

JANUARY 21, 2024 VOTE ON SEPARATION FROM THE UMC

REGISTRATION: Church MEMBERS will register to vote in Ward Hall from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Follow the signage. You must present a photo ID and sign the membership roll to receive a ballot. Registration will be conducted by Rev. Ken Nelson, District Superintendent, and his team from the South Carolina Conference. To avoid congestion, please do not loiter around Ward Hall. Proceed to the sanctuary with your ballot.

CHURCH CONFERENCE: Members assemble in the sanctuary with your ballot. Once registration is complete, Rev. Nelson will call the meeting to order between 3:30 and 4:00. When the meeting is called to order, the sanctuary doors will be closed and no one else may enter. There will be no discussion or debates by the assembled members. Ballots will be marked and collected. Once your ballot is collected, you may elect to leave before the results are tabulated. Rev. Nelson's team will count the ballots and announce the results before the meeting is adjourned. You must be present to vote!! No early or proxy voting. No dropping off your ballot in the sanctuary and leaving before the meeting is called to order.

- For separation to be approved, two-thirds of the voting members present must vote "yes" to separate.

DECORUM: This is a solemn time for our church. Please conduct yourself in a prayerful manner at all times. When the results are announced, please refrain from any celebratory expressions or protests.

PARKING: Please reserve all parking spaces in the semi-circle around the Faith Center for handicap parking. Also, please reserve all parking on Newberry St. adjacent to the church for handicap parking in addition to the four spaces marked with permanent handicap parking signs. The First Baptist church has given us permission to use their parking lot but will mark and reserve some spaces for their own use. Please honor the reserved spaces for their use. PLEASE CAR POOL AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE with friends to consolidate parking.

NURSERY: The church nursery will be provided. Older children will be supervised in the gym by appropriate personnel.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS:

- A "yes" vote is for our congregation separating from the UMC denomination.
- A "no" vote is against our congregation separating from the UMC denomination.



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Friendship SS Class - Soup Lunch

The Friendship Sunday School Class will be holding a soup lunch TODAY, serving from 10am until 1pm. Dine with us in the gym or pick up a meal(s) to go. All proceeds will benefit Honduras Agape Foundation and local missions.

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. If you have difficulty doing this check that you can come 1 hour early and someone will help you, but please try to do it yourself first.

Financial Statements for 2023

Financial statements for 2023 are in the mail. Please review and if you have any questions or something is not correct, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve.

SEED Registration

Our SEED program is getting ready to open up registration for the 2024-2025 school year. They will be holding Open House January 29 - February 1, 2024 from 12:30pm - 2pm. Starting February 5, church members who are not currently enrolled in SEED may register. Public registration will begin February 6. Please visit our website <http://stjaiken.org/> and follow the SEED tab for detailed information regarding your registration day and the program.

UMCOR Coffee Sales



Please stop and shop today. The UMCOR coffee booth will be open for sales between 9:15am and 12:30pm; 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.

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: Hannah Boetsch **Acolytes:** Audrey Dietzel and Katie Kirk

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

Please join us for Children's Wednesday night activities for music and lessons from 5:30pm - 6:45 pm.

Third Grade Bible Basics will begin today, January 21, during Sunday School in Room 237.

The next Confirmation Class will take place on January 28th.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Join us for a youth group drop-in at the Jernigan's home tonight from 5:30pm-7pm. We will have s'mores and enjoy a time of fellowship and worship around the firepit. Invite a friend and dress warmly!

Don't forget to register on Realm for the Revolution Retreat January 26-28. Ski Trip is February 9-11. Register 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

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**.

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.

Ski Trip: February 2 - 4, 2024, we will be Skiing at Beech Mountain, NC. Please contact Rev. Will at waltman@stjohns-umc.org or 864-873-7585 if interested.

St. John's Missions News

Let's come together in serving our local mission partners. On January 27 we are going to Epworth Children's Home and on February 10, choose from several local missions. Saturday of Service Sign-ups begin today, before and after each worship service. Please signup, as it won't be the same without you!

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.

Music at St. John's - "Under the Steeple"

On Friday, January 26, at 7pm, Brandywine Brass will return to St. John's to present *The Great American Songbook* featuring Dr. Maureen Simpson, *soprano*. Brandywine Brass is the CSRA's newest professional brass quintet and was founded by St. John's member, John Bland, who also plays tuba with the quintet. Their October concert at St. John's received rave reviews, so you certainly don't want to miss this free concert.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.
The 2024 Flower Calendar is available. Please contact Jennifer Windham
in the church office if you are interested in a specific date.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Pork loin, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, roll and éclair cake

Kids menu: Corn dogs and carrots

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, January 22, 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

Congratulations to:

Jim & Rae Szathmary who celebrated their **62nd Anniversary on January 20, 2024.**

Sympathies to:

Bette Simon on the death of her husband, **Jack Simon**, who died on January 14, 2024 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Dr. Jack Simon
January 14, 2024

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

January — **canned vegetables**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 1/14/2024

8:30 | 114 9:02 | 259 11:00 | 295

In-Person Total | 668

9:02 Online Live | 424 11:00 Online Live | 408

Financials

Operation Budget as of 12/31/2023 YEAR END FINANCIALS

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 45,325.98
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 70,907.48</u>
	\$ (25,581.50)

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 226,880.44
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 233,002.74

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

Soup's On!



Join Us TODAY!

serving starts at 10:00 a.m.
Money raised benefits the Honduras Agape Foundation & Local Missions.

Great American Songs

*Summertime...
 Blue Skies...
 Stormy Weather...*

Brandywine Brass Quintet
 and
 Maureen Simpson
 Soprano

Friday, January 26, 2024
 7:00 PM

Music at St. John's
 "Under the Steeple"

REVOLUTION

JANUARY 26-28 RETREAT





SKI TRIP

FEB. 2-4

BEECH MOUNTAIN, NC



YOUNG
 ADULT
 MINISTRIES

ST. JOHN'S

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Mission Impact Celebration 2024

Mark Your Calendars
February 7 -11



Focus: *Local Mission*

Attracting Butterflies to your Garden



Feb. 12, 2024
SUNNY MONDAY

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

MIC VIDEO

CALL TO WORSHIP *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Harold Friedell

***OPENING HYMN No. 540,** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" ST. THOMAS

***SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 18:15-20 Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON "Pax Vobiscum" 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 *We Are Not Alone* Pepper Choplin
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. 390,** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" LAND OF REST

*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 **Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place** *Wolfe*

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PRAISE SONG **As It Is In Heaven** *Maher*

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OFFERTORY **If We Are the Body** *Casting Crowns*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 18:15-20** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Pax Vobiscum"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG **Goodness of God** *Johnson*

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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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