

St. John's Visitor

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

Wednesdays at noon - Lenten Lunch
First Baptist Church
March 21- Message by
Mr. Terry Fleming
St. John's United Methodist Church

Wednesdays at 6 pm
Worship Service in the Chapel
with Sacrament of Holy Communion
led by Lay Speakers
March 21 Jim Holly
March 28 Neil Flowers



CORRECTED DATES

(with apologies for last week's error)

Sunday, April 1 - Palm Sunday
Regular Worship 8:45 and 11:00 am

Wednesday, April 4
Concluding Lenten Lunch/Devotions
First Baptist Church - Noon

Thursday, April 5
5:00 pm - Fellowship Supper
Note change from Wednesday!
7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday
Service of Holy Communion

Friday, April 6 - Good Friday
7:00 pm - Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 8 - Easter
Identical services at 8:45 & 11:00 am

Choir Presentation Next Sunday

This Sunday, the St. John's Chancel Choir and instrumental ensemble will present John Rutter's *Requiem* in both worship services. Completed in 1985, this work does not adhere strictly to the conventional Catholic liturgy, but combines texts from the Requiem Mass and the Book of Common Prayer. In this way, Rutter is following in the footsteps of many earlier composers in employing his own individual preferences when selecting appropriate text to set to music. The seven sections of the work form an arch-like meditation on the themes of life and death: the first and last movements are prayers on behalf of all humanity; movements two and six are psalms; three and five are personal prayers to Christ and the central Sanctus is an affirmation of divine glory.

The instrumentation is small and delicate, using flute, oboe, harp, cello and organ. The *Requiem* was first performed in its entirety on 13 October 1985 at a United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, and it was conducted by the composer. Since then it has become a favorite with choirs and audiences the world over. Though it necessarily has its dark moments, Rutter's *Requiem* is unmistakably optimistic in its message of hope and comfort, expressed through the beauty of the chosen texts and Rutter's uplifting music. After the tragic events of 9/11 it was this particular setting of the Requiem that was most frequently chosen at the many memorial services across the USA.

Sunday, March 25, 2007
Fifth Sunday in Lent

REQUIEM

by

John Rutter

Presentation by

The Chancel Choir, Soloists and Instrumental Ensemble

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Meetings to Note

Thursday, March 22

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm United Methodist Men
- 7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, March 25

- 8:15 am Coffee House
- 3:30 pm UMYF Counselors/Olshine Mtg
- 6:00 pm UMYF Parents Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm UMYF/Confirmation Class
- 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, March 26

- 8:15 am First Place
- 9:00 am District Clergy Meeting
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, March 27

- 7:00 pm First Place
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, March 28

- 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
- 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 25

- Crucifer** - Randi Hyché
- Acolytes** - Kaitlyn Mikes, Andrea Mikes
- Altar Guild** - Lynda Troutman, Sherry Williamson
- Crib Rm** (11:00 a.m.) - Darby Copeland
- Toddlers** - Kelly Boni
- 2-3 Yr Nursery** - Dottie Salter
- 3-4 Yr Nursery** - Roslyn Ingram
- Children's Worship** - Paul & Denise Musick, Teresa Crain, Myrle Jett
- 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 25)**
Dave Sherburne
- Evening Hosts**
- Sunday (Mar 25) - Jim Wert
- Monday - Tom Brown
- Tuesday - Bob Kosky
- Wednesday - Marc Nadeau
- Thursday - Jeff Ray
- Friday - John Geiger
- Saturday - Bob Fogle

NEW ARRIVALS: Connor Anthony Wright, son of Cheryl & Andy Wright, grandson of Gayle Garrison and great-grandson of Vera & Lamar Keisler, was born March 15 in Augusta.

Also born on March 15 in Augusta was Joshua Michael Hammett, son of Linden & Dayman Hammett and grandson of Mary Lou & Jeff Wallace.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to Shelby Ross in the death of her brother, James E. Hodges, in Augusta on March 11.

ANNIVERSARIES: Congratulations to Mary Anne and Bob Clyburn who celebrate 50 years of marriage on March 23 also to Bill and Nancy Olson who celebrate 55 years of marriage on the same day.

HOSPITALIZED: Aiken - Paul Bowers; VA-Augusta - Charles Lide; MCG Select Specialty - Jimmy Player; MCG Children's - Benton Orr; Discharged - Mary Jo Wilson, Ernie Allen

On November 21, 2006, I fell and broke my right arm which resulted in nerve damage and other health complications. But you, dear St. John's family, have given me ambrosia, candy and bread - everything good! I have met so many of you and treasure your visits and food. On Sundays I miss the warm embraces of Rev. Howle and Terry Fleming. Surely the Lord has given me the finest of wheat (Psalm 81:16.)

