



**ST. JOHN'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**A Stephen Ministry Church**

**104 Newberry Street, NW**

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**April 2, 2017**

# 50 Year Member Recognition

The guidelines for 50 year membership recognition in our church have recently been revised. Previously, the 50 years had to be consecutive years. The eligibility requirement is now 50 cumulative years. So, for example, if you were an active member here for ten years, left for two years to serve in Vietnam, and then returned to Aiken and resumed your active SJUMC service for the next 40 years, you are eligible for this special recognition.

Since we have not had an electronic records database for the past 50+ years, determining which members of the congregation are now eligible based upon cumulative years of membership is a monumental task. In order to eliminate this extensive administrative burden, we are asking you to self-identify. If you have 50 cumulative years of service, please contact Judy and Johnny Turner, the couple who leads this recognition ministry, or Midge Rothrock, our hospitality staff liaison. You will receive a certificate of honor for your one-half century of faithful service. In addition to the certificate, 50 year members will now receive a special pin to affix to their name tags.

Those members who have been recognized in the past may receive a pin by asking one of our Greeters as they enter or leave the Sunday services and they will affix the pin to your name tag.

Note: SJUMC membership begins with profession of faith, confirmation or transfer of membership from any other church of any denomination.



On Palm Sunday (April 9), the children are once again invited to process with palm branches at the 11:00 service. Children wishing to participate should be in the narthex by 10:45 am.

There will also be a special Palm Sunday Children's Sermon at the 9:02 service.



**April 2, 2017**  
Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead  
John 11:1-45  
Jesus gives us hope.

The Grove will NOT meet this week.  
NO Children's Choir this week.



April 2, 2017

**No Youth Activities**  
(Enjoy Spring Break)

**St. John's Missions News**

St. John's mission partner, Bennettsville-Cheraw Cooperative ministry serves the spiritual, social, and educational needs of children in ten poor, rural churches in South Carolina. Please pray for this ministry.



**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Apr. 2** - 8:30 Holy Communion  
10:00 Healing Service

**Apr. 5** - Lenten Lunch at 1st Baptist

**Apr. 9** - Palm Sunday

**Apr. 12** - Final Lenten Lunch at 1st Baptist

**Apr. 13** - Maundy Thurs.-Faure Requiem

**Apr. 14** - Offices closed for Good Friday

**Apr. 14** - Liturgical Dance Concert at 6 (gym) followed by Tenebrae at 7

**Apr. 15** - Children's Easter Activities

**Apr. 16** - Easter

**Apr. 21** - Father/Daughter Dance

**Apr. 22** - UMW Spring Luncheon

**May 5** - Jack Meeks Wheelchair Ramp  
Ministry Golf Tournament

**May 21** - Graduation Sunday

**May 29** - Offices closed for Memorial Day

**LENTEN LUNCH** - Wednesday, April 5 - 12:00 Noon at First Baptist Church  
Hosts: First Presbyterian  
Rev. Brian Coulter

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We're glad you're here! 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. We want to know about YOU, and we hope you want to know more about US.

### Announcements

The flowers within the chancel are given to the glory of God and in honor of **William & Nell Berrie's** 70th wedding anniversary by their **children, grandchildren** and **great-grandchildren** with much love.

#### NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER APRIL 5—Spring Break

**EASTER LILY ORDERS** are being taken today, Sunday, April 2 and on Sunday, April 9, before and after all three services. We invite you to stop by the tables in the lobby outside the office or in The Faith Center to order your lily. The lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary and The Faith Center to honor or remember loved ones and to bring glory to God on Easter morning. The cost is \$20 per lily.

The Shepherd of Love Ministry will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 5 at 4:30 in Room 119. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend. If you are not currently serving in this ministry, please feel free to come and see what it's all about.

**Interested in a short term mission trip with Christian Union Sports Club (Mark Wittig) in Colombia, South America?**

**Available dates: June 12-23 \$420 (food & lodging) + airfare  
July 25-Aug. 3 \$350 (food & lodging) + airfare**

**Project opportunities: working and sharing opportunities with the soccer teams, staff, manual/construction labor, attend worship service, see sites of Medellin and much more!**

**Please contact Charlotte Holly at 803-215-2678 or [charlottedholly77@gmail.com](mailto:charlottedholly77@gmail.com) with further questions.**

**INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIPS** are available to active members who are continuing their education. Application forms may be picked up from Pam in the church office. The deadline for applications is April 28.

**Grief Share will Not meet Wednesday, April 5.**

### News of the Family

**Audrey Sharon Dietzel**, daughter of **John & Wendy Dietzel** received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 26 during the 9:02 service.

#### Welcome to our newest members:

**Bill & Judy Clark**  
**Olga Olson**  
**Gail Reyes**

#### Our congratulations to:

**William & Nell Berrie**, who celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on April 6.

#### Our sincere sympathy to:

**Melissa & Brett Jarriel** on the loss of Melissa's mother, **Elizabeth Henshaw** on March 26 here in Aiken. Mrs. Henshaw was grandmother to **Katie & Beth Jarriel**.

