



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

*February 28, 2021*

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## COVID-19 OPERATIONS UPDATE: PLEASE READ

Due to the falling COVID-19 numbers, we are expanding the use of our facilities on **Monday, March 1**. The areas available to be reserved for group meetings or activities are as follows: The Gym, the downstairs Faith Center, Ward Hall 1-3, the Chapel, Music Area, Conference Room, and the Sanctuary. Please call the church office to re-up or make first-time reservations. The only restrooms that are available are in the Gym, Faith Center, and Narthex. Please remember that our current Phase One protection protocols remain in effect.

**Our staff will continue to keep regular office hours and will be available to assist you (Mon-Thurs: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. & Fri: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)** Though the office area is restricted to staff only, 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 or in the windowed reception area to offer assistance. We are grateful for your continued cooperation in making St. John's as safe as possible.

### Faith Promise Cards

Just a reminder from the Finance Office: If you have not turned in a Faith Promise Card, please do so as the Missions Leadership Team will be setting their annual budget for 2021-2022 for Missions. Your contributions help our missionaries both close to home and all around the world. We thank you for your continued generosity.

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

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 Begins With Evangelism— A Series by Rev. Douglas

Join us on Facebook for week 3 of a 4 week series hosted by Rev. Douglas at 6:00 on Wednesdays. The first 2 sessions are available to watch on our Facebook page. 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.

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## SERVING THIS WEEK

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

**Crucifer**—Anna Grace Chafin **Acolytes**— Hannah Boetsch and Henry Vaughters

**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](mailto:gmole@stjohns-umc.org).

## Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Join us for our Inaugural Foundation Ping Pong tournament! We will meet in the Faith Center from 5:00-6:00pm. Invite a friend, bring a mask and your competitive spirit. There will be prizes!

### Youth Bible Studies:

Be on the lookout for updates regarding our Bible Studies throughout 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](mailto:rmuir@stjohns-umc.org) or [ajernigan@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:ajernigan@stjohns-umc.org).

## St. John's Missions News

Thank you, St. John's, for giving above and beyond Faith Promise to help our friends in Honduras who have suffered greatly due to two hurricanes in the middle of a pandemic. Your gifts totaled \$11,151.04! Checks were sent to Honduras Agape Foundation and to Carolina Honduras Health Foundation.

**Please continue to send the church your faith promise commitment for 2021 – 2022 you can mail, call, or go online. The Missions Leadership Team will soon be preparing the coming year's budget.**

## 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 4:00 p.m.

## UMW Fundraiser

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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on February 14, 2021 were given to the glory of God and in honor of *Pat Sauls* by her family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by *Susie Graven-Smith* in loving memory of her sister, *Patti Giglioli*.

### Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

**Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, & Cupcakes.** Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, March 1, at 5:00 p.m. Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto: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, March 3 from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. under the Faith Center portico. You can pay online at [stjaiken.org](http://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:

**Blakely & Madison Williams** on the birth of their son, **Colton Jace Williams**, who was born on February 20, 2021, in Augusta, GA. He is the grandson of **Beverly & Bill Burch**. He is the nephew of **Blane & Justin Appel** and cousin to **Parker Kate**.

**Brian Usher** was recently named Director of the Solid Waste Department of Sarasota County, FL. Proud parents are **Gene & Arlene Usher**.

#### Sympathies to:

**Steve & Glenna Lathrop** on the death of Steve's brother, Richard Lathrop, who passed away on February 19, 2021, in Plano, TX.

**Proctor & Dora Bush** on the death of Proctor's sister, **Joan Deming**, who passed away on February 23, 2021, in Charlottesville, VA.

**Penni Rouch** on the death of her husband, **Bill Rouch**, who passed away on February 24, 2021, in Aiken, SC.

#### *In Memoriam*

Mrs. Phyllis Ahrens Campbell  
February 19, 2021

#### *In Memoriam*

Mr. Bill Rouch  
February 24, 2021

### Attendance—2/21/2021

8:30 | 47      9:02 | 68      11:00 (Both) | 139      6:00 | 26  
Total in Person | 280  
9:02 Online Live | 592      11:00 Online Live | 698

### Our Giving Growth

#### Operations Budget as of 2/24/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 492,316.39
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 311,557.69</u>
	\$ 180,758.70

#### Missions Budget: Year 2020/2021

Year end offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$214,740.99
Year end Missions Disbursements:	\$188,800.00



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THIS SUNDAY

# PING PONG TOURNAMENT



FAITH CENTER  
5PM-6PM



# DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR MIC 2021 SHIRT!

To receive your FREE St. John's mission t-shirt, go to the link on [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org) or call the church office. All orders must be placed before March 7!



# March

7th SNY - How fast are you?

14th SNY - DENIED!

21st SNY

24th Confirmation #3

28th Family Night

Wednesdays Bible Studies 7pm-8pm



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

*Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. In this time of uncertainty, we pray you will find comfort through worship. You can view this service and more throughout the week on our website [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org).*

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Surely the Presence**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rev. Butch Blackwell**

## OPENING HYMN NO. 297

**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

*St. Christopher*

## \*SCRIPTURE READING

**Mark 8:31-38**

## SERMON

**What Are You Waiting For? Rev. Douglas Herlong**

## \*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.*

## ANTHEM

**My Song is Love Unknown**

*Edwards*

## 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

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

*Thank you to the members of the string quartet for providing our worship music this morning.*

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**PRAISE SONG** **Burden** *Vance*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Dr. Tim McClendon**

**PRAISE SONG** **When I Remember** *K. Hill*

**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.*

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**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** **Mark 8:31-38**

**SERMON** **What Are You Waiting For?** **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

**PRAISE SONG** **Lead Me to the Cross** *Chris & Conrad*

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**OFFERING & BENEDICTION**

**SENDING FORTH SONG**

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