



The Saint Mark Navigator

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Ignite the Note! The Final Steps



Your Council of Stewards and the *Ignite the Note* team leaders—**Martha Parker, Mike Wallace, and Larry Waterman**—encourage you to join us in the final phase of this effort to retire the Saint Mark Center debt.

To date, we have received over \$225,000 in pledges. 155 members of the Saint Mark family have joined us so far in retiring the debt on the Saint Mark Center, a place of worship and the center of so many vital activities of our Church. Only \$125,000 in additional pledges separate us from our goal, the burning of the Saint Mark Center note.

Now, we ask those of you who have not yet decided:

Will you join us in completing this effort?

Can you commit a small portion of your blessings to the Saint Mark Center, a building that will nourish the life of Saint Mark for decades to come?

Please act now—fill out and return your pledge card by placing it in the offering basket on Sunday or returning it to the Church office.

Together we can celebrate *Igniting the Note!*

Growing YOU Fall Quarter Classes

The Wednesday Night lineup of classes begins on October 6.

What's the Right Question to Ask of the Recession: Exploring the Spiritual Opportunities of the Economic Downturn

Facilitator: Pastor Steve Morgan

Cost: \$20 (includes the cost of book)

Location: Room A201

The First Christmas

Facilitators: Bud Search and Jeff Childress

Cost: \$20 (includes the cost of book)

Location: A204

Exploring the Middle East Begins October 13

Facilitator: Jamie Gerber Cost: \$5

Location: Commons Room

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Facilitator: Anna Baldwin Cost: \$5

Location: Room A102

Keep Your Brain Alive and Active

Facilitator: Suzette Cross Cost: \$5

Location: Room A203

See Marla's column inside for additional classes/studies

New Member Orientation Class Set to Begin

Our next membership exploration class will begin **October 10** and continue for 8 sessions on Sunday mornings beginning at 10:15am. Our first class on October 10 will take place at the parsonage – 501 Ben Hilda Drive (across the side street from the church). The purpose of the eight-week class is to learn about our faith, about Methodist emphases, about the people and programs of Saint Mark, and to get to know one another. If you are considering membership at Saint Mark, we hope you will come and be a part of this class. Please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting **Jeff or Steve** at 882-2603.





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



Carrot Ministry

Carrot Ministry is coming up on **October 1st** 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. Children will need to bring a snack. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and enjoy a "Parents Night Out."



Children's Sabbath Services - October 17th



We are so excited about this unique worship service with the theme "Speak, Lord! I'm Listening" that will occur on **October 17th** during the **9:15 and 11:15 services**. Our children will lead the worship services through songs, scripture, puppets, liturgical movement, and more. Please bring your neighbors for this special time together as we celebrate our children and remember those children that struggle in poverty everyday. *Kids - If you are interested in participating, please join us on Wednesday Nights for CROSS Club or Sonshine Club. For more information, contact either Donna or Lisi at 882-2603.*

Sonshine Club

Sonshine Club has gotten off to a great start and we hope you will join us. We meet Wednesday nights at 6:00pm in the gym and then immediately head upstairs for music. We are studying Bible Stories through books, crafts, games, movies and more. Hope to see you there!



Fall Festival - October 27th



We hope all of you will join us for the fall festival this year on **October 27**. We will have the children go from room to room this year and would love to have as many "booths" as possible. Contact Lisi if you will set up a booth at lcampbell@saintmarkumcseneca.org.



Living in the Light

Our youth fall retreat focused on following the light of God's will through prayer and scripture. We thank the leaders for their time and love on this wonderful weekend!

October 3

- 6:00 pm — *Wings for the Lord* will meet to travel and sing at Clemson UMC for "Evensong" Wesley group.

October 5

- 7:00 pm — *Young Adult Ministry* will meet in the Commons room

October 17

- 9:15 & 11:15 — Children in *Cross Club* and *SonShine Club* will lead Children's Sabbath Worship services.
- 4:00 pm — *Wings for the Lord* will travel to Mt. View UMC in Greenville to lead the 5:30 worship service.



Youth
Worship
Service



Fall Festival

October 27

- 5:30-7:15 pm — Children's Fall Festival

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 **Friday, October 22, 2010 at noon!** Thank you for your help!