Yours in Christ, Gilda Holland

Dear St. John's Family: I can't tell you how much your prayers, cards, well wishes and delicious meals meant to me during my recent surgery. Thank you so very much!

Betty Minear

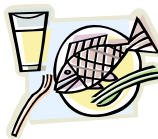
St. John's Church Family: I can't thank you enough for your outpouring of support when my Dad, Harwood Ponton, died March 7. The food, flowers & cards were greatly appreciated.

Betty Thomason

DAY OF PRAYER

Tuesday, March 27 Sanctuary 6:00 am - 7:00 pm
You are invited to pray in solitude,
with friends, family or a group.

UNITED METHODIST MEN will have their annual fish fry Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 in Ward Hall. Guest speaker will be David Jameson, President of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce. All men of St. John's are welcome!



WHAT'S NEXT? An informal brainstorming meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, in Ward Hall beginning at 7:00 pm. Intended as a follow-up to the Poverty Seminar and the Global Outreach Seminar, previous participation is **not** a requirement to attend this meeting. Everyone interested in the future of missions ministry at St. John's is welcome. Contact Jan Gilbert at 646-0451 (cell) if you have any questions.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

Menu for March 28

- Reuben Sandwiches
- Potato Salad
- Chips & Pickles
- Fruit
- Lemon Pie

Financials for week ending March 17, 2007

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 28,907
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 25,596
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 367,011
Actual expenses to date	\$ 280,896.03
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$2,025,708.32

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	146
11:00	528
Total	674
SS	146

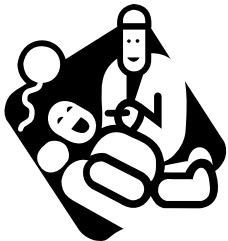
St. John's Youth News

Sunday, March 25

- 5:00 pm Youth Choir**
- 6:00 pm Regular UMYF Meeting**
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class**
- 6:00 pm Parents Prayer Group**

David Olshine will also be here on Sunday to meet with the UMYF counselors from 3:30-6 pm.

PLEASE GIVE BLOOD! The Aiken County Medical Alliance is sponsoring *Doctor's Day Blood Drive* on Friday, March 30, 2-7 pm at Odell Weeks Activities Center. If you wish, they will notify the doctor of your choice about your contribution in his/her name.



FYI - Currently in Honduras is Project Agape's Dental Mission Team led the Dr. Randy Shelley. Consisting of two dentists and two dental assistants, the group will be providing dental care to Qumistan residents from March 21 through March 25..

St. John's **FAMILY MINISTRIES** is coordinating a day-trip *Saturday, March 31*, to attend the *Passion Play* at the Atlanta Civic Center. Cost is reasonable for excellent main floor reserved seating and transportation on St. John's bus. Lunch on the way in Madison and a supper stop in Conyers after the performance will be "Dutch Treat." Most seats have been assigned based on the PrimeTimer's signup list; however, please call Spence Grotheer (642-0084) for cost information and if you are interested in this day-trip. Openings are still available for a few more.

STILL SEARCHING for photographs of the old church and parsonages, group photographs, pictures of events at the church or sponsored by the church over the years. Please put the date, names of those pictured, name & explanation of the group pictured as well as *your* name (so the pictures may be returned.) Please leave in the office marked to the attention of Bob Kosky.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Easter Egg Hunt

Get your baskets ready! St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, April 1st, rain or shine! Join us for lunch in Ward Hall after the late service, and then we will hunt for eggs at 1:00 pm. Families planning to participate in the hunt should bring a dozen plastic eggs filled with individually wrapped candy (no chocolate, please) per child. Please drop off your eggs at our church office before the 11 am service on April 1st.

If you would like to help with this egg-stra special day, please contact Denise at 649-6869 or denisemu-sick@gmail.com.

O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2007:

- 1ST GRADE: HOLYWOOD CINEMAS**
- 2ND GRADE: THOU ART**
- 3RD GRADE: FROM BC TO PC**
- 4TH GRADE: MARY & MARTHA'S BED & BREAKFAST**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS: JOYFUL NOISE**
- 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS: CREATION STATION**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES HAVE CHANGED. VBS 2007 will be held June 11-15. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!



EASTER LILY ORDERS will be taken the next two Sundays, March 25 and April 1. Names of persons being honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$15.00 per plant. Please see an altar guild representative in the lobby outside the office.



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