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## ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

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**September 17, 2017**

### JUST WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Most people assume stewardship is all about money, but is that correct?

The word or term steward comes from the Greek *oikonomos*, which refers to the servant responsible for purchasing supplies, overseeing the hired hands, keeping the books and administering the operation of the household.

Literally *oikonomos* refers to the manager of the household.

All of us here in St. John's family are managers of our individual households. As personal stewards we keep a watchful eye over all aspects of our families and businesses. We constantly monitor what actions, plans and results we are seeking to accomplish. This is also our privilege as church members!

**STEWARDSHIP SHOULD BE A MINDSET, SO SET YOUR MIND TO STEWARDSHIP.**



Please join us in welcoming our new church secretary, Rebecca Hartsell. Becca, as she prefers to be called, is a graduate from Mississippi State where she met her husband, Alex. They joined the church just last month and are already actively involved with the youth program. In fact, Becca said that one of the things that drew them to St. John's was the many different activities that we have and the chance to invest in them.

Although she has only lived in Aiken since this past January, she already feels at home. She has found Aiken and especially St. John's to be friendly and very welcoming.

A few interesting facts about Becca is that her favorite job so far was when she was in college and served as an intern at Disney World. In fact, she loved it so much she still visits whenever she has an opportunity. She is the proud "mom" to two cats, Charlie and Olive. She loves to bake and to read. She is just now beginning to dabble a little with some gardening.

We are delighted to have her join our staff and we hope you will all take the time to welcome her.

### UMCOR RELIEF FOR HURRICANE HARVEY/IRMA VICTIMS

It has been a rough hurricane season already this fall and many people are hurting. What can we do to help? Prayers, of course, and also donations. Donations to **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief) assures you that all funds and supplies go directly to the needs without any costs for overhead. Make checks out to St. John's and put "UMCOR" on the memo line. We are also collecting items to fill flood buckets, first aid, and hygiene kits to be sent by our annual conference. Details about the items needed can be found on our website, in the sanctuary narthex and the Faith Center lobby.



**September 17, 2017**  
Cain Kills Abel  
Genesis 4:1-16  
God wants us to love our families.

The Grove - Sunday 6 pm (5K-6th)  
Wednesday - Alleluia Choir - 4 pm  
Joy Choir - 4:15




Sept. 17, 2017  
Sunday Night Youth - 6 pm  
**MESSY NIGHT**  
— NO SUPPER—

Youth Choir - 5 pm in the Choir Room  
HS Girls Bible Study Tuesday, Sep. 19 - 4 pm  
Brotherhood Wednesday, Sep. 20 - 7 pm  
GRACE KITCHEN - Saturday, Sep. 23

### St. John's Missions News

Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center helps distressed pregnant women by providing counseling & support; maternity & baby items; and childbirth & parenting education.



Please **PRAY** for this ministry in Aiken.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sep. 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  
**Oct. 12** - Potluck Supper with Maynor Castillo  
**Nov. 4** - Applefest  
**Nov. 7** - Charge Conference  
**Dec. 17** - Christmas Cantata (8:30 & 11)  
**Dec. 24** - Worship services (9:02 & 11)  
**Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve services (5,7,11)  
**Dec. 31** - Church-wide communion & Wesley Covenant Service  
**Jan. 27** - Saturday of Service  
**Jan. 28** - MIC Sunday  
**Mar. 11** - Confirmation 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 memory of **Mr. & Mrs. John Boyette, Sr.** by **The Boyette Family**.

GriefShare will meet Wednesday, September 20, at 4 pm in The Faith Center, Room 214. 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 for our church, its leaders, ministries, and purpose on Sunday evenings from 6:30 - 7:00 pm in the adult choir room (near the sanctuary). Nursery provided. Everyone is welcome!

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** on the Korean War meets on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in The Faith Center. Dr. Tim is leading this study.

**CHURCH-WIDE BIBLE STUDY** on 1 & 2 Corinthians meets on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 in The Faith Center  
OR  
on Thursday nights from 6:00 to 7:30 in The Faith Center.  
Dr. Tim is leading this study.

### Wednesday Night Supper 9/20/2017 Menu

Seasoned Chicken Breasts, Tomato Mozzarella Bake, Pasta Salad, Green Beans, Carrot Cake, Rolls

Remember to make your reservations prior to noon,  
Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Reservations may be made by calling the church office or filling out a reservation card located in the pew racks or chair backs.

Please note the new reservation cards now have a place to request take-out meals.

