



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

February 5, 2023

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Church Calendar Reservations

We have had a recent increase in reservations for the use of church classrooms, meeting halls and the gym. Please make sure that when you are scheduling these meetings or events, that you make sure that you have an access keycode to enter the facility, as we have not had Hosts since COVID times. If you are hosting a meeting, please ensure that you let your participants know the appropriate door to use, and man that door for your attendees. Many of the church doors are always locked, even during business hours. Please contact Jennifer Windham in the church office during office hours, to have a keycode assigned to you.

Senior Adult Council – Valentine Luncheon

The Valentine Luncheon is just a week away! 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 let us know whether your attendance is YES/NO. Please 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.

Dr. Tim's Bible Study

Dr. Tim's Bible study will NOT meet on Wednesday, February 8th due to Kairos taking place in Trenton, SC. We will resume study on February 15 at 10am. If you would, please keep everyone in your prayers during the Kairos prison ministry next week.

Circle 3 Meeting Location for February

Please note that Circle 3 will meet at the home of Rene Boylston for their February meeting. Hosts will be Rene Boylston and Becky Robbins. Please contact either Rene or Becky if you have any questions or need the address.

Circle 1 Meeting February 8

Circle 1 will meet Wednesday, February 8 at 1pm in the Parlor. Hostess is Marguerite Flynn and the program will be presented by Cindy McClendon. Please RSVP (regrets only) to Marguerite so she can prepare refreshments accordingly.

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— Anne Fenton Massie **Acolytes**—Sophie Jaq Gadus and Blair Wood

February 11:00 Ushers: Virgil & Pat Sauls; Donald Leader; Paula Blackmore; Bob Newburn;
Mick & Connie Pisko; Sinclair Short; Art Smith & Susie Graven-Smith

February Worship Support—Pat Sauls, Kay Buckner, Claudette Strickland, Katy Osborn

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.

February 5, 2023

Children's Ministries

Hope to see you tonight for Grove Children's Ministry Family Night, 5pm-6:30pm

The schedule for the evening will be as follows:

- 4:45pm - 5pm Check In as follows:
Nursery - 3yr-olds in RM 137; 4yr-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)

Special Event for 2nd-5th Graders – Friday, February 24th 6:00-10:00pm

Late Night Secret Servants: Do you have what it takes to be a secret servant of God? Come and join us for a late night secret assignment to serve those who serve us in our community. Bring your Bible, your sleeping bag, and your servant's heart!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth:

Join us tonight for a special ALL student-planned Sunday Night Youth group! Bring a friend and \$2 for dinner. Meet us in Ward Hall at 5pm.

Youth Choir will meet at 4:00 in the choir room.

This Wednesday, February 8, our Honduras Mission Trip participants will be helping to serve the MIC dinner in the Faith Center as part of their fundraising for this trip. Come enjoy some lasagna and help support our students going to Honduras over Spring Break! Dinner starts at 6pm.

Youth Bible Studies on Wednesdays from 7pm – 8pm

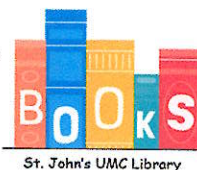
Brotherhood (7th-12th grade boys) in the gym

CORE (7th-8th grade girls) in the Faith Center

Dwell (9th-12th grade girls) in Bekah & Amy's office

St. John's UMC Library

The library's February focus is all about LOVE. So many types of love...love of and for God, love for family, romantic love... Come and see what YOUR library has to offer for you and your entire family.



St. John's Missions News

Hope you have registered to join us this Wednesday night for Mission Impact Celebration. We start with dinner at 6pm in the Faith Center. You should have received a letter with all the important details. Please go to the St. John's website: 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. A children's program and nursery will be provided at each event. Again, your RSVP is required.

For the month of February, we are collecting **canned or dried fruit with easy open tops**. 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 by *John Bland*, in loving memory of his son, *Carl F. Bland*.

Wednesday Night Supper

Dinner will be served at 6pm in the Faith Center, as this is the MIC Kickoff Celebration! Menu will be lasagna, salad, and cheesecake, with the kids being served pizza. (NO TO-GO MEALS this week).

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, February 6th, at 5pm. Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891. With this meal being sponsored by MIC, there is no charge for meals, however, donations will be accepted for the students who will be serving dinner. These funds will support their Youth Mission trip to Honduras in April.

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Daniel & Cadey Keigans, on the adoption of their newborn daughter, **Stella George Keigans**, who was born on January 25, 2023 in Aiken, SC. Proud big sister is **Sunny Keigans** and grandparents are, **Paul and Patti Carroll**.

Our Sympathies to:

Bill, Laura Anne & Mitchell Matthews, on the death of Bill's mother and Mitchell's grandmother, **Ginger Matthews**, who died January 27, 2023 in Carrollton, GA.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

February — **Canned Complete Meal** (i.e.: ravioli, spaghetti, chili)

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 1/29/2023

8:30 | 103 9:02 | 225 11:00 | 304

In-Person Total | 632

9:02 Online Live | 237 11:00 Online Live | 222

Financials

Operations Budget as of 2/01/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do :	\$ 248,632.76
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ <u>210,560.33</u>
<i>We thank you for your continued support of St. John's Ministries!</i>	\$ 38,072.43

Missions Budget: Year 2022/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$224,490.26
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$205,123.54

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

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT

STJAIKEN.ORG/FOUNDATION-SENIORS

APPLICATIONS DUE: APRIL 28

SENIOR SUNDAY: JUNE 4

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



JACK MEEKS MEMORIAL RAMP MINISTRY

Golf Tournament
May 19, 2023

REGISTER NOW

Registration brochures
Now available in the
church office

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

Let the Lower Lights Be Burning

Phillip Bliss

*OPENING HYMN NO. 451

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-16

SERMON

"Half-Lit Christians"

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

Who But the Lord?

Craig Courtney

*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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 585 "This Little Light of Mine"

MARION

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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Order of Worship

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Akers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Douglas Herlong

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAISE SONG

Start A Fire

Unspoken

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

10,000 Reasons

Redman

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-16

SERMON

"Half-Lit Christians"

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

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

PRAISE SONG

See the Light

Hillsong

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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***OPENING HYMN NO. 451** **"Be Thou My Vision"** SLANE

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CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon
Children K3-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church

OFFERTORY ANTHEM **Who But the Lord?** Craig Courtney

***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

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

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