



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

February 26, 2023

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Getting to Know St. John's

For those who may be visiting or new to St. John's, please join us on Sunday, March 5 at 10am in the Faith Center lobby, following the 9:02 service. Rev. Douglas Herlong will be available to answer questions and share further information about all that St. John's has to offer: Sunday School classes, children, young adults, and senior programs, music and more.

Sunny Monday

We have an exciting spring lined up. Mark your calendars for the following dates. Join us on **Monday, March 13** for Sunny Monday. We had to make a change in the program so our speaker will now be Dr. Jim Pierce of Aiken Master Gardeners. Dr. Pierce will speak on "Everything you wanted to know about pruning but were afraid to ask."

April 10 speaker: Dr. Terry Wimberley, of Florida Gulf Coast University, will speak on "America's Need for Energy Independence, The Power Grid and Current Energy Policy". Should we be driving a hybrid or EV vehicle?

May 8 speaker: Cdr. Tim Ganache, TOP GUN US NAVY! Yes, we are having a most sought-after speaker. Invite your friends from outside our church.

Music Notes

Each Sunday during Lent, with the exception of Palm Sunday, the choir will sing a different setting of the Greek words, "Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison." This translates to "Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy." Why is the choir singing in Greek? These are among the most ancient of words used in Christian worship. When the Mass was said in Latin, these words remained in Greek. When Luther began to celebrate the mass in German, he too retained the Greek. Look at hymns no. 482-484 in our hymnal, published in 1989. You will find that these Greek words were clearly still being used in many Methodist churches. To this day, worldwide, the most widely understood and used words remain "Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison." Since we focus on our sinfulness and God's mercy through Jesus during Lent, it seems fitting to add our voices to those of countless saints who have used and are currently using these words in worship.

St. John's Missions News

Continue to pray for each man who attended the recent Trenton Kairos. May the love and light of Jesus permeate their lives. May they continue to experience Jesus in their daily lives.

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 - Luke Jones **Acolytes** - Campbell Crain and Sophia Overstreet

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.

February 19, 2023

Children's Ministries

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: Tacos

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.

Special Event to Honor Dad – Saturday, March 11, 5pm

Hula on Over to Celebrate Dad at a Hawaiian Luau. Grab a lei and celebrate your dad on this special day.

Bring your whole family for a night of dinner, dancing and honoring our dads. Each family will have the opportunity to share what makes their dad special. Where: St John's UMC Gym; Cost: \$25.00/family; Dress: Fancy or Luau; Menu: Ham, Green Beans, Potatoes. Advanced registration required, please use the QR code from the ad below or use the following: <https://onrealm.org/stjaiken/publicregistrations/event?linkStrng=ZDEyMjc0ONGltMTkzZS00ZDIjLTkzNDEtYWZhZjAxMzVkNjky>



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 be at 4pm in the choir room.

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

The flower arrangements in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of *Roland Olcott by Van, Tracy, Jessica, Abigail & Madelyn Smith* and in honor of the *staff of St. John's for all that they do* by *George & Mary Mann*.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and Oreo delight

Kids Menu: Hot dogs and fruit

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, February 27th, 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.

Communion, Healing and Vespers Services

Next Sunday, March 5, communion will be served at the 8:30am service and the Healing Service will be held in the Chapel at 10am, also including communion. Vespers will be held at 6pm in the Chapel.

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.

News of the Family

Our Sympathies to:

Bob & Ann Prather on the death of **Frances P. Zachery**, Bob's sister, who died on Thursday, February 16, 2023 in Houston, TX.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

March —Cereal

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 2/19/2023

8:30 | 109 9:02 | 232 11:00 | 332

In-Person Total | 673

9:02 Online Live | 227 11:00 Online Live | 197

Financials

Operations Budget as of 2/22/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do : \$ 379,766.70

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 338,524.07

We thank you for your continued support of St. John's Ministries! \$ 41,242.63

Missions Budget: Year 2023/2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions: \$ 35,174.92

Year to date Missions Disbursements: \$ 0.00

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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DOWNTOWN AIKEN

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT

STJAIKEN.ORG/FOUNDATION-SENIORS

APPLICATIONS DUE: APRIL 28

SENIOR SUNDAY: JUNE 4

OLDER CONFIRMATION CLASS

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



St. John's UMC Library

Have you stopped by lately?

COFFEE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLEASE CONTACT JULI DAVIS AT
JDAVIS@STJOHNS-UMC.ORG
TO HELP OUT ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS!



**JACK MEEKS
MEMORIAL
RAMP MINISTRY**

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

Registration brochures
Now available in the
church office

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 **"Kyrie" from I. Requiem aeternam, Requiem** John Rutter
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. (sung by the Chancel Choir in Greek)

***OPENING HYMN** **NO. 269, "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"** LAND OF REST

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Romans 5:12-21**

SERMON **"Three Musketeers"** 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 **NO. 43, "Since by man came death," *Messiah*** Michael Helman
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. 365, "Grace Greater than Our Sin"** MOODY

*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.

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PRAISE SONG **Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place** *Wolfe*

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PRAISE SONG **Marvelous Light** *Hall*

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OFFERTORY **Nothing Without You** *Norman*

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

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SERMON **"Three Musketeers"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

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

PRAISE SONG **How He Loves** *Crowder*

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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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