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NOTE: This is a Month-Long Issue.

2010 Pledging Update

To date we have received pledges totaling \$574,476 toward our 2010 ministries. Again we sincerely thank **Nancy Evatt, Carolyn Keese, and Martha Parker** who graciously shared personal thoughts on stewardship and about how their views on stewardship were formed. Working through this process with them has been helpful to me – reminding me that it is up to Debbie and me to teach our children about stewardship. The presentations were so meaningful we are enclosing them as inserts so all can enjoy them.

I urge you please to help us by returning your pledge of support soon.

With thanks, **Mike Wallace,**
Stewardship/Finance Chair

Announcing: David in Concert - For Debt Reduction -

Sunday, November 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Featuring David Wilcox on the organ and piano, with brass quartet and Chancel Choir

This concert is being prepared and offered to raise funds toward debt reduction.

Thank you for your planned generosity!



An Invitation to Recognize Our World War II Veterans

As Veterans Day 2009 approaches, the Acts Class invites everyone to a celebration honoring all our veterans and announcing a special program to honor our WWII military heroes in particular.

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All Saints Day Worship

On the Christian Calendar, the first Sunday of November is celebrated annually as *All Saints Day*. In special worship, we will remember the saints who have gone before us in the faith, naming those who have died since last All Saints Day.



“Circle of Friends” Women’s Retreat

Saturday, November 14

(with an overnight option on
Friday, November 13)

Camp Pinnacle Conference and Retreat Center

Special guest speaker: **Angela Ford-Nelson**
with a dramatic presentation: **Janet Kehl**

Wings for the Lord Presents “Christmas at Uncle Phil’s Diner”

Wednesday, December 9, at 6:00 pm

A comical and inspiring '50's dinner theater
Proceeds and Tips go toward summer choir tour.
The Church Family Night master list is in effect and
others may sign up on meal cards by November 30.
(Adults - \$10, Children - \$5. Maximum family
(immediate) - \$25). Seating is limited.





First Steps Ministry

Children Preschool-Kindergarten
with Lisi Campbell

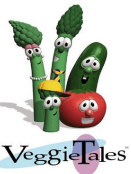
Sonshine Club

Hello Everyone! *Sonshine Club* had a great time in October learning about how to "Shine with the Light of Jesus" just as a jack-o-lantern shines a light for all who see it. In November, we are going to start learning about being thankful and the importance of giving to others as Jesus did with help from Boz (the Green Bear Next Door), *Veggie Tales*, and some of our other friends as well. We are also starting to learn the songs for our Christmas Musical titled "Don't Be Scared." We will be performing for All-Choirs Day on December 13th and the Children's Christmas Eve Service. I hope that all preschool and kindergarten age children will join us!



* *Sonshine Club* meets Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:15pm in room 101.

VeggieTales Christmas Party



We will be having a *Veggie Tales* Christmas Party on December 12th from 9:00AM-12 noon for infant through 6th grade children. We will have a great time learning about the true meaning of Christmas from our friends Larry and Bob. There will be cookies, crafts, movies, and other exciting things for children to enjoy. This will also give parents some free time to shop, wrap, clean, or whatever else they would like to do while the kids enjoy a fun-filled morning. Please RSVP to Lisi at lcampbell@saintmarkumcseneca.org by Saturday, December 5th to ensure a spot as space may be limited.

Christmas Musical for Preschoolers

As mentioned earlier, we have begun to learn our musical titled, "Don't Be Scared" at *Sonshine Club*. This musical teaches children that no matter where they are, they do not need to be scared because God is with them. It is a very cute and entertaining musical that I am sure all the children and their parents are really going to enjoy. Please have your child join us at *Sonshine Club* if they are interested in being in this years Christmas Musical.



Earth Stewardship Moment

- ✓ Clean or replace filters on furnaces once a month or as needed.
- ✓ Place heat-resistant radiator reflectors between exterior walls and the radiators.



The deadline for submissions to the next *Navigator* will be Thursday, November 19, 2009

DEADLINE at 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!



