

St. John's Visitor

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YOU CROWN THE YEAR WITH YOUR BOUNTY
Psalm 65:11



HAPPY THANKSGIVING
from the St. John's Staff

Church offices will close
Thursday and Friday,
November 22 and 23
for this holiday.

November 25, 2007
Last Sunday after Pentecost
"GOD PLEASING GOD"
Rev. Dr. John Stapleton
Scripture: Colossians 1:11-14, 19-20
Luke 23:33, 39-43

Prelude & Offertory	Joyful Sounds Handbells	
Anthem	<i>Majesty and Glory of Your Name</i>	Fettke
Hymns	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	
	<i>His Name is Wonderful</i>	
	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving - Church Offices Closed

Friday, November 23

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, November 25

8:15am Coffee House

4:30pm Men's Praise Choir

5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

No Youth Choir, Christian Believer,
or Sunday Night Youth

6:00pm Women's Emmaus

6:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, November 26

7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 27

Churchwide Day of Prayer

7:00pm First Place

7:00pm Church Council

Wednesday, November 28

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups

1:30pm Old Testament Bible Study

4:00pm Grief Share Group

5:00pm Fellowship Supper

6:30pm Family Life Council

7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group

7:00pm Men's & Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Kyle Beckner

Acolytes - Rachael Perkins, Collin Ray

Altar Guild - Nita Bell, Libby Taylor,
Christy Kisner

Crib Rm (11:00 a.m.) - Darby Copeland

Toddlers - Rebecca Harper

2-3 Yr Nursery - Amanda Stefanakos

3-4 Yr Nursery - Tracey Smith

Greeters 8:45 - Lee & René Boylston,
Elizabeth Dill

Sunday School Greeter - Carla Dillman

Greeters 11:00 - Jimmy & Ruth Stewart,
David & Sandra Jameson,
Selona Murph, Sherry Williamson

Sunday AM Host (November 25)

Mick Ferrell

Evening Hosts

Sunday (Nov 25) - Jim Wert

Monday - Tom Brown

Tuesday - Bob Kosky

Wednesday - Marc Nadeau

Thursday - Jeff Ray

Friday - John Geiger

Saturday - Jeff Crenshaw

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to **Phil and Sandy Polk** who celebrate 50 years of marriage on November 24.

NEW ARRIVALS: **Gracelyn Mae Mueller**, daughter of **Alison & Todd Mueller** and granddaughter of **Clarke & Joanne Stanford** AND great-granddaughter of **Betty Stanford**, was born November 4 in Athens, GA.

BIRTHDAYS: Special wishes to **Fred Penix** who celebrated 93 years on November 13 and also to **Marion Courtney** who celebrated 95 years on November 15.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcomed as new members of St. John's Church:

Ann Jones (Mrs Brian)

Heather Rose added to Constituent Roll
3032 Congaree Av NW 502-1493

Patti Jo Bianco

1954 Lundee Dr 770-316-3469

Phil and Beth Burnett

2358 Falcon Hill Dr 641-6980

"Dink" Looney McCormick

12 Roslyn Circle 648-5790

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to former members, **Don and Nancy Morris**, in the death of their son, **Scott Morris**, in Locust Grove, Virginia, on November 13.

HOSPITALIZED: **Aiken** - Al Stetler, Bessie Hawkins (mother of staff member, Robert Woods); **Discharged to Mattie Hall** - Rev. Loman Fish; **Discharged** - Roland Olcott

Dear St John's family - Thank you so much for being such a great family. I appreciate everything you have done for me! Thank you for the scholarship and senior party. At St. John's I feel at home. Thank you for that. I love you all!

Love, **Morgan Hudgins**

Congratulations and sincere appreciation to everyone involved in the success of another **United Methodist Women's Turkey Dinner** held in the gym on Thursday, November 15. Special thanks to the men of the "security crew" who braved the wind and cool weather to offer their assistance and volunteer their services.

GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION

As discussed in Sunday's ministry minute, host homes are still needed for some of the visiting missionaries. Please contact Brent or Jan Boore at 649-2313 if you can provide this service or have any questions.



