



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

February 19, 2023

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UMM Meeting

The United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet on Thursday, February 23, 6:30pm in Ward Hall. Their speaker will be Senator Tom Young with dinner provided by Rev. Butch Blackwell.

Informational Church Meetings Today

Reminder: an informational meeting will be held today during the 10am Sunday School hour and again at 6pm, in the Faith Center. This will be the first of a number of meetings to be held to keep our congregation up to date with the issue of why some churches are remaining in the United Methodist Church, while others are separating. These meetings will be held with the goal of protecting St. John's, and to quote John Wesley, "do no harm."

Head Scratchers Bible Study

New Bible study during the month of March, Head Scratchers: "When the Words of Jesus Don't Make Sense," led by Heather Peacock. Join us for a five-week Bible study tackling some of Jesus' most perplexing passages. What does Jesus mean when He talks about "hating your mother and father," or the "unforgivable sin"? This study will be offered at two different days/times: Wednesday evenings beginning **March 1 at 6:15pm** or Thursday afternoons beginning **March 2 at 12 noon**. Both days/times will be held in the Cornerstone Conference Room. Registration is not required, please just show up. Questions? Contact Heather Peacock at hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org.

Senior Council's Valentine Luncheon

This year's Single Senior's Valentine Luncheon was a great success. Laura Anne Matthews didn't disappoint and served another delicious meal, and the entertainment provided by Dr. Matt Caine was simply delightful. A great big thank you to all that were involved in making this happen. So great to see so many come together again!



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 - Hannah Boetsch **Acolytes** - Loren Wilkins and Witt Wilkins

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.

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Children's Ministries

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

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!

Wed. Feb. 22: There will be no Children's Choir Rehearsal or Mom's Group meeting on Feb 22nd due to Ash Wednesday Service preparations.

March Grove Family Night—Sunday, March 5, 5pm: Join us for Children's Ministry Family Night. Registration is helpful but not required. Donations for dinner appreciated. Adult menu: Chicken enchiladas, chips, salsa, and cheesecake. Kids menu: TBD

5pm Check In: Nursery - age 3 in RM 137; 4 year-olds RM 145; K-5th grade RM 237, Adults RM 231. Parents, please bring your Bibles.

5pm –6pm: Classes for all ages

6pm-6:30pm: Supper in Ward Hall

Foundation Student Ministries (7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth:

Youth choir and Sunday Night Youth will not be meeting tonight due to the long holiday weekend. We will have MOVIE MONDAY tomorrow in the Faith Center! Join us from 11am-2pm. We will provide lunch and movie snacks. Bring your friends and \$2.

Our regular Wednesday night Bible Studies will participate in the Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 7pm. Join us for dinner in Ward Hall at 5:30pm. Youth Choir participants need to meet in the choir room at 6:00pm. We look forward to being together for this special service marking the beginning of Lent.

Shepherd of Love Meeting

The February Shepherd of Love meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 4:30pm in Room 119. This meeting is open to all current members and any who are interested in joining. All are welcome! Contact Jeanette Isaacson at (803)644-9168 if you have any questions or simply show up at the meeting.

St. John's Missions News

To each person who helped with our Mission Impact Celebration (MIC) and to each person who attended one or more of the events, we say a huge THANK YOU! Together we can accomplish much for God, both here in Aiken and across our world. If you have never made a Faith Promise commitment, let this be the year you step out in faith. The Missions Leadership Team (MLT) will soon begin to make our budget for the coming year, so please turn in your Faith-Promise card this week in the church office or place in the offering. It is a promise between you and God.

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.

Please note that we still have several dates available for flowers. Contact Jennifer Windham in the church office to schedule.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Roasted chicken, carrots, scalloped potatoes & éclair cake for dessert

Kids Menu: Chicken nuggets and carrots

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, February 20th, 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

Our Sympathies to:

Pat Boyer, on the death of her husband, **Michael Boyer**, who died February 10, 2023 in Aiken, SC.

Darlene Hucks, on the death of her husband, **Rev. F. Levon Hucks**, who died on February 10, 2023 in Galivants Ferry, SC. Rev. Hucks served as Associate Minister at St. John's Aiken from 1987-1991.

In Memoriam

Mr. Michael Boyer
February 10, 2023

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 — 2/12/2023

8:30 | 92 9:02 | 182 11:00 | 270

In-Person Total | 544

9:02 Online Live | NA 11:00 Online Live | 307

Financials

Operations Budget as of 2/15/2023

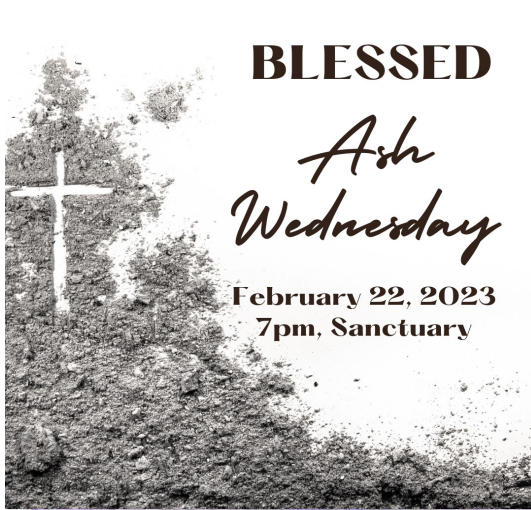
Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do :	\$ 341,547.90
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 274,634.38</u>
<i>We thank you for your continued support of St. John's Ministries!</i>	\$ 66,913.52

Missions Budget: Year 2023/2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 32,661.17
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 0.00
<i>We thank you for your generous support to the Missions of St. John's!</i>	

2022/2023 FAITH PROMISE YEAR END TOTALS

TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED	\$224,499.23
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$206,373.54



BLESSED

*Ash
Wednesday*

**February 22, 2023
7pm, Sanctuary**

**OLDER
CONFIRMATION
CLASS**

Sundays at 10am
8 Weeks Beginning February 26
Faith Center Rm 215



*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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DOWNTOWN AIKEN



**JACK MEEKS
MEMORIAL
RAMP MINISTRY**

**Golf Tournament
May 19, 2023
REGISTER NOW**

Registration brochures
Now available in the
church office

**COFFEE
HOUSE
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

PLEASE CONTACT JULI DAVIS AT
JDavis@stjohns-umc.org
TO HELP OUT ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS!

**HIGH SCHOOL
SENIORS!**

INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT

STJAIKEN.ORG/FOUNDATION-SENIORS

APPLICATIONS DUE: APRIL 28

SENIOR SUNDAY: JUNE 4

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

Grazioso
Chancel Bells

ed. Donald E. Allured

*OPENING HYMN

NO. 258, "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair"

WAREHAM

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

"Spoiler Alert"

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

Andante in F minor
Chancel Bells

Michael Helman

*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

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. 103, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **Love Immeasurable** *Long*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

PRAISE SONG **Forever** *Tomlin*

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.

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OFFERTORY **Mighty Fortress** *Nockels*

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

SCRIPTURE READING **MATTHEW 17:1-9** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Spoiler Alert"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

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

PRAISE SONG **I Believe** **Jonathan Cook**

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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ANTHEM

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke

Chancel Choir

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

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