



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

August 20, 2023

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St. John's Missions News

Mark your calendars and make a reservation now for Wednesday night supper on **August 30!** Why? **Mike and Sherri Morrissey**, the Executive Directors of **Thailand Now** will be at St. Johns. They will be sharing from 5:30 to 5:50, and will be available before and after supper, to visit. Supper begins at 5, so make your reservation by calling the church office.

For the month of August, we are collecting **tooth brushes and toothpaste**. 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.

UMCOR Hawaii Humanitarian Relief

As Christians we are called to aid those in need in any way we are able. Right now, our brothers and sisters in Maui are suffering greatly. Each of us is being asked to pray and consider giving as we are able to help provide for the humanitarian needs caused by the fires in Hawaii. If you are called to give, please make checks payable to St. John's and note **"UMCOR- #901670 Hawaii."**

UMW Applefest Books

The Bookworm Corner is a favorite of Applefest each year, and it's all due to your willingness to donate books (hardback, paperback and audio). Children's books are always very popular, as are best selling novels and travel books. So start bringing them in. Please place them on the red book bin, outside of Ward Hall. Please do not bring movies, cd's or magazines. Contact Mary Ward (803) 439-1245 or upsmmary7@yahoo.com with any questions.

SEED Back In Session

School has resumed this week for SEED. Please keep in mind that car line is now taking place three times per day. If you are coming for events or meetings during the week, car line may block you if you use the back parking lot.

Dr. Tim's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Tim's Wednesday morning Bible study "God's Deliverance," will resume this Wednesday, August 23. He will continue this study starting with Deuteronomy. This will take place in the Sanctuary from 10am - 11:30am.

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: Benton Orr **Acolytes:** Rebecca Kreitzer and Henry Vaughters

August 11:00 Ushers: Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Bill Hillan, Missy Poe, Mick Pisko, Connie Pisko, Commie Peebles, Pat Sauls, Virgil Sauls, Dave Felak, Paula Blackmore, Jerry Miller, Alison Carpenter, Roger Carpenter

August Worship Support: Leah Lewis, Mary Ann Findley, Mary Parrish

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Fall Ministry Kick-off! St. John's Family had a great evening together! Your contribution helped make it a success! And thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the fun - It was a great evening at St. John's! *Special thanks to the members of the Children's Council, especially Emily Murphy and Amber Bates for all their hard work!*



Confirmation Parent meeting will be Tuesday, August 29, at 6pm in Ward Hall. Confirmation is a time for sixth-grade students to learn more about the Christian faith and to "make firm" the commitments made for them at baptism. This course will allow the students to join in learning and fellowship for several months, ending in an opportunity to join the church. We look forward to walking on this journey with your sixth-grader!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth: Thank you to all the host families and youth counselors who made our FUEL weekend a great success! Sunday Night Youth will not meet tonight. Make plans to join us next Sunday for MESSY NIGHT!

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 and Youth Choir:

Youth Band and the 7th- 12th grade members of the Youth Choir will meet from 3:30pm - 5pm this Sunday in the Youth Band Room 205.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in honor of *Jim & MaeBeth Thompson's*
52nd Wedding Anniversary.**

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in memory of *Bob Kochli* by *Paul & Jeanette Isaacson*.**

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Lemon Blueberry Crunch

Kids Menu: Sliders and yogurt

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, August 21, at 5pm. Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: jdavis@stjohns-umc.org. **New** 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, 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:

Todd & Tiffani and baby Rory Tyler

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August — **Canned Soup**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 8/13/2023

8:30 | 99 9:02 | 206 11:00 | 359

In-Person Total 664

9:02 Online Live | 165 11:00 Online Live | 270

Financials

Operations Budget as of 8/16/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,303,246.88
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,337,834.87</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ (34,587.99)

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 158,094.41
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 123,950.00

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



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, beginning this **Wednesday, Aug 23 and Sep 13, 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.



2023 Third Grade Bible Recipients

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 *Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It* William J. Kirkpatrick
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 98,** **"To God Be the Glory"** TO GOD BE THE GLORY

SCRIPTURE READING **Galatians 3:14** **Rev. Will Altman**

SERMON **"Receive the Promise "** **Rev. Will Altman**

***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"** GREATOR EX
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 Wondrous Cross* arr. 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 & 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. 374,** **"Standing on the Promises"** PROMISES

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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PRAISE SONG **Hold Me Jesus** *Mullins*

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PRAISE SONG **Faith** *Morgan*

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OFFERTORY **I Am Redeemed** *BDW*

CHILDRENS SERMON

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SERMON **"Receive the Promise"** **Rev. Will Altman**

PRAISE SONG **Just As I Am** *Crabb*

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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

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