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Church Conference Results and Future

Everyone should know the results by now from last Sunday's Church Conference, but to recap, the total vote was 788 in favor of separation to 109 for staying UMC. The turnout was overwhelming and certainly passed the threshold of 2/3rds in favor to separate. Thank you to everyone for being present and voting your conscience. Now is a time for healing and moving forward. St. John's will continue to welcome all and focus on Christ. Much appreciation to our Discernment Committee, and all the volunteers and staff, especially Jennifer Windham, for the smooth process. Now a new committee, elected and approved by Church Council on Jan. 23, will oversee the final hurdles before the Annual Conference acts in June to ratify the church's decision. Let us be kind to one another and be prepared for new opportunities as St. John's Methodist Church, effective July 1, 2024.

Financial Giving and Separation

Please note that financial giving to the church budget is especially needed since the separation vote, and also note that the cut-off date for the determination of our buyout was December 31, 2023. Therefore, any monies received from now on are not subject to that fee. We also just received the unfunded pension liability figure that will be added to our property value for the buyout cost and the unfunded pension liability is far less than projected last year: \$5,867.00 which is great news!

Stewardship Campaign

Now that the vote is behind us, we are able to shift our focus forward. Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign will begin in March and will conclude on March 17, 2024. As we look forward to Holy Week, we also look forward to "Funding New Life for St. John's."

Aiken Antiques Show

For the past 23 years, St. John's UMM group has provided assistance to the Aiken Antiques Show, by providing manual labor assistance moving Vendors wares into and out of the show. Some things are heavy and others are not. But the more help we can get, the quicker we get done and the less work for each of us. (The Vendors in turn make donations to the UMM for our help, that we use to assist other charitable groups. This is UMM's biggest fundraiser of the year.)

This year the show will run Feb. 1st thru Feb. 4th. I am asking for your help on the following dates and times. You do not have to work the entire time shown. If you can only help a couple hours - I'll take it.

- Move some Vendors in: Wednesday, January 31st from 4 PM until approx. 7:30 PM.
- Move remaining Vendors in: Thursday, February 1st from 7:30 AM until approx. 12:30 PM.
- Move all Vendors out: Sunday, February 4th from 4 PM until 7:30 PM.

If you can help please contact Vince Jones at (cell) 803-443-8899, (home) 803-648-1363, or carolandvince@att.net ASAP. Or see me Sunday AM, I sing in the Chancel Choir at 8:30 and 11 AM and will be available after each service.

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: Sophia Overstreet **Acolytes:** Matthew Dzikowski and Henry Vaughters

January 11:00 Ushers: Virgil & Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Eric & Helen Randall, Missy Poe, Newkirk Barnes, Gerry Hansen, Bruce Carrera, Larry & Karen Travis and Bill Hillan

January Worship Support: Judy Bilyeu, Susan Crosby, Karen Blackwell and Peggy Neill

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

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

Confirmation Class will take place this evening at 5:30pm for dinner in Ward Hall and then class in Room 237 from 6pm-7pm.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Please be in prayer for our youth and counselors attending the Revolution Retreat this weekend in Columbia. Youth band, Youth choir and Sunday Night Youth will not meet this evening.

The Ski Trip is February 9-11. Register on Realm today!

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

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 or 864-873-7585.

Ski Trip: February 2 - 4, 2024, we will be Skiing at Beech Mountain, NC. Please contact Rev. Will at waltman@stjohns-umc.org or 864-873-7585 if interested.

St. John's Missions News

During 2023 Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS) served 930 NEW households. The need is great and you can help on February 10 by participating in **Saturday of Service**. Sign up before and after each worship service. We can do more together!

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.

Up-Coming ERT "Disaster Response" Training

Saturday, February 17, 2024 there will be an ERT Basic/Renewal Class held at St. John's UMC from 9am - 5pm located at 104 Newberry St., Aiken, SC 29801.

*Go to the registration link below to sign up for either ERT Class and make sure to do a background check at the UMCOR link.

