



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

*September 5, 2021*

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## Church Leadership Nominations

All current chairpersons of ministry groups, committees, boards, and councils are asked to guide their group in self-selecting either replacements or re-enlisting current persons to serve in their ministry areas. Staff-Parish and Nominations are limited in their years of service. Other groups may re-up their personnel. Please inform the church office and Jennifer Windham no later than October 11. Any persons who wish to volunteer for a leadership position for one of our groups, please contact the church office at (803)648-6891 to let us know between now and September 30, so we can forward your names to respective committees, etc.

## 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 chance. 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](mailto: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!

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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**—Bobbie Timmerman **Acolytes**—Amy Draeger & Luke Jones

**September 11:00 Ushers:** Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Paula Blackmore, Larry & Karen Travis, John Bradley, Joe & Leah Lewis, John Schmidt, Deb Persons, Missy Poe, Allen & Nola Radcliffe

**September Worship Support**—Anita Allen, Camille Bailey, Pam Beckum, Kay Shirley, & Judy Turner

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

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

If you are in third grade and would like to participate in the Third Grade Bible presentation service on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and Third Grade Bible Basics, please contact Bekah or Amy at [GROVE@stjaiken.org](mailto:GROVE@stjaiken.org).

## Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

No SNY tonight! Have a great Labor Day weekend! Don't forget to REGISTER ON REALM for the Foundation Fall Kick-off from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Sept. 12!

Looking ahead: MESSY NIGHT is Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.! We can't wait!

## 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 soon!

## St. John's Missions News

Take time to read Christ Central Aiken's August newsletter by going to their website. You will see our own Diane James, Marsha Mikes, Elaine Bennett and Denise Hayes volunteering at the monthly eye clinic. Be sure to read the whole newsletter including the prayer needs.

*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 needed.***

## Sunny Monday: POSTPONED

The Senior Adult Council has made the decision to postpone Sunny Monday this month. At this time, the plan is to meet again in October. Please stay tuned for more information. We look forward to meeting again soon!

## Frozen Features for AppleFest

Applefest is known for its excellent casseroles, soups, and other frozen delights. It is not too early to start thinking about what you could prepare for the **Frozen Features booth**. All that is required is a list of ingredients for the benefit of those with allergies. More details regarding drop-off will be released soon. If you are interested in preparing an item or items for donation, please contact Camille Bailey, 803-295-2057 or [cbbailey@atlanticbb.net](mailto:cbbailey@atlanticbb.net).

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by *MaryAnn Findley & Susan Phillips* to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, *Mary & Bill Stallworth*, and their brother, *Billy Stallworth*.

The center flower arrangement in the Sanctuary is donated in loving memory of *Mary Halfmann*, from her family. Her service was held yesterday on what would have been her 84th birthday.

Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

Menu: Fried Chicken, Mac n Cheese, Green Beans, & Banana Pudding

Reservations are required and should be made by Tuesday, September 7, 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, September 8 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

Congratulations to:

*Mary Gail & Bryan Staubs* on the birth of their granddaughter, *Lillian Parker Hennings*, born to *Amanda & Ross Hennings* on August 28, 2021 in Columbia, SC. Proud uncle is *Benjamin Staubs*.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

September— Rice

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—8/29/2021

8:30 | 86      9:02 | 139      11:00 | 261      6:00 | 15  
Total in Person | 501  
9:02 Online Live | 269    11:00 Online Live | 429

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 09/01/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,427,135.27
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,297,006.70</u>
	\$ 130,128.57

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$122,660.60
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$114,500.00

*The St. John’s Church Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen for our regular business hours on Tuesday, September 7.*



# welcome back GROVE!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12  
5:00-7:00PM GYM



## NEW GRIEF SHARE SESSION

Wednesday, September 8  
3:45 p.m.  
Ward Hall  
All are invited  
to join.

Please contact Rev. Butch  
if you plan to attend:  
(803)648-6891 ext. 214  
gblackwell@stjohns-umc.org



RALEIGH RINGERS  
ARE PERFORMING

## Sept. 25

at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.  
Admission is free & a love offering will  
be received.  
Masks are required for attendance.

## FALL KICKOFF

DINNER & PARENT MEETING

Sunday, September 12

5:00-7:00pm

Faith Center



2021



## GRACE KITCHEN *Donations*

### September Needs: Tuna or Salmon (Pop-tops or pouches only)

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

## Sisters Bible Study

NEW STUDY WILL BEGIN  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 16 FROM  
9:30-11:00 AM IN ROOM 121.

Contact Millie  
Winston for  
more info.  
(770)815-7223 or  
mildew8@tds.net

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5th NO SNY LABOR DAY  
12th Foundation Fall Kick-Off  
19th MESSY NIGHT  
26th Who Am I?

Bible Studies start back Sept. 15th! Check in with us on  
instagram and facebook @foundationstj



## 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. 548 In Christ There is No East or West

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### SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:1-17

### SERMON

The Proof's in the Pudding

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

Lord, Here Am I

*Beck*

*John Poe, 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. 581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

### \*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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**PRAISE SONG**                      **Let Them See You, In Me**                      *Weeks*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Your Grace is Enough**                      *Tomlin*

**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.*

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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**OFFERTORY**                      **Jesus, Friend of Sinners**                      *Casting Crowns*

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **James 2:1-17**

**SERMON**                      **The Proof's in the Pudding**      **Dr. Tim McClendon**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Take My Life**                      *Tomlin*

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### ANTHEM

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Beck

Chancel Choir

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