



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

February 4, 2024

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Sunny Monday

Sunny Monday will meet on February 12, 2024 in the Faith Center at 10:30am. This month's program will be "Attracting Butterflies to your Garden" presented by local National American Butterfly Association club. Our \$5 lunch will be meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll and coconut cake. Please call the church office before noon on February 9 to make your reservation.

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."

Shepherd of Love

The Shepherd of Love group will be on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 4:30pm in room 119. This meeting is open to all who may be interested in Shepherding to another church member that may be a shut-in. Please feel free to stop in for more information or call Jeanette Isaacson if you have specific questions.

St. John's Missions News

Kick-off our Mission Impact celebration by making a reservation for Wednesday Night Supper, February 7, and support our youth fundraiser for their spring break trip to Christian Union Sports Club in Medellin, Colombia. **All proceeds will go to the youth Spring Break Mission trip.** Come fellowship and learn about missions! To make a reservation call the church office by Monday at 5pm.

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.

UMCOR Coffee Sales



Please stop and shop today, between 9:15am and 12:30pm; the UMCOR coffee booth will be open for sales. Today we also have Valentine's CHOCOLATES!! Come get some for your Valentine (and yourself)!

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: Olivia Overstreet **Acolytes:** James Rittgers and Jack Taylor

February 11:00 Ushers: Virgil & Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Jean Geiger, Bob Newburn, Penny Rue, Missy Poe, John Schmidt, Jerry Miller, Jeanette Isaacson, John Bradley, Mary Ann Findley, Mitch Rivers, Maxine & Kent Falb

February Worship Support: Pat Sauls and Claudette Strickland

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)

Join us tonight for Sunday Night Youth! We will have open gym starting at 5pm, then dinner, fellowship, worship and a message. Our memory verse for this week is John 8:12. Come ready to recite it for your chance to win a special prize! Don't forget to invite a friend & bring your \$2 for dinner. Pick up is at 7pm in the Faith Center loop.

Youth Choir starts back today! Meet in the choir room at 4:00pm.

The Colombia mission team will meet tonight in Ward Hall from 7-8pm.

Registration for the ski trip, February 9-11, is still open, but there are only a limited number of spots left. Sign up 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

Reading this week: Luke 2:21-52

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.

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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in honor of *the 64 beautiful years of marriage*
that Jim & Jewel Eanes shared, by their loved ones.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in honor of *Marilyn Pfisterer's birthday by Ginny Brown.*

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Chicken Enchiladas, pinto beans, rice and milk cake

Kids menu: Tacos and applesauce

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, February 5, 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.

News of the Family

Welcome Our Newest Members:

Chet & Carrie Tyler

Congratulations to:

Michael & Barbara Williams on their daughter's wedding on Saturday, January 27, 2024. **Mary Williams** and Travis Goodrow were married in Columbia, SC at the Riverbanks Zoo.

Sympathies to:

Walter & Diane Daniell on the death Walter's father, **Dr. Herman Burch Daniell**, who died on January 25, 2024 in Charleston, SC. Dr. Daniell was grandfather to **Emily (Drew) Murphy** and great-grandfather to **Lance, Wyatt and Reagan Murphy**.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Elaine Whitaker
January 25, 2024

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

February — **canned vegetables**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 1/28/2024

8:30 | 121 9:02 | 208 11:00 | 322

In-Person Total | 651

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

Financials

Operation Budget as of 1/31/2024

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| Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: | \$166,468.89 |
| Year to date ministry expenditures: | <u>\$162,540.90</u> |
| | \$ 3,927.99 |

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

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| Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions: | \$ 231,403.73 |
| Year to date Missions Disbursements: | \$ 239,002.74 |

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

Muffins with Missionaries

FEB. 11, 9:45AM, WARD HALL



FEATURING LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS



UMCOR Coffee Sales TODAY!

Stop by and get your
Valentine some Chocolate!!

SUNNY MONDAY

Feb. 12, 2024

*"Attracting
Butterflies
to your
Garden"*

*National American Butterfly
Assoc. Club*



SKI TRIP 2024
FEBRUARY 9-11



Registration Now Open

Golf Tournament
May 17, 2024



Order of Worship - 8:30 A.M.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart* Samuel Webbe, Jr.

***OPENING HYMN No. 427,** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY

***SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 5:1-12 Rev. Butch Blackwell

SERMON "Moving Forward" Rev. Butch Blackwell

***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 *Blessed Are You* Craig Courtney
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. 430,** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

*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 | He Leadeth Me | <i>Gilmore & Bradbury</i> |
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| PRAISE SONG | Our God Is Greater | <i>Tomlin</i> |
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OFFERTORY **How Great Is Our God** *Tomlin*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 5:1-12** **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

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PRAISE SONG **Walk By Faith** *Camp*

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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