



# The Saint Mark Navigator

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## **Navigator Mailing YOUR CHOICE:**

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As noted in last month's *Navigator*, in order to practice good stewardship, we are updating our Saint Mark *Navigator* newsletter mailing lists and asking that as many households as possible begin printing the newsletter on your home computer from email.

Again this month we are sending the newsletter by both regular mail and via email.

### PLEASE NOTE

*If you want to continue to receive a printed copy of the Navigator through regular mail, you must return the enclosed card. After this issue, you will no longer receive a printed Navigator through the mail, unless you request it. If you have already returned your card, please disregard.*

Please use the enclosed card to indicate your preference.

The newsletter is also available on the church web –  
www.saintmarkumcseneca.org.

## **High School and College Graduates**

We will be recognizing high school and college graduates on May 23. If your high school graduate has not been contacted or you have a college graduate to be recognized, please email **Donna Poston** at

dposton@saintmarkumcseneca.org by May 9.



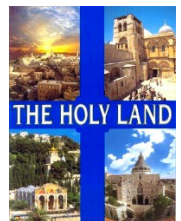
## **Next Pilgrimage Journey to Holy Land Set for 2011**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Saint Mark trip to the Holy Land is set for **February, 2011.**

The 10-day itinerary will include some of the same sites as the first tour, plus some additional sites.

There is no substitute for 'being there' on the land and at the sites of the Holy Land to understand scripture better. You can be certain that the experience will truly be life-enriching and unforgettable.

Please see **Steve** or **Jeff** for exact information.



## **Angel Wing Sponsorships**

On Sunday, May 9, you will have the opportunity to "buy" a *Wings for the Lord* youth for \$25 and sponsor that youth the week of tour. 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 30 concert. You may sign up in the atrium on Sundays. This contribution will help with meals each day while on the road.





## First Steps Ministry

Children Preschool-Kindergarten  
with Lisi Campbell

Thanks to all those that have been filling in for me while I am out on maternity leave. I really appreciate it. Both baby Reid and I are doing great! See everyone in May.

### Carrot Ministry

- A free monthly "Parents Night Out" childcare ministry offered for children infant-12.
- Next date: **Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-9:30
- RSVP for reservation: [lcampbell@saintmarkumcse Seneca.org](mailto:lcampbell@saintmarkumcse Seneca.org) by Thursday, May 6



### Sunshine Club - Concludes May 19

- For preschool age children
- Wednesday at Church Family Night
- 6:15 - 7:15 in Children's Church room

### Vacation Bible School 2010

- Set for August 1- 4
- Theme: *High Seas Expedition*
- Volunteers needed for decorating, registration, publicity, recreation, crafts, music, and more
- Please contact Lisi to 'set sail' with us this summer:  
[lcampbell@saintmarkumcse Seneca.org](mailto:lcampbell@saintmarkumcse Seneca.org)



## Youth and Children's Ministries

### Sailing Toward the Son

Grades 1 - 12 with Donna



### 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) - **Concludes May 23**

UMYF/Impact (5:30 pm) - **Concludes May 23**

Mondays - Grades 7 - 12

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

Tuesdays - Grades 7 - 12

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

Wednesdays - Grades 1 - Grade 12

*CROSS Club for Kids* (5:15 pm) - **Concludes May 19**

*PEP for Youth* (6:15 pm) - **Concludes May 19**



### Confirmation Sunday and Wings Choir

- We will honor our Confirmation class on May 2.
- *Wings* choir will also sing.

### CROSS Club for Kids Grades 1 - 6

- Our children in Wednesday *CROSS Club* will present the musical, "100% Chance of Rain" on May 19 at 6:30.
- *In His Steps* will also present "Voice of Truth" that evening.



### McHUMOR.com by T. McCracken



"If you see the congregation start to fall asleep, could you give me a little microphone feedback?"

