



**ST. JOHN'S**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*February 25, 2024*

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## Kairos Cookies

Kairos Week #3 at Trenton CI will be March 5 - 9, 2024. Home baked cookies are needed for this event. If you are willing to bake for this please keep in mind the acceptable types: Oatmeal, peanut butter, chocolate chip and ginger. Please ensure that cookies are not larger than 2 inches in diameter. This size does not break easily.

Cookies should not be iced or have other topping, nor should they contain fruit or nuts. Please bring cookies packaged by the dozen in quart-sized zip lock bags. Cookies will be collected on March 3. Please bring cookies, clearly marked "Kairos Cookies" to the church kitchen by noon on March 3. If you have questions, please contact: Pam McCollum 803-306-9357 or Beth Harman 803-640-4793.

## Sisters Bible Study - Begins New Study Feb. 29

How can we hold onto assurance of our faith? How can we discern the truth from a lie? How can we know God loves us? Join us for this study called Abide A Study of 1, 2, & 3 John, by Jen Wilkin will begin on Thursday, February 29 at 9:30am in Ward Hall 1.

In this 10 session Jen Wilkin will help you discover how 2,000 years later, the apostle John's words offer Christians with similar challenges the opportunity to recall a great salvation and to abide in the truth. He reminds an early church facing division, deception, and doubt to hold fast to what they know and to live like they believe it. And he reminds us as well.

## Primetimers 2024 Travel

Members and friends of St John's are invited to join the following travel opportunities available during the coming year. All tours start from and return to St John's.

**Chihuly Returns to Biltmore Plus Lavender in Landrum, June 12 – 13, 2024**

**Follow the Donut Trail, August 8, 2024**

**Scenic Sights of the Lowcountry, October 31 – November 2, 2024**

Flyers with tour details and registration forms are available outside the church office.

## St. John's Missions News

Saturday of Service showed us a GREAT need at Helping Hands. Join our newest small group "Handy Helpers" who will meet monthly to sort and organize all the clothing donations received at Helping Hands. To learn more call Logan Murray at 803-645-8034.

For the month of February, we are collecting **canned or dried fruit with easy to open tops**. 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.

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### 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:** Campbell Crain **Acolytes:** Adelyn Parker and Grant Parker

**February 11:00 Ushers:** Virgil & Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Jean Geiger, Bob Newburn, Penny Rue, Missy Poe, John Schmidt, Jerry Miller, Jeanette Isaacson, John Bradley, Mary Ann Findley, Mitch Rivers, Maxine & Kent Falb

**February Worship Support:** Pat Sauls and Claudette Strickland

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.*

**February 25, 2024**

### **Children's Ministries**

Please join us for Children's Wednesday night activities for music and lessons from 5:30pm - 6:45 pm.

Please keep the confirmands and those that traveled with them in your prayers as they return home today from their Confirmation Retreat at Epworth-by-the-Sea.

**Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on March 30, 2024. More details to come.

### **Foundation Student Ministries** *(7th-12th Grades)*

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, worship, and small groups! Middle School will continue studying Genesis and High School will continue the series on the "Habits of Jesus." Bring \$2 and be sure to invite a friend! Pick up is at 7:00pm in the Faith Center loop.

Youth Choir 4:00-5:00pm in the choir room

#### **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

MS Memory Verse: Genesis 5:1

HS Memory Verse: Luke 22:40

### **Young Adults Ministry**

**Thursday Night Bible Study:** We are currently studying the Gospel of John with N.T. Wright's Gospel of John for Everyone. Young Adults focuses on ages 18-35. Hope you will join us. Contact Rev. Will for more information at [waltman@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:waltman@stjohns-umc.org) or 864-873-7585.

### **New Ministry for Dementia Support**

We are looking forward to beginning a new ministry support program for those who care for and/or who have family members, or close friends, that are challenged by Dementia. The purpose of this group will to support the family members and caregivers who have been wounded, by the blows of Dementia and to offer encouragement and hope for the journey. The primary focus of this ten-week program will be to consider Dementia through the lens of our Christian faith, as well as, how to minister to those who suffer with the illness. Our focus will be on faith as opposed to the medical component. We will be setting a date to begin this program very soon. If you or someone you know would like to attend these sessions, please contact Reverend Butch.