Out of the Mouth of Babes

- Children seldom misquote. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said. ~Author Unknown
- There are only two things a child will share willingly - communicable diseases and his mother's age. ~Benjamin Spock, Dr. Spock's Baby and Child Care, 1945



Congregational Care Notes

by Jeff Childress



We Extend Our Sincere Sympathies to:

- **Amy and Mark Sanders** and their family on the death of Amy's father, **Frank Burdette**. His funeral service was held September 28 in Pendleton.
- **Larry and Barbara Smith** and their family on the death of Larry's sister, **Elaine Gaydon**. Her funeral service was held September 28 near Atlanta.
- **Jan Grousd** on the death of her son, **Scott Grousd**. Arrangements are being made in Newport News, Virginia.

Our Prayers Go With:

Ben Boggs during his 9 month deployment with the Navy to the Middle East. If you would like to offer Ben your encouragement, appreciation, prayers, and support, here is his contact information:

BM3 Benjamin Boggs
USS Carter Hall, LSD50
Deck Dept, 2nd Div
FPO AE 09753-1738
email: bboggs@lsd50.navy.mil

Personal Prayer Notes

Jim Bench – Husband of Ginny Bench, recovering from prostate surgery

Ruth Bond – Recovering from a stroke at Oconee Medical Center

Jeff Cain – Undergoing new series of chemotherapy treatments for cancer

Bill Darling – Receiving treatment for multiple myeloma

Lynn Dobson – Receiving antibiotic therapy for infection at surgical site from recent cancer surgery

Cindy Edgerton – Continuing recovery at home following recent back surgery

Hazel Ziegler Ellis – Sister of Sue Crane, under doctor's care for cancer in Tallahassee, Florida

Earle Galbraith – Cousin of Ginny Argue, under doctor's care for cancer in Chula Vista, California

Bert Garrison – Friend of Tom and Claudia Smith, undergoing treatment for cancer

Greg Hammill – Continuing chemotherapy treatments following recent cancer surgery

Jean Hickok – Continuing recovery at home following recent hospitalization for blood clot

Arramenta Hite – Back home following rehabilitation therapy at Lila Doyle for knee replacement

H.B. Hite – Back home following rehabilitation therapy at Lila Doyle for broken hip

A. J. Howell – Under doctor's care at Lila Doyle following recent hospitalization

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

Silvia Jung – 106 year-old mother of Ginny Bench, hospitalized for pneumonia at St. Luke in Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Carolyn Keese – Beginning 18-week chemotherapy treatment plan this week

Phyllis Murley – Mother of Betsy Prescott, under Hospice care at Morningside Assisted Living in Seneca

Dean Nelson – Scheduled for foot surgery September 30 at St. Francis in Greenville

Ray Nichols – Recovering from extensive cancer surgery at MUSC in Charleston

Leon Pressley – Husband of Janice Pressley, undergoing treatments for brain tumor

Ric Richardson – Husband of Dolores Richardson, in declining health at Greenville Memorial Hospital

Joyce Ring – Recovering from recent knee replacement surgery at Greenville Memorial - Patewood

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

Jim Turner – With continuing health concerns and consulting with doctors in Augusta, Georgia

Mortie Walling – Father of Debbie Davis, receiving rehabilitation therapy at Baptist Hospital in Columbia following recent automobile accident

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

Margaret Workman – Back home following rehabilitation therapy at Seneca Health and Rehab

Library Corner

Your Saint Mark library team is busy, behind the scenes, bringing our library into the 21st Century. During this coming year, we hope to be able to scan books using a barcode system. We are planning to have a VHS/DVD player available for you to view the visual media that we have on our shelves. If you haven't visited our library, stop by and see how we are growing.

Your library team members are: **Donna Gordon** (leader), **Charlie Garcia**, **Emily Sluder**, **Anita Bearden**, **Polly Fehler** and staff member, **Marla Fuller**.

We are always happy to receive donations of books, VHS and DVD visual media. Just drop them off in the library. We are particularly looking for gently used children's materials.

On our church website (saintmarkumcseneca.org), take a look at book reviews of two of the books in our church library. Look under "All Hands Ministry" and click on "Library".



