

Calendar

<u>Sunday</u> 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	<u>November 20th</u> Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Morning Worship Dasher/Capers Class Lucia Rehearsal
<u>Monday</u> 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	<u>November 21st</u> Kindermusik Prayer Group
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>November 23rd</u> No Choirs, dinner, or programs
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>November 24th</u> Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
<u>Sunday</u> 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<u>November 27th, First Sunday of Advent</u> Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Morning Worship
<u>Monday</u> 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<u>November 28th</u> Kindermusik Prayer Group Shake Your Soul, Choir Room Pacesetters
<u>Wednesday</u> 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<u>November 30th</u> Children's Choirs Wednesday Night Supper Adult Program, B2B Kids, UMYF Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u> 12:00 p.m.	<u>December 1st</u> Brown Bag Study on Grace
<u>Friday</u> 9:00-12:00 p.m.	<u>December 2nd</u> Homeschool Music Classes
<u>Saturday</u> 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	<u>December 3rd</u> Tree Decorating, Pictures with Santa

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Bishop Sue Haupt-Johnson visits the Augusta District

Dec. 11, 2016 Join us for worship at St. John at 11am. The new bishop will be our guest preacher and the Junior Choir will lead us in music.

Then the bishop will be meeting with laity at a Townhall Meeting at Thomson UMC at 3pm. All are invited.

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November 20 — December 3, 2016

The First Sunday of Advent is November 27. As soon as I say that I think my blood pressure went up. Christmas -the rat race, the traffic, the commercialism, the in-laws, the shopping, AGGGGGGHHH! The season of Christmas has become insane. It has become a season of excess, a season of attempting too much in one day. It has become almost a burden.

And yet we know that Advent is a season of hope, a season of Expectation, and a season of great joy. It is a time to look forward to Christ's return, as to well as celebrate Jesus coming into history and coming into our lives. It is for many a favorite time of year, and yet it can also be a season of great distress and depression.

This season as we draw closer to the birth of the Christ Child what things could we do differently that might make it less stressful and more rewarding?

- Find an Advent devotional and read it every day through Christmas
- Don't worry so much about the decorations and the cooking
- Try to relax
- Try to cut back on the spending
- Look for opportunities to give to those in need
- Try not to be in 2 places at the same time
- Pace yourself
- Enjoy the company of others
- Pray for others
- Spend some time visiting a neighbor or a shut in who won't get much attention this season
- Give yourself some grace, you need it.

These are just a few thoughts as we move into this Holy Season. Let's do our best to keep Christ at the center of all we think and do. I suspect that if we do that, it will be a most productive season.

God bless you in your preparations and in your celebrations.

The peace of Christ be with you.

Jody Alderman

Worship Service
November 20, 2016
Christ the King Sunday

Sermon: When Kingdoms Clash

Sermon Scripture: Colossians 1:11-20
Psalms 100; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 23:33-43

Worship Service
November 27, 2016

ADVENT: What Are You Expecting?

Sermon: What Are We Waiting For?

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44
Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14

Christmas Love Offering:

The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like our congregation to express appreciation to the church staff with a love offering this Christmas. Throughout the year our staff has provided outstanding service to us. Please place your check or envelope marked "Staff Christmas Offering" in the offering plate on Sunday. Also, please take time to thank these fine folks for all they do for us throughout the year.

Check out our Advent Calendar of Events at Stjohnaugusta.org

Wednesday Night Supper **November 23, 2016**
No Dinner or Programs

Wednesday Night Supper **November 30, 2016**
Program: Advent and Devotional

Menu: Soup, salad, sandwiches, dessert, 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.

St John wishes to extend sympathy to Linda Gordy and her family on the death of her brother Sid.

Our Prayers

Don Gordon, Jenny Berger, Curtis Oglesby, Glenn Markel, Jane Zeyfang, Tom Rogers, Li, Cliff Richards, Diddy Thompson, Jackie Lott, 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

Lay Reader

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November 20th

The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Jim Garvey, 11 a.m.
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Barbara Jean Roberts, 11 a.m.
Ronald Strom, 9 a.m.
Marion Butler, Chair; Gerry Aldridge; Colin Gordy;
Paul Greenway; Dennis Hollins; Carol Klein; Bubba Nash;
Charles Piercy; Roy Stampley, Jr, 11 a.m.
Ellie Kyzer
Madison Hixon
Anna Butler and Gerry Aldridge
Ronald and Donna Strom, 9a.m.
Bobby James, 11 a.m.

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The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Bonnie Hodges, 11 a.m.
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Mary Ottinger, 11 a.m.
Frank Fidler, 9 a.m.
Marion Butler, Chair; Gerry Aldridge; Colin Gordy;
Paul Greenway; Dennis Hollins; Carol Klein; Bubba Nash;
Charles Piercy; Roy Stampley, Jr, 11 a.m.
Abby Kight
Aiden Grant
Rolston Wilder and Stephen Hobbs
Rich Laschober, 9a.m.
Carol Capers, 11 a.m.



Advent Decorations: Please contact Anna Butler, 706-799-8198, if you would like to remember or honor a loved one with any of the church decorations during the Advent Season.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Bless This House: In honor of Sandy Rockman's birthday by Frances Altizer. In memory of Sid Smith brother of Linda Gordy by Marion & Anna Butler.

Music Memorials: In memory of George Lee by St. John Chancel Choir

Clothes Closet: In honor of Laverne Garrard by Gerald & Betty Aldrige

Christmas Gift Idea

Grateful, is a richly beautiful children's book. This book was created around the song by our CWC artist, John Bucchino. As part of their Julie Andrews Collection, Harper Collins published this children's book, which was awarded the Parents' Choice Gold Award. Jamie is holding on to a few copies of the book for another week in case St John folk want to make a purchase for Christmas gifts. \$20 each. See Jamie.

Christmas Tree Decorating and Pictures with Santa



Join us Saturday, Dec 3, 2016 9a.m - 12pm for Christmas Tree Decorating in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, a light Christmas breakfast, and Pictures with Santa. We'll also have crafts and write cards for veterans.

PACESETTER MEETING

Monday - November 28th - 11:00 am - St. John Fellowship Hall
Join us for a trip through the Holy Land with our own Becky Moon. Becky has been on this journey four times and says each time she learns more. "Visiting Israel has brought the scriptures alive," she says. Come see where Jesus walked. Invite a friend. Lunch following the meeting is \$7.00 for those wishing to stay.