



October 1, 2023
World Communion Sunday

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Lay Members Needed for Annual Conference

Due to the number of UM churches that have already separated from the conference, St. John's is now able to have 11 Lay Members for Annual Conference. Therefore, we are still in need of 3 additional members. Please contact Jennifer Windham in the church office, if you are interested and willing to attend Annual Conference June 9 - 12, 2024 at the Greenville Conference Center. Hotel and meal expenses will be covered by the church.

Nominations Due Soon

The primary way that we do nominations for church officers at St. John's is for each committee to self-select their own members via the chairperson of each committee. These nominations are due by October 20. Current members may be re-elected, and most committees can add new members. Our main goal is that everyone who wants to serve is given the opportunity according to their gifts and passions. Please let Jennifer Windham at jwindham@stjohns-umc.org know of your interest in different areas and names will be forwarded to the respective committees. Thank you!

Church Painting

You may have noticed that we are beginning some housekeeping projects. We will have painting contractors in the church over the next six weeks or so. They will be working on taking down wall paper and scrapping chipped paint, then putting some fresh, much needed paint in multiple areas. Please be aware that paint fumes will present, in addition to the extra workers and debris that will be around. We thank you for your patience as we improve the appearance of our beloved church.

Church Security Meeting

David Rittgers will lead meetings at 10:00 am today, October 1st in Ward Hall 2/3 and again, at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 17th room 119 to discuss church safety and security. Anyone who wants to learn about current measures or volunteer to assist with a church safety team is encouraged to attend.

UMCOR Coffee Sales

We are resuming sales on the 1st Sunday, as well as, the 3rd Sunday. Please stop and shop today, between 9:15am and 12:30pm; the UMCOR coffee booth will be open for sales. The coffees and teas are made possible in collaboration with The United Methodist Committee On Relief and the Equal Exchange Company, with 15 cents per pound sold going to UMCOR.

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will be hosting Sunny Monday on October 9th. This month's program will feature Vicki Gibboney and the Savannah River String Band. The lunch menu is: Baked ziti, salad, rolls and carrot cake. The cost is \$5.00 per meal. Please call the church office to make your reservations for this event: 803-648-6891 by noon on Friday, October 6th.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Worship Services: Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Will Altman; Director of Traditional Music - Dr. Matt Caine; Organist - Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band Leader - Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band - Chuck Carver, Juli Davis, Earl Melton, Matt Osteen, George Collins, Steve Davis, Alec James, Jeff Krok, Johnathan Cook, Susan Lawson, & Marshall Sanders

Crucifer: Anne Fenton Massie **Acolytes:** Helen Diane Gadus and Baxter Whitesell

October 11:00 Ushers: Virgil & Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Newkirk Barnes, Commie Peebles, Robert Newburn. Eric & Helen Randall, Al Hartgraves, Bill Hillan, John Bradley, Jerry Miller, Connie & Mick Pisko, Larry Burdette, Missy Poe, Allen & Nola Radcliffe

October Worship Support: Jane Fogle, Marsha Mikes and Sandra Shelly

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 1-888-364-4483 and following the instructions.

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The 11:00 service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.



It's Shoebox Time!

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Children's Ministries

Boxes may be picked up in the main lobby and in the Faith Center. Please return boxes by November 15. A \$10 donation per box is requested to deliver the box. Thank you!

Due to this new Fall Break school schedule, we have adapted our programming as follows: We will hold Children's Wonderful Wednesday activities and Mom's Group this **Wed., Oct. 4.**, however, neither of these will be meeting on **Wed., Oct. 11.**

Confirmation Class will meet **Oct. 11 at 6pm.** Students and their families are invited to eat Wednesday night supper at the church with their church family! Please call Juli Davis with reservations.

Trunk or Treat is October 29: This is a great outreach to the community so join the fun and decorate a trunk! We are also collecting donations of individually wrapped candy. Please: NO nuts or peanut butter!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth:

HAPPY FALL BREAK! We will not have Sunday or Wednesday Night programming on October 1-8. Sunday School will still meet. We will see you on the 11th and hope you get all the rest and refueling that you need to finish out the semester! When we come back for SNY on the 15th, we will start a new series for middle school called "Who is God?" and our high school students will begin a series called "Questions of Jesus."

