



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

June 18, 2023

Father's Day

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Shepherd of Love Celebrates 10 years

The Shepherd of Love Visitation Ministry was started back in June of 2013, under the mentoring and support of Jeanette Isaacson, Jewel Dailey and former Nurture Pastor, Dr. Ray Litts. We would like to acknowledge all of those who have served and are currently serving as a Shepherd to the many homebound members over the years. Your visits, calls and notes have been a blessing and “a real lift.” **Thank you!** It is our prayer that this beautiful ministry will continue for many more years to come.

Gym Closure

Please make note that the St. John’s gym will be closed July 5-10, 2023 in order for the floors to be refinished. All reservations for the gym have been cancelled during this time.

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.

Discernment Committee

If you were not able to attend the last meeting on June 11, we have shared the handout and video regarding the SC Annual Conference Report, on our website. Please use this link: <https://stjaiken.org/discernment> and you will find this under VIDEOS.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 19 at 6pm in the Sanctuary. This will be discernment public informational meeting. Our vote date has been set to take place on Sunday, August 20 at 3pm, with registration at 2pm. 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; Director of Children’s Ministry and Christian Education - Heather Peacock; Director of Traditional Music - Dr. Matt Caine; Organist - Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band Leader - Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band

Crucifer: Lexi Taylor **Acolytes:** Jack Taylor and Madison Zeigler

Father’s Day Ushers: Annie Johnson, Elizabeth Grace Reynolds, Anna Bryce Reynolds, Evelyn Reynolds, Robert Miniard, Catherine Kreitzer, Pierson Hall, Charlotte Hall, James Rittgers, Thomas Rittgers

June 11:00 Ushers: Missy Poe, Paula Blackmore, Donald Leader, Bob Newburn, Newkirk Barnes, John Bradley, Bill Hillan, Sinclair Short, Roger & Alison Carpenter, Jean Geiger, Eric Randall, Kent & Maxine Falb

June Worship Support: Marguerite Flynn and Anita Burg

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

VBS Week is here! On **Monday**, parents of kids all ages are asked to **sign in at the fountain by 9am**. Then drop your 1st - 6th graders at the Faith Center and your children 5 and under, at the preschool hall. **Tuesday - Thursday**, we ask that you drop off elementary kids at the Faith Center and ages 5 and under, are to be dropped off at the Preschool hall. **Pick up for all ages is in the Faith Center every day at 12 noon.**

Summer Bible Memory Challenge for ages Kindergarten through 6th grade! 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: Happy Father's Day! Sunday Night Youth will not meet tonight. Enjoy the day with your family!

Monday Dutch Lunch will be at Pizza Joint immediately following Vacation Bible School on the 19th.

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

St. John's Missions News

Like to sleep in on Saturday mornings? I thought I did too, but I encourage you to join a Grace Kitchen team which feeds our community each Saturday morning. We begin cooking breakfast at 6:45am and typically finish around 9:30am. We currently have 8 teams and we are praying for 2 more teams which means we need 16 people (8 people per team). To learn more please call Renee Reid at (803)215-8940.

For the month of June, we are collecting **deodorant**. 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.

Organ Concert, Tuesday June 20, 10:30am

As a part of the Southern Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists, St. John's is pleased to host a free organ concert on Tuesday, June 20, at 10:30am. Monica Czausz Berney, a graduate of Rice University's Shepherd School of Music and The Curtis Institute, who is hailed as a true star among young classical musicians, will be the featured artist for this concert. Due to VBS taking place, we ask that you use only the Sanctuary doors. If parking in the back parking lot, please use the sidewalks along Newberry and Chesterfield.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory
of **Robert B. "Robbie" Clyburn, Jr.** by **Mary Anne Clyburn.**

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of **Dot Smith** by **Lionel Smith .**

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.

News of the Family

Welcome our newest members:

Joe & Barbara Laycock

Ron & Debi Paul

David & Cara Robinson

Congratulations to:

Peggy Hammons, whose grandson, **Wesley Baker**, graduated magna cum laude from
University of Georgia on May 12, 2023, with a degree in Computer Science. Proud
parents are **Craig & Diane Baker.**

Sophie Nance, graduated from MUSC with a Doctor of Medicine degree, May 2023.
Proud parents are **Tom & Catherine Nance** and grandparents are **John & Cynthia
Stapleton.**

Bob & Beth Newburn, whose granddaughter, **Sydney Margaret Newburn**, of Falls
Church, VA, graduated from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. She departed
June 11 for Mbarara City, Uganda for a six week medical internship.

Our Sympathies to:

William & Carolyn Tyler, on the death of **Edwina White Carns**, Carolyn's sister, who
died on May 29, 2023 in Columbia, SC.

Doris Jenkins, on the death of her sister, **Connie Doyle**, who died on June 10, 2023 in
Conway, SC.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

June — **Macaroni and Cheese**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 6/11/2023

8:30 | 100 9:02 | 205 11:00 | 294

In-Person Total 599

9:02 Online Live | 293 11:00 Online Live | 342

Financials

Operations Budget as of 6/14/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$1,002,085.09
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 993,459.74</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ 8,625.35

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us	
to do in Missions:	\$ 101,721.78
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 87,150.00

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



FOUNDATION STUDENT MINISTRIES SUMMER 2023

JUNE

	YOUTH CAMP maggie valley, nc 25th-29th REGISTER TODAY!
SUNDAYS 5pm-6:30pm	4th senior celebration 11th putt putt 25th open gym & flanagan's
MONDAYS 11:30pm-12:30pm	12th diablo's 19th pizza joint *12:30-1:30* 26th just julie's

VOLUNTEER 19TH-22ND VBS

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

FOUNDATION STUDENT MINISTRIES YOUTH CAMP

JUNE 25TH - 29TH

WHERE: MAGGIE VALLEY, NC

WHAT: WORSHIP, ADVENTURE, FELLOWSHIP, SMALL GROUP

COST: \$250*

REGISTER ONLINE AT STJAIKEN.ORG/STUDENTS

*SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE | CONTACT BEKAH AT RMUIR@STJAIKEN.ORG

GRACE KITCHEN

Donations

**June Needs:
Deodorant**

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

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

Rev. Butch Blackwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

attr. John Hatton

Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 732 "Come, We That Love the Lord"**

ST. THOMAS

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON

"What's So Funny?"

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

With A Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

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. 568, "Christ for the World We Sing"**

ITALIAN HYMN

***BENEDICTION No. 89**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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PRAISE SONG **Amazing Grace** *Newton*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Heather Peacock**

PRAISE SONG **Old Church Choir** *Williams*

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OFFERTORY **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go** *Matheson*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 18:1-15** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"What's So Funny?"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

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

PRAISE SONG **All the People Said Amen** *Maher*

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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