



March 10, 2024

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Dr. Tim's Morning Bible Study

Due to an overwhelming response, we are officially moving Dr. Tim's morning Bible study to the Faith Center moving forward. Please note this is only for the morning study.

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on March 11, 2024. The program will be presented by Mark Nesbitt from Eudora Farms in Salley, SC. Lunch menu is pineapple chicken with vegetables over rice, Chinese coleslaw, roll and lemon pie. Meals are \$5 per plate. Please call the church office 803-648-6891 before noon on Friday, March 8th, to make your reservation.

Hospitality Meeting

A Hospitality Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 19, at 6pm in room 202. All who may be interested are encouraged to attend or contact Juli Davis at 803-648-6891 or jdavis@stjohns-umc.org.

Funding a New Life for St. John's

We want you to pray about your giving to the Lord's work as we embark on a new historic chapter in this church. Your commitment to giving will help us move forward as a Jesus and Bible-centered church that ministers to all. We need to fund a new life for St. John's. Stewardship Sunday will be next Sunday, March 17. We hope that you have already received a pledge card. If not, please ask an usher or pick one up at the church office. On the 17th you can present it at the altar in the sealed envelope provided or place it in the offering. Of course, you can also call it in to the church office at 803-648-6891 and ask for Nancy Fairgrieve. Please pray for God to give you clear guidance on what He's asking you to do! Thank you for your faithfulness.

Easter Lily Sales

Easter lily orders will begin on March 17. Tables will be set up and receive orders in both the main lobby of the church office and the lobby of the Faith Center, before and after all services. Orders can also be placed online at <http://stjaiken.org/give>. Simply select the "flowers" fund and put to whom you wish to honor or remember in the memo box of your payment. The cost of each lily is \$25, and checks are to be made out to St. John's UMC. Thank you to all who have supported this ministry over the years and for helping to bring glory to our RISEN Lord.



St. John's Missions News

In January, your mission leadership team stepped out in faith and added two mission partners. Let's all welcome and pray for our Salvation Army Shelter and for Jesse Quimby serving the campus of USC Columbia through Navigators. May individuals come to a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ through these organizations.

For the month of March, we are collecting **granola bars and breakfast bars**. 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.

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, Jonathan Cook, Susan Lawson, & Marshall Sanders

Crucifer: Madison Zeigler **Acolytes:** James Rittgers and Jack Taylor

March 11:00 Ushers: Donald Leader, Larry Burdette, Missy Poe, Eric & Helen Randall, Connie & Mick Pisko, Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Penny Rue, Bill Hillan, Jerry Miller, and Nola & Allen Radcliffe

March Worship Support: Lynda Troutman, Mary Musick, Sherry Williamson, & Gayle Jones

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.

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Children's Ministries

Please join us for Children's Wednesday night activities for music and lessons from 5:30pm - 6:45 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 30, 2024. Please join us from 10am - 12 noon in the Faith Center. This is for children 0 - 12 years. Please register today in Realm if you plan on participating.

HELP NEEDED: We are accepting donations of 12 filled Easter eggs for our Easter egg hunt. Eggs can be filled with candies (please, NO nuts), coins or stickers. Donations will be accepted through March 28. Please leave on the table outside of the Children's Director door.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Join us tonight for Sunday Night Youth! Drop off in the Faith Center loop starting at 5pm. We will have free time in the gym, dinner, worship, and small groups! Middle School will begin a new series "Created in God's Image" and High School will continue the series "Habits of Jesus." Bring \$2 and be sure to invite a friend! Pick up is at 7:00pm in the Faith Center loop.

Youth Band 3:30pm - 5pm in room 205

Youth Small Groups on Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm:

Brotherhood (7th-12th grade boys) in the gym

CORE (7th-8th grade girls) in the Faith Center

Dwell (9th-12th grade girls) in Bekah & Amy's office

MS Memory Verse: Genesis 26:24

HS Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 8:7

Young Adults Ministry

Thursday Night Bible Study, 6:30pm - 8pm: We are currently studying the Gospel of John with N.T. Wright's Gospel of John for Everyone. Young Adults focuses on ages 18-35. Hope you will join us. Contact Rev. Will for more information at waltman@stjohns-umc.org or 864-873-7585.