Youth and Children's Ministries

Sailing Toward the Son

Grades 1 - 12 with Donna



A Time of Reflecting



As *CROSS Club*, *Son Shine Club* and our youth prepare for *All Choirs Christmas*, the Christmas Eve services and a dinner theater, we cherish this time to reflect on the "reason for the season" and the many ways God blesses us. May our efforts inspire you to bless others and be thankful.

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)

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)

Thursdays – Grades 7 – 12

Thirsty Thursday in Walhalla at McDonalds (7:00 am)

Children and Youth Looking Ahead



November 8 - *CROSS Club* sings for worship

November 14 - *Wings for the Lord* overnighter

November 15 - *Wings* sing for worship

December 6 – *CROSS Club* (grades 1-3) at worship

December 9 – *Uncle Phil's Diner* Theater

December 13 – *All Choir's Christmas* (8:45 and 11:00 am)

December 20 – Youth go caroling

December 19, 24 – Marvin's Kids

December 24 – Youth and Children 5:30 service

Thank you, Youth



Our youth supplied *four* trunks for the children during the Trunk or Treat Festival. Thank you for giving of your time and love for the children. We are so blessed to have such caring young people at Saint Mark.

CROSS Club at Christmas

CROSS Club for Kids will sing on Sunday, November 8.

Grades 1 –3 are preparing a mime Christmas story for

December 6 services and Christmas Eve. *In His*

Steps, grades 4 – 6, will present "The Perfect Tree"

for *All Choirs Christmas* and Christmas Eve service.



Wing's Rehearsal Lock – In



Wings for the Lord will meet for an overnight lock – in beginning at 3 pm on Saturday, November 14, to rehearse for our dinner theater, *Uncle Phil's Diner*. We sing the next morning for our worship services.

Congregational Care Notes *by Jeff Childress*



We Extend Our Sincere Sympathies to:

- **Jeri Shoel** and her family on the death of her brother, **Dennis Prosch**. His funeral service was held recently in Litchfield, Kentucky.
- **Gary Gaulin** and his family on the death of his mother, **Allene Gaulin**. Her funeral service was held October 9 in Seneca.
- **Benji Cooper** and his family on the death of his father, **Billy Cooper**. His funeral service was held October 11 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Congratulations to:

- **Mike and Ashley Jones** on the birth of their daughter, **Savana Nell Jones**, born October 20.
- **Jacob McCall**, grandson of Clyde and Pat McCall, on achieving the designation of Eagle Scout at a special ceremony on October 19.

Personal Prayer Notes

Hazel Boyer – Sister of Dick Thompson, under doctor's care for pancreatic cancer in California

Jeff Cain – Undergoing chemotherapy treatments for potential recurrence of cancer

Juanita Carter – Under doctor's care and receiving treatment for cancer

Joe Dalton – Brother-in-law of Gaynell Evatt, responding well to chemotherapy treatments for cancer

Ruth Garland – Mother of Dean Garland, under Hospice care in Clayton, Georgia

John Gibson – With good recovery at home following recent back surgery

Ruth Kirk – Hospitalized at Oconee Medical Center due to a recent fall

Betty Lewis – Under the care of oncologist

Don Moore – Recovering well following recent medical follow-up procedure to chemotherapy treatments

Jim Myers – Receiving treatments for microscopic polyangitis

Bob Pollock – Undergoing treatments for lung cancer

Jay Price – Undergoing weekly treatments for cancer at the Cleveland Clinic

Dolores Richardson – With good recovery at home following knee replacement surgery

Juanita Sanders – With good recovery following carpal tunnel surgery

Georgia Smith – Sister of Austin Smith, under doctor's care at Lila Doyle

Fay Watson – Receiving care at Lila Doyle following recent surgery for broken hip

Betty Wiese – Improving at home

Jean Wilson – Mother of Sandra Marrs, undergoing chemotherapy for advanced cancer in Arkansas

THANK YOU!!!!

