



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

July 9, 2023

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Senior Adult Council – 50+ Activity Night

Mark your calendar! The Senior Adult Council is hosting its annual 50 Plus Activity Night on Wednesday, July 26. This will be an evening of food, games and fellowship beginning at 6pm in Ward Hall. The Senior Adult Council will provide pulled pork, buns and beverages. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share (serving 8-10). To ensure that there is adequate food, please call the church office at 803-648-6891 by Wed., July 19, to sign up.

Discernment Committee

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 19 at 6pm in the Sanctuary. This will be a discernment public informational meeting. Our vote date has been set to take place on Sunday, August 20 at 3pm, with registration at 2pm. Voting is IN PERSON ONLY.

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.



St. John's Missions News

Today St. John's is blessed with a visit from Michael Agwanda, Founder and Director of Life for Children Ministry based in Kisumu, Kenya. Michael will give an update at all three services so please be sure to attend. You will be blessed!

For the month of July, we are collecting peanut butter. 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.

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

Crucifer: Natalie Gregory **Acolytes:** Palmer Gregory and Emily Poole

July 11:00 Ushers: Champ & Jeanette Bowden, Roger & Alison Carpenter, Kent & Maxine Falb, Donald Leader, Joe & Leah Lewis, Allen & Nola Radcliffe, Eric & Helen Randall, Virgil & Pat Sauls, Sinclair Short

July Worship Support: Bessie Boyette, Alison Carpenter, Joadia Hiatt, Jean & Jena Quinn

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.

July 9, 2023

Children's Ministries

Summer Bible Memory Challenge for ages Kindergarten through 6th grades! Hide God's Word in your heart and earn a special prize. Parents, check your email for the verses we are learning, or grab a copy from your Sunday School teacher.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth: Join us for Kickball and Ice Cream in the gym from 5pm -6:30pm. Invite your friends!

Monday Dutch Lunch will be at Jimmy John's from 11:30am - 12:30pm.

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

New Staff Introductions

St. John's warmly welcomes two new staff members: Brian Hall (Videographer and Visual Technician - Traditional Worship) and Calvin Chance (Audio Technician - Traditional Worship). Brian has extensive experience as both a videographer and audio engineer, is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, and resides in Aiken. Calvin is an aspiring audiovisual technician who is a junior at Augusta University, where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and a Certificate in Media Production. For the past month, both Brian and Calvin have been working with Greg Robinson and our wonderful team of A/V volunteers in traditional worship to facilitate a smooth transition. Please join us in welcoming Brian and Calvin to St. John's.

UMCOR Coffee Sales



Please stop and shop today, July 9, 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.

Message From Finance Office

Finance statements through June have been mailed out this week. Please review your statement and if you have any questions pertaining to them, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve in the church office.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of *Dot Smith* by *Lionel Smith*.

Wednesday Night Supper/Ministry Meals

Wednesday Night Supper and Ministry meals have stopped for the summer break. We will resume on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

News of the Family

Our Sympathies to:

Bret & Lisa Evans, Kathleen & Chandler and Walker Stokes, on the death of ***Mickey Yelton***, who died July 1, 2023 in Edisto, SC. Mickey was father to Lisa, grandfather to Kathleen and great-grandfather to Walker.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

July — Canned Vegetables

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 7/2/2023

One Service for Patriotic Worship

10am | 553

Online Live | 357

Financials

Operations Budget as of 7/06/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God	\$ 1,121,573.27
is asking us to do:	<u>\$ 1,098,224.74</u>
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ 23,348.53

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us	
to do in Missions:	\$ 145,044.26
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 98,900.00

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

FOUNDATION STUDENT MINISTRIES SUMMER 2023

JULY

SUNDAYS
5pm-6:30pm

9th kickball
16th pool party
23rd odell weeks picnic
30th dinner & sny

MONDAYS
11:30pm-12:30pm

10th jimmy john's
17th chick-fil-a
24th maria's

FUEL RETREAT
registration opens July 5th
AIKEN | 18TH-20TH

registration links and wednesday night calendars available at linktr.ee/foundationstj

Save the date Aug 18-20



FUEL RETREAT

REGISTER USING THE QR CODE ABOVE



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

JULY 23

BRING YOUR BACKPACK FOR A SPECIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING!

GRACE KITCHEN

Donations

July Needs:

Peanut Butter



Please place donations in boxes marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthexes of each service.

Altar Guild is in need of Extra Hands

If you have an interest in arranging flowers and bringing a smile to others, won't you consider serving on one of the teams that alternate throughout the year on the Altar Guild.

If you are interested please call:
Pat Sauls at (803) 998-9105 or
Leah Lewis at (803) 270-4003

HELP NEEDED




Thinking about becoming a member?

We excitingly invite you to officially join our St. John's family! If you've been thinking about membership, now is the perfect time to join. We would love to have you!

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.

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

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

MISSION SPEAKER

Michael Agwanda

CALL TO WORSHIP

God Will Take Care of You

W. Stillman Martin

Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 127, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"** CWM RHONDDA

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:16-19 & 25-30

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SERMON

"Tired Bones"

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*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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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. 357, "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

WOODWORTH

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as able.**

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PRAISE SONG **Tremble** *Mosaic*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

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PRAISE SONG **Stand Back** *Underwood*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **We Believe**

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again. We believe.

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OFFERTORY **Holy, Holy, Holy** *Heber*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 1:1-5** **Rev. Will Altman**

SERMON **"The Gospel"** **Rev. Will Altman**

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL (Kindergarten thru 6th grade dismiss for Sunday School)

PRAISE SONG **Reach Out to Jesus** *Charmichael*

BENEDICTION

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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