

St. John's Visitor

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Cottage Meeting Information

When I arrived at St. John's four years ago, we held a series of cottage meetings. The purpose of these meetings was an opportunity for me to meet and listen to the entire St. John's family. These gatherings were beneficial and set a course of direction for our ministry together.

Last spring we set out to do a second round of these meetings and were able to hold three of them before we took a summer break. Now you may be wondering when you will be invited to one of these gatherings. Be assured that you have not been forgotten or left out. A decision has been made to delay and restart the cottage meetings in early 2010.

This decision was made for a couple of reasons. We learned a great deal from our first three meetings and realized we needed to rethink, revamp and refine some of our future goals. One of the goals that needed the most thought was the renovation of our sanctuary. Most agreed that our sanctuary was showing signs of wear and tear after fifty years of use and required some care and attention. However, some felt that the renovation or facelift was too costly, that we could be more selective in what was recommended and that it could be done without unnecessary aesthetics.

I agree and so does the Board of Trustees. We now are developing an alternative to the first recommendation and hope to have this plan by the first of the year. This is one of the reasons for delaying the cottage meetings. A second reason for the delay was to give ample time for the Church Council to refine and prioritize our ministry goals for the next ten years. This has not been an easy task and has required much thought, prayer and discernment. I am pleased to report a lot of progress has been made and we will be able to share a more complete picture when the cottage meetings resume after the first of the year. When the process begins again, all members will be invited to participate, including those who attended previous sessions. More details will follow.

Privileged to be your minister,

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Sunday, October 25
10am in Ward Hall

Short-term Mission Report
Trip to St. Petersburg, Russia

by
Deedee Vaughters
Susan Callahan
Pam McCollum

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October 25, 2009
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Messages this week by
Rev. Dr. George Howle and Gene Aiken
"THE VISION OF BLIND BARTIMAEUS"
Scripture: Mark 10: 46 - 52
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 22

- 9:30am Sisters Bible Study
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 6:30pm United Methodist Men
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, October 23

- 10:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal

Saturday, October 24

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen opens doors

Sunday, October 25

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:45am Sunday School/Russia Program
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 5:00pm Lay Leadership Committee
- 5:00pm Youth decorate church bus
- 5:00pm Youth Choir/Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:30pm Trunk-a-Treat Setup
- 6:00pm Trunk-a-Treat Parade of Costumes
- 6:00pm Revelations & Women's Bible Study

Monday, October 26

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
- 10:00am Exercise Class
- 12:30pm Al-Anon
- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am TF Bible Study
- 4:00pm Grief Share Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs
- 6:00pm Church Tour
- 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** - Colin Braithwaite
- Acolytes** - Ryan Fogle, Sydney Goodlove
- Altar Guild** - Brenda Meeks, Jane Fogle, Sandra Shelley, Marsha Mikes

Crib Rm (11am) - Krissy Zeigler

2-3 Yr Nursery - Dana Massey

3-4 Yr Nursery - Amanda Ingram

Sunday AM Host (Oct 251) *Michael Rollins*

Evening Hosts

- Sunday (Oct 25) - *Jim Wert*
- Monday - *Tom Brown*
- Tuesday - *Bob Kosky*
- Wednesday - *Marc Nadeau*
- Thursday - *Jeff Ray*
- Friday - *John Geiger*
- Saturday - *Bob Fogle*

BAPTISMS: *Charlotte Rae Farmer*, daughter of **Tom & Shelly Farmer** and granddaughter of **Ed & Genie Farmer**, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 18.

Also baptized last Sunday was **Clara Elizabeth Moore**, daughter of **Melanie & Jason Moore** of Hunlock Creek, PA, and granddaughter of **Margaret & Michael Rollins**.

CONGRATULATIONS: **Doug and Elsie Leader** will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on October 29.

