

Calendar

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	January 29th Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Morning Worship Lucia Rehearsal
Monday, 9:30 - 3:00 9:30 a.m.	January 30th Kindermusik classes Prayer Group
Tuesday, 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	January 31st The Call Bible Study Outreach Comm. Meeting Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	February 1st Newcomers Ministry, Library Children's Choirs Wednesday Night Supper Adult Program, B2B Kids, UMYF Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 10:30-12:30	February 2nd Kindermusik
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	February 3rd Homeschool Music Classes
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	February 5th Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Morning Worship Lucia Rehearsal
Monday, 9:30-3:00 9:30 a.m.	February 6th Kindermusik Prayer Group
Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.	February 7th The Call Bible Study
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	February 8th Children's Choirs Wednesday Night Supper Adult Program, B2B Kids, UMYF Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 10:30-12:30	February 9th Kindermusik
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	February 10th Homeschool Music Classes

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January 29 –February 11, 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 understating 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

January 29, 2017

Sermon: [A New World](#)

Sermon Scripture: *Matthew 5:1-12*
Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Worship Service

February 5, 2017

Sermon: [Salt and Light](#)

Sermon Scripture: *Matthew 5:13-20*
Isaiah 58:19a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Wednesday Night Supper February 1, 2017

Program: Book Club: *Blood Brothers*, led by Jane Baldrige
Menu: Baked Chicken, stir-fried rice, green beans, fruit salad, peach cobbler, rolls, tea, and coffee.

Wednesday Night Supper February 8, 2017

Program: *The Five Love Languages*
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.



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!

Retreat to a beautiful getaway at Lake Oconee, Georgia April 21 - 23 (You may arrive April 20 if you wish.) Cost is \$200 to include lodging, meals, and retreat supplies (including the book!). 1st deposit of \$100 is due March 16. Financial assistance is available. Our guest speaker, Ladine Housholder, will be inviting us to share our stories inspired by her book *The Well Women: Crossing the Boundaries*. See the UMW board outside Rm 112 for pictures and information. Please email or call Nichole with questions. ntkuehl@stjohnaugusta.org

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 The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Liturgist Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Lucy McJunkins, 11 a.m.
Lay Reader Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Mary Ottinger, 11 a.m.
Ushers Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.
William Walker, Chair; Bill Bohling; Don Gordon; Susan Gordon; Colin Gordy; Phil Hargrove; Dennis Hollins; Lansing Lee, III; Tim Maund; Curt Strickland; 11 a.m.
Acolyte Sam Tudor
Crucifer Aiden Grant
Offering Counters Charlie Tudor and Ted Klein
Sound Technicians Rich Laschober, 9a.m.
Nichole Kuehl, 11 a.m.

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Lay Reader Shirley Markle, 9 a.m.
Alison Wright, 11 a.m.
Ushers Kathy Morris, 9a.m.
Charles Piercy, Chair; Gerry Aldridge; Gary Crook; Colin Gordy; Dennis Hollins; Carol Klein; Lansing Lee, III; Tim Maund; Charlie Tudor; William Walker; 11 a.m.
Communion Stewards Kathy & Mattie Morris, 9 a.m.
Corinthia & Paul Greenway, 11 a.m.
Bread Baker Diddy Thompson
Acolyte Ellie Kyzer
Crucifer Anna Doster
Offering Counters Charlie Tudor and Ted Klein
Sound Technicians Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.
Bobby James, 11 a.m.

January 29th

February 5th

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Budget: In honor of Beth & Lansing Lee, by William Walker, Jr. In memory of Jackie Lott by B. Ellen Kitchens Hamilton. In memory of Jackie Lott by Donald & Dorothy Beck. In memory of Eric Ottinger by Donald & Dorothy Beck.

Bless This House: In honor of Tim & Carolyn Maund by Anne & Dick Manning. In memory of Connie Blanchard by Charles & Joan Piercy.

Endowment Fund: In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Evans by Joseph W. Evans & Debbie Evans.



Thank you, St. John family, for all your notes, cards, flowers, food and visits during my recent hospitalization and rehab. Your prayers with God's help brought me healing. Blessings, Jane Zeyfang



United Methodist Men will meet Feb 14 at 6:30 for dinner (\$7.00) with the program at 7:00 p. m. Buddy Holbrook will speak on an ordinary day in the life of Jesus and his family. All are welcome to attend. Please notify the Church Office if you plan to attend.



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.

Heritage Academy Open House

Heritage Academy has openings in Kindergarten-8th grade for the 2017-2018 school year. Join us on Wednesday, January 25 to learn more! Chapel begins at 8:30 followed by an informational meeting and tour at 9:15. Come and see how you can be a part of this excellent school. Contact the school office if you have questions: 706-821-0034.

Basic Lay Servant Training, March 18 and 25 (both sessions must be attended). Deadline – March 15th. Cost - \$40

Advanced Lay Servant Training (UM Polity), April 22 and 29 (both sessions must be attended). Deadline – April 19th. Cost - \$40
Contact the District Office for details. 706-651-8621