### 2010 Graduates



- The Education Ministry team will sponsor a luncheon for our 2010 high school graduates on May 23.
- College graduates will also be recognized in the 9:15 Celebration service.

### UMYF/Impact Celebration

- We will leave after *Wings* practice on Sunday, May 23, to have a cookout sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Daum as our end of school year UMYF/Impact celebration. Please bring your \$2.00 supper money.



### Memorials and Honorariums

The following gifts have been received recently:

In Memory of **Juanita Carter** by Steven Farrar, Joyce Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Owen, Charlotte Padish, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Throne

In Memory of **Jay Price** by Frank and Pam Lamson-Scribner, Bill and Sandy Nelson and Jan Whitener



The deadline for submissions to the next **Newsletter Navigator** will be Friday, May 21, 2010 at noon!  
**DEADLINE** Thank you for your help!

### Church Office and CDC Closed

Monday, May 31 for  
Memorial Day



## Congregational Care Notes *by Jeff Childress*



### We Extend Our Sincere Sympathies to:

**Regina Gay** and her family on the death of her husband, **Norm Gay**. Norm was the father of Stu Gay and grandfather of Elizabeth and Danielle Gay. His memorial service was held April 22 at Saint Mark.

### Congratulations to:

- **Rhett and Gaynell Evatt** on the birth of their great-granddaughter, **Stella Jordan Feaster**, born April 19 to parents Whitney and Jason Feaster. The proud grandparents are **Claude and Rhetta Dalton**.
- **Kade McCall**, grandson of Clyde and Pat McCall, on recently receiving the Duke Scholar Award.
- **Paige Matthews Wolfe**, daughter of **Jim and Susan Matthews**, on her recent approval by the South Carolina United Methodist Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to be commissioned as a Provisional Deacon in June at the South Carolina Annual Conference.

### Personal Prayer Notes

**Helen Breedlove** – Receiving rehabilitation therapy at Lila Doyle following hospitalization for seizure  
**Lorraine Carlson** – Mother of Judy Hopp, under Hospice care in Atlanta, Georgia  
**Joan Chittenden** – Receiving rehabilitation therapy at Lila Doyle following recent hip replacement  
**Clemson University Library Staff** – Grieving the tragic loss of their friend and co-worker, Audrey Scull  
**Dorothy Collins** – Mother of Lisa Kiser, under intermediate hospice care in Atlanta  
**Wes Coon** – Improving at home following recent hospitalization for pneumonia  
**Don Davis** – With recent diagnosis of prostate cancer and facing surgery in the near future  
**Janet Figueroa** – With good recovery at home following recent gallbladder removal surgery  
**Jim Garretson** – Under doctor's care for prostate cancer  
**Wanda Glover** – Recovering from back surgery at Saint Francis Hospital in Greenville  
**Karen Hansen** – Continuing chemotherapy treatments for lymphoma  
**Lou Hansen** – Recovering at home following recent surgery  
**Chuck Hudspeth** – Recovering at home following recent hospitalization for pneumonia  
**Norm Jakust** – Continuing rehabilitation therapy at home following recent hospitalization  
**Jim Jolly** – Under doctor's care at Greenville Memorial Hospital  
**Ed Mainous** – Father of Carolyn Mainous, undergoing treatments for prostate cancer  
**Brittany McCall** – Granddaughter of Clyde and Pat McCall, recovering at home following recent kidney surgery  
**Ray Nichols** – With good recovery at home following recent surgery  
**Torie Hendrick** – Granddaughter of Clyde and Pat McCall, recovering at home following recent shoulder surgery  
**Dawn McIntyre** – Recovering at home following recent hospitalization  
**Peggy Nichols** – Undergoing physical therapy for dislocated shoulder  
**Paul Oliver** – Relative of Pauline Adams, with recent diagnosis of colon cancer  
**Dan Ritts** – Son of Dorothy and Paul Ritts, undergoing medical tests in Alaska  
**Jeff Ritts** – Son of Paul and Dorothy Ritts, scheduled for medical procedure April 27 at Greenville Memorial Hospital  
**Mitse Suit** - Sister of Lisa Kiser, facing lengthy recovery at home near Atlanta following recent surgeries  
**Ryan Wallace** – Son of Mike and Debbie Wallace, recovering from recent tonsillectomy surgery  
**Warren Wiese** – Continuing progressive recovery at home following recent hip replacement surgery  
**John Wilson** – Recovering at home following recent hip re-replacement surgery



