



ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020



DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, DECISIONS FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE, AND EXPERT ADVICE.

Important Worship Update from Dr. Tim

Friends, Your staff and I miss each of you, but the leadership of the church, lay and clergy, have decided that we need to postpone our reopening from June 14 to August 2. Recent indicators and the experience in a nearby church dictate this delay. It is possible that we might get back together earlier if the numbers improve. Everyone has been working hard to make sure St. John's is the safest place in Aiken to worship. We will stick with the Reopening Plan we've already published. We want everyone to be safe and pray for a cure. God bless you and protect us all,

Dr. Tim

Office Hours Announcement

Beginning Monday, June 15, 2020, we will begin a phased reopening of the church offices. We anticipate the phased opening to last through August 15, 2020, unless otherwise directed. Dr. Tim, Rev. Butch, Rev. Douglas, Nancy Fairgrieve, will be in the office during the business hours of **Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** to address your needs as best as possible. The rest of the staff will work in the office as they are able **Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**, and will continue their work schedules from home as they have throughout the COVID-19 shutdown. For the safety of both our congregation and our staff, we will be practicing social distancing by restricting access to the church offices. We will post each staff member's office number and extension on the door to the church for you to call upon your arrival. The appropriate staff member will then meet you at the door and speak with you from a safe distance in the fountain court yard. During this time, we will not have receptionists at the front desk in order to best protect as many as possible. Please feel free to contact any of our pastors or staff if you have any questions.

Did You Know...

We are now streaming our Worship services on Facebook! It's so easy to watch; just go to our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsaiken/> starting Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. Did you miss the premier of the video? That's ok, too! Our Worship services will remain available under the "video" tab on our Facebook page, so you can watch them any time! We also encourage you to share our worship videos with your friends and family to help us spread God's message! If you have trouble finding a way to watch our services, please contact Becca Hartsell at becca.hartsell@stjohns-umc.org for help.

St. John's Missions News

Christ Central Summer Enrichment Camp for middle school age students is in need of men and women volunteers from June 15-19 and July 13-24. You will be a "friend" about 2 hours each day with the opportunity to change a life. Call Judy Floyd at 803-640-1708 with questions or to volunteer.

Children's Ministries

Due to COVID-19, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our annual Vacation Bible School for Summer 2020. We look forward to Summer 2021.

Love, Heather

Foundation Student Ministries

CONGRATS GRADS! Catch the Senior Sunday service, along with all of St John's virtual services, on Facebook and YouTube. Stay tuned for more updates on Foundation's Summer schedule! We are working hard to come up with a new plan that takes the social distancing guidelines into consideration! We miss you! As always, Amy and Bekah are always available to you!!!

Call us anytime!

Love, Bekah & Amy

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 6/3/2020

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 943,506.87
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ <u>723,876.35</u>
	\$ 219,630.52

Missions Budget: Year 2020/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions	\$ 103,123.00
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 78,650.00

We thank you for your continued support of St. John's Ministries!

LOOKING AHEAD

Church offices will begin a phased opening on **JUNE 15, 2020**, and we will reopen with worship on **AUGUST 2, 2020**. ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Please visit stjaiken.org for more info.

Order of Worship– Online Service

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Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. In this time of uncertainty, we pray you will find comfort through worship. To view this service, please visit www.stjaiken.org beginning Sunday morning at 8:30. This service will be available throughout the week.

PRELUDE	It is Well With My Soul <i>Chuck Carver & Christopher Nash</i>	<i>Schwoebel</i>
WELCOME		Dr. Tim McClendon
CALL TO WORSHIP	Majesty	
HYMN OF PRAISE	This is the Spirit's Entry Now	
OPENING SONG	Holy, Holy, Holy	<i>Dykes/Weber</i>
PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, & CHORAL AMEN		
<i>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.</i>		
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	We Believe	<i>Newsboys</i>
<i>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.</i>		
ANTHEM	Before the Throne of God	<i>Cook</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 28:16-20	
SERMON	The Palindromic God	Dr. Tim McClendon
SONG OF DEDICATION	How Great is Our God	<i>C. Tomlin</i>
OFFERTORY	The Lord Bless You <i>Rebekah Muir</i>	
PRAYER & BENEDICTION		Dr. Tim McClendon
POSTLUDE	Praise to the Lord Almighty	

This is a time of great need, and our missions and church operations require our continued generous giving. Please consider giving online, through text, through the mail, or over the phone to help us ensure that our ministries here and around the world are not adversely affected. More details can be found at www.stjaiken.org by clicking the COVID-19 button on the main page.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Worship Services—Dr. Tim McClendon; Music Director— Dr. Catherine Stapleton Nance; Organist—Christopher Nash; the Chancel Choir; 9:02 Music—Jane Timmerman & The 9:02 Band

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 73256 and following the instructions.

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