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WINGS WINTER WONDERLAND - DESSERT THEATER FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 4



Winter Wonderland

Wings for the Lord youth choir will present their annual summer tour fundraiser Dessert Theater, *Wings Winter Wonderland*, in two performances on Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 and 6:30 pm. Begin your Christmas season with great entertainment as well as delicious homemade desserts provided by our parents. Tickets are \$5.00.



DOING THE MOST GOOD

BELL RINGERS NEEDED FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is soliciting kettle bell-ringers. We had a great year last year with a little over \$61,000, but the money ran out in July due to the great need, leaving only money received from donations available. This fund has depleted also. If you would help ring the bell this year, please call **Curt Davis** at 882-1684 or **Wally Storm** at 944-5836. Last year over 200 members of Saint Mark rang the bell, which was more than any other organization in Oconee County. The Salvation Army in Oconee County is the ONLY one in the USA that doesn't hire people to ring the bell. We do it with all volunteers. Thanks for all you have done in the past, but think of us again this year. - **Curt Davis**



OUR 2011 STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION PROGRAM

This will be an especially wonderful month of worship for us, as we celebrate our roles as Christ-like stewards in our abundant corner of God's vineyard.

Here will be our November Sunday calendar:

6th - Annual All Saints' Sunday

On this day every year we remember those who have died from our fellowship since last All Saints' Day.

13th - Stewardship as a Spiritual Dimension

Today we are privileged to host guest speaker, **Rev. Stan Ott**, who will bring a message about the essential place of stewarding and stewardship in our lives as Christ followers.

20th - Pledging Sunday

On this day we will return our 2012 pledge card, indicating our personal stewardship intention and commitment.

27th - 1st Sunday of Advent

Today we begin a new year following the Christian Calendar. We celebrate by decorating our worship spaces and through sharing holy communion.

COATS FOR A CAUSE

Cooler weather is here and jackets and coats are needed for residents of Our Daily Rest. Would you look in your closets for any gently used outerwear for men, women or children that you could donate. Coat racks will be placed near both atrium doors and also in the narthex from November 13 to the 27th.



Thank you from the **Service Ministry Team**.

Set Your Clocks **BACK** One Hour Before
Bedtime on Saturday, November 5.





Children's Ministries with Laura Boggs

Put Your Dancing Shoes On

CFN: Family Fun Night is scheduled for November 30th - this night we will dance! So make sure to wear your dancing shoes!!



We Couldn't Have Done It Without You

The Fall Festival was great! Thanks to everyone that helped!

Advent Wreath Workshop Scheduled



November 20 at 10:15 will be the Advent wreath workshop. Parents are encouraged to come! If you have made one in the past, please bring it to reuse and refresh to help save money on materials!

ADVENT

Destination Unknown will be November 27th.

More information will come later.

Join In His Steps

If your child is interested in being a part of "In his Steps" sign ups will start November 2.

Our Wednesday Night Schedule

- 4:30-5:10 Hand Chimes
- 5:15-5:45 Children's Choir
- 5:45-6:15 Families Eat Together
- 6:15-7:15 Program (November 30)
- 6:15-7:15 CROSS Club/Sonshine Club (Nov. 2, 9 and 16)

Contact Laura at boggs@saintmarkumcseneca.org or 882-2603

Wesley Heritage Pilgrimage Registration Open



We are now taking registration for our exciting *Wesley Heritage Pilgrimage*.

The tour, plus optional extensions, will be next fall - September 26 - October 4. The purpose will be to study the life and spiritual development of Methodist founder John Wesley. Sites visited will include Epworth, Aldersgate Street, City Road Chapel, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Bristol, Stratford-upon-Avon, Coventry, and other places significant to Methodist heritage.

Please collect one of the informational brochures around the church or see one of us. - Steve and Jeff



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Youth and Young Adult Ministries with Donna Poston



Youth Weekly Ministries Grades 7 - 12



Sundays

- 4:00 - Wings for the Lord Choir
- 5:00 - Snack Supper
- 5:30 - UMYF/Impact
- 6:30 - In His Eyes

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- 5:30 pm - PEP for Youth

Thursdays

- 7:00 am - Thirsty Thursday at McDonalds in Walhalla

Young Adult Ministry (Beyond High School age)



Tuesday, November 1 - We'll meet at *Spill the Beans* in Clemson at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 15 - We'll meet at the Clemson Wesley Building at 7:00 pm.