### Remember Wilderness Way Girls' Camp As You Spring Clean

As you do your spring cleaning this year, please remember the Wilderness Way Girls' Camp Thrift Stores. We accept working appliances, furniture in good condition, and other miscellaneous items. All profits from our Thrift Stores go directly to support the good work at the girls' camp.

Wilderness Way Girls' Camp is a year-round wilderness therapeutic camping program for girls between the ages of 8 to 16. These girls are struggling and often failing in their family, school, and community. Past or present hurts often cause these girls to doubt themselves, distrust adults, and question God's direction for their life. We seek to help the girls learn to build and maintain trusting relationships as they make steps towards solving many big problems in their lives.

# Steve's Log

Dr. Steven Morgan, Senior Pastor



## Honor Journey

**The World War II Memorial,  
The Korean War Memorial,  
The Vietnam Memorial,  
The Lincoln Memorial,  
Arlington National Cemetery**

As I went on my privileged walk to these hallowed places on the *Honor Flight* last Tuesday with our World War II veterans, I was progressively moved by a deepening sense of reverence and awe.

I felt an enveloping cloud of mystery and sacred responsibility ensuing not just from awareness of the huge war sacrifices of so many, but also from a sense of our moral responsibility to each other and the way significance truly is a function of the community rather than of the individual.

As Lincoln said in his defining speech at Gettysburg, it is "altogether fitting and proper" that we should establish such memorial places. But, he added further, what is most important, without which the memorial places are but a mockery, is that we be dedicated to a certain nobility of character in our life together.

I think a part of what he meant was that the real meaning of such memorials is reflected in our sense of respect and duty in the common life.

In that way I wondered if the ultimate meaning of the *Honor Flight* really lies not so much in the tribute we paid to our wonderfully deserving heroic veterans as in our commitment to a certain kind and quality of communal life.

It's as if there is an *Honor Journey* of the Spirit that leads to a life of day-in and day-out sacredness and awe in regard to one another.

Blessings,  
**Steve**

## Faith Matters for March 28-April 25, 2010

### Attendance, Sunday, March 28

Sunday School .....	245
Worship 8:15 am Traditional .....	131
9:15 am Celebration .....	223
11:15 am Traditional .....	204

**Total Worship ..... 558**

### Attendance, Sunday, April 4

Sunday School .....	260
Worship 8:15 am Traditional .....	212
9:15 am Celebration .....	277
11:15 am Traditional .....	348

**Total Worship ..... 837**

### Attendance, Sunday, April 11

Sunday School .....	262
Worship 8:15 am Traditional .....	89
9:15 am Celebration .....	170
11:15 am Traditional .....	203

**Total Worship ..... 462**

### Attendance, Sunday, April 18

Sunday School .....	246
Worship 8:45 am Celebration .....	240
11:00 am Traditional .....	219

**Total Worship ..... 459**

### Attendance, Sunday, April 25

Sunday School .....	206
Worship 8:45 am Traditional .....	189
11:00 am Traditional .....	371

**Total Worship ..... 560**

## Financial Information through April 25, 2010

Budget Needed to Date .....	\$398,474.67
Received to Date .....	\$378,278.89
Received to Date (2009) .....	\$311,869.88

Budget Expenses to Date .....	\$368,296.45
Receipts (+ or -) Expenses .....	\$9,982.44

**Total Balance of all 3 Mortgages ..... \$2,108,410.52**

Visit the Finance Bulletin Board in the hall outside the church office. Itemized copies are available upon request.

