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ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

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October 29, 2017

ST. JOHN'S SERVES THE COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN

The following is from Elaine Clanton Harpine:

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to each person who has helped either financially or has worked (continues to work) as a volunteer at the reading clinic. When we started this program nine years ago at St. John's, it was never simply my program or my dream. It has always been God's program. We work with His children, and we have been very successful at helping His children learn to read. It has been your support that has made it all possible.

We have 25 children this year, and we have a waiting list. The children range in age from 5 to 11. Over half of the children this year are reading below pre-kindergarten level. The need is enormous. If you would like to work with children at the reading clinic, we are always in need of more volunteers.

A lady asked me just the other day, "Are you from that church that teaches children to read?" I was very happy to reply, "Yes, I have the privilege of working with children at St. John's United Methodist Church where we have a reading clinic that teaches children how to read." Thank you for making it possible for today and tomorrow. My motto has always been: If you teach a child to read, you can change the world.

Elaine Clanton Harpine

For more information please contact **Collytte Cederstrom (collytte@usca.edu)** or **Elaine at clantonharpine@hotmail.com**.



October 29, 2017
God Makes a Covenant With Abram
Genesis 13
God has good plans for us.
The Grove - Sunday 6 pm (5K-6th)
Wednesday - Alleluia Choir - 4 pm
Joy Choir - 4:15




Oct. 29, 2017
HALLOWEEN PARTY - 6 pm
Confirmation - 6 pm
Youth Choir - 5 pm in the Choir Room
BBB Tuesday - 7 am - Atlanta Bread
HS Guys Wednesday - 7 am - Bojangles
HS Girls Bible Study Wednesday - 7 pm
Brotherhood Wednesday - 7 pm

St. John's Missions News

**FAITH
PROMISE
FAITH PROMISE AND YOU!**

Thanks to your generosity, St. John's is spreading the great love of Jesus Christ to people locally and all over the world.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Have you ever wondered what it is like to leave behind all of your family and friends to journey to a new and foreign country? There are many new, brave residents in our community who have done just that.

Here at St. John's, we offer classes in English language instruction and cultural awareness to assist native speakers from across the world adapt to their new American community. We also provide assistance in helping them obtain their US citizenship, GED, and WorkKeys certificates.

So far this school year, we have had over 50 registered students from more than 22 countries, speaking 10 different native languages!

Classes are offered Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am to 12 noon. New students and volunteers are always welcome! Contact Barbara Moran at 803-646-2052 for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 4 - Applefest
Nov. 5 - Healing Service - 10:00 - Chapel
Nov. 5 - All Saints Day
Nov. 7 - Charge Conference
Nov. 8 - Intro to St. John's and the UMC
Nov. 12 - Stewardship Sunday
Nov. 17-19 - Asbury Hills (Youth)
Nov. 19 - 50th Anniversary Members
Nov. 10 - New Member Sunday
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. 12 - Primetimers Travel Talk
Jan. 27 - Saturday of Service

REMEMBER Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5. So set your clocks back one hour and relish that extra sleep coming on the heels of Applefest.

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 **Ed & Genie Farmer's** 50th wedding anniversary by their children, **Ashley, Stuart, & Tom** and in memory of **Baby Litzinger** by **Sinclair & Karen Short**.

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

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).



Don't forget trick or treating with our SEED children on Monday, Oct. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 8:45 am each day. Come, bring some candy and enjoy this annual event. Suggested treats: Smarties, plain M&Ms, Hershey Kisses, individually wrapped candy corn or stickers.

NO Wednesday Night Supper November 1 or 8.



FOUNDATION STUDENT MINISTRY

is hosting a RAKE and RUN
on Sunday, November 12

We are looking for families to bless! If you know of someone who is in need of this free service, please contact Jimi or Amy.

Mark your calendars for the reception honoring our 50-year members and those members who joined this year. It will be held on November 19 from 9:30 to 10:30 in Ward Hall.

ST. JOHN'S AND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INTRO

The second session with information about St. John's and the United Methodist denomination will be held on **Wednesday, November 8, at 6 pm**, in the **Fellowship Classroom, (room number 116-118)**.

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,628,233
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,497,819
Year to date variance: \$ **130,414**

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: \$ 125,774
Year to date mission disbursements: \$ **121,735**

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

Loan Balance \$ **600,000.00**

News of the Family

Welcome to our newest members:

Fred & Lee Cavanaugh
Jay & Leda Draeger
Emerson & Matilee Johnson
Chad & Jennifer Parrott
Grant & Grayson

Our congratulations to

Ed & Genie Farmer who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 3.