We would like to thank all the Sunday School classes and individuals who provided trunks full of games and treats for us during the Fall Festival. Thank you for showing us the greatness of "giving". - **Children's Ministry**

To the Saint Mark "Flower Girls" (**Joan, Carolyn, Cile**)

We want to express how much we appreciate your faithful ministry to Gary's mother, **Allene**, at Morningside and Lila Doyle. She so enjoyed the flowers you brought each week and the cheerful words. When she passed away, the vase of flowers was there on the window sill reminding us all of your prayers and kindness. Again, thank you so much for being there for her and us through these years. May God continue to bless you and your ministry.

Gary and Jody Gaulin

I would like to thank the SMURFs who did the challenging preparation work before the new lexan can be installed on the sanctuary stained glass windows.

Thanks also to the "painting crew" who painted the administrative hallway.

Marlene Edlund, Trustees Chair

A heart felt thank you to the Saint Mark family for talking time to prepare food, send cards, make phone calls, visit and pray during my recent recovery from surgery. A special thanks to **Steve, Jeff, the Caring Ministry** and **Stephen Ministry**.

Fred Mappus

The prayer quilt for Jay is beautiful and so very special to us. It pleased him very much. We are thankful for every prayer and concern during this difficult time. The many phone calls from **Steve** and **Jeff** and all the cards and phone calls from friends at Saint Mark are helping to sustain us during Jay's illness.

Jay and Janice Price

Steve's Log

Dr. Steven Morgan, Senior Pastor



The Primary Decision of Life and Living

I have about decided that there is one fundamental spiritual decision we all make that colors and conditions everything else in our lives.

It is this: Whether to *Curse the darkness* or *Celebrate the light*.

As Halloween (my least favorite holiday!) reminds us, there is indeed much Darkness out there! Every single day in the news there are a great many reports of tragedy, crime, corruption, hate, ill-will, war, conflict, despair, disease, disorder, death, greed, bankruptcy, destruction, violence, injustice.

In other words, there is much to curse and much good reason to do the cursing.

On the other hand, I know that the Light is no less real and present, as I am continually amazed and heartened by experiences and stories of words and deeds reflecting other qualities: love, kindness, justice, compassion, character, courage, forgiveness, honesty, authenticity, respect, loyalty, idealism, holiness, responsibility, cooperation, resilience, neighborliness, citizenship, dignity, self-control, mercy, faith, tolerance, generosity, humor, fairness, courtesy, humility.

So, there is also much light to celebrate and much great reason to do the celebrating.

Benjamin Dunlap, the president of Wofford, tells the story of once giving a lecture describing human history as a tidal wave of suffering and brutality. After the class, Sandor Teszler, ostracized as a child because he had two club feet and survivor of a Nazi death house, gently reprimanded him, "You know, Professor, people are basically good."

President Dunlap humbly said he vowed to himself, *'If after all Teszler had suffered he could come to that conclusion, he would change his mind.'*

Blessings,
Steve

Faith Matters for Sept. 27-Oct. 25, 2009

Attendance, Sunday, September 27

Sunday School.....	242
Worship 8:15 am Traditional.....	108
9:15 am Celebration	200
11:15 am Traditional	151

Total Worship..... 459

Attendance, Sunday, October 4

Sunday School.....	238
Worship 8:15 am Traditional.....	90
9:15 am Celebration	186
11:15 am Traditional	193

Total Worship..... 469

Attendance, Sunday, October 11

Sunday School.....	284
Worship 8:15 am Traditional.....	94
9:15 am Celebration	179
11:15 am Traditional	175

Total Worship..... 448

Attendance, Sunday, October 18

Sunday School.....	246
Worship 8:15 am Traditional.....	89
9:15 am Celebration	123
11:15 am Traditional	180

Total Worship..... 392

Attendance, Sunday, October 25

Sunday School.....	250
Worship 8:15 am Traditional.....	84
9:15 am Celebration	157
11:15 am Traditional	145

