



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

August 22, 2021

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September 11 Commemoration Concert: Canceled

This past Sunday, the Aiken Standard ran an article announcing the fall season for the Aiken Civic Orchestra. They listed a special September 11 Commemoration Concert to be held at St. John's. **We are not holding this concert due to current health concerns.** Please make note and let your friends and family who may have been planning to attend know that this concert is canceled. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

SEED Preschool

Our SEED Preschool program is getting ready to kick back into gear for the 2021-2022 school year! Classes begin on August 24th, and there are still spaces open for more students. If you have been considering enrolling your child in our program, or if you know someone who has, now is the time to do it! Contact Michelle Pearson at mpearson@stjohns-umc.org or call (803)648-4745 if you have questions or if you would like more information.

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 Prayer Garden. 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. If you plan to participate, please contact the church office. We would like to ensure we have enough books ordered for all interested.

Bible Study on the Gospel of John

Reverend Douglas and Reverend Butch will be teaming up to offer an 8-week study of the Gospel of John. Beginning August 18th, Reverend Douglas will be leading a 4-week study of the 7 "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John and beginning September 15th, Reverend Butch will begin a four-week study that will focus on the Seven Signs (Miracles) of Christ in the Gospel of John. Each session will be on Wednesday in the Sanctuary from 9:30-11:00. We invite everyone to this special time of study. This study will also be livestreamed via stjaiken.org, Facebook, and the St. John's app.

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— Mary Caroline Dean **Acolytes**— Mary Davisson & Ella Jernigan

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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[This service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.](#)

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Children's Ministries

See you at Sunday School! Two more Sundays and you get to go to the treasure box!!!

Don't forget to register for Family Bingo Night on Sunday, August 29th! Contact Bekah or Amy with any questions!

Mark your calendars for the GROVE starting back on September 12th with an Ice Cream Social and a Bounce House from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

See you tonight in the Faith Center for Foundation Olympics from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.! BRING A FRIEND!

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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

Pray for the people of Honduras, Thailand, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Colombia to receive the COVID vaccine, and praise God for the vaccines given last weekend in the community of Limon through Carolina Honduras Health Foundation. ***"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."***

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.

AppleFest Book Collection

The Red Book Bin is out and waiting for your donations. The Bookworm Corner is a favorite every year, and it's all due to your willingness to donate books (hardback, paperback, & audio)! Children's books are always very popular as are best selling novels and travel books. So bring them in, and put them in the collection bin located outside of Ward Hall 3. **We are only accepting books this year.** Please do not bring movies, cd's, or magazines. Contact Mary Ward (803)439-1245 or upsmmary7@yahoo.com.

Sisters Bible Study

Sisters Bible Study will be starting up on Thursday morning, September 16, from 9:30 – 11 a.m. We will meet in Room 121 (next to the library) at St. John's. Our study is titled "Spiritual Living in a Secular World," Guidance from the Life of Daniel. It is a six week study. Books are available. All ladies are invited to attend. Please contact Millie Winston via email mildew8@tds.net or by phone at 770-815-7223 to sign up for the study or if you have any questions/want more information.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 15, were given by *Mark & Monnie Pitts* to the glory of God and in honor of their 67th wedding anniversary on August 27.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by *Jim & MaeBeth Thompson* to the glory of God and in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on August 21.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by *Peggy Patrick* to the glory of God and in honor of Dale & Peggy’s 55th wedding anniversary.

Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

Menu: Aloha Chicken and Rice, Green Beans, Roll, & Éclair Cake.

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, August 23, 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 25 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:

Kevin Kisner on winning the Wyndham Championship on August 15, 2021.

Karon & Sinclair Short who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 24.

Our Sympathies to:

Tish & Bob Haythorn on the death of Tish’s sister, *Carol Walter*, who passed away on August 6, 2021 in Greenwich, CT.

Sandy Gerland & Judy Russell on the death of her mother, *Eleanor Rorex*, who passed away on August 11, 2021 in Aiken, SC.

Wendy, John, Ella, & Audrey Dietzel on the death of Wendy’s mother and the girls’ grandmother, *Patricia Roberts*, who passed away on August 13, 2021 in Aiken, SC.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Eleanor H. Rorex

August 11, 2021

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August— Pasta Sauce

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—8/15/2021

8:30 76	9:02 203	11:00 281	6:00 10
Total in Person 570			
9:02 Online Live 358		11:00 Online Live 425	

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 08/18/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,375,555.71
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,207,525.50</u>
	\$ 168,030.21

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$119,375.63
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$114,500.00

Class of '55 Reunion

Anywhere, USA

Join your classmates for a celebration
on October 10 at 4:00 pm.

Contact Donna Walker at
(803) 295-2904 for more info!



TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

CHAPEL

EVERY TUESDAY
11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
CALL (803) 206-9529
TO BE LET IN
THE BUILDING



FAMILY

BINGO

night

Sunday, August 29

5:00-6:00pm Faith Center

Register on Realm



DON'T FORGET:

**FOLLOW
US ON
INSTAGRAM!**

@stjohnsumc_aiken

GROVE IS BACK - SEPT 12

Fall semester schedule

SEPTEMBER 12
SEPTEMBER 19
SEPTEMBER 26
OCTOBER 3
OCTOBER 10
OCTOBER 17
OCTOBER 24 NO GROVE
NOVEMBER 7
NOVEMBER 14
NOVEMBER 21
NOVEMBER 28 NO GROVE
DECEMBER 5 FAMILY NIGHT
DECEMBER 12

**Contact us to get on the
schedule for your night to
volunteer with Grove!**

email GROVE@stjaiken.org for more info!



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 **Break Thou the Bread of Life**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

***OPENING HYMN NO. 88** **Maker in Whom We Live** *Diademata*

***SCRIPTURE READING** **John 6:56-69**

SERMON **The Skunk in the Ductwork** **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 **Fires** *Jordan*
Tim Bennett, Soloist

***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. 600** **Wonderful Words of Life** *Wonderful Words*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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PRAISE SONG **Your Great Name** *Nordoff*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

PRAISE SONG **Where the Spirit Of the Lord Is** *Hillsong*

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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OFFERTORY **He Knows My Name** *Story*

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PRAISE SONG **Hello, My Name Is Child Of the One True King** *West*

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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.

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ANTHEM

In Christ Alone

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