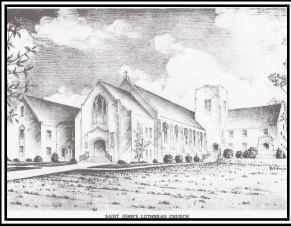


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## **COUNCIL**

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### **FYI**

February 15, 2010 meeting

- ✓ Fifteen college students from Sojourn Collegiate Ministry will be housed at St. John's March 6-12, 2010, while they are in Spartanburg on a mission trip.
- ✓ Jill Van Pelt was elected to a three-year term on the Personnel Committee.
- ✓ A committee has been created to examine factors that could enhance the 4one5 Alive service.
- ✓ LYRA, a Russian musical group, will present a concert on May 15, 2010, in the PLC.
- ✓ LCY will raise funds by holding a 30 hour famine event on April 23-24, 2010.
- ✓ LCY recycling project money earned will benefit Total Ministries and the Haiti Earthquake Relief Project. Collection bins can be found behind the PLC.
- ✓ Pastor Cook is organizing a group of Parish Callers who will make lay visitations to potential new members.



# March Birthday's



**03/01**  
Rebecca Cantrell

**03/02**  
Verena Dreher  
Sandy Forbes

**03/03**  
Jack Pfeiffer

**03/04**  
Steven Grimm  
Frank Rudisill  
Bob Troutman

**03/05**  
Lisa Brown  
Patty Culbreath  
Jenny Fly

**03/07**  
Sharon Barnett  
Mark Mezger  
Matthew Miller  
Tianna Wright

**03/08**  
Casey Chitwood

**03/09**  
Janice Berry  
Linda Harton  
Mark Olencki

**03/10**  
Alise Bibelnicks

**03/11**  
Philip Riser  
Walker Stockley  
Ed Stokes

**03/12**  
Derham Cole, Jr.  
David Daniels  
David Dempsey  
Cassandra Gray  
Robert Shields

**03/13**  
Roberta Mileski  
Kristen Sheets

**03/14**  
David Frick

**03/15**  
Debra Cobden  
Tom Ringer III

**03/16**  
Donna Bolt

**03/17**  
Lena Henderson  
Karen Wright

**03/18**  
Keith Barnes

**03/19**  
Myers Turner  
Tonya Wright

**03/21**  
Katie Key  
Lacey Key

**03/22**  
Lindsay Sigmon

**03/23**  
Suzanne Schmidt  
Amy Wall

**03/25**  
Amy Mezger

**03/26**  
Matthew Galli

**03/27**  
Glenn Rodway  
James Thomson, Jr.

**03/28**  
Jessica Kitchens  
David Pearson, Jr.  
Jan Porter

**03/29**  
J. Myles Wilson, Jr.

**03/30**  
Tracey Bishop  
Roy Lipscomb, Jr.  
Fellers Wise, Jr.

## OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30AM  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:45AM  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP *4ONE5ALIVE!*

9:45AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL I

11:00AM  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL II

## OUR STAFF

**Boyd Cook**, Interim Senior Pastor  
**D. Murray Shull**, Visitation Pastor  
**Everette Lineberger**, Pastor Emeritus  
**Nyla Bartels**, Interim Parish Coordinator  
**Jessica Lee**, Interim Youth Leader  
**Frankie Deal**, Music Director & Organist  
**Lee Hagglund**, Choir Director  
**Chris Sigmon**, *4one5Alive!* Worship Leader  
**Carey Gillespie**, Secretary/Adm. Asst.  
**Chip Hicks**, Property Manager  
**Members of the Congregation**, Ministers

## SOUP KITCHEN SERVANT TEAMS

St. John's has teams of persons serving at the Second Presbyterian Soup Kitchen on Fridays from 10:00am until around 12:30pm assisting with food preparation and serving, straightening up food storage, stocking shelves, helping in the "children's room," cleaning up, etc. The Servant Teams serving this month are:

### **MARCH 05**

Cheryl Pettis  
Ny Bartels  
Ernie Bartels  
Lori Conn  
Norma Hambrick  
Jackie Jacobson

### **MARCH 12**

Debra Cobden  
Kelsey Cobden  
Linda Turner  
Robin Hunsinger  
Gisela Mezger  
Werner Dreher

### **MARCH 19**

Betty Koon  
Oley Olsen  
Brenda Ellison  
Cammy Smith



**Congregation Leaders**

**Serving Through '10**

BENNETT CONNELLY  
BOB ISENHOWER  
TODD LIPSCOMB  
MIKE VAN PELT

**Serving Through '11**

BRENT LYBRAND  
SCOTT LARSON  
DON FRANK  
NOEL HELMS

**Serving Through '12**

TRACEY BISHOP  
BOB PETTIS  
JACQUIE MAIDEL  
PETER KNAPP

**Congregation Officers for 2010**

PRESIDENT..... BRENT LYBRAND  
VICE PRESIDENT..... BENNETT CONNELLY  
SECRETARY..... BOB PETTIS  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY..... SCOTT LARSON  
TREASURER..... GIL BULMAN