Total Worship..... 386

Tithes and Offerings

Budget	\$103,254.78
Capital Campaign	\$12,471.83
Debt Reduction.....	\$7,194.56
Neighbors in Need.....	\$350.00
Alms	\$419.00
Kairos	\$200.00
SMURF	\$250.00
Marvin's Kids.....	\$400.00
UMCOR	\$220.00
Total.....	\$124,760.17

Budget Needed to Date.....	\$952,681.39
Received to Date.....	\$843,088.52
Expenses to Date	\$857,270.44

2008 Building Loan Balance.....	\$1,657,141.12
1996 Debt Retirement Balance.....	\$463,880.00
Mortgage Loan Balance.....	\$76,126.45

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION UPDATE

Growing YOU - Fall Quarter Sign-ups Continue

There are still two studies that you can sign up for this fall. Please find registration forms enclosed for the classes that remain in 2009.

Book Discussion Group

Sunday, November 22 at 9:15 am in the Saint Mark Prayer Room.
The book to be discussed is *Too Busy Not To Pray* by Bill Hybels
Pick up your copy of the book in the church office for \$13.
Facilitators: Joan Frontroth and Kathy Henry

An Advent Study – The Forgotten Man of Christmas

Tuesday afternoons, December 1, 8 and 15 at 2:00 pm
Cost: \$10
Facilitator: Marla Fuller



A Pilgrimage – Exploring Different Expressions of Faith



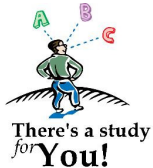
For those of you who have signed up for our Pilgrimage study, the next field trip will be on Sunday, November 22 when we will attend Walhalla Church of God (the Pentecostal tradition). We will leave Saint Mark at 5:30 pm, following David Wilcox's benefit concert. If you are already signed up for our study, there will be no cost to you. If you want to come to this single event, the fee is \$1.00 to help cover the cost of gas. If you are interested in attending this event, contact **Marla Fuller** at the church office (882-2603)

Advent Devotion Booklet

We need 27 people who would be willing to write a 300-word devotion for our annual Advent Devotion Booklet. Our theme for this year's booklet is "Follow Me to the Manger." If you would contribute a devotion, poem or artwork, please contact **Kathy Henry** at 944-1779 or email her at elkathenry@bellsouth.net. The deadline for submitting your contribution is Sunday, November 8. If you receive the *Beacon* and the *Grapevine*, your Advent Devotion Booklet will automatically come to you by email. If not, or if you don't have a computer, you will be able to pick up a printed copy on the first day of Advent, Sunday, November 29.



Looking Ahead to 2010



We had a great lineup and variety of studies during our fall quarter. It is time to think toward winter quarter and what classes we might offer during January, February and March. Let us know what you would like to see offered or what you might like to teach. Class can meet almost any time, any day of the week. We have Wednesday blocked out for classes from 6:15 – 7:15 pm. If you have ideas or would like to volunteer to teach or facilitate a class or study, please contact **Marla Fuller** at the church office (864) 882-2603 or email her at mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org.

Come, Follow Me

As Christians, I challenge you. Have a great aim – have a high standard – make Jesus your ideal... make Him an ideal not merely to be admired, but also to be followed.

–Eric Liddell



METS Combined Meeting

Because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, METS will have a combined November/December meeting. It will be held at a special date and time: **Thursday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m.** We plan to go to the Oconee Heritage Museum in Walhalla and to lunch afterward at Puerto-Nuevo in West Union. Further specific details will appear in the December *Navigator*.
- **Andrea Paulson**

Charge Conference 2009 Set

Our annual charge conference reporting session has been set by our district superintendent for 4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 8. On that Sunday, seven other churches will come to Saint Mark for a cluster conference.

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? – Ushers for the 8:15 am Traditional Service

We need ushers for the 8:15 am Traditional Service. Couples and singles are invited. This is a great way to get involved in the ministry of Saint Mark. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please contact **Warren Wiese** at 886-8570.

† Will You Plug In? – Greeters for the 8:15 am Traditional Service

We also need greeters for the 8:15 am Traditional Service. This is a ministry of hospitality. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please contact **Nancy Schultz** at 886-8570.

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.

