



# The Saint Mark Navigator

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

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## **Saint Mark Web Site**

[www.saintmarkumcseeca.org](http://www.saintmarkumcseeca.org)

## **Saint Mark Weekly Devotion Line**

882 - U R Calling Devotions (882-8723)

**Telephone:** 864-882-2603

## **2011 Budgeting Faces Critical Situation**

*Next week we will be sending an important letter to the congregation explaining special circumstances that make next year's budget different than any before and our support of it more urgent than ever before.*



*We have set  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21,**  
as  
Pledge Sunday*

*This will be a critically important day that truly will determine whether some ministries are budgeted or not.*

*We ask you, please, to approach this year's effort with special attentiveness and generosity.*

*An information meeting is set for  
Sunday, November 7, 5:00 p.m.*

**-Your Stewardship Planning Committee**

## **Marvin's Kids It's That Time of Year!!!**



Every November an important event happens to improve the lives of a group of Oconee County children in need: Marvin's Kids. This ministry has been helping children since 1980 when the late Marvin Cely saw a need, answered that need and then continued year after year to see that, first of all, children in the elementary grades who had inadequate clothing and shoes were taken shopping by volunteers. It was decided that Marvin's Kids would also help "Santa" with gifts for the children. Then it seemed hospitable that these children and their families should sit down and have a meal with their sponsors so a pizza party with a visit with "Santa" was held in the church social hall, now Saint Mark Center. *(continued inside)*

## **"Coats for a Cause"**



### **Can You Spare a Coat for a Neighbor?**

Men, women and children are in need of coats and sweaters at *Our Daily Rest* now that cold weather is on its way. On November 21 and 28, coat racks will be in the Atrium and also in the Narthex for you to donate gently-used garments. Kings Cleaners will clean donated coats at no cost.

Thank you,  
**The Service Ministry Team**



**Set Clocks Back One  
Hour Before Bedtime  
Saturday, November 6**



## **Christmas Dessert Theater**

*Wings for the Lord* youth choir will present our Christmas Dessert Theater with songs and skits on Sunday, December 5, with shows at 4:00 and 6:30 pm. Along with great entertainment, you will enjoy delicious homemade desserts provided by our parents. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be on sale beginning November 14 in the atrium.



**First Steps Ministry**  
Children Preschool-Kindergarten  
with Lisi Campbell



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



**Thank you Children!**

Thank you to all the children who helped lead the Children's Sabbath Services on October 17<sup>th</sup>. You did a wonderful job!!

**Carrot Ministry - \*\*VeggieTales Night\*\***

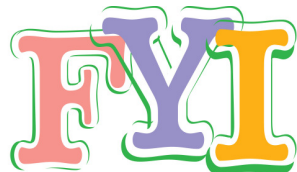
Carrot Ministry is coming up on **November 5th** from 6:30-9:30pm. This is a free childcare ministry for our children infant-12 years of age. Parents, please RSVP to Lisi Campbell at [lcampbell@saintmarkumcseneca.org](mailto:lcampbell@saintmarkumcseneca.org) as space is limited. Children will need to bring a snack and lemonade will be provided. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and enjoy a "Parents Night Out."



\*\*This is a special Carrot Ministry night that will include a NEW VeggieTales Movie called "It's a Meaningful Life." There will be balloons, activities and more to go along with the theme.

**Sonshine Club**

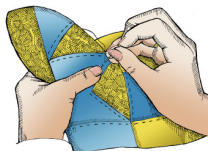
We hope you will join us for Sonshine Club if you haven't done so already. We meet Wednesday nights at 6:00pm in the gym and then immediately head upstairs for music. We will begin preparing for the 5:30 Christmas Eve service in addition to our normal activities. We always have lots of fun and we would love to see you there!



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

**Quilters for Christ Ministry**

Would you like to know more about our prayer quilt ministry? Please call Sandra Lowe 882-0816 or Jean Rogers 985-0422.



**Hearing Devices Available In Worship Services**

Please ask an usher if you need a hearing device during any of our services.



**Being Thankful**

I am so thankful for the Saint Mark family who supports our children and youth as they grow into spiritual maturity and a relationship with our Lord.

