



**ST. JOHN'S**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*October 15, 2023*

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## Church Security Meeting– DATE CHANGE

David Rittgers' church safety and security meeting has been changed to **Monday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>** in room 119, at 6:30pm. Anyone who wants to learn about current measures or volunteer to assist with a church safety team is encouraged to attend.

## Discipleship Group Leaders Hour of Prayer

Discipleship Group Leaders will be meeting for prayer this Thursday, October 19, at 6L30pm in Room 202.

## Keep Your Belongings Safe

With the change in temperatures and the holidays coming, we are already seeing an increase in traffic in the church office of homelessness. Please be mindful of your personal items, ie.: purses, backpacks, laptops, cell phones, etc. Do not leave them out in the open for easy pick up.

## Calling All St. John's Bakers

The "Bake Shop" is looking for baked items for our booth at Applefest! Each year, attendees come looking for those special treats that they can share with their friends and families...or indulge in themselves. Your specialty items will be perfect. Items can be packaged as individual treats or items that will serve several. Further delivery instructions will be given nearer the November 4<sup>th</sup> occasion.

## 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.

## Applefest: Twice Loved Treasures

Now is the time to start thinking about items in your home that you no longer need or are using. We will be happily accepting items in the gym beginning on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, each day from 8:30am - 5:00pm and Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30am - 2:00pm. We welcome all sorts of household items such as furniture, glassware, pictures, linens, tools, and toys. However, we can NOT accept TV's, computers and children's car seats. If you have any questions please call Marsha Mikes at 803-645-0078.

## Applefest: Saks Thrift Avenue Clothing

Starting October 23 - October 27 (9am - 1pm), we will be accepting clothing in Ward Hall. The following week, we will continue to accept clothing all day (Monday - Friday) for Applefest.

## Nominations Due Oct. 20

Nominations are due by **October 20**. Current members may be re-elected, and most committees can add new members. Each committee can self-select their own members via the chairperson of each committee. 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](mailto:jwindham@stjohns-umc.org) know of your interest in different areas and names will be forwarded to the respective committees. Thank you!

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### SERVING THIS WEEK

**Worship Services:** 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:** Luke Jones   **Acolytes:** Emily Poole and James Rittgers

**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.*

# October 15, 2023

## Children's Ministries



### It's Shoebox Time!

Boxes may be picked up in the main lobby and in the Faith Center. Help us reach our goal of 250 boxes this year! Samaritan's Purse shares the love of Jesus with children in remote areas of the world and these gift boxes are a way for us to participate in their mission. Please return boxes by **November 12** and include a \$10 donation to help cover delivery costs, or you can pay online by following the instructions on the shoebox label. Thank you!

**Trunk or Treat** is October 29: 4pm - 5pm; set-up at 3pm in the back parking lot. Bring your children, your friends, and your neighbors as we hand out treats!

This is a great outreach to the community so join the fun and decorate a trunk! Sign up in the office hallway. Donations of individually wrapped candy are appreciated and may be dropped off in the Narthex or Faith Center lobby. For the safety of the children, **no** nuts or peanut butter, please!



We hope you enjoyed Fall Break. We are back to our regular program schedule:

**Sunday School** for all ages, every Sunday at 10am

**Confirmation Class** on Sunday evenings, beginning with supper at 5:30pm

**Wonderful Wednesday & Choir**, 5:30pm - 6:46pm for ages 3 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Thank you to all the moms, dads and grandparents who support the Children's Ministry by bringing their children and volunteering. We love and appreciate you!

## Foundation Student Ministries

*(7th-12th Grades)*

### Sunday Night Youth:

Join us tonight for Sunday Night Youth! We can't wait to hear about your fall break! Drop off in the Faith Center loop starting at 5pm. We will have free time in the gym, dinner, games, and lively discussion! Our high school students will begin a series called "Questions of Jesus" and our middle school students will begin a series called "Who is God?". Bring \$2.00 for dinner and invite a friend. Pick up is at 7pm in the Faith Center loop.

HS Memory Verse: Matthew 16:24

MS Memory Verse: Romans 5:18

**Youth Band:** 3pm-4pm Room 205

**Youth Choir:** 4pm-5pm Room 210

### 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**.

**Registration for Asbury Hills (Nov. 17-19) is LIVE on Realm! Make sure to secure your spot!**

## St. John's Missions News

"The Tin Man" will be at St. John's today, sharing his testimony today 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.  
The 2024 Flower Calendar is now available. Please contact  
Jennifer Windham in the church office to sign up for Altar Flowers.

### Wednesday Night Supper

**Menu:** Pork loin, sweet potatoes, mac and cheese, and Oreo Delight

**Kids Menu:** Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Santa – Carving Class

Tommy Harman will be teaching a Santa-Carving calls at St John's. This free class will have all supplies furnished. Teens 14-18 years old can participate with a parent/grandparent. A class is limited to 8 people, so depending on the number of people that are interested, he may hold more than one class. Come join in the fun! Call the church office to register: 803-648-6891 by October 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Pictorial Directory Sign Ups

We are still taking appointments for photos. Please call the church office to find a time that works for you. We have many slots available through November 17. We have added the following dates: **Saturday, Nov. 4 and Saturday Nov. 11 from 9am - 4pm; exclusively for families with children.**



### UMCOR Coffee Sales

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.

### 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 Dr. Jackson Borges, to present a free concert of music for brass quintet and organ.

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

October — **one pound bags of rice**

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

### Attendance — 10/08/2023

8:30 | 114      9:02 | 170      11:00 | 286

In-Person Total | 570

9:02 Online Live | 268      11:00 Online Live | 272

### Financials

#### Operations Budget as of 10/11/2023

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Year to date offerings given for what God | \$ 1,556,004.64        |
| is asking us to do:                       | <u>\$ 1,670,860.94</u> |
| Year to date ministry expenditures:       | \$ (114,856.30)        |

#### Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us |               |
| to do in Missions:                                     | \$ 183,438.47 |
| Year to date Missions Disbursements:                   | \$ 158,750.00 |

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





### Music at St. John's--"Under the Steeple"

Music for Brass Quintet and Organ  
Thurs., Oct. 26, 2023, 7pm

Brandywine Brass with Dr. Jackson Borges, organ



### 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 **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**      *Crown Him with Many Crowns*      George J. Elvey  
Chancel Choir

**\*OPENING HYMN No. 715, "Rejoice, the Lord is King"**      DARWALL'S 148TH

**SCRIPTURE READING**      **Acts 17:29-31**      **Rev. Will Altman**

**SERMON**      **"Resurrection Means the Kingdom of God"**      **Rev. Will Altman**

**\*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**      *Pray That Jerusalem May Have Peace*      Bob Chilcott  
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. 569, "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations"**      MESSAGE

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand, as able.*

*This is a time of great need, and our missions and church operations require our continued generous giving. Please consider giving online, through text, through the mail, or over the phone to help us ensure that our ministries here and around the world are not adversely affected. More details can be found at [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org).*



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#### **PRELUDE**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Call on Jesus**                      *Mullen*

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Wondrous Cross**                      *Tomlin*

**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.*

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**OFFERTORY**                      **So Will I**                      *Hillsong*

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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**PRAISE SONG**                      **Because He Lives**                      *Maher*

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