



# The Saint Mark Navigator

*A Newsletter for the Congregation and Friends of Saint Mark United Methodist Church*

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## *Saint Mark Web Site*

[www.saintmarkumcse Seneca.org](http://www.saintmarkumcse Seneca.org)

## *Saint Mark Weekly Devotion Line*

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## **It's Not Too Late to Join Our New Member Orientation Class**

Our next membership exploration class began **April 27** and will continue for 6 sessions on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:15pm. The purpose of the six-week class is to learn about our faith, about Methodist emphases, about the people and programs of Saint Mark, and to get to know one another. If you are considering membership at Saint Mark, we hope you will come and be a part of this class. Please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting **Jeff** or **Steve** at 882-2603.



New Member Class

## **Honoring Our Wednesday Friends with a Banquet**

One of our COS goals for 2011 is to serve our Wednesday Friends a Banquet. Our 'Wednesday Friends' are those persons who are recipients of our Wednesday "feed the hungry" program that takes about 30 meals every Wednesday evening to the parking area in downtown Seneca.



The Banquet will be at **6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 25**, sponsored by the Service Team. We expect and hope that members of the teams that deliver the food on Wednesday evenings will volunteer to help setup/prepare/serve/cleanup the meal, but we encourage others to do so also. Please contact **Bob Dobson** (888-2306); [bnldobson@alumni.clemson.edu](mailto:bnldobson@alumni.clemson.edu) if you would like to help.

## **Spring Carnival Planned Saturday, May 7 2:30 - 4:30 pm**

Join us for an afternoon of fun and festivities while supporting our Children's Ministry Programs. Events for all ages are planned with games, prizes and a pie-throwing contest. Entertainment includes the Matt-Man and Billy Show. Tickets are on sale now for \$5.



**National Day of Prayer  
May 5, 2011**

## **Angel Wing Sponsors**

On Sunday, May 15, you will have the opportunity to sponsor a *Wings for the Lord* youth during the week of tour for \$25. You will receive a bag that contains a picture of your youth, a candle (to light that week as you say a special prayer), and a ribbon to wear at the June 22 concert. You may sign up in the atrium on Sundays. This contribution will help with meals each day while on the road.





Preschool Ministries and  
Children's Education  
with Laura Boggs



**Youth and Children's Ministries**  
*Sailing Toward the Son*  
Grades 1 - 12 with Donna  
dposton@saintmarkumcseneca.org



**May 7<sup>th</sup> Spring Carnival**  
2:30-4:30

**May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Tea**  
2:30-3:30 In the Commons Room

**Summer Break for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**  
Sunday night 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class will not meet during the summer. Keep your eyes posted for special events and activities for the children though.

**Hosts Sought for Summer Activities**  
Summer is just around the corner and I am looking for people to host the different grade levels of children for summer activities and games. For example, if you have a pool then we can have a pool party, or if you have a large yard we can have a BBQ, etc. If you are interested, please let me know. The grade levels are 1&2, 3&4, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Searching For Interested MOPS Participants**  
If you are interested in being a part of the MOPS program, please let me know. We will have different groups based on our needs here at the church. For example: mothers of babies and preschoolers, of school age children, youth age children, mothers that have miscarried, etc. So please let me know what you would be interested in so that we can make sure to get a group started for your needs!

**Register for VBS**  
Please register your child and sign up to help with VBS at <https://groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/smumc>. The dates are July 31- August 3. We look forward to seeing you at PandaMania!!!

**Father's Day Event Is Being Planned**  
Father's Day Event will be June 19<sup>th</sup>. Be on the look out for sign ups!! It will be from 2:30-3:30 in the Commons Room.

Contact Laura at [lboggs@saintmarkumcseneca.org](mailto:lboggs@saintmarkumcseneca.org) or 882-2603



The deadline for submissions to  
the next *Navigator* will be  
**THURSDAY, May 19, 2011 at noon!**  
Thank you for your help!

**Celebrating**



May is a month of mixed emotions. Our Confirmation class will conclude as they take that step of joining the church and confirming their faith. Our senior class will be recognized as they continue on their "own" paths, remembering the "God" times that will keep them grounded and focused.

