



The Saint Mark Navigator

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NOTE: This is a Month-Long Issue.



Practicing the Presence of God in 2010

Come January we launch our theme for the year of *Practicing the Presence of God*, centered around a Trinitarian framework of goals.

Here are some of the goals we will be working toward in January:

Spirituality Goals

- The program staff will be on *prayer and worship retreat* one weekend.
- The 1st of four quarterly *Prayer Services* will be held.
- We launch our *Walking With God* pedometer program with a kick-off event on Sunday, January 10.

Evangelism Goals

- Steps will be taken toward creating a *Young Adult Ministry Advisory Council*.

Hospitality Goals

- We will begin work to earn certification as A *WELCOMING CONGREGATION through the United Methodist Church Board of Discipleship*.
- We shall be thanking you for wearing your *Name Tag* as an act of hospitality and respect for our guests.

How Do I Sign-Up for Flowers for 2010?

- Announcing a New Method -



Flower
Calendar

A new form of signing-up to provide fresh flowers for our Sanctuary is now in place.

We are replacing the wall calendar with a more attractive notebook. This notebook will be displayed in the same hallway just outside the Sanctuary as before.

We are grateful to **Lilly Blue** for creating this lovely notebook for this purpose.

Also, for your convenience, a 'reminder' magnetic paper flower petal is provided for your refrigerator. You will still receive a call from our Flower Coordinator, **Ann Sires** to remind you. Please visit our notebook as soon as possible to choose your date to provide flowers.

As a reminder, if you would like to donate your flowers to Caring Ministry, please let Ann know when she calls and they will be distributed in nursing homes the following Monday morning.

- WORSHIP MINISTRY

Wings for the Lord Youth Choir Sets Garage Sale Fundraiser



Wings for the Lord youth choir will have their annual garage sale fundraiser in the Saint Mark Center on Saturday, February 27. As you "winter clean", please set items aside to donate so we can "fill up the gym" to help us with summer tour.



First Steps Ministry

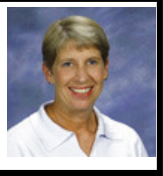
Children Preschool-Kindergarten
with Lisi Campbell



Youth and Children's Ministries

Sailing Toward the Sun

Grades 1 - 12 with Donna



Veggie Tales/ Children's Christmas Party

We had a great time of fun at the Children's Christmas party! The children enjoyed games, crafts, cookies, ice cream, movies, and a great time interacting with each other. A big thank you to all the volunteers that assisted with the party, as it would not have been possible without them:



Anna Whitener, Emily Grubbe, Carolyn Keese, Danielle Gay, Krissy Boggs, and Adam Boggs. We hope to have more events like this one in the upcoming year and we hope that your children will join us.



Carrot Ministry

Carrot Ministry is coming up on January 8th from 6:30-9:30pm. This is a free childcare ministry for our children infant-12 years of age.

Parents, please RSVP to Lisi Campbell at lcampbell@saintmarkumcseneca.org as space is limited. Children will need to bring a snack, and lemonade will be provided. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and enjoy a "Parents Night Out."

Sonshine Club

Sonshine Club will resume with Wednesday Night/Family Nights starting January 6th. We hope that all the preschool age children will join us for a time of fun, singing, games, and learning more about Jesus. We meet every Wednesday night from 6:15-7:15 pm in the children's church room. Hope to see you there!!



Nursery and Children's Sunday School



We are always looking for volunteers in these two ministries. If you feel a calling to work with some of the youngest members of our church through the nursery or Children's Rotation Sunday School ministries I hope you will contact me at lcampbell@saintmarkumcseneca.org.

I promise that it will truly be a blessing to be a part of watching these young children grow in their faith.

Wishing you all a Blessed New Year!!

