

St. John's Visitor

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RAMP MINISTRY RENAMED

For more than twenty years volunteers from St. John's United Methodist Church have constructed wheelchair ramps in response to requests from families and individuals, both from the St. John's membership and from the community at large.

Jackie Lanier Meeks was one of those volunteers; he was passionate about the ability of this important ministry to touch the lives of people struck by infirmity, and he gave many years of dedicated service and leadership to the program. In recognition of his contribution the church recently announced that the program would henceforth be known as the Jack Meeks Memorial Wheelchair Ramp Ministry.

Following this announcement the New Journeys Adult Sunday School Class generously donated plaques to be affixed to ramps as they are completed. On December 17 Rev. George Howle was joined by Mrs. Brenda Meeks as the first plaque was attached to the ramp that had recently been constructed at the home of Jan and Sandra Holman. It has been through the gifts of our congregation that this ministry has been able to continue and thrive. We ask for your continued prayers on behalf of the ministry and its volunteers.



Rev. George Howle and Brenda Meeks



The Holmans, Brenda Meeks and Rev. George Howle

PLEASE REMEMBER
Beginning
Sunday, February 3, 2008

Early Worship
in the sanctuary
will start at 8:30 a.m.

January 27, 2008
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Global Impact Celebration

Sunday Morning - Faith Commitment Service
Dr. Wes Griffin, Guest Speaker

Sunday Evening - Life Commitment Service
Rev. Dr. George Howle, Preaching

Meetings to Note

Thursday, January 24

- 11:15am Sunny Monday business meeting
- 12:00noon Seniors' Luncheon
- 6:30pm Leadership Social
- 7:00pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, January 25

- 6:00pm Children's Missions Banquet
- 6:15pm International Missions Banquet

Saturday, January 26

- All Day Youth Salkehatchie Project
- 8:30am Men's Breakfast
- 12:00noon Women's Luncheon
- 6:30pm Children's Missions Program
- 7:00pm Global Briefings in Homes

Sunday, January 27

- 8:15am Coffee House
- 5:00pm Youth Event-Missionary Sharing
- 6:00pm Life Commitment Service

Monday, January 28

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

Tuesday, January 29

- 7:00pm First Place

Wednesday, January 30

- 9:30am Quilting and Prayer Shawl Groups
- 9:30am TF Bible Study
- 4:00pm Grief Share Group
- 5:00pm Fellowship Supper
- 7:00pm Covenant Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Men/Women's Bible Study

Serving This Week

Crucifer - Jacob Busbee

Acolytes - Sydney Beckner, John Boone

Altar Guild - Pat Crawley, Fratie Har- digree, Selona Murph, Nancy Vernon

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 - Tom & Pam McCollum, Paula & Barry Clayton

Sunday School Greeter - Diane James

Greeters 11:00 - Keith & Julie Polk, Mary Gardner, Shirley Powell, Monnie Pitts

Sunday AM Host (January 27)

Michael Rollins

Evening Hosts

Sunday (Jan 27) - Bob Kosky

Monday - Marc Nadeau

Tuesday - Jeff Ray

Wednesday - John Geiger

Thursday - Bob Fogle

Friday - Jeff Crenshaw

Saturday - Robin Dillman

Last Week's Attendance

8:45	112
11:00	454
Total	566
SS	267

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

WEDDING: Congratulations to Callahan Stokes Jameson and Mary Elizabeth Glover who were married in Boon, NC, on December 15, 2007. Cal is the son of David and Sandra Jameson.

CONDOLENCES: Deepest sympathy is extended to Fred Robison in the death of his brother, Thomas Erskin Robison, in Montgomery, AL, on January 10.

HOSPITALIZED: Aiken - Judy Emslie, Donnie Brown, Sue Corley, Jimmy Player

IN MEMORIAM

HERBERT PAUL HOFFMAN

January 18, 2008

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet one week later than normal to avoid conflict with other scheduled church activities. The speaker for January is Dr. Melvin Buckner whose subject is *Use of Hydrogen for Energy and Transportation*.

GIC LEADERSHIP SOCIAL

There has been some question about the GIC Leadership Social Event to be held on Thursday. This event is intended for our Church Council Officers, the '08,'09 and '10 Members at Large, all Committee Chairs, Church Staff and all GOLT members, along with their spouses.

