

St. John's Visitor

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The Textures and Colors of God's Love

A veteran strokes his red, white and blue blanket—a chemotherapy patient dons her soft warm cap to cover her sparse hair—a displaced child clings to his new blanket and teddy bear after being taken from his home—a wheelchair ramp recipient bragging about his new lap robe to a friend—a bedbound Alzheimer's patient receiving a "blanket" of roses on her 50th wedding anniversary as her tearful husband looks on—a cancer patient celebrating her birthday with her "Red Hat" friends, receiving a red afghan and covering herself, exclaiming over and over: "I love it!" - a young child whose mother has died insisting on being wrapped tightly in his blanket and pretending it's his mother's hug—Hospice and Nursing Home patients smiling and clutching their lap robes, shawls or blankets as they go through the burdensome and painful process of ending this life and beginning their everlasting one—newborns wearing tiny "pumpkin" hats in the hospital nursery, creating a precious pumpkin patch – these are just a few examples of the **"JOSEPH'S COAT"** Ministry.

In May, 2009, this community outreach group formed a yarn ministry of caring and comfort to others; the name representing all the textures and colors of our work and His love. To date, these caring and compassionate ladies have spent many hours of loving service to the Lord and others; and have distributed over 100 items to the Hospice of South Carolina, Regency, Trinity and Southern Care Hospices, Sheriff Mike Hunt, Helping Hands, Jack Meeks Wheelchair Ramp Ministry, Nursing Homes, Aiken Pregnancy Care, Child Advocacy Center, Aiken Regional Medical Center, and numerous other individuals.

We have seen God's hand at work in our ministry from the onset and we continue to be blessed and humbled in our efforts. We can never know how deeply an act of kindness can touch a heart.

"Joseph's Coat" will gladly accept any financial donations, yarn donations, gently used lap robes, shawls, afghans, baby blankets and small stuffed animals. This will enable us to continue this outreach ministry.



"Joseph's Coat" Volunteers

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us in the Church Library on Thursdays at 1:30.

*Sandy Dunn
presenting
pumpkin hats
for newborns
to Debbie
Yoch, RN*



**October 18, 2009
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Scripture: Psalm 104: 1 - 9

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 15

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

Friday, October 16

- 9:45am Stephen Ministry
- 10:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Bridge Group

Saturday, October 17

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen opens doors

Sunday, October 18

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Soup & Salad - Serving begins
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 5:00pm Youth Choir
- 5:00pm Lay Leadership Committee
- 6:00pm Revelations & Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Youth

Monday, October 19

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 9:30am Exercise Class
- 10:30am Sunny Monday Meeting
- 12:30pm Al-Anon
- 6:15pm Endowment Committee
- 7:00pm Finance
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study/Book Club

Tuesday, October 20

- 12:00noon Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Joyful Sounds
- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 21

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am TF Bible Study
- 4:00pm Grief Share Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs/New Young Circle
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm 9:02 Band Practice

Serving This Week

- Crucifer** - Lindsay Carpenter
- Acolytes** - Sarah Elizabeth Davis, Annalise Eberhard
- Altar Guild** - Brenda Meeks, Jane Fogle, Sandra Shelley, Marsha Mikes
- Crib Rm** (11am) - Kristin Padgett
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Helen Randall
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Kristi Vaughn
- Sunday AM Host (Oct 18)** *Bryan Staubs*
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday (Oct 18) - *George Kelley*
 - Monday - *Charlie Neill*
 - Tuesday - *Chuck Bryan*
 - Wednesday - *Barry Pearson*
 - Thursday - *Jim Minear*
 - Friday - *Rick Endler*
 - Saturday - *Matt Beckum*

WEDDINGS: Congratulations to **Stephanie Groff Heffner** and **Joshua Vernon Hoepfner** who were married in the Sanctuary on October 10.

Congratulations also to **Stephanie Michelle Wilson** and **Raymond Charles Barbee**, who were married at Rye Patch on October 10. Stephanie is the daughter of **Jeff & Jane Wilson**.

BAPTISMS: Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Oct. 11 were **Rebekah J. Muir**, **Charles Ryan Moore**, and **Nancy Elizabeth Ross**, children of **Jennifer Muir Ross** and also **Edward "Ed" William Mantel II** and **Margery "Maggie" Jane Mantel**, children of **Mark and Katie Mantel**.

NEW MEMBERS welcomed on October 11:

Mrs. Betty Douris

92 Windemere Way 649-0642

Ms. Jennifer Muir Ross

562 Banks Mill Rd SE 804-898-8353

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Stephanie Shick** in the death of her father, **Clifford "Chip" Allen Atkins**, in Aiken on October 10.

HOSPITALIZED: MCG - **Elaine Whitaker**; **Discharged** - **Sarah Perkins**

Dear St. John's - Words cannot express our appreciation for the love and support from St. John's during John's Mother's illness. From the beginning we have been sustained by your prayers. The prayer shawl, hospital visits and cards touched all of our family. In fact, my father-in-law says he is a "Metho-Baptist" because he was immersed in so much love from so many churches. We are truly blessed to be a part of the Body of Christ through St. John's.

