



ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

104 Newberry Street, NW

Aiken, SC 29801

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September 3, 2017

Loves, serves and worships with **PASSION**

BIBLE STUDY REMINDERS

Special Studies

Living in Our Baptism - Session 2: September 6 or 10; Session 3: September 13 or 17 at 6 pm in the Chapel, led by Catherine Stapleton Nance.

Into the Word – Into the World: Disciple II Bible Study - study of Genesis and Exodus, Luke and Acts will begin on September 6, 7 pm in room 119, led by Rob Braithwaite and Cliff Binion. The Disciple I Study is NOT a prerequisite.

Church-wide Bible Study on 1st and 2nd Corinthians will be held on Wednesday mornings, 10-11:30 am or Thursday nights, 6-7:30 pm beginning September 6 or 7, led by Dr. Tim.

The **Fall Bible Study for Men** on the Korean War will be held Tuesday nights beginning September 12, 6:30-8 pm in The Faith Center, led by Dr. Tim.

Regularly Scheduled Studies

Monday - First Place 4 Health, led by Mary Jo Wilson-Spencer, begins September 11

Wednesday - Iron Men of Christ led by Steve Lathrop meets at noon in Room 119. The current study is the book of Psalms.

Wednesday - Friends in Faith, coordinated by Carolyn Roberts, meets at 6 pm in Room 221. They will begin on September 20 with a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

Thursday - Sisters Bible Study, led by Carole Parsons, will start a new study on Sep. 7, entitled *Unanswered* by Jeremiah Johnson. They meet at 9:30 am in Room 237.

DON'T FORGET EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME WORK DAY OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY (September 10)!

Next week is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. It is so important that we, as United Methodists, come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments).

Please come prepared to give generously.

UMCOR RELIEF FOR HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

The people of Texas and surrounding areas need our help! We can pray, but we need to put legs to our prayers and do something! **UMCOR** is the best way. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) sends funds and supplies directly to the needs without any costs for overhead. 100% of your donations go straight to the particular cause, so please give generously and tell your friends. Make checks out to St. John's and put "UMCOR-Harvey" in the memo line. We will also collect items to fill flood buckets and first aid kits to be sent by our annual conference. Stay tuned for more details, but give today!




September 3, 2017
God Creates Adam and Eve
Genesis 2:4-22
God made us.
The Grove will NOT meet.
Wednesday - Alleluia Choir - 4 pm
Joy Choir - 4:15
Potluck Supper & Parents' Meeting
September 10



Sept. 3, 2017
NO SNY or Youth Choir
HS Girls Bible Study resumes Sept. 19 - 4 pm
Brotherhood resumes Sept. 20 - 7 pm

St. John's Missions News

The **STAND AT THE CROSSROADS** Ministry requests prayers that the women they serve will accomplish the goals they have set for themselves, will move on to healthy relationships, and will be a blessing to those around them.



808 York St., NE
Aiken, SC

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8 am
Sep. 3 - Healing Service - 10 am in the Chapel
Sep. 4 - Church offices closed
Sep. 6 or 10 - Living Our Baptism Study #2
Sep. 6 & 7 - Church-wide Bible Study begins
Sep. 10 - Presentation of 3rd grade Bibles
Sep. 10 - Grove Parent Meeting & Potluck
Sep. 12 - New Men's Bible Study begins
Sep. 13 - Bible Basics for 3rd graders
Sep. 13 or 17 - Living Our Baptism Study #3
Sep. 18 - Estate Planning Seminar
Sep. 20 - Baptism Reaffirmation at 6 pm
Sep. 24 - Recognition Service for Confirmands
Sep. 24 - New Member Sunday
Oct. 1 - Confirmation classes begin

Church offices will be closed Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

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 by **Jim & Betty Minear** in appreciation for the "flock of angels" that provided them with meals during Betty's initial return from the hospital and by **Millie & Robert Winston** in memory of her parents, **Arthur & Dorothy Morrison**.

TIME FOR NOMINATION CONSIDERATION for LAY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
If you are interested in being considered for nomination to one of the church committees or teams, please contact Midge Rothrock at mrothrock@stjaiken.org or 803-648-6891 ext. 216 prior to October 1.

GriefShare will meet Wednesday, September 6 at 4 pm in Room 10.
Call Rev. Nancy for more information.

A one-hour **Estate Planning Seminar**, led by attorney Ray Massey, will be held in Ward Hall on **Monday, September 18 at 6:30 pm**.
Please register with the church office if you plan to attend.

A group is meeting to pray together for our church, its leaders, ministries, and purpose. Please join them in the adult choir room on Sunday from 6:30-7:00 pm. Nursery provided. Everyone is welcome!

Sign up for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University 9 week series, Sept. 10—Nov. 5 from 6-7:30 pm in the Faith Center. Cost per couple is \$100. Contact Molly Jones to sign up 803-221-3830.

THANK YOU

Words cannot express how very grateful we are for your prayers and support for our recent medical mission trip to Honduras. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of this congregation and the amount of medication donated. Your gifts truly blessed these patients. We are so thankful to be members of this church family.

