



# ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*September 4, 2022*

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### Fuel Retreat, September 9-11 (Students 7th-12th Grade)

Last chance to register for Fuel is THIS TUESDAY! Fuel is an intown Disciple Now retreat where students will stay in small groups at host homes overnight, and join us for group activities and worship during the day on Saturday. This year's theme is based on John 13:35 and discussion will be focused on Community. Our two goals for this year at Fuel are: 1. Each student finds a small group that they feel they belong in, and 2. Students leave Fuel with an understanding of Christian community and through that knowledge, welcome others to it! Email Bekah and Amy at [foundation@stjaiken.org](mailto:foundation@stjaiken.org) to register or for any questions on how to get involved!

### UMCOR Coffee Sales

**Don't forget to stop by the UMCOR Coffee table TODAY!** We are joining other Methodist congregations in offering fair trade products through a collaboration with The United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) and the Equal Exchange Company. 15 cents per pound sold goes to UMCOR. Come shop TODAY, September 4, between 9:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Don't miss this great opportunity! We are resuming sales on the first and third Sundays starting this month!

### Sunny Monday

Sunny Monday will meet September 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Faith Center. The speaker is Lauren Virga, Executive Director of the Aiken Historical Museum. Her talk is entitled, "The Ghosts of Aiken & Edgefield Counties." Lunch will be Ham, Tomato Pie, Salad, Roll and Homemade Pound Cake with fruit. The meal is \$5 a plate. Masks are not required, but we invite you to wear them if you feel so inclined. For reservations, call the church office at 648-6891, by 12:00 (noon) Friday, September 9, 2022.

### UMW Circle 9

UMW Circle 9 will meet on Tuesday, September 13 at 12:30 p.m. in Ward Hall for a bag lunch brought by each member. Judy Bilyeu and Rachel Pirkle will host. We are collecting items for the Cumbee Center. Watch for an email listing items needed at the Cumbee Center and opportunities to assist with the Fall Welcome Back Lunch Thursday, September 15 where we will be hosting three UMW state officers.

### Friends in Faith Women's Bible Study

Friends in Faith Women's Bible Study will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 14 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 202. We will study *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. This study will show how all of us, Marys and Marthas alike, can draw closer to our Lord – deepening our devotion, strengthening our service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy. Come and join us. For more information you may contact Carolyn Roberts at 803-649-6974.

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### SERVING THIS WEEK

**Worship Services**—Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Douglas Herlong;  
Music Director—Dr. Catherine Nance; Music Associate & Organist—Christopher Nash; 9:02  
Band Leader— Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band

**Crucifer**—Caroline Seawell **Acolytes**—Katie Kirk & Olivia Overstreet

**September 11:00 Ushers:** Nola & Allen Radcliffe, Donald Leader, Bob Newburn, Bruce Carrera, Gerry Hansen, Jean Geiger, John Schmidt, Jeff Wallace, Charles Taylor, & Missy Poe

**September Worship Support**—Judy Turner, Anita Allen, Camille Bailey, Pam Beckum, & Kay Shirley

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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*This service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.*

# September 4, 2022

## Children's Ministries

**No Grove Tonight.** See you next Sunday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, for our **Grove Family Carnival 5:00-6:30.** All Grove families, moms, dads, and younger siblings, please join us for a fun night of old fashioned carnival games, prizes, and a hot dog supper. Begin the evening outside the gym with your child and enjoy activities like Go Fish, Dino Dig, Face Painting and more.

Beginning September 14 we will have a new Mom's Group from 5:15-6:00 p.m. in Room 202, Nursery Provided!

**We are currently looking for a part time Nursery Worker for Sundays and Wednesdays. Please contact Heather at [hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org) if you are interested or know someone who might be.**

### Upcoming Events:

September 11<sup>th</sup> Grove Fall Family Carnival 5:00-6:30 p.m.

September 14<sup>th</sup> Children's Choir Begins— More info to follow

September 18<sup>th</sup> Third Grade Bible Breakfast and Presentation

September 21<sup>st</sup> Third Grade Bible Basics Begins

## Foundation Student Ministries

*(7th-12th Grades)*

### Sunday Night Youth:

No Sunday Night Youth tonight! Enjoy the Labor Day Holiday with your family!

### Youth Bible Studies:

All youth Bible Studies will resume the week of September 18.

## St. John's Missions News

The H Family will be returning to Southeast Asia on October 1. Want to hear more? Come to the 9:02 Worship Sunday, 9/4. Please pray for these last few weeks in Aiken and for their transition. God we seek guidance, wisdom and an open heart to discern the town they will serve in next and bless their time of renewing friendships. Please go before them and keep them safe. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

## Reception for Catherine Nance

Please join us TODAY, September 4, for a reception celebrating Catherine Nance and her 21 wonderful years of music and worship ministry. The reception will follow the 11:00 worship service in Ward Hall. All are welcome!