**Leaders of the Ministry Areas**

Christian Education..... Noel Helms  
Communication Technology..... Todd Lipscomb  
Evangelism..... Don Frank  
Fellowship..... Jacquie Maidel  
Finance..... Scott Larson  
Health Ministry..... Mike Van Pelt  
Personnel..... Bennett Connelly  
Property..... Bennett Connelly  
Social Ministry..... Bob Isenhower  
Stewardship..... Peter Knapp  
Youth Ministry..... Tracey Bishop  
Worship & Music..... Bob Pettis

**NEWS of the Women of the ELCA**

- |          |                          |   |
|----------|--------------------------|---|
| Circle 1 | Tues., March 02, 10:00am | Leader and Program: TBA   |
| Circle 2 | Mon., March 08, 2:00pm   | Leader: Freddie Wilson Hostesses: Martha Williams & Hervie Thomas |
| Circle 3 | Mon., March 01, 7:00pm   | Meeting & Hostess: Gisela Mezger                                  |
| Circle 4 | Mon., March 29, 7:00pm   | Hostess: Janice Berry Program: Dinner and Fellowship              |
| Circle 5 | Thur., March 04, 6:30pm  | Leader: Kathie McKenzie Hosts: Deb Galli & Andrea Rousey          |



**WELCA March Executive Board Meeting**  
**March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am (please note time change)**

**2010 Women of the ELCA Officers**

**Chair.....Joan Powell**  
**President-Elect.....Jackie Jacobson**  
**Secretary.....Rhonda Yex**  
**Treasurer.....Brenda Knapp**

***OUR PURPOSE***

***As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.***

*If you have any questions about joining a circle and want to know more about WELCA, please call Joan Powell at 579-2268 or Jackie Jacobson at 579-1188.*

## St. John's Committee Meetings:

In 2010 the committees will meet on their own scheduled meeting days. Except for called meetings, the schedule is as follows:

- Christian Ed 12:00-last Sunday-PLC Conference
- Fellowship 5:00-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday-Fellowship Hall
- Finance 5:30-2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday-SS Conference
- Health Min. 5:00-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday-Upstairs Conf.
- Property 5:00-2<sup>nd</sup> Monday-PLC Sr. Rm.
- Social Min. 5:00-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday(Alt. Months)Parlor
- Worship/Mus 5:00-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday-SS Conference
- Youth Min. 5:30-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday-PLC Conference

Thank you to our many hard working committees!

## Don't Forget to Spring Forward!

Time changes once again on Sunday, **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will lose an hour – but the longer, warmer days will be worth it!



## ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The 2010 Flower Chart is on the Bulletin Board in the area by the mailboxes and there are still a few places available. Remember someone you love and enhance the beauty of our worship service by signing up to provide lovely flowers for the altar.

Two beautiful arrangements are created and delivered by Russ Gaffney Florists for just \$45.

The flowers are yours to take home and enjoy after the service. If you choose to leave them, they will be delivered by our lovely volunteers to the hospital or to someone who is shut-in at home. Thank you for taking this opportunity to be of service!

*The following dates are still available:*

**March 07 – 21**

**July 04 – 11**

**August 08 – 29**

**October 10 – 24**

**November 07 – 21**

**December 05 – 12 – 24**



## FYI - 2010 Giving

**Envelopes still remain in the Fellowship Hall, please pick up yours as soon as possible!**

**Congregational Potluck Dinner!** Let's celebrate Daylight Savings Time with some delicious food and Fellowship! We will have a Congregational

Potluck Dinner in the PLC on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Bring friends, family, and your favorite dish to share. There is always room for more!



## Where can they be?



The following people are apparently lost and possibly should be removed from the church roll. If anyone has information about any of them, please contact Don Frank at 576-6908 or

[DoneitaF@aol.com](mailto:DoneitaF@aol.com).

- Ballenger, Walter Joseph, Jr. (1312)
- Brittain, Karen Tezza (1531)
- Haberman, Alexandra Lee (2795)
- McCage, Melissa (2556)
- Montgomery, Stephen (2766)
- Poole, Cindi
- Renner, Marcus Helmut
- Spangenburg, Patricia (2858)  
and sons, Brion (2859) Kevin (2870)
- Strigle, James Michael (1970)
- Wall, Laura (3087)
- Webber, Andy & Nikki (3061,3062)  
and children, Hannah, Ike, James, & Nicholas

## In Memoriam 2010



*Please pray for the families of these loved ones who have passed into life eternal.*