New Ministry for Dementia Support

We are looking forward to beginning a new ministry support program for those who care for and/or who have family members or close friends who are challenged by Dementia. This ten-week program is scheduled to start on Tuesday, April 16. They will meet Tuesdays from 4:30pm - 6pm in room 212/213 of the Faith Center.

Lights On - Off

It is such a blessing that we have so much going on at St. John's. With this said, we ask that each of you who heads a meeting, an event or a study group to make sure that the lights are turned off as you leave the building. A calendar is always available on the reception desk of the church office for you to check if you are not sure. Since we no longer have Hosts to do this, we ask that everyone help be good stewards of our monies – the power company is always out to get theirs.

UMW Circle 6/10

Circle 6/10 will meet Tuesday, March 12 at 1pm in room 117. You are invited to hear Patricia Bryan present a program about her travels in Israel, as well as in Greece and Turkey where Paul preached. New members and visitors are welcomed. For further information, please call Joadia Hiatt at 803-645-5480.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.
We still have dates available in our flower calendar.
If you would like to honor or remember a loved one, please contact
Jennifer Windham in the Church office.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Pork loin, scalloped potatoes, green beans, Magic Cookie bars

Kids menu: Corn dogs and carrots

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, March 11, 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.

News of the Family

Sympathies to:

Carol Wood and Michael, Amy, Blair & Ethan Wood, on the death of **Freddie Wayne Ledford, Sr.**, who died on February 16, 2024 in Chattanooga, TN. Freddie was brother to Carol and uncle to Michael and great-uncle to Blair and Ethan.

Jeff & Mary Lou Wallace, on the death of Jeff's brother, **David Vaughn Wallace**. David died on February 29, 2024 in Aiken, SC.

Bruce Carrera & Gerry Hansen, on the death of **Kathy Kelly**, who died on March 3, 2024 in Brisbane, Australia. Kathy was sister to Gerry.

Thank You St. John's

Thank you St. John's, for the 1,260 dozen cookies which were baked in-house or brought in, for the 138 Prayer Vigil hours signed by church members, for the encouragement and all the other support for the Lord's Kairos Weekend held at Trenton Correctional Institute #3. The Kairos TCI Weekend #3 Team is so grateful!

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

March — cereal, oatmeal or grits

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 3/3/2024

8:30 | 106 9:02 | 265 11:00 | 285

In-Person Total | 656

9:02 Online Live | 424 11:00 Online Live | 520

Financials

Operation Budget as of 3/6/2024

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$469,785.19
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$348,185.33</u>
	\$121,599.86

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 53,335.44
Year to date Mission's Disbursements:	\$ 17,600.00

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

Filled Eggs needed

Please help by donating
12 filled eggs for our
Easter Egg Hunt

Children's Ministry is
collecting now through
March 28



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5:00 CATERPILLAR RACES

5:30 DINNER

6:00 WORSHIP & LESSON



You're cordially invited to a

Royal Ball



Father Daughter Dance



Saturday, March 16
6-8 PM

St. John's Gym
104 Newberry Street NW
For Girls ages 3 & Up

Tickets: \$30 per couple (includes dinner)

RSVP at <https://bit.ly/2024STJRoyalBall>
by March 12

Attire: Princess Dress or Sunday Best



Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

8:30am and 11:00am

Chancel Choir

and

Orchestra of St. John's

present

Karl Jenkins' *Stabat Mater*

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 *O Love Divine, What Hast Thoun Done* Isaac W. Woodbury

***OPENING HYMN No. 269,** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" LAND OF REST

***SCRIPTURE READING** John 3:1-21 Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON "The Wheelkickers" Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI No. 70,** "Glory Be to the Father" MEINEKE

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 *God So Loved the World* Sir John Stainer
Chancel Choir

***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.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 370,** "Victory in Jesus" HARTFORD

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Christian Lutkin
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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PRAISE SONG **Only Grace** *West*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **Your Love Never Changes** *Jesus Culture*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **We Believe**

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again. We believe.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY **Born Again** *Third Day*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **John 3:1-21** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"The Wheelkickers"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG **For God So Loved the World** *Crocker/Sampson*

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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Chancel Choir members who also sang at the 8:30am service may exit at this time.

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