

BY OUR SERVICE					
	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
GREETERS/ USHERS	The Christofaros	The Shirleys	The Rabon's	The O'Quinns	The Youth
ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	Ryan Matney Morgan Matney	Caroline Williams Lauren Boron	Luke Shirley Cole Shirley	TBA	Sam Hemingway Jacob Rabon
NURSERY WORKERS	TBA	Susan Thomas Tomie Christofaro	Wanda Cooke Colby Christofaro	Laura Barton Colby Christofaro	Jessica Alvey Claire Alvey
TRUSTEE OF THE DAY	Johnnie Shirley	Don Block	Dennis Weatherford	Harry Smith	Jim Ray
FELLOWSHIP	Board of Trustees (Johnny Shirley)	Coffee Only	Coffee Only	Family Ministries	Coffee Only
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LAY READERS	Connie McLeod	Taylor Jones	Jackie Dewitt	Mark Pyritz	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

Reid Bowyer

Family of Chris Cox

BJ Livingston

Audrey Livingston

Mac McCaskill

Tony Reid

Jay Richardson

Eugenia Walden

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.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Finance Committee – September 10th – 6:30 p.m.

In the Conference Room

Administrative Council - September 26th - 6:30 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

UMW and Men’s Club Joint Meeting

September 29th – 3:00 p.m. - about KAIROS

We will have a guest Speaker. Everyone is invited.



AttentionWomen

We will be baking cookies for KAIROS on Saturday, September 14th - 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.

We would love for you to join us

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Greeters/Ushers	Lynn Smith
Crucifers/Acolytes	Church Office Admin Asst.
Nursery Workers	Lisa Wilson
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.

St. John's United Methodist Church

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

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September 2019

Office Hours

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8:00am – 4:00pm

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CHURCH STAFF

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 am Sunday School

10:15 am Fellowship

10:45 am Worship Service

A Little Dash of S.A.L.T.

Serving And Learning Together

September 2019

Take It to the Altar and Give Thanks

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

James 1:17

Truth be told – I'm not good at receiving compliments. For a very long time, my first instinct was to point out all of the things that I could have done better or pass the words of affirmation off in someone else’s direction. It would often take a large amount of self-control to just say “thank you” and accept the gift of affirmation or positive feedback that someone graciously offered.

Several years ago, I realized that the discomfort I felt in the presence of affirmation bothered me more than usual, so I shared these concerns with my parents. Having met proud people in my life that had no problem taking compliments (often taking up so much room patting their own back that it left very little room for others to join in), I realized my fear was that I might one day become proud and lose all sense of humility in the midst of affirmation. As mom and dad talked me through the feelings I was experiencing, they taught me a new way to deal with the uncomfortableness I felt when others expressed affirmation. They reminded me of the gift that it is to receive it.

Dad told me that compliments, words of affirmation, and accolades are like roses. He said that when someone offers affirmation it is a gift and I should receive these words as I would a beautiful rose. Then, for an entire day, I have the opportunity to enjoy the rose and be thankful for the encouragement that was offered. He told me that there would be days when I might have just one single rose, then there would be other days when I would be fortunate to carry an entire bouquet. But he also told me that there would be some days when I found my hands were empty with no rose to hold.

But then he told me this: at the end of each day, I have a choice to make. I can choose to hold on to the roses – but if I choose to do this, the roses I carry will eventually die and be of no use to anyone. My other choice is to offer the roses back to the One whom they belonged to from the very beginning. I can claim the good works to honor self or I can offer good works in the name of Christ – whichever I choose determines what happens with the roses I carry.

And so, at the end of each day, I take my roses to the cross and I lay them at the feet of Jesus with the most grateful of hearts. I thank him for allowing me the gift of carrying his bouquet that day. I lay them at the foot of the cross where they will never wither or die; but instead, where they will live and grow and glorify him.

The affirmations that we receive each day, the blessings that come through affirmation and praise, they do not belong to us – they belong to Christ who calls us to be his hands and feet. And some days, that means being the hands that hold the bouquet.