**John T. Dohse**

Father of Mike Dohse

**Lucy Starnes Frye,**

Mother of Martha Sigmon

**Caren Herman**

Sister of Carrie Khouri

**Wynona Cave Innis**

Mother of Phil Innis

**John McFarland**

Brother of Phyllis Daniels

**Arthur Walter Miller**

Husband of Betty Miller

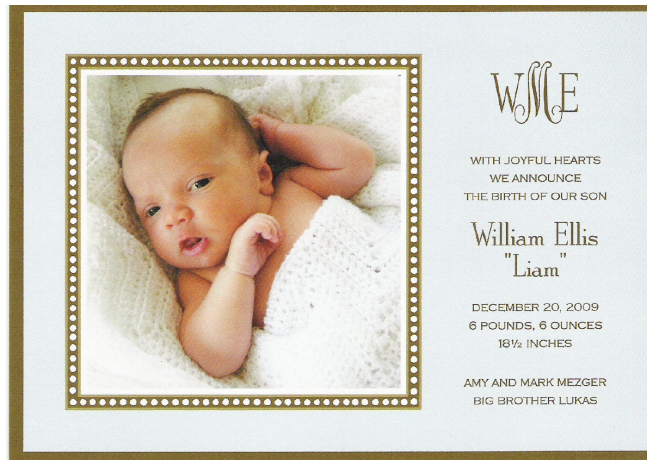
**Anne Watts Rogers**

Member of St. John's

**Hazel Armstrong Rudisill,**

Mother of Frank Rudisill

# Congratulations, Mezger Family!



## The Healing Service

Joanne Kopchik

In the Healing Service we are reminded of a sign first given in Baptism. The laying on of hands reminds us that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the sign of the cross of Christ. In the gospels we read how Jesus healed many people. He made the lame walk, the blind see, lepers clean, forgave sins, cast out demons, and cured physical ailments. The practice of laying on of hands has deep roots in the apostolic tradition. Not only did Jesus heal, but He gave the twelve disciples, who were empowered by God, the power to heal. The church continues the ministry of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

The service of healing as we practice today is meant to expand our understanding of God's goodness, care, and concern, as well as offer comfort through prayer and the laying on of hands. The term healing, whether physical, emotional, relational, or spiritual, may also refer to working through the stages of grief and coming to term with a life threatening illness. The church does not suggest that those who do not experience physical healing after prayer have not found favor with God. During the service of prayer for healing and wholeness, we do not seek to diminish or replace God's gifts through the scientific and medical community, nor do we promise a cure. Instead, the pastor or lay minister seeks to convey God's compassion, forgiveness, and grace to all people who suffer.

Therefore, it is appropriate for us to conduct prayers for wholeness and healing as Christians. Whether the ministry is done in people's homes, hospital rooms, or full Christian assembly, where two or three are gathered, we recognize God's healing work in our lives. As hands are gently placed upon us, we must remember that God will heal us and strengthen us to do His will.



As we participate in the service of healing here at St John's, let us remember that Jesus is the physician of our souls. His healing strength reaches to every level of our being.

## Coming Soon! Sunrise Civitan Pancake Day!

Spring will soon be here!

A sure sign is the semi-annual Sunrise Civitan Pancake Day at St. John's.

**Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Breakfast: 7-9:00am**

**Lunch: 11:30am-1:30pm**

**Supper: 5-7:00pm**

**Adults \$5**

**Children \$2**



*Proceeds will benefit the Spartanburg Kidney Dialysis Patients*

## A Word to Young Families . . .

It scares me to watch the news at times - seeing all the ugliness in the world. Sometimes it seems it gets worse with every day, and I wonder what the future holds for my child, my grandchildren, and the generations to come. I cling to my faith and try to stay strong. I cling to my church family and the strong faith and hope that it will be enough. I made a promise to my daughter the day she was baptized at St. John's to surround her with the gospel, to bring her up in the faith, to teach her all the ways of the Lord, and to set an example to her. I take my promise seriously. That is why I bring her to church, take her to Sunday School, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, and surround her with as much of God's word as possible.

I also bring her to Young Family events to let her grow a stronger relationship with her fellow Christians peers. I do this in hopes that one day when she has to face life's challenges and pressure from other peers, that with the help of her good Christian upbringing and faithful friends around her, she will make the right choices. Attending these events, sometimes I am saddened by the participation - or lack of - by other parents. Often times there are only a few families that attend. And most of the time it is the same ones. I wonder where everyone is. Why are they not bringing their children to fellowship with their brothers and sisters in Christ? I know that the hustle and bustle of non-Christian activities can be overwhelming at times. Believe me, I am often in the thick of it. However, I feel it is important for us as parents to get to know each other and for our children to form strong Christian bonds with each other, as they are the future of our church! Below are the events that have been thoughtfully planned for 2010. My challenge in the New year to all parents that have young families is to attend as many of these events as possible!!! Get to know the other families around you and their children. Let us all grow stronger in our faith and give our children a strong group of peers to lean on through the years ahead!!! *Yours in Christ, Tonya Wright*

### SET THESE DATES FOR FUN COMING EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> - 10:00AM

JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> - 2:00PM

JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>-23<sup>RD</sup> - 9:00AM

AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> - 10:00AM

OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - 6:00PM

OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> - TBA

DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> - TBA

ST. JOHN'S EASTER EGG HUNT!

