



Sunday, **July 2**
 8:45 a.m. Lake Worship - Jack Findley
 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 9:40 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts in FH
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, **July 3**
 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
 10:00 a.m. Shake Your Soul

Tuesday, **July 4 - Church Office Closed**
 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 4th of July Picnic at the Lake

Wednesday, **July 5**
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, **July 9**
 8:45 a.m. Lake Worship - Nora McClendon
 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 9:40 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts in FH
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, **July 10**
 9 a.m.– 3 p.m. Choir Camp
 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tuesday, **July 11**
 9 a.m.– 3 p.m. Choir Camp

Wednesday, **July 12**
 9 a.m.– 3 p.m. Choir Camp

Thursday, **July 13**
 9 a.m.– 3 p.m. Choir Camp

Friday, **July 14**
 9 a.m.– 3 p.m. Choir Camp

Saturday, **July 15**
 9 a.m.– 12 p.m. Choir Camp Dress Rehearsal
 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Choir Camp fun at the Lake

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July 2– 15, 2017

Independence Day Prayer

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood
 before You in times gone by,
 Celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things
 that our country has achieved.
 On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us.
 We thank You for the blessings of liberty,
 for this generation and for the generations to come.
 We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who
 have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice.
 We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has
 given us so much.

Yet as a nation and people, we have not always chosen the right way.
 We ask You to forgive us for these times.
 On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly
 honoring and serving You.
 With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.
 Make us a generous people, A holy nation,
 A people set aside to love You forever,
 For the sake of the land of the brave and free,
 And the peoples and nations of this world.

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country.
 Our land is in need of You, Our people are in need of You,
 Our industry and business is in need of You.
 May we look only to You
 This Independence Day, dependent on You.

Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit,
 Breathe new life into the sinews of this nation.
 May justice flow like rivers,
 And righteousness like a never failing stream,
 Until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory,
 As the waters cover the sea.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus,
 Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.
 One God, now and for all eternity. Amen.

**Worship Service
July 2, 2017**

Sermon: When Life Gets Wild

*Sermon Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14; Matthew 10:40-42
Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23*

**Worship Service
July 9, 2017**

Sermon: Come to Me

*Sermon Scripture: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Genesis 24:34-38, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a*

Lake Speaker Schedule

For 53 years, we have offered inter-denominational lakeside services to the community at our Clarks Hill property. Come enjoy the lake worship and still make it back to the 11:00 a.m. service at St. John!

JULY

July 2 Jack Findley, Lay Speaker, Big Stevens Creek Baptist Church, North Augusta

July 9 Nora McClendon, Augusta District UMC Director of Lay Speaking

July 16 Rev. Dr. Timothy Owings, Retired Baptist Minister, Augusta

July 23 Rev. Jim Hyder, Liberty UMC, Hephzibah

July 30 Dr. Nesbit Dasher, Lay Speaker, St. John UMC, Augusta

AUGUST

August 6 Jeffrey Freehof, Lay Speaker, Wesley UMC, Evans

August 13 Charles Piercy, Lay Speaker, St. John UMC, Augusta

August 20 Rev. Robert Patton, Modoc Baptist Church, Modoc

August 27 Rev. Dr. Jody Alderman, St. John UMC, Augusta

Volunteers needed for setup and breakdown of the lake service. Please contact Curt Strickland. 706-726-4995.



Don't miss our annual Fourth of July picnic on Tuesday the 4th at the lake. Gates open at 10am. The church will provide fried chicken and drinks; you may bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Our Prayers

The family of Bill Bohling, The family of Lansing Lee, Jr. Mary Galloway, Rich Bias, Phil and Jencie Hargrove, Students Abroad, Shirley Bohling, Hildred Allard, 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 The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Liturgist Allen Smith 9 a.m.
Becky Moon, 11 a.m.
Lay Reader Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Betty Aldridge, 11 a.m.
Ushers Bob Zeyfang, 9 a.m.
Charles Piercy, Lead Usher; Gerry Aldridge; Colin G. Gordy;
Carol Klein; Lansing Lee, III; Vivian Stampley;
Roy Stampley, Jr.; Charlie Tudor; William Walker; 11 a.m.
Communion Stewards Laverne Garrard, 9 a.m.
Linda and Colin Gordy, 11 a.m.
Assisting with Communion Paul and Corinthia Greenway
Mark and Debby Barron
Jeanne Lee
Bread Baker Catherine Blanchard
Acolyte Katie Presnell
Crucifer Charles Piercy and Becky Rogers
Offering Counters Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.
Sound Technicians Bobby James, 11 a.m.

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Preaching The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Liturgist Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Lee Herndon, 11 a.m.
Lay Reader Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Marion Butler, 11 a.m.
Ushers Kathy Morris, 9 a.m.
William Walker, Lead Usher; Russell Blanchard;
Don Gordon; Suzanne Gordon; Colin G. Gordy;
Phil Hargrove; Warren Spooner; 11 a.m.
Acolyte Lucy McJunkins
Crucifer Aiden Grant
Offering Counters Charlie Tudor and William Walker
Ronald and Donna Strom, 9 a.m.
Sound Technicians Michael Young, 11 a.m.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Budget: In memory of Bill Bohling by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Spencer; Martha G. Holley; Mrs. Bonnie Given; Patty & Curt Strickland; Mildred & David Bullard; Josephine Lide.

Bless This House: In memory of Bill Bohling by Charles & Joan Piercy.



Register for Choir Camp online!

Please register by **Monday, July 3rd.** Rising 2nd—9th graders will present the musical, *Are We There Yet?* Camp runs Monday, July 10 – Saturday, July 15, with the campers leading in worship at 11am, Sunday, July 16! www.stjohnaugusta.org/music/choir-camp



Our annual School Supply Drive for Heritage Academy is July 1 to August 15, 2017. Items may be left in the box outside the office by the Outreach bulletin board or given to Ginny Allen. Checks may be made out to Heritage Academy with "for supplies" written on the for line. Write "for Ginny Allen" on the envelope and put it in the mail slot outside the office. School supply sales are starting in a few weeks. Heritage Academy can always use: Colored copier paper, Colored cardstock, Construction paper, Dry erase markers – all colors & sizes, Jumbo paper clips, Glue sticks, Ticonderoga brand pencils (sharpened), Red & black ball point pens, Yellow legal pads, Page protectors, File folders, Postage Stamps ("forever").

In memoriam
William Charles Bohling August 6, 1934—June 15, 2017

In memoriam
Lansing Lee Jr. May 29, 1932—June 26, 2017