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ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

104 Newberry Street, NW

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October 15, 2017



Today we are delighted to welcome **Matthew LeCroy** to the 9:02 service. Matthew attended Belton Honea Path High School in Belton, SC. There he was a member of the State AAA Baseball and Tennis teams. In 1994 he was the state AAA player of the year in baseball and a member of the North/South All Star Team. After his senior season he was drafted in the 2nd round of the MLB draft by the New York Mets but declined and accepted a full baseball scholarship from Clemson University. While at Clemson, Matthew was ACC Rookie of the Year and named to the Freshman All American Team. He was the starting catcher for two College World Series teams. In 2013 he was inducted into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame.

In 1996 Matthew was chosen to play on the United States Olympic Baseball team in Atlanta, where they won the Bronze Medal.

After his junior year at Clemson, he was named 1st Team All American and drafted in the 1st round by the Minnesota Twins. He played seven seasons in the major leagues with the Minnesota Twins and Washington Nationals. He was a member of three playoff teams with the Minnesota Twins. While with the Twins, Matthew set and holds the record for the most consecutive pinch hit homeruns in a season. He retired in 2008 with a career .260 batting average and 60 homeruns.

Matthew started his coaching career with the Washington Nationals in 2009. He coached four seasons in the minor leagues before taking the major league bullpen coach job. He spent the past two seasons managing the Nationals' AA affiliate, the Harrisburg Senators. He sent more than 30 of his players to the Big Leagues including players: Anthony Rendon, Sandy Leon and Robby Ray. He has managed more than fifteen players that are currently on the Big League Roster.

Stewardship Reflection Message

Christian generosity begins with the understanding that all we are and all we have comes from **God**.

Christian generosity is **God's** gift to us. He is present in the world as grace, and he owns everything.

Christian generosity is our vocation to share in **God's** mission of compassion, benevolence and justice.

Christian generosity is an expression of love for **God** and neighbor.

Christian generosity includes personal sharing and the knowledge of our community.



October 15, 2017
 Abram Follows God's Direction
 Genesis 12:1-8
 We can always trust God.

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




Oct. 15, 2017

Supper & SNY - 6 pm
 Confirmation - 6 pm

Youth Choir - 5 pm in the Choir Room
 BBB Tuesday - 7 am - Atlantic Bread
 HS Girls Bible Study Wednesday - 7 pm
 HS Guys Wednesday - 7 am - Bojangles
 Brotherhood Wednesday - 7 pm

St. John's Missions News



ACTS provides aid in the name of Christ to persons in need in the Aiken area. Please pray that Christ's words "*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink*" will be fulfilled through the works of **ACTS**.

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct. 15 - Matthew LeCroy guest speaker at 9:02 service
Oct. 22 - New Member Sunday
Oct. 24 - Church Council
Oct. 27 - Trunk or Treat
Nov. 4 - Apple Fest
Nov. 7 - Charge Conference
Nov. 17-19 - Asbury Hills (Youth)
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

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 memory of **Debi Muir, Ellie Skeen, & Florence Imig** by **Warren Muir** and by the **Fellowship Class** in honor of their **teachers**.

On Sunday, Oct. 15 at 4 pm the Masterworks Chorale and the USC Aiken Concert Choir will present Songs of Prayer and Praise in the sanctuary. General admission is \$10.00.

GriefShare will meet Wednesday, October 18, at 4 pm in The Faith Center, Room 214. Call Rev. Nancy for more information.



On Monday, Oct. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 31 the children in the SEED program will trick or treat in the church. All you need to do to participate in this FUN event is purchase enough simple treats (no nuts or peanut butter, please) for 150 children and show up at the church at 8:45 am either or both mornings. Let's show our love and support for this wonderful ministry. Suggested treats: Smarties, plain M&Ms, Hershey Kisses, individually wrapped candy corn or stickers.

My Bookshelf Book Club will meet on Monday, October 16 at 7 pm in Room 119. The discussion will be on The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

There are banners in the Sanctuary and Faith Center entrances that will be used in our November 5th All Saints services. Feel free to place a bell on one of the banners in memory of a loved one.

Wednesday Night Supper 10/18/2017

Roast beef, scalloped potatoes, broccoli casserole, slaw, and banana pudding

Reservations must be made no later than noon on Tuesday.

If you are interested in joining St. John's, **NEW MEMBER SUNDAY** will be Sunday, October 22. Please contact Midge Rothrock or Becca Hartsell in the church office (803-648-6891) to join or to just get some more information about St. John's. New members will be received at all three services or if you prefer you may join in Dr. Tim's office.

