



March 6, 2022

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Evening Vespers Service Update

As we prepare to enter into Daylight Savings time, we have a major announcement concerning our evening Vespers Service. Starting tonight, March 6, our Vespers Service will meet on a monthly basis at the normal time of 6:00 pm. We will begin meeting the first Sunday of each month going forward. We will also continue to serve Communion at each monthly service. Tonight, we will have our final service in the Chapel, and we will have our first service by the new fountain on April 3rd at 6:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there for worship and Communion!

Coffee, Tea, Chocolate, and More!

We are joining other Methodist congregations in offering fair trade products through a collaboration with The United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) and the Equal Exchange Company. 15 cents per pound sold goes to UMCOR. To purchase competitively-priced products and to learn more about UMCOR and other mission opportunities at St. John's, look for us in the hallway outside Ward Hall the first and third Sundays each month. Come shop **TODAY, March 6**, between 9:15 and 12:30. Don't miss this great opportunity!

SEED Family Spirit Night at Diablo's Restaurant

Spirit Night at Diablo's is back! We had such an amazing turnout last time that we raised \$250 for the SEED Program. Diablo's in South Aiken on Whiskey Rd. (next to Starbucks) has offered to host St. John's SEED again! We hope you will join us for dinner on Thursday, March 10th any time between 4:00 pm to close for dine in or carry out. Make sure you mention St. John's SEED when you pick up your order!

Joy Meets First Monday of the Month

Seniors, mark your calendars. JOY (Jesus, Others, Yourself) will meet Monday, March 7th at 10:30 am in Ward Hall. Join your friends for a time of fellowship, crafts, and mental games. Masks are required and we will practice social distancing.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Worship Services—Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Douglas Herlong; Music Director— Dr. Catherine Nance; Music Associate & Organist—Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band Leader— Jane Timmerman; 9:02 Band

Crucifer—Madelyn Smith **Acolytes**—Emma Riede & Witt Wilkins

March 11:00 Ushers: Dave & Shirley Felak, Donald Leader, Jeanette Isaacson, Missy Poe, Penny Rue, Mick & Connie Pisko, Mary Ann Findley, Mitch Rivers, and Art & Susie Smith

March Worship Support—Lynda Troutman, Mary Musick, Sherry Williamson, & Susan Lawson

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.

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Children's Ministries

Grove will meet tonight from 5:00-6:30 for NERF WARS! Drop-off and pick-up will be in Ward Hall. We hope to see you there! Don't forget to bring a friend!

Children's Choirs will meet Wednesday, March 9. Joy Choir 5:15-6:00 pm, ages 3 years old to Kindergarten. Alleluia Choir 5-6pm grades 1-6.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Please pray for the safe return of our 6th and 7th grade Confirmants and Adults from their Confirmation Retreat this weekend. Sunday Night Youth will meet in the GYM tonight at 5:00! Invite a friend and bring \$2 for dinner. Youth Choir will meet in the Choir room at 4:00.

Youth Bible Studies:

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

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

St. John's Missions News

Suzanne Jackson, Executive Director of ACTS, was thrilled with our Saturday of Service group and all that was accomplished. She was especially thankful for three new volunteers that came from that group. Each of our mission partners needs volunteers. Prayerfully consider where God wants you to serve.

*For the month of **March**, we are collecting **toothbrushes & 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.***

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS THROUGH UMCOR

As Christians we are called to aide those in need in any way we are able. Right now our brothers and sisters in Ukraine are suffering greatly. Each of us is being asked to pray and consider giving as we are able to help provide for the ongoing humanitarian needs caused by this global crisis. If you are called to give, please make checks payable to St. John's and note "UMCOR-UKRIANE" in the memo line. You can also give online at stjaiken.org by clicking the "GIVE NOW" button, selecting "UMCOR" in the drop-down menu, and typing "UKRAINE" in the memo box.

COVID Protocol Update

Beginning TODAY, Sunday, **March 6th**, masks will be OPTIONAL inside of our St. John's buildings. We encourage you to use your best judgement and ask that you do not attend any functions or visit our campus if you are not feeling well. Our top priority remains keeping everyone at St. John's as healthy and safe as possible while still providing meaningful worship, learning, and fellowship opportunities. We appreciate your continued patience and understanding as we navigate the COVID pandemic.

The Altar flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of *Cynthia Stapleton* for her birthday by her husband, *John Stapleton*.

The additional flower arrangement in the Sanctuary is donated to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Joe Alexander* by his wife, *Ruth Ann Alexander and his family*.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Chicken Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Pinto Beans, & Tres Leche Cake

Kids Menu: Pizza, Carrots and Ranch, & a Cookie

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, March 7, 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS WILL RESUME IN-PERSON DINING ON MARCH 9.

Volunteers are needed to collect money, serve, and clean-up. Please contact Juli Davis or Nancy Fairgrieve.

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Ken & Pam Wilson who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 10.

Our sympathies to:

Ruth Alexander on the death of her husband, ***Joe Alexander***, who passed away on February 26, 2022 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mr. Joe M. Alexander

February 26, 2022

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

March— **Canned Vegetables**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—2/27/2022

8:30 | 83 9:02 | 148 11:00 | 259 6:00 | 14

Total in Person | 504

9:02 Online Live | 272 11:00 Online Live | 264

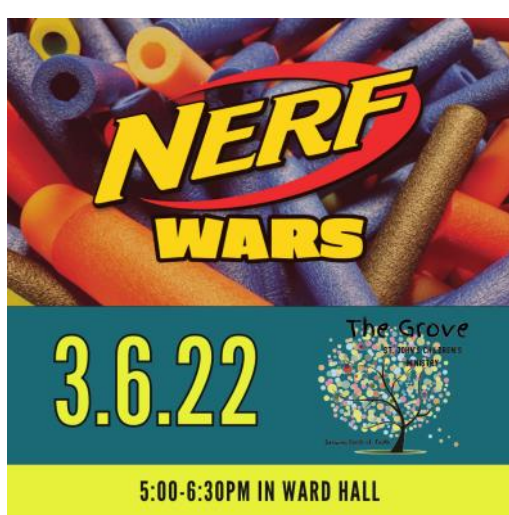
Operations Budget as of 03/2/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$480,731.50
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$357,533.78</u>
	\$123,197.72

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$88,229.29
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$13,700.00

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



JOIN US FOR
Holy Communion

TONIGHT, MAR. 6,
AT THE 6:00 PM AT THE
VESPERS SERVICE IN
THE CHAPEL



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

***OPENING HYMN NO. 116** The God of Abraham Praise *Leoni*

***SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 4:1-13

SERMON Highs and Lows 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.

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. 269** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days *Morning Song*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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Order of Worship

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PRAISE SONG **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley** *Schrader*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG **Glory to His Name** *Selah*

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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OFFERTORY **Weary Traveler** *St. Cyr*

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PRAISE SONG **Lay Your Burdens Down** *Long*

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OFFERTORY

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

*DOXOLOGY

ANTHEM

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

Hudson

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing; nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, my person and offering to bring. The terrors of the law and of God with me can have nothing to do. My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view. The work which his goodness began, the arm of his strength will complete; his promise is yea and Amen, and never forfeited yet. Things future, nor things that are now, nor all things low or above, can make him his purpose forgo, or sever my soul from his love. My name from the palms of his hands, eternally will not erase; impressed on his heart it remains in marks of indelible grace. Yes I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is given. A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing. (Scripture ref. Psalm 138:8; Romans 8:38-39, 2 Corinthians 1:20; Philippians 1:6)

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