



*March 26, 2023*

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## Announcement about Current Clergy Appointments

Joe Lewis, Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chairperson, announced last Sunday that the projected appointments for St. John's clergy are as follows: Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon and Rev. Butch Blackwell will be reappointed, effective June 28, and both are excited about their continued ministry at St. John's. Rev. Douglas Herlong will be appointed to a church in the Atlanta area of the North Georgia Conference due to his upcoming wedding on May 13 to Rev. Maddie Henderson, Associate Chaplain at Emory University. He will be with us until June 28, and we wish Maddie and him all the best. Further information about a well-deserved love gift for Rev. Douglas will be forthcoming. He has been a great asset to the ministries and life of St. John's.

## Projected New Associate Pastor

Rev. Will Altman will be our new Associate for Missions, Evangelism and Young Adult Ministries, effective June 28. Rev. Will, age 32, is a 2012 graduate of Clemson University with a B.S. in Animal and Veterinary Science (his father is a veterinarian), and is a native of Galivants Ferry, SC. He received his Master's of Divinity degree in 2020 from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. While at Clemson, Rev. Will was Youth Pastor at Lawrence Chapel UMC and Assistant Campus Minister at the Clemson Wesley Foundation. While in Seminary he was appointed to Beulah and Oak Grove UMCs on the Upper Richland Charge. He is presently pastor of the county-seat church of Trinity UMC, Darlington, SC where he has been active in missions, evangelism and young adult ministries. For instance, he expanded the outreach of the church significantly by being the Darlington High School coach for boys soccer and girls tennis. He is marrying Stockton Brown of Garysburg, NC, on May 27. Stockton is a lawyer who has clerked for Federal Judges and for the last 2 years, has been on the mission field with the International Justice Mission in Ghana, Africa. God bless them both.

## Message from St. John's Library



A wonderful lover of children has donated some new books about Easter to our library. These books are given in honor of all our awesome kids. They are on display outside the library on the shelf. Come check us out!



## Shepherd of Love Meeting

The next Shepherd of Love meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 5 from 4:30pm-5:30pm 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 ahead of the meeting.

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## 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** - Amelia Overstreet **Acolytes** - Caulden and Katie Kirk

**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**. Please meet in lobby of FC or Narthex of Sanctuary 10 mins. prior to services.
- ♦ Sunday, April 9 at 10am, **Easter Egg Hunt**, during the Sunday School hour. Bring your Easter basket or we will have paper bags for egg hunt. All parents are
- ♦ welcome, but parent of children 3 and under should plan to attend the event to help their little ones with the egg hunt.



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.

**April Grove Family Night** - 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 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.

## 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 will also have worship in the chapel tonight and a special time of prayer over our friends going on the mission trip to Honduras over Spring Break. All are welcome!

Youth Choir will meet at 4pm in the choir room.

Youth Band will meet in the Chapel tonight.

### 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 again on 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  
in memory of *Spence Grotheer* by *Jane Grotheer and family*,  
and in memory of *Mary A. Bland*, by *John Bland*.**

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

**Menu:** Chicken divan, salad, caramel apple crumble

**Kids Menu:** Chicken nuggets, yogurt

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

### **News of the Family**

#### ***Our Sympathies to:***

***John Bland*** on the death of his mother, ***Mary A. Bland***, who died on March 16, 2023 in Zepherhills, FL.

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

Keep our Grace Kitchen family in your prayers for God's provision for those who need food, shelter, a job, healing for their family, anger management and, most of all, those who need to accept Jesus as their Savior. If you would like to volunteer for this weekly breakfast served from our church kitchen, call Renee Reid at 803-215-8940.

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.**

### **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.

### **ACTS Monthly Collection Item**

**March — Cereal**

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

### **Attendance — 3/19/2023**

8:30 | 99      9:02 | 210      11:00 | 337

In-Person Total 646

9:02 Online Live | 450    11:00 Online Live | 427

### **Financials**

**Financials will be shared upon Nancy Fairgrieve's return next week  
from Kairos Prison Ministry.**

*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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# 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](http://SALKEHATCHIE.ORG)  
email: [edistoislandsalk@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org) or  
Rev. Douglas Herlong [dherlong@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:dherlong@stjohns-umc.org)  
for more information or call the church office  
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**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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**     **"Kyrie" from I. Requiem aeternam, Requiem**     John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

**\*OPENING HYMN**     **No. 110, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**     EIN FEST BURG

**SCRIPTURE READING**     **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**SERMON**     **"It Ain't Over 'Till It's Over"**     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**     ***Order My Steps***     arr. Jack Schrader  
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. 519, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"**     LIFT EVERY VOICE

### \*BENEDICTION

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

### POSTLUDE

**\*Please stand, as able.**

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**PRAISE SONG**                      **Dry Bones, Come Alive**                      *Daigle*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Are You Washed in His Blood?**                      *Jackson*

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**OFFERTORY**                      **For God So Loved the World**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**SERMON**                      **"It Ain't Over 'Till It's Over"**                      **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

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

**PRAISE SONG**                      **All My Hope Is In Jesus**                      *Crowder*

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