

**Calendar**

<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>February 12th</b> Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Methodism 101 Morning Worship Lucia Rehearsal Soul Food: Winter Soup
<b>Monday,</b> 9:30 - 3:00 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>February 13th</b> Kindermusik classes Prayer Group UMW
<b>Tuesday,</b> 12:00 p.m.	<b>February 14th</b> The Call Bible Study No UMM Meeting
<b>Wednesday,</b> 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>February 15th</b> Children's Choirs Wednesday Night Supper Adult Program, B2B Kids, UMYF Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday,</b> 10:30-12:30	<b>February 16th</b> Kindermusik
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>February 17th</b> Homeschool Music Classes
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>February 19th</b> Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Morning Worship CWC Choral Festival Soul Food: Winter Soup
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>February 20th</b> Office Closed
<b>Tuesday,</b> 12:00 p.m.	<b>February 21st</b> The Call Bible Study
<b>Wednesday,</b> 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>February 22nd</b> Children's Choirs Wednesday Night Supper Adult Program, B2B Kids, UMYF Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday,</b> 10:30-12:30	<b>February 23rd</b> Kindermusik
<b>Friday,</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>February 24th</b> Homeschool Music Classes

St. John wishes to extend sympathy to Bob Fisher and family in the recent death of his brother, Albert Fleet Fisher.

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Augusta, GA  
Permit #411

St. John United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 444  
Augusta, GA 30903-0444

Return service requested

«FIRST» «LAST»  
«ADDRESS\_2»«ADDRESS\_1»  
«CITY», «STATE» «ZIP»



**NEWS FROM THE PEWS**  
**ST. JOHN UMC**  
736 Greene St.; Augusta GA 30901  
Office : 706.724.9641 Fax: 706.724.9644  
www.stjohnaugusta.org

February 12-25, 2017

In a recent meeting with the leaders of the church, we began a discussion about “Listening.” We discussed what it means to listen to God, to each other, to the hurts of the world, and to the needs of the community. Listening may be the best way that we can love people. We live in a very noisy world. Oftentimes, even when we are in conversation with friends, we are not listening. We are just waiting for the other person to stop talking in order to talk. Listening requires work.

I have heard of people picking a particular word that guides them all year. I know of some churches that do so as well. One church used the word “prayer” as a focus word for everything they did during the year.

We as Methodists have a history of having a “method” for living. Our Bishop recently reminded us of that when she preached here recently. Wesley was very methodical in his daily devotions and in his daily prayer and journal writing. It has been said that John Wesley got up and prayed at 5:00 every day for one hour. If he knew he had a lot to do for the day, he would not cut out the prayer but instead add an hour to his prayer time and have 2 hours of prayer. I am ashamed to say that I’m afraid if I prayed for that long, I might fall back to sleep. Sorry, Lord.

But I do think that prayer is the best way for us to be in relationship with Jesus. And I think our prayers need to be “listening” prayers.

God has called each of us, and in order to respond to God’s call, we must listen. If we continue to listen for God, God will draw us into a deeper quality relationship with Him.

And if we are to really listen, we need to listen with our minds and our hearts, open even to what we may not want to hear. If understanding is to take place, we must listen with a yielding heart. We may need to let go of some of our preconceptions and opinions. If we really want to listen to God, we must be willing to hear different views that challenge us and stir our souls. We must be willing to hear the affirming word and the unappealing word of God.

Jesus on many occasions would draw apart for reflection and prayer. I hope that we as a church will all deepen our devotion time by prayerfully listening to God, to each other, and to the needs of our community.

What did you say? I wasn’t listening ;)

Jody

### Worship Service

February 12, 2017

#### Sermon: The Change Up

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 5:21-37

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 19:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

### Worship Service

February 19, 2017

#### Sermon: Truth

Sermon Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; Matthew 5:38-48

### Wednesday Night Supper February 15, 2017

Program: *The Five Love Languages* of the Church

Menu: Beef Stroganoff/chicken, potatoes, broccoli casserole, salad, bread pudding, french bread, tea, and coffee.

### Wednesday Night Supper February 22, 2017

Program: Methodist History with Rev. Bill Daniel

Menu: Salmon patties/chicken, creamed potatoes, green bean casserole, tossed salad, ice cream, rolls, 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.

Or fill out an online supper reservation form.

