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	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
GREETERS/ USHERS	The Smiths Martha Watts	The Grouberts The Costellos	The Weatherfords	The Youth
ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	Carolina Wiliams Lauren Boron	Luke Shirley Cole Shirley	ТВА	Sam Hemingway Jacob Rabon
NURSERY WORKERS	ТВА	Susan Thomas Tomie Christofaro	Wanda Cooke Colby Christofaro	Laura Barton Colby Christofaro
TRUSTEE OF THE DAY	Johnnie Shirley	Don Block	Dennis Weatherford	Harry Smith
FELLOWSHIP	Sharing Hearts (Perry Hill)	Coffee Only	Coffee Only	Coffee Only
FLOWERS	Jose & Clairis Soler Luke & Kathy Keith	James & Jessie Taylor Steve & Brenda Taylor	Harry & Janet Smith Carmen Rivera	Louise Moore Margaret Minges
FINANCE TELLERS	Ann Roberts Perry Hill	Jean Dixon Betty Reynolds	Pat Norris Sandra Wardlaw	Dennis Nichols Sharon Lezak
LAY READERS	Billy Smith	Perry Hill	Judy Robertson	Youth

Thank you for agreeing to serve. If you are unable to attend on your assigned date, please contact the individual in charge of the area to which you are assigned or arrange to change dates with someone else on the calendar.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Noah Hill

D. J. Rivers

Joev & Mvra Jones

Lynn Smith & Family

Dennis Atkinson Qua Mel Baxter Leonard Bruffev Jerry Carter Connie Frith & Family

Jean Shirlev If you have a prayer request, please contact the church. Your request will be posted for 4 weeks. If you would like it to remain longer, please contact the church.

Quilts blessed last month for:

Mac & Marian McCaskill - Parents of Connie Frith and Sissy & Larry Oppal and George Stone - husband of Sylvia Stone and

Jerry Carter - Former longtime member

SERVICE AREA	CONTACT	
Greeters/Ushers	Lynn Smith	
Crucifers/Acolytes	s Church Office Admin Asst.	
Nursery Workers		
Trustee of the Day	Johnnie Shirley	
Fellowship Family	Committee Chair/Church Office	
Flowers	Margaret Hawkins	
Finance / Tellers	Susan Weatherford /Ann Roberts	
Lay Readers	Church Office Admin. Asst.	

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Worship Committee Meeting Sunday, November 3rd – 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee November 12th – 6:30 p.m.

In the Conference Room Charge Conference

November 14th - 6:00 p.m. In the sanctuary

Administrative Council Meeting November 21st – 6:30 p.m. In the sanctuary

Lights of Lugoff Puppet Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. in the conference room Sundays - Nov 3rd, Nov 17th, Nov 24th, and Dec 8th

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November 2019

Office Hours Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm Phone Numbers: Church Office: 803-438-1335 Fax Line: 803-438-0335 Website: www.stiohnslugoff.com Google it! **Church Email Address:** s.i.umc@truvista.net CHURCH STAFF Pastor: Rev. Angela Marshall ahmarshall@umcsc.org Youth Director Jason Rabon Childcare Director: long – not just in the fall! Lisa Wilson Music Director: Jerome Ogburn Pianist: Sylvia Stone Organist: people." Jose Soler Audio/Visual Coordinator: Chuck Horton Administrative Assistant: Kay Lott klott@truvista.net **Financial Secretary:** Casie Anderson canderson@truvista.net Stewardship... Sexton: **Catherine Swinton** Sunday Worship Schedule 9:30 am Sunday

> everything...but everybody can provide something. Looking forward to carrying the basket with you, Angela

November has arrived and with it, we find ourselves three-fourths of the way through the college football season, the weather is teasing us with cooler temperatures, the leaves are creating the most beautiful canvas of colors, and you can find everything from Oreos to fettuccini noodles (and everything in between) that are flavored with pumpkin spice ... what ?!? Yuck! Don't believe me - just

Yes, for many people, the very mention of November conjures up thoughts of the things I just mentioned, but in the church, there is another word that comes to mind...Stewardship. Every fall, in churches around the country, people hear the word "Stewardship" and automatically brace themselves to hear something about how they should give more money to the church. Charles (Chick) Lane, in his book on stewardship, Ask, Thank, Tell, begins the introduction with my favorite opening sentence from any book I've ever read on the subject: "Stewardship has been kidnapped and is being held hostage by a sinister villain named 'Paying the Bills'". Don't get me wrong, funding ministries is an important responsibility we have as the people of God but, my friends, stewardship is so much more than just paying the bills! And stewardship should be a focus of the church all year

Stewardship is not about what the finance committee does during the fall in preparation for creating a budget for the following year. It is not about the little box in our bulletin that tells us how much was collected the week before or how much we need in order to make the budget. Stewardship is about relationships...it is about generosity. To belong to our congregation is to be a steward.

