



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

February 21, 2021

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SEED: IMPORTANT UPDATE

Our SEED program is getting ready to open up registration for the 2021-2022 school year. They will be holding Open House February 22-25 from 12:30-2:00 by appointment only. Please contact Michelle Pearson at mpearson@stjaiken.org to schedule the day and time you would like to visit. Registration will open Monday, March 1st for church members not currently enrolled in SEED. Please visit our website <https://stjaiken.org> and follow the SEED tab for more information about the program.

COVID-19 OPERATIONS UPDATE: PLEASE READ

To keep our church family, staff, and community safe, we have decided to extend our return to Phase 1 operations through **MARCH 1, 2021**. **All in person worship services will continue with all existing safety precautions.** The 1st floor Faith Center spaces and Sanctuary are available for limited use only. All other spaces will remain unavailable. Please remember that there is no food or drink allowed and bathroom use is limited to emergencies only. All mask, temperature check, and social distancing guidelines remain in full effect throughout any use of St. John's facilities.

Our staff will continue to keep regular office hours and will be available to assist you. You may come to the front entrance (Newberry Street) of St. John's, and call whomever you would like to see. The phone numbers are posted at the front door. The staff member will meet you outside to offer assistance. We are grateful for your continued cooperation in making St. John's as safe as possible.

Dr. Tim's (Sunday Afternoon & Wednesday) Bible Study: UPDATE

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study taught by Dr. Tim is covering the Book of Hebrews. The class will meet in the Sanctuary from 10:00-11:30 a.m. All are invited! The Sunday afternoon class on Acts will continue via Zoom at 4:00 p.m. If you need the link, please contact Jennifer Windham in the Church Office.

Missions Begin With Evangelism— A Series by Rev. Douglas

Join us on Facebook for a 4 week series hosted by Rev. Douglas at 6:00 on Wednesdays. We will dive into the foundational understanding of what is Christian Mission and how can we be serving the mission of Jesus to make disciples of all nations. Rev. Douglas will discuss the role of evangelism in the early church and how we can share the gospel in our own contexts to serve the mission of God, both at home and on the mission field.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Worship Services—Dr. Tim McClendon, Rev. Butch Blackwell, Rev. Douglas Herlong; Music Director (11:00 Traditional) Dr. Catherine Nance; Music Director (8:30) & Organist— Christopher Nash; (9:02 and 11:00 Contemporary) Music—Jane Timmerman & The 9:02 Band

Crucifer—Jessica Smith **Acolytes**— Clare Carpenter & Carleigh Day

February Worship Support—Kay Buckner, Katy Osborn, Claudette Strickland, & Pat Sauls

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 73256 and following the instructions. Images and texts used with this service have permission granted under CCLI #2220845.

[This service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.](#)

***Please stand, as able.**

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Children's Ministries

Please like and follow our Children's Ministry Facebook page (scan the QR Code using your smartphone for the link). This is the best way to receive information about what is happening in Grove Children's Ministry at St. John's. Bible lessons and activities will also be available to access here for our children.



Contact Gray Mole if you have any questions at (803)648-6891 or gmole@stjohns-umc.org.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Today is our MIC Family Packing event! Drive through the Faith Center loop anytime from 10:00-11:00 a.m. to pick up your box to pack and instructions to follow. Thank you for sending some extra love to our mission partners near and far! No SNY meeting tonight.

Bible Studies:

Be on the lookout for updates regarding our Bible Studies throughout February and March! If you are not getting our text updates, please contact Bekah or Amy and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Feel free to contact Bekah Muir or Amy Jernigan if you have any questions at (803)648-6891 or rmuir@stjohns-umc.org or ajernigan@stjohns-umc.org.

St. John's Missions News

If you missed our MIC Kick Off Service, you can still watch it on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsaiken> under the videos tab. At the MIC Kick Off Service, Heather Yeh shared her memories of Dr. Eduardo Dubon who recently died from COVID. If you would like to give to the scholarship fund in his memory, send a check to Carolina Honduras Health Foundation, PO Box 528, Barnwell, SC 29812-0527. Note it is for Medical University Scholarship. You can also donate online at www.CHHF.org. Click on Donate Now, choose Community Development and Education and in additional information, add Medical University Scholarship.

