



ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

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Loves, serves and worships with PASSION

January 7, 2018

January is MIC month - Unifying St. John's through Service

Please make plans to join us each Sunday in January to hear from some of our local mission partners as they give us updates about the missions they serve and areas where you might have an opportunity to serve also.

January 7 - Debbie Lamb from Stand at the Crossroads

January 14 - Judy Floyd from Christ Central

January 21 - Bobby Coker for Grace Kitchen

There are collection bins located outside Ward Hall and in the Faith Center for items requested for our local mission partners. Please begin to collect your items and drop them off at the church all month long.

"SATURDAY OF SERVICE" - Saturday January 27 9:00am

Please look for a sign-up table following each service leading up to the Saturday of Service for your chance to enlist as a volunteer.

January 28 - MIC SUNDAY - one Worship service at 10:30am

This will be your opportunity to turn in your Faith Promise cards to support not only our local mission partners but all of the partners that St. John's has faithfully supported through the years, our local, regional and international partners.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR - changes to 9:15

A question and answer session with our local mission partners will be held in the Faith Center at 9:15am. All are welcome.

CELEBRATORY LUNCH

All are welcome and encouraged to join us for lunch in the gym following our MIC service.

New Bible Study Opportunity

"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 to participate:

Wednesdays from 10-11:30am or 6-7:30pm

Join us as we listen to God's Word to modern day America.

Invite your friends!



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Jesus surprises Nathanael

John 1:43-51
Jesus knows all about us.

Grove Tonight 6pm

Children's Choirs in recess until Jan. 17.



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5pm Choir

6pm Welcome Back

Party—Invite your friends!

Brotherhood & HS Girls Bible Study—
Wed. Jan 10 @7pm in Faith Center upstairs
Register for REVOLUTION retreat today!

St. John's Missions News



HELPING HANDS

serves abused, abandoned, and neglected children in the Aiken area. Please pray that Helping Hands will be a Christ-filled blessing for all these needy children and that they will come to know that Christ loves them.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 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
- Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 14 - Senior Singles Valentine Luncheon
- Mar. 2-4 - Confirmation Retreat (youth)
- Mar. 11 - Confirmation Sunday
- Mar. 29 - Maundy Thursday
- Mar. 30 - Good Friday
- April 1 - Easter Sunday

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

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 **Pat Sauls** by the **Sauls family** and in loving memory of **Les King** by **Mattie King, Alan & Stephen King, & families.**

MAKE SURE YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 AT NOON.

MENU for January 10:

Fried chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, lima beans, coleslaw, and banana pudding.

The January book for MY BOOKSHELF Book Club is *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. New York socialite Caroline Ferriday has her hands full with her post at the French consulate and a new love on the horizon. But Caroline's world is forever changed when Hitler's army invades Poland in September 1939—and then sets its sights on France. Grab a copy of the book and see for yourself.

The book discussion will be held on **January 15**. EVERYONE is welcome to this group of book lovers!

Contact Sharon West at 648-3824 or bishwest@bellsouth.net for more information.



If you are grieving the death of a loved one, join us on *Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 4pm in Room 214* in The Faith Center to learn more about the GriefShare Bereavement Group. Contact Rev. Nancy Reed at 803-648-6891 or 803-522-2009 if you have any questions or wish to register.

2017 YEAR END FINANCIALS ARE STILL IN PROCESS.

WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON 2018 BUDGET. IF YOU HAVE NOT TURNED IN YOUR 2018 PLEDGE CARD, YOU MAY TURN IT IN ANYTIME.

LOAN BALANCE	\$562,100.00
12/28/17 PYMT	1,900.00
01/03/18 PYMT	<u>14,300.00</u>
LOAN BALANCE	\$545,900.00

News of the Family

Our Congratulations to:

Ryan Fogle, who graduated with honors from Clemson University on Dec. 21 with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He is the son of **Jane and Bob Fogle.**

Our Newest Members:

Bob and Beth Newburn

New Young Adult Small Group

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.

