008 Faith Promise \$233,252.48
Received last week \$ 2,238.00
Received YTD \$105,318.49
Disbursements to date \$ 96,506.48
Balance for which to pray \$ 127,933.99

Evening Hosts

Sunday (Oct 12) - Brian Eberhard
Monday - George Bodkin
Tuesday - Gene Usher
Wednesday - Jim Fuqua
Thursday - Dan Fabrick
Friday - Eric Randall
Saturday - George Kelley

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY is October 26 - Please contact Nancy Reed or Anne Hawkins in the office if interested in church membership.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008, from 10:00-11:00am in Room 116. If you are living with cancer or are a family member of someone with cancer, please contact Nancy Reed at 648-6891 to sign-up.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES begin Sunday, Oct 19, during the Sunday School hour and will run until May. Classes are open to anyone interested in going through confirmation process but are especially for 7th graders since this is the first year they are eligible to do this. Contact Gene Aiken if interested.

Last Week's Attendance

8:30	109
9:02	119
11:00	409
Total	637
SS	326

Stewardship Dinner Menu for October 14, 15, 16

Tomato-Mozzarella Bake
Salad Vegetable Medley
Chocolate Cake
Separate menu for Children!



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6pm October 12

Dinner provided by parents is available for \$2. Discussion topic centers around other religions, primarily considering Islam.

Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm

St. John's youth ministry A short term Disciple Bible Study focusing on the New Testament is open to all Senior High age youth.

ASBURY HILLS registration forms for the Nov. 7-9 trip are available. If you or your friends plan to go, you must attend Sunday Night Youth 2 times between now and departure time.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OCTOBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Monday, October 13

11:00am # 4 Church Parlor

Tuesday, October 14

10:00am #11 Church - Ward Hall

12:30pm # 9 Casa Bella

2:00pm #10 Church Resource Rm

7:30pm # 1 Sandra Jameson
1 Woodwind Way

Monday, October 20

2:30pm # 3 Church Parlor

Tuesday, October 21

6:00pm # 7 OARS Kitchen

6:30pm # 8 Kitchen

Missionary Prayer Focus: Lord, create in us a heart to serve you in Jerusalem, Judea and to the Ends of the Earth.

GO Global Outreach News

1. ACTS is collecting canned vegetables for the month of October. Please use the ACTS containers.
2. On October 22, a group from St. John's will take a day trip to visit Shirley Townsend-Jones, our missionary in Bennettsville, SC. We will view her ministry in action and deliver "Operation Backpack" school supplies. Please contact Michael Norton (648-9740) if you are interested.
3. A trip to Honduras to participate in vacation Bible school and other school projects is set for January 1-24, 2009. Most of the other 2009 Honduras trips have been scheduled as well. Please contact Michael Norton (648-9740) for more information about these exciting mission opportunities.
4. We are collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste to take to the LCM children in Kenya. We hope to get at least 120 of each item. Please contact Frances Osteen (648-2548).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2008

*FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS
THROUGH HIS WORDS AND ACTIONS*

Memory Verse - John 3:16

**Frances Osteen/Kenya Presentation
in the Arkade**

SPREAD THE JOY for Grades 1-6 (& 5K if supervised by a parent) is Sunday at 6pm. On Oct 12 Joan Bodkin and Kathy Samaha will make *Oyo de Dios (Eye of God)* and felt ornaments upstairs in OARS art room.



VOLUNTEER FOR OARS - Come see the ways planned for the children to recognize their unique abilities to help others!!! Sign up to help with OARS Sunday School for **one Sunday** between Oct 12-Jan 21 - it will be as rewarding to you as it will be to our children. Call Michelle Brown before Oct. 12th. ☺

Did you see the movie everyone is talking about? It is entitled **FIREPROOF**--a story about strengthening marriages. **Even if you haven't yet seen the movie, you can still learn the principles in a 6 session bible study for couples.** Call the church office to indicate your interest before October 15th. Then you will be contacted about an introductory session.

ACTS collection item for October is canned vegetables!

LOOKING AHEAD

October 12 - Fred Swann, Organist - Under the Steeple
October 14, 15, 16 - Stewardship Dinners
October 20 - The 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 12 - Bloodmobile - St. John's Parking Lot
November 16 - St. John's Charge Conference
 Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Gifts
November 20 - UMW Turkey Dinner
December 6 - Birthday Party for Jesus
December 7 - Children's Musical
December 14 - Masterworks Chorale - Lessons & Carols
December 21 - Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
January 18 - Day of Commitment to Christian Unity
January 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...

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