Our UMYF/Impact time together of fellowship, worship and wonderful "life" discussions will take a summer break. However, we celebrate the summer Wing's tour, giving of our time and energy to Salkehatchie camps, Special Friends Day Camp and VBS. We are blessed that every season gives us the opportunity to grow in God's grace and love.

**Sunday, May 8 - Confirmation Sunday**

- Our Confirmation class will be confirmed on May 8.
- Our *CROSS Club* children will sing for the 9:15 service.



**Wednesday, May 18 - Children's Musical**

- *CROSS Club* will present the musical, *Amazing Grace*, at 6:30 in the Sanctuary.

**Sunday, May 22**

- Last Sunday for UMYF/Impact



**Sunday, May 29 - Graduation Sunday**

- We will introduce our high school graduates and recognize our college graduates during the 9:15 service. Our Junior Class will serve the Senior Class at a luncheon at 12:00.

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**Youth and Children's Weekly Activities**

**Sundays - Grades 7 - 12**

*Wings for the Lord* choir (4:00 pm)  
*Snack Supper / Chill Time* (5:00 pm)  
*UMYF/Impact* (5:30 pm)  
*In His Eyes* (6:30 pm)

**Monday - Grades 7 - 12**

*McMonday* in Walhalla at Hardees (7:00 am)

**Tuesdays - Grades 7 - 12**

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

**Wednesdays - Grades 1 - 12**

*CROSS Club for Kids* (5:15 pm)  
*PEP for Youth* (6:15 pm)

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# Congregational Care Notes

by Jeff Childress



## We Extend Our Sincere Sympathies to:

- **Donna Wales and her family** on the death of her grandmother, **Sarah DeFoor**. A graveside service was held for her at Oconee Memorial Park on April 17.
- **Gruber Sires and his family** on the loss of his sister, **Norma S. Wofford**. A service was held for her April 16 in Charleston.
- **Helen Breedlove** on the death of her brother, **Howard "Mack" Colson**. His funeral was held April 26 near Birmingham, Alabama.

## Congratulations to:

- **Charlotte Hallacher and John Gates** on their wedding on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Keowee Key.
- **Charlie and Ginny Argue** on the birth of new granddaughter, **Emma Grace Argue**, to son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Liza Argue, of Jersey City, NJ, who joins cousin, **Annaleigh Argue**, newly adopted daughter by other son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Chrysta Argue.

## Personal Prayer Notes

**Kathie Ashley** – Sister of Lavonne Sloop, under doctor's care for retinal vein occlusion

**Jane Hughey** – Recovering at home following recent carotid artery surgery

**Anne Lee** – Undergoing series of radiation treatments for breast cancer

**Suzanne Pruitt** – Former St. Mark staff member, facing possible mastectomy surgery

**Towns Ramey** – Home after recent hospitalization for pneumonia

**Marion Riggs** – Mother of Jan Jerome, recently moved into long-term care at Lila Doyle

**Jeff Ritts** – Son of Paul and Dorothy Ritts, undergoing rehabilitation therapy in Greenville

**Paul Ritts** – Back home following rehabilitation therapy

**Jean Rogers** – Recovering at home following rotator cuff surgery

**Phyllis Storm** – Continuing rehabilitation therapy at home

**Howard VanDenburgh** – Brother of Bea Moore, receiving treatments for neuroendocrine carcinoma in Ocala, Florida

**Mary Walters** – Under Hospice care at the Residences at Park Place

**Mary Lou Ware** – Sister of Tom Harper, recovering from heart surgery at Duke

**David Yonker** – Brother of Ron Yonker, with bone cancer in Mexico City

**Ron Yonker** – Under doctor's care for back pain

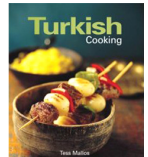
## UMW Luncheon/Fashion Show • May 14

- **Buy your tickets now** for the Saint Mark UMW Annual Fund Raiser to benefit UMW Missions on Saturday, May 14, at 11:30 am in the Saint Mark Center.
- **Tickets are available** from Circle members, at *Emily's* in the Dogwood Plaza and in the church office through May 8th.
- **Cost is \$12** for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under.
- **Please plan to come** and bring your friends to enjoy lunch and Fashions by EMILY'S!!



## Second Turkish Dinner Planned

Based on the delicious success of our first experience, our Turkish friends have agreed to cook for us again on Friday, May 20. Meal time will be 6:00 p.m.



