



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Loves, serves and worships with *PASSION*

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A Stephen Ministry Church

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December 10, 2017


St. John's Congo Initiative



The average age in the Congo is 18! People don't live much past 40. Pastors make \$30 a month and live significantly shorter lives than the rest of the Congolese. They literally give their lives for the Gospel. We want to help them.

Would you be willing to give \$10 for a Pastor's Christmas?

The next two Sundays we will collect money for the Congo Pastors at tables near the exits after each service on December 10 & 17, and provide Christmas Cards for you to sign. The cards and money will be sent to the North Kanga Annual Conference for distribution. We want to help 638 pastors have a blessed Christmas. Please plan to give cash, check or by texting your offering to "Congo Pastors" at 73256.

December 10, 2017
Jesus is Born
Luke 2:26-38:
2:1-20
Jesus was born for us.

The Grove Christmas Party
Sunday 6 pm (4K-6th)
Last Grove meeting until 2018!
Children's Choirs in recess until Jan.



December 10, 2017
Confirmation supper & class 6pm
Christmas Festivities
6:00-7:30pm
Dinner
White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$5 max)
Please bring an unwrapped package of new socks or underwear to donate to Christ Central.

St. John's Missions News



Mission Impact Celebration
Jan 26-27, 2018
Pray for our Mission Partners

LOOKING AHEAD

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. 26-28 - Revolution Retreat (youth)
Jan. 27 - Saturday of Service
Jan. 28 - MIC Sunday (one service at 10:30) with lunch following

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 loving memory of their daughter, **Pamela Heidtman** by **Wayne & Shirley Heidtman** and in loving memory of **Kathryn Thomas Hargett** by the **Archie Hargett family**.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO PICK UP YOUR
2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES FROM OUTSIDE
WARD HALL**

If you can't find yours, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve for assistance.

REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER December 13 from 5 to 6:30

**MENU: Meatloaf, Hashbrown Casserole, Broccoli and
Cheese Casserole, Roll and Carrot Cake**

Orangeburg District

CHURCH LEADER TRAINING

JANUARY 14, 2018

3:00 TO 5:30 PM

CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY

SEE FLYER IN CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS



Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,859,366.21
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ <u>1,692,396.65</u>
Year to date variance:	\$ 166,969.56

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

2016/17 Faith Promise Carryover	\$ 10,357.64
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Year to date Faith Promise offerings for our missions:	\$137,588.31
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Year to date missions disbursements:	\$132,050.00
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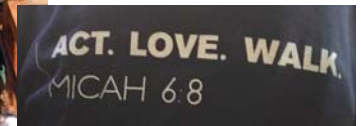
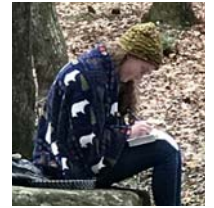
We thank you for generously supporting the missions of St. John's!

Current Loan Balance	\$ 572,900.00
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11/29/17 Payment to Principal	\$ 6,600.00
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Loan Balance	\$ 566,300.00
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Foundation Student Ministries Asbury Hills Retreat



EPWORTH ANGEL GIFTS

Last day for collection is TODAY, December 10.

Please place **unwrapped** gifts in the bin outside the church office.

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of December 10, 2017

Sunday AM	Will Chafin
EVENING	
Sunday	Mike Uhle
Monday	Keith Polk
Tuesday	Brian Eberhard
Wednesday	Harry Shade
Thursday	Gene Usher
Friday	Earl Melton
Saturday	Jamie Vaughn
Dec. 17	Frank Smith, III



December

Tuna

Collection bins located in the narthex and the Faith Center.

**Attendance
12/3/17**

8:30 156

9:02 209

11:00 469

Total 834



Orders for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary and The Faith Center will be taken on December 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.



SAVE THE DATE
January 27, 2018
Saturday of Service

Check it Out!