Steve's Log

Dr. Steven Morgan, Senior Pastor



Finalizing Plans for Our 2nd Pilgrimage Journey to Holy Land

Our 2nd Saint Mark trip to the Holy Land is set for early **February, 2011**.

We will hold an itinerary overview meeting with a covered-dish supper beforehand on **Sunday, October 24**. **This is open to all interested persons.**

If you still may be interested in the trip, do come! It's not too late to join, but we are in the process of finalizing our plans.

The meeting will be a site-by-site briefing on our itinerary in order to provide background information to add meaning to what we will be seeing and experiencing.

The sites we will visit include the Sea of Galilee and the surrounding area, the River Jordan, Capernaum, Jesus' hometown of Nazareth, Bethlehem, stunning Masada, the Dead Sea, and, of course, Jerusalem.

By special arrangement we will also be visiting Nazareth Village (a recreation of ancient Nazareth), Sepphoris, the Herodion (the massive tomb of King Herod), and a place rarely seen by tourists - Hezekiah's Tunnel.

We will also be visiting what was for me a highlight of our first trip: the desert oasis of Ein Gedi.

You are most welcome to attend this overview meeting if you have any possible interest in the trip. And please bring a covered-dish to share.

**October 24
6:00 p.m.
Commons Room**

We promise an unforgettable and life-enriching experience of insight into scripture.

Please see Jeff or me for further information - 882-2603.

Blessings,
Steve

Faith Matters for August 29-September 26, 2010

Attendance, Sunday, August 29

Sunday School	277
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	108
9:15 am Celebration	189
11:15 am Traditional	177

Total Worship 474

Attendance, Sunday, September 5

Sunday School	232
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	96
9:15 am Celebration	153
11:15 am Traditional	220

Total Worship 469

Attendance, Sunday, September 12

Sunday School	255
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	89
9:15 am Celebration	169
11:15 am Traditional	176

Total Worship 434

Attendance, Sunday, September 19

Sunday School	270
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	92
9:15 am Celebration	164
11:15 am Traditional	197

Total Worship 453

Attendance, Sunday, September 26

Sunday School
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	83
9:15 am Celebration	152
11:15 am Traditional	173

Total Worship 408

Financial Information as of September 26, 2010

Budget Needed to Date	\$914,147
Budget Income to Date	\$845,741 *
Expenses to Date	\$824,606

Mortgage Balances:

* 2008 Mortgage	\$1,615,338
1995 Mortgage	\$221,384
Parsonage Mortgage	\$73,104

* NOTE: Presently our 2008 mortgage is being paid out of our CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND at the rate of \$12,675 per month. The balance remaining now in this CAPITAL FUND account is \$65,727, which will be depleted by the end of the year. *IGNITE THE NOTE* is a special campaign to *pay off* the debt created in 1995 to build the Saint Mark Center and atrium. If we can pay off that mortgage before the end of 2010, \$98,000 will be removed from future annual payments, and we will save over \$36,000 in interest charges.

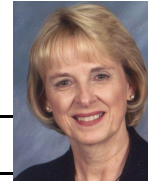
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EDUCATION UPDATE



Sunday School Class Merger

The Timothy Class and the Isaiah Classes, both of which meet at 9:15 am following the 8:15 Traditional Service, are merging to form one class. The class meets in Room A203.

Acolyte Training

The word "acolyte" comes from an ancient Greek word that means helper. Acolytes have been an important part of the heritage of the Christian Church since the 3rd century AD. As acolytes light the candles in the traditional services, they remind us of why we gather together in the name of Christ – to worship the One who is the Light of the world. Training for our new class of acolytes will be on Sunday, October 17 at 12:30 pm (a light lunch will be provided). **Ila Kittle**, our acolyte coordinator, **Barbara Stephenson** and **Marla Fuller** will be doing the training. On Sunday, November 21, the acolytes will be consecrated for service. Training is for persons 6th grade or older. Adults are invited to serve as acolytes, as well. If interested, please contact **Marla Fuller** at 882-2603 by no later than Sunday, October 10.



