

# St. John's Visitor

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THANK YOU, CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF ST. JOHN'S,  
FOR AN AMAZING JOB LAST SUNDAY!



## ANNOUNCED AT BOTH SUNDAY SERVICES

After being called by God, years of preparations and study, Terry Fleming was notified this week by our District Superintendent, Ron Pettit, that he has been appointed to his first church as a United Methodist Minister. Terry has been a vital part of this church since 2001, first as our Director of Education and as Director of Congregational Care. Terry, we send you from us with our blessings. As Terry leaves us for his appointed church Carla, of course, will go too.

Carla has been our church organist and pianist for the past 6 years. She has brought us fantastic music and has been a vital part of our music ministry. Leaving also will be their youngest daughter, Sarah. But we get to keep Katie, who is now Mrs. Gene Aiken.

These appointments and moves happen quite quickly. *Terry and his family will be leaving us the end of December.*

Terry, Carla, and Sarah you will be missed!

Al Snell, Chairman  
Pastor Parish Relations Committee



December 9, 2007  
Second Sunday of Advent  
"GOD'S MESSENGER"  
Rev. Dr. George Howle  
Scripture: Matthew 3: 1 - 12

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

*Meetings to Note*

**Thursday, December 6**

7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous  
7:00pm Youth Bible Study

**Saturday, December 8**

3:00pm OARS Wrap Party

**Sunday, December 9**

8:15am Coffee House  
4:30pm Men's Praise Choir  
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:00pm Women's Emmaus  
6:00pm Sunday Night Youth  
6:00pm *Christian Believer* Bible Study  
6:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Monday, December 10**

6:00pm Pastor Parish Relations Meeting  
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, December 11**

7:00pm Global Outreach Leadership Team  
7:00pm First Place  
7:00pm Board of Trustees

**Wednesday, December 12**

9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups  
1:30pm *Old Testament* Bible Study  
4:00pm Grief Share Group  
5:00pm Fellowship Supper  
7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group  
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

**Serving This Week**

**Crucifer** - Ellen Bryan

**Acolytes** - Max Madden, Lauren Pearson

**Altar Guild** - Donna Caprell Kraft,  
Betty Mullikin, Zenith Sharpe,  
Cynthia Stapleton, Vivian Tate

**Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Allision Beathy

**Toddlers** - Charity Leigh

**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Kathy Samaha

**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Barbie Heath

**Greeters 8:45** - Joe & Leah Lewis,  
Bobby & Phyllis Coker

**Sunday School Greeter** - Beverly Burch

**Greeters 11:00** - James & Lou Davis,  
Bill & Sylvia Spell,  
Bill & Mary Anne Quinn

**Sunday AM Host (December 9)**

*John McMahan*

**Evening Hosts**

Sunday (Dec 9) - *Dennis Fish*

Monday - *Mike Uhle*

Tuesday - *Keith Polk*

Wednesday - *Brian Eberhard*

Thursday - *George Bodkin*

Friday - *Gene Usher*

Saturday - *Jim Fuqua*

**CONGRATULATIONS:** *Johanna Gibbs* was one of 13 initial inductees into the USCA hall of fame.

**CONDOLENCES:** *Deepest sympathy is extended to Susan Minter in the death of her mother, Alice McMahon Tootle, at Cumberland Hills on November 27.*

**HOSPITALIZED:** *Aiken - Ivey Alexander; MCG - Krista Bryan; St. Joseph-Atlanta - Elizabeth Dill; Discharged - Marcus Huff; Discharged to Carriage Hills - Dick Irwin*

*Dear St. John's Family:*

*We cannot thank you enough for your kindness, prayers and generosity during this difficult period. What started out as the third and final event in a series of setbacks, has shown us just how fortunate we are to live in this great community and how blessed we are to have the love and support of family, friends, and even complete strangers. We feel certain that God had a plan in this and that we are coming through wiser, stronger, and more spiritually grounded than ever before. We have learned many valuable lessons in humility, submission, and accepting assistance (and for two very self-reliant and headstrong people, this was not easy to do!) It has been an amazing holiday season filled with much to be thankful for. We thank you again for giving us this wonderful gift.*

*In His love,*

**The Fraziers**

**THANK YOU, CANNON HOUSE FLORIST**, for the very lovely floral arrangement enjoyed by everyone involved in and/or attending the UMW Turkey Dinner on Nov 15!!