Worship Matters for Sunday, November 1, 2009

Acolytes: Erin Garland, Alex Baldwin (8:15 am); Melissa Cason, Anna Holley (11:15 am); **Altar:** Lisa Kiser (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Mel Timmons (9:15 am); **Children’s Church:** Christa Booker; **Communion Servers:** Marlene Edlund, Janet Kehl (8:15 am); Al and Bobbi Diussa, Bob and Nancy Walker, Bob and Beth Keener (9:15 am); Betty Jane Fourspring, Fran Harper (11:15 am); **Counters:** Bill Paulson, Gene Snyder; **Greeters:** Ron and Jeri Shoel (8:15 am); Jan and Bob Carlson (9:15 am); Bill and Andrea Paulson (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Gene Snyder (8:15 am); Frank Lamson-Scribner (9:15 am); Gene Snyder (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Bob Dobson (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Ann Albert (9:15 am); **Sound:** Mike Baldwin (8:15 am); Russ Poston (9:15 am); Jack Davis (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Lynn Dobson; **Ushers:** Steve Figueroa (Head), Marlene Edlund, Bob Alexander, Nancy Evatt (8:15 am); Van Fair (Head), Jim Morrison, Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, November 8, 2009

Acolytes: Graysen Morrison (8:15 am); Jim Walker (11:15 am); **Altar:** Joyce Carney (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Bart Sauer (9:15 am); **Children’s Church:** Pam Powell; **Counters:** Jeff Pearson, Gene Snyder; **Greeters:** Bob and Nancy Walker (8:15 am); Janna and Chuck Smith (9:15 am); Florence Hanzel, Winifred Abercrombie (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Jean Rogers (8:15 am); Frank Lamson-Scribner (9:15 am); David Schultz (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Bob Dobson (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Barnette, Sarah Boylston (9:15 am); **Sound:** Basil Carney (8:15 am); Bob Walker (9:15 am); Russ Poston (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Wally Storm; **Ushers:** Al Diussa (Head), Robert Holmes, Skip and Joyce Soderdahl (8:15 am); Van Fair (Head), Jim Morrison, Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, November 15, 2009

Acolytes: Evan Cherry (8:15 am); Loren Wales (11:15 am); **Altar:** Sheryl Cherry, Lilly Blue (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Jim Shull (9:15 am); **Children’s Church:** Linda Skene; **Counters:** Robin McMahan, Gene Snyder; **Greeters:** Bob and Nancy Walker (8:15 am); Ginny and Ray Lightfoot (9:15 am); Greg and Barbara Stephenson (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Gene Snyder (8:15 am); Jane Johnson (9:15 am); Joanna Donegan (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Adam Boggs (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Judy Gasnier (9:15 am); **Sound:** John Prescott (8:15 am); Russ Poston (9:15 am); Jeff Pearson (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Kathy Henry; **Ushers:** Warren Wiese (Head), Betty Wiese, Ray Lightfoot, Andy Kehl (8:15 am); Van Fair (Head), Jim Morrison, Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, November 22, 2009

Acolytes: Casey Baldwin (8:15 am); Bret Walker (11:15 am); **Altar:** Beth Keener (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Kim Rogers (9:15 am); **Children’s Church:** Ami Edwards; **Counters:** Bud Search, Skip Soderdahl; **Greeters:** Jan Grousd, Emily Whitmire (8:15 am); Gruber and Ann Sires (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Mary Search (8:15 am); Jane Johnson (9:15 am); Jane Johnson (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Mike Wallace (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Connie Pond (9:15 am); **Sound:** Greg Wales (8:15 am); Basil Carney (9:15 am); Mike Baldwin (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Dick Thompson; **Ushers:** Richard Christenson (Head), Phyllis Christenson, John and Martha Steele (8:15 am); Van Fair (Head), Jim Morrison, Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, November 29, 2009

