

# St. John's Visitor

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## AppleFest 2008 - Hope you were there!!!



### IRA Charitable Rollovers

St. John's members over 70 ½ years of age are reminded that the legislation that allows the transfer of IRA distributions directly to qualified charitable organizations (such as St. John's) free of federal income tax has been extended to apply to 2008 and 2009. Members who meet the age requirement may want to consider this as a means of fulfilling pledges to the church budget or to the debt reduction campaign.

**November 9, 2008**  
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30am service in the sanctuary**

**Rev. Dr. John Stapleton**

**9:02 service in the gym**

**Rev. Keith Stewart**

**11:00 service in the sanctuary**

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*Meetings to Note*

**Thursday, November 6**

9:30am Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm Church-wide Potluck & Speaker  
7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Friday, November 7**

10:30am Ringspiration Handbell rehearsal

**Saturday, November 8**

8:00am Grace Kitchen

**Sunday, November 9**

8:15am Coffee House  
9:45am Getting to Know St John's  
9:45am Confirmation Class  
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Group  
6:00pm Women's Emmaus  
6:00pm *Old Testament* Bible Study

**Monday, November 10**

8:00am First Place  
9:30am Exercise Class  
10:30am Primetime Sunny Monday  
12:00pm Music Reading Class  
6:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee  
6:00pm **Fireproof** Date Night Dinner  
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, November 11**

12:30pm Women's Bible Study  
7:00pm Board of Trustees

**Wednesday, November 12**

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups  
9:30am Bible Study  
2:00pm Blood Drive begins  
4:00pm GriefShare Group  
5:00pm Fellowship Supper  
5:45pm Children's Choirs  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group  
7:00pm Women's & Men's Bible Study

**Serving This Week**

**Crucifer** - Christa Eberhard  
**Acolytes** - John Boone, Zach Harrington  
**Altar Guild** - Nita Bell, Libby Taylor, Christy Kisner, Claudette Strickland  
**Crib Rm** (11am) - Teresa Crain  
Grandparent - Barbara Zirps  
**Toddlers** - Megan Godard  
**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Denise Zimmerman  
**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Susan Loibl  
**Greeters 8:30** - Claudette Strickland  
**Greeters 11:00** - John & Jean Geiger, Adam & Kristen Bates, Monnie Pitts, Sherry Williamson,  
**Sunday AM Host (11/9)** - *Virgil Sauls*  
**Evening Hosts**  
Sunday (Nov 9) - *Dennis Fish*  
Monday - *Mike Uhle*  
Tuesday - *Keith Polk*  
Wednesday - *Brian Eberhard*  
Thursday - *George Bodkin*  
Friday - *Gene Usher*  
Saturday - *Jim Fuqua*

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to *Sara Michelle Bryan* and *Matthew James Wittmayer* who were married in Fair Oaks, CA, on October 30. Sara is the daughter of *Chuck & June Bryan*.

**HOSPITALIZED:** ARMC - *Arlene Usher*; Walton Rehab - *Donna Petersen*

**IN MEMORIAM**

**DURAND G. FULLER**

**October 23, 2008**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CLYDE SAMUEL HEATON**

**October 31, 2008**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ELEANOR ATWATER COOL**

**November 2, 2008**

**IN MEMORIAM**

November 4, 2007      November 2, 2008

**"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LORD"  
THOSE WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

SAMUEL DAVID KOON  
SHIRLEY L. GARTUNG FOSTER  
ANN GUNDERMAN FREITAG  
RONALD DELL LONG  
IVEY JEAN PAGE ALEXANDER  
RICHARD ALAN IRWIN  
MARTHA KULP  
ELIZABETH "LIB" P. ERGLE  
HERBERT PAUL HOFFMAN  
MARGARET GOOCH KIGER  
EARL KENNON CALLAHAN  
MARILYN M. WHITLEY  
DONNIE MAE HURST BROWN  
VIRGINIA C. LLOYD MIDGETT  
LEONARD FRANKLIN BAKER  
SARA "SALLY" G. HOOBER

HERBERT W. KEITH  
MINERVA "MERVE" J. LEFLER  
JAMES "BO" R. TAYLOR  
ALDA WEAVER KEETER  
PATRICIA "PATTY" M. ATKINSON  
RICHARD FRANK MORRELL  
JOANNE STIEFEL EUBANKS  
WILLIAM VALENTINE BAXTER  
SUSIE FLOWERS CORLEY  
PEGGIE SMITH OLCOTT  
MARION B. LEACH  
HARRY WALLACE CAREY  
ROBERT LEEDOM TAYLOR  
HARRY LEE BURDETTE  
ONITA "NITA" COSTON ROBISON

**Financials for week ending November 1, 2008**

Budgetary needs for the week \$ 35,042  
Budgetary funds rec'd this week \$ 19,196  
Budget funds rec'd to date \$1305,519  
Actual expenses to date \$1,252,788  
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$ 898,908

