



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

November 22, 2020

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50 Year Member Recognition

St. John's celebrates this year's 50 year members: **Ed & Genie Farmer** and **Diane Crain**. We are grateful for their dedication and service to St. John's and thank each of them for all they have meant to our church over the past 50 years. We asked these wonderful members to share a bit about their time with our church.

"We joined St. John's shortly after our first child, wanting his baptism to be in the church where he would grow up. That was one of the best decisions we ever made. Being a part of St. John's has given our family strength that has sustained us through good times and challenging times.

Our faith has grown and matured over these 50 years. What a blessing it has been to share a life with you, our church family. We thank each of you for being our friends."—Ed & Genie Farmer

"I am so appreciative of St. John's performing the sacraments for my family: baptisms, weddings, and funerals. St. John's has been there for my family, and I thank you."—Diane Crain

Dr. Catherine Nance Announcement Update

Several months ago, Dr. Catherine Stapleton Nance announced that she was applying for candidacy to be a local pastor in the United Methodist Church. After further prayer, advice, and discernment, she feels that this is not the direction that God is calling her at this time. All of us, as baptized Christians, have been called to various avenues of ministry, whether as laity or clergy.

2020 Orangeburg District Leader Training

The Orangeburg District will host the **2020 Orangeburg District Leader Training**. This training is intended to equip laity assuming leadership roles in the local church in January of 2021. This training will take place **online** using a zoom platform. The training is free, but **does require participants to register for the event**. Registration for each training will close once it reaches the 90 person limit. We encourage you to register as soon as possible as the sessions will fill quickly. You may register for this training at the link below. Training sessions are November 23, November 30, December 7, and December 14.

www.umcsc.org/orangeburg-district/

SERVING THIS WEEK

Worship Services—Dr. Tim McClendon, Rev. Butch Blackwell, Rev. Douglas Herlong; Music Director (11:00 Traditional) Dr. Catherine Nance; Music Director (8:30) & Organist—Christopher Nash; (9:02 and 11:00 Contemporary) Music—Jane Timmerman & The 9:02 Band
Crucifer—Madelyn Smith **Acolytes**— Amelia Overstreet & Kara Pascarella

November Worship Support—Christy Kisner, Nita Bell, Libby Taylor, & Peg Robinson

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 73256 and following the instructions. Images and texts used with this service have permission granted under CCLI #2220845.

This service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.

*Please stand, as able.

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Children's Ministries

Jacob's Ladder | Genesis 28:10-22

Sunday School and Nursery are back! We hope to see you in class. Please use the back parking lot doors to enter and exit. Mark your calendar for Family Night, December 6, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. We will have a Gingerbread House decorating competition.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

No SNY Tonight! We hope you and your family register for FAMILY NIGHT—Gingerbread House Decorating Party on December 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Bible Studies:

All Bible Studies **CANCELED** this week for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We are thankful for YOU this holiday season!

St. John's Missions News

Your extra plastic grocery bags are needed to support Ministry Meals, Wednesday night supper and Grace Kitchen. Please bring them to the church office or drop off in the kitchen. We thank you in advance for your simple but much needed contribution to these ministries.

SEED Calendar Fundraiser

The SEED program at St. John's was blessed to be able to open our doors in August, but it has started off slowly with smaller classes and strict DHEC guidelines due to Covid-19. We had to delay starting back our early morning drop-offs and Discovery Club until November. This delay impacted the funding the SEED program receives from tuition and, as you may know, the SEED program is self-funded. We have created a calendar to try and offset some of the cost that goes into operating our program. The children in every class have had a hand in this calendar and left a unique touch on each page. We are looking for your support in purchasing one of our 2021 calendars. The cost is \$20, and you may pay online using the QR code (see the picture page), or contact Nancy Fairgrieve for an order form to pay by cash or check.

Epworth Children's Home Christmas Donations

We need your help in giving the children at Epworth Children's Home a Merry Christmas! We would like you to donate a gift card of any amount (mark the amount on the card, envelope, or gift bag). Gift cards can be from Amazon, Target, WalMart, McDonalds, VISA, etc. We will have boxes at the church exits to collect them throughout November. If you would like to pick a specific item, go to <https://www.epworthchildrenshome.org/christmas>. Thank you for helping the children have a Merry Christmas. Questions? Call or text Maureen Bernard at (803)221-9635.

