



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

October 8, 2023

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Applefest: Twice Loved Treasures

Now is the time to start thinking about items in your home that you no longer need or are using. We will be happily accepting items in the gym beginning on Monday, October 30th through Thursday, November 2nd, each day from 8:30am - 5:00pm and Friday November 3rd from 8:30am - 2:00pm. We welcome all sorts household items such as furniture, glassware, pictures, linens, tools, and toys. However, we can NOT accept TV's, computers and children's car seats. If you have any questions please call Marsha Mikes at 803-645-0078.

Applefest: Saks Thrift Avenue Clothing

Starting October 23 - October 27 (9am - 1pm), we will be accepting clothing in Ward Hall. The following week, we will continue to accept clothing all day (Monday - Friday) for Applefest.

Church Security Meeting

David Rittgers will lead a meeting on Tuesday, October 17th in room 119 to discuss church safety and security. Anyone who wants to learn about current measures or volunteer to assist with a church safety team is encouraged to attend.

Church Vote on Separation from the UMC

We have received our date for voting: Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 4pm. Once we have finalized registration procedures and times, we will share this with you.

Music at St. John's—Under the Steeple

Save the Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023, 7pm. The CSRA's newest professional music ensemble, Brandywine Brass, joins with Dr. Jackson Borges, to present a free concert of music for brass quintet and organ.

Dr. Tim's Evening Bible Study - Revelation

Dr. Tim's evening Bible Study will not take place on Wednesday, Oct. 11. He will resume the study of Revelation on Oct. 18 at 6pm. This does NOT affect the morning study: "God Deliverance."

Lay Members for Annual Conference

Thank you to all that expressed interest and availability for being a Lay Member for Annual Conference. We have received several names to fill our openings, as well as, back ups.

Nominations Due Oct. 20

The primary way that we do nominations for church officers at St. John's is for each committee to self-select their own members via the chairperson of each committee. These nominations are due by October 20. Current members may be re-elected, and most committees can add new members. Our main goal is that everyone who wants to serve is given the opportunity according to their gifts and passions. Please let Jennifer Windham at jwindham@stjohns-umc.org know of your interest in different areas and names will be forwarded to the respective committees. Thank you!

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: Brooks Adams **Acolytes:** Kendall Doolittle and Eva Jernigan

October 11:00 Ushers: Virgil & Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Newkirk Barnes, Commie Peebles, Robert Newburn, Eric & Helen Randall, Al Hartgraves, Bill Hillan, John Bradley, Jerry Miller, Connie & Mick Pisko, Larry Burdette, Missy Poe, Allen & Nola Radcliffe

October Worship Support: Jane Fogle, Marsha Mikes and Sandra Shelly

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.

October 8, 2023

Children's Ministries



Boxes may be picked up in the main lobby and in the Faith Center. Help us reach our goal of 250 boxes this year! Please return boxes by **November 12** and include a \$10 donation to help cover delivery costs, or you can pay online by following the instructions on the shoebox label. Thank you!

Due to school Fall Break:

No Children's Wonderful Wednesday Night activities on Wed., Oct. 11.

No Mom's Group on Oct. 11.

Enjoy the time off and we'll see you all back next week!

Confirmation Class however, will be meeting **Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 6pm**. Students and their families are invited to eat Wednesday night supper at the church with their church family! Please call Juli Davis with reservations.

Trunk or Treat is October 29: This is a great outreach to the community so join the fun and decorate a trunk! We are also collecting donations of individually wrapped candy. Please: NO nuts or peanut butter!



Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth:

We hope you have enjoyed your time off for Fall Break - one more week! No SNY tonight. We will meet back together this Wednesday for open gym and small groups!

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

Youth Band: 3pm-4pm Room 205

Youth Choir: 4pm-5pm Room 210

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**.

Registration for Asbury Hills (Nov. 17-19) is LIVE on Realm! Make sure to secure your spot and the early bird discount!

St. John's Missions News

"The Tin Man" will be at St. John's October 15 sharing his testimony at 10am in the Faith Center. Who is the Tin Man? Sasha Tseutserov, former KGB agent and our newest mission partner! We encourage EVERYONE to come hear what Sasha has to share about God and the Moscow Evangelical Seminary.

For the month of October, we are collecting **new underwear and socks**. 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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in memory of *Harriet Shallo* by *Frank Shallo and family*.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, and cheesecake

Kids Menu: Sliders and yogurt

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, October 9th, 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.

Pictorial Directory Sign Ups

We are still taking appointments for photos. Please call the church office to find a time that works for you. We have many slots available through November 17. We have added the following dates: **Saturday, Nov. 4 and Saturday Nov. 11 from 9am - 4pm; exclusively for families with children.**

News of the Family

Congratulation to:

Brianna Lore Downs who was married to Austin Ray Thelen on September 23, 2023 in Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Brianna Thelen is the daughter of **Andrea & John Downs** and granddaughter of **Brenda Meeks**.

John & Virgle Miano, who welcomed a new grandson, **James Henry Miano**, who was born on September 20, 2023, in Columbia, SC. Proud parents are Brad & Grace Miano and big brother Ross Alexander.

Sympathies to:

Kevin & Karen, Conner and Eva Buchanan on the death of **Doris Buchanan**, who died on September 28, 2023 in Winston Salem, NC. Doris was mother to Kevin and grandmother to Conner and Eva.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

October — **one pound bags of rice**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 10/01/2023

8:30 | 99 9:02 | 185 11:00 | 315

In-Person Total | 600

9:02 Online Live | 207 11:00 Online Live | 336

Financials

Operations Budget as of 10/3/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,518,794.31
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,610,429.66</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ (91,635.35)

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 181,460.24
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 158,750.00

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

Sasha Tseutserov
"TINMAN"

Oct. 15 , 10am
Faith Center

Former KGB agent and newest Mission Partner, shares his testimony and the Moscow Evangelical Seminary



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CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Make Your Appointment Now!

CALL US NOW!

Call the Church Office: **803-648-6891**



It's Shoebox Time!

Boxes are available to pick up in the Narthex and Faith Center Lobby

Please return packed boxes by:
NOV. 12th



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 **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.



We still have spaces open if you would like to host a trunk for TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Sunday, Oct. 29
4pm-5pm
STJ Parking Lot

PLEASE SIGN-UP OUTSIDE CARA'S OFFICE

CANDY CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE FAITH CENTER OR SANCTUARY NARTHEX



REGISTER TODAY

ASBURY Hills

NOVEMBER 17-19



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 Jesus, I Have Promised* Arthur H. Mann
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 398,** "Jesus Calls Us" GALILEE

SCRIPTURE READING **Philippians 3:4b-14** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON "Carl Bates - A Man of Faith and Focus" **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. 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 *Lord Here I Am* John Ness Beck
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. 419,** "I Am Thine, O Lord" I AM THINE

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

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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CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Children K4-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church.
Chancel Choir members who also sang at the 8:30am service may exit at this time.*

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***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 429,** **"I Am Thine, O Lord"** I AM THINE

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