SPIRITUAL FORMATION UPDATE

Blessing of Pets

As autumn arrives, people in various places may notice something odd. A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, is led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets.

This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all of God's creatures. His Feast Day is October 4.

The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic – an indescribable bond of love. No wonder people enjoy the opportunity to take their animal companions to church for a special blessing.

Saint Mark will conduct a service to bless our beloved pets on Sunday, October 10 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm. You are invited to bring your family pet(s) to Saint Mark to be blessed in the meadow behind the Saint Mark Center (gym). This is a wonderful event for the entire family. Watch for more information on our church website.



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

It's not too late to sign up for many of our small group studies/classes.

In addition to our Wednesday evening classes/studies, you may want to sign up for our other upcoming classes:

Clip Your Way To Big Savings with Karen Holcombe on Tuesday, October 19 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm

A Pilgrimage Hike with Alicia Spivey on Saturday, November 6, leaving Saint Mark at 9:00 am. The cost is only \$10 per person and includes 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.

Sign up using the registration form, or you can conveniently register online at the church website: saintmarkumcseneca.org or contact **Marla Fuller** at the church office (882-2603)



Prayer Group Begins

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in Room A202 (Church Parlor) for a time of focused prayer. We will lift up everyone on the Personal Prayer Notes list in the *Navigator*, in addition to concerns of participants. This will be an ongoing group. The first gathering will be on Wednesday, October 6 at 10 am. For more information, contact **Marla Fuller** at the church office (882-2603)

Calling All Writers

We are looking for persons who would be willing to contribute a 300 word devotion for our annual Advent Devotion Booklet. Advent is the season of the Christian year that we wait and anticipate the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We need 26 people to share a story about waiting for God. If you would like to write a devotion, contact **Marla Fuller** at 882-2603 or email her at mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org.

Practicing the Presence of God

Prayer is not a way of making use of God; prayer is a way of offering ourselves to God in order that He should be able to make use of us. It may be that one of our great faults in prayer is that we talk too much and listen too little. When prayer is at its highest we wait in silence for God's voice to us; we linger in His presence for His peace and His power to flow over us and around us; we lean back in His everlasting arms and feel the serenity of perfect security in Him.

– William Barclay



Focus on Volunteers

Worship Matters for Sunday, October 3, 2010

Acolytes: Sara Beth Wilson (8:15 am); Taylor Daum (11:15 am); **Altar:** Nancy Walker (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Deryl and Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Jill Seitz; **Communion Servers:** Gene and Fran Snyder, Marlene Edlund (8:15 am); Bob and Nancy Walker, Jim and Susan Matthews, Larry and Cindy Waterman (9:15 am); Ed McCann, Fran Harper, Jens Holley (11:15 am); **Counters:** Lee Gallaher, Gene Snyder; **Crucifers:** Will Edgerton (8:15 am); Casey Baldwin (11:15 am); **Greeters:** Bob and Carol Holmes (8:15 am); Chuck and Janna Smith (9:15 am); Mike and Barbara McGrey (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Gene Snyder (8:15 am); Jane Johnson (9:15 am); Barbara Smith (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Anna Baldwin (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Ann Albert/Linda Lovelace (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jack Davis (8:15 am); Russ Poston (9:15 am); Mike Baldwin (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Wally Storm; **Ushers:** Warren Wiese (Head), Jack Peck, Ray Lightfoot, Bob Gray (8:15 am); Carl Kennedy (Head), Janis Kennedy, Jim and Barbara Smith (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, October 10, 2010

Acolytes: Courtney Johnson (8:15 am); Emory Childress (11:15 am); **Altar:** Joyce Carney (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Bart Sauer (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Linda Skene; **Counters:** Joyce Ogg, Cindy Waterman; **Greeters:** Jim and Jackie Hamilton (8:15 am); Bill and Carol Metcalf (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Frank Lamson-Scribner (8:15 am); Jane Johnson (9:15 am); Gladys Chastain (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Mike Wallace (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Barnette, Sarah Boylston (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jane Barker (8:15 am); Bob Walker (9:15 am); Basil Carney (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Jane Hughey; **Ushers:** Richard Christensen (Head), Phyllis Christensen, John and Martha Steele (8:15 am); Carl Kennedy (Head), Janis Kennedy, Jim and Barbara Smith (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, October 17, 2010

