



*May 7, 2023*

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## SEED Thank You

Thank you for your support of the SEED program's final mission project for this school year. SEED sold a total of 832 gift certificates for Nothing Bundt Cakes. They presented ACTS with a check for \$1,664.00. This should help them purchase 62 fans for the elderly.

## St. John's Missions News

Be an ACTS Fan! Area Churches Together Serving is having their annual fan drive at Lowe's on May 12 and 13 from 10am to 6pm. You can volunteer to help by calling Andrea at 803-649-3800 or stop by Lowe's on the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> to purchase a fan to help someone in our community through the summer heat.

For the month of **May**, we are collecting **canned meat – pop top or pouches** only. 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.

## UMCOR Coffee Sales

We will be selling coffee and tea today—come check us out and restock your supply. We'll be in the hall outside of Ward Hall between 9:15am and 12:30pm.

## Upcoming Retirement

After several years as our Media and Technical Manager, Greg Robinson is retiring so that he and Peg have more time to spoil their grandchildren! Greg's last day as an employee will be Sunday, July 2. We look forward to continuing to have Greg and Peg as part of our St. John's community after this retirement. When you see Greg, please take time to thank him for his years of service in this capacity, and particularly for everything he did during COVID lockdown to ensure our church was able to continue to worship God in our community.

## QR Link to Separation Committee FAQ about the Disaffiliation Process

One of the goals of the Separation Committee is to inform as many members of St. John's as possible about the disaffiliation process. This QR code links to a FAQ about the Disaffiliation process. There is also a link to a form where you can ask completely anonymous questions about the process and have them answered in the FAQ. We encourage everyone to ask questions so we can be well-informed about this process.



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## SERVING THIS WEEK

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

**Crucifer** - Amelia Overstreet **Acolytes** - Madison Bates and Emily Poole

**May 11:00 Ushers:** Missy Poe, Paula Blackmore, Donald Leader, Jean Geiger, Susie & Art Smith, Helen & Eric Randall, Penny Rue, John Schmidt, John Bradley, Connie & Mick Pisko, Alison & Roger Carpenter

**May Worship Support** - Millie Winston, Betty Holloway, Karen Blackwell, Nancy Perrine

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**

**VBS Kick Off TONIGHT:** 5pm-6:00pm, Come and get ready to glow as we blast off for adventure with this year's VBS entitled *Stellar - Shining Jesus' Light* which blasts off daily. Registration is NOW OPEN – See QR code in our bulletin ad.

**VBS Volunteers Needed:** We are in search of Crew Leaders to take the children from one activity to another each day. Contact Heather Peacock at [hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org) to sign up.

**Safe Sanctuary Training:** Wednesday, May 17 at 6:15pm in Room 116, The Fellowship SS Classroom, led by Heather Peacock. Never had Safe Sanctuary Training? Need a refresher course to be ready for VBS? This class is for you! All volunteers who work with children, students, and vulnerable adults at St. John's are required to have received this training to ensure a safe environment for everyone. Email Heather Peacock at [hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org) to sign up.

**Nursery Workers are needed** to join our excellent staff here at St. John's. Applicants must be available to work Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Please contact Heather Peacock at [hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org) for more information.

## **Foundation Student Ministries**

*(7th-12th Grades)*

### **Sunday Night Youth and Youth Choir:**

Join us for Sunday night youth from 5pm-6:30pm. Bring \$2 for dinner and invite a friend! *Dress as your favorite fruit...*there will be prizes!

Youth Choir will meet from 4pm-5pm in the choir room.

### **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

## **Who Can You Trust?**



You can trust your library to provide you with some page-turning mysteries and suspense novels that will make you miss your bedtime. There is intrigue so complicated and complex it will leave you guessing until the end. Mystery, Suspense, Intrigue – those are the features for the month of May. We also have mystery books for the younger readers in your family. Stop by the STJ Library before you leave church today. Come check us out!

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of *Peggie Olcott* by *Van, Tracy, Jessica, Abigail and  
Madelyn Smith*  
and in honor of *Ginny Brown's birthday* by *Marilyn Pfisterer*.

### Wednesday Night Supper

**Menu:** Chicken enchiladas, rice, pinto beans and milk cake

**Kids Menu:** Tacos and chips

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, May 8, 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 ages 10 yrs. old  
through adult, and \$3.00 for children over the age of 3 years. You can pay  
online at [stjaiken.org](http://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

**Welcome Our Newest Members:**

***Steven & Linda Becker***

**Congratulations to:**

***Walker Ellis Stokes*** was baptized April 30, 2023. His proud parents are  
***Kathleen Evans & Chandler Stokes***, Grandparents, ***Bret & Lisa Evans***.