**November 5-7**

- Confirmation class will join other confirmands for a weekend at Lake Junaluska



**November 14**

- Wings for the Lord* will sing at worship services
- Tickets for Christmas Dessert Theater will go on sale in the atrium.

**November 21**

- 2:00 pm — Families make Advent wreaths

**December 5**

- Wings* choir Christmas Dessert Theater
- Shows at 4:00 and 6:30 pm, Saint Mark Center



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**Youth and Children's Weekly Activities**

**Sundays - Grades 7 - 12**

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

**Monday - Grades 7 - 12**

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

**Tuesdays - Grades 7 - 12**

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

**Wednesdays**

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



The deadline for submissions to the next *Navigator* will be **THURSDAY, November 18, 2010 at noon!** Thank you for your help!



## Congregational Care Notes

*by Jeff Childress*



### We Extend Our Sincere Sympathies to:

- **Townes Ramey** and his family on the death of his wife, **Betty Ramey**. Her funeral service was held October 17 at Saint Mark.
- **Jack Howell** and his family on the death of his wife, **A.J. Howell**. Her memorial service was held October 25 at Saint Mark.
- **Cathy and Herb Burrell** and their family on the death of Cathy's father, **Byron Hinson**. His funeral service was held October 22 in Douglas, Georgia.
- **Ralph and Darlene Yates** and their family on the death of Ralph's mother, **Bella Merola Yates**. Her funeral services was held October 25 in Seneca.
- **Steve and Ann Collier** and their family on the death of Steve's father, **Robert Franklin Collier**. His funeral service was held October 27 in Cornelia, Georgia.

### Congratulations to:

- **Tommy and Nell Hodge** on the birth of their new grandson, **Thomas Russell Hodge, III**, born October 9.
- **Barbara Reinking** on the birth of her 6<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild, **Xavier Ward Reinking**, born September 16, 2010 to parents Brian and Nicole Reinking and big brother, Luke in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- **Jack and Debbie Davis** on the birth of their new granddaughter, **Harper Anne Schumacher**, born October 14 to parents Nick and Katie Davis Schumacher in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.
- **Allen and Jamie Gerber** on the recent arrival home of their grandson from Korea, **Luke Amirzafari**. Luke's parents are Kam and Nancy Amirzafari.

### Personal Prayer Notes

**Mary Barnette** - Diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and consulting with doctors regarding surgery and treatment plans

**Ruth Bond** - Back home following rehabilitation therapy for stroke

**Jeff Cain** - Undergoing new series of chemotherapy treatments for cancer

**Bill Darling** - Received stem cell transplant last week for treatment of multiple myeloma

**Lynn Dobson** - Undergoing daily antibiotic infusions for infection

**Greg Hammill** - Continuing chemotherapy treatments following recent cancer surgery

**David Harshbarger** - Recovering at home following recent hip surgery

**Melody Holley** - Under doctor's care for continuing health concerns

**Martha Hope Jackson** - Cousin of Claudia Smith, remains under doctor's care for cancer and beginning new treatment plan

**Carolyn Keese** - Received her second chemotherapy treatment last week

**Phyllis Murley** - Mother of Betsy Prescott, recovering from surgery for broken leg at Seneca Health and Rehab

**Jim Myers** - Scheduled for kidney transplant surgery October 29 at Emory Hospital in Atlanta

**Ray Nichols** - Recovering at home following recent cancer surgery

**Leon Pressley** - Husband of Janice Pressley, undergoing treatments for brain tumor

**Howard Rich** - Brother of Lee Rich, recovering from cancer surgery and soon beginning chemotherapy and radiation treatments

**Juanita Sanders** - Continuing rehabilitation therapy at AnMed Rehab Hospital

**Jim Schoonover** - Back home and recovering nicely following surgery for broken hip while visiting Ireland

**Louella Skelton** - Back at Park Place after receiving rehabilitation therapy at AnMed Rehab Hospital

**Chuck Smith** - Recovering from recent rotator cuff surgery

**Kim Thomas** - Friend and neighbor to several at Saint Mark, undergoing treatments for brain tumor

**Barbara Weiner** - Recovering at home following recent foot surgery

**Jean Wilson** - Mother of Sandra Marrs, receiving rehabilitation therapy following hospitalization in Alma, Arkansas

### Library Corner

Our church library has received a number of generous donations of books, equipment and furniture.

