



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

May 2, 2021

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New Online Giving Platform

THIS IS NOT TIED TO REALM. YOU WILL NEED TO CREATE A NEW LOGIN AND PASSWORD. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS. One of our primary reasons for changing to Subsplash Giving is because the church will save approximately \$700-\$800 per month. Realm Giving will continue to be available until MAY 15, 2021. If you are currently set up to give recurring gifts, you will need to switch to Subsplash Giving and cancel your Realm Giving. If your recurring gifts come in the form of a check from your bank, you do not need to make any changes.

How To Set Up Online Giving in Subsplash Giving

1. Either download the St. John's App or visit stjaiken.org.
2. Click or tap the "Give" Button.
3. Choose whether you would like to use your email, your Facebook account, or your Apple Account to log in.
4. For first time users of Subsplash Giving, Select "Sign Up."
5. Enter the information requested.
6. Click "Create Account." You will be sent an email or notification to confirm your account. Click the button that says "Confirm Account" when you receive it.
7. Choose to link a debit/credit card or a bank account. Enter the information requested and click "Link."
8. Once your payment form is linked, you can choose the frequency of your gift.

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.

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 6, 2021. All are welcome to join our community in gathering to pray for our country. From 12:00-1:00 p.m., the prayer session will be at SRP Federal Credit Union located at Hayne Ave. and Laurens St. From 6:45-8:15 p.m., there will be a prayer session with scripture and music at the H. O'Dell Weeks Center located at 1700 Whiskey Rd. We hope you will attend!

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—Nancy Ross **Acolytes**— Olivia Overstreet & Lexi Taylor

May Worship Support—Peg Robinson, Pat Dickey, Millie Winston, & Nancy Perrine

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

Registration for VBS is now open for members, members' families, volunteers, and children/grandchildren of volunteers. Please go to <https://vbspro.events/p/796564> or scan the QR to register participants. Registration to the public will open May 15. There is a max capacity due to Covid.



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. All existing St. John's COVID protocols will be in place; this includes mask wearing by all that are age 3 and older.

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 for The Merge! We will be welcoming our 6th graders into Foundation Student Ministries. Meet us in the back parking lot from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for games, snacks, and a lot of fun! Bring your mask and invite a friend. We hope to see you all there!

Youth Bible Studies:

Be on the lookout for updates regarding our Bible Studies throughout May! 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

The Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering will be Sunday, May 9th. This year is Epworth's 125th anniversary, so let's each celebrate by giving a little extra. On behalf of the children who call Epworth home, thank you! To learn more visit <https://www.epworthchildrenshome.org/>

For the month of May, we are collecting Peanut Butter & Crackers. Please place donations in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship space.

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. Register on Realm by scanning this QR Code. 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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of our son, *Jake Miniard*, on what would have been his 36th birthday with love by his *Mom and Dad*.

Thank You from Rick Endler

Dear St. John's,

Words are truly inadequate to express my sincere thanks to everyone that helped Linda and me navigate the past year. Your cards (hundreds!), emails, texts, phone calls, yard decorations, flowers, food, and any other act of kindness expressed during both of our illnesses and Linda's subsequent passing sustained us during some of our darkest days. St. John's is a remarkable church and is a shining example of Christ's love. We have been blessed to be a member of such a caring congregation for over forty-five years. Again, thank you for all of your kindnesses shown to us during a most difficult journey.

Rick Endler

Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

Menu: Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Rice, & Brownies.

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, May 3, 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, May 5 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:

Don & Vicki Carlberg who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 1, 2021.

Our Sympathies to:

Paige, Yates, & Jack Coleman on the death of Paige's mother and Jack's grandmother, **Julia Gail White**, who passed away April 26, 2021 in Bainbridge, GA.

Attendance—4/25/2021

8:30 | 91 9:02 | 112 11:00 (Both) | 207 6:00 | 20

Total in Person | 430

9:02 Online Live | 405 11:00 Online Live | 508

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 4/28/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do: \$ 843,810.13

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 619,995.61

\$ 223,814.52

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is

asking us to do in Missions: \$82,139.08

Year to date Missions Disbursements: \$59,050.00



LET'S CELEBRATE!
THE MERGE

Sunday, May 2
5:00-6:00pm
Back parking lot



Climb aboard...



VBS June 21st-24th



VOLUNTEER!

VBS

JUNE 21-24

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP TO HELP!

May



- 2nd THE MERGE**
- 9th NO SNY - mother's day**
- 16th FAMILY NIGHT**
- 23rd CHILL & GRILL**
- 30th NO SNY - Memorial Day wknd**
- Wednesdays Bible Studies 7pm-8pm**



GRACE KITCHEN

Donations

May Needs:

Peanut Butter & Crackers

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Order of Worship— Traditional 8:30 A.M.

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Psalm 65

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OPENING HYMN NO. 312 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

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John 15:1-8

SERMON

Grandmother's Pear Tree

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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*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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Rogers

Joyful Sounds Handbell Ensemble; Christopher Nash, Director

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

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Order of Worship

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PRELUDE **In the Garden** *Miles*

PRAISE SONG **Jesus, Friend of Sinners** *Casting Crowns*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

PRAISE SONG **God is Awesome in This Place** *Hillsong*

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE READING **John 15:1-8**

SERMON **Grandmother's Pear Tree** **Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG **I Am the Vine** *Stephen/Angrisano*

BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS FOR END OF SERVICE

OFFERING & BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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Contemporary 11:00 AM

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