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

May — Canned Tuna

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

### Attendance — 4/30/2023

8:30 | 104      9:02 | 185      11:00 | 313

In-Person Total 602

9:02 Online Live | 337      11:00 Online Live | 259

### Financials

#### Operations Budget as of 5/3/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God

is asking us to do:

\$775,298.63

Year to date ministry expenditures:

\$764,024.83

\$ 11,273.80

#### Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us

to do in Missions:

\$ 80,613.60

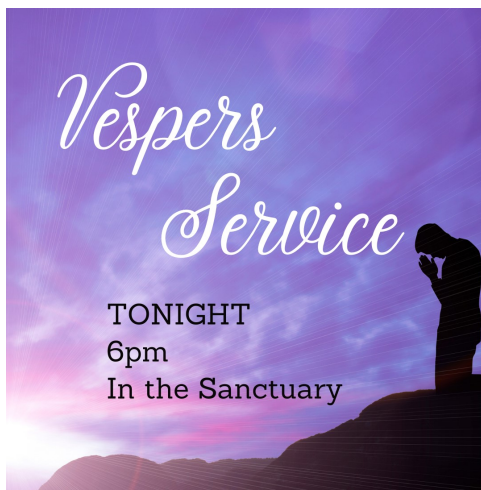
Year to date Missions Disbursements:

\$ 56,000.00

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

*Vespers  
Service*

TONIGHT  
6pm  
In the Sanctuary



JOIN US FOR CHURCHWIDE  
*Holy Communion*  
**TODAY, MAY 7,  
AT ALL  
SERVICES**



*There's Still Time  
To Sign Up!*

 **JACK MEEKS  
MEMORIAL  
RAMP MINISTRY**  
Golf Tournament  
May 19, 2023

Registration brochures  
available in the church  
office and online:  
[stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org)

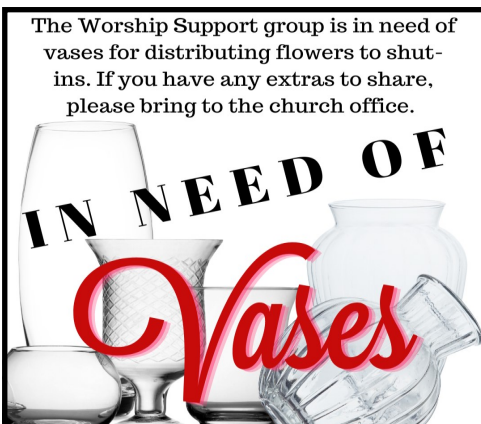
*Healing  
Service*

TODAY  
MAY 7, 2023  
10:00 AM  
CHAPEL



The Worship Support group is in need of  
vases for distributing flowers to shut-  
ins. If you have any extras to share,  
please bring to the church office.

**IN NEED OF**  
*Vases*




*SNY THIS SUNDAY*

**YOUTH WORSHIP**

"I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in  
you, you will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing."  
- John 15:5

**DRESS LIKE A FRUIT**

 **LABELED**

**VBS**  
**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

**Register NOW**

**JUNE 19 - 22**  **9AM - 12PM**





## 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. Douglas Herlong

#### \*OPENING HYMN

No. 308, "Thine Be the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

#### \*SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

#### SERMON

"One-Way Street"

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom shall have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

#### \*GLORIA PATRI, No. 70

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

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Mack Wilberg

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.*

#### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION found on pg. 12

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM

*In Remembrance*

Beryl Red

#### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION

No. 318 "Christ Is Alive"

TRURO

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Christian Lutkin

Chancel Choir

### 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).*



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## **PRELUDE**

**PRAISE SONG** **Savior, Please** *Wilson*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Heather Peacock*

**PRAISE SONG** **Glory to His Name** *Selah*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Nicene Creed**

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**OFFERTORY** **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus** *Lemmel*

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** **John 14:1-14**

**SERMON** **"One-Way Street"** *Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon*

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

**PRAISE SONG** **You Alone** *Lauren Daigle*

## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING FORTH SONG**

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Whatsoever You Do*

Willard F. Jabusch

Joy Choir

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### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM pg. 39

*The congregation will be led in the singing of God Claims You, FWS #2249, using the names Kennedy and Ethan.*

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

*Chancel Choir members who also sang at 8:30am may now exit.*

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