As I think about November, stewardship, relationships, and generosity, I believe that it boils down to making sure no one is left to carry the load alone. It's a simple idea, but it requires us to be intentional, committed, and willing to put forth the effort to put it into practice. It is a natural part of church life, of life in community. When we send a note of concern or make a meal for new parents or sit and listen over a cup of coffee, we are taking up one of the handles of someone's basket. When we volunteer to help in the nursery or with the youth ministry, when we visit those who are unable to drive and often feel like a prisoner in their own home, when we serve community meals or stand with a neighbor in protest of injustice, when we welcome the stranger or visit the prisoner, we are taking up one of the handles of someone's basket.

School 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship Service

Carrying the Basket

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16

November ... Gratitude... Thanksgiving ... Appreciation ... Thankfulness ... Pumpkin Spice..

There is an Egyptian proverb that says: "If a basket has two handles, it should be carried by two

This November, I invite you to think about what St. John's United Methodist Church means to you. How have the ministries of our church made a difference in your faith journey? When have you been led to reach out and help carry the basket? When have others reached out to help you carry the basket? If you haven't experienced it already, let me assure you, the world is a better place when we spend our time nurturing togetherness - when we look for opportunities to share the basket. Take time to pause to consider how you can support the ministries of St. John's UMC through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. We need everyone because no one person can do everything...but everybody can do something; and no one person can provide



Golden Hearts is a wonderful weekly fellowship opportunity created for all adults age 50 and up as well as anyone younger than 50 who enjoys spending time with others!

Thursday, November 5th NO Meeting

(This is the week that several of our Golden Hearts will join together with the Activity Club of Lyttleton Street UMC for a trip to the beach.)

Tuesday, November 12th

10:00 AM - Bible Study with Rev. Barbee Parsons followed by a covered dish lunch

Tuesday, November 19th

11:30 AM - Thanksgiving Meal with the Child Care Center Children and Staff Meet in the corridor outside the Child Care Center.

Tuesday, November 26th

No Meeting - Thanksgiving Week – ENJOY!

Ministries for Youth							
NOVEMBER 2019 YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
November 1: Bible Breakfast - 6:45 AM						1 6:45am Bible Breakfast	2
November 3: UMYF – 5-7PM	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
November 8: Bible Breakfast - 6:45 AM	5:00-7:00pm UMYF					6:45am Bible Breakfast	-
November 10: Collect Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (Before and after Worship) Clinton Sease Farm	10 Clinton Sease Farms	11	12	13	14	15 6:45am Bible Breakfast	16
November 15: Bible Breakfast - 6:45 AM	17 5:00-7:00pm UMYF	18	19	20	21	22 6:45am Bible Breakfast	23
November 17: Collect Operation	OWIT					Dieakiasi	
Christmas Child Shoeboxes (Before and after Worship)	24 Youth Sunday	25	26	27	28	29 NO Bible	30
UMYF - 5-7PM	Shop for					Breakfast	
November 22: Bible Breakfast - 6:45 AM	Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes						

November 24: Youth Sunday

Collect Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (Before and after Worship) Shop for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

PARENTS - PLEASE REFER TO THE WEEKLY YOUTH EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS. EMAIL JASON RABON AT JASON.RABON@DOMINIONENERGY.COM IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE YOUTH MINISTY.



St. John's UMC.

Thank you all for sharing your time to serve at Epworth. By your hands our campus garden has been transformed. Thank you for your strength and talents to fulfill this need.

Blessings to you all,

Beth C. Robinson

Thank You!

Dear Friends, We want to thank everyone for their outpouring of support for the KAIROS weekends we just finished. Without your support we could not do this. Your prayers, cookies, placemats, and monetary donations have touched around 2,700 people. The residents are so appreciative knowing people they don't even know care enough to take time to provide these blessings. Most often, they no longer receive any contact from family and friends, so having people they don't know reach out in love is life-changing for them. You kindness is overwhelming.

