



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A Stephen Ministry Church

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November 12, 2017

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Today, Sunday, November 12 is Stewardship Sunday.

Toward the end of the service you will be asked to bring your commitment card to the front of the church, giving your best gift to God. If you have not already completed your card, please consider what John Wesley said, "Not, how much of my money will I give to God, but how much of God's money will I keep for myself?"



November 12, 2017
Isaac is Born
Genesis 21:1-6
Thank God for his gifts.

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



November 12, 2017
Rake & Run Family Event
3 pm followed by supper at 6 pm
Confirmation - 6 pm
Youth Choir sings at 11:00 service
BBB Tuesday - 7:15 am - Atlanta Bread
HS Guys Wednesday - 7 am - Bojangles
Brotherhood Wednesday - 7:30 pm
HS Girls Bible Study Wednesday - 7 pm



The Annual Wednesday Night Supper of Thanksgiving will be Wednesday, November 15 from 5-6:30 pm.

Tickets are available at the receptionist's desk or after each of the worship services this Sunday, Nov. 12.

Takeout meals are discouraged.

Come, sit down, and enjoy a meal with your church family as we acknowledge our many blessings.

Ministry meals will be delivered as usual.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 4-10, and \$1 for children under the age of 4.

The menu will be: Turkey with cornbread dressing and gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls and pie for dessert.

St. John's Missions News

Epiphany Ministry is an ecumenical Christian Ministry for incarcerated juveniles. Please pray that these young people will respond to the message of God's love, forgiveness & hope.



LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 12 - Stewardship Sunday
Nov. 15 - Supper of Thanksgiving
Nov. 17-19 - Asbury Hills (Youth)
Nov. 19 - 50th Anniversary Members
Nov. 19 - 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
Jan. 28 - MIC Sunday—one service
Mar. 11 - Confirmation Sunday

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY will be **Sunday, November 19**. If you are interested in joining St. John's or would like more information about the church, please contact Midge Rothrock or Becca Hartsell in the church office (803-648-6891). Please be aware you may join on New Member Sunday or anytime in Dr. Tim's office.

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 **Glenna & Steve Lathrop** in memory of Glenna's parents **Robert & Ruth Eyes**, and in honor of **Bob Sharpe's** 90th birthday by the **Sharpe family**.

Mark your calendars for the reception honoring all our 50-year and plus members, those members who joined since Nov. 1, 2016, and St. John's wonderful greeters. It will be held on November 19 from 9:30 to 10:30 am in Ward Hall.

For the past four years, the University of South Carolina Aiken, Masterworks Chorale, area church choirs and community singers have joined in song - the 'Harvest Home Concert' - to celebrate the work of ACTS, to raise money and collect food for families in the community. To date, close to \$10,000 has been raised in addition to the generous contributions of non-perishable food items collected.

This year's concert will be on November 12 at 4 pm here at St. John's. Please join this celebration to benefit the work of ACTS in our community! The cost of admission is a donation of non-perishable food items. A free will offering will also taken.

News of the Family

Our congratulations to

Jennifer Muir-Ross & Brent Ross on the birth of their daughter, **Norah Leigh Ross**, on Oct. 24 in Aiken. **Warren Muir** is the proud grandfather.

Randi & Cody Sento on the birth of their daughter, **Millie Good Sento**, on Nov. 4 in Charlotte, NC.

Proud grandparents are **John Paul & Jackie Hyche**, and great-grandmother, **Mable Ussey**.



SUNNY MONDAY will meet on November 13. The program will celebrate our Veterans and will begin at 10:30 am in The Faith Center.

Following the program, lunch will be served in Ward Hall. The program is free and the lunch is \$4.00.

MENU: Enchilada Casserole, Salad, Cornbread, and Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert

Please call the church at 803-648-6891 to make your reservation.



Today (11/12) is the final day to drop off your **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** boxes.