**Blanche Knight** on the loss of her husband & **Del Knight**, on the loss of his father, **Delano Knight** on March 28 here in Aiken.

### *In Memoriam*

**Furman Delano Knight**  
March 28, 2017

### CHURCH HOSTS

#### Hosts the week of April 2, 2017

Sunday AM	Tom Nance
EVENING	
Sunday	Don Hayes
Monday	Kevin Buchanan
Tuesday	Jim Shaver
Wednesday	Brent Boore
Thursday	Joel Ray
Friday	Jim McNulty
Saturday	Charles McKeel



April  
**Peanut Butter**  
Collection bins  
located in the  
narthex and The  
Faith Center.

**Attendance**  
**3/26/17**  
**8:30 123**  
**9:02 216**  
**11:00 428**  
**Total 767**

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do: \$ 612,291.78  
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 445,168.60  
Year to date variance: \$ **167,123.18**

*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: \$ 61,954.47  
Year to date mission disbursements: \$ **38,330.00**

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

Loan Balance \$ **660,700.00**  
03/29/17 Payment to Principal \$ **2,400.00**  
Current Loan Balance \$ **658,300.00**

# Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

## GREETING AND WELCOME

### PRELUDE

Fantasy in g minor

Bach

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 383

**This Is a Day of New Beginnings (vs. 1-4)**

Beginnings

*This is the hymn for the Lenten Devotion.*

#### THE OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Heavenly God, through the death and resurrection of your Son, you rescue us from death and the grave. Restore us to life, so that we may serve you in the world; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Romans 8:6-11**

### THE SERMON

**How Many Spoons Do You Need?**

**Rev. Nancy Reed**

#### \*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\*

**Ave Verum Corpus**

Saint Saens

*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 hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

#### 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.*

#### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION...p.12

*For the Great Thanksgiving we will use musical setting C for our responses...p.20*

#### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 707

**Hymn of Promise**

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#### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

**Trumpet Dialogue**

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

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# Order of Worship – 11:00 AM

## GREETING

## PRELUDE

**Fantasy in g minor**

*Bach*

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## ANTHEM

**Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

*Lojeski*

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

## OFFERTORY

**A Quiet Place**

*Smith*

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praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 420 **Breathe On Me, Breath of God**

*Trentham*

*Children 3K—2nd grade will depart for Children's Church in the Chapel.  
Thank you to the choir members who also participated in the 8:30 Sunrise Choir and are now departing.*

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## 11:00 ANTHEM

## Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Lojeski

I am weak, but Thou art strong. Jesus, keep me from all wrong. I'll be satisfied as long as I walk; let me walk close to Thee.  
*Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea. Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

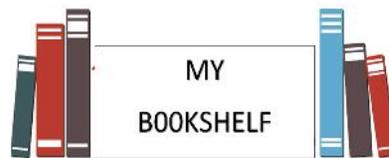
Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

*Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea. Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; Guide me gently, safely o'er to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.  
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### UMW Circle Meetings for April

<b>Tues. April 11</b>	Circle 6 - 12:30 pm - Ward Hall 1 Circle 9 - <b>12:15</b> pm - Red Pepper RSVP to Brenda Smith 292-1003 or Judy Bilyeu 649-2307
	Circle 10 - 2:00 pm - UMW Room
<b>Wed. April 12</b>	Circle 1 - 1:00 pm - Parlor
<b>Mon. April 17</b>	Circle 3 - 2:00 pm - Parlor Circle 8 - 7:00 pm - UMW Room
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and the UK) is a love story, but not your ordinary love story. Pick up a copy and start reading. You want to be done before the discussion of this book on April 17. It's a great read, but have your tissues handy. Contact Sharon West for more information at 803-270-1330 or bishwest@bellsouth.net.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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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.**

**Sunday, April 2, 2017**

**Gathering**

**Only Grace**

*M. West*

**Greeting and Announcements**

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**Song of Praise**

**All Things New**

*Hillsong*

**Affirmation of Faith**

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**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\***

**On and On**

*Housefires*

**Scripture**

**Romans 8:6-11**

**Sermon**

**How Many Spoons Do You Need?**

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**Closing Song**

**Soul on Fire**

*Third Day*

**Benediction**

**Sending Forth**

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Where can I run from your presence? Where can I flee from you? Even if I hide on the highest mountain you are there. Where can I run from your presence? Where can I flee from you? Even if I lie on the lowest valley, you will find me there. Deeper than any ocean your love goes on and on and on and on. Higher than any mountains your love goes on and on and on and on.

Your love goes on and on and on and on and on. And if I clothe myself in shadow, where I fade away from you; even if I fall to the deepest darkness, love surrounds me still. Even if I fall to the deepest darkness, love surrounds me still. There is no ending to your love that holds on and won't let go. Love that won't leave me on my own. I'm falling deeper into your love that holds on and won't let go. Love that won't leave me on my own, love don't let me go, don't let it go. There's no where I could run, there's no where I could hide, there's no where I could go, that you won't find me.

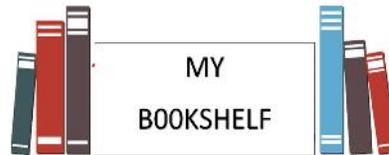
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