



November 19, 2023

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Epworth Angels

Thank you to all who generously donated Christmas gifts to the children at Epworth Children's Home. Please remember to drop off your items in the Epworth collection box, located outside of the Ministers' office, by Sunday, November 26, 2023.

New Additions In the Library

For adult readers we have *Open Season* by CJ Box – The very first book in the Joe Pickett series, *The Shack* by William P Young – a 2008 best seller, *The Identicals* by Elin Hilderbrand – a bestseller about two identical twin sisters who couldn't look more alike or live more differently, and *A Gambling Man* by David Baldacci. In non-fiction for adults, we have *The Vision of His Glory* by Anne Graham Lotz.

For our younger readers we have *Marvel Super Stories* – a hardbacked comic book full of stories about the Marvel Superheroes, *Unicorn for a Day* – a Phoebe and Her Unicorn book.

And for the even younger readers or for parents who want some good stories to read to their kids we have *The Berenstain Bears and Six Inspirational Stories*.

COME CHECK US OUT – remember to sign out the books on the sheet provided in the library and to return mark it on the sign-out sheet and just put them on the table marked returns.

Dr. Tim's Bible Studies

Due to Thanksgiving next week, both the morning and evening Bible studies will be cancelled for Wednesday, Nov. 22. Both studies will return on Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

Discipleship Seminar

The Discipleship Seminar will hold its final meeting in Ward Hall at 10:10am, this Sunday, Nov. 19. Come learn how you can be a disciple who makes disciples in accordance with God's command that we go and make disciples. Matthew 28:19.

Under the Steeple

Won't you join us at 3pm this afternoon for a free performance of portions of all three parts of Handel's beloved *Messiah*? This special concert will be done in the British tradition of *Scratch Messiah* (sing-a-long), where we will invite anyone in the audience who wishes to join in by singing certain parts with the choir and orchestra.

Discernment Committee

"Separation Q & A's": Members of the Discernment Committee will attend some of the Wednesday night suppers to have conversations and/or respond to questions relative to separation from the UMC. Come join our table(s) for dinner and discussions. We will hold our last opportunity to have these conversations during WNS on Dec 13.

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: Sophia Overstreet **Acolytes:** Mason Wilhelm and Grice Wyatt

November 11:00 Ushers: Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Finley, Donald Leader, Missy Poe, Connie & Mick Pisko, Roger & Alison Carpenter, John Bradley, Larry & Karen Travis, Penny Rue, Al & Aline Hartgraves, Kent Falb and Allen & Nola Radcliffe

November Worship Support: Christy Kisner, Nita Bell, Libby Taylor and Peg Robinson

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

Join us **THIS** afternoon for a Children's Mission Project! Kids grades 6 and below will create Christmas gift bags for guests at Grace Kitchen. We'll meet in Ward Hall at 4:30 and have supper at 5:30pm.

Confirmation Class for 6th graders will follow the usual schedule.

Thank you to everyone who filled a Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child! We exceeded our goal of 250 boxes! This is a wonderful expression of love from the people of St. John's to children around the world!

The **Gingerbread Nativity** is Sunday, December 10 at 5pm – 6:30pm. This is a sweet way to celebrate the birth of Jesus with the whole St. John's family. **Everyone** is invited to attend and participate as we tell the nativity story in a delicious way. Please register on Realm so we'll have enough supplies for everyone. We hope to you all there!

Children will go **Christmas caroling** on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30pm, during the children's regular Wednesday night choir and devotion time. We'll spread joy and cheer to some of our homebound members and enjoy refreshments when we return to the church. We'd like to know how many will attend, so please sign up on Realm.

If your child is interested in participating in the Nativity skit on Christmas Eve (5pm service **only**), please contact Cara Robinson, crobinson@stjohns-umc.org. Note: We will have one practice on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 5:30pm. If any Youth or adults would like to volunteer and help with the children's skit, please reach out to Cara, as well. Thank you!

There will be NO children's Wednesday night programming on Nov. 22 during Thanksgiving break. We'll see everyone back the next week.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Please be in prayer for our students & counselors as they return home from our Asbury Hills Retreat this afternoon. There will be no Youth Band, Choir or Sunday Night Youth this evening.

Revolution is January 26-28, 2024! Registration is open on Realm. Early bird deadline is December 17.

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**.

St. John's Missions News

Your Faith Promise supports the Honduras Agape Foundation in their mission to provide medical and dental care, education assistance, construction, and support for the community of believers in the Quimistan valley of Honduras. Pray for Maynor Castillo and his family as he leads this ministry.

For the month of November, we are collecting **coats**. 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 **COL William Clark** by **Judy Clark**.

Wednesday Night Supper

There will NO WNS on November 22, 2023. We will be back on November 29, 2023. Happy Thanksgiving to All!

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.

News of the Family

Welcome our Newest Members:

Adam Ford

David Minnick

Rich and Hellen Eichler

Congratulations to:

Trent & Jan Arnold on the birth of their grandson, **Oliver Noah Erisman**, who was born November 12, 2023 in Augusta, GA. Proud parents are the Arnold's daughter, Sarah and her husband, Jacob Erisman.

Our Sympathies to:

Greg & Nancy Lowry on the death of Greg's brother, **Gary Alan Lowry**. Gary died in Augusta, GA on November 12, 2023.

Tor & Debbie, Justin and Erik Osmundsen on the death of **Blanche Durant**, who died November 14, 2023 in Aiken, SC. She was mother to Debbie and grandmother to Justin and Erik.

In Memoriam

Mr. Chuck Seitter
November 8, 2023

In Memoriam

Mrs. Blanche Durant
November 14, 2023

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

November — **canned beans**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 11/12/2023

8:30 | 102 9:02 | 203 11:00 | 335

In-Person Total | 640

9:02 Online Live | 306 11:00 Online Live | 222

Financials

Operations Budget as of 11/15/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,869,299.91
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,824,140.85</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ 17,710.60

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 200,602.46
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 177,150.00

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



**EPWORTH
ANGELS**

GIFTS DUE BY
SUNDAY,
NOV. 26
BOX OUTSIDE
MINISTER'S
OFFICE



Happy
Thanksgiving
ST. JOHN'S UMC



GRACE KITCHEN
Donations
**November Needs:
Coats**

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

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**CHRISTMAS
CAROLING**

CHILDREN GRADES 6 AND BELOW
(CHURCH SUPPER AT 5PM)
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13, 2023
CAROLING AT 5:30PM

PLEASE REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE:




Family Night

Gingerbread
Nativity
Family Night
Activity

Sunday, Dec. 10th
5pm – 6:30pm





**Thinking about
becoming a member?**

We are excited to 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! Please contact Juli Davis (jdavis@stjohns-umc.org) or Rev. Will Altman (waltman@stjohns-umc.org) for more information or call them at 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 *For the Fruits of This Creation* Traditional Welsh Hymn

***OPENING HYMN No. 694, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"** ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Matthew 25:14-30** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Prudent or Productive"** **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 ***We Gather Together*** arr. John Carter
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. 102,** **"Now Thank We All Our God"** NUN DANKET

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **Goodness of God** *Johnson, Ingram, Cash*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **Days of Elijah** *Mark*

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 **Your Words** *Third Day*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 25:14-30** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Prudent or Productive"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG **This is Amazing Grace** *Wickham*

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Come Everybody Worship

Natalie Sleeth

Funga Alafia

West African Song

Alleluia Choir

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

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An African Worship Song

arr. Joseph Martin

Alleluia Choir

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

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