



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

October 22, 2023

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Stewardship Campaign

What does the Fall season help you recall about church life? What comes to mind? Is it harvest festivals like Applefest, Back-to-School events, Trunk or Treat fellowship, Homecomings, Dinners-on-the-Grounds, Fall Revivals, Men's Club BBQ or Chicken Bog fundraisers? Or, does your mind erase all those wonderful memories with the dreaded recollection of a Church Financial Campaign?

It is the season for it, after all. Some of you have been subjected to every imaginable pledge campaign. Remember the "Off and Running" campaign that had cardboard tube batons that were to be filled with pledge cards from house to house on a designated route, or using the same premise with the "Circuit Rider" campaign in which everyone was asked to stuff their pledges into a paper saddlebag and pass it along?

This year at St. John's we want you to focus on your favorite fall memories. We won't have a stewardship campaign until AFTER our church vote on January 21, 2024. In the meantime, please think about all the ministries that St. John's provides and show your gratitude to Jesus. Ask yourself, what specific ministries have improved my life, family, community, country and world?

Discipleship Seminar

There will be a Discipleship Seminar occurring all four Sundays in November (5, 12, 19, and 26) from 10:10am - 10:50am in Ward Hall. Come experience what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ (fully devoted follower) vs. just a believer (nominal Christian).

Applefest Announcements

Drinks: We are in need of canned drinks for the Apple Seed Café. Please bring your donations, marked Applefest, of such to the Church and leave outside the kitchen.

Silent Auction: As we are quickly approaching the final day, we are trying to wrap up, literally and figuratively. Therefore, we are asking that you please bring in items and/or gift cards for the silent auction/gift baskets to the church office ASAP! Thank you!

Calling All Bakers: The "Bake Shop" is looking for baked items for our booth at Applefest! Each year, attendees come looking for those special treats that they can share with their friends and families...or indulge in themselves. Your specialty items will be perfect. Items can be packaged as individual treats or items that will serve many. Further delivery instructions will be given nearer the November 4th occasion.

Frozen Features: Casseroles, soups, chili, breads, pies, cakes, cookies, etc. are needed to sell at our Applefest. If you make it beforehand and need a freezer to store it, call Camille Bailey, 803-295-2057 or Brenda Meeks, 803-979-1900.

Twice Loved Treasures: Now is the time to start thinking about items in your home that you no longer need or are using. We will be happily accepting items in the gym beginning on Monday, October 30th through Thursday, November 2nd, each day from 8:30am - 5:00pm and Friday November 3rd from 8:30am - 2:00pm. We welcome all sorts of household items such as furniture, glassware, pictures, linens, tools, and toys. However, we can NOT accept TV's, computers and children's car seats. If you have any questions please call Marsha Mikes at 803-645-0078.

Saks Thrift Avenue Clothing: Starting Monday, October 23 we will be accepting clothing in Ward Hall, and continue through October 27 (9am - 1pm). The following week, we will continue to accept clothing all day (Monday- Friday) for Applefest.

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:** Ella Jernigan and Loren Wilkins

October 11:00 Ushers: Virgil & Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Newkirk Barnes, Commie Peebles, Robert Newburn, Eric & Helen Randall, Al Hartgraves, Bill Hillan, John Bradley, Jerry Miller, Connie & Mick Pisko, Larry Burdette, Missy Poe, Allen & Nola Radcliffe

October Worship Support: Jane Fogle, Marsha Mikes and Sandra Shelley

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.

October 22, 2023

Children's Ministries

Thank you to everyone who has donated candy for the upcoming Trunk or Treat! Thank you to the UMW Circles for their contributions! Donations of treats are still being accepted; please no nuts or peanut butter. Thank you!

Join us on October 29 from 4pm - 5pm for our annual Trunk or Treat! Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends and neighbors as we hand out treats to children from the community. This is a great way to highlight the loving fellowship found at St. John's! We will set up at 3pm in the back parking lot. Space is still available, so come join the fun!

Operation Christmas Child boxes are still available. So far the response has been great! Thank you to all who have taken a box to fill! Please return boxes by November 12 and include \$10 for delivery, or pay online following the box label instructions.

Join us on **Wednesday night** for our Children's Ministry programming with choir and a great time learning more about Jesus! We meet 5:30pm to 6:45pm. Ages 3 years to 6th grade are invited. We hope to see you there!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth:

Join us tonight for Sunday Night Youth! Drop off in the Faith Center loop starting at 5:00pm. We will have free time in the gym, dinner, pumpkin carving, and lively discussion! Our high school students will continue the series called "Questions of Jesus," and our middle school students will continue the series called "Who is God?" Bring \$2 and invite a friend! Pick up is at 7:00pm in the Faith Center loop.

HS Memory Verse: Luke 8:39

MS Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 32:4

Youth Band: 3pm-4pm Room 205

Youth Choir: 4pm-5pm Room 210

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

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**.

