



*April 16, 2023*

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## Primetimers Travel

All are invited to join the Primetimers as they travel to Elloree, SC for a Tea-rific Tour on Thursday, June 1, 2023. The day includes a visit to Elloree's Historic Museum and a three-course high tea luncheon. As we return to Aiken, there will be a stop at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia – the oldest surviving sanctuary in Columbia. Brochures with trip details and registration forms are available outside the church office. The deadline to register is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## SEED's Final Mission Project

SEED's final mission project for the current school year is to sell Bundtlet Certificates that can be redeemed in-store at Nothing Bundt Cakes, Aiken location. All profits from this fundraiser will be donated to ACTS to purchase fans for the elderly. Certificates are \$6.00 each. SEED will be taking orders until April 28<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to purchase a certificate, please contact Michelle at [mpearson@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:mpearson@stjohns-umc.org) or call 803-648-4745.



## Circle 3

Circle 3 of the UMW cordially invites any/all women of St. John's to join our meetings. They meet on the third Monday of the month in the UMW Room #117 from 2pm-3pm.

## Come Help Volunteer at Applefest 2023

We need volunteers with the Silent Auction portion of Applefest. Please call Susie Graven-Smith at (843)991-8213 and she will get you plugged in.

## Church Informational Meetings

Another Informational Meeting concerning potentialities in the United Methodist Church will take place at 10am and 6pm on Sunday, April 23 in the Faith Center. For those attending the 10am session, please wait outside of the Faith Center or in Ward Hall, as to not disrupt the end of the 9:02 service.

## Church Council Meeting

Church Council will meet on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7pm in the Faith Center.

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### SERVING THIS WEEK

**Worship Services** - Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Douglas Herlong; Organist - David Salter; 9:02 Band Leader - Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band

**Crucifer** - Anne Fenton Massie **Acolytes** - Adelyn and Grant Parker

**April 16th, 11:00 Ushers:** Nola & Allen Radcliffe, Commie Peebles, Bruce Carrera, Gerry Hansen, Bill Hillan, Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Penny Rue, Donald Leader

**April Worship Support** - Peggy Thome, Frankie Lambright, Kathie Gassman

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**

**April Grove Family Night Is TONIGHT-** April 16th 5pm-6:30pm Dr. Tim will finish his Wesleyan theology class for our parents, the children will focus on prayer, and we will have a snack supper. Bring a treat to share! Sign up online is required.

**VBS Kick Off** - May 7th 5pm-6:30pm - 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 June 19-22 this summer.

**Mother's Day Ushers Needed:** If your child would like to serve as an usher at the 11:00 service on Mother's Day, May 14, please contact Heather Peacock at [hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org) to reserve your spot. You will need to be available at 10am to rehearse in the Sanctuary.

### **Foundation Student Ministries** (7th-12th Grades)

**Sunday Night Youth and Youth Choir:**

We're so excited to be back tonight for SNY from 5pm-6:30pm! Meet in Ward Hall for dinner and hanging out as we catch up on everybody's Spring Break! We are starting a 4-week series: LABELED that will wrap up with a worship service on May 7<sup>th</sup> led by our Youth Band. We have missed you all and look forward to being back together!

**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

### **St. John's Missions News**

For the first time in 3 years, Epiphany youth prison ministry is holding their first weekend, April 21-23. Please be in prayer this week for the preparations and mostly for the hearts of these broken young people to be open to the love and hope with Jesus as their Savior.

*For the month of **April**, we are collecting **bar soap, liquid hand soap and hand sanitizer**. 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 flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of *Elinor Cannon and Mike Fogle by Bob & Jane Fogle and Becky & John McLaughlin.*

### Wednesday Night Supper

**Menu:** Lasagna, salad, roll and cheesecake

**Kids Menu:** Pizza and carrots

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, April 17, 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. Check are preferred. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

### News of the Family

#### ***Our Sympathies To:***

***Steve & Glenna Lathrop*** on the death of Steve's brother, ***Lester "Wayne" Lathrop***, who passed away on April 9, 2023 in Fort Worth, TX.

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

April — **Pasta Sauce**

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

#### **Attendance — 4/9/2023**

8:30 | 218      9:02 | 381      11:00 | 564

In-Person Total 1163

9:02 Online Live | 248      11:00 Online Live | 287

Maundy Thursday | 153      Good Friday | 97

Maundy Thursday Online Live | 422      Good Friday Online Live | 598

### Financials

#### **Operations Budget as of 4/12/2023**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$671,191.23
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$638,186.96</u>
	\$ 33,004.27

#### **Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024**

Year to date offerings give for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 74,568.38
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 38,350.00

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



# Soup's On!



**Today in Ward Hall**  
serving starts at 11:00 a.m.

Money raised benefits the Honduras Agape Foundation & Local Charities.



**GROVE FAMILY NIGHT**

**TONIGHT 5PM SNACK SUPPER**


# Pray for America

**Aiken National Day of Prayer**  
**Thursday, May 4th**

**12pm-1pm** SRP Federal Credit Union  
Hayne Avenue at Laurens Street  
(Prayer session only)

**6:45pm-8:15pm** Lessie B. Price Aiken Senior and Youth Center  
841 Edgefield Ave. NW  
Prayer - Scripture - Music Aiken

National Day of Prayer Committee 803-640-4689



SN4 THIS SUNDAY!

**WELCOME BACK!**

**OPEN GYM + ROMANS 6:1-14**

5pm-6:30pm



**LABELED**

*Circle Three*

will meet on Apr. 17  
at 2pm in the  
**UMW Room, #117**

Questions: contact  
Becky Robbins  
(803)640-0457



# GRACE KITCHEN

## Donations

**April Needs:**  
**Bar soap, liquid hand soap and hand sanitizer**

Please place donation 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**                      **I Know That My Redeemer Liveth**      Handel/Arr. Whitworth

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

**\*OPENING HYMN      No. 304, "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"      REGENT SQUARE**

**\*SCRIPTURE READING** **John 20:19-31**

**SERMON**                      **"Too Good to Be True?"**                      **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

**\*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**                      **Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts**                      Arr. Whitworth

**\*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.*

<b>*HYMN OF DEDICATION</b>	<b>No. 310, "He Lives"</b>	<b>ACKLEY</b>
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**\*BENEDICTION**

<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<b>Festive Trumpet Tune</b>	German
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### PRELUDE

#### PRAISE SONG

Alive

Long

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

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O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Wesley

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#### OFFERTORY

Promises

Maverick City

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Douglas Herlong

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John 20:19-31

#### SERMON

"Too Good to Be True?"

Rev. Douglas Herlong

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

#### PRAISE SONG

Glorious Day

Chapman

#### BENEDICTION

#### SENDING FORTH SONG

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