

# St. John's Visitor

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## Our Prayers Are The Key An update for all the women of St. John's

A week ago, George encouraged us to ask "What Can I Do?" He shared that the mission of the church is fulfilled through each of us. Serving is a natural step in loving God. After much prayer and after seeking the prayers of others, I became the leader of UMW over two years ago. There was no doubt I felt called by God to lead this amazing group of women and to expand this group to include others. At that time you embraced my leadership and felt a renewal. I felt your prayers and desire to go forward. Sunday George said if God has called you to lead, God will equip you. I needed help and training to lead this group of over 200 women. I began studying the Bible. I went to UMW District Officer Training. I attended other women's leadership training events. It was there I was introduced to a model that I believe will not only enhance the current mission of the St. John's UMW but will also encourage the participation of all our ladies. So, we are in the process of creating a leadership team. The team will consist of leaders for **Prayer, Missions, Bible Study, Fellowship Circles, Special Events and Interest Groups**. It will take time to get this plan in place and going, but it will bring great rewards. I believe it will make us stronger and will allow us to expand our activities to include others.



During the last few months, I visited all 10 UMW Circles to share with them about the changes we are implementing. It was a joy to visit with each circle and to share a vision of where we can go. I heard some encouragement, some uncertainty and some anxiety. Let me reassure you, we are not leaving UMW or the good things about UMW: the fellowship, the serving, the mission and, most of all, increasing our love of the Lord. What

this change will give us is committed leaders training other committed leaders so that we can grow in faith and service. As I read this it reminds me of our church's mission statement.

I believe God has led us to this change. I wouldn't step out in faith if I didn't believe it. What is needed now is your support through prayer and encouraging words. Colossians 1:9-14 has been a word of encouragement from God to me. I believe it is His vision for our women's ministry –

Bearing fruit

Growing in knowledge

Being strengthened

And joyfully giving thanks to the Father.

Prayer is the key to moving forward, so please join me in prayer as we seek God's purpose for all women of St. John's and for all who want to serve Him. We have so many wonderful opportunities to serve the Lord as UNITED Methodist Women!

Peace,

Renee Reid

### REMINDER

**Organist Felix Hell  
will be in concert**

**next Sunday, March 11**

**4:00 pm Sanctuary**

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

Wednesdays at noon - Lenten Lunch

First Baptist Church

March 11 - Message by

Rev. Ella Breckenridge

St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church

Wednesdays at 6 pm

Worship in the Chapel

with Sacrament of Holy Communion

led by Lay Speakers

March 7 Paul Rideout

March 14 Rob Braithwaite

March 21 Jim Holly

March 28 Neil Flowers

Remember to set clock forward one hour on Saturday night  
Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11

**NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

**Meetings to Note**

**Thursday, March 8**

9:15 am Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Sunday, March 11**

8:15 am Coffee House  
4:00 pm Felix Hell Organ Concert  
5:00 pm Mentor Training  
5:00 pm UMYF Counselors  
6:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm UMYF  
6:15 pm Confirmation Class

**Monday, March 12**

8:15 am First Place  
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, March 13**

6:00 pm Worship Committee  
7:00 pm First Place  
7:00 pm Board of Trustees  
7:00 pm Congregational Care  
7:00 pm Evangelism

**Wednesday, March 14**

9:30 am Quilting Fellowship  
9:30 am Old Testament Bible Study  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group  
4:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
4:00 pm Grief Share  
5:00 pm Fellowship Supper  
6:00 pm Lenten Communion Service  
6:30 pm Youth Bible Study  
7:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group  
7:00 pm Men's/Women's Bible Study

**Serving March 11**

**Crucifer** - Jenny Polk  
**Acolytes** - Bobby Hass, Connor Kane  
**Altar Guild** - Betty Grodahl,  
Lynda Troutman, Sherry Williamson  
**Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Rosalind Crenshaw  
**Toddlers** - Charity Leigh  
**2-3 Yr Nursery** - Denise Musick  
**3-4 Yr Nursery** - Teresa Crain  
**Children's Worship** - Pam Howle,  
Sue Payne & daughter  
**Greeters 8:45** - Phyllis and Bobby Coker,  
Ed Farmer, Paula and Barry Clayton  
**Sunday School Greeter** - Beverly Burch  
**Greeters 11:00** - Jack & Libby Taylor,  
John & Joyce Bowman, Dot & Lee Poe  
**Sunday AM Host (Mar 11)**  
John McMahan  
**Evening Hosts**  
Sunday (Mar 11) - Keith Polk  
Monday - Brian Eberhard  
Tuesday - L. S. McCormick  
Wednesday - Gene Usher  
Thursday - Jim Fuqua  
Friday - Dan Fabrick  
Saturday - Eric Randall

**BAPTISM:** Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 4, was William Stern Massey, son of Ray and Dana Massey.