REMINDER: *Sunny Monday* business meeting will be at 11:15 am on Thursday of this week. You are then invited to join all St. John's Seniors for the GIC Seniors' Luncheon and program at noon in the gym. Please make reservations as usual by telephoning the office or by indicating plans on the GIC form.

Financials for week ending January 19, 2008

Budgetary needs for the week	\$ 35,042
Budgetary funds rec'd this week	\$ 19,967
Budget funds rec'd to date	\$ 87,050
Actual expenses to date	\$ 53,319
St John's loan amt w/Security Fed	\$1,420,508

FLOWER CALENDAR has openings in all remaining months of the year. Please contact the church office if you would like to honor or remember someone special with altar flowers.

STILL IN THE OFFICE: A set of keys including a car remote. Do they belong to you?

GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION INTERNATIONAL BANQUET

Friday, January 25 Menu

South African Peanut Soup

Feta Greek Salad

Focaccia Bread

Caribbean Pork Roast

Honduran Rice

French Green Beans

Italian Lemon Ice with Pizzelles

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER Wednesday, January 30, menu

Roast Beef

Creamed Potatoes & Gravy

Broccoli Casserole

Ambrosia Salad

Apple Pie w/Ice Cream

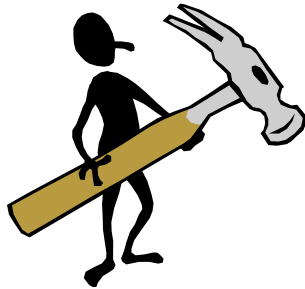


St. John's
youth ministry

GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION

You are all invited and encouraged to come to the worship services on Wednesday night, Sunday morning & Sunday night.

As part of the Global Impact Celebration, St. John's Youth are doing a *One day Salkehatchie* which begins at 7am on Saturday (Jan 26) in Gloverville. You must provide your own transportation. The building is on Myrtle Street. Take Hwy 421 from Aiken toward Gloverville. Turn left on Myrtle St just past the Minute Mart. The building will be on your left directly across from the Horse Creek development. If you have a problem, call Gene Aiken on his cell phone (522-1022.)



Sunday Night Youth Meeting on January 27 is at 5:00 pm followed by the Life Commitment Service at 6 pm.

Super Bowl Party is planned for February 3. The game will be viewed on a projection screen. There will be lots of food - parents invited, also.

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Sunday evening women's Bible Study will meet on Feb. 3 to start *Jesus, the One and Only* by Beth Moore an 11-week video-driven study with workbooks. We meet in room 116 to start promptly at 6:00 until 7:30. Contact Flo McElmurray for information and to order your workbook. What could be a better time to seek to know the One whose birthday we just celebrated and, with Lent and Easter approaching, a time to know the One who gave his life to show love. Join us.

Thursday morning Bible Study begins a 5-6 week study on the Book of James on February 7 at 9:30 am. Heather Yeh will be the leader. Glenna Lathrop is the contact person for questions:

(649-4508 or glennalathrop@bellsouth.net.)

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY begins in February. On Sunday, February 17, the new contemporary service will be held in the gym at 9:00 a.m. Intended to provide more chances for the congregation to respond in worship through art, prayer, journaling and singing, this time of worship will be more casual. This service is not intended to detract from any of the traditional services at St. John's but will add a new worship experience, allowing us to continue to grow and continue to build God's Kingdom.

If you are interested in using your time and gifts for the mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with others in the community please complete the sheet recently mailed to you or contact Gene Aiken at the church office.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

**O.A.R.S. SCHEDULE FOR
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2008:**

All Teachers off.

**Shepherds and students will have a
GIC presentation by Mark Whittig in the Arkade.**

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

- January 28, 4pm* - Church members enrolled in program.
- January 29, 4pm* - Church members not in the program.
- January 31, 4pm* - Non-members enrolled in the program.
- February 1, 8am* - Open to the public.

THERE'S STILL TIME to register for the CPR/First Aid course offered at St. John's on Saturday, February 9, from 9:30-12:00. Please call Michelle Brown at 803-522-2010 before February 2. There is a cost involved.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 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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*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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26 CATHERINE STAPLETON NANCE
25 NANCY FAIRGRIEVE
27 GENE AIKEN
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