POOL PARTY @ MILESKI'S! (RAIN DATE-JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> 3:00PM)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

DUNCAN WATER PARK DAY!

FALL FAMILY POTLUCK WITH HAYTIDE/BONFIRE!

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL (OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY)

ORNAMENT MAKING AT THE CHURCH &

HOLLYWILD TRIP TO SEE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!



ST. JOHN'S YOUNG FAMILIES! COME JOIN US!

### LCY (Lutheran Church Youth) News!

Beginning in **March** our youth will begin raising money for the 30 Hour Famine which is the weekend of April 23-24.

Did you know that today, 25,000 kids under the age of 5 will die - most of them from preventable causes like hunger, poverty, and disease. That's one child every THREE seconds! Nobody should die because of an empty stomach. Next weekend our youth will prepare and talk about the 30-hour Famine. On April 23-24 our youth join kids across the nation in voluntarily experiencing what it is like to have no food to eat for 30 hours. It is a tiny peek at what life is like for many children - who also do not have clean water or living conditions. If a youth should come and ask you to sponsor him or her for this event, please consider doing so. Let's help our youth make a difference in this world. Please support our youth in this project as they raise funds that will be donated to Worldvision.



**The LCY recycling project has begun and you will see large labeled bins behind the PLC.** The youth are hoping to sell enough recyclable material to raise \$300 to donate half to Total Ministries of Spartanburg and send half to Haitian Relief. At the same time - improving our environment! Acceptable materials are: plastic bottles (please rinse well), aluminum cans of all kinds (please rinse well), magazines, cardboard, glass, paper, & newspaper. At the present time the youth can only get money for the aluminum drinking cans. If you know of any neighbors, friends, family, or businesses that would start saving them for us it would be greatly appreciated.

#### Fun Events for March:

March 07 - 6:30pm March Madness Basketball with the Sojourn Collegiate Ministry Youth

March 14 - 4:00pm Get Your Game On! Board games/Pool/Ping Pong and Pizza!

March 21 - Event with LCOS (Lutheran Church of Our Savior) TBA

March 28 - 4:00pm Frisbee Golf - meet at Wofford

**Congratulations LCY on your Souper Bowl Fund Raising! You gathered \$479.98 for the Haitian Earthquake project!**



## MUSIC NOTES

### MARCH 2010

**We are into the second week of midweek Lenten services.** Pastor Cook is doing a sermon series on "The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross" at the midweek services.

**Rehearsals for the Noon Choir to prepare anthems for the mid-day Lenten services will continue on Wednesdays at 1:30 PM throughout the Lenten season.** If you have an interest in singing with this group, please join us for the rehearsals following the Wednesday lunches. Rehearsals are brief, about a half hour, and the music will not be difficult.

**The Chancel Choir will meet at 7:45 following the 7:00 Lenten services.** The Choir is preparing a program for the March meeting of the AGO.

**On March 21 at 3:00 pm, the Chancel Choir will present a program** for the March meeting of the Spartanburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists here at the church. The Choir will present the Johann Sebastian Bach's Easter cantata BWV 4, "Christ lag in Todesbanden" ("Christ lay in the bonds of death") with strings and continuo. Singers from other churches will join our choir for this event, along with Bass soloist Paul MacPhail and Alto soloist Miranda DiMarco.

**Mark your calendars and come out to support this major event by our choir.**

Watch for the annual **William Walker Memorial Shape-Note Singing** which is held at Wofford College in March of each year. If you have never experienced this type of singing, this is a great opportunity!

**March Special Music for 8:30 and special services; the Chancel Choir sings at 11:00 services**

March 03	Lenten Midweek 2; 12:15 Noon Choir; 7:00 TBA
March 07	Lent 3; Communion; Bill Drake
March 10	Midweek 3; 12:15 Noon Choir; 7:00 Duet: Martin Aigner/Lisa Isenhower
March 14	Lent 4; Early Choir
March 17	Midweek 4; 12:15 and 7:00 Carey Gillespie
March 21	Lent 5; 8:30: Men's Ensemble; Handbell Prelude
March 24	Midweek 5; 12:15 Noon Choir; 7:00 TBA
March 28	Palm Sunday; 8:30 Early Choir; No prelude
April 01	Maundy Thursday; 12:15 Noon Choir; 7:00 Chancel Choir
April 02	Good Friday; 12:15 Noon Choir 7:00 Joint Choirs
April 04	EASTER; Brass Ensemble; Chancel Choir; possibly handbells!

*March Frankie Deal, Music Director/Organist (978-7815)*



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ANOTHER OUTSTANDING YOUNG MUSICIAN FROM ST. JOHN'S!