*Thanks to the following team, led by Tom Brown, who worked on the platform for the children's musical presentation this past Sunday: Brent Boore, Dave Buchanan, Virgil Sauls and Clayton Smith. Also, Thanks to Greg Robinson & Wade Johnson for handling the sound and video.*

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** *A grand total of 400 shoeboxes were filled by St. John's members and friends this year. Many thanks to all who participated. Next year we hope to do as well or better!*

**Ann Gillam**

**Congregational Care Director Terry Fleming** will be leaving at the end of December. *As this change occurs, Pastoral Care assistance will be provided by Nancy Reed, Director of Adult & Seniors Ministry, and Walter Cantwell, Ministerial Intern, in addition to Reverend George Howle.*

**2008 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

**Budget** \$ 1,822,175  
**Amount pledged** \$ 1,553,553  
**Number of pledges** 504



Sunday will be the last opportunity for **POINSETTIA ORDERS** to honor or remember a loved one. Cost per plant this year is \$13.50.

**Financials for week ending December 1, 2007**

Budgetary needs for the week \$ 28,907  
Budgetary funds rec'd this week \$ 12,294  
Budget funds rec'd to date \$1,358,733  
Actual expenses to date \$1,124,075  
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed \$1,478,508

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER  
Wednesday, December 12**

*Italian Seasoned Chicken Breast  
Tomato Mozzarella Pie  
Pasta Salad  
Green Beans  
Bread Pudding*

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:45 266  
11:00 592  
Total 858  
SS 320



**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH - 6pm**  
**December 9**  
*Find out about the real nativity scene.*  
**December 16**  
*Christmas Party*  
**December 23 & 30 - No meeting**

**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**December 15**  
**Saturday Shopping - Not for the faint-hearted!**  
**Wrap and deliver to adopted family the same day.**  
**December 18**  
**Caroling on Tuesday to some special folks.**  
**February 8-10**  
**Skiing at Sugar Mountain, NC - stay at Boone, NC.**  
**Sign-up deadline is Sunday, January 13**

Here's a great opportunity for anyone interested in becoming **CERTIFIED IN FIRST AID AND CPR**. St. John's is hosting Dacre Stoker of First Response to provide training at St. John's Church in early January. Firm dates will be announced soon. Come to renew your certificate or come as a first-timer. Contact Michelle Brown ASAP to register.



**CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR** is located outside of Ward Hall and will be open through Friday. There are some wonderful books for Christmas gifts and other special occasions. Also, there are books for adults!

**COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS:** If you are going through a difficult time, struggling as others around you are celebrating...join Kathy Hargett and Nancy Reed on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, from 11am to 1pm to hear ways to manage the stress of the holiday season and for lunch.

**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.)



**DURING DECEMBER PLEASE:**  
 Pray for the ACTS mission team as they minister to the community during the holiday season.

Praise God for the families who will be hosts for our missionaries in January!

Please pray that our Sunday School classes will actively support the host families.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2007:**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE: THOU ART**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE: FROM BC TO PC**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: THE ARKADE**  
**5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS: JOYFUL NOISE**  
**5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS: CREATION STATION**

**NEWS FLASH!** Anyone and everyone will be welcomed at the Wrap-It-Up Party being held upstairs in OARS on Saturday, December 8 at 3 pm. You can wrap gifts, decorate cookies and help finish some beautiful gifts for Christmas. A bonus will be the joy you spread and the hearts you will touch this holiday season. Bring a friend, neighbor, child or grandparent and let them share those good feelings that come from selfless acts of kindness.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** One couple or team of 2 people to act as substitute teachers for the 2 year old Sunday School class from 9:45 to 10:45 am.

**EPWORTH ANGEL** gifts are due Sunday, December 9. Please leave unwrapped gift with name attached in the box located outside the church office. Thank you for helping!



**LOOKING AHEAD**

- 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

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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  
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Church Secretary  
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