



January 7, 2024
Epiphany Sunday

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Message from the Finance Office

If you are doing a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) or a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA, please make sure your investment company or your broker **puts your name on the check or check stub**. We still have a few checks that have come in without names and therefore do not know to whom to credit. Please contact Nancy Fairgrieve if you have one of these set up and confirm that she has received yours.

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on January 8, 2024. The program will feature Dr. Tom Mack speaking on the "History of Trains Changing Aiken." Program starts at 10:30am with lunch to follow at 12 noon. Menu: Chicken Spectacular, salad, roll and apple pie with ice cream. There is a \$5 fee per meal. Please call the Church office to make your reservation by Friday, January 5, at 803-648-6891. Additionally, Senior Adult Council meeting will take place at 1pm on January 8th as well.

Church Vote

St. John's churchwide vote pertaining to separation from the United Methodist Church will take place on Sunday, January 21. Registration will begin at 2:30pm with the vote taking place between 3:30pm and 4pm.

Informational Meetings Regarding Church Vote

Upcoming informational meetings have been scheduled to take place in the Faith Center: Wednesday, January 10, at 6pm and on Sunday, January 14, at both 10am and again at 6pm.

Help Needed for 9:02 Services

We are in need of people that are willing to be ushers and greeters for our 9:02 service. If you are willing and interested, please contact Rev. Will Altman in the church office or Ken Brace at (301)943-6248.

Dr. Tim's Bible Studies Resume

Dr. Tim will resume both his morning and evening Bible studies on Wednesday, January 10. The morning study takes place in the Sanctuary at 10am and the evening Bible study takes place in the Chapel at 6pm.

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: Annie Dzikowski **Acolytes:** Matthew Dzikowski and Madison Zeigler

January 11:00 Ushers: Virgil & Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Eric & Helen Randall, Missy Poe, Newkirk Barnes, Gerry Hansen, Bruce Carrera, Larry & Karen Travis and Bill Hillan

January Worship Support: Judy Bilyeu, Susan Crosby, Karen Blackwell and Peggy Neill

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

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Birthday Party for Jesus and in our Christmas Eve skit. We pray this Christmas was a meaningful experience for your child.

Children's Wednesday night activities will resume on January 10 beginning at 5:30pm. See you then!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Join us tonight for Sunday Night Youth! Drop off in the Faith Center loop starting at 5:00pm. We will have free time in the gym, dinner, and Nerf Wars! Bring \$2 and invite a friend! Pick up is at 7:00pm in the Faith Center loop.

Don't forget to register on Realm for the Revolution Retreat January 26-28!

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**.

St. John's Missions News

Mark your calendars: Saturday of Service will be held on January 27 (to Epworth Children's Home) and on February 10 (to several local missions partner - details to come). Sign ups will be held each Sunday through January, before and after church. Many hands make light work and your participation is needed!

For the month of January, we are collecting **hats and gloves**. 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. 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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in honor of *Pat Sauls' birthday* by her family.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Chili, salad, cornbread, and Oreo delight

Kids menu: Sliders and yogurt

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, January 8, 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.

Primetime Travelers Announce First 2024 Trip

St. John's Primetime Travelers will be going to NarroWay Theater, Fort Mill, SC, on March 16, 2024, to attend the Easter production of The Fourth Cross. These Christian plays and lunches have always been popular with the Primetimers. Travel details and registration forms are available in the lobby, outside the church office. Do not delay. Invite a friend. The registration deadline is January 15, 2024.

Also, mark your calendars for Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 2pm in Ward Hall, for the ever-popular Travel Talk announcing the remaining 2024 St. John's travel dates!

News of the Family

Sympathies to:

Lee and Jennifer Wilson on the death of **Orville Douglas Smith, Jr.** Orville was brother to Jennifer and uncle to **Parker and Brittany Wilson and family.**

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

January — **canned vegetables**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 12/31/2023

One Service 10:00 | 369

In-Person Total | 369

10:00 Online Live | 536

Financials

2023 Year End Financials will be available soon.

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us
to do in Missions:

\$ 224,873.08

Year to date Missions Disbursements:

\$ 233,113.75

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, January 28, Ward Hall 1, 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.

NEW GRIEF GROUP SESSION

Beginning January 9,
Tuesdays at 3:45pm
Faith Center

*All are invited
to join.*

Please contact Rev. Butch
if you plan to attend:
803-648-6891, ext. 214
gblackwell@stjohns-umc.org



REVOLUTION JANUARY 26-28 RETREAT



GRACE KITCHEN DONATIONS

January Needs:

Hats & Gloves



Mission Impact Celebration 2024

Mark Your Calendars

February 7 -11



Focus:

*Local
Mission*



SKI TRIP 2024 FEBRUARY 9-11



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 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* harm. Johann Sebastian Bach
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 254,** **"We Three Kings"** KINGS OF ORIENT

SCRIPTURE READING **Isaiah 60:1-6** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Needing More than a Flashlight"** **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. 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 *Walk in the Light* arr. Andre Thomas
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. 245,** **"The First Noel" (v. 1, 3, 4, 5)** THE FIRST NOEL

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* harm. Johann Sebastian Bach
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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PRAISE SONG **O Little Town of Bethlehem** *Redner/Williams*

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PRAISE SONG **Hark the Herald Angels Sing** *Wesley/Brewster*

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OFFERTORY **I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day** *Casting Crowns*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Isaiah 60:1-6** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Needing More than a Flashlight"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG **Go Tell It On the Mountain** *Baldwin/Williams*

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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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