



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

August 1, 2021

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Thank You from Susan McDonald

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for the outpouring of love and sympathy my family and I received following Terry's death. The calls, cards, visits, food, and other gifts made our lives easier during this difficult time and we are so very thankful. The service was so beautiful, and I am grateful to all who had a part in that. But I am most grateful for all the prayers that I know were said. Those prayers and your love are what is keeping me going.

I am so thankful to call St. John's my church home and all of you, my family.

With love,

Susan McDonald

Shepherd of Love

The Shepherd of Love Visitation Ministry is calling **YOU!** The team will meet on Wednesday, August 4, at 4:30 p.m. in room 119. Please try to attend this important meeting. Men and women of all ages are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming a Shepherd, we welcome you to join us and learn more about this valuable ministry St. John's provides. For questions, call Jeanette Isaacson at 803-644-9168.

WE NEED YOU!

As St. John's comes back from our COVID shutdown, we really need volunteers! We need help with Coffee House, Grace Kitchen, and Wednesday Night Suppers. The only way we are able to provide these wonderful services is with the help of volunteers; without you, we won't be able to bring them back! Please contact Juli Davis at (803)648-6891 or jdavis@stjohns-umc.org.

Join the Choir!

Having you considered joining the choir? This upcoming season is a great way to get involved as we begin to meet together as an entire group again. Rehearsals are at 6:30 on Wednesday nights. The summer schedule is still in effect, which means we meet only occasionally on Wednesdays. After Labor Day, we will be meeting every Wednesday night. Please feel free to call Catherine Nance on her cell phone at 803-270-1313, or at the church, 803-648-6891, ext. 206 to discuss further details. We would love for you to be part of this wonderful group of people who serve so well in our worship leadership!

SERVING THIS WEEK

Worship Services—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— Ethan Parker **Acolytes**— Adelyn Parker & Grant Parker

August 11:00 Ushers: Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Jeff Wallace, Charles Taylor, Art Smith & Susie Graven-Smith, Sinclair Short, Paula Blackmore, and Roger & Alison Carpenter

August Worship Support—Gayle Couch, Mary Ann Findley, & Peg Robinson

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

We hope you're having a great summer! Mark your calendars for Backpack Sunday on August 15th. Get excited, too, for GROVE coming back on Sunday nights from 5:00 -6:30 starting September 12th. We can't wait to see you!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Our LAST summer day trip is **THIS WEDNESDAY**, August 4, to Carowinds. Register on Realm!

Join us tonight for putt putt at South on Whiskey (3197 Whiskey Road) from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. No need to bring anything but **YOUSELF** and a **FRIEND**!

Youth Bible Studies:

We had a great summer fellowship series with our Bible Studies! We will resume our middle and high school Bible Studies on September 15 at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy the end of your summer and the beginning of the school year! We will see you in September!

St. John's Missions News

From Peter Agwanda and family: We pass our warm greetings and gratitude to all the church family and also wish to update you on Juliet's treatment and management of lupus. She will soon receive the 4th rituximab infusion, then the doctors will review the disease activity. This rituximab has done wonders as the flare ups are controlled. We praise the Lord for everything. Thank you for all things you have done for us and for your continued prayers. May the hand of the Mighty One be upon you and your families.

*For the month of August, we are collecting **granola bars**. Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service.*

COVID-19 UPDATE 7/28/2021

As you are certainly aware, the surge of the Delta Variant of COVID is upon us. Presently, we do not have plans to revert to a more stringent shut-down or restrictions. This is partly because those who are vaccinated are not exhibiting life-threatening cases.

It appears that the best options for protection are three-fold: practice good hand washing, get vaccinated and wear a mask. Social distancing can also be helpful. We will continue to have in-person worship services, and we will remain "mask-optional." However, we encourage you to wear a mask for your sake and those around you. Please get vaccinated. As needs warrant, further determinations will be made to protect everyone. Please use your best judgment and stay safe.

Holy Communion Announcement

Many of you, like your clergy, have been desperately missing Holy Communion. We want to let you know that we anticipate a joyous celebration of the Lord's Supper on World Communion Sunday, October 3, at all four services. We will partake using individual communion elements. The service is contingent upon best health advisories and safe practices. Please mark your calendars for October 3rd.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Joan Craig by John Craig.

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Robert Kochli by Dorothy Kochli.

Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

Menu: Hot Ham and Cheese Sliders, Potato Salad, Pickles, & Mixed Fruit

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, August 2, at 5:00 p.m. 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, \$3.00 for children over the age of 3. Pick-up will be on Wednesday, August 4 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. Please make checks out to St. John’s.

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Bob & JoAnn Smith who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on August 5.

Del & Mary Vogel who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on August 5.

Barry & Michelle Pearson and **Jean Irwin** who welcomed Barry & Michelle’s grandchild and Jean’s great-grandchild, **Grady Aaron Pearson**, who was born on July 17, 2021 in Charleston, SC. Proud parents are **Rev. Travis & Becky Pearson** and older siblings are **Lorelei, Asher, & Warner**.

Virgile & John Miano who welcomed their 1st grandchild, **Ross Alexander Miano**, who was born on July 21, 2021 in Columbia, SC. Proud parents are **Brad & Grace Miano**.

Our Sympathies to:

Pat & Virgil Sauls on the death of Pat’s sister, **Doreen Walsnovich**, who passed away on July 24, 2021 in Pittsburgh, PA.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August— **Pasta Sauce**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—7/25/2021

8:30 | 89 9:02 | 148 11:00 | 263 6:00 | 10
Total in Person | 510
9:02 Online Live | 331 11:00 Online Live | 272

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 07/28/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,245,066.00
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,110,077.94</u>
	\$ 134,988.06

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$110,504.01
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$101,500.00

We thank you for your generous support of St. John’s ministries & missions!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AUGUST 15

9:02 AND 11:00 SERVICES

SUNDAY
AUGUST 1ST
5:00-6:00

PUTT PUTT

south on whiskey. 3197 whiskey road



CAROWINDS AUG 4

SUMMER DAY
TRIPS
FOUNDATION
Student Ministries
REGISTER ON
REALM

Contact Bekah Muir or Amy Jernigan in the church office for more info!

GRACE KITCHEN

Donations

August Needs: Granola Bars

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



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1st Putt-Putt (meet there)

8th Nerf Wars

15th Odell Weeks Picnic

22nd OLYMPIC GAMES

29th FAMILY NIGHT

Don't forget day trips and bible studies! Check in with us on
instagram and facebook @foundationstj



Living My
Best Life

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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 Surely the Presence

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Butch Blackwell

*OPENING HYMN NO. 731 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken *Austria*

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:1-16

SERMON Aww, Grow Up! Dr. Tim McClendon

*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.*

OFFERTORY His Eye is on the Sparrow *Martin/Gabriel*
Kathy Fish, Solo

*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. 620 One Bread, One Body *One Bread, One Body*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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Order of Worship

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG

Only Grace

West

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Douglas Herlong

PRAISE SONG

If We Are the Body

Hall

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OFFERING

Above All

LeBlanc/Baloche

SCRIPTURE READING

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SERMON

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PRAISE SONG

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Scholtes/Shane

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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ANTHEM

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Wood

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