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## EDUCATION UPDATE

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Retreat



Just a reminder that our 2010 plans include another Family Retreat on Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29, this year at Asbury Hills. You don't have to have children at home to "qualify." Anyone and everyone is invited to join us. This event is co-sponsored by the Education and Spiritual Formation Ministry Teams. Continue to watch for details and registration forms.

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION UPDATE

### Wear Red for Pentecost

Sunday, May 23 is Pentecost Sunday, a day to celebrate the occasion when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples gathered in Jerusalem, an event that resulted in the birth of the Christian Church. As followers of Christ, the Holy Spirit is still at work in and through our lives together - even today. Take a few moments to read about this prominent feast of the Christian year in the second chapter of Acts. Then come and celebrate the Holy Spirit together on May 23 by wearing red to symbolize the fiery tongues representing the Holy Spirit's presence.



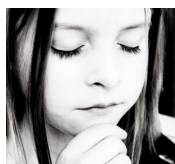
### Practicing the Presence of God through the Summer

We are fast approaching our summer break, when families have the chance to get away to rest and play and just be together. We encourage you to not take a break from Practicing the Presence of God over the summer months. Be creative to find ways to be mindful of God's Presence.

- † First, if you travel over a weekend, you may want to consider attending worship wherever you find yourself.
- † If you are *Walking With God in 2010*, continue to walk with your pedometer. Let it be a constant reminder that God is always near.
- † Find another spiritual discipline or practice, the purpose of which is to prepare you for more in-depth encounters with God. There are many books out about spiritual disciplines, including the one we read during Lent, *Living the Life You've Always Wanted*, by John Ortberg.
- † Read books of faith that will inspire or motivate you. There are many books out there designed to help to form your faith and assist your growth into a disciple of Christ. Check out our church library and [cokebury.com](http://cokebury.com) for suggestions.
- † Find ways to plug into the ministry of the Church.



Develop a plan for how you will be more intentional about your faith through the summer and into the fall. Don't let anything get in the way of your progress. Enjoy the summer, always mindful that God will never take a break from you!!!



### *Practicing the Presence of God*

*There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful, than that of a continual conversation with God. Those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it.*

*~ Brother Lawrence*

# Opportunities to Get Involved

## Confirmation Sunday 2010

On Sunday, May 2, seven Saint Mark youth will publically "Claim the Name" during the 9:15 am Celebration Service in the Saint Mark Center. These four girls and three boys have spent the entire year learning what it means to be a follower of Christ, specifically in the United Methodist Church. These young persons will become full members of our congregation. They are: **Emma Baldwin, Sarah Baldwin, Georgia Childress, Connor Cox, Taylor Daum, Ryan Hirt and Gabe Sanders.**



Please offer them your best wishes and help them grow into their role as members of the Body of Christ at Saint Mark.

## Please Help Our Helpless Animals

**Sarah Baldwin** is collecting supplies for the Oconee County Animal Shelter as her Confirmation Project. The shelter is in need of the following items:

- Dry pet food, especially kitten and puppy food
- Old towels and washcloths
- Cat litter
- Any other pet care items



If you can help, please drop off supplies in the atrium entryways during the next few weeks. Sarah will deliver them to the animal shelter on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Worship Matters for Sunday, May 2, 2010

**Acolytes:** Chaz Henry (8:15 am); Corinne Stephenson (11:15 am); **Altar:** Lisa Kiser (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Deryl and Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Pam Powell, Beth Voss; **Counters:** Lavonne Sloop, Polly Harshbarger; **Greeters:** Bob and Jean Barger (8:15 am); Elaine and Terry Swanson (9:15 am); Mike and Barbara McGrey (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Bob Holmes (8:15 am); Ryan Keese (9:15 am); Barbara Smith (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Anna Baldwin (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Ann Albert (9:15 am); **Sound:** Russ Poston (8:15 am); Russ Poston (9:15 am); John Prescott (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Joyce Carney; **Ushers:** Scott Wylie (Head), Beverly Wylie, Jim and Jackie Hamilton (8:15 am); Al Olson (Head), Lois Olson, Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am)