Thank You for Your Donations

Thank you for your generous donations to our friends at ACTS and Grace Kitchen. At this time, we are no longer accepting winter clothing or blankets for Grace Kitchen. We were extremely blessed to be able to provide much needed warmth to many members of our community. We are also unable to take food donations for ACTS due to COVID-19 restrictions. If you wish to continue donating to ACTS, please take any items you wish to give to them, directly. You can drop any donations at 340 Park Avenue SW, Aiken SC 29801 Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00p.m.

UMW Fundraiser

Coming Soon! St. John's United Methodist Women (UMW) will be hosting a fund-raising event during the month of March. Blue Collard Catering at 113 Waterloo Street, Aiken, has generously offered to donate a portion of all March sales for its Chicken Piccata Casserole to UMW. This is an easy way to enjoy a delicious meal and help UMW. Encourage your friends and family to plan on making a purchase of this tasty treat in March.

Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

Menu: Goulash, Salad, Cornbread, & Cheesecake. Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, February 22, at 5:00 p.m. Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis jdavis@stjohns-umc.org. Cost is \$7.50 for 10 years old and older, \$3.00 for children over the age of 3. Pick-up will be on Wednesday, February 24 from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. under the Faith Center portico. 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. Make checks out to St. John's.

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Erik & Lizzie Osmundsen on the birth of their daughter, **Sonja Elise Osmundsen**, who was born on January 10, 2021, in Norfolk, VA. She is the granddaughter of **Tor & Debbie Osmundsen** and the great-granddaughter of **Blanche Durant**.

Sympathies to:

Bill & Beverly Burch; Blakely & Madison Williams; and Blane, Justin, & Parker Kate Appel on the death of **Thomasene Burch** who passed away on February 14, 2021, in Aiken, SC. Thomasene was Bill's mother, Blakely & Blane's grandmother, and Parker Kate's great-grandmother.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Cecil Valley Erwin Bischof

February 11, 2021

Attendance—2/14/2021

8:30 48	9:02 60	11:00 (Both) 80	6:00 19
Total in Person 207			
9:02 Online Live 1,052		11:00 Online Live 934	

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 2/17/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 450,417.11
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 245,959.09</u>
	\$ 204,458.02

Missions Budget: Year 2020/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$208,503.94
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$188,800.00

We thank you for your continued support of St. John's Ministries and Missions!

PHASE 1 OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 1.

Please visit www.stjaiken.org or call the church office at (803)648-6891 for more information or if you have any questions.



JOIN OUR
**YOUNG
ADULT
MINISTRY**

CONTACT REV. DOUGLAS
FOR MORE INFO
(803)648-6891 EXT. 9218
DHERLONG@STJOHNS-UMC.ORG

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**TUESDAY
MORNING
PRAYER
GROUP**

FAITH CENTER LOBBY

EVERY TUESDAY
11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
CALL (803)206-9529
TO BE LET IN
THE BUILDING

**MIC FAMILY
PACKING EVENT**

**Pick up is TODAY,
Feb. 21st from 10-11
a.m. in the Faith
Center loop.**

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST MEN PRESENT:

One In The Spirit

I CORINTHIANS 12:13

MEN N MINISTRY

Join our United Methodist Men for a virtual event on February 26, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Faith Center. This virtual gathering will feature keynote speakers: Carlos Whittaker & John Elridge.

THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ATTEND. REGISTER ONLINE BY VISITING STJAIKEN.ORG

Order of Worship— Traditional 8:30 A.M.

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Butch Blackwell

OPENING HYMN NO. 269 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days *Land of Rest*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:9-15

SERMON

When the Kingdom Comes Near 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.

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*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.*

ANTHEM

Fall, Slow Tears

Schram

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.

BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS FOR END OF SERVICE

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY

POSTLUDE

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PRAISE SONG

Come As You Are

Crowder

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Where The Spirit Of The Lord Is Freedom

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