All ERT Basic Classes are from 9am - 5pm and the fees are \$40 per person, which includes a manual, shirt, cap and badge. There is a \$20 fee for renewals, which will run from 9am - 1pm. To register for either class please go to this website: <https://www.umcsc.org/ertregistration/>. Everyone also needs to do a background check (which is free) through UMCOR at: <https://www.umcsc.org/ertregistration/>. If asked for a code, please use: **9x2r4eh**. You may or may not be asked for a code. This background check is mandatory and without it you will not get a badge or certified. If you have difficulty doing this check that you can come 1 hour early and someone will help you, but please try to do it yourself first.

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in memory of *Carl F. Bland* by *John Bland*.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Pot roast, mashed potatoes, salad, and banana pudding

Kids menu: Mac and cheese bites and fruit

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, January 29, 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.

Travel Talk

The Primetimers will host their 2024 Travel Talk Thursday, February 1st in Ward Hall at 2pm. Come to hear details about the 3 remaining trips planned especially for St. John's members and friends. These trips depart from and return to St. John's. Additionally, they will share information about other trips available through Simply Special Tours.

News of the Family

Welcome our Newest Members:

Dale Smith

Chloe Woody

Charles Boese

Susan & Ted Cain

Linda & Rob Davis

Pamela & Peter Hayes

Nancy & Tommy Young

Sympathies to:

Davie Surrett on the death of her son, **Rev. David Surrett**, who died on January 21, 2024 in Waynesville, NC.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

February — **canned vegetables**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 1/21/2024

8:30 | 93 9:02 | 220 11:00 | 303

In-Person Total | 616

9:02 Online Live | 276 11:00 Online Live | 780

Financials

Operation Budget as of 1/24/2024

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$141,956.18
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$157,538.00</u>
	\$ (15,581.82)

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 228,816.75
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 233,002.74

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

Are You missing something?



Do you have questions, have a void that needs to be filled, thinking about joining?

Please join us and learn more:

"Getting to Know St. John's"
Join us TODAY in Ward Hall 1, at 10am

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.

SKI TRIP

FEB. 2-4

BEECH MOUNTAIN, NC



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Karsten Winegart
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Mission Impact Celebration 2024

Mark Your Calendars

February 7 -11



Focus:

*Local
Mission*

GRACE KITCHEN

Donations

February Needs:

Easy Open Canned Fruit or Dried Fruit



*Please place donations in boxes
marked "Grace Kitchen" in the
Narthexes of each service.*



*Attracting Butterflies
to your Garden*

Feb. 12, 2024
SUNNY MONDAY



SKI TRIP 2024

FEBRUARY 9-11



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

MIC VIDEO

CALL TO WORSHIP *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Kathleen Thomerson

***OPENING HYMN No. 368,** "My Hope is Built" THE SOLID ROCK

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12:1-2 Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON "Balcony People" 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. 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 *Order My Steps* arr. Jack Schrader
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. 133,** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" SHOWALTER

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as able.**

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **My Savior, My God** *Schust*

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PRAISE SONG **O for a 1,000 Tongues** *Wesley*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	We Believe
1. I believe in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus Christ, who died for me and who is alive and will come again to judge the living and the dead.	1. I believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus Christ, who died for me and who is alive and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
2. I believe in the Bible as the inspired Word of God.	2. I believe in the Bible as the inspired Word of God.
3. I believe in the resurrection of the dead and in eternal life.	3. I believe in the resurrection of the dead and in eternal life.
4. I believe in the Church, the body of Christ, and in the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist.	4. I believe in the Church, the body of Christ, and in the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist.
5. I believe in the power of prayer and in the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of believers.	5. I believe in the power of prayer and in the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of believers.

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

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.

OFFERTORY	He Touched Me	<i>Gaither</i>
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Hebrews 12:1-2** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Balcony People" Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG	Take My Life	<i>Tomlin</i>
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