



*February 18, 2024*

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## Primetimes 2024 Travel

Members and friends of St John's are invited to join the following travel opportunities available during the coming year. All tours start from and return to St John's.

**Chihuly Returns to Biltmore Plus Lavender in Landrum**, June 12 – 13, 2024, includes a visit to Elf Leaf Lavender Farm in the Blue Ridge foothills, an overnight stay in Asheville's Biltmore Village and a day of exploration at the Biltmore Estate. The registration deadline is April 1, 2024.

**Follow the Donut Trail**, August 8, 2024, is a day of exploring SC 's Donut Trail from Sumter to Chapin with donut tastings, a progressive lunch at 3 local restaurants in Camden and a visit to the National Steeplechase Museum. The registration deadline is July 15, 2024.

**Scenic Sights of the Lowcountry**, October 31 – November 2, 2024, includes a riding tour of Bluffton, exploration of Beaufort with an overnight stay, a visit to the Port Royal Sound Maritime Center, exploration of Edisto Island, a view of the famous Morris Island Light with an overnight stay in Folly Beach, a tour at the Charleston Tea Plantation and sightseeing in Summerville. The registration deadline is August 15, 2024.

Flyers with tour details and registration forms are available outside the church office.

## Safety and Security

The church has had several instances where homeless people have entered and wandered the building during Sunday services, including one individual last Sunday with a serious criminal record. Please close doors behind you after entering the building and do not prop doors open.

## St. John's Missions News

We are thankful and full of gratitude for EVERYONE who participated in the 2024 Mission Impact Celebration!! Faith Promises to missions is a record \$240,850.00!

We're thankful to each person who attended the Wednesday Night Supper in support of the upcoming youth mission trip, to everyone who participated in Saturday of Service across Aiken and to Jack & Carolyn Roberts for capturing it all in photos to be shared this Sunday, to all who came to Muffins with Missionaries, and to all who responded with a Faith Promise Commitment. We can't wait to see what God is going to do this year!! Thank you, St. John's!

For the month of February, we are collecting **canned or dried fruit with easy to open tops**. 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.

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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:** Hannah Boetsch     **Acolytes:** Madison Bates and Emily Poole

**February 11:00 Ushers:** Virgil & Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Jean Geiger, Bob Newburn, Penny Rue, Missy Poe, John Schmidt, Jerry Miller, Jeanette Isaacson, John Bradley, Mary Ann Findley, Mitch Rivers, Maxine & Kent Falb

**February Worship Support:** Pat Sauls and Claudette Strickland

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.*

# February 18, 2024

## Children's Ministries

Please join us for Children's Wednesday night activities for music and lessons from 5:30pm - 6:45 pm.

No Confirmation class this week. The **Confirmation Retreat** is February 23-25. Please make sure that you have registered for this at: <https://stjaiken.org/confirmation>.

**Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on March 30, 2024. More details to come.

**Mother Son Top Golf** outing has been moved to April 26, 2024. Registration and additional information for this is on our website at: <https://stjaiken.org/children>.

## Foundation Student Ministries

*(7th-12th Grades)*

Sunday Night Youth will not meet tonight, but since there's no school, join us tomorrow for MOVIE MONDAY! We will be in the Faith Center from 11:00am until 2:00pm. We will choose a movie together and provide lunch! Bring \$2 and invite a friend!

### 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

## Young Adults Ministry

**Thursday Night Bible Study:** We are currently studying the Gospel of John with N.T. Wright's Gospel of John for Everyone. Young Adults focuses on ages 18-35. Hope you will join us. Contact Rev. Will for more information at [waltman@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:waltman@stjohns-umc.org) or 864-873-7585.

## United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on Thursday, February 22 at 6:30pm in Ward Hall. We will have our usual pot luck supper followed by a talk from Mr. Kent Falb. Kent was trainer for the Minnesota Vikings over 20 years, and as Chief Trainer for the Detroit Lions for another 20 years.

## United Methodist Women (UMW) Spring Luncheon

Please mark your calendars for the annual UMW spring luncheon to be held May 3, 2024, in Ward Hall. All women of the church are invited. The luncheon will feature a guest speaker and service pin awards. More information will be announced in future bulletins. Hope to see you there.

## UMCOR Coffee Sales



The UMCOR coffee booth will be open for sales today. Please stop and shop today, between 9:15am and 12:30pm outside of Ward Hall.

## Hospitality Committee Team

The Hospitality Committee is recruiting a few new members. If you would like more information on this wonderful way to serve our congregation please contact Juli Davis at [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org).

