

Celebrating St. John's Children

New Life Sunday - April 21, 2024

We will honor the new life in our congregation. Please contact Beth Dixon if there is a new baby in your family that you would like included.

Join us to celebrate this special Sunday and hear our Junior Choir sing!

Wednesday, April 24th is the Children's Choirs' end of year program and awards ceremony. All are invited to attend following Wednesday Night Supper.

Kids & Youth Summer Staycation 2024

May - Missions Month

- 4 - Lake Clean up
- 18 - DCCM Food Distribution & prepare blessing bags

June - Summer Fun

- 6 - Augusta Green Jackets Game

July - Loving the Lake

- 4 - Lake Picnic
- 21 - Kids & Youth Service at the Lake
- 28 - Youth Party

August - Back to School

- 4 - Blessing of the Backpacks
- 30 - Camping at the Lake

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The Monthly Newsletter of St. John UMC

April 2024



Pastor's Corner

Welcome to Spring! April meets us with fresh flowers and the excitement of warmer weather. Spring at St. John is a time of celebration of Easter and new life.

My favorite hymn in this season is "Morning Has Broken" by Eleanor Farjeon:

*Morning has broken
Like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word!*

This hymn moves us from Genesis 1 to John 1. The creation of new life and the work of God coming to earth. Throughout scripture we are given this reminder that God is working to create all things new. In Isaiah we have this promise: *now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?*

Often in the life of the church we have a season where new life springs forth and we realize that God is creating something new. I feel we are in this moment at St. John. What this new life will be, time will tell, but new life is with us. We give thanks for this season in the life of this church.

We are given this gift each day to spring forth into the new day. As the birds sing a new song, we are able to have a fresh start. How are you seeing and experiencing new life this season?

If new life seems to be far away, join us for worship online and in person, reach out to the people in your life that can bring you new joy and hope, and spend time looking at the gift of this creation in this beautiful season. Enjoy the season.

The church office will be closed Master's Week.

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Church Office Hours

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Monday - Thursday



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Jenny

This Month in Worship

April 7

Sermon Scripture: *John 20:19-31*
Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2

April 14

Sermon Scripture: *Luke 24:36b-38*
1 John 3:1-7; Psalm 4

April 21

Sermon Scripture: *John 10:11-18*
Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24

April 28

Sermon Scripture: *John 15:1-8*
1 John 4:7-21; Psalm 22:25-31

In Our Prayers

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Lord, in this season of Easter, we celebrate the hope and joy of the Spring. We celebrate new life.

We send prayers of condolences to Debbie Alford on the death of her husband, Gary.

We pray for our members who are dealing with illness, recovering from injury, hospitalized, and our homebound members. We offer special prayers for those suffering with mental illness, and for the homeless community.

We continue to pray for our church staff, our Leadership Board, and we give thanks for them and our church volunteers. We give thanks for the many visitors walking through our doors. We pray for our military at home and abroad.

We pray for peace, justice, and equity, and for the leaders of our community, or state, our nation and our world working towards these goals. an end to war in all the troubled corners of the world. Help us all, Oh Lord, to work towards your divine kingdom, as we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, and work for justice for all.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

You are invited to pray with the Prayer Team on Tuesdays at 10:00 am in room 111.

Wednesday Night Suppers

Join us for Wednesday Night Suppers in the Fellowship Hall Starting at 6:15!

April 3

Garden salad, beef stroganoff with egg noodles, rolls, lemon sheet cake

April 10

No Supper for Master's Week

April 17

Baked spaghetti, chicken fettuccine alfredo, rolls, strawberry shortcake

April 24

Assorted sandwiches, pasta salad, fresh fruit, cookies & brownies

Adults- \$10; Children 3-12- \$5; Under 3 Eats Free

Mission Team News

The Clothes Closet is open Tuesdays, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Thank you for generously donating ADULT clothing, shoes, accessories, underwear, socks. We are especially seeking men's clothes in any season or sizes although the smaller sizes are in greatest demand.

DCCM

Food Distribution: Sat., April 20th
Please arrive at 8:30 am.

Food Drive Supplies! Please bring in plastic grocery bags for packing food. The snack packs for unsheltered clients also need wrapped eating utensils. The most needed supply for unsheltered clients is travel-sized toiletries and bottled water of 13 -oz or more. All items can be placed on the Donation Station. Thanks so much for your faithful support.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

March 2024

To Music Memorials:

In memory of Sally Fisher by:

William E. Walker Jr.

Annie Boyce

Francis Harrison

Debra Merlino

Rich Bias

Jeanne Lee

Mary Ottinger

Mary Alice McBrayer

Allen & Becky Smith

Meg and Malcom McLean

Judith and Greg Goodwin

Loren Greaves



Lake Clean Up and Camping

Join us to prepare the lake for our Summer Fun and our Lake Worship Services Saturday, May 4th 9:00 am

Camp with us the night before! Contact Stephanie Quattlebaum with questions or to sign up for camping.

Looking Ahead...

April 23 - May 3:
UMC General Conference

Mon., May 27th:
Memorial Day at the Lake

Thursday, June 6th:
Augusta Green Jackets Game

Tickets \$12. Contact Beth to sign up!
bdixon@stjohnaugusta.org

June 12-15:
North Georgia Annual Conference

July 4th: Picnic at the Lake

As Charles Dixon shared in his Leadership Board Report to the congregation, we had a large, unanticipated expense for plaster repair, much of it resulting from roof work and leaks over the years. The total project expense was \$24,900. In response to the need, members of the Leadership Board have contributed \$9,055.

Now we need your help with the remaining amount. Please consider making a special donation to this project. You can give by check or online, please make sure your giving is designated to plaster repair.

Your giving to this project will help to ensure that our facilities are here for the St John church family and our visiting community for years to come.

Upcoming Activities

Monday, April 15	7:00pm	UWF
Saturday, April 20	9:00am	DCCM Food Distribution
Sunday, April 21	10:00am	Coffee with the Pastor
Wednesday, April 24	6:30pm	Children's Choir Awards
April 26- April 26		Women's Retreat
Sunday, April 28	11:00am	New Life Sunday