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## ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

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June 11, 2017

### "I am the Lord of the Dance," said He!

This Sunday (June 11) we celebrate Trinity Sunday. The celebration is unlike many of the other celebrations of *specific events* in the Christian Year, such as the birth of Christ, the death and resurrection of Christ, the Baptism of Christ. In some traditions these celebrations are called "feasts." Trinity Sunday has a different focus and may be called an "Idea Feast" wherein we celebrate an essential doctrine of our faith. Celebrating this doctrine provides a way to ensure that we do not take it for granted. Our early church fathers struggled to reach the statements expressed through our Apostles' Creed as it references God the Father, Jesus, His Son, and the Holy Spirit. How do you **explain** the Trinity? You don't. As Mother Superior asks in *The Sound of Music*, "How do you hold a moonbeam in your hand?" John Stapleton declares, "We do not seek to *explain* the Trinity, but rather to **describe** it." One of its greatest descriptions is in the Greek word: *perichoresis*. "Peri" meaning "around" and "chorein" meaning "go forward". The second half of the word forms the basis of the dance term "choreography," meaning the movements that comprise a dance. This beautiful image of *perichoresis* expresses a relationship of the Three Persons of the Trinity as they dance together in community, each one separate, yet at the same time, One. For those of you who saw the movie *The Shack*, you may recall one scene in the movie where the Persons of the Trinity are playing out this image as they dance together in the living room.

Robert Webber proclaims our *Trinitarian spirituality* as we are called to embody God's reality of being in community with others in personal, family, work, neighborhood and church relations. Let us consider how the image of "dance" provides an example of Christians in *community*.

Those of you who like to dance or watch dancing would agree that there exists tension found in dance – if a partner lets go without holding on to the other with a certain tension, the other would fall. This image of tension does not represent the Trinity which dances in perfect unity; rather the image of tension reminds us of an essential regarding **our image** of the Trinity. We tend to forget the importance of *all* the Persons the Trinity represents: Transcendent God, Jesus, fully human and fully divine, and the Spirit, alive and moving in our lives. God in Three Persons, acting on our behalf, invites us to be a dancing community, representing the community of the Trinity. This is our "Idea Feast" today as we celebrate and join Jesus as he invites us to "dance then, wherever you may be" and promises to "lead us all in the dance!"

Catherine Stapleton Nance



June 11 2017

Jonah Learns a Lesson

Jonah 1-3

Following God is always the right choice.

The Grove and Children's Choirs are in recess for the summer.



June 11, 2017

4:30 VBS Volunteer Meeting  
 SNY: Kickball at 6:00 pm  
 June 12 -12:30 Lunch at  
 Pizza Joint

### St. John's Missions News



#### Salkehatchie

Sand River, June 17-24 hosted by St. John's, is a servant ministry in which youth & adult leaders improve homes of needy families and reach out to them and one another in friendship & grace. **Volunteers serving Christ to help others. Please pray for this ministry.**

#### LOOKING AHEAD

- Jun. 12-16 - Vacation Bible School
- Jun. 14 - Bereavement Support Group dinner
- Jun. 17-24 - Sand River Salkehatchie
- Jun. 25 - New Member Sunday
- Jun. 24-Jul. 2 - Lake Junaluska Music Week
- Jul. 1-8 - Pee Dee Salkehatchie
- Jul. 2 - Healing Service - 9 am
- Jul. 2 - Patriotic Service - 10 am
- Jul. 4 - Offices Closed
- Jul. 8-15 - Santee Salkehatchie
- Aug. 20 - Backpack Sunday and Promotion Sunday

## WELCOME VISITORS!

The members of St. John's 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. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to return often.

### Announcements

The flowers within the chancel are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Tom & Diane Miniard** celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

**JOY** is in recess for the summer. Next meeting will be October 2.

**St. John's Bereavement Support Group will meet for a Dutch Treat dinner on Wednesday, June 14 - 6 pm at Atlanta Bread. Invite a friend or family member who may be alone.**

**Call Rev. Nancy in the church office (648-6891) to reserve your place.**

The United Methodist Men will not meet during the month of June. Our meeting date conflicts with Salkahatchie.

**CORRECTION: The program for July 10 SUNNY MONDAY will be Significant Jewish Holy Days**

### News of the Family

**Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today in the 8:30 service:**

**Audrey Paige Cox**, daughter of **Andrew and Emily Cox**.

**Our sincere sympathy to:**

**Alice Burdette** whose sister **Mary Ann Tippenhauser** died May 28 in Harrison, Ohio. She was the aunt of **Larry Burdette** and great aunt to **Amy Wood** and **Cameron Burdette**.