We now have available for your use in the library, a donated combination TV/DVD/VCR player. Parents, come in and browse our videos/DVD's of Bible stories and Veggie Tales movies. Sit down with your child(s) and enjoy watching media that promotes faith and values. Special thanks to those who donated the player and the cart. A book cart has also been donated for ease of re-shelving.

Thanks to a generous donor, our library's fiction section has grown significantly. There are a number of books written by Francine Rivers, as well as other writers of Christian fiction.

Our library is a convenient, quiet and cozy place to sit and read. You are welcome anytime.



# Steve's Log

Dr. Steven Morgan, Senior Pastor



## ***Our Staff Will Help with Budgeting in Any Way We Can***

My fellow Saint Mark staff join me in reiterating what a privilege we consider it to be to serve here at Saint Mark.

We find great meaning, both personally and professionally, in believing that we are making life-enriching differences in the lives of many persons here and beyond.

Together, we recognize that, because of unique circumstances, next year, 2011, short of an extraordinary pledging result, is going to be different budget-wise than any we have faced before, and we gladly re-affirm our commitment to assist and cooperate in any way with what the congregation decides through our upcoming 2011 Stewardship Campaign.

We know that, unless pledges increase enough to cover the addition of our 2008 mortgage to the Budget, the Stewardship/Finance Committee will have to cut critical budget areas proportionately. We want what is best for the *whole* church and pledge our full support to that.

Though the extra mortgage makes budgeting difficult, even if we could we still would not go back and un-do the work this mortgage represents – our Youth Center, the Commons Room, the remodeled choir suite, the updated sanctuary, new Saint Mark Center sound and lighting, the new narthex – because these enhance our ministry opportunities to more people and benefit the whole church. We are glad the church went forward years ago with this visionary work for the future.

On another note, please come to meet our new district superintendent, Rev. Susan Leonard-Ray, at our annual charge conference at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17.

*Blessings,*  
**Steve**

## **Faith Matters for October 1-24, 2010**

### **Attendance, Sunday, October 3**

Sunday School .....	255
Worship 8:15 am Traditional .....	96
9:15 am Celebration .....	150
11:15 am Traditional .....	183
<b>Total Worship .....</b>	<b>429</b>

### **Attendance, Sunday, October 10**

Sunday School .....	253
Worship 8:15 am Traditional .....	87
9:15 am Celebration .....	157
11:15 am Traditional .....	178
<b>Total Worship .....</b>	<b>422</b>

### **Attendance, Sunday, October 17**

Sunday School .....	254
Worship 8:15 am Traditional .....	86
9:15 am Celebration .....	198
11:15 am Traditional .....	140
<b>Total Worship .....</b>	<b>424</b>

### **Attendance, Sunday, October 24**

Sunday School .....	251
Worship 8:15 am Traditional .....	96
9:15 am Celebration .....	164
11:15 am Traditional .....	176
<b>Total Worship .....</b>	<b>436</b>

### **Financial Information as of October 24, 2010**

Budget Needed to Date .....	\$1,007,906
Budget Income to Date .....	\$930,801
Expenses to Date.....	\$901,006

#### Mortgage Balances:

2008 Mortgage .....	\$1,611,411
* 1995 Mortgage .....	\$156,882
Parsonage Mortgage .....	\$72,824

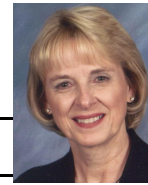
\* NOTE: Balance reflects payment of *IGNITE* pledges received and monthly mortgage payments.

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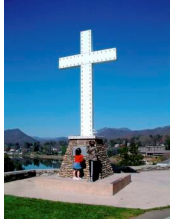
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## EDUCATION UPDATE

### Acolyte Blessing

On Sunday, November 21, three new acolytes will be blessed during the 11:15 am traditional service. They are **Emily Bibb, Berti Jungnick and Andy Stein.**



### Lake Junaluska Confirmation Retreat

On Friday, November 5, our five confirmation students, accompanied by three adults, will be attending one of the Confirmation Retreat weekends at Lake Junaluska with hundreds of youth from around the Southeast. This is always a highlight of the confirmation year. The youth who will be attending are **Emily Bibb, Carter Anderson, Berti Jungnick, Andy Stein and Loren Wales.** Please keep each of these young persons in your prayers for a meaningful and growing weekend.