**Laura Bolt Brooks received the 2010 South Carolina Young Music Educator of the Year award on February 5<sup>th</sup>.** The award was presented at the South Carolina Music Educators' Association conference in North Charleston. Laura taught in Spartanburg School District Seven one year and then moved to Pickens High School, where she has been the band director for the past seven years. Her students perform well in all realms of the PHS band program - concert, marching, ensembles, jazz, music theory, and All-State Band. Under Laura's leadership, they have won the South Carolina Band Directors' Outstanding Performance Award (OPA) every year!



#### ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

The Lutheran Men will next meet in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at 6:30pm. We will have a fascinating program this month on the *Life of Martin Luther*. It will be presented by Dr. Robert McCormick. Dr. McCormick is an undergraduate of Wake Forest with a MA and Phd in history from the University of South Carolina. He and his family are natives of North and South Carolina. He has been an Associate Professor of History at USC-Upstate for the past nine years. We look forward to Dr. McCormick's excellent presentation. Our Chef Carl Dellinger will be making a delicious dinner for us. *Please sign up on the Lutheran Men Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall to attend so that we can properly prepare.* All men are encouraged to attend. If you have questions, please call Barry Ellison at 579-1297.

***Congratulations to our own TOM AUSTIN who was named SC Lutheran Man of the Year at the state convention! This is a coveted award for a lifetime of excellent service to Lutheran Men.***

***We are proud of you, Tom! Amen for Lutheran Men!***



## The Arts at St. John's by Don Scott

The activities of some of our arts groups appear in the listing below, followed by a discussion by Lisa Isenhower on *Visual Liturgy in Contemporary Worship*.

Contact/Activity	Description of Activity
<b>Linda Dohse</b> Puppetry	Puppet events usually express a liturgical theme or celebrate a holiday. Puppets attract attention and engage the heart as they convey a message and share the message of Jesus. March 5-6 – National puppet workshop in Anderson, SC.
<b>Frankie Deal</b> Music	The February program for Lutheran Men, <i>Hymns of the Cross</i> , illustrated hymns that were written about difficult circumstances; the Men's Ensemble and Pastor Cook sang the hymns. <i>In the Cross I Glory</i> is one such Lenten hymn written by John Bowring, Governor of Hong Kong. It refers to the <i>wrecks of time</i> in the history of events or civilizations. Notes about choral and instrumental events can be found on the previous <i>Music Notes</i> page in this Visitor.
<b>John Dennis</b> Visual Arts	Beginning in May, our visual arts will be enhanced with an educational display of Early Christian Art.
<b>Don Scott</b> St. John's Brass	The St. John's Brass is preparing Dan Locklair's Phoenix Fanfare and Processional for Easter. It is a piece written to rededicate James Chapel at Union Theological Seminary.
<b>Judy Lybrand</b> Archives	Several items from the archives at St. John's will convey the century of history behind our church. Examples include photographs of significant events, architectural drawings of the PLC and banners not presently displayed in the Nave that will be hung in the PLC. Perhaps a directory can help viewers locate and understand the artistic features currently displayed throughout St. John's.

### Visual Liturgy in Contemporary Worship by Lisa Isenhower

Visual liturgy, in the form of films or still images that illuminate God's word, is an important artistic feature of our contemporary worship service. Filmmakers bring together compelling images, evocative music, and even visually arresting typography to present truths from God's Word to a twenty-first century congregation. Like all religious visual art, these films have the ability to inspire us, surprise us, and move us to a deeper awareness of God. By engaging our senses in fresh ways, visual liturgy enhances our worship and draws us closer to God.

Dear Friends,

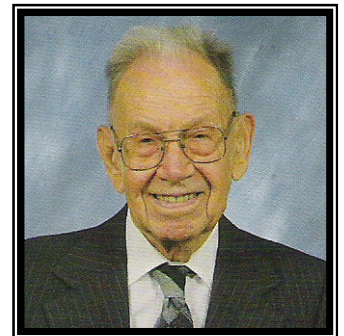
As some of you know I have moved to Sumter to live closer to Lois. I have enjoyed being an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church for almost 35 years and will miss my church family and the many friends that I love. I feel this move should be made so as I age further, if my health declines, Lois will be near by and not have to worry about me long-distance. I will attend St. James Lutheran Church in Sumter with Lois, but do not plan on moving my membership from my "home church" here in Spartanburg. Lois and I plan on coming back to church at St. John's as often as possible.

**My new address will be:**

**Roscoe V. Roos**  
**Covenant Place, Box 74**  
**2825 Carter Rd.**  
**Sumter, S. C. 29150**

**My new home is Apartment #234, and my phone number will be: 803-469-3134**

I would love to have any of you come to Sumter to visit with me. Sumter is "on the way" to Myrtle Beach (well, sort of anyway) and Covenant Place is easy to find, so please "come on down". I will miss you all very much and wish God's blessings on each of you.