Our sympathy to

Nancy Fairgrieve on the loss of her sister-in-law, **Marilyn Ganley**, on Oct. 24 in Loxley, AL.



St. John's now has a public Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, we invite you to "like" and "share" the page with your friends. It will be a great way to keep up with what is going on in our church as well as share our ministries with the community. Search "St. John's UMC" and you will see the page with our church logo.

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of Oct. 29, 2017

Sunday AM	Jay Bilyeu
EVENING	
Sunday	Jeff Ray
Monday	John Geiger
Tuesday	Rick Endler
Wednesday-Nov.1	Jeff Crenshaw
Thursday	Don Hayes
Friday	Kevin Buchanan
Saturday	Jim Shaver

Attendance

10/22/17

8:30	112
9:02	164
11:00	460
Total	736



October - **Pasta**
November - **Canned vegetables**
Collection bins located in the narthex and The Faith Center

Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude in E flat

JS Bach

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. 110

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Holy Lord, forgive us when we are demanding of attention and want to know the answers now, and when we are reluctant to stand alongside those in need of our support. Loving Lord, in your forgiveness, you answer our questions of how and who to love, drawing the breadth of your community wider. So, as we find our place within your community we unite our prayers as we worship today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Wally Fraser

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34–46

SERMON

Smart Phone Zombie Laws

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

Be Thou My Vision

Chilcott

*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 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.*

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 435

O God of Every Nation

Llangloffan

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E flat (St. Anne)

JS Bach

*Please stand, as able.

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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

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ANTHEM

More Love

Davis

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OFFERTORY

O Jesus I Have Promised

Kenneth Lowenburg

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 349

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Lemmel

*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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LAST CALL FOR APPLEFEST DONATIONS...

Twice Loved Treasures will begin accepting donations of household items, with the exception of TVs and computers, the week of October 30 through November 3. Monday—Thursday hours are 8:30 am - 5 pm and on Friday items will be accepted from 8:30 am until 2 pm. All items should be brought to the gym.

Apple Seed Café NEEDS DONATIONS OF CANNED DRINKS! Please bring them to the UMW Room (117) at the church.

Frozen Features seeks your casseroles, soups, stews, chili, etc. Please bring them to the gym on Friday, Nov 3 or early Saturday morning, Nov. 4. Please list the ingredients on each item.

BAKED GOODS SHOP desires goodies to fill their tables. They would be delighted to receive cakes, pies, cookies, muffins, candy, jams, jellies... anything homemade. Items made from apples are **especially** sought after! There will be someone at the tables all day Friday, November 3 to receive your donations.

For more information contact Kristi Vaughn (507-5403), Kelly Boni (221-4003), or Carrie Killian (646-1437).

If you have items for **Silent Auction**, please bring them to Susan McDonald as soon as possible so the workers can process them. Call Linda Walters (502-0455) or Tish Haythorn (648-6471).

VOLUNTEERS needed to assist with clean up after Apple Fest is over. Especially being solicited are strong bodies to help Second Hand Rose get the clothes out of Ward Hall. If you think you can help, please contact Carole Beckum (507-3478), Lisa Burckhalter (215-1454), or Vickki Woody (806-340-5465)

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE ON SATURDAY, NOV. 4! HOURS ARE 8 AM - 2 PM.

On November 15 we will have our annual Wednesday Night Supper of Thanksgiving.

This year we will be selling tickets for this delicious meal. They may be purchased from the receptionist's desk at this time.

Takeout meals are discouraged. Come and enjoy a meal with your church family as we acknowledge our many blessings.

Ministry Meals will be delivered as usual.

Dinner will be served in the gym from 5 pm to 6:30 pm.

Costs will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4 - 10, and \$1 for children 1 - 3.

A nursery will be available, but please let us know if you plan to use it so we can plan for your children.

Watch next week's Church Bulletin and News for the menu and additional places you may purchase your tickets.

It's going to be a fabulous time for food and fellowship!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD boxes are now available! You may pick them up 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.

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; Music Director-Catherine Stapleton Nance; Organist-Christopher Nash

Crucifer-Connor Buchanan; Acolytes-Mary Caroline Dean and Will Dean

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.*

October 29, 2017

Gathering

Joyful, Joyful

H. Van Dyke

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Song of Praise

Soul on Fire

Third Day

Affirmation of Faith

We Believe

Newsboys

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

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Offering

**Made For This
He Knows My Name**

Alleluia and Joy Choirs, directed by Elizabeth Barfoot

Stewardship Message

Wally Fraser

Scripture

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Sermon

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Closing Song

Love the Lord

L. Brewster

Benediction

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