Lisi Campbell

Director of Preschool and Children's Educational Ministries

Youth and Children's Weekly Activities

Sundays – Grades 7 – 12

In His Eyes (3:15 pm)

Wings for the Lord choir (4:00 pm)

Snack Supper (5:00 pm)

UMYF/Impact (5:30 pm)

Open Gym Fellowship (6:30 pm)

Mondays – Grades 7 – 12

McMonday in Walhalla at McDonalds (7:00 am)

Tuesdays – Grades 7 – 12

Tasty Tuesday in Seneca at Chick Fil-A (7:00 am)

Wednesdays – Grades 1 – Grade 12

CROSS Club for Kids (5:15 pm)

PEP for Youth (6:15 pm)



Wings for the Lord youth choir and its leaders would like to thank all who joined us for Uncle Phil's Diner, the hospitality groups who served and cleaned up, and **Donna Jaynes**. Because of your love and support, we raised almost \$2,000 toward our choir tour.

God has blessed Saint Mark with remarkable youth and children



The dedication the youth and children showed throughout the fall and Christmas season in order to praise God through worship was incredible. I want to thank each of them and the parents for making sure God is a priority in their lives. We begin January 3 preparing for retreats, musicals, choir tour, special events, and learning more about God's grace. We will also be preparing times to present these ministries in worship services. May God bless this coming year.



January 3 – *Wings* (4:00 pm) and *Impact* begin

January 6 – *CROSS Club* and *PEP* begin

January 10 – Come and "walk" with us (3:00 pm) before *Wings* rehearsal

January 22 – 24 – Youth to Columbia "Revolution"

Youth to "Revolution"

Methodist youth from SC will have a huge inspirational weekend together at the Columbia Convention Center on January 22 – 24. Lexington UMC has graciously opened their gym for our Saint Mark youth to sleep.

Looking Ahead to February

Our youth will have a ski trip on February 6, Winter Jam Concert on February 13, and *Wing's* Yard Sale on February 27. Please be collecting items for our yard sale fundraiser.



Winter Energy Tips

During the heating season, keep the draperies and shades on your south-facing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.



The deadline for submissions to the next

DEADLINE noon! Thank you for your help!

If you would like to receive the *Navigator* by e-mail instead of by mail, please let the office know either by e-mailing us at churchoffice@saintmarkumcseneca.org or calling us at 882-2603. Thank you!

Congregational Care Notes *by Jeff Childress*



We Extend Our Sincere Sympathies to:

Paul and Dorothy Ritts on the recent death of their son, **Rob Ritts**. A memorial service is being planned for some time in January.

Personal Prayer Notes

- Rita Beman** – Receiving rehabilitation therapy at Lila Doyle following recent hip surgery
Hazel Boyer – Sister of Dick Thompson, under doctor's care for pancreatic cancer in California
Joyce Burkett – Sister of Frances Sisk, recovering from complications from knee replacement surgery in Walterboro, South Carolina
Juanita Carter – Under Hospice care in Seneca
Jeanne Coleman – Sister-in-law of Deanna Bench, under doctor's care for pancreatic cancer in Arkansas
Joe Dalton – Brother-in-law of Gaynell Evatt, continuing chemotherapy treatments for cancer
Mary Dean – Sister of Ruth Bond, under Hospice care at the Cottingham House in Seneca
Carol Holmes – With good recovery at home following recent knee replacement surgery
Sarah Jane James – Sister of Anne Lee, receiving chemotherapy treatments for stomach cancer in Murrells Inlet
Jim Jolly – Under doctor's care at Oconee Medical Center for respiratory issues
Nela Kirchner – Sister of Helen Breedlove, hospitalized for kidney infection in Alabama
Carol Metcalf – Continuing good recovery at home following recent knee replacement surgery
Bob Pollock – Under doctor's care for cancer
Bob Rogers – Son of Dean and Betty Rogers, recovering from recent cancer surgery
Georgia Smith – Sister of Austin Smith, under Hospice care at Lila Doyle
Rena Walden – Scheduled for breast cancer surgery December 28 in Greenville

Welcome!