A new Young Adult small group will start
Sunday, January 7th at 10 am.

Dr. Tim will teach the group. It will meet in Room 121 next to the Resource Room, diagonal from the church office. Whether you're single or married, invite your friends and plan on a good place of learning and fellowship.



Grace Kitchen

December 23 and December 30

Please contact Bobby Coker @ 439-6596

if you want to volunteer.



SUNNY MONDAY—December 11

A program of Christmas music, with M'Aiken Music, will be presented in the **Faith Center** beginning at 10:30.

A lunch of ham, scalloped potatoes, lima beans, biscuits and key lime pie will be served at noon in Ward Hall.

The program is free, lunch is \$4.

Please call the church office to make a reservation.

MY BOOKSHELF Book Club will meet in room 119 on Dec. 18 to discuss *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. *A Wrinkle in Time* is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe. They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem. Pick up a copy and start reading!

EVERYONE is welcome to this group of readers. Contact Sharon West at bishwest@bellsouth.net for more information.

SERVING THIS WEEK

8:30 – Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Nancy Reed; Music - Sonrise Choir; 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 - Ford Vaughters; Acolytes - Porter Ingram and Ellen Vaughters

December Worship Support - Keenan Kizer, Jean Geiger and Peg Robinson

Order of Worship-8:30 AM (Second Sunday in Advent)

GREETING AND WELCOME

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The prelude is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

PRELUDE

**Still, Still, Still
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

arr. Hildberg
Arr. Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 218

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

MESSAGE FROM MISSION LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Cindy Fuller

OPENING PRAYER (prayed together) Glorious is your righteousness, wondrous is your love, Savior, Lord and Sovereign who was, and is, and is to come. Pour out your Spirit that we may hear your word, see your way, and follow where you lead us. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Adleigh, Zaden & Dean Page

Congregational response is 2nd stanza of #211, O Come, O Come Emmanuel

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Peter 3:8-18

SERMON

Hurry Up and Wait

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

OFFERTORY¹

O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion (Diane Miniard, solo)

Handel

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, lift up your voice (Isaiah 40:9)

Please enter your name in the Friendship Pad, located near the center aisle. If you are new to St. John's, please add your contact information. Pass the pad down the row to others. When the pad reaches the end of the row, please return it so we may learn one another's names

*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Sung to tune of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, on every hill and coast! Praise God above, all angels who comprise the heavenly host! Praise to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Ghost! O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy! O tidings of comfort and joy!

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 217

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Noel No. 12

Daquin

***Please stand, as able.**

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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, December 10, 2017

Gathering

I Need A Silent Night

A. Grant

Greeting and Announcements

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Lighting of the Advent Candle Holley, Cole, Cayce and Brent Kring

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Song of Praise

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Affirmation of Faith

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Children's Sermon

Harry Sampson

Message from Mission Leadership Team

Rev. Cindy Fuller

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.

Offering¹

Walk By Faith

J. Camp

Scripture

2 Peter 3:8-18

Sermon

Hurry Up and Wait

Dr. Tim McClendon

Closing Song

Emmanuel

C Tomlin

Benediction

Sending Forth

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CALL TO WORSHIP **Sweet Little Jesus Boy** (Diane Miniard, Solo) Niles

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 218** **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear** Carol

OPENING PRAYER (prayed together) Gracious Lord, who came to us, Incarnate as that sweet little Jesus boy, may we allow your Holy Spirit to move within us during our time of worship, so that as we depart this place, we know a little more who you are and what your will is for us in our lives. In the name of that baby, our King and our Redeemer. Amen

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ANTHEM **Behold, a Star from Jacob Shining** Mendelssohn

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***HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 184** **Of the Father's Love Begotten** *Divinum Mysterium*
Children K3-2nd grade will follow the Crucifer to 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.

SCRIPTURE READING **2 Peter 3:8-18**

SERMON **Hurry Up and Wait** **Dr. Tim McClendon**

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