Bring a friend!

Wings Winter Wonderland

Wings for the Lord youth choir will begin their tour fundraisers with the annual Dessert Theater on **Sunday, December 4**. Please help us with the following:

- Parents are to bring homemade desserts and can sign up with Pam Lamson-Scribner to serve, decorate or clean up. Thanks for making this great experience possible.
- *Wings* youth will be given tickets (\$5) to sell on November 6 at rehearsal. Please begin looking at your "acts" and make special plans to be at our final rehearsal on November 27th.



Thank you, **FRIGHTFULLY GOOD!** Youth!

I want to thank all of the youth who gave their time to help with booths and the children during our Fall Festival. You are amazing!

Sunday, November 20

Wings for the Lord will sing in the worship services. We will join the end of the 8:15, lead the 9:15 and begin the 11:15 services. Please be here at 8:15 am.



Contact Donna at dposton@saintmarkumcseneca.org or 882-2603



The deadline for submissions to the next *Navigator* will be **WEDNESDAY, November 16, 2011 at noon!** Thank you for your help!



Congregational Care Notes

by Jeff Childress



We Extend Our Sincere Sympathies to:

The family and friends of **Janet Arnold**, a friend to many at Saint Mark, who died October 23. A celebration of her life was held October 27 in Seneca.

Personal Prayer Notes

Harrison Abercrombie – Son of Winnie Abercrombie, scheduled for knee replacement surgery October 27 at St. Francis in Greenville

Louise Adkins – Sister-in-law of Judy Underwood, starting radiation treatments for breast cancer

Helen Breedlove – Recovering at home following recent hospitalization

Joanne Ernst – Sister of Jean Barger, continuing under Hospice care in Ohio

Nancy Evatt – Recovering at home following recent back surgery

Joan Gray – Recovering at home following recent surgery for diverticulitis

Joni Gregg – Continuing recovery at home following recent follow-up surgery

Kathy Henry – Scheduled for hip replacement surgery October 31 in Atlanta

Marian Keller – Recovering at home following recent hip replacement surgery

Ray Lightfoot – Scheduled for reverse shoulder replacement surgery November 29 in Greenville

Jim Lundy – Receiving rehabilitation therapy at Lila Doyle following recent hospitalization

George Murphy – Continuing rehabilitation therapy at home

Ray Nichols – Under doctor's care for recurrence of cancer, and under chemotherapy regimen

Juanita Sanders – Continuing under Hospice care at the Cottingham House in Seneca

Louella Skelton – Receiving rehabilitation therapy at AnMed Rehab Hospital following a recent fall

Dot Startzman – Receiving rehabilitation therapy at Lila Doyle following recent hospitalization

Ernest Tall – Neighbor of Woody and Lura Wyatt, under doctor's care for cancer

Bill Taylor – Recovering at home following recent hospitalization for injuries received from a fall

Wallace White – Brother-in-law of Lura Wyatt, recovering from recent surgery for lung cancer in Rutherfordton, NC

Memorials and Honorarium

The following gifts were received recently:

- In Memory of **Bill Bond**: Frankie Cleveland Bonnette Family, Mike Bond (*for Marvin's Kids*)
- In Memory of **Ann Keller**: Mitylene Irick, Sandra Stricker (*for Caring Ministry*)
- In Memory of **Nelly McConnell**: Kandice Barton (*for Building Memorial*)
- In Memory of **Edna Murph**: Frankie Cleveland Bonnette Family (*for Marvin's Kids*)
- In Memory of **Julian and Edna Murph**: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth George (*for Caring Ministry*)
- In Memory of **Sam Sink**: Frankie Cleveland Bonnette Family (*for Building Fund*), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mappus (*for Neighbors in Need*)
- In Honor of **Will Parker**: Larry Hutton (*for Special Friends*)



Library Corner

Go onto our church website at <http://saintmarkumcseneca.org/AllHandsMinistries/Library.aspx> or click [here](#) to find some new reviews of books you may want to check out from our church library.

We have developed a wonderful relationship with Carol Lund, an independent consultant for Usborne Books, which specializes in excellent books for children. We have recently purchased several Usborne books for the Kids' Korner section of our library.