God’s peace,
Angela



GOLDEN HEARTS

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, September 5th

Senior and Caregiver Expo (9am-2pm) at The Camden City Arena

****Meet at St. John's UMC at 10:00 am to carpool****

Tuesday, September 10th

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

Tuesday, September 17th

10:00 AM - Inhouse Games or Movie and out to lunch

Tuesday, September 24th

10:00 AM - SC State Museum trip with admission to the *Apollo 50: Journey to the Moon* exhibit

(To mark the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing the South Carolina State Museum presents a new exhibition charting the history of NASA's Apollo program and South Carolina's role in lunar exploration.)

\$13 for museum admission and *Apollo 50* exhibit

We will also go out to lunch

Ministries for Children and Youth

Youth – MYF

SEPTEMBER 2019

YOUTH CALENDAR

MINISTRY

UMYF – 5pm-7pm in the Metal Building

BIBLE BREAKFAST – 6:45am in the Fellowship Hall

SEPT. 1st – Leave church at **1:40pm** for Adrenaline and return at **5:00pm**

SEPT. 14th – Leave church at **10:00am** for KC Humane Society and return at **noon**.

SEPT. 29th – Youth Sunday and 5:00pm Movie Night

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Adrenaline Jump Park and Marble Slab	2	3	4	5	6 Bible Breakfast	7
8 UMYF	9	10	11	12	13 Bible Breakfast	14 KC Humane Society Service Project
15 UMYF	16	17	18	19	20 Bible Breakfast	21
22 UMYF	23	24	25	26	27 Bible Breakfast	28
29 Youth Sunday and Movie Night	30					

Children



Children's Church: Every Sunday in September



Clinton Sease Farms - Sunday, October 13th

Fall Festival - Sunday October 20th

Thank You!

Dear St. John's Quilt Team,
We thank you all along with all of our prayer warriors during this time with Jimmy. We thank you for his quilt!
Kelly Burr

Thank You!

Dear St. John's Church Family,
Thank you for all the cards, visits and most of all your prayers for me while I am in the hospital. We also want to thank you for all the help with transportation for Audrey. You as a church family have shown us so much love and care and we feel very blessed.
BJ & Audrey Livingston

COLLEGE STUDENT INFORMATION

All college students, we need your information for this coming school year. Please send us your name, the name of the school you are attending and the mailing address. Send the information to Sherry Geiger's email – sgeiger0428@yahoo.com

SAFETY AND SECURITY – DOORS AND LIGHTS

Just a friendly reminder that if you lead or participate in ministries or activities that take place on the campus of St. John's United Methodist Church, please make sure all doors are locked and all lights are turned off upon leaving. If everyone is intentional in these responsibilities it will increase the safety and security for all who enter our facilities. Thank you!

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

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 goes above and beyond your weekly giving and yearly tithe? These opportunities are designated for special missions and ministries done by, with, and for the members and friends of St. John's throughout our world and community as well as missions and projects done within our church and are not part of the general budget. We refer to these accounts as "Restricted Funds".

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 Bus Fund: a restricted account that can be given to for use in purchasing a new bus or for maintaining the current bus.

Restricted Youth Fund: a restricted account used by the youth for ministries and activities that are not funded by the general budget.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

St. John's UMC Church Council met on Thursday, July 25 with 16 present

Millie Bryant, Chair, called the meeting to order. Devotion and opening prayer was offered by Randall Watts, Lay Leader.

Paula Costello, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. Cassie will check to ensure that the restricted accounts are listed in the drop down boxes on On-Line Giving. Pastor Angela suggested that a restricted account be highlighted each month to encourage donations in addition to regular tithing.

Johnny Shirley, Trustee Chair, distributed a proposed Agreement on Equitable Distribution of Operating Costs between the Church and the Child Care Ministries. This was discussed and approved by Council.

Johnny reported that the church property sustained some damage from the recent storm which included downed trees and playground fence damage. These have been repaired. The parsonage is being painted, new carpet installed and new shower installed in Master Bath.

Kara Matney, Worship Co-Chair, reported that the Worship Committee and Pastor Angela have met and Worship services have been planned through January.

Morgan Rabon, Children's Ministries Chair, reported on Children and Youth. Jason Rabon, Youth Director, and our youth were away for Immerse. An Instagram page has been created and information has been sent out on this. A prayer wall has been placed in the metal building. Welcome bags are being made for new members by both the children and youth. Morgan highlighted the activities being planned and ongoing for both the children and youth.