Edward, Heather, and Jack Yeh

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,325,363.28
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,192,603.47
Year to date variance: \$ **132,759.81**

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: \$ 113,408.10
Year to date mission disbursements: \$ **99,855.00**

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

Loan Balance \$ **613,000.00**
8/30/17 Payment to Principal \$ **1,400.00**
Current Loan Balance \$ **611,600.00**

News of the Family

Welcome to our newest members:

Larry & Melinda Green

Alex & Becca Hartsell

**Ameet & Samantha Bosmia and
Lilah Rose**

Doug & Ginger Hudock

Mike & Cathy Sheehan

Del Sharp

Our congratulations to:

Paul & Yvonne Bockman who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on September 7.

Ron & Jean Lattimer who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on September 9.

Our sincere sympathy to:

Charles & Chris McKeel on the loss of Charles' mother, **Lessie Naomi Radford McKeel** on August 20 in Smithfield, NC. She was grandmother to **David & Alex McKeel**.

Caroline & Harry Sampson on the loss of Caroline's brother, **Clifton Emmette (Buddy) Holley** on August 28 in Charleston, SC.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS WILL
RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 13.**

**Remember to make your reservations prior
to noon, Tuesday, Sept. 12.**

Adult meal prices will be \$8.00 this year.

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of Sep. 3, 2017

Sunday AM	Tom Nance
EVENING	
Sunday	Kevin Buchanan
Monday	Jim Shaver
Tuesday	Brent Boore
Wednesday	Joel Ray
Thursday	Jim McNulty
Friday	Charles McKeel
Saturday	Dennis Fish

Attendance

8/27/17
8:30 134
9:02 225
11:00 449
Total 808



SEPTEMBER - Soup

Collection bins located in the narthex and The Faith Center.

Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

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. 549

Where Charity and Love Prevail

St. Peter

OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Gracious God, send your spirit upon this worship today and during this time may we learn more how to love our enemies, and how to wish them the best of the life you intend each human to have. Teach us hope, so we know that with your blessing, impossible dreams become reality. Teach us faith, so we know that only the strength to stop hating will halt the cycles of violence and revenge. Teach us forgiveness, which we know is suffering love through piercing tears. Send your Spirit into our hearts Lord, and teach us your way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12: 9-21

SERMON

Firing Up the Grill

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

One Bread, One Body

Foley

*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

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION...p. 12

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

*Response 1 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

Response 2 Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Response 3 Amen, amen, amen, amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 431

Let There Be Peace on Earth

World Peace

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as able.**

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Please silence all electronic devices during the service. This service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 pm. One week delay.

Order of Worship – 11:00 AM

GREETING

PRELUDE

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ANTHEM

Lord, Here Am I

Beck

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The Gift of Love

Hopson

Ginger Hudock and Susan Bafford

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*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. 561

Jesus, United by Thy Grace

St. Agnes

*There is no Children's Church this Sunday.
Thank you to the choir members who also participate in the 8:30 Sunrise Choir and are now leaving.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21

SERMON

Firing Up the Grill

Dr. Tim McClendon

HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 431

Let There Be Peace on Earth

World Peace

BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE NO. 99

My Tribute

Diane Miniard will sing the introduction and the congregation is invited to join in response.

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol

Payne

David Salter, Organist

***Please stand, as able.**

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Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss; willing to follow, if Thou will but lead; only support me with grace in my need. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Living or dying, I still would be Thine, yet I am mortal while Thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the the light. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

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SUNNY MONDAY will meet on Monday, September 11 in the gym for a program presented by the Aiken SPCA. Lunch will follow at noon in Ward Hall. The menu is: enchilada casserole, salad, cornbread, and ice cream sandwich dessert.



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MY BOOKSHELF

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Contact Sharon West 803-270-1330 or bishwest@bellsouth.net



The PRIMETIMERS will be traveling to Charleston for the **Charleston Christmas Special**, a musical variety show guaranteed to get

you in the spirit of the season. For more information please contact Spence Grotheer (803-642-0084) or Mattie King (803-641-2802).

Trip Date: Dec. 9 Cost: \$135 pp

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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.*

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Gathering

Love Me

JJ Heller

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Song of Praise

Our God is Greater

C. Tomlin

Affirmation of Faith

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Children's Sermon

Harry Sampson

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Offering

Your Love is Like a River

Third Day

Scripture

Romans 12:9-21

Sermon

Firing Up the Grill

Dr. Tim McClendon

Closing Song

Get Together

The Youngbloods

Benediction

Sending Forth

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When this cruel world tears us apart, your love is like a river flowing from my heart. When sharpened words have left their scars, your love is like a river flowing from my heart. And it's overflowing and showing us all how deep and how wide is your love. It never stops, it rages on, your love is like a river flowing from my heart.

When I am tired and so afraid, your love is like a fire that will light my way. When darkness falls and my vision fades, your love is like a fire that will light my way and it's always burning and stirring my soul to know you and love you much more. It never stops or ever fades. Your love is like a fire that will light my way.

Oh, it's never gonna stop. Oh, it's flowing from my heart. Oh, it's never gonna fade. Your fire will light my way.

When all my strength and hope is gone, Your love is like a rock that I am standing on. Oh, it's never gonna stop.

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