## Worship Matters for Sunday, May 9, 2010

**Acolytes:** Alex Baldwin (8:15 am); Brittany Pope (11:15 am); **Altar:** Joyce Carney (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Bart Sauer (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Linda Skene, Anna Wilson; **Counters:** Nancy Cottingham, Polly Harshbarger; **Greeters:** Jan Grousd, Dianne Smith (8:15 am); Fred and Hallie Mappus (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Janet Kehl (8:15 am); Ryan Keese (9:15 am); Gruber Sires (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Mike Wallace (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Barnette, Sarah Boylston (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jeff Pearson (8:15 am); Bob Walker (9:15 am); Greg Wales (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Jean Rogers; **Ushers:** Fred Mappus (Head), Hallie Mappus, Jim and Ilona Herd (8:15 am); Al Olson (Head), Lois Olson, Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am)

## Worship Matters for Sunday, May 16, 2010

**Acolytes:** Casey Barker (8:15 am); Evan Cherry (11:15 am); **Altar:** Sheryl Cherry, Lilly Blue (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Deryl and Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Ami Edwards, Mary Jo Clarkson; **Counters:** Frank Lamson-Scribner, Pat Barnes; **Greeters:** Jim and Susan Matthews (8:15 am); Ginny and Ray Lightfoot (9:15 am); Bill and Carole Metcalf (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Gene Snyder (8:15 am); Jane Johnson (9:15 am); David Schultz (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Adam Boggs (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Carol Detwiler (9:15 am); **Sound:** Mike Baldwin (8:15 am); Basil Carney (9:15 am); Jack Davis (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Lynn Dobson; **Ushers:** Steve Figueroa (Head), Marlene Edlund, Gene Strickler, Nancy Evatt (8:15 am); Al Olson (Head), Lois Olson, Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am)

## Worship Matters for Sunday, May 23, 2010

**Acolytes:** Erin Garland, Emma Baldwin (8:15 am); Leslie Lamson-Scribner, Graysen Morrison (11:15 am); **Altar:** Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Neil and Lisa Carney (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Debbie Wallace, Carrie Meigs; **Communion Servers:** Gene and Fran Snyder, Gladys Chastain (8:15 am); Al and Bobbi Diussa, Bob and Beth Keener, Bob and Debbie DuBose (9:15 am); Betty Fourspring, Fran Harper (11:15 am); **Counters:** Marlene Edlund, Bruce Phillips; **Greeters:** Al Diussa, Jan Grousd (8:15 am); Jan and Bob Carlson (9:15 am); Betty Guest, Ann Miller (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Martha Steele (8:15 am); Jane Johnson (9:15 am); Gene Snyder (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Bob Dobson; (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Connie Pond (9:15 am); **Sound:** Basil Carney (8:15 am); Jane Barker (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Fred Rollison; **Ushers:** Al Diussa (Head), Bob Holmes, Skip and Joyce Soderdahl (8:15 am); Al Olson (Head), Lois Olson, Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am)

## Worship Matters for Sunday, May 30, 2010

**Acolytes:** Sara Beth Wilson (8:15 am); **Altar:** Paula Daffin (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Basil Carney (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Christa Booker, Beth Voss; **Counters:** Debbie DuBose, Jack Peck; **Greeters:** Warren Wiese, Herb Reed (8:15 am); Carolyn and Deryl Keese (9:15 am); Dean and Gig Nelson (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Jean Rogers (8:15 am); Mack Cason (9:15 am); Janet Kehl (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Bob Dobson; (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Randy Collins (9:15 am); **Sound:** John Prescott (8:15 am); Russ Poston (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Dick Thompson; **Ushers:** Warren Wiese (Head), Betty Wiese, Ray Lightfoot, Andy Kehl (8:15 am); Al Olson (Head), Lois Olson, Dick and Joyce Thompson (11:15 am)

# Around the Church and Community

## How To Donate Fresh Flowers For Worship Service

Have you ever thought about donating fresh flowers for our traditional Sunday Morning Worship services? The flowers may be placed on the altar in honor of a person or group, in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special event, such as a birthday or an anniversary.

