



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

April 11, 2021

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New Online Giving Platform

We are moving away from our current way of giving online and moving to a new, easier platform! We will now be using Subsplash Giving for all online or e-giving. Realm Giving will continue to be available until **MAY 15, 2021**. After May 15, online giving will be exclusively through Subsplash Giving. You can access it from our website, stjaiken.org or the St. John's App. We think you will have a much better experience using this new platform! Several staff members and pastors have already switched to using Subsplash Giving. **If you are currently set up to give recurring gifts, you will need to switch to Subsplash Giving and cancel your Realm Giving. Nancy can help you with this.** Please call Nancy Fairgrieve at (803)648-6891 ext. 217 if you have any questions or would like assistance with setting up your new online giving.

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—Bobbi Timmerman **Acolytes**— Clare Carpenter & Emma Riede

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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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)

We hope you had a happy Easter and a safe Spring Break! Enjoy your last night of Spring Break. We can't wait to see you next week for AMONG US IN REAL LIFE.

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

All of our mission partners need your prayers. Please go to <https://stjaiken.org/missions> to see a complete list of our partners and pick one or more to pray for each day. Your prayers will make a difference.

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

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 in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Mike & Joan Gallagher by Nancy Fairgrieve.**

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: Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Veggie Casserole, Roll, & Apple Pie. Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, April 12, 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, April 14 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

Welcome to Our Newest Members:

John & JoAnn Criste

Our sympathies to:

Mary Lou Schenken on the death of her husband, **David Schenken**, who passed away on April 5, 2021, in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mr. James David Schenken

April 5, 2021

Attendance—4/4/2021

8:30 | 152 9:02 | 203 11:00 (Both) | 330 6:00 | 18

Total in Person | 703

9:02 Online Live | 1,246 11:00 Online Live | 1,512

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 4/7/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 732,718.90
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 502,587.13</u>
	\$ 230,131.77

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$74,652.52
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$24,150.00

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.

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!

AMONG US

BRING A FRIEND

APRIL 18TH | 5PM



IN REAL LIFE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Surely the Presence

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Douglas Herlong

OPENING HYMN NO. 318

Christ is Alive

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*SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

SERMON

Easter is a Terrible Thing to Waste

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*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

Redeemer

Mullen

Betsy Wilson-Mahoney, Solo

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

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POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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PRELUDE **Were You There** *Barton*

PRAISE SONG **Alive** *Long*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Harry Sampson**

PRAISE SONG **This is Amazing Grace** *Wickham*

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

SCRIPTURE READING **John 20:19-31**

SERMON **Easter is a Terrible Thing to Waste** **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

PRAISE SONG **Walk by Faith** *Camp*

BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS FOR END OF SERVICE

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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Contemporary 11:00 AM

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