Poinsettia Sales

Poinsettia Sales will be taken on November 21st, 28th, and December 6th. There will be no table sales this year. Orders will be taken either online OR at church. Poinsettias will be \$20.00 each. When coming to worship on these dates, you will be able to pick up an envelope with the order information printed on the front. You will place your check or cash in the envelope, and put it in the offering basket as you depart the worship spaces. The poinsettias will be displayed in the Faith Center and in the Sanctuary on December 13th and 20th. **You will be able to pick up your poinsettia on December 21st ONLY in the lobbies.** We appreciate your continued support for this beautiful Christmas tradition in memory of or in honor of loved ones. THANK YOU!

SEED Virtual Book Fair

It is time for SEED’s Scholastic Book Fair, which is held online this year! The book fair is running now through November 27th, you can take advantage of online shopping. This is a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts while supporting the SEED program. Simply use the link below to shop!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnsumcpreschl1>

Financial Statement Update

Financial statements of giving from January 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 were mailed this week. Please look over your statement and contact Nancy Fairgrieve at nfairgrieve@stjohns-umc.org or (803)648-6891 ext. 9217 if you find any errors or have any questions.

Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 25, DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. Wednesday Night Supper will resume on December 2.

Church Offices Closed

Church offices will be closed November 26 & 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Attendance—11/8/2020

8:30 66	9:02 93	11:00 (Both) 157	6:00 23
Total in Person 339			
9:02 Online Live 1,612		11:00 Online Live 589	

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 11/18/2020

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,742,913.38
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,576,839.63</u>
	\$ 160,050.00

Missions Budget: Year 2020/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$169,870.36
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$160,050.00

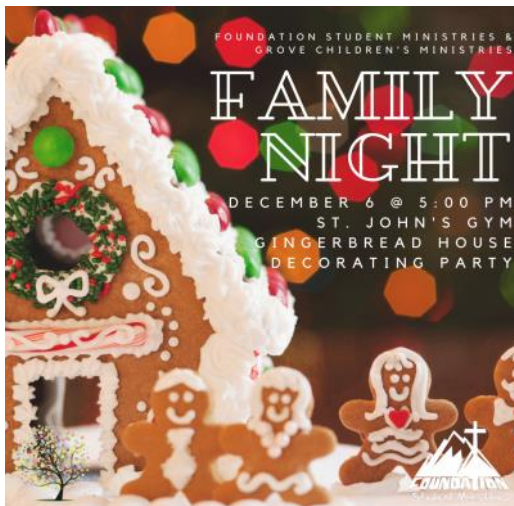
Looking Ahead

- Nov. 22: 50 Year Member Recognition
- Nov. 26-27: Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
- Dec. 6: Gingerbread House
Family Night
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25: Offices Closed for Christmas
- Jan. 24: Confirmation Classes Begin
- Feb. 10-14: Mission Impact Celebration

FOUNDATION STUDENT MINISTRIES & GROVE CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

FAMILY NIGHT

DECEMBER 6 @ 5:00 PM
ST. JOHN'S GYM
GINGERBREAD HOUSE
DECORATING PARTY



FOUNDATIONS
COURTESY OF THE

Get your *SEED* Calendar today!



USE YOUR SMARTPHONE TO SCAN THE QR CODE, AND SELECT "SEED CALENDARS" FROM THE FUND LIST!

\$20

JOIN OUR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CONTACT REV. DOUGLAS
FOR MORE INFO
(803)648-6891 EXT. 9218
DHERLONG@STJOHNS-UMC.ORG



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**FOLLOW
US ON
INSTAGRAM!**
[@stjohnsumc_aiken](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsumc_aiken)

it's a drive-by birthday parade

JEWEL DAILEY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

23 NOVEMBER 2020 • 3:15 PM
MEET IN THE BACK PARKING LOT



ELEVENTH HOUR PRAYER GROUP

FAITH CENTER
PORTICO

EVERY TUESDAY
FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
PLEASE BRING A CHAIR



Order of Worship— Traditional 8:30 A.M.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. In this time of uncertainty, we pray you will find comfort through worship. You can view this service and more throughout the week on our website stjaiken.org.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open My Eyes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN NO. 715

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON

A Proper Thanksgiving

Dr. Tim McClendon

*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

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*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.*

ANTHEM

Abide with Me

G. Martin

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, & 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.

BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS FOR END OF SERVICE

*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

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PRAISE SONG

Revelation Song

J. Riddle

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Douglas Herlong

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King of Glory

Third Day

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We Believe

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.

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

I Will Trust in You

L. Daigle

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PRAISE SONG

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord

P. Baloche

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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