I Can Say Please

I Can Say Thank You

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge (a beautiful, gentle book about aging)

The Story of Growl (a story about neighbors and compromise)

Sebastian's Roller Skates (a story about triumph over shyness)

The Big Little Book of Happy Sadness (a story about loneliness and learning about love)

Don't Be a Bully, Billy (a cautionary tale to warn children of the perils of behaving badly)

Don't Be Greedy, Graham (another cautionary tale)

Don't Tell Lies, Lucy (another cautionary tale)

Give That Back, Jack (another cautionary tale)

Say Please, Louise (another cautionary tale)



Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge
Written by Mem Fox. Illustrated by Julie Vivas

MEETING for 11:15 USHERS

Please attend a 2012 scheduling meeting on November 6, 2011 at 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary. All who are already serving as ushers at 11:15 AM and those who might find their niche in serving God and Saint Mark in this important role. We look forward to seeing you on that day.

Gladys Chastain-Coordinator



Steve's Log

Dr. Steven Morgan, Senior Pastor



The Degrees of Giving

In the Mishna Torah, Maimonides, the great doctor rabbi, describes the eight levels of "charity" or ways of giving.

At the 8th or most basic level of giving, a person begrudgingly buys a coat for a shivering person who has asked for help, gives it to the person in the presence of witnesses, and waits to be thanked.

At the 7th level, a person does the same thing without waiting to be thanked – but still publically and after being asked.

At the 6th level, a person does this same thing openheartedly without being asked – but still gives publically.

At the 5th level, a person openheartedly gives a coat that he has bought but does so in private to a recipient who knows the donor.

At the 4th level, a person openheartedly and privately gives his own coat to another, rather than a coat that he has bought.

At the 3rd level, a person openheartedly gives his own coat to another who does not know the donor, but the donor knows the recipient.

At the 2nd level, a person openheartedly gives his own coat to someone unknown.

At the 1st and purest level, a person openheartedly gives his own coat away without knowing who will receive it, and the recipient does not know who has given it. At this point, giving has become a natural, divine expression of true Christ-like inner goodness.

Prayers and blessings to you as you decide where you are and whether Christ would have you grow a degree.

Blessings,
Steve

P. S. The 2011 "Minister's Cook-Off" Safe Harbor is set this year for Tuesday night (5:30 – 7:00 p.m.), November 8, at Clemson First Baptist Church. Jeff and I have "won" the last two!!!!

Faith Matters for October, 2011

Attendance, Sunday, October 2

Sunday School.....	244
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	120
9:15 am Celebration	153
11:15 am Traditional	163

Total Worship.....436

Attendance, Sunday, October 9

Sunday School.....	274
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	99
9:15 am Celebration	162
11:15 am Traditional	171

Total Worship.....432

Attendance, Sunday, October 16

Sunday School.....	273
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	98
9:15 am Celebration	179
11:15 am Traditional	139

Total Worship.....416

Attendance, Sunday, October 23

Sunday School.....	278
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	89
9:15 am Celebration	218
11:15 am Traditional	151

Total Worship.....458

Financial Information as of October 23, 2011

2011 Budget to Date (43 weeks).....	\$849,036
2011 Budget Income to Date (43 weeks).....	\$833,074
2010 Budget Income (43 weeks).....	\$791,845
2011 Budget Expenses to Date.....	\$790,949
Mortgage Balances:	
2008 Mortgage.....	\$1,556,438

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

Our Newest Acolytes

ACOLYTES Acolytes serve the important role in worship of being bearers of the light to remind us that God is present, and we should prepare ourselves to worship God. Eleven 7th graders have become our newest acolytes. They are also members of our 2011-12 Confirmation Class. They are **Leesee Chastain, Sklyer Evatt, Jack Long, Addie Pate, Jess Smith, Jessie Smith, Waverly Speegle, Rachel Strader, Kylie Wallace, Jordan Williams and Russ Wilson.**



SPIRITUAL FORMATION UPDATE

Advent Devotions

We are in the process of preparing Advent Devotional booklets for the upcoming Advent season that begins on Sunday, November 27. Would you be willing to contribute a 350 word devotion? This year, we want to share stories about Christmas through the eyes of children. We invite you to share a story from your own childhood memories or experiences with your children or grandchildren. We want to capture the feeling of expectancy and wonder. We are also looking for poetry and artwork. The submissions are due no later than Sunday, November 13. If you would like to contribute a devotion, poem or artwork to this project, submit your devotion to **Fran Harper** at fnhrpr@yahoo.com or **Marla Fuller** at mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org. You may also bring it to the church office. As in the last couple of years, the daily devotion will go out by email. There will a limited number of printed copies.