Till We Meet Again,  
Love, Roscoe



**Congratulations, St. John's!** We had a record number of members willing to give Blood on Shrove Tuesday! Some were not able, but we still had 18 people who gave! What a record!  
**Thank you for giving the Gift of life!**

## ~ Prayer Requests ~

**Roscoe Roos** (Covenant Place, Box 74, 2825 Carter Rd. Sumter, SC 29150) on his new life in Sumter.

**Herman Massey** (6151 Woodfield Cir. Spartanburg SC 29303) who is ill in the hospital.

**Ralph Shealy** (111 Panorama Dr. Boiling Springs SC 29316) who is recovering in restorative care.

**Wanda Austin** (424 Ransdell Dr. Spartanburg SC 29307) who is ill in the hospital.

**John Ross** (151 Poplar Creek Dr. Spartanburg SC 29303) who is recovering from surgery.

**Hervie Thomas** (659 Stafford Ave. Spartanburg SC 29302) as she undergoes treatment.

**Pixie Bishop**, aunt of Betty Ann Bishop, who is ill.

**Sally Stokes Allard**, friend of Betty Ann Bishop, who is ill.

**Linda Hammerbeck**, cousin of Jacquie Maidel, who is ill in the UK.

**Ron DeWees**, cousin of Robin Hunsinger, who is ill.

**Carol Revels**, daughter of Wallace and Linda Revels, who is ill.

**Marie Roache**, niece of Rene Brooks, who is ill.

**Our congregation** as we follow the Holy Spirit's leadership to a new Senior Pastor.

**Members confined to home or in health care:** Marty Zschocher, Frannie Snite, Elsie Strigle, RuthAdele Biegger, Dorothy Alexander, Sarah Lee Lake, Jean Frick, Ralph Shealy, Esther Verstegen, Ruby Connelly, & Peter Fuchs.

**Members and Friends serving in the military:** Allyson Cooper, Ryan Dohse, Dan Drake, Chris Girardeau, Brayden Hawkins, Stephen Ruppe, John Simma, Richard Terrell, Trey Dominick, Dan Harris, Zachary Hyleman, Stan Whitten, Patrick Woodward, David Collins, Ian Krell, Micah Welch, Cory Dempsey, Christopher Shields, Mike Younkin, & Cooper Langston.

### FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE RECORD

#### Sunday Worship Average:

8:30am – 66    9:45am – 53    11:00am – 159

Sunday School Average – 101

Wednesday Noon – 61

### YTD General Fund as of January 31, 2010

Budgeted Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	Giving to Date
\$53,602	\$37,431	\$36,695

### YTD PLC Fund as of January 31, 2010

Budgeted Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	Giving to Date
\$11,182	\$11,182	\$7,532

Monthly Treasurer's Reports are posted on the Council Bulletin Board by the Interoffice Mailboxes.

### From Social Ministries:

The Social Ministries Committee wants to give St. John's members an opportunity to serve the community in a number of different ways this year. We have two such opportunities for the month of March (as well as one for April that we'll announce in advance):



**MARCH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY #1:** Bring a lotion, soap, powder, aftershave, or similar product and place it in the marked bin in the Fellowship Hall. The items you donate will be given to the New Day Club House on Asheville Highway.

**MARCH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY #2:** Bring a nominally-priced prize to support our volunteers who regularly visit area nursing homes and play BINGO with the residents. There will be a marked bin in the Fellowship Hall for this, too. In addition to toiletry items, some ideas are snacks, stationery, stamps, boxes of tissue, seasonal decorative items, stuffed animals, socks, gloves, etc.

In April, we will once again sponsor our LIONS Club eyeglasses donation box. The box is available year-round, but we'll make a special appeal in April. Last April, we donated 92 pairs of glasses to the LIONS, which exceed our goal by about 15 percent (our goal was 80 pairs, so we called it Project 20/20 – basically 20 pairs a week for four weeks.) Look for more details in your bulletin!

## Fear Not

Brenda Knapp



My sisters and I loved to play in the woods. We would make our way down the steep hill to the aged muscadine vine that had grown to the tops of tall trees. A running start and firm grip on the vine would land us on the other side of Copperhead Branch – that cold stream that ran through the woods. Our grandmother would always go with us into the woods.

We'd find the frog pond and search for the gelatin-like mounds of little black dots that would someday turn into tadpoles. They would look so pretty swimming in a mason jar in front of the class on Mrs. Belcher's desk.

On long, hot summer days, Copperhead Branch was the perfect place to cool hot faces. We'd sit and turn smooth stones; finding little crayfish hiding underneath. A short hike upstream led to the water falls. Flecks of gold could be found in the still pools. Rhododendron leaned over the sides of the banks. And...we knew where the lady slippers grew – our grandmother showed us. I love those memories.