We extend a warm Saint Mark welcome to our newest members:

- **Stephen, Liz and Cabell Cantrell**
400 N. Catherine Street,
Walhalla, SC 29691 718-0256
- **Mike and Judy Hopp**
14 Eastern Pt., Salem, SC 29676 944-1475
- **Bob Rider**
321 S. Reach Lane, Salem, SC 29676
944-5787
- **Peg Seydl**
131 Hopewell Street, Seneca, SC 29678
888-1623
- **Edna Turnure**
413 S. Way Court, Salem, SC 29676 944-6544



Memorials and Honorariums

The following gifts have been received recently.



- In Honor of **Caring Ministry** by Gertrude Mehnert
- In Honor of **Marcia Martin** by Lee and Jane Gallaher
- In Honor of **Jim and Sybil Sevic** by Cile Cely (Caring Ministry)
- In Memory of **Sandy Brown** by Ann Fuhr (Music Ministry)
- In Memory of **Ruth Garland** by Roger Estep and Florence Hanzel (Caring Ministry)
- In Memory of **Robert Hilker** by *Companions in Christ* (Catholic Relief Services)
- In Memory of **Jay Price** by Bob and Margaret Alexander, Bruce and Sonia Phillips, Andrew and Janet Kehl, Susan Sablan and Mike Abbot, Dan and Jennifer Smith, Craig and Michelle Shoop, George and Lola Miller, Steve and Bette Taylor, Patrick and Linda Morgan (all for Building Fund); by Jim and Sue Jolly (WWII Veterans); by Mr. and Mrs. Art Hirt, Helen Lemay, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Horton, Mrs. Lou Howell, Mrs. Kyle Chambers, Mrs. Dean Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Schember



Are You E-Connected?

Our newest means of Saint Mark communications is our *Saint Mark Beacon*, a concise weekly calendar update sent via email.

If you are not connected, please let us know at

Churchoffice@saintmarkumcse-neca.org.

Steve's Log

Dr. Steven Morgan, Senior Pastor



The Christian Life as a Walk

I understand that several years ago Hugh Hefner, founder of Playboy Enterprises, was taken to court by the Internal Revenue Service.

The IRS was challenging the unusual business deductions he was claiming on his business tax return.

The IRS argued that pajamas, fancy clothes, limousines, bed sheets, party paraphernalia, and a variety of other things best left unnamed here were not proper *business deductions*.

Countering the IRS, Hefner's attorneys argued that all these things were in fact fully legitimate businesses, because, they said, Mr. Hefner was *selling a lifestyle* and so his *business was living the lifestyle* he was selling.... Thus, justifying the pajamas, etc.

If you will pardon the analogy with Mr. Hefner, it seems that Christ-folk are in a similar position. For us followers of Christ, isn't it all about lifestyle, too – how we live everyday, what our ordinary, day-to-day lives are like: What desires prompt us. What thoughts fill our minds. What motives shape our words. What values drive our decisions. Whether or not we live lives of contentment, joy, kindness, togetherness.

What makes one distinctively Christian is the "Walk" with God, that is the lifestyle of practicing the presence of God in one's daily walk and talk.

This is our theme for our 2010 goals.

Mr. Hefner won his case.

I promise you, however, that if you will "practice" being Christ-like and someday are accused of being like him, you will be surprised at how 'guilty' you will become.

Blessings,
Steve

Faith Matters for Nov. 29 - Dec. 20, 2009

Attendance, Sunday, November 29

Sunday School.....	217
Worship 8:15 am Traditional.....	100
9:15 am Celebration	197
11:15 am Traditional	162

Total Worship..... 459

Attendance, Sunday, December 6

Sunday School.....	256
Worship 8:15 am Traditional.....	130
9:15 am Celebration	187
11:15 am Traditional	182

Total Worship..... 499

Attendance, Sunday, December 13

Sunday School.....	265
Worship 8:45 am All Choirs.....	354
11:00 am All Choirs.....	372

Total Worship..... 726

Attendance, Sunday, December 20

Sunday School.....	243
Worship 8:15 am Traditional.....	104
9:15 am Celebration	205
11:15 am Traditional	192

