

# St. John's Visitor

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## GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY, WOULD YOU SAVE THE LIFE OF A FAMILY?

Of course you would and you can. Have you heard of the program called

**“NOTHING BUT NETS”**? Please read on.....

The World Health Organization estimates 300 to 500 million people contract malaria each year with more than 1 million dying from it. Someone dies from malaria every 30 seconds. Malaria is the leading cause of death of children under five in Africa with one-fifth of these children dying from this disease. Malaria is caused by a blood parasite transmitted by mosquitoes. Most mosquito bites occur at night while individuals are sleeping.

Is there a fix for this problem? Yes! For \$10, an *insecticide treated bed net* can be purchased that will provide protection from mosquitoes to an entire family while they sleep. The United Methodist Church is partnering with several organizations including *Sports Illustrated*, the United Nations Foundation, the National Basketball Association, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to provide as many nets as possible to save lives. So far, more than 120,000 bed nets have been purchased for families in Africa.

St. John's United Methodist Men (UMM) have undertaken a project to heighten awareness of this deadly disease AND to financially make a difference. The men's group has made a donation through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to buy nets. In addition, many men, on their own, are making contributions to buy nets. Some have bought as many as ten (10) nets while others are buying a net a month as their way of supporting this very worthwhile cause through UMCOR.

Won't you please join the efforts of the UMM by making a contribution to this life-saving project? Our financial administrator, Nancy Fairgrieve, has set up a "Nothing but Nets" account to collect contributions. If you wish to help the very poor who can't afford to buy these life protecting nets, please make your contribution to "St John's United Methodist Church" and include the notation "Nothing But Nets". All contributions will be forwarded to UMCOR for purchasing of the nets.

God's Blessings on You,  
Archie Hargett, Jr., President  
ST. JOHNS UNITED METHODIST MEN

### UPON THIS ROCK

This original drama featuring characters from St. John's past will come to life next Sunday, October 14, at 7 pm in the gym.

Child care will be available for small children. A light dessert will be served after the drama. The drama, written by Jim Ross and directed by Marcia Harris, is family friendly for young and old. The Chancel Choir will sing "Build On a Rock." The activities should conclude around 8 o'clock.

**COME AND ENJOY!**

**October 14, 2007**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**"GIVE ALL YOU HAVE"**  
**Scripture: Luke 18: 18-23**  
**Rev. Dr. George Howle**  
Music by the Joy Choir  
**Take Up the Cross**  
**What Gift Can We Bring**  
**I Surrender All**

Hymns

**Meetings to Note**

**Thursday, October 11**

9:30am *Believing God* Bible Study  
 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous  
 7:00pm Youth Bible Study  
 7:00pm Apple Fest Meeting

**Saturday, October 13**

9:00am GOLT Retreat @ Holley Heating

**Sunday, October 14**

8:15am Coffee House  
 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir  
 3:00pm Strategic Planning Committee  
 5:00pm Youth Choir  
 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth  
 6:00pm Parents' Prayer Group  
 6:00pm *Christian Believer* Bible Study  
 6:00pm Women's Bible Study & Emmaus  
 7:00pm Homecoming Drama

**Monday, October 15**

8:00am First Place  
 10:30am Primetime Sunny Monday  
 6:00pm Stewardship Leaders Dinner  
 7:00pm Women's Bible Study  
 7:15pm Finance Committee

**Tuesday, October 16**

7:00pm Evangelism Committee  
 7:00pm First Place

**Wednesday, October 17**

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups  
 1:30am *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  
 7:00pm *Mortgage Fraud* Seminar

**Serving This Week**

**Crucifer** - Jennifer Polk  
**Acolytes** - Max Madden, Zach Madden  
**Altar Guild** - Sue Corley, Mae Croft,  
 Betty Grodahl, Billie Johnson  
**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** - Jerry & Billie Johnson,  
 Hilda Secrist, Ann Carter  
**Sunday School Greeter** - Diane James  
**Greeters 11:00** - Jack & Libby Taylor,  
 John & Joyce Bowman,  
 Henriann Goddard, Johanna Gibbs  
**Sunday AM Host (Oct 14)** - *John McMurtrie*  
**Evening Hosts**  
 Sunday (Oct 14) - *Gene Usher*  
 Monday - *Jim Fuqua*  
 Tuesday - *Dan Fabrick*  
 Wednesday - *Eric Randall*  
 Thursday - *George Kelley*  
 Friday - *Charlie Neill*  
 Saturday - *Chuck Bryan*

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

**ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations to **Don and Jean Orth** who will celebrate fifty-five years of marriage on Thursday, October 11.

**BIRTHDAY:** **Earl Callahan** celebrated 96 years on Thursday, October 4!

**NEW MEMBERS:** Joining St. John's church family on Sunday, September 16:  
**Mrs Liann Conner**

**Kelsey Anne** along with twins **Ryan Martin** and **Sydney Elizabeth**  
 added to baptized roll

150 Creekside Dr 644-9922

**Tom & Lucy Helms**

**Henry P "Pete" Helms** added to baptized roll

**Amy Elizabeth "Libby" Helms** added to constituent roll

102 Hemlock Dr. 649-0557

**CONDOLENCES:** Deepest sympathy is extended to **Phyllis Coker** in the death of her brother, **Johnny Culbertson**, in Florence, SC, on October 5.

