



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

January 10, 2021

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St. John's COVID-19 Operations Update

We are seeing the number of COVID cases increasing to an all-time high in our state and in Aiken. To keep our church family, staff, and community safe, we have decided to revert back to our Phase 1 plan for all of January, 2021. **All in person worship services will continue with all existing safety precautions.** Phase 1 does not provide for onsite meetings or gatherings.

Additionally, please know that our staff will continue to keep regular office hours and will be available to assist you. You may come to the front entrance (Newberry Street) of St. John's, and call whomever you would like to see. The phone numbers are posted at the front door. The staff member will meet you outside to offer assistance. We are grateful for your continued cooperation in making St. John's as safe as possible.

Offering Envelopes Announcement

By now most of you have received your offering envelopes in the mail. Due to a miscommunication with the company, they mailed weekly envelopes to all members of the church. At this point, there is no fixing this problem, so I am asking those of you who give using monthly envelopes to choose one envelope a month and hand or mail it in each month. You will be receiving 13 envelopes each quarter for the rest of the year.

We will go back to the separate weekly and monthly envelopes next year. I am very sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you. Should you have any questions at all, please feel free to give me a call at (803)648-6891.

Thank you, Nancy Fairgrieve, Finance office

Thank You from the Worship Support Team

The Worship Support Team would like to thank all of the church members who provided the beautiful poinsettias that decorated the Sanctuary and Faith Center during Christmas. The team would also like to thank EVERYONE who gave of their time, talents, and energy in decorating for this beautiful season and returning the church to its regular beauty at the conclusion of the season. Also, a big thank you to all of the Worship Support Team ladies who take care of the Sanctuary and Chapel each week. You are all VERY much appreciated. THANK YOU one and all!

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—Nancy Ross **Acolytes**— Carleigh Day & Henry Vaughters

January Worship Support—Judy Bilyeu, Susan Crosby, Barbara Johnson, & Brenda Smith

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

We are so EXCITED to start back Grove with a fun family experience on February 7. Grove will be different as we navigate the changes of COVID-19. It will not be every Sunday. You will get notifications for when and how each Grove event will happen, so be on the lookout. Even though 2021 will be different, we are jumping in with lots of excitement.

Due to Covid-19, 3rd grade Bible Basics has been moved to start March 3 with the second class on April 14.

Please like and follow our Children's Ministry Facebook page (scan the QR Code using your smartphone for the link). This is the best way to receive information about what is happening in Grove Children's Ministry at St. John's. Bible lessons and activities will also be available to access here for our children.



Contact Gray Mole if you have any questions at (803)648-6891 or gmole@stjohns-umc.org.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Join us TONIGHT for Trivia over Zoom at 5:00 p.m.

Bible Studies:

CORE, Dwell, and Brotherhood are happening over Zoom for the rest of January. Check out Facebook and Instagram for details.

Feel free to contact Bekah Muir or Amy Jernigan if you have any questions at (803)648-6891 or rmuir@stjohns-umc.org or ajernigan@stjohns-umc.org.

St. John's Missions News

Carolina Honduras Health Foundation (CHHF) came to us through Bob and Mary Anne Clyburn and became a mission partner in 2018. CHHF provides free medical, dental and ophthalmic services to those in the Colon area of Honduras. They operate three clinics which are staffed by mission trip teams from late January through late October – outside rainy season. These teams are primarily medical personnel from all over the US and the Yeh family and Rene Boylston have participated. The pandemic has made possible the creation of a tele-med program. Doctors in the US treat patients in Honduras. Faith promise provides \$1200 per month. <https://chhf.org/>

Our Grace Kitchen family is in need of clean winter gloves, scarves, coats, & blankets. Drop off boxes will be in the Narthex of each service.

DON'T FORGET: SEED Calendars

There is still time to support our friends in the St. John's SEED program by purchasing one of their special 2021 Calendars! Each calendar is only \$20 and features precious artwork showcasing our littlest St. John's friends. Don't miss out! The funds raised by each calendar sale go directly to funding the SEED program. Your calendar will help buy art supplies, lesson materials, and so much more! Call the office at (803)648-6891 or visit <https://onrealm.org/stjaiken/-/give/now> and select "SEED Calendar" from the drop-down menu to get your calendar today!

