

St. John's Visitor

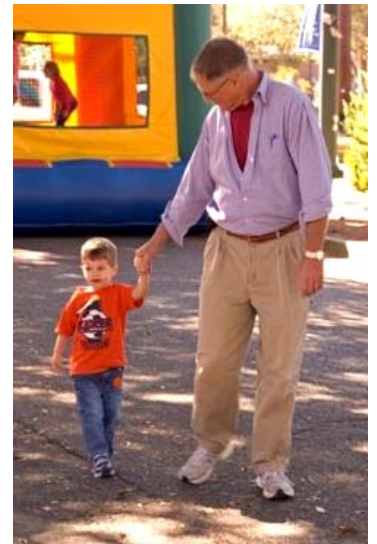
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APPLE FEST 2009 An Outstanding Event!



Chairman Jackie Hyche (center) with her mother and daughter



NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, November 12

- 9:30am Sisters Bible Study
- 1:30pm Joseph's Coat
- 6:30pm Cub Pack Mtg
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, November 13

- 10:30am Ringspiration Rehearsal

Saturday, November 14

- 8:00am Grace Kitchen opens doors
- 11:00am Val Foster Memorial Service

Sunday, November 15

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 9:45am Sunday School incl new College Grp
- 4:30pm Men's Praise Choir
- 6:00pm Revelations & Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Financial Course

Monday, November 16

- 8:00am First Place 4 Health
 - 10:00am Exercise Class
 - 10:30am Sunny Monday
 - 12:30pm Al-Anon
 - 6:30pm Pastor Parish Committee
 - 7:00pm St. John's Charge Conference
 - 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- No Book Club!*

Tuesday, November 17

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

Wednesday, November 18

- 9:30am Quilting Fellowship
- 9:30am TF Bible Study
- 5:00pm Grief Share Group eats out
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs
- 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** - Christa Eberhard
- Acolytes** - Jordan Kelley, Daniel Lunn
- Altar Guild** - Nita Bell, Libby Taylor, Christy Kisner, Keenan Kizer, Claudette Strickland
- Crib Rm (11am)** - Stephanie Shick
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Juli Davis
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Polly Riede
- Sunday AM Host (Nov 15)** Ken Alexander
- Evening Hosts**
 - Sunday (Nov 15) - Jim Fuqua
 - Monday - Dan Fabrick
 - Tuesday - Eric Randall
 - Wednesday - George Kelley
 - Thursday - Charlie Neill
 - Friday - Chuck Bryan
 - Saturday - Barry Pearson

WEDDINGS: Congratulations to **Russell Kyle Findley and Lindsay Sarah Moon** who were married August 29 in Belmont, NC.

Congratulations also to **Michael Edward Shade and Inga Adams Puffer** who were married November 7 in Hartsville, SC.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following persons who were recognized as 50 year members of St. John's Church at 11am worship last Sunday:

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| Marion Walter "Walt" Courtney | Richard "Dick" W. Newsome |
| Reba Reynolds Courtney | Susanne Bodie Rhoden |
| Vernon W. Derrick | Caroline Holley Sampson |
| Anne P. Elliott | Pauline Beker Waterhouse |

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended the following members in their recent losses of family members:

Rose Wilson in the death of her father, **Jim Moore**, on October 18 in Columbus, Ohio.

Georgia Kneece in the death of her son, **Joseph "Joey" Kesler Kneece, Jr.**, in Aiken on November 3.

Linda Endler in the death of her mother, **Ina Beatrice "Bea" Smith**, in Warner Robins, GA, on November 6.

HOSPITALIZED: ARMC - John Swanner; MCG. - Tom Minter; Columbia - Dot Poe; **Discharged to Walton Rehab:** Elaine Whitaker; **Discharged** - Dot Etheridge (home), Shirley Autery (at daughter's)

APPLE FEST: St. John's United Methodist Women thank all those who volunteered their time and talent in making our annual AppleFest a great success. Because of your efforts we are able to generously support **Children's Place, The Cumbee Center and My Father's House.**

SUNNY MONDAY meets Monday, 11/16, in Ward Hall at 10:30am. Beth Kelly will be talking to the group about "eating healthy during the holidays." In keeping with the program, the menu includes turkey breast w/brown rice & fat free gravy; collard greens or creamed spinach; sweet potato, apple & raisin bake; special corn bread and low sugar pumpkin pie. Please make lunch reservations by telephoning the church office.

Next New Member Sunday is Nov 22. Please contact the office if interested in church membership.

