



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

October 29, 2023

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Nominations Committee Meeting

Dr. Tim will meet with the current Nominations Committee at 12 pm next Sunday, November 5, in his office. If you are a member of the Nominations Committee, please plan to stay after the 11am service for this meeting. It should not take more than 15 minutes. Thank you!

Under the Steeple

Save the Date: Sunday, November 19, 2023, 3pm. Join us at St. John's for a free performance of portions of all three parts of Handel's beloved *Messiah*. This special concert will be done in the British tradition of *Scratch Messiah* (sing-a-long), where we will invite anyone in the audience who wishes to join in on singing certain parts with the choir and orchestra.

Senior Games - BINGO

Seniors, come join your friends Monday, November 6th from 1:30 pm to 3:00pm in Ward Hall 2/3 for an afternoon of fellowship, Bingo and cookies. Questions - call Carol Godfrey at 803-642-8491.

Church Council At Large Members

We are still searching for individuals who are interested in serving on the Church Council as At Large Members. These members attend four scheduled Church Council meeting and a scheduled Charge Conference each year and vote on issues concerning the church. Please contact Jennifer Windham in the Church Office at 803-648-6891. This information is needed by Nov. 7, to be ready for Charge Conference on November 12 at 5pm.

Discipleship Seminar

There will be a Discipleship Seminar occurring all four Sundays in November (5, 12, 19, and 26) from 10:10am - 10:50am in Ward Hall. Come experience what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ (fully devoted follower) vs. just a believer (nominal Christian).

Applefest Announcements

Drinks: We are in need of canned drinks for the Apple Seed Café. Please bring your donations, marked Applefest, to the Church and leave outside the kitchen.

Calling All Bakers: It's time to gather your baking ingredients! Thank you to all who have offered your talents to this years Applefest Bake Shop. If you have forgotten to sign up, don't despair - the deadline is the morning of Applefest on Saturday, November. 4. Please bring your delights to the gym between 1pm and 5pm, Friday, Nov. 3 or early Saturday, Nov.4. We will be opening at 8am Saturday and will be present to price new items at 7:30 am.

Frozen Features: Casseroles, soups, chili, breads, pies, cakes, cookies, etc. are needed to sell at our Applefest. If you make it beforehand and need a freezer to store it, call Camille Bailey, 803-295-2057 or Brenda Meeks, 803-979-1900.

Twice Loved Treasures: is in need of people to help at the end of the day with clean up and to haul away left over items. If you have a truck or a vehicle with a hatch back and are willing to take some items to either Goodwill or the Salvation Army please contact Marsha Mikes 803-645-0078.

We will be happily accepting items in the gym beginning on Monday, October 30th through Thursday, November 2nd, each day from 8:30am - 5:00pm and Friday November 3rd from 8:30am - 2:00pm. We welcome all sorts of household items such as furniture, glassware, pictures, linens, tools, and toys. However, we can NOT accept TV's, computers and children's car seats. If you have any questions please call Marsha Mikes at 803-645-0078.

Saks Thrift Avenue Clothing: Will continue receiving in Ward Hall, through October 27 (9am - 1pm). The following week, we will continue to accept clothing all day (Monday- Friday) for Applefest.

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:** Katie and Caulden Kirk

October 11:00 Ushers: Virgil & Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Newkirk Barnes, Commie Peebles, Robert Newburn. Eric & Helen Randall, Al Hartgraves, Bill Hillan, John Bradley, Jerry Miller, Connie & Mick Pisko, Larry Burdette, Missy Poe, Allen & Nola Radcliffe

October Worship Support: Jane Fogle, Marsha Mikes and Sandra Shelley

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.

October 29, 2023

Children's Ministries

Join us tonight for our annual Trunk or Treat! We'll be in the back parking lot handing out treats from 4-5pm! Participants can set up at 3pm. This will be a great time of fellowship and sharing with the children of the community, so please join us!

No Wednesday night activities for children on **November 1**. There will also be no Mom's Group. We will see you back on November 8, for choir and learning about Jesus, from 5:30 – 6:45pm for ages 3 years through 6th grade. Hope to see you then!

All **Operation Christmas Child boxes** are **due** on **November 12**. You have two weeks to grab a box and fill it! Please help us reach our goal of 250 boxes!

Children's Mission Project on Sunday evening, **November 19 at 5:30pm**. We'll be making cards and decorating gift bags for Grace Kitchen. We'll also be making cards for children in the hospital during the Christmas season. Join us for this special time as we help the children think of others and share the love of Christ with our neighbors. More information to come!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth:

Come support the Children's Ministry's Trunk or Treat in the back parking lot! Set up begins at 3:00pm. Help us decorate and then hand out treats at 4:00. Sunday Night Youth will host our annual Costume Contest tonight! Drop off in the Faith Center loop at 5:00. Check out our social media pages and your texts & emails for the costume categories. Bring \$2 and invite a friend! Pick up is at 7:00pm in the Faith Center loop.