## Library Corner

Attention teachers of adult Sunday School classes and small group studies! Saint Mark has received a generous donation of small group studies from Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia.. Most have been shelved in our church library for your use. Some of the titles, just to name a few, include:

**The Bible and Western Culture**

**Jesus The One and Only**

**On Mission With God**

**Making the Most of Marriage**

**Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours**

**A Woman's Heart**

**Stages of Spiritual Growth**

**The Jesus I Never Knew**

**What's So Amazing About Grace**

**Body and Soul**



To find these studies, look to the right when you enter the library from the atrium. You will see the studies on the shelves. If you have questions, contact **Marla Fuller** at the church office.

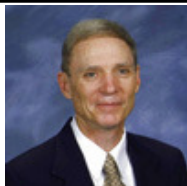
## Eleuthera Trip Planning Meeting



An information/planning meeting for our proposed mission experience to Eleuthera October 29-November 5, 2011 will be held in the Commons Room at 5:00 pm on Sunday afternoon, May 8th; hopefully your Mother's Day activities will be complete by then and all who are interested can join us. If you are interested in the trip but cannot make this meeting, PLEASE contact **Bob or Lynn Dobson** at 888-2306 or [bnldobson@alumni.clemson.edu](mailto:bnldobson@alumni.clemson.edu).

# Steve's Log

Dr. Steven Morgan, Senior Pastor



One of the many ways we are blessed here at Saint Mark is through the presence and service of the retired pastors we have in our congregation.

I appreciate their willingness to continue to serve and assist with their contributions along the way.

They will be serving in some special ways in the coming weeks, as follows:

### United Methodist Heritage Sunday – May 22

Preaching on the theme

“Why I Am a United Methodist.”

8:15 a.m. – Rev. Bill Farley

9:15 a.m. – Rev. Bob Stillwell

11:15 a.m. – Rev. Gig Nelson

### Graduate Recognition Sunday – May 29

Bringing a message to our 2011 graduates

9:15 a.m. – Rev. John Evatt

Our earnest prayers go with and for our other two resident retired pastors – **Rev. Ron Yonker** and **Rev. Sam Sink**, both of whom have been experiencing health problems and have been unable to take their active role here. Our hope is that they soon will improve and be able to resume their meaningful work. May they know of our affection and gratitude.

Blessings,  
Steve

P. S. Thank you for your continued generous support of our “alms” offerings on communion Sundays. The offering for our Eastertide communion service on May 1 will be sent to UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR) designated for *Japan Relief* to assist in their post-tsunami recovery.

## Faith Matters for April, 2011

### Attendance, Sunday, April 3

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School .....               | 251 |
| Worship 8:15 am Traditional ..... | 95  |
| 9:15 am Celebration .....         | 175 |
| 11:15 am Traditional .....        | 183 |

**Total Worship ..... 443**

### Attendance, Sunday, April 10

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School .....               | 287 |
| Worship 8:15 am Traditional ..... | 119 |
| 9:15 am Celebration .....         | 163 |
| 11:15 am Traditional .....        | 166 |

**Total Worship ..... 448**

### Attendance, Sunday, April 17

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School .....               | 261 |
| Worship 8:15 am Traditional ..... | 113 |
| 9:15 am Celebration .....         | 206 |
| 11:15 am Traditional .....        | 221 |

**Total Worship ..... 540**

### Attendance, Sunday, April 24

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School .....               | 231 |
| Worship 8:15 am Traditional ..... | 168 |
| 9:15 am Celebration .....         | 267 |
| 11:15 am Traditional .....        | 355 |

**Total Worship ..... 790**

### Financial Information as of April 24, 2011

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 2011 Budget to Date (17 weeks) .....        | \$335,484 |
| 2011 Budget Income to Date (17 weeks) ..... | \$340,418 |
| 2010 Budget Income (17 weeks) .....         | \$340,254 |
| 2011 Budget Expenses to Date .....          | \$316,078 |

#### Mortgage Balances:

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 2008 Mortgage ..... | \$1,587,411 |
| 1995 Mortgage ..... | \$59,992    |

#### IRA Distribution Rule

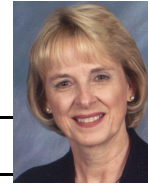
Individuals who have reached the age of 70 1/2 who have a traditional IRA are required to take a minimum distribution from that account each year. That distribution, within some dollar amount limits, may be directed to a charitable organization, i.e., Saint Mark Church, and the individual does not have to pay income tax on that distribution. The distribution MUST be made directly to Saint Mark from the IRA manager and not to the individual and then to Saint Mark. As always it is advisable for individuals to consult with a qualified financial adviser to determine if this option fits their interests.