Saints in Service Expo



On Sunday, November 13, you will have the chance to tell us where you want to plug into the ministry of Saint Mark – to become one of many “Saints in Service” at Saint Mark. Between now and then, be thinking about all the ministries that you feel drawn to—working with children or youth, helping the needy, welcoming newcomers, visiting the sick and elderly, helping with technology or art or music. There IS a place for you at Saint Mark. We want to help you find that place. For that purpose, there will be a **Saints in Service Expo** in the atrium on November 13. You will have a chance to ask questions, and select from a wide variety of areas of service.

Fourth in a Series of Services of Prayer

Our fourth and final service of prayer in 2011 will be during Church Family Night on Wednesday, November 16. After our meal, we will gather together in the Commons Room for a service in the Taizé tradition. The Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred brothers from various backgrounds. The usual Taizé service is based upon the historic Service of the Word and includes singing of chants, silence, scripture and prayer. Our service will also include Communion (there will not be the customary service of communion at 5:00 pm). The theme for this pre-Thanksgiving Service of Prayer will be “Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving.” Join us.



Looking Ahead to 2012 – Are You Growing?



We are already looking toward 2012 and more opportunities to grow. We are thinking about the classes, seminars and events we want to offer beginning in January. At Saint Mark, we believe that to be a Christian means that we should aspire to mature and grow in faith and relationship with God. It is a lifelong process.

Is there a class/study/topic you would like us to offer? Do you already know what you need to grow into your potential? Is there a class/study/topic that YOU would like to offer? Let us know at your earliest convenience. You can contact **Marla Fuller** at the church office (882-2603) or email her at mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org

Living Into the Purposes of God

When we join our story to God's... in which our good and beautiful God gets the last word, everything begins to make sense.

— J.B. Smith



Focus on Volunteers

Worship Matters for Sunday, November 6, 2011 *All Saints Sunday*

Acolytes: Taylor Daum, Hayley Pearson (8:15 am); Brittany Pope, Leslie Lamson-Scribner (11:15 am); **Altar:** Nancy Walker (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Lonney Ensign (9:15 am); **Communion Servers:** Marlene Edlund, Janet Kehl, Gladys Chastain (8:15 am); Al and Bobbi Diussa, Paul and Kelly Pew, Lynn and Beth Wilson (9:15 am); Betty Jane Fourspring, Billy and Sally Boggs (11:15 am); **Counters:** Joyce Ogg, Barbara Bosse; **Crucifers:** Billy Boggs (8:15 am); Alex Baldwin (11:15 am); **Greeters:** Ron and Jan Shoel (8:15 am); Chuck and Janna Smith (9:15 am); Dean and Carolyn Garland (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Janet Kehl (8:15 am); David Schultz (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Anna Baldwin (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Carol Detwiler (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jane Barker (8:15 am); Russ Poston (9:15 am); Basil Carney (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Paul Agnew; **Ushers:** Richard Christensen (Head), Phyllis Christensen, Larry and Jane Gabe (8:15 am); Alan Gerber (Head), Jamie Gerber, Art and Diane Hirt (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, November 13, 2011

Acolytes: Emma Baldwin (8:15 am); Chaz Henry (11:15 am); **Altar:** Joyce Carney (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Bart Sauer (9:15 am); **Counters:** Frank Lamson-Scribner, Gene Snyder; **Greeters:** Bob and Carol Holmes (8:15 am); Bea and Hu Moore (9:15 am); Betty Jane Fourspring, Freida Phipps (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Martha Steele (8:15 am); Janet Kehl (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Mike Wallace (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Barnette, Sarah Boylston (9:15 am); **Sound:** Russ Poston (8:15 am); Bob Walker (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); Alan Gerber (Head), Jamie Gerber, Art and Diane Hirt (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, November 20, 2011