Kara reported for UMW. The group will meet in September with speakers from both the Women and Men's correctional facilities.

Pastor Angela thanked everyone for the warm welcome and making her and Lee's transition to St. John's so smooth. She highlighted some programs she would like to implement at St. John's:

A leadership roundtable, plans for fall worship to include "Tailgate Sunday", Holy Days of Advent, Listening sessions, and What is the Calling of our Church?

Letters will be sent to the membership in order to update our membership roll.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Pastor Angela.

Millie Bryant, Council Chair

Charge Conference

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!! The 2019 Charge Conference for St. John's United Methodist Church will be held on October 15th beginning at 6:30pm. All committee chairpersons and ministry team leaders will need to complete a charge conference report for their ministry area and turn it into Kay in the church office no later than September 26th.

The Listening Tour

The Listening Tour is meant to be a series of casual gatherings hosted by members of the congregation either in their homes or in locations that will allow for honest and open conversation. There is no need to provide a meal – just a safe and comfortable place for members and friends of St. John's to come together and share their love for their church as well as their hopes and dreams for her future.

Our first Listening Session took place on August 13th as the Golden Hearts gathered to share in a life-giving conversation with Pastor Angela.

Over the next month there will be at least 3 more Listening Sessions that will be scheduled so that other groups and individuals will have an opportunity to share conversation as they respond to questions such as (but not limited to):

1. Remembering your entire experience at St. John's UMC, when did you feel most alive, most motivated, and most excited about your involvement? What made it exciting? Who else was involved?
2. What do you value most about our church? What activities or ingredients or ways of life are most important?
3. What are three wishes that you have about the future of our church?

We hope that you will want to share your love for your St. John's family, her history, and your hopes for her future!

Fill'er Up!

Just a friendly reminder that if you use the church bus it is your responsibility to fill the bus with gas before returning it to the church parking lot.



Tailgate Sunday

September 22, 2019

Bring your tailgate chairs and tents!

Worship with us on the front lawn of St. John's United Methodist Church at 10:45am. Bring your favorite Tailgate themed side dish and dessert and enjoy the fellowship meal that will follow our worship.

Meat will be provided: Fried Chicken, Bar B Que and Wings.

First-Time Visitor Bags

Did you know that St. John's United Methodist Church has special gift bags for our first-time visitors? Thank you to our Evangelism Ministry Team, the youth of St. John's and Morgan Rabon for the creation of these special gifts as well as their commitment to getting them into the hands of our first-time visitors. If you happen to notice a first-time visitor sitting near you in worship, please help us make sure they receive this special gift by informing a youth or one of the ushers who will be happy to present them with a bag.



Friendship Rosters

Many years ago, St. John's United Methodist Church invested in the Friendship Rosters that are located in each pew and are situated near the center aisle. Many people refer to them as "attendance pads" because these small books offer an opportunity for worshippers to check-in to worship as well as inform the church office of any address or information changes. We encourage you to fill out the Friendship Roster each week for several reasons: 1. so that we have a record of your time spent with us so that we might be intentional about reaching out to those who we might be missing in our worship time together; 2. so that you might greet those seated on your pew by name (because they will list it in the roster); 3. as an opportunity for you to let Pastor Angela know if you are ready to take the next step in your faith journey. Thank you in advance for helping us to use these resources so that together we might become better!

Now You Know...

Have you ever wondered why we light candles at the beginning of our worship services?

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." – John 8:12

The lighting of the altar candles is a "call" to the congregation to worship. But more than that, the lighting of the altar candles is a symbol of Christ (the Light of the world) being present in a worshipping community.

And do you know why there are TWO candles on the altar? There are two candles or two sets of candles to represent (1) the humanity of Christ and (2) the divinity of Christ because Jesus was both fully God and fully man.

Before the candles are extinguished at the end of each service, the acolyte will relight the torch they carry to keep the flame burning as they exit the sanctuary. This represents the light of Christ going out into the world where we are to serve God with our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Now you know...

