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ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

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September 24, 2017

St. John's 2017-2018 Confirmation Class

Weslyn Sage Bernard	Hannah Catherine Boetsch
Annie Kathleen Dziczkowski	William Joseph Gibson
Luke Collins Jones	Anne Fenton Massie
Samantha Meredith Moore	Elaina Murphy Parrott
Maia Anne Stefanakos	Ashley Caroline Young

Please pray for these young people and their teachers during this confirmation journey.

Teachers: Kelley Boetsch, Emily Moore, Catherine Nance



September 24, 2017

Noah Builds the Ark
Genesis 6:5-22

God wants us to obey.

The Grove - Sunday 6 pm (5K-6th)

Wednesday - Alleluia Choir - 4 pm
Joy Choir - 4:15



Sept. 24, 2017

Supper & SNY - 6 pm

Youth Choir - 5 pm in the Choir Room

HS Girls Bible Study Tuesday, Sep. 26 - 4 pm

HS Guys Bible Study Wed., Sep. 27 - 7 am



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD boxes are now available!

Pick up one (or two, or three...you get the picture) from outside Michelle Pearson's or Stephanie Lord's office. If you need help putting them together, don't hesitate to ask one of the staff to assist. The labels and brochures are located on the table near the boxes. The brochures list suggested items to put in your box and specifies items that can not be included. Once you have them filled with gifts for kids all over the world, you should return them to the church.

St. John's has always been generous - let's make this year the best year ever!

The deadline to drop off filled boxes is Sunday, November 12.

St. John's Missions News



Bennettsville-Cheraw Co-op Ministry, a St. John's mission partner, serves the spiritual, social, & educational needs of children for ten poor, rural churches in northeast South Carolina. Please pray for this ministry.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sep. 24 - Recognition Service for Confirmands

Oct. 1 - Confirmation classes begin

Oct. 12 - Potluck Supper with Maynor Castillo

Oct. 22 - New Member Sunday

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



Ever thought about becoming a Stephen Minister?

Well, now's your chance. St. John's Stephen Ministry program is looking for members interested in becoming a part of this rewarding ministry which

helps others work through some of life's most challenging issues.

Applications are available at the church receptionist's desk. The class will begin in January.

If you have questions, contact Rev. Nancy Reed, Rick Endler, Steve Lathrop, Alice Allington, or Bob Kosky.

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 Thompson** in honor of his wife, **Mae Beth's** birthday today, September 24.

GriefShare will meet Wednesday, September 27, at 4 pm in The Faith Center, Room 214. Call Rev. Nancy for more information.

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!

The 2018 Flower Calendar is now available for you to reserve a date to remember or honor a loved one with flowers in the sanctuary. The cost remains the same at \$40 per vase.

News of the Family

Our sympathy to:

Brice & Turner Bennett on the loss of their grandfather, **Samuel Roberds Bennett** on September 16 in Beaufort, SC.

The United Methodist Men will meet at 6:30 on Thursday, September 28. Following their regular potluck dinner, Pat Sauls will present a program on the Christ Central Tutorial Services. All men of the church are invited to bring a dish and join them.

PLEASE NOTE

You may now use your smart phone to give to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for hurricane victims. Just text **stjaiken UMCOR** to 73256 and follow the instructions. Remember, every penny given to UMCOR goes to disaster relief.

Wednesday Night Supper 9/27/2017 Menu

Chicken Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Cake

Remember to make your reservations prior to noon, Tuesday, Sept. 26. 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.

YOUTH CHURCH BASKETBALL



Sign-ups for Youth Church Basketball are currently open for those ages 5-18 as of 9/1/17. The cost is \$35 per player with an additional \$30 out-of-city fee, if applicable. To register send an email with a subject line of "Basketball Registration Info" to sjumcbasketball@yahoo.com and details will be sent to you.

Sign-ups conclude on 10/8/17.

Call or text Andrew Parker @ (803)295-2243 if you do not have email.