Donating fresh flowers is easy.

1. There is a flower sign-up book on a lectern in the left narthex on the choir room side of the sanctuary.
2. Write your name or the name of your group on the book calendar page for your chosen date.
3. You may take one of the magnetic flowers for your fridge to remind you of the date you have chosen.
4. You should contact the florist of your choice.
5. The florist will deliver the flowers to the church and place them into the appropriate container before the church service.
6. You should call the church office to provide information for the church bulletin.
7. Donated flowers are used at both traditional services. After the 11:15 Service, you may pick the flowers up to take home or you may want the Caring Ministry to have them to take to area nursing homes, hospitals and shut-ins for others to enjoy.



## UMW Mother's Day Luncheon

Saturday, May 8

11:30 am

Saint Mark Center

Adults . . . . \$15

Children . . . \$10

(10 and under)

*Join us!!!*

Fresh flowers in our worship service are a reminder of new life and nature's beauty.

The flower coordinator is **Ann Sires**. Contact for any assistance or further questions: 972-9325.

# THANK YOU!!!!

A huge thank you to the church and the Acts class in particular for providing 12 of our World War II veterans with an unforgettable trip to Washington, DC. It was first class all the way. Seeing the WWII Memorial was a high point of the trip, but the whole trip was a high point in our lives. We were provided with police escorts to visit all of the war memorials and back to the airport. At each stop we were honored by people waving flags and even had a band at Greenville and Washington airports. It was very exciting to say the least. The welcome home was unbelievable and another high point. We are deeply indebted to our church that made it possible for us to make this visit.

Thanks again to all of you and thanks to all of the guardians that traveled with us.

- **Saint Mark's WWII Veterans Who Participated in the April 20 Honor Flight**



During my recent health adventure, the prayers and well wishes of our Saint Mark family were abundant. We appreciate each card, phone call, visit and meal so very much. Instead of a dark time, you made it a time for thanksgiving.

- **Patti and Dale Gobel**

To My Saint Mark Family,

Words cannot express my heartfelt appreciation for all the phone calls, cards, flowers, visits from Steve, Phyllis and Jeff and the personal words of sympathy and encouragement after the recent death of my Aunt Helen.

I would like to say a special thank you to the Saint Mark Flower Girls who visited Helen every Monday morning. Your visits and the flowers you brought were a sign of God's love to Helen. On behalf of myself and the rest of Helen's family. Thank you again!

In Christ's Love, **Donna Jaynes**

Jean and I want to express our sincere appreciation to our Saint Mark Church Family, with a special thanks to the choir, for the thoughtful cards, telephone calls and prayers that we received relative to my sister Georgia's passing in February. It always makes a difficult time like this a little easier when you receive such caring support from special friends. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring church.

God Bless, **Jean and Austin Smith**

Saint Mark Church,

*Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.*

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and support during Mom's (Mildred Walker) illness and passing. It meant so much.

- **Sandi Walker**

I just want to thank the Saint Mark family, including the Caring Ministry and the Chancel Choir/Bell Choir for your cards and prayers. I am told that I am doing well and should be able to resume "normal" activities in mid June.

Again, thank you very much.

