



*November 12, 2023*

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## Epworth Angels

Epworth Angel Christmas gift idea cards will be available Sunday, Nov. 12. We still have 15 gift request cards. Thank you for your generous gifts to the boys and girls of Epworth Children's Home in Columbia. Please drop off your items in the Epworth collection box, located outside of the Ministers' office by November 29, 2023. Please direct any questions to Maureen Bernard at 803-221-9635, call or text.

## Discipleship Seminar

The Discipleship Seminar continues in Ward Hall at 10:10am, and every Sunday in November. Come learn how you can be a disciple who makes disciples in accordance with God's command that we go and make disciples. Matthew 28:19.

## Under the Steeple

**Save the Date:** Sunday, November 19, 2023, 3pm. Join us at St. John's for a free performance of portions of all three parts of Handel's beloved *Messiah*. This special concert will be done in the British tradition of *Scratch Messiah* (sing-a-long), where we will invite anyone in the audience who wishes to join in by singing certain parts with the choir and orchestra.

## Sunny Monday

Sunny Monday will be on Monday, November 13. The program will feature Dr. Terry Wimberley speaking on electric vehicles and the infrastructure required. Program will start at 10:30am with lunch to follow. Menu is chicken pie, salad, roll and blueberry crumble. Meal cost is \$5 per meal.

## From the Finance Office

If you are doing a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) or a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA please make sure that you have your Investment company or your broker put your name on the check or check stub so that we may correctly credit the proper donor. We have received several checks with no name on them therefore, we do not know to whom to give credit. You may also call Nancy Fairgrieve to let her know the funds are coming, and she will be on the lookout for them. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve in the Finance Office at (803)648-6891.

## Discernment Committee

**"Separation Q & A's":** Members of the Discernment Committee will attend some of the Wednesday night suppers to have conversations and/or respond to questions relative to separation from the UMC. Come join our table(s) for dinner and discussions. We will hold our last opportunity to have these conversations, during WNS, **on Dec 13.**

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### 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:** Benton Orr **Acolytes:** Henry Vaughters and Madison Zeigler

**November 11:00 Ushers:** Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Finley, Donald Leader, Missy Poe, Connie & Mick Pisko, Roger & Alison Carpenter, John Bradley, Larry & Karen Travis, Penny Rue, Al & Aline Hartgraves, Kent Falb and Allen & Nola Radcliffe

**November Worship Support:** Christy Kisner, Nita Bell, Libby Taylor and Peg Robinson

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.*

# November 12, 2023

## Children's Ministries

**Operation Christmas Child** boxes are due today. Thank you for your contributions to this amazing program. Children around the world will be blessed because you packed a shoebox! Thank you!

**Children's Mission Project:** Sunday evening, **November 19 at 4:30pm in Ward Hall**. We'll be making cards and decorating gift bags for Grace Kitchen. We'll also be making cards for children in the hospital during the Christmas season. Join us for this special time as we help the children think of others and share the love of Christ with our neighbors. Supper will be served afterwards at 5:30pm. There is registration on Realm for parents and children to sign up. We will be collecting donations of granola bars, hair combs, individually wrapped candy canes, Chapstick, and small hand sanitizers, to fill 60 bags. Hope to see grades 6 and under there!

The Children's Ministry will have a lot going on this Christmas season! Highlights are:

Dec. 13 - Caroling to the homebound

Dec. 10 - Gingerbread Nativity

Dec. 24 - Birthday Party for Jesus during Sunday School and presenting the Nativity during the 5pm Christmas Eve service!

More information and sign-ups to follow. Mark your calendars!

## Foundation Student Ministries

*(7th-12th Grades)*

### Sunday Night Youth:

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, S'MORES, worship, and lively discussion! Our high school students will continue the series called "Questions of Jesus," and our middle school students will begin a new series called "I'm Gifted." Bring \$2 and invite a friend! Pick up is at 7pm in the Faith Center loop.

HS Memory Verse: Mark 10:51

MS Memory Verse: John 14:26

Youth Band today: 3pm - 4pm, Room 205

Youth Choir today: 4pm - 5pm, in the choir room

### 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

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**.

## St. John's Missions News

Did you know that 16 of our 24 mission partners directly serve children and many of the others indirectly serve children? Pray for all of these children to come to know the love of Jesus and to feel that He truly knows and loves them by name and pray for God to provide all that each of these mission partners need to fully serve these children.

For the month of November, we are collecting **coats**. 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 *Mr. L. L. Lewis' and Mrs. Faye Roof's birthdays*  
by *Joe, Leah, Emory and Jason Lewis.*

### Wednesday Night Supper

**Menu:** Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, rice and milk cake

**Kids menu:** Tacos and applesauce

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, November 13, at 5pm by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto: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](http://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.

### Charge Conference Today

St. John's will be holding our yearly Charge Conference TODAY, November 12, at 5pm in the Faith Center. All members are invited to attend this meeting. This year's charge conference will be led by District Superintendent, Rev. Ken Nelson.

### Pictorial Directory Sign Ups

St. John's, if you have not already signed up to get your photo taken for our directory, please do! You can go to this link- <https://calendar.app.google/Z5zeyYnwPenkrRMa7> or use the QR code to sign up to get your photo taken. The appointment schedule is scheduled on Pastor's Will's personal calendar, so do not be alarmed when receiving an email from [w.altman213@gmail.com](mailto:w.altman213@gmail.com) alerting you of the appointment. **OR – Stop after the services today, as walk-ins are accepted!**



SCAN ME

### News of the Family

**Our Sympathies to:**

*In Memoriam*

Mrs. Sandra Anthony  
November 2, 2023

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

November — **canned beans**

*Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center*

### Attendance — 11/5/2023

8:30 | 132    9:02 | 223    11:00 | 342

In-Person Total | 697

9:02 Online Live | 310    11:00 Online Live | 478

### Financials

#### Operations Budget as of 11/7/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,805,579.80
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,824,140.85</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ (18,561.05)

#### Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 193,942.15
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 177,150.00

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



## 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

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

John Darwall

Chancel Choir

**\*OPENING HYMN No. 733, "Marching to Zion" MARCHING TO ZION**

**SCRIPTURE READING I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

**SERMON "End-Time Encouragement" 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. 71 "Glory Be to the Father" GREATOREX**

*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

*Keep Your Lamps*

arr. Andre Thomas

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. 396, "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY**

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### POSTLUDE

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**PRAISE SONG**                      **His Eye Is On the Sparrow**                      *Martin*

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**OFFERTORY**                      **No Matter What**                      *Stevenson*

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SCRIPTURE READING**      **I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11**      **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

**SERMON**                      **"End-Time Encouragement"**      **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Give Me Jesus**                      *Ortega*

## **BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING FORTH SONG**

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