



# ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*March 3, 2024*

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## Dr. Tim's Morning Bible Study

Please make note that Dr. Tim's morning Bible study only, will be held in the Faith Center on Wed., March 6, 2024. This is just a one-time change.

## Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on March 11, 2024. The program will be presented by Mark Nesbitt from Eudora Farms in Salley, SC. Lunch menu has yet to be determined. Please call the church office 803-648-6891 before noon on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, to make your reservation.

## Kairos Cookies

Reminder, if you are able to bring in cookies for Kairos, please ensure that they are packaged by the dozen and dropped off to the kitchen by noon today (Sunday).



## Primetimers 2024 Travel

Members and friends of St John's are invited to join the following travel opportunities available during the coming year. All tours start from and return to St John's.

**Chihuly Returns to Biltmore Plus Lavender in Landrum, June 12 – 13, 2024**

**Follow the Donut Trail, August 8, 2024**

**Scenic Sights of the Lowcountry, October 31 – November 2, 2024**

Flyers with tour details and registration forms are available on the table in the main lobby.

## St. John's Missions News

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! St. John's, your Faith Promise commitments for 2024 are \$259,770.00. This is the greatest amount since the first year of our Acts 1:8 missions program. Thank you for joining in God's work making disciples throughout the world. Keep praying for our mission partners and for God to fulfill these commitments. There is much work to be done.

For the month of March, we are collecting **granola bars and breakfast bars**. 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.

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### 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:** Audrey Dietzel and Davis Smith

**March 11:00 Ushers:** Donald Leader, Larry Burdette, Missy Poe, Eric & Helen Randall, Connie & Mick Misko, Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Penny Rue, Bill Hillan, Jerry Miller, and Nola & Allen Radcliffe

**March Worship Support:** Linda Troutman, Mary Musick, Sherry Williamson, & Gayle Jones

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.*

**March 3, 2024**

### **Children's Ministries**

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

**Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on March 30, 2024. Please join us from 10am - 12 noon in the Faith Center. This is for children 0 - 12 years.

**HELP NEEDED:** We are accepting donations of 12 filled Easter eggs for our Easter egg hunt. Eggs can be filled with candies, coins or stickers. Donations will be accepted through March 28. Please leave on the table outside of the Children's Director door.

### **Foundation Student Ministries**

*(7th-12th Grades)*

Join us tonight for Sunday Night Youth! Drop off in the Faith Center loop starting at 5pm. We will have free time in the gym, dinner, worship, and small groups! Middle School will continue the series on Genesis and High School will continue the series "Habits of Jesus." Bring \$2 and be sure to invite a friend! Pick up is at 7pm in the Faith Center loop.

**Youth Band** 4pm - 5pm in room 205

#### **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

MS Memory Verse: Genesis 15:6

HS Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:5

### **Young Adults Ministry**

**Thursday Night Bible Study, 6:30pm - 8pm:** 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](mailto:waltman@stjohns-umc.org) or 864-873-7585.

### **New Ministry for Dementia Support**

We are looking forward to beginning a new ministry support program for those who care for and/or who have family members or close friends who are challenged by Dementia. The purpose of this group will be to support the family members and caregivers who have been wounded, by the blows of Dementia and to offer encouragement and hope for the journey. The primary focus of this ten-week program will be to consider Dementia through the lens of our Christian faith, as well as how to minister to those who suffer with the illness. Our focus will be on faith as opposed to the medical component. We will be setting a date to begin this program very soon. If you or someone you know would like to attend these sessions, please contact Reverend Butch.

### **Office Desk**

There is a large, cherry-colored office desk free for the taking in the Church office. The desk is sitting just outside Rev. Will's office, in the hall. If you are interested, please come pick it up. If it is not claimed before next week, it will be donated to Applefest.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
in memory of *Gladys May (Jean's mother)* by *John & Jean Geiger*.

### Wednesday Night Supper

NO WNS on March 6 due to other functions. We will return on March 13.



### UMCOR Coffee Sales

Please stop and shop today, between 9:15am and 12:30pm; the UMCOR coffee booth will be open for sales.

### News of the Family

#### *Sympathies to:*

**Doug & Martha, Emma, Maggie and Mary Davisson**, on the death of **Tommy Rivers**, who died on February 22, 2024 in Williston, SC. Tommy was father to Martha and grandfather to Emma, Maggie and Mary.

**Cary & Holly Milliner**, on the death of Cary's sister, **Ann Freeman**. Ann died on February 24, 2024 in Lynchburg, VA.

**Mary Jane Lock**, on the death of **Josh Gelinas**, who died on February 25, 2024 in Charlotte, NC. Josh was husband to Mary Jane's daughter, Delia, and father to Henry, Romera and Archie.

#### *In Memoriam*

Mr. Earl Tatum  
February 23, 2024

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

March — **cereal, oatmeal or grits**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

#### Attendance — 2/25/2024

8:30 | 115      9:02 | 206      11:00 | 265

In-Person Total | 586

9:02 Online Live | 359      11:00 Online Live | 301

### Financials

#### Operation Budget as of 2/14/2024

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$426,692.28
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$334,173.17</u>
	\$ 92,519.11

#### Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 49,564.53
Year to date Mission s Disbursements:	\$ 17,600.00

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

# Filled Eggs needed

Please help by donating  
12 filled eggs for our  
Easter Egg Hunt

Children's Ministry is  
collecting now through  
March 28



GUESS  
WHO?

SNY 3/3

5:00 HUMAN GUESS WHO IN  
THE GYM

5:30 DINNER

6:00 WORSHIP & LESSON



You're cordially invited to a

# Royal Ball



## Father Daughter Dance



Saturday, March 16  
6-8 PM

St. John's Gym  
104 Newberry Street NW  
For Girls ages 3 & Up

Tickets: \$30 per couple (includes dinner)

RSVP at <https://bit.ly/2024STJRoyalBall>  
by March 12

Attire: Princess Dress or Sunday Best



Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

8:30am and 11:00am

Chancel Choir

and

Orchestra of St. John's

present

Karl Jenkins' *Stabat Mater*

## 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**                      *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*                      Ithamara Conkey  
Chancel Choir

**\*OPENING HYMN No. 566, "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love"**                      AZMON

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      1 Corinthians 1:18 - 2:5                      Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

**SERMON**                      "The Foolishness of God"                      Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**                      The Apostles' Creed

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**\*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**                      *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*                      arr. Alice Parker  
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. 504,**                      "The Old Rugged Cross"                      THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

### \*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**                      **Come Alive Dry Bones**                      *Daigle*

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**PRAISE SONG**                      **Soul On Fire**                      *Third Day*

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**OFFERTORY**                      **Death Was Arrested**                      *North Point*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SCRIPTURE READING**              **I Corinthians 1:18 - 2:5**              **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

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**PRAISE SONG**                      **Lead Me to the Cross**                      *Fraizer*

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## **SENDING FORTH SONG**

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