



# ST. JOHN'S

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*January 29, 2023*

104 NEWBERRY ST. NW

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## Senior Adult Council— Valentine Luncheon

Invitations are going out! Hope you will be able to join us at 11am in Ward Hall, February 14. Please call the church office at 803-648-6891 to make your reservation and also to let us know if you need to be picked up by the church bus.

## Sunny Monday

Sunny Monday will NOT meet in February due to the Senior Adult Council's Valentine luncheon. However, we will return on March 13! Dr. Tom Mack, Recipient, Governor's Award in the Humanities, SC Academy of Authors, USC Distinguished Professor Emeritus, will be speaking on "Trains, Trains, Trains." Also, our April 12 tour, "A Taste of the Upstate" still has a few seats available. Come join us as we "eat" our way through the Upstate of South Carolina. Reservations must be made by February 15, 2023. For further information, please contact our group leader: Carol Godfrey at 803-642-8491.

## Help Needed from the Men of St. John's

For 20+ years the UMM of St John's has assisted the Aiken Antiques Show by offering their help moving vendors in and out of the Aiken Center For the Arts on Laurens Street. Vendors make donations to the UMM which they then use to help other charities. This is the largest UMM fundraiser of the year, but it takes manpower. Any amount of your time would be gratefully appreciated. They also reach out to recruit USCA students to help with the heavier items. If you can help us on **February 1st, 2nd, and/or 5th**, please call Vince Jones at 803-443-8899 and leave a message. Or email at [carolandvince@att.net](mailto:carolandvince@att.net) as soon as possible.

## 2022 Year End Statements

2022 Year End Statements have been mailed. Please look over your statement and if there are any corrections to be made, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve at 803-648-6891 or email her at [nfairgrieve@stjaiken.org](mailto:nfairgrieve@stjaiken.org).

## Circle 9 Schedule Change for February

Please make note that Circle 9 will meet on the first Tuesday of February due to the Senior's Valentine luncheon taking place on February 14. We will meet on Feb. 7th at 12:30pm. Please bring a bag lunch and beverage, and children's books for ages up to 5 yrs. for Christ Central. We will resume our normal meeting time/day in March.

## Healing Service

We will hold a Healing Service on February 6, at 10am in the Chapel. This will be a service of anointing, healing, and Holy Communion. All who are in need of prayer and support are invited to attend.

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## SERVING THIS WEEK

**Worship Services**—Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Douglas Herlong;  
Director of Traditional Music—Dr. Matt Caine; Organist— Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band  
Leader— Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band

**Crucifer**— Caroline Seawell **Acolytes**—Mary Davisson and Blair Wood

**January 11:00 Ushers:** Dave & Shirley Felak; Donald Leader; Paula Blackmore; Jeff Wallace; Bob Newburn; Nola & Allen Radcliffe; Jean Geiger; Penny Rue; Bill Hillan and Commie Peebles

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

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.*

# January 29, 2023

## Children's Ministries

### Grove Children's Ministry Family Night Sunday, February 5th from 5:00-6:30.

Join us for a great evening designed for all our children ages birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents. The theme for the children will be the Fruit of the Spirit, and the adults will continue with Dr. Tim's Wesleyan Theology class. Register now with the QR code. →  
*See you there!*



The schedule for the evening will be as follows:

- ◆ 4:45pm - 5pm Check In as follows:  
Nursery - 3 yr-olds in RM 137; 4 yr-olds in RM 145; K - 5th Grade in Rm 237;  
Adults in RM 231. Parents, please bring your Bibles.
- ◆ 5pm-6pm: Programming for all ages
- ◆ 6pm-6:30pm: Dinner in Ward Hall (Donations appreciated for dinner)

### Wednesday Activities: 5pm - 6pm

Joy Choir (3 yrs – Kindergarten) meets in Room 220

Alleluia Choir (1st – 5th Grade) meets in Room 210

Mom's Group meets in Room 223

## Foundation Student Ministries

*(7th-12th Grades)*

### Sunday Night Youth:

No SNY or youth choir tonight due to Revolution retreat. Join us for Bible studies this week!

Attention HS Seniors: The Inez Crain Scholarship application has been posted to the website. Visit [www.stjaiken.org/foundation-seniors](http://www.stjaiken.org/foundation-seniors) to complete the application and turn in by April 28. Mark your calendars for Senior Sunday on June 4, 2023! Email [foundation@stjaiken.org](mailto:foundation@stjaiken.org) if you are interested in participating in the 2023 Senior Sunday service.

### 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

## St. John's Missions News

Our churchwide Mission Impact Celebration begins February 8th. You should have received this week, in the mail, a letter with all the important details. Please go to the St. John's website: [www.stjaiken.org](http://www.stjaiken.org) to register for both the Kickoff Celebration on Wed., Feb. 8 and the Pancake Breakfast on Sat., Feb. 11. Or, you may register by calling the church office: 803-648-6891. Seating is limited at both the Wednesday and Saturday events, and a children's program and nursery will be provided. Again, your RSVP is required.

