



May 22, 2022

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Wednesday Night Supper Update

In-person Wednesday Night Suppers will be ending for the summer on May 25. Following the last in-person meal, all meals will be to-go in June, July, & August until we resume in September. Please make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 for to-go meals. Ministry meals will be in recess until in-person suppers resume. Please contact Juli Davis at jdavis@stjohns-umc.org if you have any questions.

Day Trips for St. John's Primetime Travelers are Back!

SEPTEMBER 7 - Taste of Greenville - Cost \$175

Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville, South Carolina offers visitors a unique blend of traditional Southern charm and contemporary cool. The award-winning, walkable downtown is packed tight with culinary distractions and inventive restaurants. Finding something deliciously memorable to eat in Greenville is as easy as A, B, C, so come and join us for some very special food treats. We will also be touring some interesting neighborhoods dating back to the late 1800s and visiting a historic mill.

Contact Donna Walker (803-295-2904) to reserve your spot.

OCTOBER 18 – Mystery Tour – Cost \$170

You might ask, “What is a mystery tour?” Simply put, it’s a trip where the destination and itinerary are unknown until the day of travel. This might sound a little scary, but it’s exciting and FUN! You never know where you may end up. This mystery tour has been specially designed for St. John’s by our friend, Ingrid Long. Come join us. October is a great month to put a little mystery in your life.

Contact Mary Anne Clyburn (803-644-9752) to make reservations.

NOVEMBER 12 – The Real Christmas Story – Cost \$155

Presented by NarroWay Productions, the premier Christian Theater of the South is located in Rock Hill. This is a wonderful way to prepare your heart for Christmas. You will see your favorite Christmas scenes and hear your favorite Christmas songs, as you indulge in a traditional Christmas dinner. Then, you will watch in wonder as The Real Christmas Story is recreated on stage.

Contact Carol Godfrey (803-642-8491) to make reservations for this outing.

You may contact Donna Walker with any questions. It’s so exciting to think we are back in business and can once again join together for these great day-long excursions. The travel bus is being limited to 40 passengers to help protect each of the travelers.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Worship Services—Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Douglas Herlong; Music Director—Dr. Catherine Nance; Music Associate & Organist—Christopher Nash; Foundation Choir; 9:02 Band Leader—Jane Timmerman; 9:02 Band

Crucifer—Clare Carpenter **Acolytes**—Mary Davisson & Sophia Overstreet

May 11:00 Ushers: Paula Blackmore, Missy Poe, Donald Leader, John Schmidt, Kent & Maxine Falb, Newkirk Barnes, Pat Piekos, Larry Burdette, Bob Newburn, John Bradley, & Jeanette Isaacson

May Worship Support—Melinda Greene, Betty Holloway, & 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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This service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.

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Children's Ministries

Come bounce into summer with us tonight at the End of the School Year Party! 5-6:30pm on the lawn outside the gym (weather permitting). Bounce house, snow cones and snacks! Ages 4K-6th grades. Grove is planning for two special summertime meetings on June 26th and July 17th! So mark your calendars for some summertime fun! Email with details coming soon!

We are looking for children to usher for Father's Day, June 19th at both the 9:02 and 11:00 services. If your child would like to participate, please contact Kim Burke.

A huge THANK YOU to Carole Beckum and Mr. and Mrs. Sherald Rodgers for the amazing fishing trip Saturday, May 21st! This is such a special tradition for our 3rd-6th graders!

VBS Registration is OPEN!!! Volunteers and children may register online at stjaiken.org. Simply click the button "Register for VBS" located on the main page of the St. John's website.

Don't forget! Children's Church has been moved to rooms 145 and 146 on the preschool hallway. Please pick up your children in these rooms.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Join us tonight as we celebrate our graduating seniors! We will have a celebration in the Faith Center from 5:00-6:30 pm.

Youth Bible Studies:

CORE (7th-8th grade Girls) and Dwell (High School Girls) meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Faith Center upstairs.

Brotherhood (6th-12th grade Boys) meets on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm in the GYM. Come join us and bring a friend!

St. John's Missions News

Pray for the street boys of Kenya. May those boys in Kisumu find their way to the Nissi Street Boy Ministry and learn that Jesus loves them and find they have hope and a future.

*For the month of **MAY**, we are collecting canned meat— pop tops or pouches only. 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.***

Graduate Recognition

St. John's is proud of ALL of our 2022 graduates! If you or a loved one has graduated or will graduate in the spring/summer of 2022, we would love to share the joyous news with our church family. We would like to recognize graduates with degrees of any level. Please send the name of your graduate, the date they graduate, the degree they receive, and the school they attend to Becca Hartsell at becca.hartsell@stjohns-umc.org. Congratulations Class of 2022!

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Clay Jones by Donna Jones & Family.