Blessings, Don and Cyndi Macleod Thank You!

St. John's UMC Family,

Thank you each and everyone for your prayers, gifts, phone calls, visits and transportation for Audrey. You as a church family have shown us so much love and care and we feel very blessed.

B. J. Livingston

Clinton Sease Farms - Sunday, November 10th



All children are invited to Clinton Sease Farms on Sunday, November 10th. This is a joint children and youth event. Cost is \$10 per child. Includes - corn mazes, hay ride, campfire hotdogs, smores, chips, and drink. Please email Morgan Rabon for more details and to sign up Morganweatherford@yahoo.com

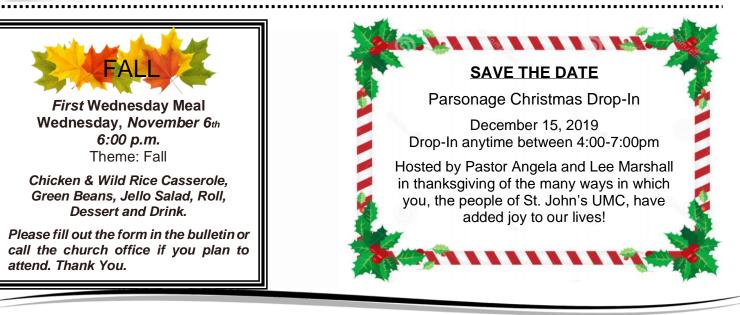
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Starting Sunday, November 10th the St. John's UMC Youth Ministry will have empty shoeboxes available for church family members to pick up and pack with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. The youth will have an information table set up in the Narthex before and after the morning Worship services on November 10th, 17th, and 24th. All shoeboxes should be returned to the church by Sunday, November 24th. Please contact Jason or Morgan Rabon if you have any questions.

All children are invited to come make an Advent calendar to help us prepare for and count down the days until Jesus' birthday!



Thank you to all who donated candy and volunteered at the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 20th. A big thank you to Bruce Bryant for grilling our delicious hot dogs. We had a great turnout, 19 trunk or treat cars, and beautiful weather. The Fall Festival was a huge success because of your tremendous support! Thank you, The Children's Ministry



Join us for a "Pounding"

As we continue to welcome the Rev Angela and her husband Lee to St. John's, Family Ministries will be hosting a "Pounding". The Pounding is to be held at the Parsonage on Sunday afternoon November 24th from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. All are invited to participate in this welcoming. Refreshments will be served and the Family Ministries Committee look forward to seeing as many of you as can attend.

For those unfamiliar with "Pounding" all attending are asked to bring a pound of something as a gift to welcome Rev. Angela and Lee.

If you have questions please contact Ann Roberts. 438-1776.



W.A.R.M. November 8th & 9th Weatherization And Repair Ministry

W.A.R.M. Project Meal - November 9th St. John's UMC will be serving a warm meal to our W.A.R.M. workers on Saturday, November 9th at noon, and help is needed for the preparation. Please let Ann Roberts (438-1776) know if you can help

Ministries for Children

Children's Church: Every Sunday in November



Mark Your Calendars

Advent Calendar Workshop - Sunday, December 1st





Can you believe that December is just a couple of weeks away? With December on the horizon, it means that Christmas is less than 2 months away so it's time to begin preparations for our annual Christmas Angels mission!

Our excitement is growing as we are in contact with our local elementary schools (Doby's Mill, Lugoff, Wateree, and Blaney) so that they can provide us with the names and needs of twelve families (three families from each of the four schools). What a gift it is to be able to share the joy of Christmas with members of our community by providing them with gifts that they might otherwise not receive! As is the Christmas Angel tradition at St. John's, we will provide Christmas Angels that contain the names of items that have been included on the Christmas wish list of the twelve families. The angels will be available for pick-up November 17th through December 1st (or while they last!) We will also be providing angels with requests for gift cards that will be distributed at Epworth Children's Home.



Every Journey Starts With the First Step



"The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds *him with* His hand." Psalms 37:23-24 (NKJV)

Banana Bread Ingredients

2 cups whole wheat flour 1 teaspoon baking soda 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup sugar-free applesauce 3/4 cup honey 2 eggs, beaten 3 mashed overripe bananas 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, optional

How To Make It:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan.

