



March 19, 2023

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Charge Conference March 19

St. John's will hold a Charge Conference presided over by Dr. Tim McClendon, today immediately following 11am worship in the sanctuary, solely for the purpose of a salary adjustment for an Associate Pastor recommended by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, under Par. 247.13 of the UM Book of Discipline. This recommendation does not increase the St. John's budget. All members of the Church Council are members of the Charge Conference along with clergy whose Charge Conference membership is at St. John's. **This is not a meeting to discuss any denominational issues or disaffiliation.**

Friendly Reminder From Finance Office

Please remember when doing a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) or Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) that you make sure your broker puts the donor's name somewhere on the check stub. This will ensure that credit is given to the correct person/profile.

Church Informational Meeting

The next church informational meeting concerning potentialities in the United Methodist Church will be held Sunday, March 26 at 10am and again at 6pm in the Faith Center. Please gather in Ward Hall or outside of the Faith Center until the 9:02 service has dismissed.

Music News

Please join us tonight at 7pm in the Sanctuary, as the Aiken Civic Orchestra join forces with the Davidson Fine Arts Chamber Orchestra for their concert, *Sensational Strings*!

St. John's Missions News

Pray for the construction of Thailand Now's Abundant Life Training Center. May it stay on schedule and may God prepare hearts and provide the resources for those He is calling to be trained there and may He keep Mike & Sherri Morrissey in good health.

For the month of March, we are collecting **toothbrushes and toothpaste**. 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.**

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 - Lexi Taylor **Acolytes** - Palmer Gregory and Jack Taylor

March 11:00 Ushers: Newkirk Barnes, Paula Blackmore, Roger & Alison Carpenter, Donald Leader, Allen & Nola Radcliffe, Eric & Helen Randall, Larry & Karen Travis

March Worship Support - Lynda Troutman, Mary Musick, Sherry Williamson, Gayle Jones

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

Children's Lenten Activities:

- ♦ Sunday, April 2 at 9:02 and 11am services—Children's Palm Branch Processional
- ♦ Sunday, April 9 at 10am, Easter Egg Hunt, during the Sunday School hour



There will be **No Children's Church on Easter Sunday at 11** so that our volunteers may worship with their families. Nursery will be available as normal from 7:45am-12:15pm.

SAVE THE DATE:

- ♦ Sunday, April 16 Grove Family Night from 5pm-6:30pm
- ♦ VBS June 19-22, 2023

Foundation Student Ministries (7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth:

Join us for Sunday Night Youth in Ward Hall at 5pm. Bring your friends and \$2 for dinner. We hope to see you there!

Youth Choir will meet at 4pm in room 210 today (room change only for today).

Youth Band will now meet in room 205.

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

Easter Lily Sales

Easter lily orders will be taken TODAY and the next two Sundays, March 26 and April 2, before and after all services. We invite everyone to stop by the table in the main lobby by the church office or in the back of the Faith Center. Orders can also be placed online at <https://stjaiken.org/give>. Simply select the "lily" fund and put whom you wish to honor or remember in the memo box of your payment. The cost of each lily is \$25, and checks are to be made out to St. John's UMC. Thank you to all who have supported this ministry over the years and for helping bring glory to our RISEN Lord.



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by the March Worship Support Team.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Goulash, salad, roll, éclair cake

Kids Menu: Pizza and carrots

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, March 20, at 5pm. 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 ages 10 yrs. old through adult, and \$3.00 for children over the age of 3 years.

News of the Family

Welcome Our Newest Member:

Judy Davis

Congratulations to:

Vivian Tate who celebrated her 100th birthday Saturday, March 18, 2023.

Daniel & Cadey Keigans on the baptism of their daughter **Stella**, today during the 9:02 service. Proud big sister is **Sunny** and grandparents are **Paul & Patti Carroll**.

Randy & Diane James on the birth of their new granddaughter, **June Claire Adams**, born January 4, 2023 in Charlotte, NC. Parent are **Ashely James & Chad Adams, Jr.**

Our Sympathies to:

Peggy Neill on the death of her husband, **Charlie Neill**, who died on March 9, 2023 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mr. Charles H. Neill, Jr.

March 9, 2023

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

March — Cereal

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 3/12/2023

8:30 | 89 9:02 | 145 11:00 | 400

In-Person Total 634

9:02 Online Live | 280 11:00 Online Live | NA

Financials

Operations Budget as of 3/15/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do : \$ 490,044.35

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 457,258.65

We thank you for your continued support of \$ 32,785.70

St. John's Ministries!

Missions Budget: Year 2023/2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us

to do in Missions: \$ 44,593.69

Year to date Missions Disbursements: \$ 14,950.00

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

Join us at St. John's UMC

Lenten Calendar

- FEB. 22: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**
7PM IN THE SANCTUARY
- APR. 2: PALM SUNDAY SERVICES**
(8:30AM, 9:02AM, 11AM)
- APR. 6: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**
7PM IN THE SANCTUARY
- APR. 7: GOOD FRIDAY - LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**
12 NOON IN THE SANCTUARY
- APR. 9: EASTER SERVICES**
(8:30AM, 9:02AM, 11AM)

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ST. JOHN'S
EASTER

EGG HUNT



SUNDAY, APRIL 9 AT 10AM

WIN EGG-CITING PRIZES!

AGES INFANT TO 6TH GRADE



Edisto Island

July 8th-15th

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 6

For more information, please visit SALKEHATCHIE.ORG
email: edistoislandsalk@gmail.com



Thinking about becoming a member?

We excitingly 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 or
Rev. Douglas Herlong dherlong@stjohns-umc.org
for more information or call the church office
at (803)648-6891.



**JACK MEEKS
MEMORIAL**
RAMP MINISTRY

Golf Tournament
May 19, 2023
REGISTER NOW

Registration brochures
Now available in the
church office

St. John's Library CHECK US OUT

This is the time of year when we are anxiously awaiting spring and its new beginnings. It is also when we are preparing our hearts and minds for the glory of Easter Sunday. Your library has much to offer you and your entire family for this time of year.



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

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Joe Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyrie Dvořák; arr. Schram; adapt. Smith
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN** No. 378, "Amazing Grace," v. 1-4 AMAZING GRACE

***SCRIPTURE READING** John 9:1-41

SERMON Seeing In the Dark Rev. Butch Blackwell

***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. 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

Lord, Here Am I John Ness Beck
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.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** No. 206, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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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	Indescribable	<i>Tomlin</i>
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT Joe Lewis

COMMISSIONING OF SHORT-TERM MISSIONARIES

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The congregation will be led in the singing of God Claims You, using the name Stella.

PRAISE SONG **You Are So Good to Me** *Powell*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	We Believe
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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 **Healing Rain** *Smith*

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

SCRIPTURE READING **John 9:1-41**

SERMON **Seeing In the Dark** **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

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

PRAISE SONG	Just As I Am	<i>Reawaken/Elliot</i>
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SENDING FORTH SONG

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

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