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## EDUCATION UPDATE



### Parents' Meeting – Confirmation Class of 2011-12

Just a reminder to all parents of children 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older – the parents' meeting for candidates of our next Confirmation Program will be on Sunday, May 1 at 11:15 am in Room A201 upstairs in the atrium. For more information before the meeting, please contact **Marla Fuller** at 882-2603 or [mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org](mailto:mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org).

### CPR Class (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)

Many of you have expressed interest in a CPR class. We are offering a two-week course on Sunday afternoons, June 5 and June 12 from 1:30 – 5:30 pm. The cost is \$9.00 per person and the class size is limited to 20 people, from teenagers on up. Make your reservation now to be sure you get in. **Alan Van Heusen** will be leading the class. To make your reservation, contact **Marla Fuller** at the church office or sign up online on our church website.



## SPIRITUAL FORMATION UPDATE

### National Day of Prayer



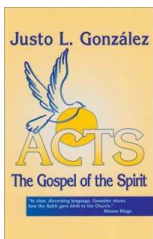
The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance that is held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for our nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry Truman. The 2011 theme is "A Mighty Fortress is Our God", which is based on Psalm 91:2, "I will say to the Lord, my refuge, and my fortress my God in whom I trust." The Spiritual Formation Team encourages every member of our congregation to join with Christians all over the United States on May 5 as we ask our Gracious Heavenly Father to protect our nation, guide our leaders, and bless our families. Specific suggestions for prayers are included in this *Navigator*. - **Nell Hodge**, Spiritual Formation Ministry Team Co-Leader

### Monastery Trip

As part of our Faith Exploration activities over the last two years, we are scheduling another overnight experience at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia. The brothers who live there are Cistercians – the Order of the Strict Observance. The purpose of our visit is to learn about monastic life, to experience firsthand the vocations of these men who have chosen a path that many of us can only imagine. There will be time for personal prayer and reflection while you are there. We will be staying in the retreat house and will have a chance to worship with the brothers in their beautiful Abbey sanctuary built by the Trappist monks in 1948 (see picture on the right). We will arrive on Friday, June 18 and leave on Saturday, June 19 after lunch. There is a two-night option for a more extensive experience. We will plan to leave the monastery after lunch on Sunday. If you are interested in exploring life in a monastery, please contact **Marla Fuller** at 882-2603 or [mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org](mailto:mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org).



### Pentecost Study: Acts, the Gospel of the Spirit



*Acts, The Gospel of the Spirit* is a 4 week study of the early church as documented in the book of Acts. The study will cover the actions of the early Apostles. You should plan to attend if you are interested in church history, the position of the Holy Spirit in our faith tradition and the continued ministry of the Holy Spirit today. Plan to read the book of Acts in the Bible, particularly the first four chapters. You may also want to review the book that will be the basis for the study, *Acts The Gospel of the Spirit* by Justo Gonzalez available on Amazon.com.

**Day and time:** Sunday mornings, June 19, 26, July 3 and 10, the four Sundays after Pentecost Sunday. The class will be during the regular Sunday School hour – 10:15 am

**Facilitators:** Bill Farley, assisted by Don Little

**Location:** Commons Room – Genesis Sunday School Class

### Living Into the Purposes of God

*Get insurance with God and do a good deed, settle down and stick to your last.*

*Keep company with God, get in on the best.*

*Open up before God, keep nothing back; he'll do whatever needs to be done:*

*He'll validate your life in the clear light of day and stamp you with approval at high noon.*