In Christ, The Osteens

My family and I wish to thank St. John's congregation, staff and ministers for their support, many kind thoughts and prayers due to the recent death of my wife, **Mary Ann**. St. John's has always been a vital part of our family. The support, kind thoughts and prayers have given us much comfort during this difficult time. May God bless you all!

Jack Rogers and Family

We would like to thank our church family for the many expressions of sympathy through cards, memorials and the prayer shawl following the death of my son, **Alan**.

Betty and Jim Minear

Please stay for soup and salad lunch Sunday after church. Take-outs available. Donations benefit several charities.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

October 21

- *Shrimp, Sausage & Chicken Gumbo*
- *Marinated Cole Slaw*
- *Cornbread*
- *Pumpkin Pie Squares*

Financials for week ending Oct 10, 2009

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 32,789
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,181,773
Actual expenses to date	\$1,210,094

St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$ 338,357

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd to dYTD	\$115,365.62
Disbursed YTD	\$103,596.50
2009 Faith Promise year =	
2/1/09 thru 1/31/10	

SUNNY MONDAY GROUP

meets October 19 at 10:30am in Ward Hall. This month's program will be led by Lisa Taylor Peck on **Medicare, Healthcare and Insurance Decisions**. Please make your lunch reservations by telephoning the office, 648-6891. Menu includes: taco salad, Mexican cornbread, caramel ice cream sandwich, cake w/whipped cream.

Attendance - October 11

8:30	134
9:02	163
11:00	458
Total	755
SS	334



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, October 18 6:00pm
Regular Meeting

Asbury Hills Permission Slips are due Oct. 25!

Friday night is Senior High Girls' Sleepover.



INTERESTED IN GRACE KITCHEN? If so, please join Bobby Coker on Saturday, October 17, at 9:45 in Ward Hall.

Quarterly Financial Statements have been mailed. Please contact Nancy Fairgrieve, 648-6891, with any questions.



TRUNK-A-TREAT 2009 is Sunday, October 25!! Set up at 5:30pm and parade at 6:00pm. Do a trunk and have fun!

BRIDGE PLAYERS are invited to come Friday (Oct 16) to Ward Hall at 7 pm. You do not need a partner to play. Contact person is Doug Leader, 649-6003.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. We need Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crises. Will you consider serving in this way? For more information, please contact Alice Allington, 642-3492, or Jeanette Isaacson, 644-9168.

ACTS COLLECTION

OCTOBER: Bar soap, dish and/or laundry soap

GO Global Outreach News

Deedee Vaughters, Susan Callahan and Pam McCollum will give a presentation on Sunday, October 25, at 10:00 a.m. in Ward Hall about their short-term mission trip to St. Petersburg, Russia this past summer. Make plans to attend and hear how they worked with **Charlie and Miki Chastain** to help orphans and other at-risk children.

Life for Children Outreach Aiken needs assistance in making crocheted necklaces. They are easy to make and we will supply the yarn and training. Proceeds from the necklaces go to missionary travel, the annual Bible Camp or direct support of the children. If you are willing to help crochet some of these necklaces, please contact Frances Osteen at 617-9771.

Reminder: Don't forget to get your **Operation Christmas Child** boxes and labels so you can begin filling them up. Boxes are currently being collected and are due at the church by November 15.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

1ST GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
2ND GRADE: MARY AND MARTHA'S B & B
3RD GRADE: THE ARKADE
4TH GRADE: THOU ART

5TH-6TH GRADE GRAPPLE DARE FOR THE WEEK :
FIND A WAY TO SHOW OTHERS THAT
YOU ARE CRAZY ABOUT JESUS!

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY is this Sunday, the 18th! If you are a teacher here at the church, we want to recognize you. So, please plan on attending one of the 3 services!

Anyone with an **APPLEFEST BADGE** is asked to return it to Vera Keisler so she can determine how many more are needed.

PrimeTimers Travel Group invites others to join their 3-day trip to **Lake Junaluska, NC**, on Dec. 11-13. Included are accommodations at the Lambuth Inn, entertainment, all meals and other activities along the way. This is the final Concert Series for Dr. Glenn Draper, director of Junaluska Singers, who will be retiring at the end of the year. There are only a few rooms available. . .contact Joan Irwin (642-4061) for more details.

UNITED METHODIST MEN meet in Ward Hall on Thursday, October 22, at 6:30pm. Deedee Vaughters and Pam McCollum will present the story of their visit to St. Petersburg. All men of the church welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
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
December 24 - 5pm Family Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
December 24 - 6pm Communion Service (Chapel)
December 24 - 11pm Candlelight service (Sanctuary)
January 27-31, 2010 - Next Global Impact Celebration

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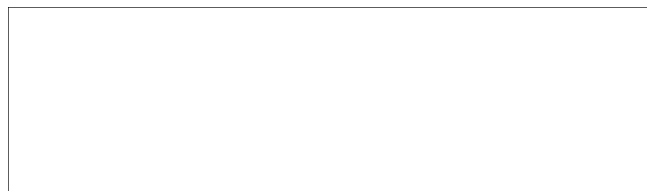
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*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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23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
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