

## Calendar

<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	<b>April 23</b> Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship Lucia Rehearsal
<b>Monday,</b> 9:30 - 3:00 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>April 24</b> Kindermusik classes Prayer Group Pacesetters, FH
<b>Tuesday,</b> 12:00 p.m.	<b>April 25</b> <i>The Armor of God</i> Study
<b>Wednesday,</b> 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>April 26</b> Children's Choirs Wednesday Night Supper Adult Program, B2B Kids, UMYF Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday,</b> 10:30-12:30	<b>April 27</b> Kindermusik classes
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00-12:00	<b>April 28</b> Homeschool Music Classes
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	<b>April 30– Baby Sunday</b> Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship Cookies in the Courtyard Worship Training Lucia Rehearsal
<b>Monday,</b> 9:30 - 3:00 9:30 a.m.	<b>May 1</b> Kindermusik classes Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday,</b> 12:00 p.m.	<b>May 2</b> <i>The Armor of God</i> Study
<b>Wednesday,</b> 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>May 3</b> Children's Choirs Wednesday Night Supper Adult Program, B2B Kids, UMYF Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday,</b> 10:30-12:30	<b>May 4</b> Kindermusik classes
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00-12:00	<b>May 5</b> Homeschool Music Classes

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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS ST. JOHN UMC

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April 23—May 6, 2017

On Sunday April 23, 2017 it will be my distinct pleasure and honor to baptize Milo Andrew Lebet, my first grandchild. I will be conducting this holy sacrament at North Decatur Church. North Decatur is a church I served from 1998-2007. It was here that all three of our children started and finished Druid Hills High School; as Methodist preacher's kids, it is rare that all three would graduate from the same school. In my family of origin it was not the case. I was the youngest son of 3 brothers. We, too, were United Methodist preacher's kids, but each of us graduated from different high schools.

Today I am reflecting in the glow of Easter as I think of my family, my parents, my children, and my grandchild. I'm thinking about my parents and how they parented us. They were stern and yet gentle; they were kind, caring, fair and loving. We were wild, rambunctious boys. They created boundaries for our protection, but we usually pushed the limits. We were encouraged to play outside; we went on camping vacations in the Smokey Mountains and to the beach. I felt secure and loved as a child.

With regard to my own parenting, I confess I was a bit high strung. I got too excited in a bad way at times. I yelled more than I should, but hopefully I apologized to my children when necessary. One time we took our 3 teenagers to Europe for 9 weeks (6 of those weeks was a pulpit exchange in Leeds, England). It sounds like an awesome adventure, but it was really a living hell. I said some pretty awful things to my children as they complained in the back seat of a VW Passat. I told them after it was over: (they think I was kidding) "Don't worry. You'll get over this experience after about 25 or 30 years of counseling."

Today when I see the young families around the church or see young families in the grocery store, I want to share with them the things my father used to say to me. I catch myself thinking the same things today.

"Son, enjoy these children while you can; they won't stay young long." He was right.

"Son, remember these are the greatest times of your life." He was right.

"Son, don't speak so harshly to your children." He was right.

"Son, go help your mamma in the kitchen." He was partly right.

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Parenting for me was the hardest and yet the most rewarding thing I have ever done. I remember worrying more about my children than maybe I should have. One day it dawned on me that God loved my children more than I did, and I began to relax more and stopped worrying as much. It is an odd thing that sometimes rotten parents raise great kids and great parents raise rotten kids. One thing is for sure: a home filled with love and forgiveness, a home filled with encouragement and grace, in that environment a soul has a better chance. Somebody once said, "Our homes are the incubators of grace that bring real change to the world." May your home be an incubator of grace.

Blessings to you.

Jody Alderman

### Worship Service

April 23, 2017

Guest Preacher: Rev. Chuck Moon

Sermon Scripture: John 20:19-31

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 19-29; 31:9-16, 1 Peter 1:3-9

### Worship Service

April 30, 2017

Sermon: Christ Revealed

Sermon Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23

### Wednesday Night Supper April 26, 2017

Program: Bible Trivia

Fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans, green salad rolls, ice cream, tea and coffee.