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION UPDATE

### Prayer Group Continues

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 am in Room A202 (Church Parlor) for a time of focused prayer. We lift up everyone on the Personal Prayer Notes list in the Navigator, in addition to concerns of participants. This is an ongoing group, so feel free to come whenever you can.



### Come, Learn About Other Faith Traditions

Join those who signed up for the year-long adventure of exploring different expressions of faith. Our first field trip was to a Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, to learn about their traditions and beliefs.



Our second trip is scheduled for Sunday, November 14 to New Spring Church in Anderson. We will take a tour of New Spring at 5:00 pm, then worship with them at 6:00 pm. Our goal is to understand the phenomenon of the mega church. New Spring has become a model for similar emerging seeker-oriented churches. For more information, or to sign up to attend, contact **Marla Fuller** at 882-2603. To learn more about New Spring Church, go to their website at <http://www.newspring.cc/>

Future trips include a Buddhist Center, a Christian Science Church and Quaker Meeting.

### Are You Growing – Growing YOU Fall Quarter Classes/Studies

It's not too late to sign up for the last two small group studies/activities of 2010.

**A Pilgrimage Hike** with Alicia Spivey on Saturday, November 6, leaving Saint Mark at 9:00 am. The cost is \$10 per person for the cost of gas for the van.

**Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World?** with Marla Fuller on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00, November 23, 30, December 7 and 14.

You can conveniently register online at the church website: [saintmarkumcseneca.org](http://saintmarkumcseneca.org) or contact **Marla Fuller** at the church office.



### Advent Devotions



Once again, we will be preparing our traditional Advent Devotions for the upcoming Advent season that begins on Sunday, November 28. We are still looking for persons who would be willing to contribute a 350 word devotion. Advent is the season of the Christian year that we wait and anticipate the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We need 26 of you to share your story about waiting for God. We are also looking for poetry and artwork. The submissions will be due no later than Sunday, November 14. If you would like to contribute a devotion, poem or artwork to this project, contact **Marla Fuller** at 882-2603 or email her at [mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org](mailto:mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org). As in the last couple of years, the daily devotion will go out by email.

There will a limited number of printed copies for those who do not have a computer.

### *Practicing the Presence of God*

*The goal of prayer is the ear of God, a goal that can only be reached by patient and continued and continuous waiting upon Him, pouring out our heart to Him and permitting Him to speak to us. Only by so doing can we expect to know Him, and as we come to know Him better we shall spend more time in His presence and find that presence a constant and ever-increasing delight.*

*—E.M. Bounds*

# Focus on Volunteers

## Worship Matters for Sunday, November 7, 2010

**Acolytes:** Leslie Lamson-Scribner, Anna Holley (8:15 am); Evan Cherry, Rebekah Wales (11:15 am); **Altar:** Nancy Walker (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Deryl and Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Jill Seitz; **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); Jack and Joanna Donegan, Billy Boggs (11:15 am); **Counters:** Marlene Edlund, John Wilson; **Crucifers:** Alex Baldwin (8:15 am); Emory Childress (11:15 am); **Greeters:** Tom and Carol Christensen (8:15 am); Chuck and Janna Smith (9:15 am); Paul and Dorothy Ritts (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Janet Kehl (8:15 am); Larry Waterman (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Anna Baldwin (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Ann Albert/Linda Lovelace (9:15 am); **Sound:** Basil Carney (8:15 am); Russ Poston (9:15 am); Jane Barker (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Fred Rollison; **Ushers:** Scott Wylie (Head), Beverly Wylie, Jim and Jackie Hamilton (8:15 am); Jim Morrison (Head), Irby Adams, Bill Metcalf, Jane Gelsomino (11:15 am)