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of Sep. 24, 2017

Sunday AM	Will Chafin
EVENING	
Sunday	Matt Beckum
Monday	Jim Wert
Tuesday	Tom Brown
Wednesday	Mark Mahoney
Thursday	Mark Nadeau
Friday	Jeff Ray
Saturday	John Geiger



September
Soup

Collection bins located in the narthex and The Faith Center

Attendance

9/17/17

8:30 139

9:02 246

11:00 445

Total 830

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,421,341.98
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ 1,281,742.79
Year to date variance:	\$ 139,599.19

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:	\$ 118,014.57
Year to date mission disbursements:	\$ 101,805.00

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

Previous Loan Balance	\$ 614,600.00
9/20/17 Loan Payment	\$ 4,400.00
Current Loan Balance	\$ 610,200.00

Donations to date to UMCOR for hurricane relief \$23,945.01

Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude in a

George Calkin

Let us silence all cell phones and quiet our voices as we give our attention to the presence of God in our midst.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 77

How Great Thou Art

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OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Gracious God, we thank you for your story of redemption and restoration, and the way this story rewrites what we know of ourselves, editing our lives with words of grace and forgiveness and creating an ending that speaks only of love. In thanks today, we ask your Holy Spirit to be present as we gather to worship you. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1–16

SERMON

God's Payment Plan

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Rutter

*Please enter your name in the Friendship Pad, located near the center aisle.
If you are new to St. John's, please add your contact information. Pass the pad down the row to others.
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

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Wellesley

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G

JS Bach

***Please stand, as able.**

Texts used with this service permission granted under CCLI #2220845.

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

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Surely the Presence

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PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THE 2017-18 CONFIRMANDS

Litany for Beginning of Confirmation Journey

Minister: Many voices are speaking to us today in the movie theaters, on the concert stages, in video games, and on television. Many voices are speaking to us in our homes, in our friendships, and in our community. Many voices are speaking to us today through celebrities, commercials, and through media.

Confirmands: Lord, with many voices in our ears, we say that we choose to listen to your voice, to do what pleases you, and to stay true to the path you have lovingly set before us. Remind us daily that you have set us apart. Strengthen each of us to choose the high road, to live up to the greatness you placed within us, and to honor you in all our ways. Lord, we will listen for your voice. Amen.

ANTHEM

You Are the Light

Fettke

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Morning Has Broken

arr. Lamb

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Old Hundredth

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 427 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Germany

*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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11:00 Anthem

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You are the light we see. You are the truth we know. You are life we live.

You are the hope. You are the joy. You are the song we sing.

Living God, loving God, we glorify your name.

High and holy one come down, we lift our voice in praise!

Prince of peace, Emmanuel. Jesus, Lord of Lords!

Within in our hearts, your light.

Within our minds your truth.

Within our lives your love; living your hope, spreading your joy, singing your beautiful song.



Imagine a Miracle

TODAY—September 24th 4-7 pm
St. Mark UMC in North, SC

Join us for fun, music, and
a miracle

All Charitable Donations Raised Will Go Directly to Ending Malaria Through
Imagine No Malaria.

COFFEE HOUSE CLEAN UP HELP NEEDED!

Current primary need: an individual or group to assist with clean up (after 9:02 and after Sunday School or 11 Service) on 1st and 4th Sundays.

It usually takes about 10-15 minutes after 9:02 and about 20-30 minutes to clean up outside of Ward Hall at anytime after 10:45.

Please call **Lisa Taylor (803-309-5910)** to volunteer or for more information.

It would be terrible to have to stop having those wonderful scones and coffee for lack of a few volunteers.



APPLE FEST NEWS - Twice Loved Treasures

Please begin sorting and saving your items for **Twice Loved Treasures**. All types of household items, tools, lawn and garden items, sporting equipment, children's toys, and furniture will be accepted. **HOWEVER**, clothing, TVs or computers **CANNOT** be accepted.

Collection hours will be **Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am to 5:00 pm beginning Monday, Oct. 30 and 8:30 am to 2:00 pm on Friday, Nov. 3.**

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact **Marsha Mikes (803)644-7204.**

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September Worship Support-Kay Shirley, Anita Allen, Judy Turner, and Camille Bailey



*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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Song of Praise

My Own Little World

M. West

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.*

Recognition of 2017-2018 Confirmands

Offering

Anointing

R. Kenoly

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

God's Payment Plan

Dr. Tim McClendon

Closing Song

Trust In You

L. Daigle

Benediction

Sending Forth

Offering Song

Anointing

R. Kenoly

Anointing fall on me, anointing fall on me.
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me.
Anointing fall on me.

Touch my hands, my mouth, and my heart.
Fill my life Lord, every part.
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me.
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