



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

*August 8, 2021*

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## Lay Servant Ministry Training Registration

Do you want to grow in your faith? Are you interested in becoming more active in the church? Is it time to take another class before your certification expires? (Remember that you must take a class every three years to stay current.) We have just what you are looking for! Classes offered this session include Basic (required first class), Heritage, Evangelism, Afire with God, Aging in the 21st Century, and Grief Rite.

Training dates are October 9 from 8:30-5:00 p.m. and October 10 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Bethel Park UMC in Denmark, SC. Registration fee is \$35 and must be sent with your registration form before August 16. If you would like to register, please contact Becca Hartsell in the church office to receive the paperwork and more information. We hope you will consider becoming a Lay Servant!

### New GriefShare Session

Rev. Butch Blackwell will be starting a new session of GriefShare beginning Wednesday, September 8 at 3:45 in the conference room across from the Columbarium. All who are experiencing grief over the loss of a loved one are invited to attend. If you would like more information on our program, please contact Rev. Butch at (803)648-6891 ext. 214 or [gblackwell@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:gblackwell@stjohns-umc.org).

### 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](mailto: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!

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### 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**— Jessica Smith **Acolytes**— Xander Leigh & Zane Leigh

**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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# August 8, 2021

## Children's Ministries

We hope you're having a great summer! Mark your calendars for Backpack Sunday on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Students, teachers, and staff should bring their backpacks to receive a blessing and a backpack tag as they leave church! Join us at 9:02 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Get excited, too, for GROVE coming back on Sunday nights from 5:00-6:30 p.m. starting September 12<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to see you!

## Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Join us tonight for Nerf Wars from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Ward Hall! Make sure to mark your calendars for our Back to School Dinner and Celebration on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

### 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

Grace Kitchen will begin serving a full breakfast in the gym on September 11. We thank God for providing 7 teams! However, we need 15 more team members and 2 team leaders. To volunteer or ask questions contact Renee Reid at 803-215-8940 or [rreidcpa@bellsouth.net](mailto:rreidcpa@bellsouth.net).

*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 POLICY UPDATE 8/2/2021

Worship, Sunday School, and other activities held in our facilities are on a voluntary basis, and everyone is welcome. However, we expect each person and those responsible for others to exercise discretion and an adherence to best practices. We encourage everyone to be vaccinated, wear masks and remain a minimum of three feet or one arm's length from those not living under the same roof. Let us use every precaution to protect others and ourselves against COVID.

## Our Vases Runneth Over

Thanks to so many for their generous donations of flower vases for the Worship Support Team. At this time, we have more vases than room to store them. Again, many thanks to all who donated, as we should now be in good shape for months. God bless you and all those who help with this much appreciated ministry.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of  
**Davie Surrett by her family for her birthday.**

### Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

**Menu: Chicken Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Pinto Beans, & Cupcakes**

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, August 9, 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](mailto: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 11 from 5:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. under the Faith Center portico. You can pay online at [stjaiken.org](http://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

**Welcome to our Newest Members**

**Susie Kinkead**

**Jill & Jerry Darnell**

**Congratulations to:**

**Lydia E. Surrett & Aaron Bauer** who were married in October of 2020 in Waynesville, NC. Lydia is the granddaughter of **Davie Rose K. Surrett**.

**Jerry & Pat Dickey** who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 4.

**Our Sympathies to:**

**Sharon & Jim Stewart**, their children, **Josh & Erin Stewart**, **Whitten & Chris Gatheral**, and **Nathan & Sabrina Stewart**, and their grandchildren, **Parks, Ansley, Connor, Olivia, Grace, Charleigh, & Ava**, on the death of **Jackie Dunn Harlan**, who was Sharon’s mother, the children’s grandmother, and the grandchildren’s great-grandmother. She passed away on July 23, 2021 in Clinton, SC.

**Bob Meadows** on the death of his wife, **Dr. Betty Meadows**, who passed away on July 28, 2021 in Aiken, SC.

### *In Memoriam*

Dr. Betty French Meadows

July 28, 2021

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August— **Pasta Sauce**

*Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center*

**Attendance—8/01/2021**

8:30 | 68      9:02 | 148      11:00 | 231      6:00 | 15

Total in Person | 462

9:02 Online Live | 314      11:00 Online Live | 345

### Our Giving Growth

**Operations Budget as of 08/02/2021**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,302,652.95
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,141,231.35</u>
	\$ 161,421.60

**Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$114,341.08
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$102,700.00



# BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AUGUST 15

9:02 AND 11:00 SERVICES

## NERF WARS

Go, Team!  
**8.8.21**



5:00-6:00PM WARD HALL

## REV. DOUGLAS WILL TEACH A BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JOHN

This 4 week study will be held on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary beginning on August 18.

It will also be livestreamed to Facebook, [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org), & the St. John's App.

# August

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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



## GRACE KITCHEN

*Donations*

## August Needs: Granola Bars

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



## 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. 430 O Master Let Me Walk with Thee                      Maryton

SCRIPTURE READING                      Ephesians 4:25-5:10

SERMON                      Imitators, Not Imitations                      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

### \*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. 560 Help Us Accept Each Other                      Acceptance

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

\*Please stand, as able.

*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](http://stjaiken.org).*



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<b>PRAISE SONG</b>	<b>Empty Me</b>	<i>Camp</i>
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<b>WELCOME &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<b>Rev. Douglas Herlong</b>
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<b>PRAISE SONG</b>	<b>Rock of Ages</b>	<i>Baloche</i>
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<b>AFFIRMATION OF FAITH</b>	<b>We Believe</b>
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*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.*

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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<b>OFFERING</b>	<b>Mighty to Save</b>	<i>Morgan/Fielding</i>
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<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>Ephesians 4:25-5:10</b>
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<b>SERMON</b>	<b>Imitators, Not Imitations</b>	<b>Dr. Tim McClendon</b>
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<b>PRAISE SONG</b>	<b>I Am Redeemed</b>	<i>Big Daddy Weave</i>
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### SENDING FORTH SONG

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### OFFERTORY

*Children K3-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church in the Chapel.*

#### \*DOXOLOGY

### ANTHEM

#### Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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