



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

March 21, 2021

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COVID-19 Safety Practices Reminder

We are grateful to see the numbers of those attending worship services at St. John's continue to grow. Warmer weather and the continuing process of COVID vaccines being administered are offering encouragement for many to have more comfort in returning to church. Please note that as we continue to maintain safe worship spaces we will:

- Continue to wear masks and maintain safe social distances.
- Have our ushers continue to seat us safely beginning at the front of the Sanctuary or Faith Center and moving back to the rear. We are not yet at the point of seating for preferred locations, but we look forward to the time when we can.

Please accept our thanks for all that you do to care for one another and for all that you do to make our worship spaces safe for everyone.

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.

Easter Lily Sales

Easter Lily sales will be on March 21 and 28. There will not be a sales table this year. Orders can be made either online or at church. When coming to worship on these dates, envelopes with the order information printed on the front will be available to be picked up. Place your check or cash in the envelope, and put it in the offering basket as you depart the worship spaces. **The cost is \$20 each.** The supply will be limited. Lilies will be displayed in the Faith Center and the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Thank you for your support of this beautiful Easter tradition in memory of, or in honor of, your loved ones.

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—Eva Buchanan **Acolytes**— Mary Caroline Dean & Anne Fenton Massie

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.

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Children's Ministries

The Nursery is OPEN; please read the new hours and information in the announcements.

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.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Join us tonight in the Faith Center from 5:00-6:00 p.m. 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 or ajernigan@stjohns-umc.org.

St. John's Missions News

Many in our community are still in need. ACTS and Christ Central have expanded their food drives. Please take donations directly to them. They are in need of jelly, dry beans, cereal, tuna, spaghetti sauce, soap, laundry detergent, and shampoo.

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

Dr. Tim's next Bible Study is a series of studies that will go through Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. This study meets on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary from 10:00-11:30 a.m., and on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 p.m. by Zoom. If you need a link, please contact Jennifer Windham in the church office.

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 **TODAY**, 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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Rev. David, Dale, & Kelly Ann by Davie Surrett.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of *Midge Rothrock*
by the *St. John's Staff.*

GriefShare is Resuming

We are pleased to announce that after a long COVID break, our St. John's GriefShare Ministry will be resuming our weekly meetings effective Wednesday, April 14 at 3:45 p.m. in Ward Hall. All who have lost a loved one and are experiencing grief are invited to attend. If you have questions about our GriefShare Ministry, please call Rev. Butch at (803)648-6891 ext. 214.

Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

Menu: Chicken Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Pinto Beans & Cookie Sandwich. Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, March 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, March 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:

Bud & Joanne Zobel who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on March 23, 2021.

Our Sympathies to:

Elaine Hibbard on the death of her brother, **Charles Arnsbarger**, who passed away on March 17, 2021, in Lancaster, OH.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Margaret "Midge" Rothrock

March 11, 2021

Attendance—3/14/2021

8:30 | 59 9:02 | 74 11:00 (Both) | 160 6:00 | 30

Total in Person | 323

9:02 Online Live | 467 11:00 Online Live | 1,014

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 3/17/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do: \$ 616,866.05

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 395,029.45

\$ 221,836.60

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions: \$68,841.52

Year to date Missions Disbursements: \$21,750.00

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!

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.



Masks required for 3 year olds and up. Social distancing should be observed.

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 worshiping 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.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, Be Glorified

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Butch Blackwell

OPENING HYMN NO. 415

Take Up Thy Cross

Germany

*SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:20-33

SERMON

The Gospel Relay Race

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

Give Me Jesus

Fettke

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

**Please stand, as able.*

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Order of Worship

Contemporary 11:00 AM

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PRAISE SONG

Glorify Thy Name

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Fields of Grace

Big Daddy Weave

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

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PRAISE SONG

10,000 Reasons

Myrin & Redman

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OFFERING & BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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Order of Worship— Traditional 11:00 AM

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. In this time of uncertainty, we pray you will find comfort through worship. This service will be available LIVE today at 11:00 on our Facebook page facebook.com/stjohnsaiken/. Please watch and share with friends and family. You can view this service and more throughout the week on our St. John's website stjaiken.org.

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