

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



The Monthly
Newsletter of
St. John UMC

May 2019

Our Music Ministry

It's spring! That means another choir season is ending at St. John. And it means you can feel great about the past year as we can look forward to summer music. Feel good with us! Here's some news.

Giving:

You and the Augusta community have given generously to charities this year through concerts at St. John. The total given by *Concerts with a Cause* since the beginning of the series (2003) has just passed \$200k. That means you've donated over \$200,000 to local organizations doing good work in Augusta! *In addition*, this spring when Lucia performed with Belles Canto, we collected \$2,196 for the education of girls in Congo. Thank you, St. John. You are generous folk.

Children's Choirs:

Hear all three choirs and celebrate with us at Awards Night this Wednesday, May 1, after dinner. This has been a particularly delightful choir year with these young singers. I am not ready for it to end. So let's look forward to...

Choir Camp:

July 8-14 for singers entering grades 3-12. Tom and Jocelyn return for more dramatic learning and fun. Tell a friend. It's too good to keep secret.

Register now: <https://stjohnaugusta.org/music/choir-camp/>

The Lucia Ensemble:

Lucia returns to Charleston for their seventh appearance at Piccolo Spoleto on June 2. But before they leave, they want to sing for you. You can hear them at our send-off concert Thursday night, May 30, 7:30pm. This year's concert is called "Water Music" and celebrates the waterside founding of the cities of both Augusta and Charleston. We seek your blessing on our journey, and we hope to bless you with this music.

Thank you for giving. Thank you for singing with us,

Jamie



This Month's
GUEST SPEAKERS

May 5, 2019

Chuck Moon

May 12, 2019

Sandy Hobbs

Please pray for our pastor as he is away on vacation.



**Memorial Day Picnic
at the Lake!**

Celebrate the official opening of our beautiful lake amenities on Monday, May 27th! Gates open at 10am. Watercraft! Water fun!

Hot dogs! Bring Your Own Picnic (or sides and drinks). Guests welcome.



Graduation Sunday, June 9

In order to be recognized, please let the church office know if you have someone graduating from high school, technical school, or college.

Email secretary@stjohnaugusta.org by June 4 with the student's full name, the school from which they are graduating, degree (if applicable), and their future plans.



UMW (United Methodist Women) will meet at the home of Mary Ottinger on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. The UMW Towers circle will meet Thursday, May 9 at 2 p.m. in the private dining room of St. John Towers.

UMM (United Methodist Men) will hold their annual business meeting Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with dinner before at 6:30 p.m. Please call the church office 706-724-9641 with dinner reservations.

Important:

Church Council Meeting. Monday, May 20. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Meeting at 6:30 p.m. All 2019 church council members are requested to discuss necessary items of business. Please RSVP for dinner reservations by Thursday, May 16, by emailing or calling the church office. (Donations appreciated for dinner costs.)



Register Today For

CHOIR CAMP

July 8 - 14 Grades 3 - 12

Details on our website



This Month in Worship

May 5, 2019

Guest Speaker, Chuck Moon

A Fish Fry For The Fishers Of Men

Sermon Scripture: John 21:1-19

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30 (UMH762);

Revelation 5:11-14

May 12, 2019

Guest Speaker, Sandy Hobbs

Follow Me

Sermon Scripture: John 10:22-30

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23 (UMH754);

Revelation 7:9-17

May 19, 2019

Love Begins at Home

Sermon Scripture: John 13:31-35

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148 (UMH861);

Revelation 21:1-6

May 26, 2019

Help, I Need Somebody's Help

Sermon Scripture: John 14:23-29

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67 (UMH791)

Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Clark's Hill:

In honor of Curt Strickland's birthday by
Frances Altizer

Budget:

In memory of Tom Cain by Thomas and Becky
Rogers; Don Beck by Frances Altizer; Mr.
and Mrs. Clinton Lewis by Jeffrey D. Hall;
Don Beck by Marlyn J. Gensler; Don Beck
by the St. John United Methodist Women;
and Roselle D. Burt by Bud Wardlaw

Bless This House:

In memory of Don Beck by Curt and Patty
Strickland; and Don Beck by Judith and
Greg Goodwin

Music Memorials:

In honor of Jamie and Jim Garvey and the St.
John Chancel Choir by Jodie Akins and
Georgia Vesely

Thankful Appreciation:

The Donald Beck family by Jodie Akins and
Georgia Vesely

For more information, visit us online at
www.StJohnAugusta.org



Vacation Bible School!

Evenings, Monday -Thursday June 24-27, 2019!

Students ages 3 to Adult are invited to St. John to learn more about loving God and neighbor. We will have a church-wide mission day on Saturday, June 29!

Registration is online now at stjohnaugusta.org/vbs-2019-neighbor/. We'll have computers set up to help kids and adults register on Sundays, May 5 and 12, before the 11am services.

We encourage high school students in grades 10-12 to sign up as a student in the Adult class or as a helper on the volunteer form.

Join us for a baseball game on Friday, June 14th at 6:45pm at the new stadium across the river! The game will end with a drone light show!

We have purchased reserved tickets for \$9, for ages 4 and up. Children 3 and under are \$1 and can be purchased that night at the gate.

(But if you want your child to have a seat, they must get one of our reserved tickets.)

See Nichole on Sundays or come by the church office, Mon- Thurs, 9am-3pm.



St. John extends sympathy to the family of Don Beck,
who passed away April 10, 2019
and to the family of Carolyn Maund,
who passed away April 22, 2019.

In Our Prayers

Parmie Lay, Bob Zeyfang, Bob Claussen,
Woody Wolfe, Barbara Troxell, Bob &
Sally Fisher, Leonard Brubaker, Paul
Ottinger, Curt & Patty Strickland, Monika
Hoglund, Jencie and Phil Hargrove, Tim
Maund, Joe Martin, Evelyn Polk, and our
military at home and abroad.



Lakeside Worship

For 54 years, we have offered inter-denominational lakeside services to the community at our Clarks Hill property. Come enjoy the lake worship at 8:45 a.m. and still make it back to the 11:00 a.m. service at St. John! Find us on Facebook at: St John UMC at the Lake

JUNE 2

Dr. Jody Alderman
St. John UMC, Augusta

JUNE 9

Dennis Sodomka
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Augusta

JUNE 16

Mark Maund
Riverview UMC, Evans

See our website for a complete list of Speakers

Join us! Sundays 8:45 a.m.

June 2 - August 25

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Join us for our lake work day on Saturday, May 4 beginning at 8am.

There is inside and outside work to be done. In order to have a successful work day, we need to know what tools we will have on hand. Especially needed are weed trimmers, lawnmowers, and rakes. Contact the church office or Gerry Aldridge to let us know what you can bring. Lunch will be provided. Come out and help us get ready for summer services and fellowship at the lake!



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