In a large bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl, mix together applesauce and honey. Stir in eggs and mashed bananas until well blended. Stir banana mixture into flour mixture: stir just to moisten. Pour batter into prepared loaf pan.

Bake in preheated oven for 60 to 65 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into center of the loaf comes out clean. Let bread cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack.



Come Join Us

After the service on Sunday, November 24th, our church family will be decorating our church for Advent. Please plan to stay and join the fun. We can look forward to working alongside each other preparing our place of worship for this most holy season and for getting ourselves into the holiday spirit. Come join the worship team for fellowship and for lunch (soup and sandwiches provided) as we work together.

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Have you or someone you know in the St. John's faith community attended the Walk to Emmaus? It has come to our attention that there are several in our faith family who have experienced this 3-day Spiritual Growth ministry and we want to connect with you. There has been an interest in beginning a small group for those that are interested so that we might form a Reunion Group. Please contact Cyndi or Don Macleod to learn more.

Cyndi Macleod - macthistle56@gmail.com (803) 427-0023 Don Macleod - gaidheal48@gmail.com (803) 427-0189

Also, if you are curious about the Walk to Emmaus and would like more information, please contact Don, Cyndi, or Pastor Angela.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH November 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 6:45am UMYF Bible Breakfast at St. John's (Metal Building) 6:30pm Webelos Scouts Mtg.	2 Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:30am Sunday School 10:15amFellowship 10:45am Worship 4:00pm Puppet Rehearsal 5:00pm UMYF 6:00pm Worship	4 6:00pm Bible Study A Disciple's Path	5 4:00pm Daisy Scouts	6 6:00pm 1st Wednesday Meal 7:00pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Cubscout	7	8 6:45am UMYF Bible Breakfast at St. John's (Metal Building) 6:30pm Webelos Scouts Mtg.	9 12:00pm W.A.R.M. Project Meal at St. John's UMC
Committee Mtg	7:00pm Boy Scouts Mtg.	6:00pm Wolves & Bears Scout Mtg	Pack 316 Committee Meeting		•	PROJECT
10 9:30am Sun School 10:15amFellowship 10:45am Worship 4:00pm - 7:45pm Children and Youth Clinton Sease Farm Visit	11 Veterans Day 6:00pm Bible Study A Disciple's Path 7:00pm Boy Scouts Mtg.	12 10:00am Golden Hearts Bible Study/Lunch 6:30pm Finance Comm Meeting 4:00pm Daisy Scouts	13 10:00am Bible Study <u>Faithful:</u> Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph 7:00pm Chancel Choir	14 6:00pm Charge Conference 6:30pm Troop Committee Mtg 6:30pm Lions & Tigers Scouts Mtg.	15 6:45am UMYF Bible Breakfast at St. John's (Metal Building) 7:00pm Cubscout Pack 316 Pack Meeting	16
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5:00pm UMYF / Shopping for OCC	7:00pm Boy Scouts Mtg.	4:00pm Daisy Scouts		Kershaw County	Schools Closed	

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Bible Studies

Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph

Exchange your doubt for courage this Advent and Christmas season. Joseph's story is much like our own. In life, we encounter circumstances that we would never have chosen for ourselves. Joseph provides a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. From his beginnings as a humble

by Adam Hamilton

carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Join us as we examine Christmas through the eyes of Joseph who was absent from much of the biblical narrative, never spoke a word, but whose courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's plan of salvation.

If you would like to participate in this study, please contact the church office. You may purchase your own book the ISBN-13 number is: 978-1501814082. If you would like for the church to order a book for you, please specify your request when you call to reserve your spot with the group. The cost of the book is \$14. You must request a book no later than November 11th.

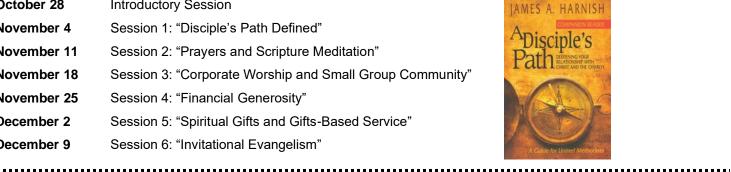
	This study will be led by Judy Robertson and will be held on Wednesday mornin
	10:00am – 11:30am beginning November 13, 2019
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November 13:	A Carpenter Named Joseph
November 20:	Whose Child Is This?
December 4:	Raising a Child Not Your Own
December 11:	The Journey to Bethlehem
December 18:	The Rest of the Story

This study will be led by Judy Robertson and will be held on Wednesday mornings from

A Disciple's Path : Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church
by James Harnish and Justin LaRosa

Our schedule for the "Disciple's Path" Group Study has been updated. All participants are reminded that we will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Pastor Angela if you have any questions.

