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St. Mark Boys of Praise

The St. Mark Boys of Praise is a new Mime ministry group established at St. Mark. The group's inception was the original idea of Mrs. Jewel Moses. She gathered together a group of boys to do a Mime for a special program. After that performance several of the boys decided to stay together as a permanent group. Together they chose a name that they felt represented them, and The Boys of Praise Mime Ministry was born.

Currently the boys are under the leadership of John Garrison, with Jewel Moses, Gena Garrison and Brandy Evans as adult advisors. The other members are Jazmon Henderson, A. J. Dendy, and Logan King.

In the past year the group has

ministered at MLK Day of Dreams at Greenville High School. Breeze Youth Retreat in Spartanburg, SC, and Revolution Youth Conference in Columbia, SC, in addition to ministering at St. Mark.

John states he enjoys the group coming together as a family. They get along well and there are no conflicts.

With the help of the youth Sunday school teachers, Faurtina Martin and Margaret D. Freeman the boys of Praise, as well as the Girls for Glory Praise Dancers also take time to study the words of the songs they mime to, and the scriptures they relate to. This helps them to fully understand the message they are portraying.

In the future John would like to see the Boys of Praise travel and spread the ministry of mime to more people. They are also sending an open invitation to other young men to join them. They will be starting training soon for any young man between the ages of 13 - 21 who would like to learn the art of Mime Ministry. Any young man interested in joining should speak to John Garrison or Jewel Moses.

Lastly, they are speaking with their advisors and Pastor Watts in hopes of doing a full Mime Ministry program at St. Mark featuring The Boys of Praise along with mimes from other churches.



Big Congratulations



To **Juana Slade**, recently elected to serve as President of the Board of Directors for the South Carolina Society of Healthcare Diversity Professionals, an affiliate of the SC Hospital Association. Juana is director of Diversity and Language Services for AnMed Health in Anderson.

To **Gena Garrison**, who is currently writing as Zaria Gar-

rison. Zaria's debut novel, *Prodigal* is officially a best-seller after spending 15 weeks on the Black Expressions Book Club best seller's list.

Zaria is also co-owner of EKG Literary Magazine, an online magazine dedicated to all aspects of the literary community. EKG Literary Magazine has been nominated by AAMBC as magazine of the year for the 2nd year in a row.

To **Nelson A. Weston**, son of Rosylin and Jeff Weston. Nelson recently published his first novel entitled *A Young Politician: Achieving my American Dream*. Nelson's book is available online at www.lulu.com.

St. Mark Girls for Glory



The St. Mark Girls for Glory is another new ministry at St. Mark. The Girls for Glory are a praise dance group of youth girls.

The girls were brought together by Mrs. Penny Henderson to do a dance to the song Hosanna. After this they decided to stay together and not let the group fade away.

The members of group are Keyla Freeman, Keila Patrick, Alexia Drummond, Cameron Drummond, Janae Washington, Andrea Atkins, Ajia Culbertson, Brittney Starks, Timberlin King, Alexis Dillard, Bria Dillard and Kalea Culbertson who serves as the group leader, along with adult advisor Faurtina Martin.

This group has ministered at Disciples United Methodist Church, Breeze youth retreat in Spartanburg, SC and Revolution Youth Conference in Columbia, SC.

Kalea says she most enjoys knowing that at the end of all the practice, when they perform it's just a blessing. She also says that she least enjoys the few times that the girls do not listen to her during rehearsals. "However even though we have our ups and downs and disagreements, we still pull through and do our best. Not to please the crowd but for God!"

In the future Kalea would like to see The Girls for Glory travel and show others what a blessing you can get out of praise dancing.

Any young lady interested in joining The Girls for Glory should speak to Kalea Culbertson or Faurtina Martin.

Easter Lilies

"Easter Lilies" will be the first fundraising project for "Children of the World: Celebrating Our Dreams." The C.O.W. participants, in coordinated ministry with the Worship Committee, will sell Easter Lilies in Honor or Memory of loved ones. The cost is \$10 per lily and the sale dates are March 7 – 21.