NEW MEMBERS welcomed on October 18:

Ron & Jean Lattimer

636 Cedar Branch Rd in Windsor, SC 644-4622

Shelly Hartline Farmer (Mrs. Tom)

1775 Highland Park Dr SW 641-1239

WEDDING: **John Michael Bradley and Sara Kathryn Essex** were married in Aiken on October 3. Michael is the son of **John & Sally Bradley**. Dr. Bradley officiated at the ceremony.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to **Midge Rothrock** in the death of her sister, **Joan**, in Ohio on October 14.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - **Shirley Autery, Donna Walker, Jack Rogers;** MCG - **Elaine Whitaker; Discharged - De Bumgardner**

IN MEMORIAM

MARIE DAVIS PRIESTER

October 14, 2009

IN MEMORIAM

AVALDA "VAL" D. FOSTER

October 16, 2009

IN MEMORIAM

SHIRLEY MARGARET JEWELL GIOIA

October 19, 2009

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

October 28

Pork Roast

- *Wild Rice & Sausage Casserole*

Squash Casserole

Hot Baked Fruit

Financials for week ending Oct 17, 2009

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 31,820
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,213,593
Actual expenses to date	\$1,250,170
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 335,659

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd YTD	\$116,211.62
Disbursed YTD	\$103,596.50
2009 Faith Promise year =	2/1/09 thru 1/31/10

Remember AppleFest '09 needs - Sat, November 7.

UNITED METHODIST MEN have invited Deedee Vaughters, Pam McCollum and Susan Callahan to share their experiences in Russia at the next meeting, Thursday, Oct. 22. You are invited to bring your covered dish to Ward Hall at 6:30pm.

Attendance on October 4

8:30	92
9:02	155
11:00	442
Total	689
SS	325



St. John's
youth ministry

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, October 25

Help *decorate the church bus* for Trunk-a-Treat. **Youth Choir members** meet at 4:30, others come at 5:00pm.

Also remember that **Asbury Hills permission slips** are due this weekend.



CHURCH TOUR has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 28, at 6pm. Meet at the reception desk near the office. Please notify the office if planning to attend.

PRIMETIME TRAVEL GROUP has limited space available on their Lake Junaluska (NC) trip on Dec. 11-13. Included in the cost are accommodations at Lambuth Inn, entertainment, all meals & other activities along the way.

Anyone without **OFFERING ENVELOPES** who wishes to have them, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve in the office. Also, if anyone wishes to make a change in the frequency (e.g. weekly to monthly) please make that known to Nancy.

Applications for the January **STEPHEN MINISTRY** 2010 Stephen Ministry class are on the receptionist's desk. If God is calling you to this ministry, please complete an application and return it to Jeanette Isaacson (644-9168) by October 31.



ACTS COLLECTION

OCTOBER: *Bar soap, dish and/or laundry soap*

NOVEMBER: *Grits*

GO Global Outreach News

Deedee Vaughters, Susan Callahan and Pam McCollum will give a presentation this 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.

Christ Central reports they are in desperate need of bath towels to give to the less fortunate in our community. Please give if you are able.

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 25, 2009

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

SURVIVING FINANCIAL MELTDOWN will be held on Sunday evenings throughout November, for 5 weeks, **beginning November 1st**. Sessions will be 6-7 pm at St. John's, led by Paul Rideout. Childcare provided. Let us know ASAP if you plan to attend, and any childcare needs. Call the office. Cost of the course is minimal and includes a book, workbook, and devotional guide. The course will provide a good balance of the biblical principles of financial management with the practical aspects of assessing the financial situation, developing financial goals, budgeting, and debt management. Class will use a dvd and workbook, and outside class the participants will read the book provided and do some worksheets, so each person will be working with their own financial situation.

GRACE KITCHEN TEAM LEADERS: Please plan to attend a meeting on Sunday, Nov. 1, 10am in Ward Hall 3.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS have been mailed. Please contact Nancy Fairgrieve, 648-6891, with any questions.

TURKEY DINNER TICKETS available in the office.

TRUNK-A-TREAT, a fun and safe activity for the children of St. John's, takes place next Sunday, October 25. The children will dress up and fill their stomachs with candy as they visit each participant's trunk in the church parking lot. Those participating in handing out treats should come to set up at 5:30. Parade of children in costumes begins at 6:00.



LOOKING AHEAD

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
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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*We grow in faith and number by sharing
the Good News of Jesus Christ, through
worship, nurture and service.*



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