*-Psalm 37:4-5 (The Message)*



# Focus on Volunteers

## Worship Matters for Sunday, May 1, 2011

**Acolytes:** Emma Baldwin, Andy Stein (8:15 am); Graysen Morrison, Courtney Johnson (11:15 am); **Altar:** Nancy Walker (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Bart Sauer (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Jill Seitz; **Communion Servers:** Charlie Argue, Marlene Edlund, Joan Chittenden (8:15 am); Alan and Roxann Van Heusen, Lynn and Bob Dobson, Larry and Cindy Waterman (9:15 am); Jack and Joanna Donegan, Norm Grimshaw (11:15 am); **Counters:** Nancy Walker, Jack Donegan; **Greeters:** Bob and Jean Barger (8:15 am); Chuck and Janna Smith (9:15 am); Jamie and Allen Gerber (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Bob Holmes (8:15 am); Larry Waterman (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Anna Baldwin (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Lori Lucia (9:15 am); **Sound:** John Prescott (8:15 am); Russ Poston (9:15 am); Russ Poston (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Sandy Nelson; **Ushers:** Steve Figueroa (Head), Joan Chittenden, Bob Rider, Nancy Evatt (8:15 am); Greg Stephenson (Head), Betty Jane Fourspring, Frank and Dottie Carbee (11:15 am)

## Worship Matters for Sunday, May 8, 2011 Mother's Day

**Acolytes:** Emily Bibb (8:15 am); Sarah Beth Wilson (11:15 am); **Altar:** Joyce Carney (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Bart Sauer (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Linda Skene; **Counters:** Gladys Chastain, Alice Evatt; **Greeters:** Jan Grousd, Dianne Smith (8:15 am); Dean and Carolyn Garland (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Janet Kehl (8:15 am); Barbara Smith (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Mike Wallace (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Barnette, Sarah Boylston (9:15 am); **Sound:** Greg Wales (8:15 am); Bob Walker (9:15 am); Jeff Pearson (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Paul Agnew; **Ushers:** Al Diussa (Head), Bob Holmes, Anne Bender, Janice Price (8:15 am); Greg Stephenson (Head), Gladys Chastain, Bonnie Holmes, Jeff Martin (11:15 am)

## Worship Matters for Sunday, May 15, 2011

**Acolytes:** Berti Jungnick (8:15 am); Will Edgerton (11:15 am); **Altar:** Sheryl Cherry, Lilly Blue (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Neil and Lisa Carney (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Debbie Wallace; **Counters:** Gladys Chastain, Alice Evatt; **Greeters:** Jim and Susan Matthews (8:15 am); Ray and Ginny Lightfoot (9:15 am); Betty Bryant, Freida Phipps (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Gene Snyder (8:15 am); Gruber Sires (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); Mike Baldwin (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Bobbi Diussa; **Ushers:** Warren Wiese (Head), Tom Christensen, Ray Lightfoot, Andy Kehl (8:15 am); Greg Stephenson (Head), Betty Jane Fourspring, Barbara and Mike McGrey (11:15 am)

## Worship Matters for Sunday, May 22, 2011

**Acolytes:** Hayley Pearson (8:15 am); Brittany Pope (11:15 am); **Altar:** Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Deryl and Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Paige Lowe; **Counters:** Bill Shimel, Cindy Waterman; **Greeters:** Al Diussa, Jan Grousd (8:15 am); Jan and Bob Carlson (9:15 am); Winifred Abercrombie, Mel Timmons (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Martha Steele (8:15 am); David Schultz (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Bob Dobson (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Kelly Pew (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jane Barker (8:15 am); Gladys Chastain (9:15 am); Basil Carney (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Fred Rollison; **Ushers:** Richard Christensen (Head), Phyllis Christensen, John and Martha Steele (8:15 am); Jim Morrison (Head), Irby Adams, Jeff Martin, Bonnie Holmes (11:15 am)

## Worship Matters for Sunday, May 29, 2011

**Acolytes:** Billy Boggs (8:15 am); Casey Baldwin (11:15 am); **Children's Church:** Lisi Campbell; **Counters:** Bill Shimel, Cindy Waterman; **Greeters:** Warren Wiese, Herb Reed (8:15 am); Carolyn and Deryl Keese (9:15 am); Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Jean Rogers (8:15 am); Janet Kehl (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Kari Walker (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Judy Gasnier (9:15 am); **Sound:** Russ Poston (8:15 am); Basil Carney (9:15 am); John Prescott (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Jane Hughey; **Ushers:** Alan Van Heusen (Head), Gene Snyder, Bob Gray, Charles Sisk (8:15 am); Jim Morrison (Head), Betty Jane Fourspring, Irby Adams, Bonnie Holmes (11:15 am)

