



April 3, 2022

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Special Church Council Meeting & Charge Conference

There will be a special called Church Council and Charge Conference for TODAY Sunday, April 3, immediately following 11 am worship in The Faith Center. The purpose of both meetings is to act on a recommendation from the Trustees to sell the Montgomery Building at 108 Barnwell Ave NW. The proceeds from the sale will be used to demolish the Annex Building and reconfigure the rear parking lot so that more parking spaces can be created behind the Ebenezer Building. The purchasers have agreed that parking will still be available on Sundays at the Montgomery Building. The remainder of the proceeds will be put in Contingency Funds to be used at the discretion of the Church Council.

Love Offering for Lifeline Community Church and First Responders

During the special Service of Confirmation on Sunday, March 27, a love offering was taken for the Lifeline Community Church and the First Responders in Westminster, SC for their role in helping our 6th & 7th grade confirmands, parent volunteers, and youth directors immediately following the bus incident on March 6. So far we have collected \$4025. We will continue taking offerings until May 8 if you would like to give.

Shepherd of Love Meeting

The Shepherd of Love meeting will be on April 6 from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in Ward Hall 1. This meeting is open to all current members and any who are interested in joining. All are welcome! Contact Jeanette Isaacson at (803)644-9168 if you have any questions or simply show up to the meeting.

Easter Lilies For Sale

Easter lily orders will be taken TODAY, Sunday, April 3rd and April 10th before and after all services. We invite everyone to stop by the table in the lobby by the church office or in the back of the Faith Center. You will also be able to order online at <https://stjaiken.org/give>. Simply select the "lily" fund and put whom you wish to honor or remember in the memo box of your payment. The cost of each lily is \$20, and checks are to be made out to St. John's UMC. Thanks to all who have supported this ministry over the years and for helping to bring glory to our RISEN Lord.

Vespers Service

Come join us tonight for our monthly Vespers service. The service will take place tonight at 6:00 around the fountain and we will be serving Holy Communion. Come worship with us and bring a lawn chair!

SERVING THIS WEEK

Worship Services—Rev. Ken Nelson; 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**—Jessica Smith & Blair Wood

April 11:00 Ushers: Dave & Shirley Felak, Donald Leader, Mary Ann Findley, Mitch Rivers, Charles Taylor, Deb Persons, Bruce Carrera, Gerry Hansen, & Jean Geiger

April Worship Support— Peggy Thome, Frankie Lambright, Tracy Spaeth, Susan Pittman, & Kathie Gassman

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 NOT meet tonight! Enjoy your Spring Break!

Don't forget: We are accepting donations of 12 filled Easter eggs for the Easter Egg hunt! Deadline for donations is April 13th. Thank you for your support!

Children's Choirs will NOT meet this week due to Spring Break.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Sunday Night Youth will NOT meet tonight. Enjoy your Spring Break!

Youth Bible Studies:

Wednesday Night Bible studies will NOT meet this week due to Spring Break.

St. John's Missions News

There is a staffing shortage in our Juvenile Justice facilities and our adult prisons. Please pray for God to provide the needed staff to safely care for everyone and pray for safety for every employee and inmate.

Thailand Now has been hit by Covid. Please pray for healing for Mike, Sherri, Vicki, Carol, Prai, Sila, and Ploy and pray for protection for all the others serving the people of Thailand.

*For the month of **April**, we are collecting bar soap, liquid soap, & hand sanitizer. 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

UPDATE: As of 3/30, we have collected over \$20,000! Thank you for your abundant generosity. We are still accepting gifts if you would like to donate.

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 by clicking the "GIVE NOW" button, selecting "UMCOR" in the drop-down menu, and typing "UKRAINE" in the memo box.

Sunny Monday

Sunny Monday returns April 11, 2022 at 10:30 am in the Faith Center. The program will be "Navigating Senior Health Care" with Jan Quail, Cassie Droderick, and a representative from Lower Savannah Council of Government. The menu will be Chicken Spectacular Casserole, Salad with Cherries Dressing, Rolls, and Caramel Cake. **Flyers on new Day Trips will be available, so come and get one!** Call (803)648-6891 for reservations by Friday, April 8, 2022. The cost of a meal this year will be \$5.00 per person.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Hilda Secrest* by *Commie Peebles*.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of *Harry & Connie Shade* for their 40th wedding anniversary by their daughter, *Julie Shade*.

Wednesday Night Supper

There will be no Wednesday Night Supper on Wednesday, April 6. Have a wonderful Spring Break! We will return next week for a special Maundy Thursday meal on Thursday, April 14 from 5-6:30. Please note: there will not be supper on Wednesday, April 13.

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

News of the Family

Welcome to Our Newest Members:

Art & Suzanne Bremer

Tyler & Becky Wilson

Michael & Karene Abrams

Kevin & Keri Wilhelm

Kendall & Emily Kirk

Jimmy & Brooke Sheehan

Hope Mitchell

Our sympathies to:

Jane Grotheer on the death of her husband, *Spence Grotheer*, who passed away on March 22, 2022 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mr. Spencer P. Grotheer

March 22, 2022

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

April— **Peanut Butter**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—3/27/2022

8:30 | 74 9:02 | 165 11:00 | 320 Confirmation Service | 309

Total in Person | 868

9:02 Online Live | N/A 11:00 Online Live | N/A

Operations Budget as of 03/30/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$623,326.06
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 503,289.75</u>
	\$120,036.31

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$104,581.32
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 41,400.00

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

Lenten Calendar

April 10: Palm Sunday Services (8:30, 9:02, 11:00)

April 14: Maundy Thursday Meal @ 5:00 pm (No WNS).

April 14: Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 pm in
the Sanctuary

April 15: Tenebrae Service @ 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

April 16: Easter Egg Hunt (kids walking-5k) @ 10:00 am

April 17: Easter Services (8:30, 9:02, 11:00)



Join us for
*Easter
Activities*

Egg Hunt

(ages walking to 5K)

The Hunt for Easter

(1st - 6th grade)

Both groups gather in Ward Hall at
10AM for welcome & opening prayer.
Coffee & light refreshments will be
served.

Saturday April 16
at St. John's UMC

**MINISTRY
MEAL DRIVERS
NEEDED!**



Contact Juli Davis at (803)648-6891 or jdavis@stjohns-umc.org to volunteer or for more info!

GRACE KITCHEN

Donations

April Needs:

Bar Soap, Liquid Soap, & Hand Sanitizer

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

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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
Group: www.facebook.com/groups/stjaiken

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Every Thursday Evening at
6:30 PM in the Faith Center.**

**All Young Adults are
welcome.**

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 **Praise the Source of Faith and Learning**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

***OPENING HYMN NO. 415** **Take Up Thy Cross** *Germany*

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Matthew 16:21-28**

SERMON **Crossbearing Discipleship** **Rev. Ken Nelson**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom shall have no end.

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***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. 297 Beneath the Cross of Jesus** *St. Christopher*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as able.**



Order of Worship

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PRAISE SONG

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Douglas Herlong

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I Believe

Jonathan Cook

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OFFERTORY

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SERMON

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God of This City

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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 **Who But the Lord?** *Courtney*

(Scripture Genesis 1, Psalms 80, 88, 146, Isaiah 29:18, Matthew 15:30, Matthew 28:18-20)

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light, can break into the dark, draw morning from the night? Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer "Here Am I"? Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see, brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free? Who but the Lord will by his glory show the paths of peace. O shine on us the brightness of your face, earth's remotest end, every people every race. O shine on us until to each is shown your saving grace. Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.

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