



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

September 24, 2023

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Request for Nominations

We are entering that season when all of our church officers are to be elected for 2024 and beyond. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, let Jennifer Windham in the Church office know. You may email her at: jwindham@stjohns-umc.org or call the church office. Of course, current members should express their desire if they wish to be re-elected, too. Only Staff-Parish and Nominations have time-limits on tenure. The deadline to submit your name is October 20th. Thank you!

Mission Mamas

Being a mama isn't always easy but it's one of the most important roles that God designed! Calling all mamas young, old and in between whose mission is a Christ centered family through fellowship, small mission projects, and Bible study. We will meet Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:30pm in Ward Hall 1 starting September 27th. Our first series will be a podcast and study from Right Now Media called "Gather Moms: Mom Struggles". This series will reveal there is joy and victory in surrendering our common mom struggles to Jesus and asking him for the power to keep going. You are not alone mamas! Our Mission Mamas meeting time aligns with both Wednesday night children's choir times and nursery is available. Please contact Lizzy Green at 803-398-6026 with any questions.

Applefest: The Real Real

Would you consider donating that special designer item you bought and enjoyed but just haven't used recently? We are seeking to create a special boutique area of the "Sax Thrift Avenue" secondhand store that will offer brands such as: Chanel, Coach, Lululemon, Lilly, Louis Vuitton, Gucci, JMcLaughlin, Burberry, Ferragamo, just to name a few. We also want your bags, coats, silk scarves, party dresses, sunglasses, minks and designer jeans and shoes. Leftovers may be picked up or will be used to create an account at Return Engagements for St. John's.

Applefest Silent Auction

Silent Auction needs volunteers to serve as monitors and cashiers for November 4th. Volunteers work two-hour shifts. Silent Auction also needs help during Applefest week with set-up, baskets, and other work assignments. As always, donations of items for Silent Auction are needed and appreciated.

Please contact Susie Graven-Smith at 843-991-8213 or by email at kr4suz@atlanticbb.net if you can help. We promise you will have a great time working with the crew in this booth!

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:** Chase Mole and Finn Mole

September 11:00 Ushers: Dave Felak, Donald Leader, Missy Poe, Newkirk Barnes, Gerry Hansen, Bruce Carrera, Al & Aline Hartgraves, Art & Susie-Graven Smith and Larry & Karen Travis

September Worship Support: Judy Turner, Anita Allen, Camille Bailey, Pam Beckum

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

Confirmation Classes continue on Sunday nights with supper at 5:30pm and class from 6pm -7pm. Thank you for the great participation from students and parents!

Sign up to host a trunk at St. John's annual **Trunk or Treat!** October 29 is the big event! Set-up in the back parking lot at 3pm; event runs from 4 – 5pm! Individually wrapped candy donations accepted – *please no nuts or peanut butter candy*. Email Cara crobinson@stjohns-umc.org or sign up outside the Children's office.

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available October 1. Last year St. John's filled 227 boxes, so our goal this year is **250** filled boxes by November 12! Operation Christmas Child does an amazing job teaching children in the remote areas of the world about Jesus; filling the shoe boxes is a way for our church to show love to these children.

Please note the upcoming events for Children:

TONIGHT at 4pm: **Kids' Talent Showcase**

Oct. 29 from 4pm-5pm (set up at 3pm): **Trunk-or-Treat**

Nov. 5th: **Operation Christmas Child boxes due** (boxes will be available 10/1)

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, games and will be continuing our discussion as we break out for High School and Middle School lessons. Bring \$2 and invite a friend!

HS Memory Verse: Matthew 16:15

MS Memory Verse: James 1:14

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

Youth Band: 3pm-4pm Room 205

Youth Choir: 4pm-5pm Room 210

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 and the early bird discount!