### Join us for Concerts with a Cause:

#### February 19 A Choral Festival 3:00 pm

Brad Holmes of Millikin University

Conducts a festival concert with

Thompson First UMC Chancel Choir,

The Davidson Chorale, The Lucia Ensemble,

and The St. John Choir

#### The cause: Natalie's Light

Free, open to the public. Nursery provided. Reception following.

### The Ladies, Literature & Laughter Book Club

will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the home of Kathy and Mattie Morris, located at 904 Lake Avenue, North Augusta.

Phone 803-279-0886 or [kgirlearl@aol.com](mailto:kgirlearl@aol.com). Please notify them whether or not you can attend. Becky Moon will lead the discussion of our book *The Bartender's Tale* by Ivan Doig.

We welcome you to join us!

### Our Prayers

Glenn Markle, Parmie Lay, 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.

### Sunday

Preaching

Liturgist

Lay Reader

Ushers

Acolyte

Crucifer

Offering Counters

Sound Technicians

### Sunday

Preaching

Liturgist

Lay Reader

Ushers

Acolyte

Crucifer

Offering Counters

Sound Technicians

### February 12th

The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman

Allen Smith, 9 a.m.

Lee Herndon, 11 a.m.

Allen Smith, 9 a.m.

Linda Gordy, 11 a.m.

Frank Fidler, 9 a.m.

Charlie Tudor, Chair, Gerry Aldridge, David Brunk;

Gary Crook; Mark Fissel; Carol Klein, Bubba Nash;

Roy Stampley Jr., Jimmy Thompson, 11 a.m.

Abby Kight

Catherine Blanchard

Charles Piercy and Bob Claussen

Ronald and Donna Strom, 9a.m.

Michael Young, 11 a.m.

### February 19th

The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman

Allen Smith, 9 a.m.

Dennis Hollins, 11 a.m.

Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.

Sandy Hobbs, 11 a.m.

Ronald Strom, 9a.m.

Charlie Tudor, Chair, Gerry Aldridge, David Brunk;

Gary Crook; Mark Fissel; Carol Klein, Bubba Nash;

Roy Stampley Jr., Jimmy Thompson, 11 a.m.

Katie Presnell

Anna Doster

Libby Hargrove and Clara Claussen

Ronald and Donna Strom, 9 a.m.

Bobby James, 11 a.m.

### Basic Lay Servant Training, March 18 and 25

(both sessions must be attended). Deadline – March 15. Cost - \$40

### Advanced Lay Servant Training (UM Polity), April 22 and 29

(both sessions must be attended). Deadline – April 19. Cost - \$40

Contact the District Office for details. 706-651-8621

### HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

**Budget:** In honor of Libby Hargrove by Nesbit & Ann Dasher

**Bless This House:** In memory of Jackie Lott by Greg & Judith Goodwin.

**Music Ministry:** In honor of Clara Claussen's Birthday by Diddy Thompson.

### Homeless Offering Sunday, February 26, 2017

Across our conference, we will have a special offering at worship services on the 26<sup>th</sup> for The North Georgia Housing and Homeless Council. They award capital and operational grants to ministries throughout North Georgia who are working to alleviate poverty and homelessness in their communities. 100% of the offering goes to support programs that serve persons experiencing poverty. These ministries include housing programs, food pantries, Habitat for Humanity builds, and many others. Your contribution to the offering allows you to make a difference in the life of someone in need.

### PACESETTER MEETING

Monday - February 27, 2017 - 11:00 AM - St. John Sanctuary.

Join us for food, fun, fellowship, and a great blessing! Invite your friends. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Tim Owings, retired Baptist Minister.

He will be presenting a piano concert in our Sanctuary; Please come a few minutes early. Invite your friends. They will thank you for it. Lunch following the meeting - \$7.00 - in the Fellowship Hall.



### Feb 28 6 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Variety Show!

Calling all artists, sword swallowers, comedians, singers, jugglers, minstrels, mimes, belly dancers, acrobats, and contortionists!

Please have your agent contact Nichole by February 22nd. Wages to be paid in all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage!



Save the date for our fourth annual "Celebrating Women" event for members and friends

of St. John, ages 10+. Join us for a High Tea on Sunday, March 12th at 3:00 pm. Our speaker will be Rev. Karla Conditt Daniels from Covenant Presbyterian Church. We will also have fellowship, a Lucia performance, door prizes, tea and snacks.

Hostesses needed—see the flyers or Nichole.