



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

April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday

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Easter Seating Reminder

Our Easter Services are widely attended by members of our church as well as members of our community. Please remember that, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will be practicing social distancing in all worship spaces. Please plan to arrive early to assist our ushers with the seating process, and sit with only 6 feet between your family and the next family. We hope to allow as many people to worship with us as safely as possible. We thank you for your continued cooperation.

Additional Worship 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!

St. John's New App

We have exciting news to share with you! St. John's is moving further into the digital age with a new app. We now have a FREE app 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." This new app 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.

Jack Meeks Memorial Ramp Ministry Golf Tournament

Get ready to golf! The Annual Jack Meeks Memorial Ramp Ministry Golf Tournament is BACK! The tournament will be held at Houndslake Country Club on May 14. If you did not cancel your registration for the 2020 golf tournament, you are automatically registered for the 2021 tournament. We are thrilled to have this wonderful event back this year and invite all to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Lathrop at stevenlathrop@bellsouth.net.

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.

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 O'Flaherty **Acolytes**—Adelyn Parker & Madison Zeigler

April Worship Support—Peggy Thome, Tracey Spaeth, & Frankie Lambright

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

Father/Daughter Dance is April 23rd (ages 3 and up). Register on Realm or by scanning the QR Code.

We need volunteers for VBS, June 21st-24th. 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.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

No SNY tonight! Happy Easter! Have a wonderful and safe Spring Break.

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 or ajernigan@stjohns-umc.org.

St. John's Missions News

St. John's, your gifts created 157 bags given to our Grace Kitchen family on Saturday. Each bag included toothbrush, toothpaste, a card with a hand written Bible verse and a piece of Easter candy! And we had extras to share with ACTS. Thank you!

For the month of April, we are asking for donations of bar soap and liquid hand soap. 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 Bible Studies will not meet April 4, 7, or 11. Bible Study classes will resume on Wednesday, April 14 and Sunday, April 18. Dr. Tim's 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.

The flowers on the Cross are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chuck Tatman by Hazel Tatman.

Easter Lily Pick Up Information

Easter Lilies will be available to be picked up on Monday, April 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by those who ordered them. Please come to the glass doors by the main church offices and call the church phone number: (803)648-6891 for assistance with your lily. Any lilies that are not claimed will be donated.

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

We will not have Wednesday Night Supper this week, April 7, due to Spring Break. Meals will resume on Wednesday, April 14. Happy Easter!

News of the Family

Welcome to Our Newest Members:

Pat Loudermilk

Claire Seawell

Congratulations to:

William & Nell Berrie who will celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary on April 6, 2021.

Attendance—3/28/2021

8:30 | 83 9:02 | 114 11:00 (Both) | 252 6:00 | 18

Total in Person | 467

9:02 Online Live | 1,826 11:00 Online Live | 1,021

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 3/31/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 670,549.89
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 485,246.83</u>
	\$ 185,303.06

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$70,852.52
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$24,150.00

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.



VBS June 21st-24th

LET'S TALK ABOUT VOLUNTEERS!!!

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



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



TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

FAITH CENTER LOBBY

EVERY TUESDAY
11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
CALL (803)206-9529
TO BE LET IN
THE BUILDING

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT

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.

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PRELUDE Paraphrase on Judas Maccabaeus *Guilmant*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP Alleluia *Manuel*

OPENING HYMN NO. 302 Christ the Lord is Risen Today *Easter Hymn*

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 15:1-11

SERMON Abnormally Born **Dr. Tim McClendon**

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

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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.*

ANTHEM Joy in the Morning *Sleeth*

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.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 322 Up from the Grave He Arose *Christ Arose*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Symphony No. 1 *Vierne*

***Please stand, as able.**

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Order of Worship

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PRELUDE MUSIC **Via Dolorosa/Our God's Alive** *Patty/Cherry*

PRAISE SONG **Because He Lives** *Gaither/Maher*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

PRAISE SONG **Can't No Grave** *Tharpe/Farris*

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE READING **I Corinthians 15:1-11**

SERMON **Abnormally Born** **Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG **My Redeemer Lives** *Hillsong*

BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS FOR END OF SERVICE

OFFERING & BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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Contemporary 11:00 AM

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