



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

August 13, 2023

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St. John's Missions News

Did you miss the chance to sign up to serve at Grace Kitchen? Please call Renee Reid at 803-215-8940 to learn more. We only need 8 more people and each team will only serve 6 times throughout the year. If you can't serve, please pray for God to meet this need.

For the month of August, we are collecting **tooth brushes and toothpaste**. 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.

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will hold Sunny Monday on Monday, Aug. 14. Program will be "Aiken Senior Life Center: More than a Senior Center." Program begins at 10:30am in the Faith Center. Lunch will be served at 12noon with the menu: Tomato pie, salad, roll, and pound cake with fruit. Lunch is \$5 per meal.

UMM Meeting

The United Methodist Men will meet in Ward Hall on Thursday, August 24 at 6:30pm. We will have our usual pot luck supper with a program presented by Rev. Will Altman. He will be there for us all to get to know him and to hear his plans for his programs at the church.

Thank You from Greg Robinson

Dear St. John's, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my St. John's family for the support, patience, kindness and generosity you have shown me for the past eight years as your Media and Technical Support Director. I truly enjoyed being the "ole sound guy," and feel very confident you will be in great hands with my replacements. I was blessed with this opportunity and feel so lucky to be a member of St. John's. Peg and I will still be in the balcony, so please wave to us. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Music at St. John's

St. John's will host "Under the Steeple" in the Sanctuary on Friday, September 8, 7:00pm. This concert will be *Appalachian Spring* and other music for Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Matt Caine. A freewill offering will be received.

Dr. Tim's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Tim's Wednesday morning Bible study "God's Deliverance," will resume on Wednesday, August 23. He will continue this study starting with Deuteronomy. This will take place in the Sanctuary from 10am - 11:30am.

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: Campbell Crain **Acolytes:** Audrey Dietzel and Baxter Whitesell

August 11:00 Ushers: Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Bill Hillan, Missy Poe, Mick Pisko, Connie Pisko, Commie Peebles, Pat Sauls, Virgil Sauls, Dave Felak, Paula Blackmore, Jerry Miller, Alison Carpenter, Roger Carpenter

August Worship Support: Leah Lewis, Mary Ann Findley, Mary Parrish

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.

August 13, 2023

Children's Ministries

Fall Ministry Kickoff is TONIGHT! We hope you all join this Children's Ministry sponsored, church-wide event. Come for games, food, fun, fellowship and a chance to meet and get a photo with Cocky and Tiger! We'll see you at 5pm in the gym!

Third Grade Bible Recipients

<i>Matthew Paul Bates</i>	<i>Maevry Sheehan Blair</i>
<i>Joseph Hughes Boetsch</i>	<i>Sarah Catherine Boyle</i>
<i>Wyatt Matthew Bryan</i>	<i>Ava Lorraine Daugherty</i>
<i>Jenkins Bennett Doolittle</i>	<i>Adianez Marie Eichler</i>
<i>Jade Sovanny Et</i>	<i>Sonya Gene Keigans</i>
<i>Jackson William McAlhane</i>	<i>Triston Michael Osteen</i>
<i>Bryce Allen Padgett</i>	<i>Sarah Helen Rittgers</i>
<i>Ansley Whitten Stewart</i>	<i>Cannon Ley Truitt</i>
<i>Hadley Kate Wilhelm</i>	

Order for the Presentation of Bibles to Children

Pastor:

Receive the Word of God.
Learn its stories and study its words.
Its stories belong to us all,
and these words speak to us all.
They tell us who we are.
They tell us that we belong to one another,
for we are the people of God.

Children:

We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.
Thank you.
We will read and study the Bible together.

Congregation:

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us, as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

Children:

The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.
Thanks be to God.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth: Don't forget to wear your team colors and bring a friend tonight from 5pm—7pm! Be sure to register for our FUEL Discipleship Weekend, August 18-20. It's not too late!

Youth Bible Studies 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

Youth Band and Youth Choir:

Youth Band and the 7th- 12th grade members of the Youth Choir will meet from 3:30 - 5pm this Sunday in the Youth Band Room 205.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in memory of *Paul Fleming by his children, Elizabeth, Martin and Paula.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in honor of *Larry & Karen Travis's 55th Wedding Anniversary.*

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Swiss Chicken, rice, glazed carrots, salad, pineapple cherry dump cake

Kids Menu: Corn dogs, carrots

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, August 14, at 5pm. Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: jdavis@stjohns-umc.org. **New** cost for **ages 10 yrs. old - adult** is **\$8.00** , and \$3.00 for children over the age of 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

Welcome Our Newest Member:

Nancy O'Connell

Our Sympathies to:

Tom Calhoun on the death of his wife, **Linda Calhoun**, who died on August 9, 2023 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Linda Calhoun
August 9, 2023

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August — **Canned Soup**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 8/6/2023

8:30 | 113 9:02 | 241 11:00 | 309

In-Person Total 663

9:02 Online Live | 300 11:00 Online Live | 257

Financials

Operations Budget as of 7/26/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,281,432.24
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,328,498.64</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ (47,066.40)

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 155,714.37
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 123,950.00

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

NEW GRIEF GROUP SESSION

Beginning August 15
Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m.
Faith Center

*All are invited
to join.*

Please contact Rev. Butch
if you plan to attend:
(803)648-6891 ext. 214
gblackwell@stjohns-umc.org



Sister's Bible Study

Fall Session: Romans part two
Beginning, Thurs., Sept. 7
9:30am in Ward Hall 1



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 on **Aug 23, Sep 13, 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.



GRACE
KITCHEN

*Volunteers
Needed!*

SERVE & BE BLESSED
SATURDAYS

MINISTRY
MEAL DRIVERS
NEEDED!

Contact Juli Davis at (803)648-6891 or jdavis@stjohns-umc.org to volunteer or for more info!

TONIGHT

JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Come in your
team colors*

**TAILGATES
and
Touchdowns**

*Hope to see you
there!*

JOIN US FOR OUR
FALL KICK OFF PARTY

Sunday, August 13th | 5 - 6:30 p.m.
St. John's United Methodist Church | GYM
FOOD | FUN | FELLOWSHIP
MISSION PROJECT: SCHOOL SUPPLIES
SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY COCKY AND TIGER

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 *Thou Hidden Love of God* Johann Sebastian Bach
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 390,** *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"* ST. PETER

SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 45:1-15** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON *"Revenge or Reconciliation"* **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"* 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 *Prayer of St. Francis* Allen Pote
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. 389,** *"Freely, Freely"* FREELY, FREELY

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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Order of Worship

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG

Mighty to Save

Story

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Will Altman

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In the Hands of God

Newsboys

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OFFERTORY

A Heart That Forgives

Levar

CHILDRENS SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:1-15

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON

"Revenge or Reconciliation"

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

PRAISE SONG

Cry Out to Jesus

Third Day

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

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Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 390, "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"**

ST. PETER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM pg. 39

The congregation will be led in the singing of God Claims You, TFWS #2249, using the name Rory.

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CHILDRENS SERMON

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

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