ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

November 13, 2022

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Charge Conference

St. John's will be holding our yearly Charge Conference TODAY, November 13, at 5:00 p.m. in the Faith Center. All members are invited to attend this meeting. This year's charge conference will be led by District Superintendent, Rev. Ken Nelson. **NURSERY WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THIS MEETING.**

Surviving the Holidays Program

When you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, you may find yourself in a difficult place as you face the holiday season. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions, and obligations may leave you anxious and overwhelmed. On **November 22, 2022**, Reverend Butch will be leading a *Surviving the Holidays During a Season of Grief* program. The program will be held in the Faith Center at 10:00 a.m. He will focus on how to prepare yourself for the emotions of the holiday season and offer ideas that can help you cope. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please register by calling the church office. We need to know of your attendance so that we can have ample books and information available. If you have questions, please contact Reverend Butch.

Epworth Angels

This year we will collect toys, clothes, shoes, electronics, and gift cards for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Come pick a gift in the receptionist area after the 8:30 service or before the 11:00 service, or at the Faith Center. There will be red bins outside of each service to leave your gift cards beginning November 13th, and a bin outside of the church office. If you or your Sunday School class want to give a specific gift, go to www.epworthchildrenshome.org, go to the Give & Volunteer tab, Christmas with Epworth link, Christmas Wish list. Text or call Maureen Bernard 803-221-9635 to help you pick out a specific gift or with questions. All gifts are due by Sunday, December 4th.

Sunny Monday

Sunny Monday will meet November 14, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Faith Center. The program will feature The Mountain Dulcimers of Aiken, led by Gary Warnock and Tommy Harman. The meal will be spaghetti pie, salad, garlic bread, and gooey chocolate treats with ice cream. For reservations, call the Church at 648-6891, by 12:00 (noon) Friday, November 11, 2022.

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday is November 20th at all three services. This year's theme is "Build the Kingdom." Let's all reflect on the many wonderful things of 2022 and carry them into 2023. One example is the blessing of your generous giving that supports the outreach, growth, and maintenance of St. John's. You will soon receive a brochure and pledge card in the mail. Please plan to bring your pledge card and turn it in during one of the services. Contact Nancy Fairgrieve at (803)648-6891 if you have any questions regarding giving.

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—Annie Dziczkowski **Acolytes**—Matthew Dziczkowski & Henry Vaughters

November 11:00 Ushers: Champ & Jeannette Bowden, Donald Leader, Roger & Alison Carpenter, Joe & Leah Lewis, Newkirk Barnes, John Schmidt, and Commie Peebles

November Worship Support—Christy Kisner, Nita Bell, Libby Taylor, & Peg Robinson

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

Grove Children's Ministry (Sundays, 5:00-6:30 p.m.) will focus on Reclaiming Advent as we use the Jesse Tree to trace the heritage of Jesus through the stories and prophecies of the Old Testament. Each week we will make ornaments using symbols representing these stories to create a Jesse Tree in our Grove rooms. Drop Off tonight will be upstairs in the Children's Area near Room 237 and pick up will be IN THE GYM.

Mom's Group will be using the book *Simply Christmas: A busy mom's guide to reclaiming the peace of the holidays* to prepare our hearts to reflect on the wonder of the Savior's birth. Join us November 16, & 30 at 5:15 in room 223.

Save the Dates:

Family Gingerbread Nativity Night – Dec 4th 5:00pm, Faith Center, Children and Youth Ministries. Free but please register online. Nursery provided for our littlest friends.

Grove Christmas Party and Caroling – Dec 11th 5:00-6:30, Ward Hall. Online registration is required for transportation purposes.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth:

Join us for Sunday Night Youth from 5:00-6:30 in Ward Hall. Invite a friend. Bring $2 for dinner.

Youth Choir (grades 6-12) meets Sundays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Youth Band (grades 6-12) meets Sundays from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Faith Center.

Confirmation (6th Grade) meets Sundays from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth Bible Studies on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m.:

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

Kairos Prison ministry seeks your prayers in planning a three-day program for the Trenton facility from February 7-10, 2023. Dr. Tim and other church members will be participating. Pray for God to prepare the hearts of the men in prison to hear His message of love and acceptance, pray for the planning as this is the first post-Covid program, and pray for the event to be successful.

Music Ministry News

Save the Dates:

Sunday, December 4: Joy Choir (Ages 3 – Kindergarten) and Alleluia Choir (grades 1-5) sing in 11am worship

Thursday, December 8: Under the Steeple—Aiken Singers' concert: *Christmas is Coming*, 7pm

Sunday, December 11: Foundation Youth Choir sings in 11am worship and Chancel Bells ring in both 8:30am and 11am worship

Friday, December 16: Under the Steeple—Aiken Civic Orchestra concert: *Here Comes Christmas*, 7pm, with special guests from the St. John's Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 18: Cantata Sunday—Chancel Choir with Aiken Civic Orchestra, 8:30am and 11am worship

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of *Fay Roof and L.L. Lewis* for their birthdays by *Joe, Leah, Emory & Jason Lewis.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of *Duncan & Mary Ellen Randall* by their children: *Lenore, Eric, Esther, Cindy, & Judy.*

Men's Bible Study Update

The Men's Bible Study led by Dr. Tim will be held on Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. All men are welcome to attend!