During those sweet days of youth; playing in woods; swinging from vines; wading in streams named after snakes; I was without fear. I had no reason to be afraid. I knew my grandmother was there.

Today, I know that God is with me. His word tells me to not be afraid. He has told me to trust in Him.

When fear closes in during illness, I pray for Him to hold me. I feel His loving embrace. When worry or anxiety place heavy burdens on me, I place them in His arms. I feel the burden lift from me. When I ask Him how I can serve Him, He shows me ways. When we want to increase our giving, His word says He will provide. He does.

Once I put aside the fear of failure; the fear of not being able to; the fear of running out – then wonderful, marvelous and blessed things happened in my life.

We all know of a young girl who was told by an angel to “fear not.” Mary listened... shouldn't we?



## EASTER & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Please join us for Our Lenten Worship Services

Worship follows the Service of the Word at 12:15pm and Evening Prayer at 7:00pm. The sermons focus on the theme of the *Seven Last Words*. Our usual delicious lunch follows the 12:15pm service. (*please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to attend*), there will be no meal at the 7:00pm service. We hope that you join us for this reflective and prayerful time as we journey towards the Holy Day of Easter.

#### Maundy Thursday Service

At 12:15pm and 7:00pm – We read from Exodus about the instructions for the first Passover meal. Then, in the gospel of John, we hear of Jesus' actions before his last Passover meal.

*There will be a lunch served following this service.*

#### Good Friday Tenebrae Service

At 12:15pm and 7:00pm – One of the oldest and most moving services of the Christian Church. Beginning with a fully lighted sanctuary and ending in darkness, we will hear the story of Christ's passion in scripture and song.

*No meal served today.*

#### Easter Contemporary Service

*4ONE5 Alive!* At 9:45am in the Parish Life Center, the band will lead a glorious celebration of Easter with contemporary music and Holy Communion.

#### Festival Celebrations of the Resurrection

At 8:30am and 11:00am there will be special instrumentation and music, processions, and Holy Communion.

# THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS MONTH

## MARCH 2010

### ALTAR GUILD

#### Traditional Services

- 03** Julia Fuchs, Betty Sheridan  
**07/10** Monica Hill, Marilyn Anderson, Hervie Thomas  
**14/17** Neita Frank, Tanya Hindman  
**21/ 24** Judy Lybrand, Brigita Balam, Betty Koon  
**28** Monica Hill, Kitty Hagglund
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### ACOLYTES

- | <b>8:30</b>              | <b>11:00</b>   |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>07</b> Abbie Lipscomb | Holly Deal     |
| <b>14</b> Ben Bernstein  | Lacey Key      |
| <b>21</b> Kayla Lipscomb | Mikaela Jones  |
| <b>28</b> Morgan Nichols | Meredith Scott |
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### 11:00 CRUCIFERS

- 07** Meghan Jones  
**14** Matthew Brown  
**21** Troy Rodway  
**28** Ryan Brown
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### COFFEE

- | <b>8:30</b>                | <b>11:00</b>     |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>07</b> TBA              | Circle 1         |
| <b>14</b> Circle 5         | Circle 5         |
| <b>21</b> Alpha & Omega SS | Alpha & Omega SS |
| <b>28</b> Circle 4         | Circle 4         |
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### **9:45**

- 07** Carrie Khouri  
**14** Tonya Wright, Brenda Knapp  
**21** Cindy Hicks, Kathie McKenzie  
**28** Donna Sheridan, Barbara Corn
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### LECTORS

- | <b>8:30</b>            | <b>11:00</b>  |
|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>07</b> John Kopchik | Jacque Maidel |
| <b>14</b> John Kopchik | Jacque Maidel |
| <b>21</b> Larry Shull  | Jeff Walters  |
| <b>28</b> Larry Shull  | Jeff Walters  |
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### PEW POCKET STUFFERS

Ernie & Ny Bartels

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### HOSPITAL VISITATION

- 07** Tanya Hindman, Julia Fuchs  
**14,21** Martha Williams, Brigita Balam  
**28** Monica Hill

### HOME VISITATION

- 07** Norma Wertman, Martha Williams  
**14** John & Anne Burger  
**21** Lori Conn  
**28** Cheryl Pettis

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT/COUNCIL GREETER

Mike Van Pelt

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### 8:30 GREETERS

- 07** Ernie Bartels, Ny Bartels, Iris Branen  
**21** Ruth McHam, Kare Kragas, Iris Branen  
**14** Rick Sprang, Ruth McHam, Kare Kragas  
**28** Rick Sprang, Ernie Bartels, Ny Bartels

### 9:45 GREETERS

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>07</b> Bob Isenhower | <b>21</b> Donna Sheridan |
| <b>14</b> Rick Cobden   | <b>28</b> Todd Lipscomb  |
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### 11:00 GREETERS

