



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

January 9, 2022

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St. John's New Director of Children's Ministries



We are excited to extend a heartfelt welcome to our new Director of Children's Ministries, **Kim Burke**! Kim is an active member of St. John's and has served in many capacities at church including Children's Advisory Council, teaching Children's Sunday school, VBS Team Leader, SEED teacher, and Grove parent volunteer. She is also a 2005 graduate of Clemson University and enjoys spending time with her family, husband PJ Burke children Parker (9), Eli (7), and Colin (4), and their dog Shep! We are thrilled to add her to our St. John's staff and look forward to all she will bring to our vibrant children's ministries. We invite you to stop by to meet and welcome her!

Sisters Bible Study Update

The new study – "Grace" by Max Lucado – is being postponed due to the rise in Covid. We will publish a new starting date as soon as we have that information.

For info only, so you can be thinking about attending the study:

"Have you been changed by grace? Shaped by grace? Softened by grace? Snatched by the nape of your neck and shaken to your senses by grace? Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off. Max Lucado's Grace DVD-based study takes your small group on a journey to discover the depth of God's grace - greater than you can imagine, more than you deserve, and all that you need." This study will be seven lessons.

St. John's Calendar Reservations for 2022

As we enter 2022, we would like to remind all group leaders that they must re-up any and all rooms or resource reservations for 2022. Our calendar does not roll-over from year to year, so please contact Jennifer Windham in the church office at (803)648-6891 or jwindham@stjohns-umc.org to make your reservations. All room and resources will be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis. Please note that if your group does not have a reservation on the church calendar, you will not be permitted to use the space or resource. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

SERVING THIS WEEK

Worship Services—Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Douglas Herlong; Music Associate & Organist—Christopher Nash; Youth Band—Bobbie Timmerman, Abby Davis, & Lillian Orr

Crucifer—Eva Buchanan **Acolytes**—Olivia Overstreet & Blair Wood

January 11:00 Ushers: Virgil & Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Bob Newburn, Commie Peebles, Bruce Carera, Gerry Hensen, Paula Blackmore, and Alison & Roger Carpenter

January Worship Support—Karen Blackwell, Susan Crosby, Peggy Neill, & Judy Bilyeu

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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This service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.

January 9, 2021

Children's Ministries

Join us TONIGHT for The Grove, 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Gym. Dinner will be served; bring your \$2 and a friend!

Children's choirs will start back on January 19, 2022.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Join us TONIGHT for our Welcome Back party in the Faith Center, 5:00-6:30pm. Dinner will be served; bring your \$2 and a friend!

Registration is open for REVOLUTION 2022 and the Ski Trip! Sign up today to reserve your spot!

Youth Choir will resume in January.

Youth Bible Studies:

CORE (7th/8th grade Girls) and Dwell (High School Girls) meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm in the Faith Center upstairs.

Brotherhood (7th-12th grade Boys) meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm in the GYM. Come join us and bring a friend!

St. John's Missions News

Please pray for our mission partner, Shirley Townsend Jones, as she is trying to retire from the Bennettsville-Cheraw Area Cooperative. Ask God to provide a new director and for all of the churches to continue to meet and strengthen one another.

*For the month of January, we are collecting **coats & gloves**. 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.***

Lost & Found

We have a growing collection of items in our lost and found, so if you are missing something, we might have it! We have many pairs of sunglasses and readers, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, a flashlight, coffee mugs, and books & Bibles. If any of these may be yours, please call the church reception desk at (803)648-6891.

St. John's Card Ministry

We meet in Ward Hall at 1:00 p.m. on the **first** Tuesday of every month.

This warm, friendly group of ladies makes cards for the congregation: prayers, sympathy, Seniors' birthdays, new babies, thank yous, etc. Come join us for great fellowship and creativity!

You will get such satisfaction from creating something for others to enjoy. There is no prior experience or artistic talent necessary because we'll be using rubber stamps, punches, and die cuts. Design, directions, and measurements are all done, we just work together in a kind of loose assembly line, which includes plenty of laughter. Everyone is invited to join!