## Thank You Notes!!!

Thank you to the choir, the soloists and the musicians for a gorgeous and powerful musical experience on Palm Sunday evening. And thank you to **David**, whose vision and leadership made it all possible. "Elijah" is a difficult piece of music. The choir worked many long hours over the past few months and they sang beautifully. I always appreciate how much the Chancel Choir and the Celebration Musicians contribute to our worship experiences. And today, I particularly appreciate the gift of "Elijah." - **Jane Brosnan**

Our thanks to **Steve** and **Jeff**, the Prayer Group, the Caring Ministry and all who wished us well on the occasion of our 65th wedding anniversary. - **Gig and Dean Nelson**

## Welcome!

We extend a warm Saint Mark welcome to our newest member: **Kirk Rogers**  
P. O. Box 945  
Seneca, SC 29679  
247-2324, rogerslegal@gmail.com



# Spotlight on Members and Group Events



## Church Family Night Saint Mark Center

Wednesday, May 4 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult's Menu:** BBQ Pork Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans and Dessert
- **Children's Menu:** Hamburgers
- **Hospitality Group C serving**

Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult's Menu:** Baked Chicken, Side Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Rolls and Dessert
- **Children's Menu:** Chicken Tenders
- **Hospitality Group D serving**

Wednesday, May 18 at 5:30 pm

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Pizza, Salad Bar and Dessert
- **Hospitality Group E serving**

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

## METS –

### MEET, EAT, TRAVEL, SERVE

As planned in October, 2010, the METS group will cruise to Bermuda leaving from Charleston on May 19 and returning to Charleston on May 25, 2011.



On June 2, the METS will make their annual trip to Flat Rock Playhouse with lunch at Kelsey's. **Bill Paulson** has kindly taken care of all the arrangements. **For those persons riding the Church bus, meet at the Church parking lot NO LATER THAN 9:30 AM.** The cost for riding the bus will be \$5.25 per person. This cost is subject to increase because of higher gas prices.

**Can You Plug In?** METS needs someone to coordinate and schedule volunteers for Banana Bingo at Seneca Health and Rehab and at Lakeview in Walhalla. If you would be willing to help with this important service, please call **Claudia Smith** at 944-9914 or e-mail at [smit5324@bellsouth.net](mailto:smit5324@bellsouth.net).

## Adams House Open House

Our Saint Mark Board of Trustees is sponsoring an "Open House" showing of the Adams House property which is for sale. The property is located immediately beside the church on Quincy Road.

The Open House will be Sunday, May 15, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



## CDC News

The CDC had its annual fundraiser in April. Any money raised will go to buy equipment for the playgrounds. Our Scholastic Book fair is going on this month. We are accepting donations of gently used books to donate to local doctor's offices. Any extra money raised from the book fair will also go towards the purchase of books for the center and doctor's offices. The book fair will be set up in the main hallway of the CDC on the following dates: May 13, 19, and 20. Each day it will be set up from 3:00 – 5:30. Feel free to come by and look at books you may purchase.

*Here is a huge opportunity to help the CDC:* Our infant room and crawler room are at full capacity until at least January of next year. This is a fact that we are very excited about. What we need is an extra set of hands to help snuggle and comfort a small little one while others are being tended to. If this is something that would interest you, please contact **Carolynne** for more information and details on how to become a CDC volunteer.

- Carolynne Nix, CDC Director



## Searching for Graduates

We will celebrate our High School graduates and recognize college graduates on May 29 at the 9:15 service. Please contact **Donna** at [dposton@saintmarkumcseneca.org](mailto:dposton@saintmarkumcseneca.org) if you would like to participate in the celebration. We need your information by May 8, please.