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,553,110
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ 1,409,771
Year to date variance:	\$ 143,339

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

2016/17 Faith Promise Carryover	\$ 10,357
Year to date offerings for what God is asking us to do in missions:	\$ 122,713
Year to date mission disbursements:	\$ 113,320
Year to date contributed to UMCOR	\$ 34,382

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

Previous Loan Balance	\$ 605,300
9/20/17 Loan Payment	\$ 1300
Current Load Balance	\$ 604,000

News of the Family

**Welcome to our newest member:
Chrissie Alexander**

Our congratulations to:

Carolyn Jordan Ledbetter and Andrew Robert Furnas who were married on October 7 in the sanctuary here at St John's.

Dot & Lee Poe who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on October 20.



Hungry? How about some SOUP?

The Friendship Sunday School Class will hold its semi-annual Soup and Salad Luncheon immediately following Sunday School at 11:00 and again at noon on Sunday, October 22 in Ward Hall. Donations will gratefully be accepted to support their local and global missions projects.

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of Oct. 15, 2017

Sunday AM	Bryan Staubs
EVENING	
Sunday	Earl Melton
Monday	Jamie Yaughn
Tuesday	Eric Randall
Wednesday	Tom McCollum
Thursday	Charlie Neill
Friday	Chuck Bryan
Saturday	Barry Pearson

Attendance

10/8/17	
8:30	127
9:02	174
11:00	487
Total	788



October
Pasta

Collection bins located in the narthex and The Faith Center

Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

Festal Prelude

Oliver King

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. 381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your invitation to share in a special banquet that reveals your heavenly Kingdom. We celebrate that you are no longer nailed to a cross, but present with us now by your Holy Spirit. Help us to respond to your invitation and not to despise it. Help us to put away our old clothes of sin and wear the wedding clothes of your Kingdom. Today we ask for your forgiveness for often forgetting your presence in our lives, for relying on our own achievements, for believing that we are the architects of our own destiny, and for living as though you have no place in our world. Forgive us, restore us, renew us, and equip us to do your will on earth, finding the riches of your grace. In your name, we pray. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:1–14

SERMON

No Shows Are a No-No

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 Now Living

Katherine K. David

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

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 467

Trust and Obey

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand, as able.

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Order of Worship - 11:00 AM

GREETING

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Idyll of Praise

Courtney

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OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

Forrest

Chelsea Essigman, Solo

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 339

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

Hursley

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.

*SCRIPTURE READING

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St. John's would LOVE to have you join our Welcoming Ministry!

If you are interested in being an usher, please contact Harry Sampson in the church office (648-6891).



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD boxes are now available! You may pick them up from outside Michelle Pearson's or Stephanie Lord's office. The labels and brochures are located on the tables near the boxes. Once you have them filled, you should return them to the church.

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



Applefest Reminders

Second Hand Rose - Consignment Kits are available! Please call Carole Beckum 803-507-3478, Lisa Burckhalter 803-215-1454, or Vikki Woody 806-340-5465 to pick up your Consignment Kit. You can pick up Consignment Kits by going by Vikki's on Whiskey Road, Monday thru Saturday 10AM-4PM!

Donations will be accepted Mon., Oct. 30 4-8PM; Oct. 31- Nov. 2, 10AM-2 PM; Nov. 2-Nov. 3, 6-8PM. Start preparing your items for donation by laundering, folding, or hanging each item. Keep in mind we need items that will sell quickly so they need to be presented in an attractive manner. The Second Hand Rose Team is excited to see what God will do with your Consignment and Donations!

Apple Seed Café is requesting donations of canned drinks and bottled water. Keep your eyes open for the sales and bring your purchases in to the UMW room at the church. More info: Robin Meese 803-642-3852

Frozen Features needs your casseroles, soups, stews, chilies, etc. You can make them now, put them in your freezer and be prepared to bring them to the church the Friday before Applefest or the Saturday morning of Applefest. Please list the ingredients on each item.

Reminder –

On Sunday, November 19, St. John's will celebrate the 2017 50th Anniversary Members in worship at the 11:00 service. With a change to the policy, members who have been in attendance for a *combined* total of 50 years will also be recognized. We want to be sure we have all the names noted. Please let the church know by October 16, if you have not already done so. A reception in Ward Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 on November 19th will combine fellowship for our New Members and for those who have made this church a wonderful place for 5 decades or more.

SERVING THIS WEEK

8:30 – Dr. Tim McClendon, Rev. Nancy Reed; Music Director & Organist-Christopher Nash

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

11:00 - Dr. Tim McClendon, Rev. Nancy Reed; Choir Director-Tom Calhoun; Organist-Christopher Nash

Crucifer-Jack Yeh; Acolytes-Jackson Crain and Annelise Shick

October Worship Support-Debbie Alvanos, Jane Fogle, Marsha Mikes, and Sandra Shelley



*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

This is Amazing Grace

Bethel Live

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.
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Offering

Your Great Name

N. Grant

Guest Speaker

Matthew LeCroy

Closing Song

Your Grace Is Enough

M. Maher

Benediction

Sending Forth

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