Acolytes: Emily Bibb (8:15 am); Alex Baldwin (11:15 am); **Altar:** Sheryl Cherry, Lilly Blue (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Neil and Lisa Carney (9:15 am); **Counters:** Carolyn Keese, Gene Snyder; **Greeters:** Emily Sluder, Dianne Smith (8:15 am); Ray and Ginny Lightfoot (9:15 am); Mel Timmons, Winifred Abercrombie (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Bob Holmes (8:15 am); Gene Snyder (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Bob Dobson (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Carol Detwiler (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jeff Pearson (8:15 am); Basil Carney (9:15 am); Greg Wales (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Wally Storm; **Ushers:** Clyde McCall (Head), Dean Garland, Steve Figueroa, Jack Peck (8:15 am); Jim Morrison (Head), Greg Stephenson, Art and Diane Hirt (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, November 27, 2011

Acolytes: Casey Barker (8:15 am); Ben Harper (11:15 am); **Altar:** Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Deryl and Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Communion Servers:** Marlene Edlund, Joan Chittenden, Janet Kehl (8:15 am); Bob and Debbie DuBose, Doug and Charlotte Hirt, Lynn and Bob Dobson (9:15 am); Jens Holley, Ed McCann, Gruber Sires (11:15 am); **Counters:** Barbara Bosse, Bob Dobson; **Crucifers:** Emory Childress (8:15 am); Billy Boggs (11:15 am); **Greeters:** Herb Reed, Al Diussa (8:15 am); Andrea and Chase Pate (9:15 am); Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Bud Search (8:15 am); Jane Brosnan (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Bob Dobson (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Randy Collins (9:15 am); **Sound:** Mike Baldwin (8:15 am); Gladys Chastain (9:15 am); Jack Davis (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Joyce Carney; **Ushers:** David Harshbarger (Head), Polly Harshbarger, Bill and Charlotte Shimel (8:15 am); Jim Morrison (Head), Jeff Martin, Art and Diane Hirt (11:15 am)

Quilters for Christ Prayer Quilt Ministry

In the morning of the third Saturday of each month at 9:00 am, the first floor room next to the elevator becomes a beehive of activity. Quilters start arranging tables, irons, sewing machines, and materials, in preparation for making prayer quilts. After prayer, each one decides what part of the quilting process they will do and the work begins. Some of the women also do some quilting for this ministry at home.

The process includes cutting materials, pinning, arranging pieces to form an interesting, attractive pattern. The finished pattern is turned over to a lady who mounts it on her twelve-foot quilting machine and applies an intricate sewing pattern that binds the batten to the pattern. Then the quilt is returned to the crew and the bindings are applied by one of the women, usually at home. Strings are then applied at appropriate spots all over the quilt ready for the tying and prayers. The finished product is stored at the church until a request for a prayer quilt is received from a church member and approved by the recipient. Then on a Sunday morning the quilt is blessed



by Pastor Steve assisted by Jeff Childress. The quilt is then displayed in the atrium for the parishioners to come and tie knots in the strings and say prayers for the recipient. Following the church services the prayer quilt will be delivered to the recipient. Requests for the prayer quilts must be from church members, the recipient does not need to be a church member.

The Prayer Quilt Ministry has given 148 quilts since August of 2005. We are always in need of 100% cotton material. Some have given material, batten and money. These gifts are always welcomed. The heartwarming comments and notes from recipients of the quilts express pleasure and amazement that the patterns and colors are so appropriate and are so appreciative of the comfort they provide and the prayers and concern for their welfare.

Any person interested in this ministry is welcome to join with the quilting team. Quilting experience and church membership is not necessary. For information, call **Sandra Lowe**, 882-0816 or **Jean Rogers**, 985-0422.

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?

† Will You Plug In? – Greeter Coordinator at the 11:15 am Traditional Service

We need someone to coordinate the schedule of greeters for the 11:15 Traditional Service. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact **Barbara Stephenson** at 882-8040 or email her at muleys@bellsouth.net.

† Will You Plug In? – Coordinator of Refreshments for the 9:15 am Celebration Service

We need someone to make sure each Sunday is covered – that someone is scheduled to set up and clean up our refreshment table. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact **Barbara Stephenson** at 882-8040 or email her at muleys@bellsouth.net.