## Worship Matters for Sunday, November 14, 2010

**Acolytes:** Loren Wales (8:15 am); Casey Baldwin (11:15 am); **Altar:** Joyce Carney (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Bart Sauer (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Linda Skene; **Counters:** Cindy Waterman, Barbara Bosse; **Greeters:** Bob and Jean Barger (8:15 am); Jan and Bob Carlson (9:15 am); Bob and Rena Walden (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Gene Snyder (8:15 am); Bill Nelson (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Mike Wallace (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Barnette, Sarah Boylston (9:15 am); **Sound:** John Prescott (8:15 am); Bob Walker (9:15 am); Russ Poston (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Kathy Henry; **Ushers:** Fred Mappus (Head), Hallie Mappus, Jim and Iona Herd (8:15 am); Jim Morrison (Head), Irby Adams, Bill Metcalf, Jane Gelsomino (11:15 am)

## Worship Matters for Sunday, November 21, 2010

**Acolytes:** Billy Boggs (8:15 am); Graysen Morrison (11:15 am); **Altar:** Sheryl Cherry, Lilly Blue (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Lonney Ensign (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Debbie Wallace; **Counters:** Frank Lamson-Scribner, Gene Snyder; **Greeters:** Dick and Marlene Edlund (8:15 am); Ginny and Ray Lightfoot (9:15 am); Betty Bryant, Freida Phipps (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Jean Rogers (8:15 am); Joyce Ring (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Adam Boggs (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Carol Detwiler (9:15 am); **Sound:** Greg Wales (8:15 am); Basil Carney (9:15 am); Jeff Pearson (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Bobbi Diussa; **Ushers:** Steve Figueroa (Head), Marlene Edlund, Gene Strickler, Nancy Evatt (8:15 am); Jim Morrison (Head), Irby Adams, Bill Metcalf, Jane Gelsomino (11:15 am)

## Worship Matters for Sunday, November 28, 2010

**Acolytes:** Hayley Pearson (8:15 am); Gabe Sanders (11:15 am); **Altar:** Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Neil and Lisa Carney (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Paige Lowe; **Communion Servers:** Marlene Edlund, Joan Chittenden, Janet Kehl (8:15 am); Jim and Lisa Kiser, Bob and Beth Keener, Bob and Debbie DuBose (9:15 am); Betty Jane Fourspring, Jens Holley, Sally Boggs (11:15 am); **Counter:** Krissy Boggs; **Greeters:** Herb Reed, Al Diussa (8:15 am); Andrea and Chase Pate (9:15 am); Winnie Abercrombie, Sharlene Hammond (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Bud Search (8:15 am); Joanna Donegan (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Bob Dobson; (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Kelly Pew (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jack Davis (8:15 am); Gladys Chastain (9:15 am); Mike Baldwin (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Sandy Nelson; **Ushers:** Al Diussa (Head), Bob Holmes, Skip and Joyce Soderdahl (8:15 am); Jim Morrison (Head), Irby Adams, Bill Metcalf, Jane Gelsomino (11:15 am)



### 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 8:15 Service

Ushers are needed for the 8:15 am Traditional Service. Would you be willing to be trained and serve as an usher? We need to know prior to November 15, if possible, so that the 2011 schedule can be completed. If you would be willing to serve, please contact **Warren Wiese** at (864) 886-8570 or email him at [bwwiese@juno.com](mailto:bwwiese@juno.com).

**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.

### “Carrot” Ministry to Change Directions - Will you please help our young families? -

Begun as an enticement, a “carrot”, for young families, our once-a-month child care and evening-out ministry is changing and solicits your help.

In the hopes of better meeting the needs and schedules of present (and new!) young families, we *urge your support* in helping this vital ministry to chart a new course that more effectively reaches and meets the needs of young families – and enrolls volunteer assistants.

Beginning in December our Director of Young Children's Ministries, **Ms. Lisi**, wants to offer a monthly Saturday morning craft and activities event for ages 6 months to 12 years. This wonderful outreach ministry will require *at least three volunteer assistants*, male and female!!!

Children's Ministry



Will you give one morning a year toward the future of our church by signing up as a helper? No experience or skills are necessary – only concern for the future of our church and young families. Please contact **Lisi Campbell** at 882-2603 or [lcampbell@saintmarkumcsecula.org](mailto:lcampbell@saintmarkumcsecula.org).