Registration for Asbury Hills (Nov. 17-19) is LIVE on Realm! Make sure to secure your spot!

SEED Trick-or-Treating

The SEED program will "Trick or Treat" at the church offices on Monday, October 30th and Tuesday, October 31st. We welcome any groups or individuals who would like to come and sit in the hallways around the office wing and hand out candy on these days. There are approximately 120 students total ranging in ages from 2-6. This will start at 9:00 and should last less than 25 minutes. It is guaranteed to bring a few smiles! No peanut butter candy, please. Thank you!

St. John's Missions News

We hope that everyone was able to hear the message that Sasha Tseutserov shared with us. Do you want to help Sasha with his work in Russia? Join a new prayer team! Call or text Renee at 803-215-8940.

Let's kick off a St. Johns Quarterly Saturday of Service on Nov. 11. We will be serving Epworth Children's Home in Columbia by installing a flower bed. Sign up after church Oct. 21 or 28 or email debirood@gmail.com. More hands make lighter work and more fun!

Thank you to the Seekers of Good News Class for serving ACTS by unloading cases of canned goods donated at the fair!

For the month of October, we are collecting **new underwear and socks**. 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 honor of **Mark Mahoney & Betsy Wilson-Mahoney's**
40th wedding anniversary.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Chicken Pesto Tortellini, salad, Éclair cake - **IN THE GYM this week 10/25**
Kids Menu: Grilled cheese and fruit

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, October 23rd, at 5pm by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: 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, 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.

Santa – Carving Class

Tommy Harman will be teaching a Santa - Carving class at St John's. This free class will have all supplies furnished. Teens 14-18 years old can participate with a parent/grandparent. A class is limited to 8 people, so depending on the number of people that are interested, he may hold more than one class. Come join in the fun! Call the church office to register: 803-648-6891 by October 27th.

Bobby Coker Needs Help

Bobby Coker is putting together a team to help replace a roof in Aiken, on Nov. 3rd and 4th. Bobby could use 12 more helpers that would be willing to help get this roof replaced. If you are available, please call Bobby directly at 803-439-6596.

Pictorial Directory Sign Ups

Still need to have your photo taken? Please call the church office to find a time that works for you. We have many slots available through November 17. We have added the following dates: **Saturday, Nov. 4 and Saturday Nov. 11 from 9am - 4pm; exclusively for families with children. OR – stop by TODAY as walk-ins are welcome!**

News of the Family

Our Sympathies to:

Sandy Anthony on the death of her son, **William Todd Anthony**, who died on October 4, 2023 in Florida.

Music at St. John's—Under the Steeple

Save the Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023, 7pm. The CSRA's newest professional music ensemble, Brandywine Brass, joins with Dr. Jackson Borges, to present a free concert of music for brass quintet and organ.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

October — **one pound bags of rice**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 10/15/2023

8:30 | 84 9:02 | 192 11:00 | 287

In-Person Total | 563

9:02 Online Live | 290 11:00 Online Live | 295

Financials

Operations Budget as of 10/18/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,605,782.03
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,692,494.29</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ (86,712.26)

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us	
to do in Missions:	\$ 185,922.70
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 170,450.00

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



SNY THIS WEEK

PUMPKIN CARVING

Oct. 22 | 5p-7p
Meet in the GYM



APPLEFEST

APPLE SEED CAFE

NEEDS

CANNED SODA

PLEASE BRING TO THE CHURCH OFFICE



THE ALL SAINTS BANNERS

are now located in both worship spaces. Please attach bells in memory of your loved ones.




NOV. 4

8 am - 2 pm



It's Shoebox Time!

Boxes are available to pick up in the Narthex and FC lobby

Return packed boxes by:
NOV. 12th

Discipleship Seminar

Every Sunday in November

10:10 - 10:50
Ward Hall




We still have spaces open if you would like to host a trunk for TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Sunday, Oct. 29
4pm-5pm
STJ Parking Lot

PLEASE SIGN-UP OUTSIDE CARA'S OFFICE

CANDY CAN BE DROPPED OF IN THE FAITH CENTER OR SANCTUARY NARTHEX



Mission Impact Celebration 2024

Mark Your Calendars
February 7 -11

Focus: *Local Mission*



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 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 413, "A Charge to Keep I Have"** BOYLSTON

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Matthew 22:15 - 22** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"What's in Your Mouth?"** **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 *What Does the Lord Require of You?* Mark A. Miller
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. 435, "O God of Every Nation"** LANCASHIRE

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

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.



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, our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

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PRAISE SONG **Come, Now Is the Time to Worship** *Doerkson*

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PRAISE SONG **Come Thou Fount** *Robinson*

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OFFERTORY **Sweet Hour of Prayer** *Bradbury/Walford/CC*

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PRAISE SONG **Remain In Me, I Am the Vine** *Stephen/Angrisano*

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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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