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
in memory of *deceased family and friends* by *Greg & Peg Robinson*.

### Wednesday Night Supper

**Menu:** Lasagna, salad, and éclair cake

**Kids menu:** Pizza and yogurt

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, February 19, 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.

### News of the Family

**Welcome Our Newest Members:**

**Paul & Rebecca Grooms**

**David & Lori Long**

**Keeley Pitts**

**Jerry Londal**

**Sympathies to:**

**Cindy Snell**, on the death of her sister, **Sara "Beezy" Looney**, who died on January 31, 2024 in Fountain Inn, SC. Beezy was aunt to **Molly Jones & family** and **Sara Whitaker & family**.

**Tom Calhoun**, on the death of his brother, **Samuel R. Calhoun**. Samuel died on February 7, 2024, in Myrtle Beach, SC.

**Paula Blackmore**, on the death of her mother, **Irene "Dolly" Blackmore**, who died on February 7, 2024 in Aiken, SC.

**Melba Fair**, on the death of her sister, Evelyn Close, who died on February 11, 2024 in Marshfield, MO.

**Larry Day**, on the death of his wife, **Sheila Day**. Sheila died on February 11, 2024 in Augusta, GA.

*In Memoriam*

Mrs. Sheila Day  
February 11, 2024

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

February — **canned vegetables**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

**Attendance** — 2/11/2024

8:30 | 90                      9:02 | 162                      11:00 | 260

In-Person Total | 512

9:02 Online Live | 482      11:00 Online Live | 322

### Financials

#### Operation Budget as of 2/14/2024

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$326,109.89
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$261,386.50</u>
	\$ 64,723.39

#### Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

FAITH PROMISE REVENUE RECEIVED FOR 2023/2024 YEAR END	\$231,380.47
2022/2023 REVENUE CARRYOVER	<u>\$ 35,966.08</u>
	\$267,346.55

FAITH PROMISE EXPENSES FOR 2023/2024 YEAR END	\$239,002.74
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*We thank you for your generous support of St. John's Ministries & Missions!*

# Join the Hospitality Committee Today!

CONTACT JULI DAVIS AT  
JDAVIS@STJOHNS-UMC.ORG TO  
JOIN THE NEW ST. JOHN'S  
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE OR FOR  
MORE INFORMATION ON THIS  
WONDERFUL WAY TO SERVE OUR  
CONGREGATION!



FOUNDATION STUDENTS  
**MOVIE MONDAY**  
FAITH CENTER



**BRING \$2  
SMASH TACOS  
POPCORN**

**FEATURED FILM:  
STAY TUNED FOR THE  
REVEAL!**

**19TH  
FEBRUARY**  
11:00AM - 2:00PM



 **JACK MEEKS  
MEMORIAL  
RAMP MINISTRY**  
Serving Allen County, IN

**15th Annual  
Golf Tournament**

**REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN**

**May 17, 2024**

 **ST JOHN'S**  
Methodist Church



**REGISTER NOW**

**GET YOUR  
COFFEE FIX!**

**TODAY**  
**9:15AM - 13:30PM**  
**OUTSIDE WARD HALL**

 **UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF  
COFFEE PROJECT**



You're cordially invited to a

# Royal Ball



## Father Daughter Dance



**Saturday, March 16  
6-8 PM**

**St. John's Gym**  
104 Newberry Street NW  
For Girls ages 3 & Up

Tickets: \$30 per couple (includes dinner)  
RSVP at <https://bit.ly/2024STJRoyalBall>  
by March 12

**Attire: Princess Dress or Sunday Best**





## 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

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM pg. 39

*The congregation will be led in the singing of God Claims You, FWS #2249, using the name Marshall.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**                      ***Forty Days and Forty Nights***                      attr. Martin Herbst

**\*OPENING HYMN No. 269,**    ***"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"***                      LAND OF REST

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **Genesis 9:7-17**                      **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

**SERMON**                      ***"R.O.Y.G.B.I.V"***                      **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. 70,**                      ***"Glory Be to the Father"***                      **MEINEKE**

*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**                      ***When I Survey the Wonderous Cross***                      Gilbert M. Martin  
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, AND 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. 371,**    ***"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"***                      **MY SAVIOR'S LOVE**

### \*BENEDICTION

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

### 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).*



*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. This service will be livestreamed today at 9:02 on our website [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org), our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.*

## **PRELUDE**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Have Your Way**                      *Kirkland*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Impossible**                      *Building 429*

**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**                      **Promises**                      *Maverick City*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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**PRAISE SONG**                      **I Believe**                      *Jonathan Cook*

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

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