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of January 7, 2018

Sunday AM	Luke Mabry
EVENING	
Sunday	Jim McNulty
Monday	Charles McKeel
Tuesday	Dennis Fish
Wednesday	Mike Uhle
Thursday	Keith Polk
Friday	Brian Eberhard
Saturday	Harry Shade
*Sunday AM Jan. 14	Tom Nance



January
Cereal/grits/
oatmeal

Collection bins
located in the
narthex and
the
Faith Center.

Attendance
12/31/17

8:30 112

9:02 206

11:00 386

Total 704

New Men's Bible 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 merged into one of the most formative eras in US history. From a Christian perspective, there is so much which we can learn from these decades. We have our own St. John's heroes who did not receive accolades at the time, but who can help us with their first-hand view 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 at 6:30 pm. Invite your friends!

PICKLEBALL ANYONE?

Recently a single pickleball court was outlined in the gym. If you haven't heard of this exciting paddleball sport and would like an introduction, or already play and would like to schedule some court time, please call Ken Wilson (226-0580) or Allen Radcliffe(257-7175).



Mark
Your
Calendar

SEED 2018-19 Registration

Saturday, February 3rd

More information to come on the website!



SUNNY MONDAY—January 8

You won't want to miss this program
by Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon.

Lunch: Spaghetti, bread sticks, Caesar salad, coconut
cake served at noon in Ward Hall.

The program is free; lunch is \$4.

Please call the church office to make a reservation.

UMW Circle Meetings for January

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| Tues. Jan. 9 | Circle 11 - 10:00 am - Shadow Oaks
Circle 6 - 12:30 pm - Ward Hall 1
Circle 9 - 12:30 pm—Red Pepper RSVP
Denise Hayes 706-231-5118 or email
denisehayes@gmail.com by January 7th. |
| Wed. Jan. 10 | Circle 10 - 2:00 pm - UMW Room
Circle 1 - 6:30 pm - Parlor |
| Tues. Jan. 16 | Circle 8 - 6:30 pm - UMW Room |
| Wed. Jan. 17 | Circle 7 - 6:00 pm - Room 119
*Circle 3 - Not meeting in January |

SERVING THIS WEEK

8:30 – Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Nancy Reed; 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; Organist - Christopher Nash

Crucifer - Ada Carpenter; Acolytes - Carolyn Carpenter and Clare Carpenter

December Worship Support - Judy Bilyeu, Barbara Johnson and Brenda Smith

January 7, 2018

Order of Worship-8:30 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

Welcome to all who are worshiping 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 245

We Three Kings

Kings of Orient

OPENING PRAYER (prayed together) God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Aha Moments

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

MISSION MINUTE

Debbie Lamb

OFFERTORY¹

Carol of the Epiphany (Alysa Smith, solo)

Bell

*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

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION...p. 12

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 251 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It on the Mountain

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Many thanks to Alysa Smith for leading the hymns while the choir enjoys a post-Christmas Sunday off.

*Please stand, in body or spirit

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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, January 7, 2018

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

He Reigns

Newsboys

Affirmation of Faith

We Believe

Newsboys

Children's Sermon

Harry Sampson

Mission Minute

Debbie Lamb

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*

Light of the Stable

Selah

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Aha Moments

Dr. Tim McClendon

Closing Song

Go Tell it on the Mountain

John Wesley Work Jr.

Benediction

Sending Forth

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PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY¹

While You Were Sleeping (Chuck Carver, solo)

Casting Crowns

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 2095 Star Child

Star Child

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

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Aha Moments

Dr. Tim McClendon

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 2100 (FWS) Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Margaret

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Many thanks to Chuck Carver, Alysa Smith and Christopher Nash for providing music this morning so the choir can take a Sunday off following the Christmas season and Catherine is away at school.

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