



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

*March 28, 2021*

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## Additional 11:00 Traditional Service Seating

Thanks to some very exciting tech updates at St. John's, we are now able to livestream services directly to the Gym. We will now offer additional overflow seating for the 9:02 and 11:00 Traditional services in the Gym. If you are interested in attending either service, but would like more social distancing opportunities, this may be the solution you are seeking! Gym seating will be available beginning today, March 28.

## Easter Lily Sales

Easter Lily sales will be today, March 28. There will not be a sales table this year. Orders can be made either online or at church. When coming to worship today, 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 services. **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.

## Last Chance: UMW Fundraiser

The St. John's United Methodist Women fundraiser will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to all who participated and helped to make this a success. If you have not yet had a chance to purchase one of the Chicken Piccata Casseroles from Blue Collard Catering, you can still do so through the 31<sup>st</sup> by calling Blue Collard at (803) 679-0115.

## St. John's New Apps

We have exciting news to share with you! St. John's is moving further into the digital age with new apps. We now have FREE apps available for you to download on your iPhone, Android phone, Roku, AppleTV, and Kindle! Simply go to the app store on your device and search "St. John's UMC Aiken." These new apps will help you stay up to date with the life of our church through livestreaming, video series, newsletters, Dr. Tim's blog, and so much more! We invite you to check them out. If you have any questions, please contact Becca Hartsell in the church office.

## COVID-19 Operations Reminder

We are still currently operating under our extended Phase 1 guidelines. A limited number of spaces are available for meetings and gatherings within the St. John's campus. Social distancing and masks are required at all times for any and all gatherings at St. John's. Sunday School classes are still on hold for the time being, but will be reassessed as the COVID-19 situation evolves. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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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**—Anna Grace Chafin **Acolytes**— Clare Carpenter & Amelia Overstreet

**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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# March 28, 2021

## Children's Ministries

Father/Daughter Dance is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please register on Realm (ages 3 and up). We need volunteers for VBS, June 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Register on Realm or contact Gray.



The Nursery is OPEN for 9:02, 11:00 Traditional, and 11:00 Contemporary Services. 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. All existing St. John's COVID protocols will be in place; this includes mask wearing by all that are age 3 and older.

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 for Family Night from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Gym! We will have a great time creating an Easter Mural. Don't forget to wear your mask!

**SENIORS: It is time to apply for the Inez Crain Scholarship! Applications are due April 28th.**

### Youth Bible Studies:

Be on the lookout for updates regarding our Bible Studies throughout April! 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 the year February, 2020 through January, 2021, your Faith Promise mission giving was more than it has ever been during the life of this program - \$205,094!!! You are touching lives in our community and throughout our world. Together we can do more. May all thanks and praise be given to God for the amazing things He has done and continues to do!

For the month of April, we are asking for donations of bar soap and liquid hand soap for our friends at Grace Kitchen. Boxes for donations will be in the Narthexes of both worship spaces. Thank you for your support!

## 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.

## Flower Calendar

We still have several dates available throughout 2021 for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary. If you would like to give flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Windham in the church office.

## 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: Beef & Noodle Casserole, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Chocolate Silk Pie.** Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, March 29, 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 31 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:**

**Tommy & Beth Harman** who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on April 2, 2021.

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11:00 Traditional Service is **Hayes Newton Green**, son of **Andrew & Lizzy Green** and brother of **Eliza & Jane Anne Green**.

### **Our Sympathies to:**

**Ken & Diane Brace** on the death of Ken's sister, **Betty Leonarczyk**, who passed away on March 21, 2021, in Frederick, MD.

## Attendance—3/21/2021

8:30 | 61      9:02 | 86      11:00 (Both) | 180      6:00 | 23

Total in Person | 350

9:02 Online Live | 941    11:00 Online Live | 415

## Our Giving Growth

### **Operations Budget as of 3/24/2021**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:      \$ 641,539.63

Year to date ministry expenditures:      \$ 461,658.21

\$ 179,881.42

### **Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:

\$69,662.52

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](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org)) or Rev. Douglas Herlong ([dherlong@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:dherlong@stjohns-umc.org)) for more information or call the church office at (803)648-6891.

## VBS June 21st-24th

### LET'S TALK ABOUT VOLUNTEERS!!!

Contact Gray Mole if you would like to help!  
[gmole@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:gmole@stjohns-umc.org)  
Office: 803-648-6891  
Register on Realm



\*Background checks and safe sanctuary must be up to date or completed!



## FAMILY NIGHT

### Easter Mural



**MARCH 28**  
**GYM**  
**5PM-6PM**

Register on Realm!

# HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

**INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT**

**[STJAIKEN.ORG/FOUNDATION-SENIORS](http://STJAIKEN.ORG/FOUNDATION-SENIORS)**

**APPLICATIONS DUE: APRIL, 28**

**SENIOR SUNDAY: JUNE, 6TH**



# GRACE KITCHEN

## *Donations*

### April Needs:

## Bar Soap & Liquid Hand Soap

Please place donations in boxes marked "Grace Kitchen" in 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

Lamb of God

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Butch Blackwell

### WAVING OF THE PALMS

### OPENING HYMN NO. 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Ellacombe*

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

### SERMON

Mistaken Identity

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Martin*

### 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.*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*DOXOLOGY

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand, as able.*

*This is a time of great need, and our missions and church operations require our continued generous giving. Please consider giving online, through text, through the mail, or over the phone to help us ensure that our ministries here and around the world are not adversely affected. More details can be found at [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org).*



## Order of Worship

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**PRAISE SONG**

**Call on Jesus**

*Mullen*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rev. Douglas Herlong**

**WAVING OF THE PALMS**

**PRAISE SONG**

**Blessed Be Your Name**

*Redman*

**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**

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**SERMON**

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**Dr. Tim McClendon**

**PRAISE SONG**

**Hosanna**

*Hillsong*

**BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS FOR END OF SERVICE**

**OFFERING & BENEDICTION**

**SENDING FORTH SONG**

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