St. John's Missions News

The 2nd Annual Run for Freedom to support **The Bridge 2 Home** is Saturday, October 7. It is a fun family event and we are hoping that our St. John's team will be bigger than last year. To learn more and sign up, go to: www.thebridge2home.com then select EVENTS and be sure to choose the St. John's team! Early bird fee ends Monday, Sept. 25. Questions? Call Renee Reid 803-215-8940.

For the month of September, we are collecting **canned tuna and salmon—pop tops or pouches only**. 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 *Carl Bland* by his father, *John Bland*.**

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Pot roast, green beans, mashed potatoes, and chocolate cake

Kids Menu: Mac and cheese bites with fruit

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, September 25, 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.

Church Security Meeting

David Rittgers will lead meetings at 10:00 am on Sunday, October 1st in Ward Hall 2/3 at 10am and at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 17th room 119 to discuss church safety and security. Anyone who wants to learn about current measures or volunteer to assist with a church safety team is encouraged to attend.

Pictorial Directory Sign Ups

We are preparing for an In-House Photo Directory starting in October. Please sign up for your photo shoot time. Sign up's are being taken **today in Ward Hall 2/3**. We expect to publish the directory early 2024. Remember this is an in-house photo directory, so there is no expectation to buy photos, but this will help us to get to know each other and connect. If you have questions please call Pastor Will at the church office.

Senior Plus Activity— Let's Play BINGO

Seniors, join your friends for an afternoon of cookies and Bingo on Monday, October 2nd from 1:30pm-3pm in Ward Hall 2/3. Questions - ask any member of the Senior Adult Council or call Carol Godfrey 803-642-8491.

News of the Family

Welcome our Newest Members:

Kevin & Rae Maynard

Sympathies to:

Jim Owens on the death of his wife, ***Gloria Owens***, who died September 15, 2023 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Gloria Owens
September 15, 2023

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

September — Cereal

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 9/17/2023

8:30 | 120 9:02 | 206 11:00 | 243

In-Person Total | 569

9:02 Online Live | 312 11:00 Online Live | 333

Financials

Financials will be shared next week, upon Nancy Fairgrieve's return from Kairos Prison Ministry in McCormick.

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



KIDS TALENT SHOWCASE
Share the talent God has given you!

Tonight!

SEPT 24 4PM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Contact Cara Robinson
crobinson@stjohns-umc.org
to sign up!



SNY THIS WEEK

5:00 OPEN GYM...MANHUNT
5:30 DINNER
6:00 WORSHIP
6:15 MS/HS ACTIVITY/LESSON

FOUNDATION
Student Ministries



PRE-ORDER A BUSHEL OF APPLES

Please contact:
Judy Kalbaugh
803-221-1342
by **Sept. 27**

*orders to be picked up at
Applefest Nov. 4



SENIOR BINGO

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES
HOSTED BY SENIOR ADULT COUNCIL

GAME | COOKIES | FUN

TUESDAY 10/2 START AT 1:30 PM
WARD HALL 2&3

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 **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.




TRUNK OR TREAT

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HOST A TRUNK FOR TRUNK OR TREAT ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 FROM 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Email Cara or signup outside her office

CANDY DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE FAITH CENTER OR SANCTUARY NARTHEX.



Let's show them St. John's Love & Support!

Bring the whole family!

THE BRIDGE 2 HOME
2nd Annual

Saturday Oct. 7 Start 8am

RUN FOR FREEDOM

www.thebridge2home.com/events/

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 "God So Loved the World" from The Crucifixion Sir John Stainer

***OPENING HYMN No. 469, "Jesus Is All the World to Me"** ELIZABETH

***SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 20:1-16 Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON "God's Extravagant Grace" 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 Give Me Jesus arr. Tom Fettke

***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. 172, "My Jesus, I Love Thee"** GORDON

***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 **Weary Traveler** *Jordon*

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PRAISE SONG **Fields of Grace** *BDW*

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OFFERTORY **Carry Me Through** *Barnes*

CHILDRENS SERMON

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PRAISE SONG **Jesus Paid It All** *Stanfill*

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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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