Total Worship..... 501

Financial Information for Nov. 29 - Dec. 13

Tithes and Offerings

Budget	\$103,376.86
Capital Campaign.....	\$1,616.64
Debt Reduction.....	\$8,080.61
Marvin's Kids.....	\$4,503.00
WWII Veterans	\$780.00
Neighbors in Need.....	\$420.00
Building Memorials.....	\$300.00
CDC Scholarship.....	\$200.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$370.00

Total..... \$119,647.11

Budget Needed to Date.....	\$1,107,724.95
Received to Date.....	\$1,038,069.60
Expenses to Date	\$992,862.73

2008 Building Loan Balance..... \$1,653,442.55

1996 Debt Retirement Balance..... \$456,924.54

Mortgage Loan Balance..... \$75,856.24

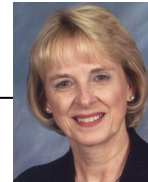
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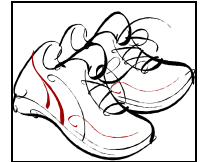
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Walking With God in 2010 Practicing the Presence of God In My Daily Life

Did you know that moderate exercise strengthens not only your physical being; it also contributes to the wellness of your mental and spiritual self? Beginning on January 1, we are offering a chance for everyone to participate in this Saint Mark program. Everyone who participates will wear a pedometer from the time they get dressed in the morning until they go to bed at night, with the goal of taking 7000 steps during each day. The pedometer will help you be more intentional about your relationship with God, because every time you check to see how many steps you have taken, you will condition yourself to think about God and be mindful that God is present with you.

This will not be a hike, a race or a competition, and there will be no accountability by anyone but you. The 7000 steps will not be in addition to what you normally walk in a day, but if you check the pedometer in the afternoon and haven't reached your goal, then you better get moving. Hopefully within a few days, you will start to feel different about yourself and about your relationship to God.



For your convenience, top rated pedometers can be purchased through the church for \$24 each. If you already have a pedometer or would like to purchase your own, that is perfectly all right.

We plan to officially launch this program on Sunday, January 10 at 3:00 pm with a community walk using our pedometers. We will provide some suggestions for turning your walk into a spiritual practice, and give you a chance to become part of a small group of persons who would like to support each others' efforts. We will offer several spiritual "pep rallies" throughout the year to boost confidence and maintain motivation.

If you are interested in joining our Walk with God in 2010, please fill out the form that is enclosed in this issue of the *Navigator*, or let me know by e-mail at Atwood1@bellsouth.net or by phone at 972-3792.

Thanks,
Alicia Spivey

SPIRITUAL FORMATION UPDATE

Staff Prayer Retreat



Your Saint Mark program staff will be away for a prayer retreat on January 9 and 10. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to minister to you and with you during this coming year. Those attending the retreat will be program staff: **Lisi Campbell, Donna Poston, David Wilcox, Jeff Childress, Steve Morgan and Marla Fuller.**

Growing YOU – Winter Quarter 2010

In this *Navigator*, please find the flyer that lists the learning opportunities that we will offer during our Winter Quarter that begins in January. There is a wide range of selections, so we hope that you will find something that appeals to you! There are classes on Wednesday evenings, as well as at other times of the week. Please fill out the registration form that is included in the flyer and drop it off to the church office at your earliest convenience. Are YOU growing? Let 2010 be a growing year for all of us!!



Remembrance Cards



During January, you will have a chance to pick up and fill out remembrance cards so that on Sunday, January 31, we will pray during our services of worship for persons you have named. There will be two portions to the card. The top portion is the part you will send to the person you want the congregation to pray for on that Sunday, to let them know that we will be remembering them on that Sunday. The bottom portion is for you to turn into the church office so that we can compile our list of persons we will lift up in prayer that Sunday. The Remembrance Cards will be available in the Church Narthex, in the atrium and on Sundays at the back of the Saint Mark Center. We will do this on a quarterly basis.

Thoughts for the New Year

If this is to be a Happy New Year, a year of usefulness, a year in which we shall live to make this earth better, it is because God will direct our pathway. How important then, to feel our dependence upon Him!

