



August 27, 2023

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Kairos Cookies

Why bake cookies for Kairos? Your cookies tell the residents that someone who doesn't know them still cares to give the time it takes to bake the cookies, without wanting something in return. Such selflessness is often a unique experience for them. It also teaches them to trust.

What kind of cookies? Acceptable types are oatmeal, peanut butter, molasses, chocolate chip and ginger. No icing, sugar topping or any type of coating. No fruit or nuts and no raisins. Cookies should be no larger than 2" in diameter, as this size does not break easily. As you are baking, please pray for the people who will be eating them. After allowing time to cool, put a dozen cookies in a zip lock bag. Please bring cookies (marked Kairos cookies) to the church kitchen by noon on September 3. Call Pam McCollum (803)306-9357 or Beth Harman (803)640-4793 if questions arise.

Pictorial Volunteers Needed

VOLUNTEERS needed to help assist with sign ups, check-in's and phone calls for an updated Pictorial Church Directory. If you are interested, please call or email Peg Robinson at 803-507-3920 or hslb123@gmail.com for more detailed information. The target dates will hopefully take place starting October. THANK YOU.

St. John's Missions News

Mark your calendars and make a reservation now for Wednesday night supper on **August 30!** Why? **Mike and Sherri Morrissey**, the Executive Directors of **Thailand Now** will be at St. John's. They will be sharing from 5:30pm - 5:50pm, and will be available before and after supper to visit. Supper begins at 5pm, so make your reservation by calling the church office.

For the month of August, we are collecting **toothbrushes and toothpaste**. 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.

Applefest Announcements

The **Bookworm Corner** is a favorite of Applefest each year, and it's all due to your willingness to donate books (hardback, paperback and audio). Children's books are always very popular, as are best selling novels and travel books. So start bringing them in. Please place them on the red book bin, outside of Ward Hall. Please do not bring movies, cd's or magazines. Contact Mary Ward (803)439-1245 or upsmar7@yahoo.com with any questions.

We are collecting nice baskets and donation items for **Silent Auction**. If you have baskets or would like more information on how you can help, please contact Susie Graven-Smith if you have questions at (803) 648-5222.

UMW Circle 9

Welcome back to members, potential members, and guests. UMW Circle 9 will gather in Ward Hall on September 12 at 12:30pm for our first fall meeting. Don't forget to bring your sack lunch and a beverage for the meeting. Our September project is Cumbee Center, so watch your email for a list of donations. Also, Pam McCollum is asking for volunteers to bake cookies for Kairos on the morning of Thursday, September 7 in the St. John's kitchen. If you can join us, please contact Pam at ptmccollum125@gmail.com or 803-306-9359.

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, Earl Melton, George Collins, Steve Davis, Alec James, Jeff Krok, Johnathan Cook, Susan Lawson, & Marshall Sanders

Crucifer: Hannah Boetsch **Acolytes:** Sophie Jaq Gadus and Katie Kirk

August 11:00 Ushers: Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Bill Hillan, Missy Poe, Mick Pisko, Connie Pisko, Commie Peebles, Pat Sauls, Virgil Sauls, Dave Felak, Paula Blackmore, Jerry Miller, Alison Carpenter, Roger Carpenter

August Worship Support: Leah Lewis, Mary Ann Findley, Mary Parrish

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 our Children's Ministry volunteers, who do amazing work every Sunday! *We'd love to have **you** as part of our Children's Ministry team!* If you have a heart for children, come join the fun! Contact Cara Robinson for more information.

REMINDER: Confirmation Parent meeting will be Tuesday, August 29, at 6pm in Ward Hall. Confirmation is a time for sixth-grade students to learn more about the Christian faith and to "make firm" the commitments made for them at baptism. This course will allow the students to join in learning and fellowship for several months, ending in an opportunity to join the church. We look forward to walking on this journey with your sixth-grader!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth: MESSY NIGHT tonight from 5-7pm. We will meet in Ward Hall to start. Wear dark colors and bring a towel...or two!

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

Youth Band and Youth Choir:

Youth Band and the 7th - 12th grade members of the Youth Choir will meet from 3:30pm - 5pm this Sunday in the Youth Band Room 205.

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**.



Highlights from FUEL Last Weekend



UMCOR Hawaii Humanitarian Relief

As Christians we are called to aid those in need in any way we are able. Right now, our brothers and sisters in Maui are suffering greatly. Each of us is being asked to pray and consider giving as we are able to help provide for the humanitarian needs caused by the fires in Hawaii. If you are called to give, please make checks payable to St. John's and note **"UMCOR- #901670 Hawaii."**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in memory of *Edward & Eleanor Rorex's Wedding Anniversary*
by *The Rorex Family*.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in honor of *Monnie & Mark Pitts 69th Wedding Anniversary*
by *their family*.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Chicken Pesto Tortellini, Salad, and Éclair Cake

Kids Menu: Grilled cheese and grapes

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, August 28, at 5pm. Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: jdavis@stjohns-umc.org. **New** cost for **ages 10 yrs. old - adult** is **\$8.00**, and \$3.00 for children over the age of 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 Member:

Gloria Savoy

Congratulations to:

Anita Burg on the birth of her great-grandson, **Logan John Mohr**, born August 16, 2023 to her grandson Zack and his wife Erin, in New York.

Our Sympathies:

David & Cara Robinson and family on the death of David's mother, **Linda Robinson**, who died August 21, 2023 in Chapin, South Carolina.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August — **Canned Soup**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 8/20/2023

8:30 | 106 9:02 | 284 11:00 | 310

In-Person Total 700

9:02 Online Live | 353 11:00 Online Live | 254

Financials

Operations Budget as of 8/23/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,320,101.34
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,353,733.57</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ (33,632.23)

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us	
to do in Missions:	\$ 160,554.39
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 125,200.00

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



Thinking about becoming a member?

If you've been thinking about membership, now is the perfect time to join. Please come learn more:

"Getting to Know St. John's"
Sunday, Sept. 10, Faith Center Lobby, at 10am

We would love to have you!

Contact Juli Davis: jdavis@stjohns-umc.org or
Rev. Will Altman: waltman@stjohns-umc.org
for more information or call the church office
at (803)648-6891.

PROGRAM: Anna Dangerfield and
10:30AM Lil Brannon discuss
their book on Aiken

SUNNY
MONDAY
9/11/23

LUNCH: TBD
12PM

RSVP: 803-648-6891
by 12 noon 9/8/2023



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, **Sep 13, 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.



APPALACHIAN SPRING AND OTHER WORKS FOR CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Orchestra at St. John's
Dr. Matt Caine, conductor

Friday, September 8, 2023, 7:00pm
St. John's UMC, Aiken

Music at St. John's--"Under the Steeple"



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* arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 581, "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"** BEACH SPRING

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 12:1-8** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Dare to DV8"** **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 *Many Gifts, One Spirit* Allen Pote
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. 399, "Take My Life, and Let It Be"** MESSIAH

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter Christian Lutkin
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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PRAISE SONG **Give Me Faith** *Elevation*

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PRAISE SONG **I Will Boast** *Baloche*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **We Believe**

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again. We believe.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY **Do Something** *West*

CHILDRENS SERMON

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PRAISE SONG **Take My Life** *Tomlin*

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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