

Calendar

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	March 26th Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Morning Worship <i>The Call</i> Bible Study Lucia Rehearsal Bike ride, Lake Olmstead
Monday, 9:30 - 3:00 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	March 27th Kindermusik classes Prayer Group Shake Your Soul Pacesetters, at WJBF Television Park
Tuesday, 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	March 28th <i>The Armor of God</i> Study Ladies Book Club, Melissa Spurr
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	March 29th Children's Choirs Finance Committee Meeting, Room 108 Wednesday Night Supper Adult Program, B2B Kids, UMYF Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 10:30-12:30	March 30th Kindermusik classes
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	March 31st Homeschool Music Classes
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	April 2nd Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Morning Worship Lucia Rehearsal
Wednesday,	April 5th No supper or programs

Recreation. Bike Ride Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Meet at the Trailhead at Lake Olmstead at the end of Milledge Road.

Faith and Film Club. Our next gathering for those who love movies and discussing faith in film will be Sunday, April 2nd at 4pm in the St. John Parlor. We will watch Ben-Hur (2016). RSVP to Nichole for snack sign-up.

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March 26-April 8, 2017

Here at St John we have designated “Listen” as our word for the year. We have been challenged to listen to God, to others and to our inner selves. But listening is not as easy as it sounds. Listening takes effort, time and silence.

This Lenten season we have been traveling this journey with Jesus toward the cross. We have been listening to and engaging in these conversations that Jesus has along the way. This world can distract us from listening to Jesus. Yet even in the midst of the struggle, Jesus did not label people. Jesus listened to people with compassion, love and forgiveness. The conversations he had seem almost strange to us for he speaks and listens in ways that break down boundaries and cultural norms.

Early in the Lenten season I encouraged everyone to find some time to create some silence in their lives. We need silence to remind us to listen to God. I challenge you to sit quietly for 10 minutes sometime this week.

Oftentimes in conversations we think that if we are not talking, we must be listening. However, that may not be the case. Deep listening involves slowing down our minds in order to listen to the heart. Listening involves making a choice. Listening is a gift we offer. Kay Lindahl suggests in her book *Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening* that listening is an art in and of itself. Like any musician, painter, dancer or athlete, each must practice in order to excel. She says we need to “practice our listening muscles.”

In a recent research study, it was discovered that most teachers waited one second or less for the correct answer from their students. The researchers suggested waiting 7 seconds for the answer before calling on someone else. What was discovered was that children who had not been participating were more engaged and the answers given were often more thoughtful.

I wonder if we could learn how to listen like Jesus did to others. Practicing silence might be a good place to start. This kind of listening, this kind of conversation, might even change our own relationships for the better and might even change the world.

Blessings to you.

Jody Alderman

**Worship Service
March 26, 2017**

**Sermon: Conversations On The Way To A Cross:
Mary and Martha**

*Sermon Scripture: John 9:1-41
1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14*

**Worship Service
April 2, 2017**

**Conversations On The Way To A Cross:
"If Only"**

*Sermon Scripture: John 11:1-45
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11*

**Wednesday Night Supper March 29, 2017
Program: Reflections for Lent, Patty Strickland**

Turkey, dressing, sweet potato casserole,
cranberry sauce, cake, 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.

PACESETTER MEETING Monday - March 27th - 10:00 AM
Offsite at WJBF Television Park - 1336 W. Parkway, Augusta, GA
Join us for a one-hour tour of the Television Station (park in the
station lot and gather in the lobby). Afterwards we will be on our own
for lunch. Some of us will meet at McAlister's Deli, lower level at
Augusta Mall. Join us to see the technology used to broadcast local
news and weather. Looking forward to an educational and fun tour!

Easter Lilies — Honor a loved one with lilies for Easter
Sunday. Easter lilies will be used to decorate the sanctuary
for Easter worship services. Memorials and honorariums
will be listed in the worship bulletin. Options for ordering:
1. Fill out an order form, found in the church lobby
beneath the music bulletin board or online.
2. Or contact Jamie: jcgarvey@stjohnaugusta.org
Cost: \$15 per plant. Deadline for orders: April 9th.
Proceeds benefit our music ministry for children and youth.