## Dr. Tim's Upcoming Fall Bible Studies

### Men's Study

A men's study led by Dr. Tim using the HBO mini-series, "Band of Brothers," will explore the spiritual and ethical implications of each episode using the Bible and discussion. The study will be held in the Faith Center on Tuesday nights beginning on September 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. This is for all men of every age, and please invite friends and neighbors. There is no need for pre-registration.

### Fall Churchwide Bible Study

An exciting and helpful Fall Churchwide Bible Study will attempt to unlock the whole Old Testament as more than a preface to the New Testament. We will explore the Old Testament as foundational to the New Testament and Redemption, and that it is more than a haphazard collection of historic vignettes of interesting characters and gruesome events. The study will begin Wednesday, September 7, in the Sanctuary from 10 until 11:30 a.m. There is no need for pre-registration. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come!

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
*Jack L. Meeks by Brenda Meeks.*

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*Mary Halfmann by George Halfmann.*

### Wednesday Night Supper

**Menu:** Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, & Banana Pudding

Reservations are required and should be made by Tuesday, September 6, at 5:00 p.m. 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). Then go to "Give Now," next press the drop down button, then click on WNS. You may also pay in person. Checks are preferred. Please make checks out to St. John's.

### News of the Family

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

***Laura, Michael, & Annie Klecker*** on the death of Laura's mother and Annie's grandmother, ***Barbara Jean Wagner***, who passed away on August 4, 2022 in Aiken, SC.

***Cheryl Guynn*** on the death of her husband, ***James "Jim" Guynn***, who passed away on August 12, 2022 in Aiken, SC.

#### *In Memoriam*

Mr. James Chandler Guynn

August 12, 2022

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

September— **Rice**

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

### Attendance—8/28/2022

8:30 | 101      9:02 | 215      11:00 | 338

In-Person Total | 654

9:02 Online Live | 240    11:00 Online Live | 363

### Giving as of 8/31/2022

#### **Operations Budget**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,434,768.87
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,389,533.56</u>
	\$ 45,235.31

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

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$158,226.09
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$120,050.00

***The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 6.***

# Class of 1955 Reunion

ANYWHERE, USA

October 9, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Mark your calendar now!

More info to come later.

RSVP to Donna Walker at

803-295-2904



## FUEL RETREAT



Sept 9-11

[www.stjaiken.org/students](http://www.stjaiken.org/students)

THE BRIDGE 2 HOME PRESENTS

# 5K FUN

RUN FOR FREEDOM

SATURDAY

**OCT, 8 2022**

START 08.00 AM

EARLY  
REGISTRATION  
**\$35**



JOIN THE **ST. JOHN'S**  
**TEAM HERE! RUNNERS &**  
**WALKERS WELCOME! NO**  
**EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**



ODELL WEEKS ACTIVITY CENTER

## GRACE KITCHEN

*Donations*

### September Needs:

**Canned Tuna/Salmon**  
**(pop tops & pouches only)**

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

JOIN US FOR

*Holy Communion*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

AT THE 6:00 PM

VESPERS

SERVICE BY

THE FOUNTAIN.



IN-PERSON

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

*Returns Sept. 7*



## COFFEE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLEASE CONTACT JULI DAVIS  
AT [JDAVIS@STJOHNS-UMC.ORG](mailto:JDAVIS@STJOHNS-UMC.ORG) TO HELP OUT ON  
SUNDAY MORNINGS!



## 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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Butch Blackwell

### \*OPENING HYMN NO. 384 Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

*Hyfrydol*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Philemon 1-21

### SERMON

Do You Want to be Useful?

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

*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

When It's All Been Said and Done

*Mark*

*Catherine Stapleton Nance, Solo*

### \*DOXOLOGY

### 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. 437 This Is My Song

*Finlandia*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand, as able.*





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### PRAISE SONG

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rev. Douglas Herlong**

### MISSION UPDATE

### PRAISE SONG

**Thrive**

*Casting Crowns*

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**Mighty to Save**

*Hillsong*

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**Do You Want to be Useful?**

**Dr. Tim McClendon**

### PRAISE SONG

**Jesus Paid it All**

*Stanfill/Hall*

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### SENDING FORTH SONG

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**OFFERTORY Lord, Here Am I (Isaiah 6)** *Beck*

*Children K3-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church in rooms 145 & 148.*

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**ANTHEM You Do Not Walk Alone: Traditional Irish Blessing** *Hagenberg*  
**(Deuteronomy 31:8)**

*May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark. May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark. When times are hard, may hardness never turn your hearts to stone. May you always remember when the shadows come - you do not walk alone.*

*This anthem was purchased by Catherine and Tom Nance in honor of the St. John's Choirs—past, present, and those singing in the heavenly realm. We have loved every moment we have spent praising God through our music together.*

**SCRIPTURE READING Philemon 1-21**

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