For the month of January, we are collecting **coats & 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.**

The flower arrangements in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Eleanor H. Rorex's birthday*, which would have been February 2, by *The Rorex Family*

### Wednesday Night Supper

**Menu:** Chicken Enchiladas, rice, pinto beans and milk cake for dessert

**Kids Menu:** Tacos and yogurt

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, January 30th, 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). Cost is \$7.50 for 10 years old and older, and \$3.00 for children over the age of 3. You can pay online at [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org). Go to "Give Now," press the drop down button, and click on WNS. You may also pay in person. Checks are preferred. Please make checks out to St. John's.

### News of the Family

#### **Congratulations to:**

**Rob & Cheri Braithwaite**, on the birth of their granddaughter, **Leighton Henley Braithwaite**, who was born on January 11, 2023 in Aiken, SC. Proud parents are **Colin & Kayla Braithwaite**.

**Edward Luke Mabry Jr.**, who graduated from Clemson University on December 22, 2022 with his Masters in Genetics. Proud parents are **Luke & Susan Mabry**.

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

**Jack & Libby Taylor**, on the death of Libby's brother, **George Lindstedt**, who died January 21, 2023 in Anderson, SC.

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

January — **Dry Beans**

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

#### **Attendance — 1/15/2023**

8:30 | 86      9:02 | 151      11:00 | 252

In-Person Total | 489

9:02 Online Live | 304      11:00 Online Live | N/A

### Financials

#### **2022 YEAR END FINANCIALS**

Revenue Received	\$2,256,769.68
Expenses	\$2,120,884.79

#### **Operations Budget as of 1/25/2023**

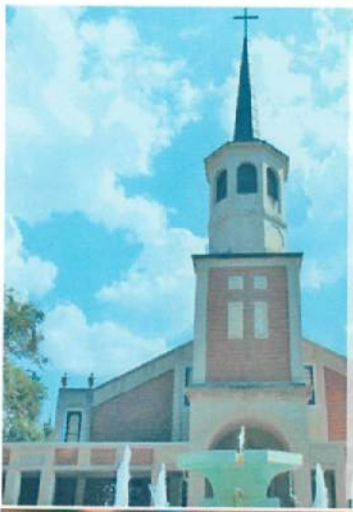
Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do :	\$ 213,438.93
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 158,208.52</u>
<i>We thank you for your continued support of St. John's Ministries!</i>	\$ 55,230.41

#### **Missions Budget: Year 2022/2023**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$222,798.73
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$205,123.54

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





## Thinking about becoming a member?

We are excited to 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](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org)) or Rev. Douglas Herlong ([dherlong@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:dherlong@stjohns-umc.org)) for more information or call the church office at (803)648-6891.

### MIC Kickoff Celebration

Wednesday, February 8  
6pm, Faith Center

REGISTER NOW!



### MIC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sat., Feb. 11, 2023  
9am, Faith Center

SCAN NOW TO REGISTER



## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT

[STJAIKEN.ORG/FOUNDATION-SENIORS](http://STJAIKEN.ORG/FOUNDATION-SENIORS)

APPLICATIONS DUE: APRIL 28

SENIOR SUNDAY: JUNE 4

## CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING BUS TOURS



A Taste of The Upstate, Anderson, SC : April

A Tea-rific Tour : June

The First Lady of Georgia, Milledgeville, GA : August

A pretty Place, Greenville, SC : October

Christmas Delights, Jacksonville, FL : December

FOR MORE INFO CALL: DONNA WALKER 803-295-2904



## 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. Butch Blackwell

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Jane Timmerman,  
Dr. Matt Caine

### \*OPENING HYMN NO. 185 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

### SERMON

*How to Spot the Good Guys*

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

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

*Awake My Heart*

Jane M. Marshall

### \*DOXOLOGY

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. 160 "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"

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### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Christian Lutkin

### 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

*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. This service will be livestreamed today at 9:02 on our website [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org), our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.*

### PRELUDE

**PRAISE SONG**                      **There Is Power In the Name of Jesus**                      *Brewster*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      *Rev. Douglas Herlong*

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Impossible**                      *Building 429*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH              The Apostles' Creed**

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### **PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

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**OFFERTORY**                      **Good Grace**                      *Hillsong*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**                      *Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon*

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **Matthew 5:1-12**

**SERMON**                      **How to Spot the Good Guys**                      *Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon*

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

**PRAISE SONG**                      **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**                      *Jane Timmerman,  
Dr. Matt Caine*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **SENDING FORTH SONG**

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*Children K3-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church*

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**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS NO. 95** OLD 100TH

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

**DUET** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Jane Timmerman,  
Dr. Matt Caine

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 5:1-12

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