Acolytes: Courtney Johnson (8:15 am); Rebekah Wales (11:15 am); **Altar:** Beth Keener (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Basil Carney (9:15 am); **Children’s Church:** Debbie Wallace; **Communion Servers:** Marlene Edlund, Joan Chittenden (8:15 am); Tony and Sandy Garland, Paul and Kelly Pew, Joni Gregg and Pam Powell (9:15 am); Ed McCann, Jens Holley (11:15 am); **Counters:** C. J. Smith; **Greeters:** Bob and Carol Holmes (8:15 am); Carolyn and Deryl Keese (9:15 am); Fred and Hallie Mappus (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Bud Search (8:15 am); Ryan Keese (9:15 am); Barbara Smith (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Basil Carney (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Kelly Pew (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jack Davis (8:15 am); Russ Poston (9:15 am); Basil Carney (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Wally Storm; **Ushers:** Alan Van Heusen (Head), Gene Snyder, Robert Gray, Charles Sisk (8:15 am); Van Fair (Head), Jim Morrison, Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am)

Spotlight on Members and Group Events



There are several musical services that will be presented in the Saint Mark Sanctuary. I will present a concert featuring **Organ, Brass Quartet and the Chancel Choir** Sunday, November 22, 4:00 pm. *All Choirs Christmas* will be held Sunday, December 13, 8:45 am and 11:00 am. *A Service of Lessons and Carols* will be held Sunday, December 20, 4:00 pm presented by the Chancel Choir with full-orchestra.

CROSS Club for Kids will sing for all three worship services on November 8. Additional information will be sent home with the children on November 4.

I'm involved with other upcoming concerts that might be of interest to you. Friday, November 13, 8:00 pm at Henderson Auditorium at Anderson University. **From Rent to Rigolett** presented by the GAMAC Chorale & Orchestra with special guests Megan Reader Mashburn, soprano, and Paul Sewell, tenor. This concert will showcase the music of the Broadway and Opera stage! Call (864) 231-6147 for reservations. The **Key Koraliens** Christmas Concert will be held Monday, December 7, 7:30 pm at Walhalla High School Auditorium.

- David Wilcox



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@saintmarkumcseneca.org.

Memorials and Honorariums

The following gifts have been received recently.

- In Memory of **Jack Whitener**
by James Chamberlain, Brittany Looney, Phillip Murphy, Charles Price, Pete Santora, (Saint Mark Memorial Fund) and by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Edlund (Saint Mark Endowment Fund)
- In Memory of **Hugh Mason**
By Mr. and Mrs. Parker Downing, H. Dennis Mason, Jr.



Nametags Say "Hello"



Thanks for faithfully wearing your Saint Mark nametag. If you don't have one, please see **Jeff** or **Steve** or the counter in the atrium.



Special Gift Provision Set to Expire

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows those over 70 ^{1/2} to make direct transfers up to \$100,000 from traditional and Roth IRAs to qualified charities. Many eligible donors benefit from this provision. If you are interested, you will want to explore this option soon, since it is set to expire at the end of the year.

Welcome!

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

- **Richard, Debra, Taylor and Lily Daum**
147 Pinnacle Pte Drive, Seneca, SC 29672
888-2735
- **Frank and Carol Eubanks**
329 The Bear Blvd., Tamassee, SC 29686 944-1300
- **Mike, Ashley and Savanna Jones**
P. O. Box 1024, Walhalla, SC 29691 803-422-0546
- **Tom and Ilene Lund**
13022 Betty Street, Seneca, SC 29672 723-9045
- **Peter and Susan Salis**
405 Moonbeam Way, Seneca, SC 29672 888-1704
- **Mary Walters**
Residences at Park Place, 115 Gillespie Rd. #116B
Seneca, SC 29678 973-4516



Poinsettias for Christmas

Please use the order form inserted in this *Navigator* to place orders for Poinsettias for the Christmas Holidays. You may purchase either a 6" Poinsettia for \$5 or an 8" for \$11 in honor or memory of someone.

Worship Ministry will display the flowers in the Atrium in our traditional poinsettia tree, in the Saint Mark Center, and in the Sanctuary. A listing of memorials/honorees will be inserted in the bulletin on December 20. You may place your orders through December 6th. Poinsettias may be taken home after the 11:15 AM service on December 27th.