## Memorials and Honorariums

The following gifts have been received recently:

- In Memory of **Charles Adams** and in Honor of **Pauline Adams** by Rebecca Adams
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- In Memory of **Jim Garretson** by Bob and Carol Holmes
- In Memory of **Jack Stephenson** by Mary Gash and Melanie Mueller



# Around the Church and Community



## MUSIC NOTES with David Wilcox



*CROSSClub Kids* will present *AMAZING GRACE* by Karen Dean Wednesday, May 18 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. This musical about children celebrating God's Grace was first released 25 years ago. It is one of the best-selling children's musicals of all time! So here, on its 25th Anniversary, we proudly present it with an entirely new generation of kids who are still going to be asking, "Has anybody here seen Grace?"

*CROSSClub* will also sing on May 8 during the Celebration Service and 11:15 Traditional Service.

Special thanks to the Chancel Choir for their preparation and presentation of *Elijah* on Palm Sunday evening. I also express deep appreciation to **Fran Snyder** the choir accompanist for her valuable assistance as well. The Choir and I greatly appreciate the support of the church staff and Saint Mark congregation in this monumental endeavor.

- David Wilcox

## Oconee Aid Seeks Sponsors For Fishing Tournament Fundraiser



Oconee Aid is a non profit United Way Agency that has been providing assistance to individuals and families experiencing crisis situations since 1977.

They will be hosting a Fishing Tournament at South Cove Park on Saturday, May 14. Sponsorships are \$100 or more; all proceeds will be used to assist Oconee County residents who meet needs criteria.

For additional information, please call Oconee Aid at 864-638-6963. Thank you!



## Young Adult Ministries

Our young adults (after high school through twenties) meet the first and third Tuesdays each month at 7:00 pm. Please contact **Donna**, [dposton@saintmarkumcseneca.org](mailto:dposton@saintmarkumcseneca.org) or 882-2603 for more information.

## 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? – Usher for the 8:15 Traditional Service

We need an usher to fill a vacant position on one of eight usher teams at the 8:15 Traditional Service. Each team serves once every eight weeks. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact **Warren Wiese** at (864) 886-8570.

### Will You Plug In? – Celebration Service Refreshments Coordinator for 1st Sunday of Each Month

It is always nice to know that refreshments will be available when you come to our 9:15 Celebration Service. We need someone to serve as the refreshments coordinator for the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact **Bob Dobson** at [bnldobson@alumni.clemson.edu](mailto:bnldobson@alumni.clemson.edu) or (864) 888-2306.

### Will You Plug In? – Teachers and Shepherds for Children's Sunday School

We continue to need adults who love children to serve as teachers and shepherds for our children's Sunday School program on Sundays at 10:15 am. The commitment is short and the preparation for teachers is quick and easy. There is no preparation for Shepherds, who assist the teacher. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please contact **Laura Boggs** at [lboggs@saintmarkumcseneca.org](mailto:lboggs@saintmarkumcseneca.org) or (864) 882-2603.

### Will You Plug In? – Teacher for the Special Friends Sunday School Class for Special Needs

We are so happy to be able to offer a Sunday School class persons with special needs. We currently serve one young man. We have four dedicated persons who spend time with this young man on Sunday mornings. We need others to join them to spread out the responsibility. If you have a heart for persons with special needs and if you would be willing to meet with this young man on Sunday mornings at 10:15 on a rotation basis, please contact **Pam Lamson-Scribner** at 654-1551 or email her at [lamsonscribner@bellsouth.net](mailto:lamsonscribner@bellsouth.net).

### Will You Plug In? – Volunteers for our Church Nursery

Have you noticed? Our nursery is growing! So we need more adults to volunteer in our nursery. Please contact **Laura Boggs** at [lboggs@saintmarkumcseneca.org](mailto:lboggs@saintmarkumcseneca.org) or call her at the church office (864) 882-2603.

### Will You Plug In? – Helpers for the Children's Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 7

Helpers are needed to work the booths at the children's carnival on May 7. If you would be willing to help with this event for children, please contact **Laura Boggs** at [lboggs@saintmarkumcseneca.org](mailto:lboggs@saintmarkumcseneca.org) or 882-2603.

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



## Ways You Can Support Wilderness Way Girls' Camp

Pray for them

Shop at or Donate to their stores

Volunteer at their stores by  
\*Vacuuming  
\*Sorting and straightening donations  
\*Repairing donated items  
\*Etc.

Contribute Funds

Make Christmas Tree Ornaments

Split Wood at Camp

More information can be found at their website:  
[www.wvgirlscamp.org](http://www.wvgirlscamp.org)