



November 26, 2023
Christ The King Sunday

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Message from Greg & Peg Robinson

Many thanks to all who had their photos taken for our new church directory. We photographed 367 families and in the number, over 1,200 individual photos were taken. Also, much gratitude to all the ladies that helped with daily sign-in's. Your offers were overwhelming. THANKS SO MUCH EVERYONE! We will hold **ONE makeup day: Dec. 3rd** from 8am - 1pm.

A Heartfelt Note of Thanks

Applefest 2023 is complete! The goal of raising funds to support four agencies (Cumbee Center, Stand at the Crossroads, Asbury Hills Summer Camp and the Inez Crain Scholarship fund) was realized and we surpassed Applefest 2022's net profits. The totals are not in yet, but we know that Applefest 2023 will go in the history books as one of our most successful! The United Methodist Women and the Applefest Leadership team want to thank so many people who made the event both possible and successful. THANK YOU!

- to the booth leaders and their volunteers who worked countless hours to make sure that their displays were organized and inviting;
 - to those same booth leaders and volunteers who stayed very late to be sure that everything was cleaned and back in order;
 - to the youth and men of the church who set up hundreds of tables and chairs and who stayed until every room was back in order so that Sunday services could proceed;
 - to all the cooks who made dumplings, fried pies, casseroles, baked goods, and café foods;
 - to all the ladies who solicited and worked tirelessly for months to obtain gift certificates and items for our Silent Auction baskets and wrapped them so beautifully;
 - to all the clothing volunteers who worked for two weeks sorting, hanging and pricing clothing and transporting racks in our Saks Thrift Avenue Boutique.
 - to those who served as security for some of our booths;
 - to the greeters who made sure that everyone knew how welcoming St. John's could be;
 - to the church staff who answered so many questions and endured so many interruptions, always with smiles on their faces;
 - to the church staff and volunteers who consistently organized internal and external press, managed the finances, moved equipment and banners, and cheerfully went the extra mile;
 - to all the members of St. John's for bringing donations, large and small, for Twice Loved Treasures, Treasure Chest, Apple Sales, Appleseed Café, Bookworm, Quilts, UMCOR coffee sales, Children's Activities, Artisan Sales, Frozen Features, Bakery, Apple Dumplings, Fried Apple Pies, Silent Auction, Saks Thrift Avenue, Jewelry and Crafts – we all agree that we saw more donations than usual;
 - to those who handled funds and kept such precise records;
- AND Most of all – and in case we have missed anyone – a thank you to everyone who had any part in this year's event as we fulfilled our slogan – “Come Together – Show God's Love!”

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:** Grant and Rebecca Kreitzer

November 11:00 Ushers: Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Finley, Donald Leader, Missy Poe, Connie & Mick Pisko, Roger & Alison Carpenter, John Bradley, Larry & Karen Travis, Penny Rue, Al & Aline Hartgraves, Kent Falb and Allen & Nola Radcliffe

November Worship Support: Christy Kisner, Nita Bell, Libby Taylor and Peg Robinson

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 the Children's Mission Project! Families decorated and filled 63 bags with hygiene items for our guests at Grace Kitchen! It was a great afternoon of sharing and caring for our neighbors!

The **Gingerbread Nativity** is Sunday, December 10 at 5pm – 6:30pm. This is a sweet way to celebrate the birth of Jesus with the whole St. John's family! All ages are invited to attend and participate as we tell the nativity story in a delicious way! Please register on Realm so we'll have enough supplies for everyone. We hope to see you all there!

Children will go **Christmas Caroling** on Wednesday, December 13, at 5:30pm, during the children's regular Wednesday night choir and devotion time. We'll spread joy and cheer to some of our homebound members and enjoy refreshments when we return to the church. We'd like to know how many will attend, so please sign up on Realm.

If your child is interested in participating in the Nativity skit on Christmas Eve (**5pm service only**), please contact Cara Robinson, crobinson@stjohns-umc.org. Note: We will have one practice on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 5:30pm. If any Youth or adults would like to volunteer and help with the children's skit, please reach out to Cara, as well. Thank you!

Children's Wednesday night activities resume this week! Ages 3 - 6th grade are invited to join us for choir and devotion time after Church Family Supper. Activities begin at 5:30pm. Please join us!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Happy Thanksgiving! We hope you are enjoying your break and time with your families! Youth Band, Choir and Sunday Night Youth will not be meeting tonight.

Revolution is January 26-28, 2024! Registration is open on Realm. Early bird deadline is December 17.

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**.

St. John's Missions News

We are thankful for your Faith Promise gifts which allow Yaky Maricela Castillo Lopez to study Business Administration, for Efren Heber Miranda Reyes to study Culinary Arts and for Alice Angibell Menjivar Benitez to study Systems Engineering. Please pray for these three ladies. Our gifts to Honduras Agape Foundation support the building of self-sufficiency and the outreach to local Christian believers.

For the month of November, we are collecting **coats**. 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 *Alice Beehler's 90th birthday* by *C.E. Beehler*.**

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Goulash, salad and cheesecake

Kids Menu: Sliders and yogurt

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, November 27th, 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.

News of the Family

Welcome our Newest Members:

Douglas McCarten & Andrea Mathews

Matt & Amy Shepler

Carol J. Morenc

Congratulations to:

Margaret Brown on the birth of her great-grandson, ***Edward Joseph Brown***, born on November 17, 2023, to ***Leanne Brown*** in Albuquerque, NM.

Wayne & Nancy Gunter on the birth of their granddaughter, ***Jane Taylor Gunter***, born November 17, 2023 in Augusta, GA. Proud parents are their son, ***Mason and his wife, Anna Gunter***, and proud aunts are ***Audra and Grace Gunter***.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

November — **canned beans**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 11/19/2023

8:30 | 114 9:02 | 192 11:00 | 331

In-Person Total | 640

9:02 Online Live | 303 11:00 Online Live | 425

Financials

Operations Budget as of 11/21/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,946,544.69
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,855,116.49</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ 91,428.20

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 200,602.46
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 177,150.00

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

Family Night



Gingerbread
Nativity
Family Night
Activity

Sunday, Dec. 10th
5pm – 6:30pm



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CAROLING

CHILDREN GRADES 6 AND BELOW
(CHURCH SUPPER AT 5PM)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13, 2023
CAROLING AT 5:30PM

PLEASE REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE:





Poinsettia SALES WILL TAKE PLACE DEC. 3 & 10

80 PLANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
\$25 EACH

From the Finance Office

If you are doing a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) or a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA please make sure that you have your Investment company or your broker **put your name on the check or check stub** so that we may correctly credit the proper donor. We have received several checks with no name on them therefore, we do not know to whom to give credit. You may also call Nancy Fairgrieve to let her know the funds are coming and she will be on the lookout for them. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve in the Finance Office at (803)648-6891.

JOIN US FOR
Holy Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
AT THE 8:30AM
SERVICE



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 *Jesus Shall Reign* John Hatton

***OPENING HYMN No. 327, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"** DIADEMATA
Chancel Choir

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Matthew 25:31-46** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"The G.O.A.T"** **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 **No. 33, Chorus, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates,"** *Messiah*
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. 154, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"** (vs.1, 4, 5, 6) CORONATION

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE No. 44,** **Chorus, "Hallelujah,"** *Messiah* George Frideric Handel
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as able.**

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PRAISE SONG **How Great Is Our God** *Tomlin*

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PRAISE SONG **Rise Up & Praise Him** *Baloché*

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OFFERTORY **Gratitude** *Lake*

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PRAISE SONG **King of Glory** *Dulaney*

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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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