- Matthew Simpson

Focus on Volunteers

SAINTS IN SERVICE AT SAINT MARK

God has gifted each and every one of us to serve. Where will you use your gifts, talents and passions in service to God and His church? Look below for some upcoming opportunities to serve:



† Will You Plug In? – Volunteers to Lead in Prayer During Worship

We are looking for individuals who are passionate about prayer and who would be willing to prepare and offer the morning prayer during our worship services on Sunday mornings. You would be one of several who would serve on a rotating schedule. If you have the gift of prayer and would be willing to serve in this way, please contact **Marla Fuller** at the church office (882-2603) or email her at mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org.

Event and program leaders, if you need *Saints in Service* and want to place an “ad” like this in the *Navigators*, please contact **Marla Fuller** at the church office – 882-2603.

Worship Matters for Sunday, January 3, 2010

Acolytes: Erin Garland, Melissa Cason (8:15 am); Courtney Johnson, Sara Beth Wilson (11:15 am); **Altar:** TBD (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Deryl and Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Children’s Church:** Debbie Wallace; **Communion Servers:** El and Kathy Henry (8:15 am); Ted and Cheryl Cherry, Al and Bobbi Diussa, Chuck and Janna Smith (9:15 am); Jack and Joanna Donegan (11:15 am); **Counter:** Jack Peck; **Greeters:** Ron and Jeri Schoel (8:15 am); Janet and Bob Thompson (9:15 am); Sharlene Hammond, Freida Phipps (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Martha Steele (8:15 am); Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); Gitte Walter (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Anna Baldwin (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Ann Albert (9:15 am); **Sound:** John Prescott (8:15 am); Russ Poston (9:15 am); Jeff Pearson (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Wally Storm; **Ushers:** Fred Mappus (Head), Hallie Mappus, Jim and Ilona Herd (8:15 am); Charles Fox (Head), Mary Ann Fox, Art and Diane Hirt (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, January 10, 2010

Acolytes: Casey Barker (8:15 am); Ben Harper (11:15 am); **Altar:** TBD (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Bart Sauer; **Children’s Church:** Christa Booker; **Counters:** Skip Soderdahl, Betty Jane Fourspring; **Greeters:** Bob and Margaret Alexander (8:15 am); Janna and Chuck Smith (9:15 am); Paul and Dorothy Ritts (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Mary Search (8:15 am); Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); Bill Nelson (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Mike Wallace; **Refreshments:** Mary Barnette, Sarah Boylston; **Sound:** Greg Wales (8:15 am); Bob Walker (9:15 am); Mike Baldwin (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Jane Street; **Ushers:** Steve Figueroa (Head), Marlene Edlund, Gene Strickler, Nancy Evatt (8:15 am); Charles Fox (Head), Mary Ann Fox, Art and Diane Hirt (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, January 17, 2010

Acolytes: Will Edgerton (8:15 am); Anna Holley (11:15 am); **Altar:** TBD (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Lonney Ensign (9:15 am); **Children’s Church:** Pam Powell; **Counters:** Skip Soderdahl, Betty Jane Fourspring; **Greeters:** Jim and Jackie Hamilton (8:15 am); Andrea and Chase Pate (9:15 am); Bob and Rena Walden (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Janet Kehl (8:15 am); Frank Lamson-Scribner (9:15 am); David Schultz (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Adam Boggs (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Carol Detwiler (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jack Davis (8:15 am); Basil Carney (9:15 am); Basil Carney (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Joyce Carney; **Ushers:** Al Diussa (Head), Robert Holmes, Skip and Joyce Soderdahl (8:15 am); Charles Fox (Head), Mary Ann Fox, Gladys Chastain (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, January 24, 2010