Sick and Shut-in Members

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<i>Mrs. Minnie Louthier – Residence Unknown</i>	
<i>Mr. Donald Talley – 3204 Culpepper Crossing, Duncan 29334</i>	<i>486-9472</i>
<i>Mrs. Ella Mae Whiteside – 202 Frank Street, Greenville 29601</i>	<i>271-1537</i>
<i>Mrs. Lillian McKinney- 5501 Hwy 101 North, Taylors, 29687</i>	<i>895-1933</i>
<i>Mrs. Doshia Sherman – 817 St. Mark Road, Taylors, 29687</i>	<i>244-3262</i>



From the Pastor's Desk

“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8

“Lent is the season of repentance, self examination and awareness of the hurts of the people of the world. One Great Hour of Sharing calls the Church to share the goodness of life with those who hurt.” (paragraph 263.2, *The United Methodist Book of Discipline 2008*)

Since 1949 One Great Hour of Sharing has

been observed by different faith communities as a special worship hour whereby people of faith have given above and beyond their regular giving to respond to the hurts of people around the world. Traditionally, it is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Through our giving, food, shelter and clothing are provided to persons who experience disaster, providing relief for people around the world.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) through our offering assists the most vulnerable people at a time of their deepest need. When Hurricane Hugo struck South Carolina over ten years ago, UMCOR was here. Most recently when an earthquake devastated Haiti, UMCOR was there and now as a more severe earthquake has shaken Chile, UMCOR is there. (Chile Emergency Advance #3021178) UMCOR promises to

give 100% of designated gifts to the specific causes it supports. UMCOR is called on to provide immediate relief and long term recovery wherever and whenever needed.

Through UMCOR, we express the compassion of Jesus to a world that Jesus loves. “UMCOR offers the world the church’s hearts and hands.”

Please come prepared to give on the fourth Sunday of March. Only if we give can we share God’s gifts with others around the world. Give so that others may live.

Janice L. Frederick- Watts

Saints on the Basketball Court

St. Mark United Methodist church partnered with Lee Road United Methodist church in Taylors, SC to form a basketball league this season. Several teams were formed of different ages for both males and females.

Two teams stood out this season. The Lee Road-St Mark Mite Girls, who ranged in age from 8-9 years old, had an amazing season as they went undefeated, winning 7 out of 7 games. The players on this team were Erin Dillard, Brittany Williams, Sierra Carter, Brooklyn Shumate, Jillian Garrison, Camille Barnes, and Makayla Finch.

The Lee Road – St Mark Midget Girls, whose ages are 10-11 years old, played 7 regular season games, and 4 tournament games making them the league Champions. Several of the girls pulled double duty playing on both teams.

The Championship team members were Jakayla Leamon, Essence Ballenger, Alexis Robertson, Renisha Earle, Ceaira Harley, Erin Dillard, Camille Barnes, Brittany Williams, Makayla Finch and Brooklyn Shumate.

The girls were led by 3 great

coaches, Jay Spain, Benjamin Dillard, and Ronisha Mayes. Coach Mayes says “The girls got off to a rocky start, but after a couple weeks of hard conditioning and learning fundamentals, the girls improved during each practice. The girls have made me very proud and I can't wait to start working with them again next season.”



Relay for Life

The Relay for Life Team Captains for this year are Sandra Cheek and Brandy Evans.

They will be selling T-shirts to raise funds for the annual Relay which will be held on May 14, 2010 6pm at Greer High School Field.

For more information or to purchase a T-shirt please contact Sandra Cheek 864-363-4209



United Methodist Women

Any ladies planning to attend Legislative Day (*Capitol Day*) should plan to notify Joyce Lewis or Diane B. Talley on or before the meeting on Sunday, March 7 at 4 pm. Registration Fee \$15. On site registration will be \$20. This event will be held at Mt. Horeb in Columbia.



Those planning to attend Day Apart at Asbury Hills on April 10, 2010, will need to submit your \$12.50 fee at the meeting on Sunday, March 7. This information along with the monies must be submitted before March 8 as a unit.

Keeping you connected

All student recognitions, achievements, and other accomplishments will be announced on 4th Sunday only. Parents and students please get this information to the Church office by Wednesday before the 4th Sunday.

DEADLINES! Don't forget--- the deadline for newsletter articles is the 4th Sunday in each month. Articles may be submitted to any member of the Messenger Staff.

Church news at your finger tips. Visit the new St. Mark Info Line. This telephone service features voicemail, weekly activities and Sunday school up-

dates. Simply dial the church's main number, 864-848-7141, and follow the prompts.

Effective immediately, weekly reminders and meetings will be printed inside your bulletins and not read aloud during announcements.

Please be sure to read these and govern yourselves accordingly.

All announcements and reminders will also be sent out in a weekly email. If our secretary does not have your email contact information please be sure to give it to her so that you will receive this email weekly.

St. Mark United Methodist Church

Communications Committee

1st Sunday Announcer: Juana Slade

2nd Sunday Announcer: Stacey Atkins

3rd Sunday Announcer: Gena Garrison

4th Sunday Announcer: Lasonia Williams

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