October 28	Introductory Session	
November 4	Session 1: "Disciple's Path Defined"	
November 11	Session 2: "Prayers and Scripture Meditation"	
November 18	Session 3: "Corporate Worship and Small Group Community"	
November 25	Session 4: "Financial Generosity"	
December 2	Session 5: "Spiritual Gifts and Gifts-Based Service"	
December 9	Session 6: "Invitational Evangelism"	



NEW MEMBERS

Don & Louise Hemingway

They joined our church family on

August 25, 2019.

and

Tom McCov

He joined our church family on

October 13, 2019

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Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to:

Connie Frith and family in the passing of her mother, Marian Dennis McCaskill. She passed away on October 21, 2019.

and

Lynn Smith and family in the passing of her father, Bill Whitley. He passed away on October 11, 2019.



will be closed November 27th & 28th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Nominations and Leadership Development

We live in a time of enormous and rapid cultural shifts reflected by changes in communications, technology, demographics, and environmental awareness. Today's vibrant, healthy churches are very different from those that our parents and grandparents attended which means that the way we "do" church must change as well - especially when it comes to the way we select and support leaders.

This doesn't mean that we are trying to change the individualistic identity of St. John's UMC - we would NEVER want to do that because this faith family is unique and has so many incredible characteristics that make it special! What it does mean is that we must be intentional when it comes to the structure and order of our church - specifically leadership - so that, like most vital churches who are committed to the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, we will be prepared to focus on specific ministries that will impact our congregation and our community.

A key factor for congregational vitality is the quality and effectiveness of lay and clergy leadership! Therefore, local churches are most effective when congregations develop intentional steps and strategies so that they are intentional about forming disciples who are Christian leaders in the world. It doesn't just make a difference within a church or a community - it makes a difference throughout the world.

The Committee for Nominations and Leadership Development of St. John's UMC, formerly called the Nominating Committee or Committee on Lay Leadership, has met multiple times over the past 6 weeks as we have spent time learning about our role as a member of this committee as we have considered our need to "do church differently," especially when it comes to how we call forth leadership within our congregation. Our commitment to St. John's is that we won't just put a name on a list and fail to provide the necessary tools for ministry leaders to be successful. Throughout the year, your Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development will be intentional about I dentifying leaders, developing leaders, deploying leaders, evaluating leadership needs, and monitoring the whole system of leadership development. We will do this together as a church as we shift our past understanding of the Nominations Committee from "recruitment" to our present understanding of "development".

People who are led by God are the most valuable resource in the life of a church. With them and with careful leadership and guidance, the church can effectively proclaim Christ's good news to the world. The ministry of a local church moves forward, falters, or grinds to a halt based in large part on the lay and clergy leadership of a church; which is why the role of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development is crucial to the ongoing ministry of our congregation and to the Church as a whole.

Thank you to everyone who has served as leadership within the ministries of St. John's throughout the years. Your love for God, vour love for the people who are St. John's, and your commitment to our surrounding community has not always been easy and yet you have been committed to carrying the light of Christ into the world in spite of the many obstacles that our faith family has encountered. I honor you and give God thanks for your dedication to the Gospel.

To those of you who have accepted an invitation to serve God, St. John's UMC, and the people of our community through leadership in ministry, thank you. We have an incredible example that has been set before us and with God's help and blessing, 2020 will surely provide a new year of infinite possibilities for our faith family to continue in our mission to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

On January 12th, during our 10:45am worship service, we will take time to give God thanks for the leadership that has sustained us during this last year, and we will consecrate our newly elected leadership that will provide guidance and direction as we begin a new year of ministry together.

