

## CALENDAR

<u>Sunday</u> 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	<u>September 11th</u> Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Morning Worship District Event, Quest Church Lucia Rehearsal
<u>Monday</u> 9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<u>September 12th</u> Kindermusik Prayer Group United Methodist Women
<u>Tuesday</u> 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	<u>September 13th</u> Brown Bag Study: Grace, in FH United Methodist Men, FH
<u>Wednesday</u> 5:00 p.m.  6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<u>September 14th</u> Children's Choirs, Choir Room Prayers & Squares, 107 Wednesday Night Supper Adult Program, B2B Kids, UMYF Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday</u> 9:00-12:00 p.m.	<u>September 16th</u> Homeschool Music Classes
<u>Sunday</u> 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	<u>September 18th</u> Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Morning Worship <i>Half Truths</i> Study Lucia Rehearsal
<u>Monday</u> 9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<u>September 19th</u> Kindermusik Prayer Group Shake Your Soul
<u>Tuesday</u> 12:00 p.m.	<u>September 20th</u> Brown Bag Study: Grace, in FH
<u>Wednesday</u> 5:00 p.m.  6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<u>September 21st</u> Children's Choirs, Choir Room Prayers & Squares, 107 Wednesday Night Supper Adult Program, B2B Kids, UMYF Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday</u> 9:00-12:00 p.m.	<u>September 23rd</u> Homeschool Music Classes

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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS ST. JOHN UMC

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September 11—24, 2016

**From The Pastor:** WOW what a great and exciting church! September is here, school has started back, family night supper has begun, the choir is back in the choir loft, and the hot summer season is coming to an end. It is a great time and a favorite time of year.

We are just on the edge of some really exciting events. Our Vision casting event *Vision 20/20: Discovering God's Plan for St John* is Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>. And our First Concert with a Cause is set for September 25<sup>th</sup>. Keep our leaders in your prayers as we continue to dream God's dream for this church.

When I first arrived in late June, I asked 2 questions to the members of the congregation, "What are you excited about and what are you praying about?" Just today I asked someone, "What are you excited about here at St. John church?" And I immediately got 3 good answers. I even had someone tell me they were excited about the new Monday morning prayer group.

Prayer may be the most important thing that we do, especially right now. Pray for your church and its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

September is here: our Pace Setters will reconvene; we have a Task Force making plans for World Communion Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> (with a goal of having 500 in worship that day to sing *Oh for 500 Tongues to Sing*); we are making plans for the Annual Stewardship Campaign; and we are beginning the Nomination process for 2017. We also have had people joining the church. Someone told me they were excited about seeing more new faces each Sunday.

If you are not yet excited, check your pulse.

Autumn is my favorite season of the year, and it is coming soon. The weather changes, college football has begun, and the leaves change to beautiful fall colors.

There is a new wind blowing at St. John. People are smiling and are inviting. Jesus is being glorified, and lives are being transformed by the grace of God.

These are exciting days, and the best is yet to come.

~Jody Alderman

**Worship Service  
September 11, 2016**

**Sermon: Hoping Helps**

*Mathew 15:21-28  
Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28; Psalm 14:1-7  
Luke 15:1-10;*

**Worship Service  
September 18, 2016**

Guest Preacher: Rev. Chuck Moon

*Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9  
1 Timothy 21:1-7; Luke 16:1-13*

**Wednesday Night Supper September 14, 2016  
Program: The Power of Life and Death-  
Rev. Buddy Holbrook**

**Menu:** Meat Balls/Chicken; Spaghetti; Mixed Vegetables,  
Tossed Salad, Brownies, French Bread, tea and coffee.

**Wednesday Night Supper September 21, 2016  
Program: The River of Life-  
Rev. Buddy Holbrook**

**Menu:** Pepper Steak/Chicken, Rice, Squash Casserole,  
Tossed Salad, Mixed Cakes, French Bread, 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.

**The Ladies Literature and Laughter Book Club**

The Ladies Literature and Laughter Book Club will meet Tuesday,  
September 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the home of Gwen Fulcher-Young  
located at 2109 Summer Hill Lane, Augusta, GA 30904.  
Phone: 706-736-2909. Please notify her if you plan to attend. Gwen  
will also lead the discussion of *My Name is Lucy Barton*  
by Elizabeth Prize. Visitors and new members welcomed!

**New season beginning for our men's and women's groups:**  
United Methodist Women meet the 2nd Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
in members' homes. We will be studying *Idol Lies* by Dee Brestin.  
United Methodist Men meet the 2nd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in  
the Fellowship Hall for dinner and a speaker.

**Our Prayers**

**Bill Bohling, Dottie Millen,** Keith Ingram, Shirley Markle,  
Jencie Hargrove, Jackie Lott, John Douglas Banister, Sr.,  
Dorothy Beck, Dr. Karen Bradley, 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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Dr. Jody Alderman  
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.

Dennis Hollins, 11 a.m.

Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.

Jeanne Lee 11 a.m.

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Marion Butler, Chair; Gerry Aldridge;  
Bill Bohling; Colin Gordy; Paul Greenway;  
Dennis Hollins; Bubba Nash; Roy Stampley, Jr.; 11 a.m.

Harper James

Abby Kight

Libby Hargrove and Clara Claussen

Ronald and Donna Strom 9 a.m.

Michael Young, 11 a.m.

**September 18th**

Chuck Moon

Allen Smith, 9 a.m.

Patty Strickland, 11 a.m.

Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.

Mark Fissel, 11 a.m.

Franklin Fidler, 9 a.m.

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Ellie Kyzer

Corey Grant

William Walker and Melissa Spurr

Ronald and Donna Strom, 9 a.m.

Bobby James, 11 a.m.

**Welcome new members in August:**

Anne King at St. John Towers and  
Donna and Ava Leone, Augusta!

**HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS**

**Budget:** In honor of Patty Strickland's Birthday by  
Frances Altizer, In honor of Tim Maund's Birthday by Frances  
Altizer.

**Welcome to the World!**

We celebrate the births of John Dasher Martin and Isaac River  
Roberts, both born on September 1st! We can't wait to see you  
at St. John!

**PACESETTER MEETING**

Monday, September 26th - 11:00 am - St. John Fellowship Hall. Our  
speaker will be Sharon Barber, Director of Operations/Program  
Services, Safe Homes Domestic Violence Intervention. Ms. Barber  
will talk with us about the services offered by Safe Homes. She will  
focus on the signs we should look for indicating someone is being  
abused at home. Join us for this informative program and invite a  
friend! Lunch following the meeting - \$6.00.



**Sanctuary Flowers**

Please contact Paula Matson,  
[paulacmatson@gmail.com](mailto:paulacmatson@gmail.com) or 706-394-6824, if  
you would like to order a floral arrangement  
for the sanctuary in memory/honor of a loved  
one.

**Outreach Needs**

Volunteers are needed to help with the St. John Clothes  
Closet at the Mead House. The Mead House is our outreach building  
on 8th St, and the clothes closet is a ministry run entirely by our  
church. We provide clothing to about 1,000 people a year for free or  
for \$1 or \$2 per garment. \* The clothes closet is open from 10:00 a.m.  
to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and volunteers would commit  
to working one, two, or three days a week. We also need a team leader,  
or head volunteer, to coordinate the schedule and keep the Outreach  
Committee informed of needs that arise at the clothes closet. For more  
information, call Lee Herndon at 706-829-4317 or Nichole Kuehl at  
the church, 706-724-9641.

\*The Clothes closet is in need of men's shoes.