



*August 6, 2023*

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## 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.



### St. John's Library



For the month of August, we are featuring books for children and "tweens." For children we have a full range of books from board books, to "I Can Read" books, chapter books, and of course, plenty of books to be read aloud to children. For the "tweens" we have mysteries (including the very popular Mandie series), Reel Kids Adventures, history, and other great stories. Come and see for yourself.

### My Book Shelf Book Club

All are welcome at the St. John's My Book Shelf Book Club. Our Book Selection Meeting is August 21 at 7:00 in Ward Hall 2/3 with a Book Club meeting every third Monday after that through June 2024. Lively discussions guaranteed! If interested, contact Sharon West (803)270-1330.

### St. John's Grief Group

Our St. John's Grief Group is a caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences, losing a loved one. Please know that you don't have to go through the grieving process alone. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, we invite you to become a part of our St. John's Grief Group. We will meet on Tuesdays at 3:45pm - 5pm, beginning on August 15 upstairs in The Faith Center. Our weekly sessions will continue for 12 weeks. If you have questions or desire additional information, please feel free to reach out to Reverend Butch in the church office.

### Wednesday Night Programming

Our new Wednesday Night programming started last week. There is something for everyone of all ages. We hope that you will all find a place to join in, beginning with WNS at 5pm.

- 5:00pm – 6:30pm: WNS served (for all), in Ward Hall
- 5:30pm – 6:00pm: Children ages 3 - 1<sup>st</sup> grade music, Rm 218-220
- 5:30pm – 6:00pm: Children 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, "Time With Jesus," Rm 238
- 5:30pm – 6:00pm: M:6 (Mission: 6), Room 232
- 6:00pm – 6:45pm: Children 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade music, Rm 210
- 6:00pm – 6:45pm: Children ages 3 - 1<sup>st</sup> grade, "Time With Jesus," Rm 238
- 6:00pm – 6:45pm: Dr. Tim Bible Study (for all adults), in the Chapel
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm: Youth, in the Faith Center
- 7:00pm – 8:30pm: Adult Choir, in the Choir Room

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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:** Amelia Overstreet **Acolytes:** Olivia Overstreet and Sophia Overstreet

**August 11:00 Ushers:** Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Bill Hillan, Missy Poe, Mick Pisko, Connie Pisko, Commie Peebles, Pat Sauls, Virgil Sauls, Dave Felak, Paula Blackmore, Jerry Miller, Alison Carpenter, Roger Carpenter

**August Worship Support:** Leah Lewis, Mary Ann Findley, Mary Parrish

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

Parents, please note the upcoming events in Children's Ministry:

**August 13:** Third Grade Bible Presentation service at the 11:00 worship service. Breakfast for children and their families at 9:00 in Ward Hall. Letter invitations have been mailed; if you have a third-grader and do not receive an invitation, please contact Cara at [crobinson@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:crobinson@stjohns-umc.org).

**August 13:** "Tailgates and Kickoffs" Fall Kickoff Event for the whole family. This special event will be a great evening of fun and games as we gather to celebrate the start of school and kick-off our Fall Ministry events in the gym. USC's "Cocky" and Clemson's "Tiger" will be joining us!

A Children's Ministry Registration form is on the website under Children's Programming. Please complete this form so that we have accurate information about your child for their safety. If you have any questions, please reach out to Cara at [crobinson@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:crobinson@stjohns-umc.org). Thank you!

For the comfort and enjoyment of our children, we are raising the starting age of Children's Church to 4K up to 2nd grade. Parents of three year-olds are welcome to take advantage of the loving care in the church nursery.

***We love our Volunteers!*** Thank you to all parents who support the ministries of the church! If you'd like to get involved by sitting in as a second person in our children's classes, we'd love to have you join us! See Cara for more information.

## Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

**Sunday Night Youth:** Tonight is our Foundation Fall Kickoff and Parent Meeting! Join us in the Faith Center from 5-7pm. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing all that we have planned for another amazing year of youth ministry! Our theme is "Under Construction," so be sure to wear your brightest vest, hardest hard hat and sturdiest work boots! There will be prizes and raffles. You don't want to miss out!

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock." Matthew 7:24

### **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:**

Youth Band and the 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade members of the Youth Choir will meet from 3:30 - 5pm this Sunday in the Youth Band Room 205.

## St. John's Missions News

Grace Kitchen NEEDS YOU - Please sign up today following each service, in the Narthex. Grace Kitchen breakfast takes place every Saturday morning. We can serve upwards of 80-100 people every weekend. Team members are asked to arrive at 6:45am and breakfast will be wrapped up around 9:30am. Teams rotate throughout the year, so you would end up serving about 6 times per year. Please consider signing up and being blessed by this ministry!

For the month of August, we are collecting tooth brushes and toothpaste. 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.

## Discernment Committee

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.



**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
in memory of Rebecca Endler by Rick Endler.**

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

**Menu:** Lasagna, salad and cheesecake

**Kids Menu:** Pizza and applesauce

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, August 7, at 5pm. Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto: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](http://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.

### **Dr. Tim's Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Dr. Tim's Wednesday morning Bible study will resume on Wednesday, August 23. He will continue with "God's Deliverance", starting with Deuteronomy. This will take place in the Sanctuary from 10am - 11:30am.

### **News of the Family**

#### ***Congratulations to:***

**Jerry and Pat Dickey** who celebrated their 67th Wedding Anniversary on August 4.

#### ***Our Sympathies to:***

**Tommy, Maggie, Rebecca, Grant and Catherine Kreitzer**, on the death of **Marc Kreitzer**, who died on July 30, 2023 in Wilson, NC. Marc was Tommy's father and grandfather to Rebecca, Grant and Catherine.

### **ACTS Monthly Collection Item**

August — **Canned Soup**

*Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center*

#### **Attendance — 7/30/2023**

8:30 | 106      9:02 | 210      11:00 | 335

In-Person Total 651

9:02 Online Live | 325      11:00 Online Live | 358

### **Financials**

#### **Operations Budget as of 7/26/2023**

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,239,390.39
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,264,519.83</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ (25,129.44)

#### **Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 153,210.76
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 123,900.00

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





JOIN US FOR  
CHURCHWIDE

## *Holy Communion*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6,  
AT ALL SERVICES**



## 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** *Bread of the World* John S. B. Hodges  
Chancel Choir

**\*OPENING HYMN No. 616, "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"** HURSLEY

**\*SCRIPTURE READING** **Matthew 14:13-21** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

**SERMON** **"Finger Food"** **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.*

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**\*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** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Harold W. Fridell  
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. 620, "One Bread, One Body"** ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* 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](http://stjaiken.org).*



## Order of Worship

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### PRELUDE

### PRAISE SONG

**Come To the Well**

*Casting Crowns*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rev. Will Altman**

### PRAISE SONG

**Grace Like Rain**

*Agnew*

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### OFFERTORY

**Come As You Are**

*Crower*

### CHILDRENS SERMON

### SCRIPTURE READING

**MATTHEW 14:13-21**

**Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

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**"Finger Food"**

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### PRAISE SONG

**Once and For All**

*Daigle*

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

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