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1	Kelley Burr	11	19	Christine H
4	Patricia Lynn Norris		20	Richard Fi
	Mickey Ogburn		20	Melissa Co
5	Amanda Kelly		21	Jon Buring
5	Dennis Nichols		21	Jamie Ray
7	Matthew Guest		21	Jenni Gayl
9	Jacob Rabon		22	Karen Ortiz
9	Jean Thomas		23	Paula Cos
10	Phyllis Engelbosch		24	Judy Brock
12	Dot Holt		24	Elizabeth [
14	Rhonda Bowers		24	Sherrie Gu

16 Mary Rinker

Thank you for your contributions to this great ministry of the United Methodist Women of St. John's. If you have any left over scraps (25 inches or more), we would love to put it in a quilt. The material we use needs to be 100% cotton, and we use prints and solids. If you can help with this, just bag it, put my name on it and leave it in the church office. If you have any questions call Bernice Harrelson 438-1372. A Report from St. John's UMC Trustees

It has been a busy month. You may have noticed that the potholes in the parking lot have been patched with concrete. These repairs cost \$1500. As funding hopefully becomes available, the short-term plan is still to clean the parking lot, seal the asphalt, and restripe the parking spaces. We are blessed to have a large parking lot which means that the upgrade will cost \$9000. As mentioned last month, doing these repairs will allow us some extra time until we are able to secure the financing necessary to completely repaye the parking lot. This longer-term project in projected to cost around \$70,000 to which church members have already begun making donations.

Birthdays

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24 Rodney Ortiz

- 24 Barbara Smith
- 24 Jessica Zeller-Chace
- 25 Xander Norris
- 26 Angela Marshall
- 26 Peri Wheat
- 27 Aaron Koenig
- 27 Kennedy Zeller-Chace
- 27 Rowan Zeller-Chace
- 28 Trisha Barton
- 29 William Smith

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ARE YOU A QUILTER?

We continue to work on a more effective way to ensure the safety and security of our church and the ministries that are offered. This will include evaluating current safety precautions as well as tools to aid in the safety and security of all who participate in the ministries of St. John's UMC. Our goal is to provide a safe atmosphere which is created with proper guidelines, procedures, and technology. Additional quotes have been obtained as we look into a church campus security system as well as schedule future meetings with the leaders of several ministries (Church Staff, Daycare, Finance, Trustees...etc.) in an effort to discern the needs specific to St. John's and all of her ministries.

The "Metal Building Phase 1 Project" is nearing completion. The flooring in the youth room/ Sunday School class, as well as both restrooms, and the kitchen has been replaced and it looks wonderful. The lighting and the ceiling tiles have been upgraded and the painting is currently underway and will be completed 11/1/2019. The vanities in both bathrooms will be replaced, the countertop in the kitchen will be replaced with granite, and new faucets will go in by 11/1/2019. To date, this entire Metal Building Phase 1 Project" has been funded with special donations from the church membership. I call this the "Phase 1 Metal Building Project" for a good reason: church members have requested cost estimates to extend the new LVT tile (the new flooring) down the hallway as well as what the cost would be to paint the walls in the hallway. The additional tile installation and hallway wall painting will cost \$3000. Over the last few weeks, members and friends of St. John's have donated another \$1000 for the metal building project. This leaves a need of only \$2000 to complete the hallway.

The youth of St. John's have expressed their appreciation for the improvements to their gathering space. The Boy Scouts, Youth ministry, and parents of both groups have supported the project by providing the manpower needed to move all of the cabinets and furniture as needed to complete the project to date. I am told that in the coming weeks the youth will host an event to raise funds in an effort to help defray the cost of tiling and painting the hallway. I encourage church members to consider participating in this fundraiser in support of our youth who want to help with this project.

Church members have submitted ideas for Church Campus landscaping improvements. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Church Work Day that took place on October 12th. The results of are pretty obvious. Additional landscaping improvements behind the office building and adjacent to the metal building are being assessed.

While we have painters on site, two sets of doors will be painted in the Educational wing of the facility as they in the worst condition of any others on campus. The cost of this work has also been donated by church members.

And finally, for now, the walls of the sanctuary have been repaired and painted. The paint and materials needed for this project, as well as the labor required to do it, were all donated by church members.

In summary; like last month, there are a lot of good things going on at St. John's United Methodist Church. Thanks be to God.



Online Giving

We offer online giving! You're welcome to give online by going to our website or by scanning our QR Code to be taken to our mobile giving page.

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you for the many thoughts and prayers sent our way. We could never express our appreciation of your kindness and love. Thank you for the beautiful prayer quilt and continued prayers. Sincerely, Eddie & Robyn, Sarah, Will & Banks Galloway

Thank You!