Acolytes: Chaz Henry (8:15 am); Kelsey Sauer (11:15 am); **Altar:** Sheryl Cherry, Lilly Blue (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Lonney Ensign (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Debbie Wallace; **Counters:** Marlene Edlund, Cindy Waterman; **Greeters:** Bob and Nancy Walker (8:15 am); Elaine and Terry Swanson (9:15 am); Florence Hanzel, Jane Gelsomino (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Mary Search (8:15 am); Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); David Schultz (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Adam Boggs (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Carol Detwiler (9:15 am); **Sound:** Russ Poston (8:15 am); Basil Carney (9:15 am); John Prescott (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Joyce Carney; **Ushers:** Alan Van Heusen (Head), Gene Snyder, Bob Gray, Charles Sisk (8:15 am); Carl Kennedy (Head), Janis Kennedy, Jim and Barbara Smith (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, October 24, 2010

Acolytes: Brittany Pope (8:15 am); Anna Wilson (11:15 am); **Altar:** Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Neil and Lisa Carney (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Paige Lowe; **Counters:** Jack Peck, Cindy Waterman; **Greeters:** Bob and Margaret Alexander (8:15 am); Ginny and Ray Lightfoot (9:15 am); Dean and Gig Nelson (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Martha Steele (8:15 am); Gene Snyder (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Bob Dobson; (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Kelly Pew (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jeff Pearson (8:15 am); Gladys Chastain (9:15 am); Greg Wales (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Jean Rogers; **Ushers:** Clyde McCall (Head), Dean Garland, Carolyn Kohlenhoefer, Jack Peck (8:15 am); Carl Kennedy (Head), Janis Kennedy, Jim and Barbara Smith (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, October 31, 2010

Acolytes: Will Edgerton (8:15 am); Emma Baldwin (11:15 am); **Altar:** Paula Daffin (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Basil Carney (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Lisi Campbell; **Counters:** Marlene Edlund, John Wilson; **Greeters:** Cile Cely, Jan Groud (8:15 am); Carolyn and Deryl Keese (9:15 am); Sharlene Hammond, Ann Miller (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Bob Holmes (8:15 am); Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); Janet Kehl (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Basil Carney; (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Randy Collins (9:15 am); **Sound:** Mike Baldwin (8:15 am); Bob Walker (9:15 am); Jack Davis (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Dick Thompson; **Ushers:** Bill Shimel (Head), Charlotte Shimel, Polly Harshbarger, Joan Chittenden (8:15 am); Carl Kennedy (Head), Janis Kennedy, Jim and Barbara Smith (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? – Homework Helpers for Club 2:45 at Blue Ridge Elementary School

Volunteers are needed for **Club 2:45: Afterschool Program** at Blue Ridge Elementary School.

Homework Helpers are needed in the cafeteria from 3:00-3:45 pm Monday - Thursday. Your time volunteering would help a child in our program. Contact **Anna Baldwin** at baldwi2@clemsun.edu with any questions you might have.

† Will You Plug In? – Preparing and Serving Communion

If you have never participated in preparing or serving Communion and think you might like to, please join us on Saturday morning October 2 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM to see if this is a service you might enjoy participating in. We will show how it is served and will discuss the difference between intinction and kneeling Communion. The information will be presented as an overview to help you decide if you might be interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve in our Church. No prerequisites are needed! All are welcome!!! Please contact **Polly Harshbarger** at dharsbarg@aol.com or leave a message at 886-0330 so we will know to expect you.

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

Spotlight on Members and Group Events

Church Family Night Saint Mark Center

Wednesday, October 6 at
5:30 pm -



- **Adult's Menu:** Chicken Casserole, Side Salad, Wild Rice, Rolls and Dessert
- **Children's Menu:** Chicken Tenders
- **Small Group Studies**
- **Hospitality Group B serving**

Wednesday, October 13 at 5:30 pm -

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

Wednesday, October 20 at 5:30 pm -

- **Adult's Menu:** Vegetable Beef Soup, Cornbread, Side Salad, and Dessert
- **Children's Menu:** Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- **Small Group Studies**
- **Hospitality Group D serving**

Wednesday, October 27 at 5:30 pm -

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

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

**THANK
YOU!!!!**

I would like to thank **Steve and Jeff** for their many prayers and visits. Thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and food during my recent knee surgery. You're such a very special church family and may God bless all of you!