### **Message From Finance Office**

We have received a check from a brokerage company without a name for reference. If you believe this is yours, please call Nancy Fairgrieve in the church office to identify the check so that it can be properly applied to your giving profile.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
in honor of *Mark Ann & James Vaughn* by *Mark & Monnie Pitts*.

### Wednesday Night Supper

**Menu:** Shephard's Pie, salad and Oreo delight

**Kids menu:** Chicken nuggets with mac & cheese

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, February 26, at 5pm by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto: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](http://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.

### "Thank You" from Vince Jones

Thank you to all the UMM who helped with moving vendors and constructing partitions at the Aiken Antique Show. The UMM received donations from the vendors and the Art Center in the amount of \$1,600. We will donate a portion of those funds to the USCA Soccer team for their assistance moving the vendors.

### News of the Family

**Welcome Our Newest Members:**

**Seth & Ashley Dray**

**Congratulations to:**

**Marshall Cox**, son of **Andrew & Emily**, who was baptized, Sunday, February 18, 2024.

**Sympathies to:**

**Matt & Jill, Kyle, Carter and Tyler Erford**, on the death of **Winona Hays and Dick Hays**, who died on Feb. 19 and Jan. 27, 2024 respectively, in Oakwood, OH. Winona and Dick were Matt's grandparents and great-grandparents to the boys.

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

February — **canned vegetables**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

#### Attendance — 2/18/2024

8:30 | 112      9:02 | 209      11:00 | 312  
In-Person Total | 633  
9:02 Online Live | 434      11:00 Online Live | 370

### Financials

#### Operation Budget as of 2/14/2024

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$386,640.33
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$284,309.57</u>
	\$102,330.76

#### Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 38,132.56
Year to date Mission s Disbursement	\$ 0.00

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



# Join the Hospitality Committee Today!

CONTACT JULI DAVIS AT  
JDAVIS@STJOHNS-UMC.ORG TO  
JOIN THE NEW ST. JOHN'S  
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE FOR  
MORE INFORMATION ON THIS  
WONDERFUL WAY TO SERVE OUR  
CONGREGATION!



# It's Kairos cookie time!



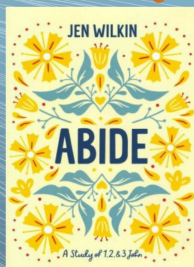
Home-baked cookies are needed  
on March 3rd  
for Trenton Correctional.



## Sisters Bible Study

A new  
10 session study  
begins

February 29  
Ward Hall 1  
Thursday's  
at 9:30am



15th Annual  
Golf Tournament  
**REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN**

May 17, 2024



REGISTER NOW



You're cordially invited to a

# Royal Ball



## Father Daughter Dance

Saturday, March 16  
6-8 PM

St. John's Gym  
104 Newberry Street NW

For Girls ages 3 & Up

Tickets: \$30 per couple (includes dinner)

RSVP at <https://bit.ly/2024STJRoyalBall>  
by March 12



Attire: Princess Dress or Sunday Best



## 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

**Lament**  
Chancel Bells

Karen Thompson

#### \*OPENING HYMN No. 415,

**"Take Up Thy Cross"**

GERMANY

#### \*SCRIPTURE READING

**Mark 8:27-38**

**Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

#### SERMON

**"Dealing with Well-Intentioned Dragons"**

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#### \*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. 70,

**"Glory Be to the Father"**

MEINEKE

*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

**Dies Irae**  
Chancel Bells; Cynthia Hopkins, flute; Ying Liao, cello

arr. Michael J. Glasgow

#### \*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 AND LORD'S PRAYER

*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. 338, "Where He Leads Me"

NORRIS

#### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand, as able.*

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**PRAISE SONG**                      **Once & For All**                      *Daigle, Mabry, Duncan*

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**OFFERTORY**                      **Just As Good**                      *Renzema*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **Mark 8:27-38**                      **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

**SERMON**                      **"Dealing with Well-Intentioned Dragons"**                      **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **The Blessing**                      *Brown/Jobe*

## **BENEDICTION**

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