



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

July 16, 2023

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Staff Transition

Heather Peacock, Director of Children's Ministries and Christian Education, has tendered her resignation to accept a new position in property management with her previous employer in Evans, GA. This allows her to be close to her home in Evans, and provides an opportunity that she could not pass up. We wish her well, and are grateful for the many ways that she positively impacted our Children's Ministry. We are also thankful for the Children's Council and Mom's group for their willingness to step up and support the upcoming kickoff events for the new school year that comes much sooner this year. Thank you so much, to all!

New Children's Director

We are truly blessed that Cara Robinson has accepted an offer from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for the position of Director of Children's Ministries and Christian Education. Cara and her husband David, relocated to Aiken with his work in regional sales, last October. She has seven years experience in this same position at Wilmington Island UMC in Savannah, GA. Cara is a native of West Columbia, SC, and has a BA degree from Winthrop University, a Master's from the College of Charleston, and will complete her course requirements in Christian Education from Asbury Theological Seminary mid August. Cara's proven record of ministry success will serve our children and Christian Education needs extremely well. She and David have two children: son, Christian, who is a software engineer and daughter, Rebekah, who is a Ph.D. in Genomics, entering her 4th year of medical school. Cara and David joined St. John's shortly after their arrival in Aiken, and she was a Crew Leader with our VBS two weeks ago. We welcome Cara to our ministry team!

Discernment Committee

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 19 at 6pm in the Sanctuary. This will be a discernment public informational meeting. Our vote date has been set to take place on Sunday, August 20 at 3pm, with registration at 1:30pm. Voting is IN PERSON ONLY.

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.



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: Mary Caroline Dean **Acolytes:** Caulden Kirk and Katie Kirk

July 11:00 Ushers: Champ & Jeanette Bowden, Roger & Alison Carpenter, Kent & Maxine Falb, Donald Leader, Joe & Leah Lewis, Allen & Nola Radcliffe, Eric & Helen Randall, Virgil & Pat Sauls, Sinclair Short

July Worship Support: Bessie Boyette, Alison Carpenter, Joadia Hiatt, Jean & Jena Quinn

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

Summer Bible Memory Challenge for ages Kindergarten through 6th grades! Hide God's Word in your heart and earn a special prize. Parents, check your email for the verses we are learning, or grab a copy from your Sunday School teacher.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth: Meet us at the Osteen's for a POOL PARTY from 5pm - 6:30pm! Check our Foundation social media pages for the address or contact Bekah or Amy for more info!

Monday Dutch Lunch will be at Chick-Fil-A from 11:30am - 12:30pm. Don't forget to invite a friend!

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

Wednesday Night Programming Begins August 2

Wednesday night programming is going to be awesome this year! Programming has been designed for the whole family. It will all start on Wednesday, August 2, with WNS being served from 5pm – 6:30pm in Ward Hall. Children ages 3 - 1st grade will start with music from 5:30pm – 6pm while children in grades 2nd - 5th will have "Time With Jesus" with Cara Robinson. Children ages 3 - 1st grade will rotate to have music from 6pm - 6:45pm for their "Time With Jesus" with Cara. All adults are invited to attend a Bible Study led by Dr. Tim from 6pm - 6:45pm in the Chapel. Youth will meet at 7pm in the Faith Center, and of course, Choir Practice also beginning at 7pm, in the Choir Room.

St. John's Missions News

This week, Nissi Street Kids successfully reunited Cedric (14 years old) and Benedict (13 years old) with their families. Please pray for them all!

For the month of July, we are collecting peanut butter. 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.

St. John's Grief Group

Our St. John's Grief Group is a caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences, losing a loved one. Please know that you don't have to go through the grieving process alone. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, we invite you to become a part of our St. John's Grief Group. We will meet on Tuesday's at 3:45pm - 5pm, beginning on August 15 upstairs in The Faith Center. Our weekly sessions will continue for 12 weeks. If you have questions or desire additional information, please feel free to reach out to Reverend Butch in the church office.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in Honor of
Clarence & Alice Beehler in celebration of
their 71st wedding anniversary.**

Wednesday Night Supper/Ministry Meals

Wednesday Night Supper and Ministry meals have stopped for the summer break. We will resume on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

Volunteers Needed

We are currently seeking volunteers to help serve food and volunteers that would be willing to be cashiers for Wednesday Night Suppers (WNS). If you are interested in helping in either capacity, please call Juli Davis in the church office.