Dr. Tim's Acts (Sunday Afternoon & Wednesday) Bible Study

Dr. Tim's Acts Bible Study will continue during our return to Phase One. The Sunday Afternoon study will resume 4:00-5:00 p.m. on January 10 with Acts 14, and the Zoom Link is available by calling Jennifer Windham at (803)648-6891. The Wednesday Acts Study will resume 10:00-11:30 a.m. on January 13 with Acts 16 in the Sanctuary. There will be no access to the rest of the building until we resume Phase Two operations.

2021 Flower Calendar

The 2021 Flower Calendar is now available in the front office. If you would like to reserve a date to donate altar flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Windham in the front office at (803)648-6891 or jwindham@stjohns-umc.org. Vases are \$40 each, and two vases are available each Sunday.

Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

Menu: Tomato Bisque, Garlic Toast, Salad, & Cheesecake. Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, January 11, at 5:00 p.m. Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at jdavis@stjohns-umc.org. Cost is \$7.50 for 10 years old and older, \$3.00 for children over the age of 3. Pick-up will be on Wednesday, January 13 from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. under the Faith Center portico. You can pay online at stjaiken.org. Then go to "Give Now," next press the drop down button, then click on WNS. You may also pay in person. Checks are preferred. Make checks out to St. John's.

News of the Family

Our Sympathies to:

Virgle & John Miano on the death of Virgle's sister, **Jeanne Fraley Carter**, who passed away on January 1, 2021 in Johnston, SC.

Dean & Pat Wittwer on the death of Dean's father, **Donald R. Wittwer**, who passed away on January 2, 2021 in Wapakoneta, OH.

Attendance—1/3/2021

8:30 | 46 9:02 | 65 11:00 (Both) | 137 6:00 | 15

Total in Person | 263

9:02 Online Live | 1,807 11:00 Online Live | 421

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 12/31/2020

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do: **YEAR END FINANCIALS**

Year to date ministry expenditures:

TO COME SOON

Missions Budget: Year 2020/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is

asking us to do in Missions:

\$188,711.94

Year to date Missions Disbursements:

\$172,650.00

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

Confirmation

Class of 2020-21

Avery Elizabeth Abrams
Olivia Joy Chavis
Matthew Brown Davis
Audrey Sharon Dietzel
Kyle David Erford
Michael Alexander Erwin
Charlotte Rae Farmer
Sophie Jaq Gadus
Olive Jean Kelly
Rebecca Lane Kreitzer

Richard Finn Mole
Rachel Ann Mussetter
Owen James Osteen
Tanner McTeer Padgett
Sean James Parker
Harrison James Ray
Charles Rylan Shick
James Walker Wiedenman
Hyatt Elizabeth Wilhelm
Davis Wilkes

We need your help.

Our friends at the Honduras Agape Foundation and the Carolina Honduras Health Foundation need us more than ever following 2 hurricanes and the ongoing battle with COVID-19. Join us in participating in a special offering on January 10 to send relief to these two important St. John's Missions Partners.

**WE ARE
RETURNING TO
PHASE 1
OPENING FOR
JANUARY.**

Please visit www.stjaiken.org or call the church office at (803)618-8891 for more information or if you have any questions.



THIS SUNDAY



5PM ON ZOOM

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

Welcome to all who are worshiping 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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Butch Blackwell

HONDURAS PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

OPENING HYMN NO. 144 This is My Father's World

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:1-31

SERMON Caretakers or Creators 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** *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.*

ANTHEM Solo
Sung by Alysa Smith

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**

***DOXOLOGY**

POSTLUDE

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Contemporary 11:00 AM

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PRAISE SONG

Indescribable

Reeves/Story

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Brother

Needtobreathe

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

Morning Has Broken

C. Stevens

SCRIPTURE READING

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SERMON

Caretakers or Creators

Dr. Tim McClendon

HONDURAS PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

PRAISE SONG

Say I Won't

Mercy Me

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OFFERING & BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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Order of Worship— Traditional 11:00 AM

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