



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

*March 7, 2021*

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## COVID-19 OPERATIONS UPDATE: PLEASE READ

As of March 1, we are expanding the use of our facilities. 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 (after school hours only), 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.

### Vespers Service is Moving!

The Evening Vespers Service lead by Rev. Douglas at 6:00 p.m. every Sunday will be moving back outside around the fountain on Sunday, March 14. We will still meet in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 7. Please remember to bring a chair for this casual worship service! Masks are required for all in attendance. We hope to see you there!

### 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 Hebrews begins today 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 4 of a 4 week series hosted by Rev. Douglas at 6:00 on Wednesdays. The first 3 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; Music Associate & Organist—Christopher Nash; (9:02 and 11:00 Contemporary) Music—Jane Timmerman & The 9:02 Band

**Crucifer**—Nancy Ross **Acolytes**— Maggie Davisson and Mary Davisson

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

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.

# March 7, 2021

## Children's Ministries

**Nursery (only) will open back up Sunday, March 21; please read the new hours and information in the announcements.**

Mother and Son night will be held Friday, March 19 at the Hole N One Family Fun Center at 6:00 p.m. The Easter Egg Hunt for ages walking – 5k will be held Saturday, March 27. Check out the colored announcement page in the bulletin for information.

Please like and follow our Children's Ministry Facebook page (scan the QR Code using your smartphone for the link).



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 tonight in the Faith Center from 5-6pm for Sunday Night Youth. Bring your mask and invite a friend!

### 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

Grace Kitchen is going strong, and we feel it's time to do a little more for these members of our community and church family. **For the month of March, please donate toothbrushes and/or toothpaste.** You can place donations in the bins marked Grace Kitchen which are in each narthex. We will collect these all month, then give them out the first Saturday in April. These gifts show them we care and that Jesus cares. **Each month we will announce the items we are collecting.** If you would like to help on a Saturday morning, please email [rreidcpa@bellsouth.net](mailto:rreidcpa@bellsouth.net).

**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.**

## 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. **Call them at (803)679-0115 to place your order!**

## Upper Room Pickup

The new Upper Room devotionals for March-April are available to be picked up at your convenience. They are located on a table under the portico by the fountain at the front of the church during our office hours, which are Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Fri 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Tony Coffaro* in loving memory of *John Rinaldi*.**

### **Nursery Reopening**

We are happy to announce that children's nursery for our 9:02, 11:00 Traditional, and 11:00 Contemporary Services will resume on Sunday, March 21, 2021. Nursery care is offered for all children ages six weeks through 4K. Parents may bring their children to the SEED (Barnwell Street) entrance, where one of our nursery staff will greet them and take their child to the nursery. Nursery workers will be available at the entrance 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the specified worship services and will bring the children to their parents at the same entrance immediately following the worship service. All existing St. John's COVID protocols will be in place; this includes mask wearing by all that are age **3 and older**. At this point, we are not yet resuming Sunday morning Sunday School classes, but we continue to look forward to and plan for the time when we are able to do so. If you have questions please contact Gray Mole in our church office at (803)648-6891 ext. 205.

### **Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go**

**Menu: Pork Loin, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Roll, & Chocolate Cake.** Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, March 8, 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 10 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.

### **Attendance—2/28/2021**

8:30 | 52      9:02 | 73      11:00 (Both) | 162      6:00 | 16

Total in Person | 303

9:02 Online Live | 426    11:00 Online Live | 782

### **Our Giving Growth**

#### **Operations Budget as of 2/28/2021**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 524,464.83
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 327,375.10</u>
	\$ 197,089.73

#### **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

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

# Thinking about becoming a member?

We are excited to invite you to officially join our St. John's family! If you've been thinking about membership, now is the perfect time to join; we would love to have you! Contact Juli Davis (jdavis@stjohns-umc.org) or Rev. Douglas Herlong (dherlong@stjohns-umc.org) for more information or call the church office at (803)648-6891.

SNY  
TONIGHT  
5 PM  
FAITH CENTER



## FAMILY NIGHT

Easter Mural

MARCH 28  
GYM  
5PM-6PM

Register on Realm!

## mother + son night

MARCH 19 @ 6PM

Hole N One

FAMILY FUN CENTER

REGISTER ON REALM BY MARCH 14 -  
GROVE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



ST. JOHN'S IS SO "EGGCITED"!

## Easter

EGG HUNT

Join Us Saturday, March 27 at 10 am

104 Newberry Street NW, Aiken

Ages: Walking-5K

All families participating are asked to donate a dozen filled eggs per child (no nuts). You may drop-off your eggs at SEED, church office with Gray Mole, or the Faith Center entrance by March 24.



# DONATIONS

*Needed*

For the month of March, we are collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for our Grace Kitchen friends!

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



# 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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Butch Blackwell

### OPENING HYMN NO. 61

Come, Thou Almighty King

*Italian Hymn*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19

### SERMON

A Sermon Seen and Heard

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.*

### ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling

*Haydn*

### 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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## Order of Worship

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### PRAISE SONG

**Cry Out to Jesus**

*Third Day*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rev. Douglas Herlong**

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**Heaven**

*Los Lonely Boys*

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### MUSICAL MEDITATION

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#### PRAISE SONG

**Glory to His Name**

*Hoffman*

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#### SENDING FORTH SONG

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