### Wednesday Night Supper May 3, 2017

Program: Jr. Choir Award Night

Hot dogs, hamburgers, tater tots, vegetables, tossed salad, brownies, tea, and coffee.

Cost: Adults: \$7; Youth (7-12) \$3; Children (3-6) \$1;

Children under 3 are free. To reserve or cancel, call the church office at 706-724-9641 by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before.

Worship Training Event April 30th for existing and new worship stewards (lay readers, liturgists, communion stewards, ushers, greeters, pew janitors, acolytes, sound techs.) All those interested, contact Paula Matson at 706-394-6824 or paulacmatson@gmail.com. Lunch at 12:30pm with training following. Contact Nichole to reserve nursery.

### Our Prayers

**Jay Dennis, Phil Hargrove,** Lizzie Grant, Bill Bohling, David and Hildred Allard, Glenn Markle, Gary DeMore, David Lewis, Don Gordon, Curtis Oglesby, Tom Rogers, The Hale House, New Bethlehem Community Center, The Stith Mead House, Military at home and deployed overseas, and the troubled corners of our world.

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Liturgist

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Acolyte

Crucifer

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### April 23

The Reverend Chuck Moon

Allen Smith, 9 a.m.

Patty Strickland, 11 a.m.

Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.

Di Johnson, 11 a.m.

Frank Fidler, 9 a.m.

Charlie Tudor, Lead Usher; Gerry Aldridge;

David Brunk; Mark Fissel; Carol Klein; Lansing Lee, III;

Bubba Nash; Roy Stampley, Jr.; Jimmy Thompson, 11 a.m.

Madison Hixon

Katie Presnell

Anna Butler and Steve Hobbs

Rich Laschober, 9a.m.

Bobby James, 11 a.m.

### April 30

The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman

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Jack Kyzer

Ellie Kyzer

Libby Hargrove and Clara Claussen

Ronald and Donna Strom, 9 a.m.

Logan Kuehl, 11 a.m.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School the week of June 12th! Please be in prayer about how you can serve the children of St. John and our community. Details coming soon!

### HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

**Bless This House:** In honor of Beth & Lansing Lee by Patty & Curt Strickland. In memory of J. Clarence Jackson, Jr. by Rose K. Scott.

**Budget:** In honor of Becky Hodges birthday by Frances Altizer.

In honor of Mary Ottinger by Kent & Elyse Kronowski.

**Music Memorial:** In memory of J. Clarence Jackson, Jr. by Vic Johnson.

### PACESETTER MEETING

Monday - April 24th- 11:00 am - St. John Fellowship Hall  
Our speaker will be Kimberly Blanchard, Executive Director of St. Vincent DePaul Health Clinic. Kimberly will speak about the work done at the clinic to provide health care to the homeless and uninsured. She would also like to address the overall homeless problem in our area. This would be an excellent opportunity for us to become more informed and learn how we can help.

Lunch following the meeting is \$7.00 for those wishing to stay.  
Invite a friend-you will be Blessed!

### Baby Sunday is April 30th!



Every year we celebrate the new babies born into the St. John family! Please send baby's name and birthdate to tfryant@stjohnaugusta.org by Wednesday, April 26 to make sure we recognize your family during the 11am worship service. Lemonade and cookies follow in the courtyard, weather permitting.

### Graduation Sunday will be held on June 11th. Please let the church office know of any graduates in the St. John Family this year!

If you wish your graduate to be recognized, email Nichole or Traci with the student's full name, the school from which they are graduating, and their future plans.



### Register for Choir Camp online!

Monday, July 10– Sunday July 16

Rising 2 – 8 graders.

Details online at [www.stjohnaugusta.org/music/choir-camp](http://www.stjohnaugusta.org/music/choir-camp)

### Lake work day Saturday, May 6 at 9 am.

Bring your gloves and rakes, etc! Lunch provided!  
RSVP to Gerry Aldridge at [geraldridge@comcast.net](mailto:geraldridge@comcast.net).