Frosty and Family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to you for the love, support, gifts, contributions, donations, and prayers received during this difficult time in our lives. Although this journey we are on is not yet over, we want you to know that you have played an important role in his healing. Anything is possible with the love of God, Family and Friends like you. May God Bless you each and every day. The McNabb Family

Restricted Funds – Brought to you by St. John's Finance Committee:

Beginning in the August 2019 newsletter we shared with you that St. John's United Methodist Church provides an opportunity for you to provide monetary support for ministries that go above and beyond your weekly giving and yearly tithe. These riends of St. John's

opportunities are designated for special missions and ministries done b' throughout our world and community as well as missions and projects d budget. We refer to these accounts as "Restricted Funds".



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Each month we will highlight one or more of the Restricted Fund accounts as we offer you information and understanding about these special accounts that already exist at St. John's UMC.

Restricted Salkehatchie: a restricted account that can be used to help fund the cost for Youth attending Salkehatchie camp during the summer.

Restricted Trustee Maintenance Fund: a restricted account to be used for any of the 5 year Capital Improvements, designated by the Trustees. (Such as Metal Building Project, Security System, Parking Lot, Roof, etc.)

If you would like to give to any of these restricted funds, please designate on your offering envelope the restricted fund for which you would like to make a contribution.

In last month's newsletter we shared with you the importance of the Charge Conference for congregations within the United Methodist Church and you were encouraged to attend and be a part of a celebration of ministries that we, as a church, have shared in over the last year. The Charge Conference for St. John's United Methodist Church was originally planned for a day in October; however, due to a scheduling conflict, our Charge Conference will now take place on November 14th beginning at 6:00pm as we gather together in the sanctuary.

As a reminder: the Charge Conference is an annual meeting of a church where officers are (generally) elected for the coming year - but that's not all! Our very own Reverend Dr. Robin Dease (the Hartsville District Superintendent) will call the meeting to order and preside over it as we review church goals and objectives, celebrate ministries and missions, elect new church leaders, set the clergy salary, remember those of our congregation that have finished their race on earth since our last Charge Conference, as well as approve members and friends of St. John's for Lay Speaking and Lay Servant Ministries. This year that will also include an opportunity for us to celebrate William Smith as he continues in his journey to become an ordained clergy of the United Methodist Church.

Members of the Church Council are members of the Charge Conference and therefore have a vote - but - this doesn't mean that they are the only ones invited to attend this annual celebration and meeting - ALL are invited to be witnesses to the ministries that have taken place, are taking place, and will take place in and through St. John's United Methodist Church. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!! Again, the 2019 Charge Conference for St. John's United Methodist Church will be held on November 14th beginning at 6:00pm. All committee chairpersons and ministry team leaders should have completed a charge conference report - if, for some reason you have not yet done so, please complete your report and turn it into Kay in the church office as soon as possible.

Information provided by: https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/10-fascinating-facts-about-john-wesley-andunited-methodism

You may already know that John Wesley, the fifteenth child of Samuel and Susanna, was an English cleric, theologian and evangelist who led a revival movement within the Church of England which became known as Methodism; but did you know that John Wesley wrote one of the all-time bestselling medical texts?

Wesley was deeply convicted that God is concerned about our earthly life as well as our eternity. To that end, he wrote a medical text for the everyday person titled, Primitive Physick. The book detailed the current knowledge about home remedies and went through 32 editions, making it one of the most widely read books in England.

Many of Wesley's cures and tips on healthy living remain widely accepted. While some of his advice was wishful thinking, the most important part of his philosophy was his insistence on continual observation in an effort to support hypotheses. Wesley boldly guestioned modern doctors — how they sometimes treated humans like machines; that much of their "medicine" lacked merit and evidence to support its efficacy. By the same token, some of Wesley's beliefs certainly needed more supportive evidence. For instance. Wesley recommended holding a puppy against the stomach to cure stomach pain. He offered dried and powdered toad pills for asthma. He also enjoyed regular dips in cold bathwater, thought to be a near panacea. It sounds strange to us, but many leading minds during Wesley's time, promoted these sorts of folk remedies. And honestly, I don't know about curing stomach pain but holding a puppy sure helps my heart when it hurts! The point is, like David — who had the heart of God and still fell short even the greatest leaders with the biggest hearts are fallible.

So anyway...now you know!



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