Senior Adult Council – 50+ Activity Night

Mark your calendar! The Senior Adult Council is hosting its annual 50 Plus Activity Night on Wednesday, July 26. This will be an evening of food, games and fellowship beginning at 6pm in Ward Hall. The Senior Adult Council will provide pulled pork, buns and beverages. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share (serving 8-10). To ensure that there is adequate food, please call the church office at 803-648-6891 by Wed., July 19, to sign up.

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Craig and Mary Musick who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 22. They started out in Fairbanks, Alaska in 1963 while spending 2 years there in the US Army.

Our Sympathies to:

Jo-Ellyn Coker, Jennifer & Chad, Grant and Grayson Parrot, as well as, **Bobby & Phyllis Coker** on the death of **Larry Coker**, who died on July 10, 2023. Larry was husband to JoEllen, father to Jennifer and grandfather to Grant & Grayson, and brother to Bobby.

In Memoriam

Mr. Larry Coker
July 10, 2023

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

July — Canned Vegetables

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 7/9/2023

8:30 | 115 9:02 | 192 11:00 | 279

In-Person Total 586

9:02 Online Live | NA 11:00 Online Live | 244

Financials

Operations Budget as of 7/12/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,148,454.28
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,158,974.25</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ (10,519.97)

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us	
to do in Missions:	\$ 148,367.71
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 103,450.00

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

FOUNDATION
STUDENT MINISTRIES
SUMMER 2023

JULY

SUNDAYS
5pm-6:30pm

9th kickball
16th pool party
23rd odell weeks picnic
30th dinner & sny

MONDAYS
11:30pm-12:30pm

10th jimmy john's
17th chick-fil-a
24th maria's

FUEL RETREAT
registration opens July 5th
AIKEN | 18TH-20TH

registration links and wednesday night calendars available at linktr.ee/foundationstj

Save the date Aug 18-20



FUEL RETREAT

REGISTER USING THE QR CODE ABOVE



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

JULY 23

BRING YOUR BACKPACK FOR A SPECIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING!

GRACE KITCHEN

Donations

July Needs:

Peanut Butter



Please place donations in boxes marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthexes of each service.

Altar Guild is in need of Extra Hands

If you have an interest in arranging flowers and bringing a smile to others, won't you consider serving on one of the teams that alternate throughout the year on the Altar Guild.

If you are interested please call:
Pat Sauls at (803) 998-9105 or
Leah Lewis at (803) 270-4003

HELP NEEDED




Thinking about becoming a member?

We excitingly invite you to officially join our St. John's family! If you've been thinking about membership, now is the perfect time to join. We would love to have you!

Contact Juli Davis: jdavis@stjohns-umc.org or
Rev. Will Altman: waltman@stjohns-umc.org
for more information or call the church office
at (803)648-6891.

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 **Lord, Here I Am** John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 421, "Make Me a Captive, Lord"** DIADEMATA

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 7:14-25a** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Who's the Boss of Your Life"** **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 **Lead Me, Lord** Samuel Sebastian Wesley
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. 354, "I Surrender All "** SURRENDER

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** **The Lord Bless You and Keep You** John Rutter
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as able.**

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PRAISE SONG **Word of God Speak** *Mercy Me*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG **All To You** *L. Brewster*

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OFFERTORY **By Your Grace** *C. Johnson*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 8:27-30** **Rev. Will Altman**

SERMON **"Who Do You Say That I Am"** **Rev. Will Altman**

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL (Kindergarten thru 6th grade dismiss for Sunday School)

PRAISE SONG **Amazing Love** *Foote*

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