



# ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

June 28, 2020



## Farewell from Rev. Tresco Shannon

St. John's is a wonderful church with a great mission, both locally and throughout the world, as you share God's Grace, Word, and Love. I have been blessed to serve, for this period of time, with two incredible pastors in Dr. Tim and Reverend Butch in what I truly consider to be the flagship church in the South Carolina Annual Conference. St. John's is endowed with a very special lay staff, of which we can all be proud.

Life is filled with change and transition, and it is the cherished role of the church to help us steer a steady course as we go through life. My great hope has been to offer and serve a church that is intellectually respected, socially responsible, and spiritually redemptive. That, and more, is what St. John's is all about. I am thankful to you for this.

Throughout my ministry I have loved the world and tried to change it. I have loved the church and tried to serve it. I have loved my brothers and sisters in Christ and tried to shepherd them.

Now, this weekend brings to a close my ministry at St. John's, and I will continue this ministry in Conway, South Carolina, at Trinity UMC, as I begin a new chapter in my life. I can honestly say, that as I look forward or backward - either way looks wonderful!

I have been blessed by your friendship and encouragement. I cannot begin to express my profound appreciation for this church, and for all you mean to me.

In the model prayer, our Lord taught his disciples, and us, to acknowledge, "... hallowed be Thy name." May all of us truly hallow His name in all we do and say.

Thank you, St. John's, and may the peace of Christ be with you.

*Rev. Tresco Shannon*

## Zoom Sunday School Classes

Sunday School class leaders, if you are interested in hosting your classes via Zoom, please contact Amy Jernigan for more information. She can be reached at (803- 648-6891) ext. 9207 or [amy.jernigan@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:amy.jernigan@stjohns-umc.org).

## Upper Room Devotionals Available

The July/August edition of the Upper Room Devotional are now available for pick up. They will be located on a table outside of the side lobby door (near the fountain) off of Newberry Street.

## ACTS Volunteers Needed!

Our friends at ACTS need our help! They are looking for volunteers to serve in the following areas: Food Pantry, Food Pick-Up, Furniture Pick-Up, and Graniteville Resale Store Volunteers. For more information or to receive a volunteer application, please call (803)649-3800 or visit their website: [www.actsofaiken.org](http://www.actsofaiken.org). **Masks and safety equipment will be provided to volunteers.**

## St. John's Missions News

The thrift stores at Stand at Crossroads Ministry, ACTS, Habitat for Humanity, and Christ Central are all open. These stores provide a regular source of income for each of these ministries. Check their websites or give them a call for days and hours, and go shopping (safely with a mask).

## Children's Ministries

It was so good to see you at the park this week. Mark your calendars for our next park date. We will meet on Tuesday, July 7 at Generations Park at 10am. I hope you are enjoying your summer.

*Love, Heather*

## Foundation Student Ministries

Happy Summer! We will be sending out a July calendar of events very soon. Be on the lookout! If you need us, call or text anytime! Bekah (803)508-2636 or Amy (803)319-7174.

*Love, Bekah & Amy*

## Our Giving Growth

### Operations Budget as of 6/24/2020

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,014,280.76
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ 850,725.07
	\$ 163,555.69

### Missions Budget: Year 2020/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions	\$ 109,550.77
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 100,750.00

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

Worship will resume **AUGUST 2, 2020**. ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Please visit [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org) for more info.

## News of the Family

### Congratulations to:

**Julia Grace Merrifield**, daughter of **Matt & Cathy Merrifield**, who was baptized in the Sanctuary on June 22, 2020. Big sister is **Ellery Cate**.

## In Memoriam

Mrs. Jaqueline "Jackie"  
Harper James  
June 19, 2020

# Order of Worship– Online Service

June 28, 2020

*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](http://www.stjaiken.org) beginning Sunday morning at 8:30. This service will be available throughout the week.*

**PRELUDE**

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

*Adam DePriest & Christopher Nash*

**WELCOME**

**Dr. Tim McClendon**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Surely the Presence**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

**OPENING SONG**

**Lord, I Need You**

*M. Maher*

**PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, & CHORAL AMEN**

*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.*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We Believe**

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*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.*

**ANTHEM**

**Amen**

*Shraeder*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 13**

**SERMON**

**Will It Ever Get Better?**

**Dr. Tim McClendon**

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

**Your Love Never Fails**

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**OFFERTORY**

**Amazing Grace**

**PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

**Dr. Tim McClendon**

**CLOSING SONG**

**Faith**

*Hillsong*

*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](http://www.stjaiken.org) by clicking the COVID-19 button on the main page.*

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## 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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