Epworth Work Day Offering

September 8, 2019

Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? What about when a mother is struggling with addiction and is neglecting her children? Currently, over 80 children call Epworth home. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry we share as United Methodists in SC. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 123 years through the generous support of churches like ours! On Sunday, September 8th, we will participate in the annual Epworth Work Day Offering, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, you can visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org or find them on Facebook.



Epworth Children's Home is a ministry of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

An Invitation to Fellowship Time

from your Family Life Ministry Team

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in the weekly fellowship time between Sunday School and worship (from 10:20 – 10:40am) in the Fellowship Hall. Please invite others that you encounter in the parking lot, the hallway, and in your Sunday School classes to join us as well. Fellowship Time each Sunday is a great opportunity to catch up with each other while meeting newcomers and visitors. Coffee is always provided, and now that summer is coming to a close, milk, juice, and pastries will also be provided.

Over the next few Sundays, a member of the Family Life Ministries Team will be stationed in the Narthex with a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to volunteer to provide fellowship refreshments. Our hope is that Sunday School classes, ministry teams, leadership committees, families, and others will sign up. Nothing fancy is required as donuts and cookies a great addition to the coffee already provided.

If you have any questions please contact a member of the Family Life Ministry Team.

A Memo about Worship Preparation

from your Worship Team

Centering Time

Please join your church family each Sunday morning before worship for a time of joyful greetings and conversation in the Fellowship Hall. Then upon entering the sanctuary, please be mindful of each member's need for worship preparation which might include intentional quiet time in God's presence. Our beautiful sanctuary is a holy space; it is a peaceful and sacred space offering an opportunity for us to be calmed, centered, and comforted. When entering this sacred space, all are encouraged to sit quietly in a pew or kneel at the altar to pray, reflect, and/or meditate. As we prepare our hearts for worship in this way or allow others to prepare their hearts in this way, we will surely experience the beauty and peace through our reverence of our St. John's home.

KAIROS Ministry

"...I was in prison and you came to visit me." – Matthew 25:36

KAIROS Prison Ministry International, Inc. is a lay-led, interdenominational Christian ministry in which men and women volunteers share Christ's love and forgiveness with prisoners and their families.

The KAIROS ministry takes the participants on a journey (within the institution) that demonstrates the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. It involves a structured model that includes the weekend experience, followed by participants and volunteers gathering regularly for accountability, support, and prayer.

There are three KAIROS ministry opportunities:

KAIROS INSIDE: Brings leaders together in both male and female prisons for a 3 ½ day weekend designed to build up the Christian community inside each institution.

KAIROS OUTSIDE: A special weekend designed to support the female relatives/friends of men and women who are or who have been incarcerated, or women who were unable to attend KAIROS while in prison, followed by a continuing ministry.

KAIROS TORCH: Offers an initial weekend ministry, followed by a long-term mentoring process that encourages young men and women to move forward making better life choices.

What's the big deal about KAIROS? The impact it makes is incredible!

IMPACT OF KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY: Hearts are changed, prisons are less violent, recidivism rates are reduced, and communities are safer.

Over 500 Prisons and Communities in 10 different countries are served by the KAIROS program. This is possible because of volunteers and donations. Over 3 million volunteer hours per year keep this program alive. That is over \$36 million in value of volunteer hours. Each weekend costs between \$3,500 - \$8,000, at no cost to the prison or individuals attending. The costs vary because of what may or may not be available to use at the prison, number of participants, and on food. KAIROS depends entirely on donations.

For more information contact:

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL
100 Debary Plantation Boulevard
Debary, FL 32713

"Check back in next month to hear about Cyndi MacLeod's faith story, 'Why I go to prison'."



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Larry Bennett
02 Harry Smith
03 David Williams
07 Cynthia McLeod
07 Bruce Bryant
07 Claudia McManus
08 Amanda Buring
08 Carvel Blakeney
08 Jonathan Alvey
08 Wanda Cooke

09 Shay Decandia
09 Eliza Barton
11 Don Block
12 Randall Watts
12 Johnnie Shirley
13 Xan Anthony
17 Joseph Matheson
18 Sheryl Munn
19 Thomas Smith

19 Stephen Stanton
20 Melissa Langmo
21 Craig Jones
25 Joyce Lundy
25 Katherine Hemingway
25 Robert Jones
25 David Rawls
25 Betsy Burr
27 Darlene Moore