



*September 17, 2023*

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## Request for Nominations

We are entering that season when all of our church officers are to be elected for 2024 and beyond. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, let Jennifer Windham in the Church office know. You may email her at: [jwindham@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jwindham@stjohns-umc.org) or call the church office. Of course, current members should express their desire if they wish to be re-elected, too. Only Staff-Parish and Nominations have time-limits on tenure. The deadline to submit your name is October 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Trenton CI Kairos

The Trenton CI Community of Kairos Volunteers would like to thank you, St. John's, for your support, prayers, Agape cards, encouragement and 1,300 dozen baked cookies!! Last week was another successful prison ministry.

## Thank You from the Owens'

Jim and Gloria Owens would like to send a heartfelt thank you for all of the prayers, calls, flowers and meals that have blessed them. Thank you for being Christ's hands in their lives.

## Applefest: The Real Real

Would you consider donating that special designer item you bought and enjoyed but just haven't used recently? We are seeking to create a special boutique area of the "Sax Thrift Avenue" secondhand store that will offer brands such as: Chanel, Coach, Lululemon, Lilly, Louis Vuitton, Gucci, JMcLaughlin, Burberry, Ferragamo, just to name a few. We also want your bags, coats, silk scarves, party dresses, sunglasses, minks and designer jeans and shoes. Leftovers may be picked up or will be used to create an account at Return Engagements for St. John's.

## Applefest Apple Orders

If you are interested in pre-ordering a bushel of apples, please contact Judy Kalbaugh at 803-221-1342 by September 27. Orders can be picked up at Applefest on November 4.

## Applefest Silent Auction

It's time to start thinking about what you can donate this year to the Silent Auction on November 4th. We need items for our baskets and we items for Silent Auction. Here are some things people have offered in the past:

Artwork, beach house/condo for a week or weekend, babysitting/pet sitting services, concert tickets, football tickets, "Mr. Fix-it" services, floral arrangements, gardening services, golf, tennis, dance lessons and for those of you that like to cook, a gourmet dinner prepared in the home.

Please contact Susie Graven-Smith at 843-991-8213 to arrange pick-up or drop it by the church with Nancy Fairgrieve or Jennifer Windham.

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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:** Olivia Overstreet    **Acolytes:** Grice Wyatt and Madison Zeigler

**September 11:00 Ushers:** Dave Felak, Donald Leader, Missy Poe, Newkirk Barnes, Gerry Hansen, Bruce Carrera, Al & Aline Hartgraves, Art & Susie-Graven Smith and Larry & Karen Travis

**September Worship Support:** Judy Turner, Anita Allen, Camille Bailey, Pam Beckum

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.*

# September 17, 2023

## Children's Ministries

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends, who support the Children's Ministry! Thank you for faithfully bringing your children to church! *We love and appreciate you!*

All Children are invited to Sunday School at 10am on Sundays and to choir/Time with Jesus on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

Please note the upcoming events for Children:

Sept. 24 at 4pm: **Kids' Talent Showcase**

Oct. 29 from 4pm-5pm (set up at 3pm): **Trunk-or-Treat**

➔ *Parents and friends, sign-up to decorate a trunk!*

Nov. 5th: **Operation Christmas Child boxes due** (boxes will be available soon)

## Foundation Student Ministries

*(7th-12th Grades)*

### Sunday Night Youth:

Join us tonight for Sunday Night Youth! Drop off in the Faith Center look starting at 5pm. We will have free time in the gym, dinner, games and will be continuing our lively discussion as we break out for High School and middle School lessons. Bring \$2 and 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

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

**Youth Choir:** 4pm-5pm in the choir room

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**.

## Sunday School Attendance

You may notice that there are new attendance sheets in each of the Sunday School classrooms. We ask that the leader of each class complete the sheet each Sunday, so that we are recording appropriate numbers for all of our faithful attendees. Please simply drop them in the vault slot next to Nancy's office. Thank you!

