



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

June 25, 2023

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St. John's Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Our office will be open on Monday, July 3 and will reopen on Wednesday, July 5 at 8:30am. We invite you to join us for our annual Patriotic Worship Service at 10am in the Sanctuary.

Discernment Committee

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 19 at 6pm in the Sanctuary. This will be a discernment public informational meeting. Our vote date has been set to take place on Sunday, August 20 at 3pm, with registration at 2pm. Voting is IN PERSON ONLY.

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.



If you were not able to attend the last meeting on June 11, we have shared the handout and video regarding the SC Annual Conference Report, on our website. Please use this link: <https://stjaiken.org/discernment> and you will find this under VIDEOS.

St. John's Missions News

Pray for the 265 children receiving school and food and Christian guidance through Life for Children Ministry. Pray for them to persevere which builds character and character produces hope.

For the month of June, we are collecting **deodorant**. 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.

Senior Adult Council – 50+ Activity Night

Mark your calendar! The Senior Adult Council is hosting its annual 50 Plus Activity Night on Wednesday, July 26. This will be an evening of food, games and fellowship beginning at 6pm in Ward Hall. The Senior Adult Council will provide pulled pork, buns and beverages. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share (serving 8-10). To ensure that there is adequate food, please call the church office at 803-648-6891 by Wed., July 19 to sign up.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Worship Services: Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Director of Children's Ministry and Christian Education - Heather Peacock; Director of Traditional Music - Dr. Matt Caine; Organist - Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band Leader - Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band

Crucifer: Natalie Gregory **Acolytes:** Palmer Gregory and Henry Vaughters

June 11:00 Ushers: Missy Poe, Paula Blackmore, Donald Leader, Bob Newburn, Newkirk Barnes, John Bradley, Bill Hillan, Sinclair Short, Roger & Alison Carpenter, Jean Geiger, Eric Randall, Kent & Maxine Falb

June Worship Support: Marguerite Flynn and Anita Burg

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

Summer Bible Memory Challenge for ages Kindergarten through 6th grades! Hide God's Word in your heart and earn a special prize. Parents, check your email for the verses we are learning, or grab a copy from your Sunday School teacher.

Due to only having one service next week, there will be NO Children's Sunday School or Children's Church that morning.

VBS Thank You!

Many, many thanks to the more than 80 Adult and Youth Volunteers who made Vacation Bible School a wonderful experience for the 145 children who attended each day. Thank you to our congregation for your generous support of this important investment in the spiritual development of our children and outreach to our community. All of us working together provided a wonderful experience for our church and community.

Thank you! Heather Peacock



Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth: Join us for Open Gym and Flanigan's tonight from 5-6:30pm. Don't forget to bring a friend!

Monday's Dutch Lunch will be at Just Julie's from 11:30am - 12:30pm.

Please pray for the youth and adults who are traveling to Maggie Valley today for youth camp! The theme for the week is Renew and we will focus on Mark 12:30. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

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

Gym Closure

Please make note that the St. John's gym will be closed July 5-10, 2023 in order for the floors to be refinished. All reservations for the gym have been cancelled during this time.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving honor of
Blanche Durant's 95th birthday by her family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory
of *Donna Sauls by her family .*

Wednesday Night Supper/Ministry Meals

Wednesday Night Supper and Ministry meals have stopped for the summer break. We will resume on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Marion Simmions, who celebrates her 102nd birthday on June 26, 2023. She spent the weekend with her family celebrating with lots of love and laughter.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

June — **Macaroni and Cheese**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 6/18/2023

8:30 | 109 9:02 | 183 11:00 | 296

In-Person Total 588

9:02 Online Live | 242 11:00 Online Live | 226

Financials

Operations Budget as of 6/21/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$1,060,300.14
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,008,830.34</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ 51,469.80

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us	
to do in Missions:	\$ 139,169.02
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 98,900.00

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



JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR OUR

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ANNUAL

Patriotic Worship

SERVICE

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One service only held at
10 am in the Sanctuary on July 2



LEFT: St. John's Father's Day Ushers from
June 18, 2023 11 am service

BELOW: St. John's "Stellar" VBS
June 2023




**FOUNDATION
STUDENT MINISTRIES
SUMMER 2023**

JUNE

YOUTH CAMP
maggie valley, nc | 25th-29th
REGISTER TODAY!

SUNDAYS
5pm-6:30pm

MONDAYS
11:30pm-12:30pm

VOLUNTEER VBS
19TH-22ND

4th senior celebration
11th putt putt
25th open gym & flanagan's
12th diablo's
19th pizza joint *12:30-1:30*
26th just julie's

registration links and wednesday night calendars available at linktr.ee/foundationstj

Save the date

Aug 18-20




FUEL RETREAT

REGISTRATION OPENS
JULY 1ST

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

Rev. Butch Blackwell

MISSION SPEAKER

"H" Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

William H. Walter

Chancel Choir

*OPENING HYMN No. 110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:24-39

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON

"No Fear!"

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

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke

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. 415 "Take Up Thy Cross"

GERMANY

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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Order of Worship - 11:00 AM

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 11am 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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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children K3-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church.

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

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