Child Development Center Donations

If you are interested in donating to our Child Development Center, below is a list of always needed items: Kleenex, paper towels, baby wipes, Ziploc bags (large), glue sticks, crayons, markers, air freshener, Lysol disinfectant, Clorox wipes, and old toys and games that are still useable.



Thank you so much!
Carolynne Nix,
Interim CDC Director

Around the Church and Community

Pecans For Sale!

Seneca Junior Women's Club supports women's and children's charities in Oconee County, including Marvin's Kids! For nearly 20 years, SJWC has sold pecans in the fall as a fundraiser. The pecans will keep in the refrigerator for more than 9 months and in the freezer for more than 2 years. Afterwards, people always say that they never order enough of them! The chocolates are especially great Christmas presents. We plan to take orders until Oct. 30th. The pecans will arrive before Thanksgiving in time for holiday cooking and baking. Please make checks payable to SJWC. We will post an order form in the Atrium along with an envelope for the money. Contact **Paige Lowe** or **Beth Voss** with any questions. <http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us/webpages/bvoss/>



- *One pound bags: Halves - \$8.00
Pieces - \$7.50
- *12 oz. bags: chocolate covered in foil bag - \$7.00
- *8 oz. bags: glazed in foil bag - \$6.50
- *Spiral-bound Pecan Cookbooks (over 300 recipes)-\$10.00

Want to Celebrate Christmas Right?

One great way is to ring the Salvation Army bell. Please see **Curt Davis (882-1684)** to sign-up. You are guaranteed a warm feeling!



2009 Ministers' Benefit Cook-Off Set

Thursday, November 12

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Daniel High School Cafeteria

Taste Tickets are \$1.00 each

To benefit Safe Harbor II Women's Shelter



World War II Veterans Recognition

(continued from front page)

On **Sunday, November 8**, during the Church School hour (10:15 a.m.), we will recognize our veterans and solicit the support of the congregation in enrolling our Saint Mark World War II veterans in a program called *Upstate Honor Flights* (www.honorflightupstatedesc.com/)

Through this donation-supported program these heroes are flown to Washington D. C. on a charter flight and given an honor escort to *their memorial* on the Mall, before returning that same evening to a cheering crowd.

The Acts Class invites the entire Saint Mark family to come hear - Sunday, November 8 - how we can be a part of the next Honor Flight scheduled for next spring.

Toward this celebration, **please send me names of our Saint Mark WWII vets**, living and deceased.

Larry Waterman, Acts Class rep.

LarryW4881@aol.com



Church Family Night Saint Mark Center

Wednesday, November 4 at
5:30 pm -



- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Deli Sandwich, Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Chips and Dessert
- **Large Group Program** (see below)
- **Hospitality Group F** serving

Wednesday, November 11 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Salad Bar, Chicken, Pasta, Garden, Fruit, etc. and Dessert
- **Large Group Program** (see below)
- **Hospitality Group A** serving

Wednesday, November 18 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Baked Turkey, Cornbread Dressing, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls and Dessert
- **Large Group Program** (see below)
- **Hospitality Group B** serving

Wednesday, November 25 - No CFN
Happy Thanksgiving!

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

November Church Family Night Activities:

November 4

The Clemson University Gospel Choir, started in 1979, performs in numerous places around the upstate and will sing for Church Family Night on Wednesday November 4th at 6:15pm. Be certain you do not miss this group's performance!

November 11

Presentation by **Jens and Mary Holley** on their recent intercultural dialogue trip to Turkey.

November 18

Presentation by **Debbie Dubose**, Executive Director, OMH Foundation, on the Hospice of the Foothills, Cottingham House and how it is meeting a very important need in our community. There is so much to know about the services that our hospice house offers and the plan for its future growth.

Attention College Students

Any college student planning on graduating in December please contact me at 882-0924 or donlynnedavis@bellsouth.net. Also if any student has not gotten me their updated information please do ASAP!

Thanks, **Lynn Davis**