**HOSPITALIZED:** Aiken - Dick Irwin, Jimmy Player; VA-Augusta - Charles Lide; St. Joseph - Jenny Johnson; Doctor's - Betty Minear; Rehab. - Dot Tolar; Discharged - Ronald Lawson; Discharged to Pepper Hill - Mary Herold; Discharged to Carriage Hills - Reba Courtney; Moved to Eden Gardens - Hazel Heaton

**UMYF MEMBERS AND COUNSELORS** extend a huge and sincere "thank you" to all those who supported their fund-raising meal last Sunday. A total of \$1413 was received which, following expenses, will be shared between Salkehatchie Summer Service and Christ Central.



**ENJOY MEETING PEOPLE?**

The Evangelism Committee needs help in making contact with visitors to St. John's. If interested, please meet with the committee on Tuesday, March 13, at 7pm in Ward Hall.

As a part of fulfilling the church's mission statement, the Congregational Care Committee would like to invite you to a **DAY OF PRAYER** on Tuesday, March 27. The sanctuary will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Feel free to come in and pray in solitude, with friends, family, or a group. Prayer guides will be provided for those desiring them.

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

**Menu for March 14**

Chicken Pot Pie    Rolls  
Marinated Vegetables  
Green Salad w/Fruit  
Hummingbird Cake

**Financials for week ending March 3, 2007**

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 20,086
Budget needs to date	\$ 151,864
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 299,795
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$2,025,708.32

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Monday, March 12**

11:00 am # 4 Church Parlor

**Tuesday, March 13**

10:00 am #11 Church Resource Rm

12:30 pm # 9 Café Monet

2:00 pm #10 Church Resource Rm

7:30 pm # 1 Alice Ross

4039 Pheasant Run Dr

**Monday, March 19**

2:30 pm # 3 Church Parlor

**Tuesday, March 20**

2:00 pm #13 Church Rm 116

7:00 pm # 8 Church

**Wednesday, March 21**

4:00 pm #14 Church Prayer Rm

7:00 pm # 7 Church Rm 217

**WESLEY UMC** hosts the 4th Annual Women's Conference Friday, March 9 (7pm), & Saturday, March 10 (9am). Contact Bernice Sanders at 649-2450 to register.

**Last Week's**

**Attendance**

8:45	161
11:00	498
Total	659
SS	161

# St. John's Youth News



February 4 Youth Dinner

**Sunday, March 11**  
**5 pm - Youth Counselors meet in Youth Rm w/ Rev. Howle**  
**5 pm - Mentor Training in Rm 237 w/Terry Fleming**  
**6 pm - Regular UMYF Meeting**  
**6:15 pm - Confirmation Class adjourns to Rm 237**



**EPWORTH TEAM VOLUNTEERS** - Join the Global Outreach Epworth Team! Plan to be with us Monday, March 19, 7 pm in Ward Hall. We're looking for volunteers of any age eager to learn more about the children at Epworth Children's Home. We'll discuss ideas to share our love and support of ECH.

### FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

Due to client confidentiality, brokers will no longer be able to submit the name of the person or persons donating stock to the church. We are therefore requesting that if you plan to donate stock that you contact the Finance Office with all the necessary information so that we may administer the funds properly.

### CELEBRATE ST. JOHN'S: PICTURE REQUEST

The written and pictorial history of St. John's UMC, Aiken, is being updated. Needed are photographs of the old church and parsonages, group photographs, pictures of events at the church or sponsored by the church over the years. Please include date, the names of those pictured, the name of the group pictured, an explanation of what is pictured and also your name so the picture(s) may be returned.

Pictures may be left at the church office in envelopes marked to the attention of Bob Kosky. Also, please advise of any larger size memorabilia that could be photographed for possible use.

*Bob Kosky, Chair - Celebrate St. John's Committee*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### MARCH FAMILY OUTING IS THIS SUNDAY!

Sunday, March 11th  
4-6 pm at Park Avenue Lanes Bowling  
1100 Park Avenue, Aiken  
*Let's eat there together at 6pm.*  
*They have hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. Juice boxes and milk for the kids will be provided.*  
Parents and kids and other family members invited.



### O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2007:

- 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE: FROM BC TO PC
- 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE: JOYFUL NOISE
- 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE: CREATION STATION
- 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: PALMS & PSALMS
- 5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS
- 5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS: THOU ART



Spring begins on Wednesday, March 21! Let's celebrate by re-energizing the **WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**. We'll meet in the Parlor at 9:30 am. Instructions and some yarn are available. Questions? Call Nancy Perrine, 649-0318.

**ART & CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED** - Camp Long's Youth Development Center on Wire Rd is a DJJ Facility for non-violent juvenile offenders. The supply closet in their craft room has not been restocked in over a year. Circle 8 is asking for donations of arts & crafts supplies. Please bring your donations to the box outside of the Seekers Sunday School Class, Rm 207. If you have any questions contact Circle 8 & Camp Long staff member Jackie Hyché, 648-9106.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

**WE GROW IN FAITH AND NUMBER  
BY SHARING THE GOOD NEWS  
OF JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH WORSHIP,  
NURTURE AND SERVICE.**

**Sunday, March 11, 2007**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**"THE PRODIGAL COMES HOME"**  
Scripture: **Luke 15: 11 - 32**  
Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

**I'm Going Home** - The Chancel Choir  
**Lead Me Back** - Youth Choir with Tara Long  
**Bring Him Home** - Gary Frazier, Baritone

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