Acolytes: Hayley Pearson (8:15 am); Emma Baldwin (11:15 am); **Altar:** TBD (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Neil and Lisa Carney; **Children’s Church:** Linda Skene; **Communion Servers:** Marlene Edlund, Charlie Argue (8:15 am); Larry and Cindy Waterman, Don and Penny Little, Alan and Roxann Van Heusen (9:15 am); Billy and Sally Boggs (11:15 am); **Counters:** Frank Lamson-Scribner, Vic Holley; **Greeters:** Warren Wiese, Jan Grousd (8:15 am); Andrea and Chase Pate (9:15 am); Winifred Abercrombie, Van Fair (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Gene Snyder (8:15 am); Frank Lamson-Scribner (9:15 am); Gene Snyder (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Bob Dobson; **Refreshments:** Kelly Pew; **Sound:** Russ Poston (8:15 am); Russ Poston (9:15 am); John Prescott (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Toby Childress; **Ushers:** Warren Wiese (Head), Betty Wiese, Ray Lightfoot, Andy Kehl (8:15 am); Charles Fox (Head), Mary Ann Fox, Gladys Chastain (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, January 31, 2010

Acolytes: Emory Childress (8:15 am); Graysen Morrison (11:15 am); **Altar:** TBD (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Basil Carney (9:15 am); **Children’s Church:** Ami Edwards; **Counter:** Vic Holley; **Greeters:** Herb Reed, Al Diussa (8:15 am); Carolyn and Deryl Keese (9:15 am); Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Bud Search (8:15 am); Larry Waterman (9:15 am); Joanna Donegan (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Basil Carney (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Randy Collins (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jeff Pearson (8:15 am); Russ Poston (9:15 am); Greg Wales (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Jean Rogers; **Ushers:** Richard Christensen (Head), Phyllis Christensen, John and Martha Steele (8:15 am); Charles Fox (Head), Mary Ann Fox, Gladys Chastain (11:15 am)

Around the Church and Community

Navigating the New Saint Mark Website



The main purpose of the Saint Mark website is just what it says on the banner, help with “Navigating Your Spiritual Journey”. Saint Mark’s traditional ship symbol is prominent on the home page. **Pastor Steve Morgan** explains this on his Welcome page...

“From looking at our web homepage, you might wonder ‘What’s going on with all this nautical stuff about ports, anchors, navigation, etc.?’

Well, it all has to do with our understanding of life and the nature of the spiritual journey.

Here at Saint Mark we understand the spiritual journey to be like a voyage on the open sea. The weather varies, sometimes dramatically. Sometimes the seas are calm and, at other times, there are swells of threatening waves. Sometimes there are winds for our sails to catch that move us smartly along, while at other times we seem stuck, powerless, and motionless. When the winds do blow, we have to adjust the sails to catch the winds. There are no sign posts pointing which way to go, but rather all we have to navigate by are the stars above.”

To that end there are many pages on the site that help to improve our spiritual awareness and provide tools for our growth. Most of these pages are found under the Learning

for the Journey button on the home page. This is one of six buttons that surround the Saint Mark ship symbol. These buttons lead directly into one of the site’s major subject areas.

- Two of the major subjects, **Welcome Aboard** and **Anchor with Worship**, provide fast and informative pages for newcomers and people looking for a church.
- Three of the major subjects, **Sail into Service**, **Learning for the Journey** and **All Hand’s Ministries**, provide interactive support to the congregation for spiritual growth, volunteers and all of the ministry areas.
- The last major area is the **Events Spyglass** which has quick access to news, calendars, Church Family Night and the *Navigator*.

For more complete information on navigating our new site, go to www.saintmarkumcseneca.org and click on **Hot Topics**.

We will work hard to keep the site current, and we rely on your suggestions for improvements and things to add. Send your comments or suggestions to **Jack Donegan** at donegan@jtdtech.com.

THANKS!!!!

Dear Saint Mark Family,

Words cannot adequately express how much your prayers, calls, kindnesses and visits to Oconee Medical Hospital helped me in my recovery.

Blessings, **Marlene Edlund**

Dean Garland and family would like to thank everyone for all the well wishes, cards, food and memorials sent at the time of his mother’s death.

How fortunate I am to belong to a caring Church, loving family and wonderful neighbors. I appreciate everyone’s concern, calls and cards and prayers during my recovery.

And **Steve** and **Jeff**, many thanks for your visits and prayers. It means so much to me.