**Our congratulations to:**

**Jack and Phyllis Campbell** who will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary on June 12.



Plans are already underway for another fantastic Apple Fest. In fact, it's time for all of us to start cleaning out our jewelry boxes! There is a basket on the receptionist's desk for you to put any of that jewelry that just doesn't suit you anymore.

Remember, if you **donate a lot**, then you can **buy a lot of different stuff** at the Jewelry Booth!



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Starts tomorrow

June 12

9 am-noon

It's going to be FUN!

### CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of June 11, 2017

Sunday AM	Luke Mabry
EVENING	
Sunday	Keith Polk
Monday	Brian Eberhard
Tuesday	Harry Shade
Wednesday	Gene Usher
Thursday	Earl Melton
Friday	
Saturday	Eric Randall

The June book for the MY BOOKSHELF book club is **The Time Between** by Karen White.

They will meet at 7 pm in room 204 on June 12 to discuss.

Contact Sharon West for more information at (803-270-1330) or [bishwest@bellsouth.net](mailto:bishwest@bellsouth.net).

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 952,485.08
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ 766,009.75
Year to date variance:	\$ 186,475.33

*We thank you for your generous support of the ministries of St. John's!*

2016/17 Faith Promise Carryover	\$ 10,357.64
Year to date offerings for what God is asking us to do in missions:	\$ 88,335.57
Year to date mission disbursements:	\$ 72,760.00

*We thank you for your generous support to the missions of St. John's!*

Loan Balance	\$ 637,800.00
06/07/17 Payment to Principal	\$ 2,600.00
Current Loan Balance	\$ 635,200.00

### Attendance

6/4/17

8:30 119

9:02 198

11:00 422

Total 739



June Jelly

Collection bins located in the narthex and The Faith Center.

# Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

## GREETING AND WELCOME

### PRELUDE

**Fugue in G Major**

*Bach*

*Please silence all cell phones and quiet your voices, giving our attention to the presence of God in our midst.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 64

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

*Nicaea*

### THE OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Holy God, you have given us grace, by the confession of your holy church, to acknowledge the mystery of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the Unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see in your eternal glory One God, now and forever. Amen.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM p. 39

*The congregation will be led in the singing of **God Claims You** #2249 (Faith We Sing) using the name Audrey*

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

**Matthew 28:16-20**

### SERMON

**Dancing with God**

**Dr. Tim McClendon**

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (p. 881)

**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

*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.*

## CONGREGATIONAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS

### OFFERTORY\*

**Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

*Wood*

*Please enter your name in the Friendship Pad, located near the center aisle.*

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*When the pad reaches the end of the row, please pass it back so we may learn each other's names.*

### \*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Old Hundredth*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER and 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.*

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION...p. 12

*For the Great Thanksgiving we will use musical setting C (p. 20) for our responses*

#### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 261

**Lord of the Dance**

*Lord of the Dance*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 73256 and following the instructions.

**\*Please stand, as able.**

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# Order of Worship – 11:00 AM

## GREETING

## PRELUDE

**Fugue in G Major**

*Bach*

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Holy God , We Praise Thy Name**

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## PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE

## OFFERTORY

**And the Father Will Dance**

*Hayes*

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*Old Hundredth*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## \*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 85

**We Believe in One True God**

*Ratisbon*

*Children K3-2nd grade will depart for Children's Church in the chapel.  
Thank you to the choir members who also participate in the 8:30 Sunrise Choir and are now departing.*

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**11:00 service anthem text:** And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom he loves. Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God himself is exulting o'er you in song! And he will joy over your song! My soul will make its boast in God, for he has answered all my cries, his faithfulness to me is like the dawn of a new day. Awake my soul and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God! Sing, o daughter of Zion, with all your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored! Put on the garment of praise as on the festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song!



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**The work in Ward Hall has been completed!!!**

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

**8:30** – Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Nancy Reed; Music-Sonrise Choir; Director/Organist-Christopher Nash

**9:02** – Dr. Tim McClendon; Worship Leader–Harry Sampson; Music-Jane Timmerman & The 9:02 Band

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**Psalm 9:02**

**I will be glad and rejoice in You;  
I will sing praises to Your name,  
O Most High.**

**June 11, 2017**

**Gathering**

**I Need A Saviour**

*Among the Thirsty*

**Greeting and Announcements**

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**Song of Praise**

**So Good To Me**

*D. Evans*

**Affirmation of Faith**

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**Children's Sermon**

**Harry Sampson**

**Pastoral and Lord's Prayer**

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*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.*

**Offering\***

**Show Me Your Glory**

*Third Day*

**\*Scripture**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

**Sermon**

**Dancing with God**

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**Communion**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

*R. Heber*

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Benediction**

**Sending Forth**

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