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of Nov. 12, 2017

Sunday AM	Luke Mabry
EVENING	
Sunday	Brian Eberhard
Monday	Harry Shade
Tuesday	Gene Usher
Wednesday	Earl Melton
Thursday	Jamie Vaughn
Friday	Eric Randall
Saturday	Tom McCollum
Sun. AM (11/19)	Tom Nance

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,706,648.08
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$1,575,465.99
Year to date variance:	\$ 131,182.09

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:	\$ 130,687.81
Year to date mission disbursements:	\$ 122,685.00

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

Loan Balance	\$ 597,700.00
11/01/17 Loan Payment	\$ 1,900.00
Current Loan Balance	\$ 595,800.00

Attendance

11/5/17

8:30	149
9:02	233
11:00	452
Total	834



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

Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

GREETING

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

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art

arr. Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open My Eyes

OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Gracious God, open our hearts to you, and tune our ear to your word. Enable us to listen to the stories of the faith of our ancestors; and share our stories together. We put our trust in you; we worship you with thanks for giving us life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 78:1-7

SERMON

Papa's Sofa

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

O How Glorious (*Sung by SonRise Choir*)

Willan

O how glorious is the kingdom wherein the saints rejoice with Christ; clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.

*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 are in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

INVITATION FROM STEWARDSHIP TEAM

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 522

Leave It There

Leave It There

Congregation is invited to bring their pledge cards to the altar during this hymn

BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing

Manz

***Please stand, as able.**

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 73256 and following the instructions

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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

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Spirit of the Living God

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ANTHEM

Great is Thy Faithfulness (Chancel and Alleluia choirs)

Caldwell & Ivory

This anthem text may be found on page 140 of United Methodist Hymnal

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PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

Ubi Caritas (Sung by Foundation Singers)

Johnson

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice in Him and be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

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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.*

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 601

Thy Word is a Lamp

Thy Word

During the singing of this hymn, children from K-2nd grade are invited to followed the Crucifer to children's church in the chapel.

Also members of the choir who sang at the 8:30 service will be leaving.

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Applefest 2017 is over and its goal of raising funds to support three local agencies, GEM, Camp Sharigan, and Aiken Senior Life Services was realized beyond our dreams. The totals are not yet in but we know that Applefest 2017 will go in the history books as one of our most successful! The United Methodist Women want to thank so many people who made the event both possible and successful.

Thank you

- to the booth leaders and their volunteers who worked countless hours to make sure that their displays were organized and inviting;
- to those same booth leaders and volunteers who stayed very late to be sure that everything was cleaned and back in order;
- to the youth and men of the church who set up hundreds of tables and chairs and built the racks needed for Second Hand Rose and who stayed until every room was back in order so that Sunday services could proceed;
- to all the cooks who made dumplings, fried pies, casseroles, baked goods, and café foods;
- to those who served as security for some of our booths;
- to the greeters who made sure that everyone knew how welcoming St. John's could be;
- to the church staff who answered so many questions and endured so many interruptions, always with a smile on their face.
- to the church staff who consistently organized press, handled Applefest shirt sales, moved equipment, and cheerfully went the extra mile;
- to all the members of St. John's and to the members of the community for bringing donations, large and small, for Twice Loved Treasures, Silent Auction, Second Hand Rose, Jewelry and Crafts, Frozen Features, Bake Shop, Apple Seed Cafe – we all agree that we saw more donations than usual;
- to those who handled funds and kept such precise records.

AND most of all – and in case we have missed anyone - thank you to everyone who had any part in this year's event as we fulfilled our slogan – “Come Together – Show God's Love”!

Becky Robbins, Connie Shade, and Mary McCormack
Co-Chairs Applefest 2017



The Scholastic Book Fair located outside Ward Hall, will be open from Monday, November 13 until Tuesday, November 21. This is the “big” fair with lots of products suitable for all ages.

What a great way to shop for Christmas and support the SEED program!

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-Sophie Karapatakis; Acolytes-Ansley Brodie and Hailey Young

November Worship Support-Nita Bell, Christy Kisner, Peg Robinson, and Libby Taylor



Psalm 9:02
I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praises to Your name,
O Most High.

November 12, 2017

Gathering

Greeting and Announcements

Please enter your name in the Friendship Pad and pass it down the row. If you are new to St. John's, please add your contact information. When the pad reaches the end of the row, pass it back so we may learn each other's names.

Song of Praise

Soul on Fire

Third Day

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 Alive

L. Daigle

Scripture

Psalm 78:1-7

Sermon

Papa's Sofa

Dr. Tim McClendon

Stewardship Invitation

Closing Song

My Hope is Built

Shane & Shane

Benediction

Sending Forth

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