



April 23, 2023

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Circle 20 Visits Aiken's Helping Hands

St John's United Methodist Women's Circle 20 visited Aiken's Helping Hands and made a donation of needed items collected from church members. Helping Hands provides a temporary home to thousands of young people. Pictured are Circle 20 members Pat Jones, Sally Alexander, Joyce Laskey, Gayle Jones, Tracy Spaeth and Geneva Wright/Volunteer Coordinator Helping Hands.



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 28th. If you wish to purchase a certificate, please contact Michelle at mpearson@stjohns-umc.org or call 803-648-4745.



Sister's Bible Study

Sisters Bible Study Group is just starting a new Bible study. It is a six-week study called *The Power of Jesus' Names*, by Tony Evans. *The Power of Jesus' Names* introduces you to the many facets of Jesus and His nature that are revealed by each of His names. Please join us for this study. We meet on Thursdays at 9:30am in Ward Hall 1. No need to sign up, just come. We looking forward to the fellowship and studying together.

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 - Witt Wilkins **Acolytes** - Finn Mole and Loren Wilkins

April 23rd 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, Bonnie Culbertson

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

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.

VBS Volunteers Needed: We are currently recruiting for Adult Crew Leaders for VBS June 19-22. Crew Leaders are the HEART of our daily VBS experience for our children. While acting as a tour guide for a small group of children each day during VBS, you get to shine the light of Jesus into the heart of each and every member of your crew. Contact Heather Peacock at hpeacock@stjohns-umc.org for more information and to sign up.

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

We are currently missing 6 of our Children's Worship Bags. Please check to see if one might have accidentally stowed away in your vehicle. Thanks!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth and Youth Choir:

Please note our adjusted schedule just for tonight

3:30pm-4:30pm: Youth Choir

4:30pm-6pm: Sunday Night Youth (meet in GYM, dinner will still be provided; bring \$2 and a friend)

Inez Crain Scholarship Applications are due April 28

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

Are you a part of a small group or organization that would enjoy learning about "The Bridge 2 Home?" Please call Renee Reid at 803-215-8940 to arrange for their Executive Director to come share with your group.

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 Elaine Hillan by Bill Hillan.**

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Barbeque, coleslaw, potato salad, and pie

Kids Menu: Hot dogs and chips

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, April 24, 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. You can pay online at stjaiken.org, select "GIVE NOW" and then from the drop down menu, select "WNS." You may also pay in person. Checks are preferred. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

Church Informational Meetings

Another Informational Meeting concerning potentialities in the United Methodist Church will take place today at 10am and 6pm 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. A video message from each of our ministers will be presented at these meetings!

News of the Family

Our Sympathies to:

Jimi, Julie, Baxter and Shyla Whitesell on the death of ***Tena Hunter***, who died April 19, 2023, in Richburg, SC. Tena was grandmother to Jimi and great-grandmother to Baxter and Shyla.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

April — **Pasta Sauce**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 4/16/2023

8:30 | 102 9:02 | 192 11:00 | 238

In-Person Total 532

9:02 Online Live | 232 11:00 Online Live | 339

Financials

Operations Budget as of 4/19/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$698,230.53
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$661,193.98</u>
	\$ 37,036.55

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 76,206.35
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 29,150.00

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

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



SNY THIS SUNDAY!

TIME CHANGE!

**GAME: THE WORM OLYMPICS
LESSON: DAVID + GOLIATH**

4:30pm-6pm



LABELED

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT

STJAIKEN.ORG/FOUNDATION-SENIORS

APPLICATIONS DUE **APRIL 28**

SENIOR SUNDAY: JUNE 4



UNITED METHODIST MEN
The United Methodist Church



**Golf Tournament
May 19**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Chancel Choir

Trad. French Carol

Harm. Martin Shaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Butch Blackwell

*OPENING HYMN

No. 613, "O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread"

LAND OF REST

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

"The Third Man Factor"

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. 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

"God So Loved the World" from The Crucifixion

Chancel Choir; John Poe, *baritone*

Sir John Stainer

*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. 309, "On the Day of Resurrection"

HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Chancel Choir

Peter Christian Lutkin

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as able.**

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord** *Baloche*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

SACREMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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

PRAISE SONG **Can't No Grave Hold My Body Down** *Tharpe*

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY **Sunshine** *RCS*

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

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Luke 24:13-35**

SERMON **"The Third Man Factor"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

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

PRAISE SONG **Lead Me to the Cross** *Fraser*

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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Alleluia Choir

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