Asbury Hills Counselor Training for all adults serving on this retreat will be in Faith Center room 212 from 5:45-6:45pm this Wednesday, November 1.

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

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**.

Registration for Asbury Hills (Nov. 17-19) is LIVE on Realm! Make sure to secure your spot!

SEED Trick –or– Treating

The SEED program will "Trick or Treat" at the church offices on Monday, October 30th and Tuesday, October 31st. We welcome any groups or individuals who would like to come and sit in the hallways around the office wing and hand out candy on these days. There are approximately 120 students total ranging in ages from 2-6. This will start at 9:00 and should last less than 25 minutes. It is guaranteed to bring a few smiles! No peanut butter candy, please. Thank you!

St. John's Missions News

Let's kick off a St. Johns Quarterly Saturday of Service on Nov. 11. We will be serving Epworth Children's Home in Columbia by installing a flower bed. Sign up after church **today!** or email debirood@gmail.com. More hands make lighter work and more fun!

Thank you to the Seekers of Good News Class for serving ACTS by unloading cases of canned goods donated at the fair!

For the month of October, we are collecting **new underwear and socks**. 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 memory of **Ernie Allen** by **Anita Allen & the Allen Family**.

Wednesday Night Supper

NO WNS this week due to Applefest.
Dr. Tim's Revelation class will still meet in the Chapel at 6pm

Santa – Carving Class

Tommy Harman will be teaching a Santa - Carving class at St John's. All supplies will be provided for this FREE class. Teens 14 -18 years old can participate with a parent/grandparent. Class size is limited to 8 people, so depending on the number of people that are interested, he may hold more than one class. Come join in the fun! Call the church office to register: 803-648-6891 by October 27th.

Pictorial Directory Sign Ups

Still need to have your photo taken? Please call the church office to find a time that works for you. We have many slots available through November 17. We have added the following dates: **Saturday, Nov. 4 and Saturday Nov. 11 from 9am - 4pm; exclusively for families with children. OR – stop by TODAY as walk-ins are welcome!**

News of the Family

Welcome Our Newest Members:

Amy Hempt
Gary & Debi Spivey

Congratulations to:

Marty & Ann Gillam on the marriage of their daughter **Ann-Marshall & Reid DeMass** on October 21, 2023, here at St. John's.

Our Sympathies to:

Marilyn Pfisterer on the death of her daughter, **Linda Newman**, who died on October 20, 2023 in Columbus, OH.

Dottie Kochli, on the death of her brother, **John Craig**, who died on October 20, 2023 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Sandra Holman
October 20, 2023

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Mr. John Craig
October 20, 2023

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

October — **one pound bags of rice**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 10/22/2023

8:30 | 90 9:02 | 184 11:00 | 289

In-Person Total | 563

9:02 Online Live | 287 11:00 Online Live | 327

Financials

Operations Budget as of 10/25/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,640,735.65
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,739,005.20</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ (98,269.55)

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us	
to do in Missions:	\$ 187,938.92
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 177,150.00

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

**FOUNDATION
COSTUME CONTEST**

COSTUME CATEGORIES:
CHURCH MEMBER
GROUP
BIBLE CHARACTER
TV/MOVIE PERSONALITY
DECADE

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 29 | 5PM-7PM
FAITH CENTER UPSTAIRS

Bring \$2 and a FRIEND



**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

TONIGHT
4PM BACK
PARKING LOT



APPLEFEST

**APPLE SEED
CAFE**

NEEDS

CANNED SODA

PLEASE BRING TO THE
CHURCH OFFICE



**THE
ALL SAINTS
BANNERS**

are now located
in both worship
spaces. Please
attach bells in
memory of your
loved ones.



COME TOGETHER

**St. John's UMC
Applefest**

SHOW GOD'S LOVE

NOV. 4

8 am - 2 pm



*Discipleship
Seminar*

Every
Sunday in
November

10:10 - 10:50
Ward Hall



**It's Shoebox
Time!**

Boxes are available
to pick up in the
Narthex and FC
lobby

Return packed
boxes by:
NOV. 12th



**Mission Impact
Celebration 2024**

Mark Your Calendars
February 7 -11

Focus: *Local
Mission*



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 *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* Georg Neumark
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 110, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"** EIN' FEST BURG

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:8-10 Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON "Filling the God-Sized Hole" 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" GREATOR EX

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 *Offertory* John Ness Beck
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. 354, "I Surrender All"** SURRENDER

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

This is a time of great need, and our missions and church operations require our continued generous giving. Please consider giving online, through text, through the mail, or over the phone to help us ensure that our ministries here and around the world are not adversely affected. More details can be found at stjaiken.org.



Order of Worship

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 9:02 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.

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **Joyful Sound** Joy Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **My Hope Is Built** *Shane & Shane*

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 **Come, Come, Everybody Worship** Alleluia Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Ephesians 2:8-10** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Filling the God-Sized Hole"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG **I Surrender All I Am** *DeVenter, Caleb/Kelsey*

BENEDICTION

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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