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.

Spotlight on Members and Group Events

UMW: LOVE IN ACTION

On **Monday, October 3**, in place of our usual UMW circle meetings, sixty-five women, three children, Pastor Steve and Webmaster Jack gathered in the Commons room for a **covered dish supper** followed by a **General Meeting**. After two of our members, **Florence Hanzel** and **Jean Rogers**, were honored with Special Mission Recognition awards for exemplary service, we heard **Jennifer Dalenburg**, our missionary to Senegal, West Africa, describe her mission work with the women and children of Senegal. We will look for ways in the year to come, as United Methodist Women organized for mission, to best serve in support of her efforts. **Reverend Kempie Shepard** followed with a skit about UMW and **what it is and is not**. In her usual forthright and compelling style, she challenged us to make the changes needed to attract women and youth to share in service as United Methodist Women. I was personally touched by faith and love shared in that room. Go to the website to see more pictures and a video (<http://www.saintmarkumcseneca.org/AllHandsMinistries/Adults/UnitedMethodistWomenUMW/UMWScrapbook.aspx>) or click [here](#).



A new thing we are doing this year is making **Apple Pies for the Holidays**. Much joy and fellowship have been shared as our UMW pie makers have expressed **Love in Action** by working for several weeks in the church kitchen producing delicious apple pies and freezing them. You can purchase them for \$10 and put them in your freezer and bake them whenever you like! This is a fund raiser for the UMW's many mission projects such as Our Daily Rest, Golden Corner Food Bank, Wilderness Way Girls' Camp, Bethlehem Centers and others. They can be ordered by calling **Bobbi Diussa: 944-9418** or by **ordering at Church Family Night** as long as the supply lasts. In addition, you can **order online** by clicking [here](#). Pies will be available for pickup on Sundays in the Atrium starting October 30 through November 20. Please let us know which Sunday you will pick up when you order. Thank you all for the support you give to our efforts to raise funds for mission to help women and children in our community and around the world.

Your Sister in Faith,
Joanna Donegan, Saint Mark UMW President

'Honor Flight' to Honor More Saint Mark Veterans



The next Honor Flight will honor and include two more of our Saint Mark World War II veterans – **Jack Byrne** and **J. L. Gaillard**.

The Honor Flight is a program that carries WWII veterans, at no expense to them, to see and visit their WWII Memorial and related memorials in Washington. Already most of our Saint Mark veterans have had this well-deserved privilege of traveling under special escort to our nation's capital and then returning to a hero's welcome.

Jack and John's flight will be on Tuesday, November 8.

Church Family Night Saint Mark Center



Wednesday, November 2 at 5:30 pm

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Baked Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls and Dessert
- **Hospitality Group D serving**

Wednesday, November 9 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Deli Sandwich w/ Toppings, Potato Salad, House Salad and Dessert
- **Hospitality Group E serving**

Wednesday, November 16 at 5:30 pm

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Turkey and Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Spinach Salad, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans and Dessert
- **Hospitality Group A serving**

**Wednesday, November 23—NO CFN
Happy Thanksgiving**

Wednesday, November 30 at 5:30 pm

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Breakfast Bar, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Grits w/Toppings, Biscuits and Fruit
- **Hospitality Group B serving**

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

Thank You!!!!

Precious Saint Mark Church Family,
I received a note from family friend **Mary Lou Crowley**, thanking you for your prayers and for the prayer quilt you sent her ago as she deals with cancer. She writes, "I think all of your wonderful prayers are working because I am finally starting to feel better!!" I appreciate your care and consideration.

Thank you, **Anita Bearden**

Dear Church Family and Friends,
Thanks so much for your prayers, calls, visits, flowers and support during my recent emergency surgery. How great it is to have strong Christian friends who know when there are needs.
Sincerely, **Toby Childress**

Dear Friends (SMURFS)

Thank you so very much for your recent hard work done to complete two ramp referrals from the United Way in Seneca. We greatly value our partnership with the volunteers at Saint Mark and thank you for your time and energy spent to make life easier for these two individuals.

We hope to work together for the improvement of our community again real soon!

Sincerely, **United Way of Oconee**

Around the Church and Community



MUSIC NOTES

with David Wilcox

dwilcox@saintmarkumcseneca.org



There are upcoming several musical presentations and services that may be of interest to you.

