



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

September 3, 2023

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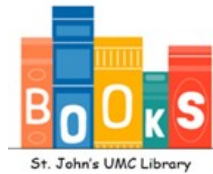
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Labor Day Holiday Closure

The church offices will be **closed** on Monday, September 4, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will resume normal business hours of 8:30am – 4pm on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Kairos Cookies

Please remember to bring your cookies (12 cookies per quart ziplock bag) marked Kairos, to the church kitchen, by the **end of day Tuesday, September 5.**



St. John's Library

For September your library is featuring some wonderful serial reads. Sometimes you get so invested in a character that you want the story to just continue.

Here are some great books that do just that:

The Mitford Series by Jan Karon – Full of interesting characters, charm, humor, and heart-warming moments. A great series about ordinary people living their ordinary lives.

The Crittendon Files by Creston Mapes - You'll be glued to the page as these flawed people wrestle with uncovering the truth, fighting for justice, and having the faith to face their fear and the courage to do the right thing.

Atlee Pine Series by David Baldacci - Another page-turner as you follow Atlee Pine, an FBI agent with special skills assigned to the remote wilds of the southwestern United States who must confront new threats . . . and an old nightmare.

Come check us out! Watch for more recommendations next week.

Friends in Faith Bible Study

Friends in Faith Bible study will resume on Wednesday, September 6, at 4pm in Room 202. We will be using Max Lucado's Anxious for Nothing, Finding Calm in a Chaotic World.

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will be hosting Sunny Monday on September 11, 2023. This month's program will be Anna Dangerfield and Lil Brannon: Writing the Histories of Hopeland Gardens and Rye Patch. Program begins promptly at 10:30am this month, in the Faith Center. Lunch will be served at 12 noon in Ward Hall with the menu of Oriental Chicken salad, roll and candy bar brownies with ice cream for dessert. Cost is \$5 per meal. Please call the church office: 803-648-6891, to make your reservation by 12 noon on Friday, September 8.

UMCOR Coffee Sales

Please stop and shop today, between 9:15am and 12:30pm; the UMCOR coffee booth will be open for sales. The coffees and teas are made possible in collaboration with The United Methodist Committee On Relief and the Equal Exchange Company, with 15 cents per pound sold going to UMCOR.



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:** Madison Bates and Ella Jernigan

September 11:00 Ushers: Dave Felak, Donald Leader, Missy Poe, Newkirk Barnes, Gerry Hansen, Bruce Carrera, Al & Aline Hartgraves, Art & Susie-Graven Smith and Larry & Karen Travis

September Worship Support: Judy Turner, Anita Allen, Camille Bailly, Pam Beckum

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.

September 3, 2023

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.



Join us on Wednesday evenings for **Time with Jesus** and **Children's Choir** with Dr. Matt Caine, all beginning at 5:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth: We will not meet for Sunday Night Youth this evening. Enjoy the Labor Day weekend with your family! Make plans to join us next Sunday from 5pm-7pm.

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: We will not be meeting this evening.

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.**

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."**

St. John's Missions News

Your faith promise donations are providing two scholarships at the Moscow Evangelical Seminary. Please pray for all of these students, but I ask your special prayers for the family of Anton. His wife was recently diagnosed with cancer. Take time this week to follow the "Romans Road" (3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9, 5:1) which was the path that Anton took to accept Jesus as his Savior! Mark your calendar for October 15 when the President of Moscow Evangelical Seminary will be at St. John's!

For the month of September, we are collecting **canned tuna and salmon—pop tops or pouches only**. 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.

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 hhs1b123@gmail.com for more detailed information. The target dates will hopefully take place starting October. **THANK YOU.**

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 upsmaty7@yahoo.com with any questions.

We are also collecting nice baskets and donation items for **Silent Auction**. Items for Silent Auction include but are not limited to: sports equipment, theater tickets, paintings and so much more! Please call Susie Graven-Smith with questions: 843-991-8213 with questions or more information.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Mary Ann Findley & Susan Phillips*
in memory of *their parents, Mary & Bill Stallworth.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in honor of *Jim & Carolyn Moore's 60th Wedding Anniversary*
by *their family.*

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Ham, Mac and Cheese, Baked Beans, Banana Pudding

Kids Menu: Ham, Mac and Cheese

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, September 4, 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 Members:

Stockton Altman

Sandra Anthony

Bill & Judy Ford

Congratulations to:

Jim & Carolyn Moore who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on
September 1, 2023.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

September — **Cereal**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 8/27/2023

8:30 | 118 9:02 | 206 11:00 | 330

In-Person Total 654

9:02 Online Live | 326 11:00 Online Live | 141

Financials

Operations Budget as of 8/29/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,337,985.20
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,418,903.27</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ (80,918.07)

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us	
to do in Missions:	\$ 163,975.44
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 140,150.00

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"
Sunday, Sept. 10, Faith Center Lobby, 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.

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.



**HAPPY
LABOR DAY**
from St. John's UMC

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TCI #2

**One step at a time.
One prayer at a time.**

Note cards are available today.
Please consider jotting a note of
encouragement for those going
through this prison ministry.

DO NOT ADD:

- Last Names
- Address
- Church Name

APPALACHIAN SPRING MUSIC FOR CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Orchestra of 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.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee* Foundery Collection, 1742
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 560, "Help Us Accept Each Other"** AURELIA

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

SERMON **"Being a View Master"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 *The Gift of Love* Hal H. Hopson
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.

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***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 561, "Jesus, United by Thy Grace"** ST. AGNES

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *God Be in My Head* John Rutter
Chancel Choir

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.



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PRAISE SONG

Have Your Way, Lord

Kirkland

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Brother

Needtobreathe

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OFFERTORY

God With Us

MercyMe

CHILDRENS SERMON

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Weeks/Dixon

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Chancel Choir members who also sang at the 8:30am service may exit at this time.

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