



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

August 29, 2021

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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.

Wednesday Night Supper Volunteers

We have plenty of volunteer opportunities for Wednesday Night Suppers available. If you are looking for a way to be involved and serve St. John's, this is a wonderful opportunity. When we begin serving supper in the church again, we will need volunteers for jobs including serving food, running food from the kitchen, setting up, cleaning up, and cooking (just to name a few!). Volunteers can work anytime from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; there are jobs for all! If you are interested in volunteering or if you would like more information, please contact Juli Davis at jdavis@stjohns-umc.org or (803)648-6891. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

8:30 & Vespers Service Worship Opportunities

As we are all aware, there has been a large increase in COVID-19 spread in our community and our country. If you are interested in attending an in-person worship service but would like the option to spread out and be more socially distant, we invite you to attend either our 8:30 traditional service in the Sanctuary or our 6:00 p.m. Evening Vespers service that meets outside around the fountain. If you would like to check out our Vespers service, please bring a lawn chair! As always, we strongly encourage all who attend any of our services or events to wear a mask, socially distance, and get vaccinated. We hope to see you worshipping with us at either of these wonderful services!

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— Abigail Smith **Acolytes**— Benton Orr & Henry Vaughters

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

See you at Sunday School! Only one more Sunday and you get to go to the treasure box!!!

We hope to see you tonight for FAMILY BINGO NIGHT! Join us in the Faith Center from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

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)

We hope to see you tonight for FAMILY BINGO NIGHT! Join us in the Faith Center from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. If your family can't come, that's okay! We'll have a table for you youths! Register on Realm.

Our last Confirmation Cottage meeting for 6th grade is TODAY at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel! Confirmands, please attend and bring at least one parent!

Be looking ahead for our Back to School Celebration on September 12th from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Faith Center! Contact Bekah or Amy for more details.

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

There are still so many opportunities to volunteer at St. John's! If you would like to volunteer to serve during Grace Kitchen on Saturday mornings, please contact Juli Davis at jdavis@stjohns-umc.org. Any and all help is welcomed!

*For the month of September, we are collecting **tuna or salmon (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 in need.***

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.

Sunny Monday

SUNNY MONDAY will meet Monday, September 13th, at 10:30 a.m. The program will be "Navigating Senior Healthcare," with Jan Quail from Right-at-Home. The meal will be baked ziti, salad, garlic bread, and peach cobbler with ice cream. Please make your reservations for the meal by noon on September 10th. Meals are \$4.00. We are practicing social distancing and encourage you to wear a mask during the program.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by **Gail Reyes** to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, **Margaret & Keith Cartin**, and her sister, **Linda C. Holmgren**.

Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

Menu: Meatloaf, Potato Casserole, Glazed Carrots, & Apple Pie

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, August 30, 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, September 1 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

Our Sympathies to:

George Halfmann & family on the death of his wife, **Mary Halfmann**, who passed away on August 22, 2021 in Aiken, SC.

Carol & Paul Scott and **Erin, T.J., Ben, & Wes Herron** on the death of Carol and Paul’s son, Erin’s brother, and the boys’ uncle, **David Scott**, who passed away on August 22, 2021 in Aiken, SC.

Gwen & Art Graves on the death of Gwen’s sister, **Barbara Grant Shockley**, who passed away on August 23, 2021 in Stockbridge, GA.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary M. Halfmann

August 22, 2021

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

September— Rice

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—8/22/2021

8:30 | 74 9:02 | 147 11:00 | 213 6:00 | 11

Total in Person | 445

9:02 Online Live | 337 11:00 Online Live | 419

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 08/25/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,401,175.93

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,278,169.02

\$ 123,006.91

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions: \$121,406.93

Year to date Missions Disbursements: \$114,500.00

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



DON'T FORGET:
**FOLLOW
US ON
INSTAGRAM!**

@stjohnsumc_aiken



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

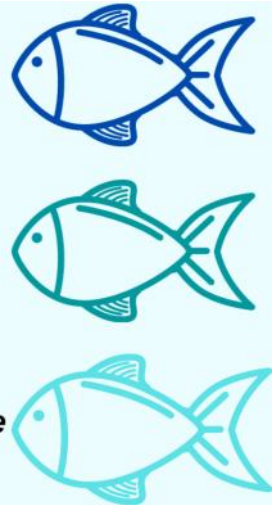


GRACE KITCHEN

Donations

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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

Surely the Lord is In This Place

Colvin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Butch Blackwell

*OPENING HYMN NO. 152 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Forest Green

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

SERMON

Can God Show Up?

Rev. Douglas Herlong

*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

The Lord is In His Holy Temple

Getty

Dr. Catherine Stapleton Nance, 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. 465 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Canterbury

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG

Come As You Are

Crowder

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Tim McClendon

PRAISE SONG

Days of Elijah

Mark

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Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here

Smith

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PRAISE SONG

Your Great Name

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BENEDICTION

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

Laudate Dominum

Mozart

Chancel Choir feat. Alys Smith, Soprano

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