Church Family Night Programs

- **Wednesday, November 9 – FootHills Harmony Chorus** is a chapter of Sweet Adelines, International. This is an acapella female “barbershop” ensemble of 30 singers with a diverse musical repertoire. The program will be presented in the Saint Mark Center. The public is cordially invited. For additional information about the Chorus visit their website <http://foothillsharmonychorus.org/>
- **Wednesday, December 14 – Fran Snyder and David Wilcox** – piano and organ duo concert

Advent and Christmas Events at Saint Mark

- **November 27, 5:00 pm – Sing-A-Long MESSIAH.** Bring your Messiah score to join singers from area churches to sing this timeless classic work. Trinity Baptist will host in their new sanctuary.
- **Sunday, December 4, 4:00 & 6:30 Wings Winter Wonderland**
- **December 11, 8:45 & 11:00 am – All Choirs Christmas – Sanctuary**
- **December 18, 4:00 pm – Lessons & Carols, An English Christmas.** Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Community Concerts in November

- **GAMAC Chorale**, Friday, November 4, 8:00 pm *For the Love of Food* – Anderson University
- **Foothills Chorale**, Sunday, November 6, 2011, 3:00 pm Saint Cecilia Mass – Southern Wesleyan University
- **Key Koraliars**, Tuesday, November 15, 2:00 & 7:00 pm, Water – all tunes about water!

Intercultural Dinner Series Continues

Our 3rd Intercultural Dinner will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4.**

A team of Saint Mark volunteer chefs will prepare a menu of fried catfish, deviled eggs, cold slaw, macaroni and cheese, brownies, and pecan pie.

Everyone is invited – please make reservations though!

If you are willing to help in this ministry of bridge building and hospitality, please contact **Mary Holley** at mholley@oconee.k12.sc.us



Can You Help?

Work day on church and parsonage grounds... pruning, fertilizing, etc. If you can help on Saturday, November 19, please call **Charles Fox**, 882-5147.



Poinsettia Orders To Be Taken

As usual we will be decorating our church with poinsettias for the joyous season of Advent. You will be given the opportunity to order a poinsettia in memory, or honor of anyone you wish. There will be order forms available in the bulletin, atrium and online early in November.

CDC NEWS

with Carolyn Nix

cddirector@saintmarkumcseneca.org or 882-0333



We have had quite a busy month. We have completed our fall fundraiser which was a t-shirt sale. The new and improved playground is wonderful. All of our children and teachers are beginning to prepare for our Christmas program and Open House which will be on December 7 as the Wednesday night program.

With cold season now fast approaching, we can always use extra Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and baby wipes. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the CDC office.

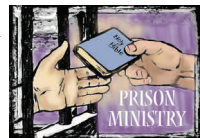
In the spirit of giving, the CDC will be working in cooperation with the Salvation Army and it's Angel Tree Project. We will be sponsoring ten little angels to help give them a blessing this holiday season. We wish each of you a blessed and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

- Carolyn Nix

Worship Service at McCormick Prison

The Evangelism Ministry Team is sponsoring a worship service at McCormick State Prison on Monday evening, November 14. **John Evatt** will be preaching and the McCormick Prison Choir will sing. We will be taking the church bus from Saint Mark leaving at 3:45 and returning @ 9:30. A snack supper will be provided.

If you would like to go, please call or email **Mack Cason** (882-4900, mack2099@yahoo.com) no later than November 4. Be sure to provide your driver's license number.



METS – “MEET, EAT, TRAVEL, SERVE”

The METS November meeting will be a luncheon on the 3rd Thursday, November 17th at 11:30 a.m. in the Commons Room. The guest speaker will be **Mr. Tim Callahan**. He will be telling us about the Homes for Our Troops program. Please make your reservation with **Claudia Smith** at 944-9914 or smit5324@bellsouth.net by Monday noon, November 14, 2011.



Visit the Turkey

The *Turkey in the Hole* at the Wilderness Way Girls Camp will be held Saturday, November 19 beginning at 11:00 am, with lunch at 12:00 pm. This open-house community Thanksgiving covered-dish lunch held annually as a way to showcase what a difference this Camp makes in the real lives of young ladies, teaching them values that last a lifetime and make a life.

