



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

March 5, 2023

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Charge Conference March 19

St. John's will have a Charge Conference presided over by Dr. Tim McClendon on Sunday, March 19, immediately after 11am worship in the sanctuary, solely for the purpose of a salary adjustment for an Associate Pastor recommended by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, under Par. 247.13 of the UM Book of Discipline. This recommendation does not increase the St. John's budget. All members of the Church Council are members of the Charge Conference along with clergy whose Charge Conference membership is at St. John's. **This is not a meeting to discuss any denominational issues or disaffiliation.**

Getting to Know St. John's

For those who may be visiting or new to St. John's, please join us today 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

Join us on **Monday, March 13** for Sunny Monday. 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." Program begins at 10:30 am in the Faith Center with lunch serving at 12 noon in Ward Hall. Lunch menu: Pineapple chicken with vegetables over rice, salad and apple pie with ice-cream. Please call the church office to make your reservation at 803-648-6891 by 12 noon on Friday, March 10.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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.

St. John's Missions News

In the 15th year of Faith Promise giving, St. John's gave \$224,447.16! This is our greatest one year amount. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to our mission partners! Our Faith Promise Commitments for 2023-2024 are \$196,383.00. "Go and make disciples..." Matthew 28:19.

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 - Brooks Abrams **Acolytes** - Rebecca Kreitzer and Ella Jernigan

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.

March 5, 2023

Children's Ministries

March Grove Family Night: Tonight at 5pm Join us for Children's Ministry Family Night. Donations for dinner appreciated. Adult menu: Chicken enchiladas, chips, salsa, and cookies. 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. Advanced registration required, please use the QR code from the ad below or the REGISTRATION EVENTS tab within Realm.

SAVE THE DATE:

Easter egg hunt on April 9, 2023 at 10am

VBS June 19-22, 2023



Foundation Student Ministries (7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth:

Please be in prayer for our Confirmands and leaders as they return from their Confirmation retreat today. Join us for Sunday Night Youth in Ward Hall at 5pm tonight. Bring your friends and \$2 for dinner. We hope to see you there!

Youth choir will meet 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

Altar flowers are available through the year to be donated in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please contact Jennifer Windham in the church office at (803)648-6891 to sign up.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, and strawberry shortcake

Kids Menu: Pancakes and fruit

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, March 6, 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.

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

Congratulations to:

John & Diane Schmidt who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 26, 2023.

Our Sympathies to:

Nancy Moormann on the death of her husband, **Hank Moormann**. Hank died on Thursday, February 23, 2023 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mr. Hank Moormann
February 23, 2023

In Memoriam

Mr. Howard Neleigh
February 25, 2023

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

March —**Cereal**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 2/26/2023

8:30 | 104 9:02 | 165 11:00 | 309

In-Person Total | 578

9:02 Online Live | 210 11:00 Online Live | 237

Ash Wednesday In-person | 222

Ash Wednesday Online Views | 537

Financials

Operations Budget as of 3/1/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do : \$ 411,130.03

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 383,368.48

We thank you for your continued support of St. John's Ministries! \$ 27,761.55

Missions Budget: Year 2023/2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions: \$ 36,712.71

Year to date Missions Disbursements: \$ 12,450.00

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



Edisto Island

July 8th-15th

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 6

For more information, please visit SALKEHATCHIE.ORG
email: edistoislandsalk@gmail.com

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.



Spring Forward on March 11
Set your clock forward one hour
before you head to bed

FOOD • PRIZES • FUN



THE MERGE

It's a Hoedown,
Y'all!

March 12, 2023
5:00-7:00pm
Faith Center



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 Mass for Three Voices

William Byrd

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Sung in Greek by the Chancel Choir

*OPENING HYMN

NO. 582, "Whom Shall I Send"

GERMANY

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

SERMON

Where Are You Going?

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Precious Lord

arr. Arnold Sevier

*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.

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*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 571, "Go, Make of All Disciples"

LANCASHIRE

*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.

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **Counting Every Blessing** *Rend Collection*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

PRAISE SONG **Blessed Be the Name of the Lord** *Redman*

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 **I Speak Jesus** *Gayle*

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

SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 12:1-4a**

SERMON **Where Are You Going?** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

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

PRAISE SONG **My Savior, My God** *Shust*

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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***OPENING HYMN** **NO. 269, "Whom Shall I Send"** GERMANY

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

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