

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The Monthly Newsletter of St. John UMC

Word of the Year: SERVE



July 2019

You may have heard me say on occasion to count your WOWS and not your WOES. I found myself not practicing what I preached the other day and found myself slipping into a pit. I began then to start counting some of my WOWS. We all have so much to be thankful for. It never hurts us to remember that we are the beloved by God. God loves us more than we can grasp. We are blessed.

I recently read these words that a father said to his son in front of the congregation at his bar mitzvah, "Son, whatever will happen to you in your life, whether you will have success or not, become important or not, will be healthy or not; always remember how much your mother and I love you." What a great blessing to hear these words from our parents, and certainly God loves us more than we love our own children.

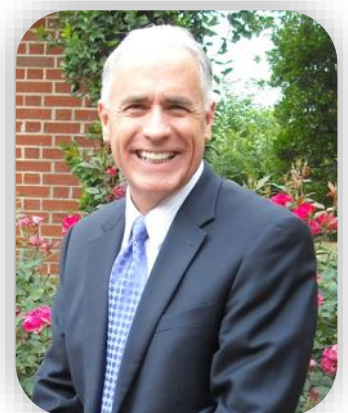
It is so easy to be distracted by the anxiety in our lives due to our insecurities. We are all insecure and in need of a little encouragement. Mark Twain said something to the effect that one good compliment would last him for a good three months. The scripture teaches us to encourage one another and build each other up. The funny thing is that when we start to affirm others by giving them a blessing, we are blessed in the process. We don't offer the blessing to receive one; it just happens that way.

Years ago, before we had medicine to treat depression, the treatment was to bake someone a cake. Now that sounds simplistic and trivial, but don't knock it 'till you try it. By focusing on others, our own worries begin to subside, or at least come into a healthier perspective.

This a thrilling time for St. John church. Just start looking around and count your blessings and see what happens. Take the time to sit still and allow God's love to be poured into your life. I think if you do, you will see what I'm talking about. You are loved and you are a gift from God.

It is my joy and honor to be your pastor.

Jody



July is Our School Supply Drive for Heritage Academy and Jesse Norman School of the Arts tutoring and art programs.

You may leave items in the box on the mission table outside the office or make a check out directly to Heritage Academy or Jesse Norman School of the Arts. Put "donation for supplies" on the memo line and give the check to Ginny Allen or leave it in the office with a note to give to Ginny Allen. You will receive an individual thank you and tax donation form from the school. We keep track of the total monetary donations and items donated from St. John.



Items needed at both schools:

- Colored copier paper
- Postage Stamps ("forever")
- Colored card stock
- Construction paper
- Dry erase markers
- Jumbo paper clips
- File folders
- Composition notebooks
- Glue sticks
- Ticonderoga brand pencils (sharpened)
- Red, black, & blue ball point pens
- Yellow legal pads
- Page protectors
- Spiral notebooks
- Highlighters

Mission Corner



Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School this year! We laughed, played, learned, and got to share God's love with all of our neighbors! -Alison and Lindsey

Don't miss our annual Fourth of July picnic on Thursday the 4th! Gates open at 10am. The church will provide fried chicken and drinks; you may bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Remember the lake is always open to members. Just be sure to check the calendar online for when large groups might be there. Reserve the lodge or pavilion through the church office.



Join us for
**Choir Camp Sunday,
July 14**

"Rooted in Love"

Our choir campers will lead us
in worship at 11am.



This Month in Worship

July 7, 2019

Sent Out

Sermon Scripture: *Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*
2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30 (UMH762);
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

July 14, 2019

No 9 am Service

Combined Service at 11am

"Rooted in Love"

38th Annual Choir Camp Sunday

July 21, 2019

The List

Rev. Lindsey Solomon

Sermon Scripture: *Luke 10:38-42*
Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28

July 28, 2019

Persistent Prayer

Rev. Lindsey Solomon

Sermon Scripture: *Luke 1:1-13*
Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85 (UMH806);
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

MUSIC *Notes*

Our Chancel choir is on vacation for the month of July. We are grateful for some time off, and we are grateful for the soloists who will be leading congregational song at 11am worship.



HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Budget:

In memory of Carolyn Maund by W. Wynn Riley, Dianne & Beth Burnside, Carrol & Mildred Dadisman.

In honor of Jane Bailey DeLoach's baptism by James & Josephine Enfinger.

In memory of Brenda Maxey by Joan & Charles Piercy.

In honor of Charles Piercy's birthday by Frances Altizer.

In honor of Sandy & Steve Hobbs by Bob & Sally Fisher.

In memory of Elliott Evans by Joan & Charles Piercy and by William & Linda Walker.

In memory of Kay Lock Smith by Joan & Charles Piercy.

In memory of the Cowarts by Judy Bussell and Catherine Smith.

Bless This House:

In memory of Brenda Maxey by Judith & Greg Goodwin, Curt & Patty Strickland, and Ann & Nesbit Dasher.

In memory of Carolyn Maund by Ann & Nesbit Dasher, Vic Johnson, and Chip & Paula Matson.

In memory of Don Beck by Vic Johnson.

In memory of Tom Cain by Chip & Paula Matson.

In memory of the Cowarts by Curt & Patty Strickland.

In memory of Elliott Evans by Curt & Patty Strickland.

In honor of Frances Altizer's and Tim Maund's birthday by Curt & Patty Strickland.

Concerts with a Cause:

In memory of Carolyn Maund by Leonard & Margaret Brubaker.

Music Memorials:

In memory of Carolyn Maund by the St. John Choir.

In memory of Don Beck by the St. John Choir.

Clothes Closet:

In honor of Debby Barron by Judith & Greg Goodwin.

Endowment:

In memory of the Cowarts by Ann & Nesbit Dasher.

In memory of Elliott Evans by Ann & Nesbit Dasher, Sally & Carl Moran, Linda Fry, and Joan Elliott.

In Our Prayers

Our members traveling on mission trips abroad, Trish Patchen, Frances Altizer, Paul Greenway, Bob Zeyfang, Bob Claussen, Woody Wolfe, Barbara Troxell, Bob & Sally Fisher, Margaret and Leonard Brubaker, Paul Ottinger, Curt & Patty Strickland, Jencie and Phil Hargrove, Tim Maund, and our military at home and abroad.



Sincere condolences to Joe Martin and Evelyn Polk on the loss of their daughter, Brenda Maxey; to the family of Lauren and Blakely Cowart who passed away on June 8, 2019, and to the family of Elliott Leary Evans who passed away on June 11, 2019.

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

JULY

- JULY 7** **BILL GUSTAFSON**
Pastor, North Augusta Bible Chapel, North Augusta, S.C.
- JULY 14** **ALLEN SMITH**
Lay Speaker, St. John UMC, Augusta
- JULY 21** **JEFFREY NEWLIN**
Retired Presbyterian Minister, Augusta
- JULY 28** **JIM HYDER**
Pastor, Liberty UMC, Hephzibah

See our website for a complete list of Speakers

Join us! Sundays 8:45 a.m.
June 2 - August 25

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