DO YOU HAVE a mid-year graduate? If so, please let the church office know of this achievement (recipient's full name, name of degree and name of school.)

Financials for week ending November 17, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 42,670
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$1,322,515
Actual expenses to date	\$1,171,177
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,515,508

NO FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

on

Wednesday, November 21

Menu for November 28

- Fried Chicken*
- Potato Salad Biscuits*
- Green Bean & Corn Casserole*
- Banana Pudding*

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	186
11:00	487
Total	673
SS	314



St. John's
youth ministry

**No Youth Choir or
Youth Group meeting
on November 25!**

EPWORTH ANGELS ARE HERE! Gift ideas are available for each child at Epworth Children's Home. Stop by the table outside of the church office between church services next Sunday. Help fulfill their Christmas dreams. Unwrapped gifts (in gift bags or boxes with angel attached) are due back to the box outside of the church office by Sunday, December 9.

FLOWER CALENDAR for 2008 is located on a table in the narthex. If you are interested in remembering or honoring a loved one with altar flowers, please sign by the appropriate date or contact the church office to reserve a date in the coming year.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY invites any who can knit

or crochet to join them from 9:30 - 11am on Wednesday mornings. Every other Sunday evening at 5 pm there is another opportunity. The groups meet in the parlor. If unable to stay, please pick up some yarn and work at home. Prayer shawls are needed for this much-loved and vital ministry of St. John's.

LOOKING AHEAD

November 26 - St. John's Choir at Biltmore House

December 2 - First Sunday of Advent
Children's Christmas Program

December 2-7 - Preschool Book Fair

December 16 - Masterworks Concert

December 19 - Last day of Preschool

December 21 - Winter Solstice Service

December 23 - Chancel Choir Cantata

December 24 - Candlelight/Communion Service (5pm)
Candlelight Service (11pm)

January 23-27 - Global Impact Celebration

February 6 - Ash Wednesday Service

February 14 - Valentine Widow/Widowers' Luncheon

February 10 - Organ Concert

March 20 - *Last Supper* Dramatic Presentation
and Communion

March 23 - Easter Sunday

April 5-11 - Mission trip to New Orleans

April 27 - Organ Concert

May 18 - Confirmation Sunday

CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2007:**

1ST GRADE: CREATION STATION

2ND GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS

3RD GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS

4TH GRADE: FROM BC TO PC

5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: MARY & MARTHA'S B & B

5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: THE ARKADE

A DILIGENT SEARCH is currently underway for persons willing to teach 2-year-old Sunday School and others who would be interested in being on a substitute list to provide back-up to our existing Preschool Sunday School teachers, so they may have a weekend without worry! Please call Michelle Brown if you think you would enjoy spreading the good news of Jesus to the little children of St. John's! When they are baptized, each member is called to help these children learn about God. Won't you consider bringing Jesus into their lives by sharing your time and talents? Please call Michelle Brown at 648-6891.



THANK YOU to Meg Massie, Dana Massey, Mary Cornelius and Barbie Heath, for volunteering to teach Children's Church this past Sunday. Due to their creativity and enthusiasm, the kids had a fantastic time learning to love one another and God by making beautiful Friendship Bracelets. Each colored bead on the bracelet represented the plan of salvation. If you would like to be a Guardian Angel to our children in Children's Church, please contact Michelle Brown at 648-6891.

NO UMM/UMW Christmas Social this year. Due to several scheduling conflicts and other complications, the leaders of St. John's Methodist Men and St. John's Methodist Women have jointly agreed **NOT** to have their annual Christmas Dinner/social this year.

THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW

- The St. John's Chancel Choir has again been invited to sing at the Biltmore House and will be performing there next Monday, November 26.



Thanksgiving

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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...

Ext

22 GEORGE K. HOWLE
23 HARRY W. SAMPSON
29 TERRY FLEMING
26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
58 WALTER CANTWELL
57 NANCY REED
34 ANNE L. HAWKINS
21 PAULA C. SAWYER
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33 MARY KOSKY
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Director of Music Ministries
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Intern
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