Soup Lunch Thank You

Thank you so much for making the Soup Lunch Fundraiser a wonderful success! We look forward to seeing you all again in the spring. If you are interested in being involved or have questions, contact Lisa Muckinhaupt at Muckinhaupt@me.com.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Pork Loin, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Souffle, & Pie

Kids Menu: Chicken Nuggets, Mac N Cheese, & Fruit

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, November 14, 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. 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. 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

Congratulations to:

Nicole Mary Neill & Bryan Lee Ortner who were married on November 2, 2022 in Charleston, SC. Parents of the bride are ***Charlie & Peggy Neill***.

Our Sympathies to:

Holly & Rodney Feist on the death of Holly's mother, ***Marie vonGunten Vernon***, who passed away on November 4, 2022 in Catonsville, MD.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

November— **Mac & Cheese**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—11/6/2022

8:30 | 106 9:02 | 173 11:00 | 342

In-Person Total | 621

9:02 Online Live | 282 11:00 Online Live| 249

Giving as of 11/9/2022

Operations Budget

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	$ 1,855,815.05
Year to date ministry expenditures:	$ 1,834,450.01
	$ 21,365.04

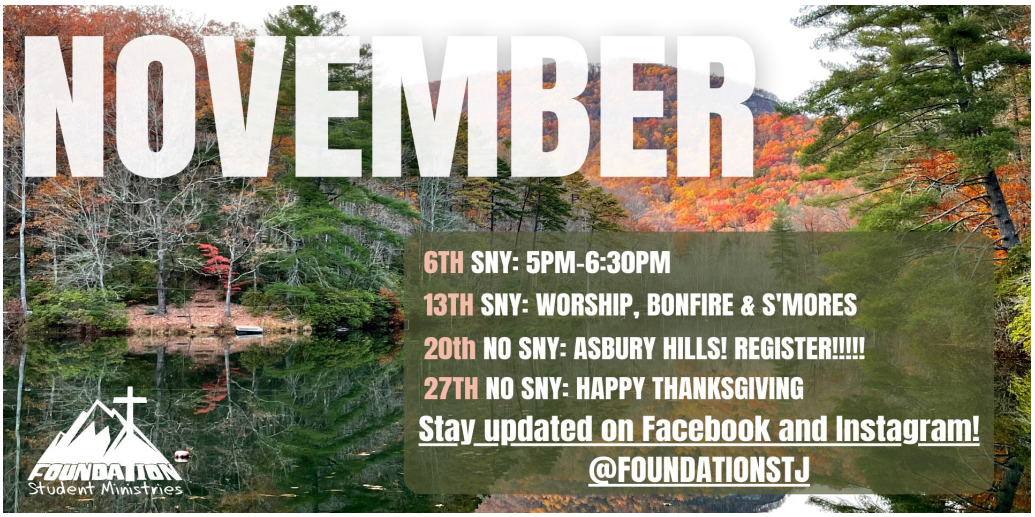
Missions Budget: Year 2022/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	$189,661.22
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	$149,750.00

Safe Sanctuary
TRAINING
Nov 16th 6pm FC Upstairs
Feb 15th 6pm FC Upstairs
June 18th TBA
ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Gingerbread
BASH
Family
Night
Sunday, December 4
5:00 - 6:30pm
FAITH CENTER

HOME
COMMUNION &
SAFE SANCTUARY
TRAINING
TUESDAY, NOV. 29 FROM
3:30-5:00 PM IN WARD HALL


NOVEMBER
6TH SNY: 5PM-6:30PM
13TH SNY: WORSHIP, BONFIRE & S'MORES
20th NO SNY: ASBURY HILLS! REGISTER!!!!!
27TH NO SNY: HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Stay updated on Facebook and Instagram!
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FOUNDATION
Student Ministries

GRACE KITCHEN
Donations
November Needs:
New Socks
(Men and Women)
Please place donations in boxes marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthexes of each service.

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**

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE **Michael Cowen**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples** *arr. Vaughan Williams*

***OPENING HYMN NO. 568** **Christ for the World We Sing** *Italian Hymn*

SCRIPTURE READING **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

SERMON **A Hand-up or Handout** **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 **I Will Arise** *arr. Parker & Shaw*

***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. 584** **Lord, You Give the Great Commission** *Abbot's Leigh*

***BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE** **The Lord Bless You and Keep You** *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.

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, our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **Come Alive Dry Bones** *Daigle*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE **Michael Cowen**

PRAISE SONG **Put Your Hand in the Hand** *MacLellan*

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OFFERTORY **My Own Little World** *West*

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

SCRIPTURE READING **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

SERMON **A Hand-up or Handout** **Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG **Do Something** *West*

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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ANTHEM **Witness** *arr. Johnson*

African-American Spiritual

Sung by The Alleluia Choir

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***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS NO. 95** *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
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Chancel Choir members who also sang at the 8:30am service may exit at this time.

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