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ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

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November 26, 2017

Looking Ahead to December

December 3: Hanging of the Greens - Children and Youth Christmas program at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. The program will be followed by potluck supper in the gym.

December 17: Chancel Choir and Orchestra present a Christmas Cantata at 8:30 and 11:00 am.

December 21: Community Service of Comfort for the Longest Night of the Year at 6 pm in the chapel.

December 24: Sunday morning worship services at 9:02 and 11:00 am

December 24: Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm - A family Christmas service with a children's pageant in The Faith Center

7:00 pm - A candlelight service with Chancel Choir and brass in the sanctuary

11:00 pm - A candlelight service with choir, wind ensemble and Communion in the sanctuary.

Christmas with Epworth provides gifts for the children of the Epworth Children's Home to open on Christmas morning—gifts that bring smiles and excitement! These are both personal gifts and cottage gifts that the children can enjoy together. This year Epworth has Angel Christmas Gift Bin requests which are perfect for a Sunday school class or group. These gift bins, such as a Fun and Games bin, will be shared by a cottage. There are also individual gift requests that you might choose to honor. Each child at Epworth experiences a bountiful Christmas morning that includes their requested wishes, gift cards and usually a few surprises the staff selects for them. **For some residents this will be their first Christmas away from their families, so everyone tries to make it a special day .**

There will be someone outside each church service on Sunday, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3 to allow you to select a child to bless. Unwrapped gifts are due in the tub located outside the church office by December 10. Contact **Maureen Bernard** with questions **803-221-9635**.



November 26, 2017
John the Baptist Prepares the Way for Jesus
Mark 1:1-8
We prepare our hearts for Jesus.
Grove will **NOT** meet tonight (11/26)

Wednesday - Alleluia Choir - 4 pm



November 26, 2017
NO SNY

No Confirmation

BBB Tuesday - 7 am – The Little Bake Shoppe
HS Guys Wednesday - 7 am - Bojangles
Brotherhood Wednesday - 7:30 pm
HS Girls Bible Study Wednesday - 7 pm

St. John's Missions News



Is GOD calling you to serve others? Have you prayed about it? Will you volunteer to serve at **GRACE KITCHEN** one Saturday morning?
No experience necessary.
Call Bobby Coker to learn more - 439-6596.

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 6 - Church tour at 5:45 pm
Dec. 17 - Christmas Cantata (8:30 & 11)
Dec. 21 - Longest Night Service
Dec. 24 - Worship services (9:02 & 11)
Dec. 24 - Family Christmas with Children's Pageant—5 pm in The Faith Center
Dec. 24 - Candlelight Service with Chancel Choir & brass—7pm
Dec. 24 - Candlelight with choir, wind ensemble and communion—11 pm
Dec. 31 - Church-wide communion & Wesley Covenant Service
Jan. 12 - Primetimers Travel Talk
Jan. 27 - Saturday of Service
Jan. 28 - MIC Sunday
Mar. 11 - Confirmation Sunday

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 **Lee Poe's** 90th birthday on Nov. 23 and in honor of **Lee & Dot's** 65th wedding anniversary.

The Hanging of the Greens service will be presented by our children and youth on December 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The service will be followed by a potluck supper in the gym. You are encouraged to come to the service and bring a covered dish that can be dropped off in the gym prior to the service starting. Let us know what dish you are bringing by visiting www.PerfectPotluck.com/KZJE3349 and adding your dish to the list.

NO Wednesday Night Supper on Nov. 29

THANK YOU

We thank our St. John's family for your bountiful outpouring of prayers, love and support and cards and visits as Tom continues his recovery.

We are truly blessed.

Beth and Tom Harman and family

TOUR

On December 6, there will be a guided tour around the church, led by Peggy Thome. Meet at 5:45 at the elevator nearest the receptionist's desk, where the Coffee House is set up each Sunday.

This brief tour will familiarize visitors, new members, and even long-timers on some basic locations such as the Columbarium and Prayer Garden, Chapel, music rehearsal area, Faith Center and SEED.

Why not come for Wednesday Night Supper, and then join the tour?

It won't take too long and you may learn something interesting.

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do: \$1,777,438
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$1,596,148
Year to date variance: \$ 181,290

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: \$ 134,080
Year to date mission disbursements: \$ 131,100

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

Loan Balance \$ 575,700
11/21/17 Loan Payment \$ 1,400
Current Loan Balance \$ 574,300

News of the Family

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11:00 service is **Charlie Turner Jameson** son of **Matt & Meghan Jameson** and grandson of **David & Sandra Jameson**.