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Cheesecake

Kids Menu: Pizza & Fruit

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, May 23, at 5:00 pm Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: jdavis@stjohns-umc.org. Cost is \$7.50 for 10 years old and older, and \$3.00 for children over the age of 3. 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. Please make checks out to St. John's.

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Brianna Lore Downs graduated from the University of Memphis with her Masters degree in Business Administration with a concentration of data analytics in management on May 7, 2022.

Carley Jacklyn Downs graduated from Clemson University with her Masters degree in Architecture on May 12, 2022.

Proud parents of Brianna and Carley are **Andrea & John Downs**. Proud grandmother is **Brenda Meeks**.

Madison & Blakely Williams on the birth of their daughter **Addison Blake Williams** who was born on May 13, 2022. Proud big brother is **Colton Jace** and grandparents are **Bill & Beverly Burch**.

Our Sympathies to:

Roscoe & Myra Hightower on the death of Roscoe's brother, **William Avery Hightower**, who passed away on May 15, 2022 in Saluda, SC.

Jeff, Margaret, Collin (Lauren), Abby, & David Ray and **Joel, Elaine, Jessica, & Michael Ray** on the death of Jeff & Joel's mother and the children's grandmother, **Mary Ann Ray**, who passed away on May 15, 2022 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary Ann Ray

May 15, 2022

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

May—Canned Beans

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—5/15/2022

8:30 | 95 9:02 | 191 11:00 | 270

Total in Person | 556

9:02 Online Live | 207 11:00 Online Live | 328

Operations Budget as of 05/18/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 913,298.21
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 780,566.02</u>
	\$ 132,732.19

Missions Budget: Year 2022/2023

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$117,444.37
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 67,600.00

The church offices will be closed on May 27 & 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Class of 2022 High School Graduates

CHLOE LYNN BIDDLE

MICHAEL WADE MAHONEY

BENJAMIN BROOKS BLACKBURN

RAE MCCALL MASSEY

BENJAMIN PRESTON BOWERS

JOHN HUNTER MOLE

EVA ROSE BUCHANAN

LILLIAN GRACE ORR

CAMERON JOSEPH BURDETTE

NANCY ELIZABETH ROSS

ANNA GRACE CHAFIN

ABIGAIL GRACE SMITH

KATIE CAMILLE DAY

JESSICA RUTH SMITH

ABIGAIL MARIE DAVIS

MADELYN ANNE SMITH

EMMA BROWNING FARMER

JANE REBECCA BOBBI TIMMERMAN

PAUL JACOB HYCHE

LUCAS REID YEH

Congratulations to all of our High School Graduates. St. John's is very proud of all you have accomplished.

GRACE KITCHEN

Donations

May Needs:

Canned Meat – Pop Tops or Pouches Only

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

SHEPHERD OF LOVE MEETING

June 1, 2022

Room 219

4:30–5:30 pm

All are welcome to join!

JOIN US FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AT ST. JOHN'S UMC!



A graphic for Coffee House Volunteers Needed. It features a close-up of a cup of coffee with a spoon, and a pile of coffee beans. The text "COFFEE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below the text, it says "PLEASE CONTACT JULI DAVIS AT JDAVIS@STJOHNS-UMC.ORG TO HELP OUT ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!" in smaller, black letters.

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	Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me	<i>K. Lee Scott</i>
	<i>Foundation Choir</i>	

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Butch Blackwell
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*OPENING HYMN NO. 89	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	<i>Hymn to Joy</i>
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SCRIPTURE READING	Revelation 21:10-22:5
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SERMON	Heaven Is For Real	Dr. Tim McClendon
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VIDEO PRESENTATION— OUR SENIORS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	Chloe Biddle
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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	<i>Meineke</i>
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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.*

OFFERTORY	Speak, O Lord
	<i>Dr. Catherine Stapleton Nance, Solo</i>

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, & CHORAL RESPONSE	Lucas Yeh
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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. 77	How Great Thou Art	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>
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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*



Order of Worship

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG

How He Loves

Crowder

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Douglas Herlong

PRAISE SONG

Survivor

Needtobreathe

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Eva Buchanan

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Anna Grace Chafin

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OFFERTORY

Graves Into Gardens

Elevation Worship

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:10-22:5

SERMON

Heaven Is For Real

Dr. Tim McClendon

VIDEO PRESENTATION— OUR SENIORS

PRAISE SONG

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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.

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR PROCESSIONAL

Pomp & Circumstance

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Hymn to Joy

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OFFERTORY

Children K3-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church in rooms 145 & 148.

*DOXOLOGY

ANTHEM Speak, O Lord (Scripture- 1 Samuel 3:9-10, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 5:7) *Getty*
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us shape and fashion us in Your likeness that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds-help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity and by grace we'll stand on Your promises and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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PJ Hyche

SENIOR REFLECTIONS

Eva Buchanan, Anna Grace Chafin, Lillian Orr, Bobbi Timmerman

SERMON

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