**HOSPITALIZED:** MCG - **Mae Croft**, \***David James** (**Bonnie's** son); **Aiken** - \***Barry Wade** (**Janet's** husband); **Discharged** - **Bill Morris**

A big thank you to **Gene & Katie Aiken** for providing the bread used in communion last Sunday. It came from a starter provided by Gene's previous church in Greenville.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**VIRGINIA "GINGER" P. INGRAM**  
**September 30, 2007**

**PRIMETIME SUNNY MONDAY**

will be in Ward Hall on October 15. Meeting begins at 10:30 am and George Meyers, Channel 6 weatherman, will be the guest speaker. Lunch menu features southwestern taco salad and apple crisp. Please make your reservations - join this congenial group.

**GLOBES STILL NEEDED:**

If you have a globe that we could use during the GIC week, January 23-25, please call Claudette Strickland, 649-5405.



**SHEPHERDS WANTED:**

Let Steve Lathrop know if this is an activity that interests you.

**TURKEY DINNER**

tickets are now available from the office or a UMW member. Dinner is November 15 from 5:30-7:00.

**Financials for week ending October 6, 2007**

Budgetary needs for the week \$ 28,907  
 Budgetary funds rec'd this week \$ 33,042  
 Budget funds rec'd to date \$1,133,443  
 Actual expenses to date \$1,063,475  
 St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$1,688,508

**DON'T FORGET** - Ladies' room in the narthex is under construction through Oct. 21.

**OARS NEEDS** your paper towel tubes-leave in the appropriately labeled box on top of small refrigerator in the kitchen.

**APPLE FEST VOLUNTEERS** are being recruited. Find your niche and sign the sheet for that activity. Choices are varied and it would be a shame to miss out on the fun AND a chance to help some worthy causes.

**TUESDAY EVENING** First Place weight loss program begins next week at 7 pm (Oct. 16.) Call Mary Ward, 649-1779.

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:45	168
11:00	413
Total	581
SS	282

# St. John's Youth News

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**YOUTH CHOIR - 5 pm - Jr. High Sunday School Rm**  
**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH** - Discussion continues on Missions and this week it all gets tied together. Join us!

**ASBURY HILLS RETREAT** registrations are now being taken. Don't be left at home that weekend, Nov. 9-11.

**RAKE AND RUN** will be Saturday, Oct. 13. Meet at southside McDonald's at 8am for breakfast, then break into

teams to travel around Aiken to assist some homebound church members who may need help with yard work. Parents are invited and encouraged to help with transportation, labor and tools needed. Please notify Gene at 648-6891 if you are willing to help in any way!



**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2007:**

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

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** will have George Howle, St. John's minister, as speaker at their meeting on October 25. The meeting begins with a covered dish dinner at 6:30 pm in Ward Hall. All men of St. John's are invited.

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**  
**Menu for October 17**  
*Reuben Sandwiches*  
*German Potato Salad*  
*Dill Pickles*  
*Pumpkin Pie Squares*

**THE LYDIA PROJECT**, in partnership with the Aiken Mall and Bath and Body Works, invites any woman who has battled cancer, is still in the fight, is a caregiver to someone with cancer, or who recently lost someone to this disease for some pampering. On Thursday, October 18, 11am-2pm, join us at the former Regis Hair Salon (near JC Penney) for massages, mini-makeovers, refreshments and a complimentary goodie bag. There is no charge, but reservations are requested. Lynda Platt (641-0646) has information or call Bath and Body Works (649-3489) to reserve space. A reply by Oct 12 will be appreciated.

**REMINDER** - Your family's copy of the new church history is in the lobby by the office. Please stop and get yours. Copies *will not* be mailed.

### LOOKING AHEAD

- October 14** - Homecoming Drama
- October 15** - Stewardship Leaders - Dinner Meeting
- October 17** - Mortgage Fraud Program
- October 21** - Stewardship Sunday (Brunch & Lunch)
- October 23** - Churchwide Day of Prayer
- October 25** - United Methodist Men  
(George Howle, speaker)
- October 28** - Sarah Oliver Concert (Harpist)  
Trunk or Treat (6-8 pm)
- 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 2-7** - Preschool Book Fair
- December 23** - Chancel Choir Cantata
- December 24** - Candlelight/Communion Service (5pm)  
Candlelight Service (11pm)
- January 23-27** - Global Impact Celebration

### FLOWER CALENDAR VACANCIES

- |             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| November 11 | One vase  |
| November 25 | Two vases |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**MORTGAGE FRAUD**, a Channel 12 Community Seminar, will be held in St. John's Ward Hall at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 17. Presenter will be Charles Knight, Senior Legal Counsel of the Department of Consumer Affairs, who will be coming from Columbia.

**UNDER THE STEEPLE**, a series of Sunday afternoon events focusing on the arts, will continue on October 28 with a concert by Sarah Oliver, harpist, along with Laura Tomlin, violinist. On November 4 the Claflin College Choir will be in concert in the sanctuary. This series is presented as a gift from St. John's to the community. Hopefully, you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

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*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  
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON  
29 TERRY FLEMING  
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE  
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE  
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