Welcome to our new members

Rod & Sally Alexander

Cliff & Kathy Barr

Randy Bryan

Bill & Linda Bourbeau

Dale Couch

Paul Merritt

Pat & Kitty Moore

Dean & Nancy Royal

Marilyn Thomas

Our congratulations to

James & Mary Gardner who will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on Nov. 30.

Bayne & Brook Dangerfield on the birth of their twins, **Jude David & Annie Elizabeth** on Nov. 20 in Columbia, SC. Proud grandparents are **Tim and Anna Dangerfield**.

Dr. Tim would like to remind visitors that he welcomes those considering becoming new members to contact his office at any time.

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of Nov. 26, 2017

Sunday AM	John McMahan
EVENING	
Sunday	Tom Brown
Monday	Mark Mahoney
Tuesday	Marc Nadeau
Wednesday	Jeff Ray
Thursday	John Geiger
Friday (Dec.1)	Jeff Crenshaw
Saturday	Don Hayes
Sun. AM (12/3)	Paul Musick

Attendance

11/19/17

8:30	152
9:02	189
11:00	379
Asbury Hills	103
Total	823



Nov.
Canned
veggies

December - Tuna
Collection bins
located in the
narthex and
The Faith Center

Order of Worship – 8:30 AM
Christ the King Sunday

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

Andante

Pierpont

CALL TO WORSHIP

Majesty

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 66**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

OPENING WORDS OF PRAISE (to be read responsively)

Leader: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped

People: but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness.

Leader: And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

People: Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

Leader: That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 34:11-24

SERMON

Rev. Nancy Reed

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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

Now Thank We All Our God *(Sung by SonRise Choir)*

Bach

***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. And 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. 62**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst uns Erfreuen

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Bach/Fox

Order of Worship – 11:00 AM

Christ the King Sunday

GREETING

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PRELUDE

Shout to the Lord (Joyful Sounds Handbells)

arr. Raney

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (*hymnal page 39*)

*The congregation will be led in the singing of **God Claims You** #2249 (*The Faith We Sing*), using the name *Charlie**

ANTHEM

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Chancel Choir)

arr. Wilberg

Text for this anthem is found in the UM Hymnal #400

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PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Larry Parker, solo)

Beck

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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. 133

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Showalter

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

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

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BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Bach/Fox

***Please stand, as able.**
This service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 pm. One week delay.

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Orders for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary and The Faith Center will be taken on December 3 and 10 before and after all the services. Please stop by the table in the lobby outside the main office, or in the lobby of The Faith Center, to make your purchase in memory of, or in honor of, loved ones. The cost is \$20 each. Please make checks payable to St. John's UMC.

Thank you so much for your yearly support of this beautiful ministry. Our thanks also to the volunteers who work the tables at all the services.



Thank you to all who supported the Operation Christmas Child effort this year. We collected over 200 boxes for children around the world. A special thank you to the students, counselors, and dads of Brotherhood for transporting all the boxes to our local collection point.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

"Romans: First-Century USA" will be our first church-wide Bible Study for 2018. We will meet in the Chapel for 6 weeks, January 17-February 21, in this verse-by-verse study by Dr. Tim of this important letter by the Apostle Paul. There will be two opportunities on Wednesdays: 10-11:30 am and 6-7:30 pm. Join us as we listen to God's Word to modern day America. Invite your friends!

New Men's Study: The 1960's and early 70's were pivotal for the United States, and the ramifications are still affecting us today. The Vietnam War and pop culture, the music, drug scene, sexual revolution and partisan politics merged into one of the most formative eras in US history. There's so much that we can learn from it from a Christian perspective, and we have our own St. John's heroes who didn't get accolades back then, but who can help us with their first-hand perspective today. The Men of St. John's are invited to join a 10 week study every Tuesday from January 30 to April 3, 2018. We will meet in the Faith Center from 6:30-9 pm. Invite your friends!



The Foundation Youth enjoyed a spirit and fun filled week-end at Asbury Hills this past week.

There were 83 youth and 20 adults soaking up the beauty of God's creation. They chose to remove themselves from the busyness of the world so they could focus more fully on walking humbly with God.

SERVING THIS WEEK

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

9:02 – Rev. Nancy Reed; Worship Leader-Harry Sampson; Music-Jane Timmerman & The 9:02 Band

11:00 - Rev. Nancy Reed, Dr. Tim McClendon; Music Director-Catherine Stapleton Nance; Organist-Christopher Nash
Crucifer-Ada Carpenter; Acolytes-Jon Daniel Hyche and William Parrott
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 26, 2017

Gathering

Glorify Thy Name

C. Lewis

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

Blessed Be Your Name

M. Redman

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.
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

Your Great Name

N. Grant

Scripture

Ezekiel 34:11-24

Sermon

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Closing Song

King of Glory

Third Day

Benediction

Sending Forth

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