Realm has a new texting update that requires an "opt-in" from you! Parents, counselors, and students, make sure you stay up-to-date on all things Foundation, **text START to (843)305-4638.**

Registration for Asbury Hills (Nov. 17-19) is LIVE on Realm! Make sure to secure your spot and the early bird discount!

Frozen Features Needed for Applefest

Casseroles, soups, chili, breads, pies, cakes, cookies, etc. are needed to sell at our Applefest. If you make it beforehand and need a freezer to store it, call Camille Bailey, 803-295-2057 or Brenda Meeks, 803-979-1900.

Music at St. John's - Under the Steeple

Save the Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023, 7pm. The CSRA's newest professional music ensemble, Brandywine Brass, joins with our own organist, Christopher Nash, to present a free concert of music for brass quintet and organ.

St. John's Missions News

"The Tin Man" will be at St. John's October 15 sharing his testimony at 10am in the Faith Center. Who is the Tin Man? Sasha Tseutserov, former KGB agent and our newest mission partner! We encourage EVERYONE to come hear what Sasha has to share about God and the Moscow Evangelical Seminary.

For the month of October, we are collecting **new underwear and socks.** Please place any donated items in the box marked "**Grace Kitchen**" in the Narthex of each worship service. Please place only the requested donation items in the Grace Kitchen boxes as these are the current items needed.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in memory of Dixie Dillman's birthday by the Dillman Family.**

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Swiss chicken, rice, carrots, salad, and pineapple cherry dump cake

Kids Menu: Corn dogs and carrots

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, October 1st, at 5pm by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: jdavis@stjohns-umc.org. Cost is \$8.00 for ages 10 yrs. - adult and \$3.00 for children over 3 years. You can pay online at stjaiken.org, select "GIVE NOW" and then from the drop down menu, select "WNS." You may also pay in person - checks are preferred. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

Pictorial Directory Sign Ups

Today we begin taking photos for our pictorial directory. Photos are being taken in Room 105. Sign up sheets will be available outside this room. If you have not yet signed up, please stop and find a day and time that works for you.

Shepherd of Love

The Shepherd of Love group will meet next week, Wed., Oct. 4th at 4:30pm in room 119. This group is open to all current members and any who are interested in joining. All are welcome! Contact Jeanette Isaacson at 803-677-9168 if you have any questions.

Senior Plus Activity – Let's Play BINGO

Seniors, join your friends for an afternoon of cookies and Bingo tomorrow, October 2nd from 1:30pm-3pm in Ward Hall 2/3. Questions - ask any member of the Senior Adult Council or call Carol Godfrey 803-642-8491.

News of the Family

Welcome our Newest Members:

Don & Linda Leblanc

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

October — one pound bags of rice

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 9/24/2023

8:30 | 136 9:02 | 202 11:00 | 306

In-Person Total | 644

9:02 Online Live | 243 11:00 Online Live | 175

Financials

Operations Budget as of 9/27/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,481,809.03
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,554,655.25</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ (72,846.22)

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us	
to do in Missions:	\$ 179,595.54
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 157,450.00

We thank you for your generous support of St. John's Ministries & Missions!



Discernment Committee

"Separation Q & A's": Members of the Discernment Committee will attend some of the Wednesday night suppers to have personal conversations about separation from the UMC. Come join our table(s) for dinner and discussions. We'll conduct these conversations **Oct 11, Nov 8 and Dec 13.**

We continue to UPDATE the discernment page on the St. John's website: <https://stjaiken.org/discernment>. Please continue with the "40 Day Prayer Guide" that started Friday, May 19, 2023. This QR code links to frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding separation.



Order of Worship - 8:30 A.M.

We welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* Erik Routley
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 624, "Bread of the World" EUCHARISTIC HYMN**

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON "You Are What You Eat" Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI No. 71 "Glory Be to the Father" GREATOR EX**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Donald McCullough

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS No. 95, OLD 100TH**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER & CHORAL RESPONSE

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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COMMUNION ANTHEM *Let us Break Bread Together* arr. Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 620, "One Bread, One Body" ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

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Empty

Murphy

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Everything Glorious

Crowder

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I Will Trust In You

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