- 07** Julia Fuchs, Mark Homan, Hervie Thomas, Charlie Dickson  
**14** Betty Sheridan, Myrna White, George Johnson, Tim/Cheryl Rop  
**21** Phyllis Daniels, Brenda Knapp, Linda Turner, Charles Clemmer  
**28** Kent/Helen Collier, Jack/Janice Pfeiffer
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### STEEPLE BELL RINGERS

- | <b>8:30</b>                | <b>11:00</b>   |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>07</b> John Mileski     | Meredith Scott |
| <b>14</b> Chris Wright     | John Jacobson  |
| <b>21</b> John Mileski     | Ron Thomas     |
| <b>28</b> Shirley Connelly | John Jacobson  |
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### USHERS

- 8:30** Rick Sprang, Chris Wright, Bob Pettis, Tom Ringer  
**11:00** Doug/Kathie McKenzie, Kent Collier, Sebastian Knapp
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### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 07** TBA – *this date is open for flower donation*  
**14** TBA – Mike & Linda Dohse  
**21** TBA – *this date is open for flower donation*  
**28** TBA – Palm Sunday – no flowers
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### ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

- 07** Julia Fuchs, Betty Sheridan  
**14** Ella Metze, Norma Wertman  
**21** Ella Metze, Norma Wertman  
**28** Ny Bartels, Norma Hambrick
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### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| <b>07</b> Rachel Mileski | Schraver  |
| <b>14</b> Brittany Rice  | Cobden    |
| <b>21</b> Megan Healy    | Wright    |
| <b>28</b> Hayley Scott   | Wessinger |
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# MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:00pm Circle 3	<b>2</b> 8:00am Men a Plenty Bible Study 10:00am Staff Meet 10:00am Circle 1 6:00pm Beth Moore Book Study 6:00pm Girl Scout 7:00pm Praise Band	<b>3</b> 12:15pm Lenten Worship 1:00pm Lunch 1:30 Noon Choir 6:30pm SJ Brass 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:45pm Chancel Choir	<b>4</b> 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Circle 5 7:00pm Mens Ensemble	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Tonya Wright Party  Sojourn Collegiate Ministry Students staying at St. John's
<b>7</b> SoJourn Ministry > 8:00am Early Choir 8:30am Worship 9:45am 4one5 Service 9:45am SS I 11:00am SS II 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Puppets 4:00pm Youth Task Force Meeting 6:30pm LCY 5:00pm Fellowship 5:00pm Health Min. 5:00pm Wor/Music 5:30pm Youth Min.	<b>8</b> >>>> 2:00pm Circle 2 5:00pm Property 6:15pm Exec Council Meeting	<b>9</b> >>>> 8:00am Men a Plenty Bible Study 10:00am Staff Meet 6:00pm Beth Moore Book Study 7:00pm Praise Band	<b>10</b> >>>> 12:15pm Lenten Worship 1:00pm Lunch 1:30 Noon Choir 6:30pm SJ Brass 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:45pm Chancel Choir	<b>11</b> >>>> 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Marathon Bridge 7:00pm Mens Ensemble 7:00pm NAMI	<b>12</b> >>>>	<b>13</b> Turn back clocks!! 
<b>14</b> Daylight Saving 8:00am Early Choir 8:30am Worship 9:45am 4one5 Service 9:45am SS I 11:00am SS II 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Puppets 12:00pm Annual Altar Guild Meeting 4:00pm LCY <b>6:00pm Potluck Supper</b> 6:30pm Confirmation	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Council Meeting	<b>16</b> 8:00am Men a Plenty Bible Study 10:00am Staff Meet 6:00pm Beth Moore Book Study 7:00pm Praise Band	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day 12:15pm Lenten Worship 1:00pm Lunch 1:30 Noon Choir 6:30pm SJ Brass 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:45pm Chancel Choir 	<b>18</b> Civitan Pancakes 8-7-9:00am L-11:30-1:30pm D-5-7:00pm 5:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Mens Ensemble	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:00am Early Choir 8:30am Worship 9:45am 4one5 Service 9:45am SS I 11:00am SS II 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Puppets 3:00pm AGO Meeting 4:00pm LCY	<b>22</b> 6:30pm Lutheran Men	<b>23</b> 8:00am Men a Plenty Bible Study 10:00am Staff Meet 6:00pm Beth Moore Book Study 7:00pm Praise Band	<b>24</b> 12:15pm Lenten Worship 1:00pm Lunch 1:30 Noon Choir 6:30pm SJ Brass 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:45pm Chancel Choir	<b>25</b> 9:30am WELCA Board 5:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Mens Ensemble	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:00am Early Choir 8:30am Worship 9:45am 4one5 Service 9:45am Combined SS Presentation in PLC 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Puppets 12:00pm Chris Ed 4:00pm LCY 6:30pm Confirmation	<b>29</b> 7:00pm Circle 4	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 12:00pm Locker Room Men <b>NO SERVICE OR LUNCH</b> 6:30pm SJ Brass 7:45pm Chancel Choir			