Financials for week ending Nov 7, 2009

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 34,914
Budget funds rec'd this week	\$ 43,174
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,306,944
Actual expenses to date	\$1,339,553
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$ 330,759

Faith Promise Update

Faith Promise	\$177,112.00
Rec'd YTD	\$119,575.62
Disbursed YTD	\$114,771.50
2009 Faith Promise year =	2/1/09 thru 1/31/10

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

is an encouraging seminar which will help you deal with emotions and prepare for the holidays. There will be an evening and also a 2-part daytime session. Come on Wednesday, Nov 11, from 6:30-8:30pm OR the two 1-hour sessions on Wednesday, Dec 2 & 9 from 4-5pm. There is no charge but registration would be helpful in placing a booklet order. Booklets include devotions & tips for coping during the holiday season.

NO SUPPERS
November 18
or
November 25

Attendance - November 8	
8:30	103
9:02	154
11:00	393
Total	650
SS	332



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, November 15 No Meeting
Asbury Hills Weekend
No Youth Choir Rehearsal on Nov. 15

Many people identify St. John's as "*the church with the fountain*". This highly-visible location has been in need of change for some time due to the growth/age of the shrubs. Our fountain area is going to be **enhanced** through generous donations of money, plant materials, and volunteer work time. The changes will begin on Monday, November 9, and finish Saturday, November 21st. More year-round color and greater visibility to the church and fountain will be the end result. Only the crepe myrtles, a dogwood and a few plants near the present corner sign will remain. The soil will be enriched and changes made to the sprinkler system to add a drip system.

If you'd like to help with the planting of the new materials, join in on Friday afternoon from 1 till 5 and Saturday from 8 until done. *Any time you can give in this effort will be greatly appreciated.* We could use 50 volunteers to plant approximately 650 plants and shrubs and approximately 1,800 pansies. The new plant materials will be placed where they are to be planted in soil that has already been prepared. For more information, call Bob Kosky (642-2848) or Al Snell (642-5672). You can expect to find Al and his "unique" little red truck applying those Master Gardener skills to this much-appreciated project!

EPWORTH CHRISTMAS ANGELS will be available at the Turkey Dinner and on Sunday between church services. Choose a gift to enrich the life of an Epworth Child. Unwrapped gifts due by Sunday, Dec 6. Maureen Bernard, 803-221-9635, has more details if needed.

ACTS COLLECTION - NOVEMBER: Grits

GO Global Outreach News

Operation Christmas Child boxes are currently being collected and are **due at the church by November 15**. Please remember to fill up & return your boxes by this deadline.

Volunteer opportunity! St. John's is sending 20 volunteers to the Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center in Charlotte, NC on Monday, November 30, to help pack & inspect boxes. The church bus will leave at noon, volunteer time is from 3-6:00 p.m., followed by dinner & everyone will return home later that evening. If interested, please contact Allison Beatty at 648-6891.

Home Hosts are needed for the Global Impact Celebration from January 27-31. If you are willing to open your home & house one of our visiting missionaries, please contact Cindy & Al Snell at 642-5672 or alsnell@bellsouth.net.

Aiken Pregnancy Care Center is looking for a few willing hearts to volunteer as receptionist, parenting class helper, childcare helper or closet sorter. If you can help, please call APCC at 642-3949.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009

1ST GRADE: THE ARKADE
 2ND GRADE: THOU ART
 3RD GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMA
 4TH GRADE: FROM BC TO PC

5TH-6TH GRADE GRAPPLE DARE FOR THE WEEK:
SINCE FIGURING OUT WHAT JESUS WOULD LISTEN TO ON HIS IPOD CAN BE TOUGH, I DARE YOU THIS WEEK TO USE WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED AND YOUR SIXTH SENSE OF DISCERNMENT TO HELP YOU MAKE GOOD MUSIC CHOICES.

November 15
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Messages this week by
Rev. Dr. George Howle and Rev. Keith Stewart
"NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM"
Scripture: Mark 12: 28 - 34

Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary.
Contemporary service at 9:02 in the gym

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW is planned for Nov 22 during Sunday School hour. You are invited to attend and share your thoughts and ideas.

TURKEY DINNER
TICKETS AVAILABLE
IN THE OFFICE!!

\$9 Adults
\$4 Children

Date is November 19.



LOOKING AHEAD

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8am
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 19 - A Night in Bethlehem
December 20 - Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
December 21 - 6pm The Longest Night
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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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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29 KEITH STEWART
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE HAWKINS
21 PAULA SAWYER
30 MICHELLE PEARSON
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60 MIDGE ROTHROCK
ALLEN RADCLIFFE
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Director of Youth Ministries
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Director, Children's Ministries
PR/Communications Coordinator
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