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of
*Pat Sauls by her family.***

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving
memory of *William L. Rouch by Rosemary Rouch.***

Thank You to Our Youth Band!

Thank you to our wonderful Youth Band for providing the worship music during our 9:02 service this morning. The Youth Band is: Bobbi Timmerman— Vocals; Abby Davis— Percussion; Lillian Orr— Piano & Guitar; Carleigh Day— Guitar; Anna Grace Chafin— Audio/Visual Tech. The Youth Band is supported by youth counselor, Alex Hartsell— Electric Guitar & Percussion; and Youth Director, Bekah Muir— Guitar. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated!

Flower Calendar 2022

The Flower Calendar for 2022 is now available. There are vases available throughout the year. To donate a vase in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call Jennifer Windham in the church office at (803)648-6891. Each vase is \$40, and there are two vases available most Sundays.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Meatloaf, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, & Pie

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, January 10, at 5:00 p.m. 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 10 years old and older, and \$3.00 for children over the age of 3. You can pay online at stjaiken.org. Then go to "Give Now," next press the drop down button, then click on WNS. You may also pay in person. Checks are preferred. Please make checks out to St. John's. **TO-GO MEALS ONLY AT THIS TIME. We are in need of volunteers to help clean up on Wednesday Nights following dinner. Please contact Juli Davis to help.**

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

John Luke Nance & Alexandra Holland who were married on January 3, 2022 in Saluda, SC. John Luke is the son of ***Tom & Catherine Nance*** and the grandson of ***John & Cynthia Stapleton.***

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

January— **Dry Beans**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—1/2/2022

8:30 | 58 9:02 | 91 11:00 | 130 6:00 | N/A

Total in Person | 279

9:02 Online Live | 223 11:00 Online Live | 281

Year End Financials are currently being worked on. Year End totals will be published as soon as we get everything balanced. Thank you all for all the support you have given St. John's.

NEW GRIEF SHARE SESSION

Wednesday, January 12
3:45 p.m.
Faith Center
All are invited to join.

Please contact Rev. Butch if you plan to attend:
(803)648-6891 ext. 214
gblackwell@stjohns-umc.org



FOUNDATION SKI TRIP

FEBRUARY 11-13, 2022
Winterplace, West Virginia

REGISTER TODAY
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REVOLUTION JANUARY 28-30 RETREAT



Dr. Tim's Matthew Bible Study

Dr. Tim will do a study of the Gospel of Matthew beginning Wednesday, Jan. 12 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



GRACE KITCHEN *Donations*

January Needs: Coats & Gloves

Please place donations in boxes marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthexes of each service.

Sunny Monday Canceled

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FUTURE MEETINGS

THE GROVE

Welcome Back Party

TONIGHT AT 5PM IN THE GYM!

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 Surely the Presence

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Butch Blackwell

MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES Jim & Dominique Bunton

***OPENING HYMN NO. 252** When Jesus Came to Jordan *Complainer*

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43:1-7

SERMON No Fear for the New Year 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** *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

*DOXOLOGY

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. 420** Breathe on Me, Breath of God *Trentham*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

This is a time of great need, and our missions and church operations require our continued generous giving. Please consider giving online, through text, through the mail, or over the phone to help us ensure that our ministries here and around the world are not adversely affected. More details can be found at stjaiken.org.



Order of Worship

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

Come As You Are

Crowder

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Douglas Herlong

MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Jim & Dominique Bunton

PRAISE SONG

Here I Am to Worship

Hughes

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OFFERTORY

O Come to the Alter

Brock/Furtick

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

SERMON

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PRAISE SONG

Into the Mystery

Needtobreathe

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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OFFERTORY

Children K3-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church in the Chapel.

*DOXOLOGY

ANTHEM

You Are the Light

Fettke

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