Love to all, **Dot Brackett**

Dear Saint Mark Family,
Thanks for the prayers and support you surrounded me with during my recovery from back surgery. The cards, phone calls, meals, and flowers brightened many days for me! I am blessed to be a part of such a loving church family.

Love, **Cindy Edgerton**

Many thanks to **Steve, Jeff**, friends, and the Saint Mark OMH volunteers who came to see me in the hospital. Also, thank you all for your prayers, cards, meals, balloons, and phone calls. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring church.

Art Hirt

Dear Friends,

Don and I wish to thank you for your love and support during this sad time in our lives with the passing of my mom, **Marty Kaiser**. You befriended her in her latter years and it brought her joy.

Penny and Don Little

Dear Saint Mark Friends,

Thank you so much for the recent donation of \$200 to the Family Friends Program from your Caring Ministry. These funds will be used for such things as school supplies, a new tire, or fees for a school field trip for a needy child. We are always so grateful for the many ways Saint Mark has supported the families in the Family Friends Program over the years.

Sincerely, **Sandra Pruitt**, Family Friends/United Way

Dear Saint Mark Family,

We want to thank the Saint Mark family and staff for all the cards, expressions of caring and prayers during our granddaughter's recent illness and death. We felt your loving presence during our trip to Michigan and on our return home. And to **Steve and Jeff**, you both went beyond what you had to do. The visits with you and the calls when we were on the road were tremendously comforting. We miss **Liz**, but we have twenty-eight years of wonderful memories and a beautiful great granddaughter we treasure.

With love and gratitude for your being there when we needed you. **Bud and Mary Search**

Attention All Methodist Women



A Special Invitation - The United Methodist Women (UMW) of Saint Mark, invites every woman who is not a member of the UMW to visit a circle. Meetings are held in either members homes or at the church the beginning of the month. For information regarding time and place call **Bobbi Diussa** at 944-9418.

Get More Involved - Being part of the UMW Reading Program is exciting, informative and easy to do. Each participant is required to read at least 4 books, one from each of the following categories: Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth and peruse 2 magazines; namely, *Response* and *New World Outlook*. The books, magazines and registration forms are located in the UMW section of the library. The completed forms may be placed in the UMW mail slot across from the church office. Any questions contact **Ginny Argue** at 638-3454. You will be surprised at what you will learn and how you will grow spiritually as a result of being a part of this program.



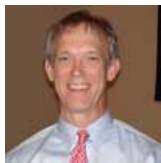
Treasures Beyond Measure Yard Sale

The Child Development Center will be having a yard sale/bake sale on **Saturday, October 16** from 7:00 am until 12:00 pm in the circle next to the CDC, in the gym if it rains. Donations are currently being accepted. If you would like to make a furniture donation, please do so on Friday, October 15 between 5:30 and 6:30 pm. We will also be accepting donations of baked goods. Please let us know if you are willing to help with this. For additional information, please contact **Carolynne, Terri, or Becca** at 882-0333 or (cdcdirector@saintmarkumcseca.org).

Around the Church and Community



MUSIC NOTES with David Wilcox



Children's Sabbath is a program designed to promote awareness of children's needs and our responsibility to meeting their needs as a church. **SonShine Club** (K4 & 5) and **CrossClub for Kids** (Grades 1-6) will take a significant role in leading the 9:15 and 11:15 worship services on October 17. For 2010, the Children's Sabbath theme is: *Speak, Lord! I'm Listening!* Throughout history God has repeatedly called children into service for Him. Age is inconsequential when it comes to the calling of the Holy Spirit and the ability of a child to be obedient and respond to God's voice. It is our duty and privilege to say, *'Speak, Lord! I'm ready to listen.'*

A new **Hand Chime Choir** has started for children grades 4-6 on Wednesday afternoon 4:30-5:15. **WINGS** will be traveling to present programs and lead worship in other churches. Donna has more information about the **WINGS** outreach in her column.

