St. John’s Missions News

Helping Hands is committed to enriching the quality of life and well-being of children, youth, and families in need through a continuum of residential and community-based services in order to improve their health, independent living skills, educational outcomes, and/or resilience. School is starting soon and Helping Hands will be grateful for your donation of school supplies. Drop them off at their offices on John Elliott Lane.

Applefest

The Applefest committee will meet on Thursday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room (rm. 010). Please come with suggestions, needs, and any ideas for change. If you cannot attend, please call Donna Walker at 803-643-9282.

The Red Book Bin is out and waiting for your donations. The Bookworm Corner is a favorite every year, and it’s all due to your willingness to donate books (hardback, paperback, audio). Children’s books are always very popular as are best selling novels and travel books. Bring them in and put them in the collection bin located outside Ward Hall 3. Contact Mary Ward 803-439-1245 or upsmary7@yahoo.com.

Sunny Monday

The Sunny Monday program will resume this month on Monday, August 12 in the Faith Center at 10:30 a.m. Mike Harris from the Aiken Standard will be the presenter. Lunch will follow at 12:00 p.m. in Ward Hall and the cost is $4.00.

Menu: Tomato pie, green salad, fruit, corn bread, and peach cobbler with ice cream

LOOKING AHEAD

August 4—Communion Sunday
August 4—Healing Service at 10:00 in Chapel
August 4-8—Refuge (11-12th graders retreat)
August 11—New Member Sunday
August 12—Sunny Monday at 10:30
August 18—Backpack/Promotion Sunday
August 21—Weekly Choir Rehearsals begin at 6:45pm
Sept 8—Presentation of Third Grade Bibles
Sept 14—PrimeTimer’s Flat Rock Playhouse

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of August 4, 2019

Sunday AM Michael Rollins
EVENING
Sunday Jim Shaver
Monday Brent Boore
Tuesday Joel Ray
Wednesday Matt Erford
Thursday Charles McKeel
Friday Dennis Fish
Saturday Mike Uhle
*Sund AM Aug. 11 Virgil Sauls
The flowers within the chancel were given to the glory of God and in honor and appreciation of St. John’s bus drivers who faithfully give their time and service every Sunday to transport members and participants of the congregation to and from church.

Facility Use Reservations

St. John’s has a lot of groups within and outside of the church that use our facilities on a regular basis. If you have a need for a room or resource, please call Becca Hartsell in the church office, 803-648-6891. A Facility Use Request form is needed for your reservation to be considered/approved. If you have a recurring meeting or event on the church calendar, contact Becca to confirm that it is current on the church calendar.

News of the Family

Welcome to our newest members:

Jackie James

Our congratulations to:

Max & Tom Watt who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 26.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August—Macaroni and Cheese

Collection bins located in the Narthex and the Faith Center.

Attendance—7/28/19

8:30 | 126
9:02 | 257
11:00 | 365
Total | 748

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 7/31/2019

2019 Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do: $1,311,009.97
2019 Year to date ministry expenditures: $1,123,979.32
$ 181,030.65

We thank you for your continued support of the ministries of St. John’s.

Faith Promise Missions Budget 2019/2020

Year to date given for what God is asking us to do in Missions: $113,291.93
Year to date Missions Disbursements: $99,750.00

We thank you for your generous support to the Missions of St. John’s!
REFUGE RETREAT

Mixing 11th, 12th & Graduated Seniors
AUGUST 4-8
Edisto Beach

MONDAY DUTCH LUNCH
AUGUST 12
Zaxby’s
NOON

Blessing of the Backpacks
AUGUST 18
9:02 and 11:00 Services

New Member Sunday
AUGUST 11
8:30 | 9:02 | 11:00

Save the Date
Back-to-School Celebration & Dinner
AUGUST 25 @ 5:00 PM
The Faith Center

Eleventh Hour of Prayer
Come Join Us to Pray for
The UMC at 11:00 A.M.
On Tuesdays in the Chapel

Save the Date
Wed. September 11

Dr. Tim and Rev. Shannon
Will Both Lead Bible Studies
For Interested Parties This Fall!

More info to come.
**GREETING AND WELCOME**

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**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 111 How Can We Name a Love*  
*Terra Beata*

**OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)**  
O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and rest in you. Breath in us your Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen, comfort and heal. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour that we might become makers of your peace in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
Mark 8:22-30

**SERMON**  
Seeing the Forest and the Trees  
Rev. Butch Blackwell

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
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**

Meineke

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**

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**DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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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.

**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. Amen.

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION...p. 12 with Musical Responses Setting C (page 21)**

**Response 1:** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

**Response 2:** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**Response 3:** Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.
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OFFERTORY Find in Me
Hinnant

I hear the Savior say “Thy strength indeed is small, previous child, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all. Find in me redemption, find in me repose. Find in me the strength you need to defeat life’s fiercest foes. Find in me a shelter, find in me your highest call. Find in me your everything, find in my your all in all.” Lord, now indeed I find thy power and thine alone, can change the leper’s spot and melt the heart of stone; and when before the Lord, I stand in him complete, “Jesus died, my soul to save!” my lips shall still repeat.

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION #2086 (FWS) Open Our Eyes
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Children K3-2nd grade will follow the Crucifer to Children’s Church in the chapel. Thank you to the choir members who also participated in the 8:30 SonRise Choir and may now depart.

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SERMON Seeing the Forest and the Trees Rev. Butch Blackwell

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Response 2: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
COMMUNION MUSIC
The congregation is invited to join in the singing of these hymns during communion.

#618 Let Us Break Bread Together (8:30 & 11:00)
#622 There is a Fountain Filled With Blood (8:30 & 11:00)
#620 One Bread, One Body (11:00)
FWS 2267 Taste and See (chorus only; 11:00)
FWS 2258 Sing Alleluia to the Lord (11:00)
FWS 2254 Remembrance of Me (11:00)

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 99   My Tribute
Diane Miniard will sing the introductory and the congregation will join in at the chorus

*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

Shepherd of Love
The Shepherd of Love Visitation Ministry is calling YOU! The team will meet on Wednesday, August 7, at 4:30 p.m. in room 121. Please try to attend this important meeting. Men and women of all ages are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming a Shepherd, we welcome you to join us and learn more about this valuable ministry St. John’s provides.
For questions, call Jeanette Isaacson at 803-644-9168.

My Bookshelf Book Club
The My Bookshelf Book Club will meet on Monday, Aug. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in room 121. This is the annual book exchange and book selection for the coming year.
All are welcome!
Contact Sharon West, 803-270-1330 or bishwest@bellsouth.net for more information.

Prayer Shawls
Prayer Shawls have been draped over the ends of the first pews in the Sanctuary. As you come forward for communion during the 8:30 and 11:00 services, feel free to lay a hand on and pray over them.

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Order of Worship

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. Please silence all electronic devices.

Gathering Right Here, Right Now J. Camp

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Song of Praise Come to the River R. Walker

Affirmation of Faith We Believe Newsboys
We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit and he’s given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that he conquered death. We believe in the resurrection and he’s comin’ back again. We believe.

Children’s Sermon

Pastoral and Lord’s Prayer
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Offering* He Touched Me B. Gaither

Scripture Mark 8:22-30

Sermon Seeing the Forest and the Trees Rev. Butch Blackwell

Celebration of Holy Communion

Closing Song Once and For All L. Daigle

Benediction

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