Our Prayers

Marion Butler, Drew Passmore, 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.

Sunday

Preaching
Liturgist

Lay Reader

Ushers

Acolyte
Crucifer
Offering Counters
Sound Technicians

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Preaching
Liturgist

Lay Reader

Ushers

Communion Steward
Bread Baker
Acolyte
Crucifer
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March 26th

The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Jim Garvey, 11 a.m.
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Carol Capers, 11 a.m.
Frank Fidler, 9 a.m.

William Walker, Lead Usher; Russell Blanchard;
Don Gordon; Susan Gordon; Colin G. Gordy;
Phil Hargrove; Dennis Hollins; Donna Leone;
Warren Spooner; Vivian Stampley; 11 a.m.

Cooper Kight
Anna Doster

Chip Matson and Becky Rogers
Rich Laschober, 9a.m.
Bobby James, 11 a.m.

April 2nd

The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Patty Strickland, 11 a.m.
Shirley Markle, 9 a.m.
Jim Garvey, 11 a.m.
Bob Zeyfang, 9a.m.

Charles Piercy, Chair; Gerry Aldridge; Colin Gordy;
Carol Klein; Lansing Lee, III; Roy Rockman;
Vivian Stampley; Charlie Tudor; William Walker; 11 a.m.

Debbie Alford
Mary Ottinger

Catherine Blanchard
Simon Grant
Charles Piercy and Gerry Aldridge
Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.
Bobby James, 11 a.m.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Budget: In memory of J. Clarence Jackson, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. F. Lansing
Lee, Jr. and by Richard & Rita Laschober.

Bless This House: In honor of Curt & Patty Strickland's new home by
Mr. & Mrs. F. Lansing Lee, Jr. In honor of Misfits Sunday School
teachers by William E. Walker, Jr. In memory of J. Clarence Jackson, Jr.
by Jeanne Lee, by Patti Carson Parker, by W. Wynn Riley, and by Nesbit
& Ann Dasher.

DCCM: In honor of Clara Claussen's Birthday by Ann & Nesbit Dasher.

Endowment: In memory of J. Clarence Jackson, Jr. by Jerry & Virginia
Ridenhour.

Class of 2017! Planning to attend College or Technical School?
If you are a member of St John or the St John UMYF or Youth Choir,
you are eligible for the Stoppelbein Memorial Scholarship.
Please contact Gerald Aldridge or Allen Smith to apply.
Applications, available at the church office or online,
are requested by March 28, 2017.

The Ladies, Literature, and Laughter Book Club

will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the home of
Melissa Spurr, located at 3559 West Lake Drive, Augusta, GA 30907.
Phone 706-650-1348 or melissaga@comcast.net.
Please notify her whether or not you will attend.
Sandy Hobbs will lead the discussion of our book,
The Goldfinch by Donna Tart. We welcome you to join us.

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday
Wednesday, April 12—No dinner or programs
Thursday, April 13—Holy Thursday:
6pm Dinner, 6:45 pm Worship Service, 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 14—Good Friday: 7pm A Service of Tennebrae
Saturday, April 15—Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday: 9:30am Brunch in Fellowship Hall,
11am combined Worship Service

There are still a few spots left for our annual Women's Retreat at Lake
Oconee, Georgia - Friday night, April 21 through Sunday at noon,
April 23. Cost is \$200 to include lodging, meals, and retreat supplies
(including the book!). Financial assistance is available. Our guest
speaker, Ladine Housholder, will lead us in "Discovering God in
Story" inspired by her book *The Well Women*. See the UMW board out-
side Rm 112 for pictures and information. Please email or call Nichole
as soon as you can to reserve your spot! ntkuehl@stjohnaugusta.org