# Spotlight on Members and Group Events

## Church Family Night Saint Mark Center

Wednesday, November 3 at  
5:30 pm -



- **Adult's Menu:** Baked Chicken, Side Salad, Seasoned Baked Potato Halves, Broccoli Casserole, Rolls and Dessert
- **Children's Menu:** Chicken Tenders
- **Small Group Studies**
- **Hospitality Group A serving**

Wednesday, November 10 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult's Menu:** Beef Stew w/Rice, Side Salad, Rolls and Dessert
- **Children's Menu:** Corn Dogs
- **Small Group Studies**
- **Hospitality Group B serving**

Wednesday, November 17 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult and Children's Menu:** Roasted Turkey, Corn Bread Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes and Dessert
- **Small Group Studies**
- **Hospitality Group C serving**

Wednesday, November 24 - No CFN

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

## M.E.T.S.

Our speaker this month is Michael Nicholson with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Mr. Nicholson will discuss topics regarding mail fraud and ways you can protect against it. He also has some interesting true stories of people "practicing" the mail fraud trade!



WHEN: Thursday, November 18

WHERE: Commons Room at Saint Mark

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

COST: \$6.00 per person

We will have platters of lunch meat, cheese and all the fixings to make your own customized sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be included. Please bring your tableware.

We will also have election of new officers for 2011, so it's important you attend to vote.

We welcome all newcomers to our METS meetings. Please make your reservation by calling **Andrea or Bill Paulson at 944-0659 by Monday, November 15.**



USHERS

## Organizational Meeting to be Held for 11:15 Ushers

If you are presently serving as an Usher at 11:15 or would like to, please come to a brief meeting on **November 14, at 10:15 AM in the Sanctuary.**

The primary purpose is to make a schedule available so that ushers may choose month(s); week(s); date(s) preferred to serve in 2011. This ministry isn't age or gender exclusive, so if you would like to serve in this very important role in our church, please attend the meeting or you may call or email **Gladys Chastain**, Usher Coordinator for further information. Phone: (903-2334); email: [ilovebelle@mindspring.com](mailto:ilovebelle@mindspring.com)

## Family Advent Wreath-Making Workshop to Teach About the Real Meaning of Christmas



The advertising for Christmas toys, decorations, and Santa Claus has already begun! Is this what we want our children to know about Christmas? The Worship and the Y'allship Ministry teams invite you as families to join us on Sunday **November 21<sup>st</sup> from 2 - 4 pm** in the Saint Mark Center to decorate a family Advent Wreath complete with candles which you will take home and enjoy each week during the Advent season. Children will also be decorating ornaments into which their pictures will be placed and then hung on the Family Christmas Tree in the Narthex for our entire Church family to enjoy. The Christmas tree in the Saint Mark Center will also be decorated. What a joyous family event to start off our 2010 Advent Season at Saint Mark. We look forward to seeing you on November 21<sup>st</sup>!

**Polly Harshbarger**, Worship Ministry Team Leader

THANK  
YOU!!!!

We would like to thank all the Sunday School classes and individuals who provided games and treats for us during the Fall Festival. Thank you for showing us the greatness of "giving".

**Children's Ministry**

Dear Saint Mark Family,  
Thank you for your prayers and hospital visits during Jim's surgery and recovery. I feel truly blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

With love, **Ginny Bench**

Dear Saint Mark Family,  
Thank you for the carnation and your thoughts and prayers during the recent birth of our son, Kevin. Thank you to **Steve and Jeff** for your visits to the hospital.

Thanks again,  
**Lisa, Neil and Kevin Carney**

Many thanks to **Jeff and Steve** for their visits and phone calls during my recent knee-replacement surgery. Thank you to **Janice Simpson** and the Caring Ministry for her visit and cheer-up balloons! Also, thanks to my wife, **Sandra**, for taking time off to care for me. Saint Mark Church is a truly loving and caring church.

**Richard Lowe**

# Around the Church and Community



## MUSIC NOTES with David Wilcox



Thanksgiving and Advent celebrations will be here in a few short weeks. Please mark your calendars and extend invitations for the following special services listed below.