The Chancel Choir continues to add new singers. Mark your calendars for special Advent services: November 21 – Sing-a-long Messiah 5:00 pm; December 12 - All Choir Christmas, 8:45 & 11:00 am; December 19, 4:00 pm – Service of Lessons and Carols, with orchestra.

Listed below are two area concerts that might be of interest.

Celebrate the Majesty of the Organ, Friday, October 8, 8:00 pm, Boulevard Baptist Church. GAMAC Orchestra with Kenneth Varner, Organ. Call 864.224.8724 for ticket information.

An Evening at Toccoa Falls, Saturday, October 30. Concert by the Music Department in Gate Cottage and Dinner Buffet at the New Gate Cottage Restaurant. Contact Hellmut Walter 864.944.1832.

- David Wilcox

We're So Glad You Are Here!

We are delighted to welcome **Cora Keese** "officially" into our fellowship. Her contact information is:
5106 W. Oak Hwy, Westminster, SC 29693, 972-0593,
cmallard_22@hotmail.com



Coming Soon...Coats for a Cause

Sponsored by the Service Ministry Team to benefit *Our Daily Rest*. Be checking your closets for any good, little-used coats that could benefit those in need. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Rosa Clark Medical Clinic Needs Your Help

The Rosa Clark Medical Clinic has been chosen as a grant recipient in the amount of \$2,500 from the Foothills Community Foundation contingent upon the clinic's ability to raise \$2,500 in matching funds. We are requesting donations from area churches and church members to meet this goal. If you are able to give, please send your donation to: Rosa Clark Medical Clinic, 210 S. Oak Street, Seneca, SC 29678, Attn: Matching Grant. Thank you so much for your help!

Marlene Edlund, Rosa Clark Medical Clinic Board Member



Pink Sunday

On Sunday, October 24th our church will be joining many churches across the nation to sponsor Pink Sunday. The

purpose of this important event is to educate the congregational members about the importance of early breast cancer detection. There will be a table set up in the atrium on Pink Sunday, (look for the pink tablecloth), with breast health information packets available. We encourage you to wear one of the pink ribbons that also will be provided. We will be sharing a moment of silence in all three worship services to honor those who are survivors of this disease and those who lost their lives due to breast cancer.

Pink lemonade will be served instead of the traditional lemonade. Please take time to remember those who have been affected by this disease and encourage the women in your life to have regular exams and mammograms. All women should schedule regular exams and mammograms for themselves to ensure early detection.

M.E.T.S.

The October meeting of METS will be an outing to Toccoa Falls in Georgia.



WHEN: Saturday, October 30

WHERE: Toccoa Falls, Georgia

TIME: Bus pick up at 1:30 p.m. at the Keowee Key Reception Center

COST: \$35.00 (inclusive)

This trip includes a guided tour of Toccoa Falls followed by a tour of the outdoor museum. There will be a concert at 4:00 p.m. by the Singing Men and the Jazz Orchestra, and dinner at 5:00 p.m. at the new Gate House.

Contact **Hellmut Walter** at 944-1832 for further information and to purchase tickets. Bus transportation is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so purchase your tickets early.

Memorials and Honorariums

The following gifts have been received recently:

- In Honor of **Marvin and Jane Pridgen** by Lynn and Ellen Ward (for SMURF)
- In Memory of **Jim Jolly** by Ralph and Barbara Dupont
- In Memory of **Margaret Kaiser** by Robert and Jane Hughey
- In Memory of **Fay Watson** by John and Shirley Byrne, John and A.J. Howell, Dick and Marlene Edlund, Robert and Jane Hughey, Bob and Mary Gillen, Charlene and Brad Crosby, Kathleen and Jim Strandberg, Suzanne Stoeck, Linda DeKreek, Rev. Peter J. Schavitz C.Ss.R.

Pumpkin Patch! Get Your Pumpkins Here!

Trinity UMC of Anderson presents its eighth annual "Pumpkin Patch" on October 7-31. All proceeds are for mission projects. *Camp Providence will be one of the recipients of this year's funds along with Family Promise, DCEC, and Under His Wings.* Call 224-2531 for more information.