- **Hellmut Walter**

# Spotlight on Members and Group Events



**MUSIC NOTES**  
with David Wilcox



Please join me in expressing appreciation to the Chancel Choir. They have been very busy this season with special presentations in November, Christmas Lessons and Carols, the Spiritual Afternoon concert in Clemson; Holy Week presentations of Dubois' Seven Last Words of Christ and Easter Sunday. I am proud of their music-making and willingness to go the extra mile. Thanks as well to the Saint Mark Ringers for ringing Easter Sunday and also for joint concert with the Clemson Handbell Choir on Wednesday, April 14. That was a wonderful evening. Thanks to **Steve Cottingham** for bringing this program to us.

**CROSS Club for Kids** will present *100% Chance of Rain* Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 in the sanctuary. This musical tells the story of Noah and God's wonderful promise that came out of it!

The **Foothills Chorale** will present a concert "Unforgettable" a collection of beautiful songs from the last fifty years, Sunday, May 2, 2010 3:00 pm Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center, Southern Wesleyan University

The **Key Koraliers** will present two outdoor programs (Broadway Under the Tent) Monday, May 3 at the Keowee Key Clubhouse. The first program begins at 2:00 and will feature the Seneca High School Honors Chorale; the second program begins at 7:00 and will feature the Singing Men from Toccoa Falls College. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.00.

**GAMAC** Celebrates Our Local Stars with a salute to the popular music of Anderson native Johnny Mann as performed by the GAMAC Orchestra and local favorites! May 7, 2010, 8:00 pm, Henderson Auditorium at Anderson University. Call 864-231-6147 for additional information.

- **David Wilcox**

## METS (Meet, Eat, Travel and Serve)

Instead of meeting in May, we are going to the Flat Rock Playhouse on Thursday, June 3.

For those who have paid for tickets, we will meet for lunch at 11:30 at Kelsey's in Hendersonville at 840 Spartanburg Highway; phone number is 828-693-6688. We will order off the menu and receive separate checks. If you are signed up to take the bus, be at the church at 9:30 that morning.



METS has been participating in Banana Bingo at area nursing homes for many years. We are looking for volunteers to help with this service. It takes very little time and is a rewarding experience. You do not need to attend METS meetings in order to volunteer. For further information and to sign up, please call **Phyllis Storm** at 944-5836.

METS will not meet during the summer months, but will resume meetings on the 4th Thursday in September.

- **Andrea Paulson**

## Church Family Night Saint Mark Center

Wednesday  
Night  
Fellowship

Wednesday, May 5 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Fries and Dessert
- **Large Group Gathering with Program**
- **Hospitality Group D serving**

Wednesday, May 12 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Baked Chicken, Salad, Baked Potato, Rolls and Dessert
- **Large Group Gathering with Program**
- **Hospitality Group E serving**

Wednesday, May 19 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Pizza, Salad Bar and Dessert
- **Large Group Gathering with Program**
- **Hospitality Group F serving**

Wednesday, May 26 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Salad Bar, Chicken, Garden, Pasta, Fruit, etc. and Dessert
- **Large Group Gathering with Program**

Nursery available from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

(Menus are subject to change)



## Saint Mark Recognized By Salvation Army

At the recent annual Salvation Army recognition banquet, Saint Mark was awarded again this year the Gold Bell Award, which read "In recognition of the largest amount of money raised by a single organization at a Salvation Army of Oconee County Army kettle during 2009 Christmas season."

We are proud of the honor and thank **Curt Davis** for his tireless efforts in scheduling the bell ringers for this important task.

It was noted that the Oconee County Salvation Army Camp was one of the very few which had all volunteer ringers.

## Library Corner

Your Saint Mark Church was one of nineteen churches represented at the South Carolina Church Library Ministry Conference. This March 13th event was hosted by Seneca Baptist Church and Lifeway Christian Resources. **Donna Gordon** and **Charlie Garcia** were there with thirty six other attendees discovering ways to improve and upgrade our church libraries. As a result we will be incorporating some of what we learned into our library, hoping to influence our congregation into using the resources we have and introducing our young folk into the many stories and journeys taken through reading.



Recently, our library became the recipient of a new computer system and some new library management software. We hope to have it all up and running in a couple of months.