



*March 13, 2022*

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## Statement on the Confirmation Bus Incident

We would like to thank all who have prayed for and supported our confirmands, youth counselors, and youth directors in the wake of the bus incident that occurred as they traveled home from their Confirmation Retreat in North Carolina. God was firmly present, and no injuries were reported beyond a few bumps and bruises. We would like to especially recognize all of the volunteers who acted swiftly and appropriately to ensure the safety and well-being of the children on the bus. Thank you to the bus driver, Mr. Stanley, who managed to keep everyone safe when the bus experienced a power loss. Our sincerest gratitude is extended to the first responders, volunteers, and community members of Westminster, SC. We will be taking up a love offering for Lifeline Community Church during the special Confirmation Service on Sunday, March 27 at 3:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Members of Lifeline Community Church went above and beyond to care for our St. John's family by providing them with food, a safe waiting place, and comfort. The donations will also go towards providing a meal to the Westminster Fire Station as a thank you.

## Bereavement Refreshments Needed

The Bereavement Committee is looking for volunteers to bake cookies and brownies for funeral receptions. If you are interested in donating baked goods, you can bring them at any time to Nancy Fairgrieve, and she will store them in the freezers for future use. If you are unable to bake, you may also make a monetary donation to the Bereavement Fund. Contact Nancy Fairgrieve at [nfairgrieve@stjaiken.org](mailto:nfairgrieve@stjaiken.org) if you have any questions or would like more information.

## 2022 Committee Chairpersons

<b>Church Council:</b> Ken Brace	<b>Staff Parish Relations:</b> Joe Lewis
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<b>Senior Adult Council:</b> Brenda Meeks	<b>Hospitality Team:</b> Juli Davis
<b>Connectional Ministry Team:</b> Newkirk Barnes	

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### 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**—Jessica Smith **Acolytes**—Adelyn & Grant Parker

**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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# March 13, 2022

## Children's Ministries

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

Children's Choirs will meet Wednesday, March 16. 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)

Sunday Night Youth will meet in the Faith Center 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 (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls) and Dwell (High School Girls) meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Faith Center upstairs.

Brotherhood (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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

Our loving church family embraced Juliet Odel Agwanda in July, 2019 when she came to the US seeking medical treatment for lupus and gangrene in her toes. Since her return to Kenya, Juliet's health has not remained stable. Lupus has attacked her kidney primarily and she has had many hospital visits and now has dialysis two or three times each week. It has been a struggle emotionally and financially for the whole family. Juliet has a health insurance policy at a cost of \$1245.51 per quarter which has helped. The next quarter renewal is in April. If you would like to assist with Juliet's ongoing medical needs, you can send a check to Renee Reid, 325 Ascot Drive, Aiken, SC 29803 or use Venmo, my tag line is @Renee-Reid-26. This gift is not considered a charitable donation. If you have questions, please call Frances Osteen at 803-617-9771. And the greatest thing we can all do is to continue to keep Juliet and her family in our prayers. Her mother, Maggie, specifically mentioned praying *Psalms 91*.

*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 aid 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- UKRAINE" in the memo line. You can also give online at [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org) by clicking the "GIVE NOW" button, selecting "UMCOR" in the drop-down menu, and typing "UKRAINE" in the memo box.

The Altar flowers in the Sanctuary are given by *Roger & Alison Carpenter* to the glory of God and in honor of Alison’s father *Alan Hiatt* for his 80th birthday and in loving memory of Roger’s father *Wendell Carpenter*.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Sour Cream Noodle Bake, Salad, Bread, & Cheesecake

Kids Menu: Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, & Fruit

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, March 14, 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](mailto: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](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. Please make checks out to St. John’s. **Volunteers are needed to collect money, serve, and clean-up. Please contact Juli Davis or Nancy Fairgrieve.**

News of the Family

Our sympathies to:

**Alice & Tim Ross** on the death of Alice’s mother, **Pauline Cottom Wenner**, who passed away on March 3, 2022 in West Columbia, SC.

**William Berrie** on the death of his wife, **Nell Berrie**, who passed away on March 6, 2022 in Aiken, SC.

**Patty Abshire & Family** on the death of Patty’s husband, **Coach Abshire**, who passed away on March 9, 2022 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary “Nell” Carnell  
Derrick Berrie  
March 6, 2022

In Memoriam

Mr. Johnny “Coach” Abshire  
March 9, 2022

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

March— Canned Vegetables

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—3/6/2022

8:30 | 94      9:02 | 127      11:00 | 291      6:00 | 21

Total in Person | 533

9:02 Online Live | 248    11:00 Online Live | 271

Operations Budget as of 03/9/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$532,228.98
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 416,851.42</u>
	\$115,377.56

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$97,640.32
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$13,200.00

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



Contribute to the humanitarian efforts today through UMCOR.



You are invited to the

## Service of Confirmation

March 27, 2022 • 3:30 pm  
St. John's UMC Sanctuary  
Aiken, South Carolina

## Mother & Son NIGHT

March 25 from 6-8 pm  
Stars & Strikes in Augusta



VISIT REALM FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION



## Santee Salkehatchie July 9th-16th

For more information, please visit [SALKEHATCHIE.ORG](http://SALKEHATCHIE.ORG) or, contact Bekah Muir in the church office. [RMuir@stjaiken.org](mailto:RMuir@stjaiken.org).

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Every Thursday Evening at  
6:30 PM in the Faith Center.  
All Young Adults are welcome.

## follow us on facebook!

Stay up to date on the exciting things happening at St. John's by following us on Facebook! Follow our public page for livestreams of worship, Bible studies, and special services. Join our private group to interact with us!

Page: [www.facebook.com/stjohnsaiken](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnsaiken)  
Group: [www.facebook.com/groups/stjaiken](http://www.facebook.com/groups/stjaiken)



## GRACE KITCHEN

*Donations*

## March Needs: Toothbrush & Toothpaste

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





## 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

When Jesus Wept

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Butch Blackwell

### MINISTRY MINUTE

### \*OPENING HYMN NO. 141 Children of the Heavenly Father

*Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara*

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:31-35

### SERMON

A Fox in the Hen House

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 FWS NO. 2112 Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

*Lonesome  
Valley*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand, as able.*

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## Order of Worship

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### PRELUDE

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Come, Now Is The Time to Worship**                      *Doerksen*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

### MINISTRY MINUTE

**PRAISE SONG**                      **I'll Fly Away**                      *Brumley*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**                      **The Apostles' Creed**

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**OFFERTORY**                      **Jesus Friend of Sinners**                      *Casting Crowns*

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **Luke 13:31-35**

**SERMON**                      **A Fox in the Hen House**                      **Dr. Tim McClendon**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Lord I Need You**                      *Maher*

### 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 Kum Ba Yah (trans. Come by here; Scripture basis: Matthew 4:23-24)** *arr. Lojeski*  
*Come by here, Lord; Hear us crying, Lord, come by here. Hear us praying, Lord, come by here. Oh, we need you, Lord, come by here.*

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