We are planning a non-rehearsed Sing-a-Long **MESSIAH** and **100 Carols for Choirs** on Sunday, November 21, 5:00 pm in the sanctuary of Saint Mark United Methodist Church in Seneca. A Soup and Salad Supper for \$5.00 follows the festivities at 6:00 pm. Reservations for supper need to be made by November 15. Please let me know if you are attending.

**THE KEY KORALIERS** will present Music of the 60's at Keowee Key, November 22, 2:00 and 7:00 pm. See any of the Koraliers for tickets.

**ALL CHOIRS CHRISTMAS** – Sunday, December 12, 8:45 and 11:00 in the sanctuary featuring all Saint Mark Choirs and Liturgical Movement Teams.

**Service of LESSONS and CAROLS** – Sunday, December 19, 4:00 pm, Chancel Choir and Orchestra. The service includes carols for choir and congregation and readings from the Bible

- David Wilcox



### Ministers' Cook-Off

You are invited to the 8th Annual Ministers' Cook-Off  
**Thursday, November 11**  
**5:30 - 7:00 pm at Daniel High School**

Taste tickets are \$1.00 each  
Proceeds to benefit *Safe Harbor II*

Come support our culinary artists,  
**Steven (Stefan) Morgan and**  
**Jeffrey (Jaffrey) Childress**

Organized by Clemson Area Congregations In Touch (CACIT)

### Oconee Christian Academy Autumn Auction Extravaganza

**Saturday, November 13 at 7:00 pm**  
**Saint Mark Commons Room**

Tickets \$15 may be purchased at Oconee Christian Academy,  
Edward Jones/Wells Hwy or Treasures on First Street  
(No attendees under the age of 18)



### Suggestions for Living Life in Today's World

The following abbreviated article was published in the October Response magazine and submitted by the Spiritual Growth Coordinator of Saint Mark UMW. You may read the article in its entirety in our library.

- Take a walk alone today. Instead of allowing your mind to be distracted by all the things you need to do or all the worries you have, listen to your breathing, recalling that in **God** we live, move and have our being.
- Have a meal, sit down, and enjoy the taste. Consider the beauty of its origins and the labor and people it took to harvest and produce it.

### Marvin's Kids (continued from front page)

Our Marvin's Kids visitors are now visiting approximately 50 families in Oconee County so that complete lists of the children and their needs can be compiled.

You may wish to make cookies or help with the pizza party on Saturday, December 18.

The tradition continues to need much help from an army of volunteers! In fact you are needed to sponsor families for shopping at Wal-Mart on December 19, the same day of the pizza party in the Saint Mark gym. A sponsor simply assists the children in selecting an outfit of clothing. Members of the Marvin's Kids Steering Committee will also assist and be present to handle payment of goods.

We also need approximately 150 volunteers to be Santa's helpers. Each child has made a "wish list" and the helper is to purchase as much of the list as possible, not to exceed \$50.00. Gifts are then wrapped, addressed to the child from Santa and brought to the church. This is a critical need because our funds are designated for the clothing.

When possible children who live in a safe area are given bicycles and helmets. It is recommended that funds be donated because of different sizes.

Gifts are to be packed on December 22 and volunteers are needed. Santa's gifts and bicycles are delivered on Christmas Eve morning at 9:00 am, also by volunteers.

Of course, monetary donations to Marvin's Kids are needed and you can honor persons in this way. A festive card is sent to that person or persons informing him or her of the gift and the giver. Approximately \$140 to \$150 is spent on clothing for the children and with 150 children monetary gifts are welcomed.

Your wonderful support of this worthwhile ministry these 30 years is deeply appreciated.

Sign-up sheets, as well as those people to contact, will be available in the coming weeks.

### Memorials and Honorariums

The following gifts have been received recently:

- In Honor of **Special Friends** by Seneca Jr. Women's Club
- In Memory of **Frank Burdette** by Frank and Pam Lamson-Scribner
- In Memory of **Lorraine Carlson** by Mike and Judy Hopp
- In Memory of **Luzanne Griffith** by Frank and Pam Lamson-Scribner
- In Memory of **Sara Lawton** by Jeanne S. Morgan
- In Memory of **Wayman "Rick" Richardson** by Betty Bryant, Betty Jane Fourspring, Florence Hanzel, Bonnie Holmes, Freida Phipps, Bobbie Rebell