Carol Holmes



You’re Invited to a Sock Hop

Our Daily Bread is having a "Sock Hop" on Friday, January 29, 2010 from 6 pm to 10 pm at St. Paul’s Catholic Church Social Hall at 170 Bountyland Rd., Seneca. The cost is \$30 per person and includes hors d’oeuvres, refreshments, a live and silent auction (cash or checks only) and dancing to a DJ. Please contact **Vicki Andy** at 882-9292 or **John Moosebrugger** at 944-8966 for tickets or more information.



Spotlight on Members and Group Events



MUSIC NOTES
with David Wilcox



Music Ministry Rehearsal Schedule

CROSS Club Wednesday, January 6

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, January 6, 7:30 – 8:45

Celebration Worship Band – Thursday, January 7, 6:30 – 7:30

Saint Mark Ringers – Thursday, January 14, 5:30 – 6:30

Celebration Singers – Thursday, February 4, 7:30 – 8:30

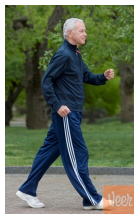
The Chancel Choir will be present *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Dubois on Maundy Thursday, April 1 with orchestra and soloists. *CROSS Club* will begin working on a musical to present in the Spring. Celebration Singers and Worship Band will be preparing special music for Easter Sunday morning Celebration service.

I am most appreciative to all our musicians for the beautiful Christmas musical services. We are also blessed to have dedicated ministry leaders and volunteers. My special thanks to **Gladys Chastain** for her leadership with the Worship Team and **Russ Poston** for making our musical offerings clearly heard through the efforts of the Audio/Visual Team.

- David Wilcox

Put Forth Your Best Foot in the New Year

METS has a great meeting planned for January to get the new year off on the right foot. **Butch and Tricia Stanphill**, from Clemson University, will be our speakers. The topic of the program is entitled "10,000 Steps on General Fitness and Active Aging." Butch is Director of Department of Campus Recreation and Fike Recreation while Tricia is former Senior Adult Fitness Department Head of Roswell Parks and Recreation near Atlanta. It will be an interesting meeting that should get us moving in 2010.



A delicious pasta lunch will be provided by *Ye Olde Sandwich Shoppe*. Lunch includes salad and dessert. Be sure to bring your own tableware.

Date: Thursday, January 28

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Saint Mark Commons Room

Cost: \$6.00

Contact **Andrea or Bill Paulson** at 944-0659 by January 25 to make your reservation.

Look forward to seeing you at our meeting!

- Andrea Paulson

Church Family Night Saint Mark Center

Wednesday, January 6 at
5:30 pm -



- **Adult and Children's Menu:** BBQ Sandwich, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Dessert
- **Large Group Program**
- **Hospitality Group F serving**

Wednesday, January 13 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Taco Salad, Corn-on-the-Cob and Dessert
- **Small Group Studies**
- **Hospitality Group A serving**

Wednesday, January 20 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls and Dessert
- **Small Group Studies**
- **Hospitality Group B serving**

Wednesday, January 27 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Beef Stew, Side Salad, Biscuit and Dessert
- **Small Group Studies**
- **Hospitality Group C serving**

Nursery available from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.
(Menus are subject to change)

Upstate Honor Flight Update



This wonderful project is moving forward! We (Acts Sunday School Class) are talking with all of our WWII veterans, helping them with the Honor Flight application and hearing their "stories". This has been an awesome experience, and we have deeply renewed appreciation and affection for these heroes. We have located 28 WWII vets at Saint Mark! We believe that most of them will be on the next Honor Flight that has enough spaces for all. This will be either in April or May.

We currently have raised almost \$7,000 from the folks at Saint Mark and if you would like to contribute, please use the special envelope available at entrances to the worship areas, or during the week, from Faye or in the office.

Thanks to everyone for supporting this great project! For more details, and to see some neat videos of the last flight, go to this page at our website: <http://www.saintmarkumcsecula.org/EventsSpyglass/NewsandEvents/HotTopics.aspx>