**Faith Promise Report for week ending Nov. 1**

2008 Faith Promise \$233,252.48  
Received last week 897.00  
Received YTD 115,763.24  
Disbursements to date 100,200.00  
Balance for which to pray 117,489.24

**Wednesday Fellowship Supper**

**November 12**

*Fried Chicken*  
*Potato Salad*

*Lima Beans*      *Biscuits*  
*Ice Cream*      *Cookies*

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:30      172  
9:02      169  
11:00      524  
Total      865  
SS      360



No Sunday Night Youth meeting this week due to  
Asbury Hills trip  
**6pm November 16 - Regular Meeting**

Reminder: Final session of *Getting to Know St. John's* is November 9 at 9:30am in Ward Hall. Topic is *How We Serve? Our Ministries and Missions*.

**FIREPROOF DATE NIGHT DINNER** for young couples is next Monday at 6pm in Ward Hall. Child care available. Reservations needed in church office.

**APPLEFEST FOLLOWUP MEETING** is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 13, at 11am in the Resource Center.

**SUNNY MONDAY GROUP** this month meets **Nov 10** (*note change because of UMW Turkey Dinner!*) at 10:30am in Ward Hall. Cathy Cole, Chaplain at Aiken Regional Medical Center, will be explain the Labyrinth at Hopelands Gardens. Menu for lunch: creamed chipped beef on toast bits, copper pennies, asparagus tips and Black Forest Cake.

#### UMW NOVEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS (Circles 3 & 8 not meeting this month)

##### Monday, November 10

11:00am # 4 Church Parlor

##### Tuesday, November 11

10:00am #11 Church - Ward Hall 1

12:30pm # 9 Papa Russ's

2:00pm #10 Church Resource Rm

7:30pm # 1 Pat Sauls - 907 Magnolia St SE

##### Wednesday, November 12

7:00pm # 7 Church - Room 116

**Missionary Prayer Focus: Pray that God will continue to call each of us to join Him in telling the world about His Son, Jesus.**

## GO Global Outreach News

1. If you get this in time, make plans to attend the **GOLT/ Education Committee potluck dinner on Thursday, November 6 at 6:30PM** in Ward Hall. The speaker will be Dr. David Cashin from Columbia International University. Dr. Cashin is a former missionary to Bangladesh and an expert on Muslim studies. He will present an enlightening discussion of issues related to sharing the gospel with people of Muslim faith. Contact Michael Norton (648-9740) or Jim Heffner (649-3356) with questions.

2. Please remember to pick up your **Operation Christmas Child containers**. The boxes are due on November 14 & will be dedicated on November 16. Contact Ann Gillam (649-6803), if you would like to help with this ministry.

3. **ACTS is in urgent need of the following volunteers** at their center on Park Avenue: senior food delivery, interviewing, food workers & receptionists. Please call Karen at 649-3800. You can make a difference! ACTS also has a Boutique and Treasure Chest store on Hayne Avenue, which has bargains & other special gifts.


## CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2008

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

**Memory Verse: John 3:16**  
**Stack/sort shoe boxes**

ACTS collection in November is canned soup!

**SPREAD THE JOY** program (Grades 1-6) Sunday, Nov 2, 6pm, Lou Davis & Friends will help you make a *Lord's Prayer* painted glitter frame. 

**BLOOD DRIVE** at St. John's is Wednesday, Nov 12, from 2-7pm in the parking lot.

**FUTURE IS NOW** video may be viewed Wednesday at 5:30 & 6:00 in the Holywood OARS classroom.

**UMW TURKEY DINNER** takes place the *Thursday before Thanksgiving*, Nov 20. This is the 38th consecutive year for this event. UMW members take pride in this record and count on support of their church family for its success. Tickets, \$9 & \$4 (10 & under), are in the church office. Take-out dinners are available. Please plan to attend!!

**NEXT NEW MEMBER COFFEE** is Sunday, Nov 16, from 10:00-10:45am in Ward Hall.

**SUNDAY EVENING** women's Bible study begins Beth Moore's video study *Beloved Disciple...* on Nov. 16. There is a charge for workbooks which may be ordered by contacting Flo McElmurray, 642-5763 or flomcelm@aol.com.

**GRIEFSHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS:** Facing the holidays after a death is difficult. These seminars provide practical suggestions for coping. Two 2-part sessions will be offered - Wednesdays, Nov 12 & 17 (4pm to 5:15pm) or Mondays, Dec 1 & 8 (7pm to 8:30pm.)

*Thank you, Wade Johnson, for all the effort put forth on the All Saints presentation last Sunday.*

*United Methodist Women wish to thank TRUE VALUE on Laurens St for providing freezers for use at AppleFest.*

*Friends and family are among life's greatest blessings - thank you so much for your kindness and love shown to Bob. We were warmly honored with all the cards and flowers expressing one's love and so grateful for your being an important part of our lives. Thank you St. John's all.*

*Love and prayers - Betty Taylor and Family*

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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

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