Adult meal prices are \$8.00 this year.

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,397,091.48  
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,258,494.49  
Year to date variance: \$ **138,596.99**  
*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: \$ 117,400.57  
Year to date mission disbursements: \$ **101,805.00**

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

Loan Balance \$ **614,600.00**

**(Incorrect balance shown in last week's bulletin)**

### News of the Family

#### Our congratulations to:

**Josh & Erin Stewart** on the birth of their son, **Connor James Stewart** on September 5 in Augusta, GA.  
Proud grandparents are **Jim & Sharon Stewart**.

**ATTENTION:** Leaders of committees and teams who report as part of the Church Council need to submit their 2018 membership names by October 10 to Midge Rothrock in the church office. Dr. Tim reviews the slate and submits his written report to Dr. Yebuah, District Superintendent of the Orangeburg District, in advance of St. John's November 7 Charge Conference.

The **MY BOOKSHELF** book club will meet on Monday, September 18 at 7 pm in room 119. They will discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Come and join, even if you haven't had time to read or finish the book. It's a lot of fun!  
Call Sharon West (270-1330) for more info.

### CHURCH HOSTS

#### Hosts the week of Sep. 17, 2017

Sunday AM	Paul Musick
EVENING	
Sunday	Eric Randall
Monday	Tom McCollum
Tuesday	Charlie Neill
Wednesday	Chuck Bryan
Thursday	Barry Pearson
Friday	Rocky Lord
Saturday	Dave Felak



September  
Soup

Collection bins located in the narthex and The Faith Center

### Attendance

9/10/17

8:30 131

9:02 237

11:00 468

**Total 836**

# Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

## GREETING AND WELCOME

### PRELUDE

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

*arr. Joel Raney*

*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. 110

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*Ein' Feste Burg*

### OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Merciful God, we confess how easy it is for us to begin to adopt the attitudes and actions of the world around us rather than by your call. We confess how often we think of our own interests first than with the well-being of others. We confess that we have not always treated one another as valued members of Your Body, the Church and have allowed intolerance and resentment to tear us apart. Lord, in your mercy, hear and forgive. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform us so that our words and our lives would bring honor and glory to You, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Romans 14:1-12**

### SERMON

**Settling Accounts**

**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

**Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee**

*Rudolph*

*Please enter your name in the Friendship Pad, located near the center aisle.  
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#### \*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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.*

*Old Hundredth*

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

#### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 399

**Take My Life, and Let It Be**

*Messiah*

#### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

**Lead On, O King Eternal**

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

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# Order of Worship – 11:00 AM

## GREETING

## PRELUDE

Air in G

Bach

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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## ANTHEM

The Call

Riehle

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## \*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 2160 (The Faith We Sing) Into My Heart

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*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 leaving.*

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Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
 Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.  
 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
 Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.  
 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:  
 Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.



### Imagine a Miracle

September 24<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm @ St. Mark UMC in North, SC

Join us for fun, music, and a miracle

#### Featuring

The St. Mark UMC Men's Chorus and The Stringer Chapel Choir	The St. Mark UMC Mass Choir Lisa Crawford
The Beaver Creek Band	Joe Jeffcoat
The Bill Humphries Group	Bethel Park UMC Men's Choir
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### THE CAMP SHARIGAN PROJECT

It is once again time for the reading clinic to start at St. John's. The Camp Sharigan Project is joining with USCA, and St. John's to reach out and help children improve in reading. Many of the children that we work with have failed for multiple years in reading. With today's new neuroimaging research in reading and phonemic and phonological teaching techniques, it is possible for every single child to learn to read. This will be our ninth year at St. John's, and we thank you for your support. If you know of a child in need of help in reading, call us. We can teach your child to read. Our success stories improve each year:

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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**

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**Song of Praise**

**If We Are the Body**

*M. Hall*

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We Believe**

*Newsboys*

**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**

**Come As You Are**

*Crowder*

**Scripture**

**Romans 14:1-12**

**Sermon**

**Settling Accounts**

**Dr. Tim McClendon**

**Closing Song**

**Born Again**

*Third Day*

**Benediction**

**Sending Forth**

## OFFERING SONG

## Come As You Are

Crowder

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken hearted, let rescue begin.

Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel.

<Chorus> *Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.*

*So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame, all who are broken lift up your face.*

*Oh wanderer come home you're not too far, so lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.*

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table,  
come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures. <Chorus>

There's joy for the morning, oh sinner be still. <Chorus>



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