## Pictorial Volunteers Needed

We are preparing for an In-House Photo Directory starting in October. Please sign up for your photo shoot time—sign up's are being taken in Ward Hall 2/3 today and on Sunday, Sept. 24 from 8am - 12:30pm. We expect to publish the directory early 2024. Remember this is an in-house photo directory, so there is no expectation to buy photos, but this will help us to get to know each other and connect. If you have questions please call Pastor Will at the church office.

## St. John's Missions News

The 2nd Annual Run for Freedom to support **The Bridge 2 Home** is Saturday, October 7. It is a fun family event and we are hoping that our St. John's team will be bigger than last year. To learn more and sign up, go to: [www.thebridge2home.com](http://www.thebridge2home.com) then select EVENTS and be sure to choose the St. John's team! Questions? Call Renee Reid 803-215-8940.

For the month of September, we are collecting **canned tuna and salmon—pop tops or pouches only**. 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 *Mason Bentlee Bryan* by *The Bryan family*.

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### Wednesday Night Supper

**Menu:** Goulash, salad, and caramel apple crisp

**Kids Menu:** Hot dogs and chips

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, September 11, at 5pm. Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org). 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](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.

### News of the Family

#### **Congratulations to:**

*Jena Quinn* on her profession of faith and baptism last Sunday, Sept. 10. Jena is the daughter of *Joel & Jean Quinn*.

*Jim & Deborah Hartsook* on their birth of their 11th grandchild, *Stevie Paula Hartsook* born on Sept. 11, 2023 to Matt & Kristina Hartsook, in Miami, FL.

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

September — Cereal

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

#### Attendance — 9/10/2023

8:30 | 88      9:02 | 172      11:00 | 382

In-Person Total | 642

9:02 Online Live | 249      11:00 Online Live | 367

### Financials

#### Operations Budget as of 9/13/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,419,233.84
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,497,358.86</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ (78,125.02)

#### Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 170,605.51
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 140,150.00

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



## KIDS TALENT SHOWCASE

Share the talent God has given you!

**SEPT 24 4PM**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Contact Cara Robinson  
crobinson@stjohns-umc.org  
to sign up!



## FOUNDATION SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

**THIS SUNDAY | 5PM - 7PM**

- 5:00: OPEN GYM/GAME ROOM
- 5:30: DINNER
- 6:00: HS & MS ACTIVITY/LESSON



## GRACE KITCHEN DONATIONS

September Needs:

# CANNED TUNA/SALMON

Pull tops or Pouches Only



## PRE-ORDER A BUSHEL OF APPLES

Please contact:

**Judy Kalbaugh**  
**803-221-1342**  
by **Sept. 27**

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Applefest Nov. 4



*Let's show them St. John's Love & Support!*

Bring the whole family!

**THE BRIDGE 2 HOME 2nd Annual**

**Run for FREEDOM**

**Saturday Oct. 7 Start 8am**

[www.thebridge2home.com/events/](http://www.thebridge2home.com/events/)



## TRUNK-OR-TREAT

**OCT. 29 4PM**

**STJ Parking Lot**

### 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 **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.



## 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

***Fantasia on DUKE STREET***

*Chancel Bells*

Jason W. Krug

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

***If Ye Love me***

*Chancel Bells*

Thomas Tallis; arr. Ron Mallory

**\*OPENING HYMN No. 541, "See How Great a Flame Aspires" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR**

### SCRIPTURE READING

**2 Timothy 1:1-7**

**Rev. Butch Blackwell**

### SERMON

**"Fanning the Flame"**

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**\*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

***O Light of Life***

*Chancel Choir*

Mack Wilberg

**\*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. 603, "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire" AZIMON**

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

***God Be in My Head***

*Chancel Choir*

John Rutter

### 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**                      **Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Light the Fire**                      *Doerkson*

**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**                      **Start A Fire**                      *Unspoken*

## **CHILDRENS SERMON**

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **2 Timothy 1:1-7**                      **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

**SERMON**                      **"Fanning the Flame"**                      **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **God So Loved**                      *We the Kingdom*  
Foundation Youth Band & Choir

## **BENEDICTION**

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