



November 16, 2025

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Stewardship Pledge Cards

Pledge cards have been mailed. If you want to complete a pledge card before Stewardship Sunday, November 23rd, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve at 803-648-6891, ext. 217.

Epworth Angels

We will have information set up in the Narthex, the Faith Center Lobby and the main lobby of the office today and next Sunday, November 23. All gifts will be due in the collection bin just outside the main Church office by November 30, 2025. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause!

Blood Drive

St. John's will be hosting a blood drive today, November 16 from 7:30am thru 12 noon. Sheppard Blood Center will be here to help you save a life. One pint of blood from you can save up to three lives! Please consider donating and sign up today. Walk-ins will be taken after appointments have been honored.

Wednesday Morning and Evening Bible Studies Have Concluded

With the Holidays approaching, Dr. Tim's Wednesday morning and evening Bible Studies concluded last Wednesday. Thanks to all who have participated over the past 12 years! The Tuesday evening "Men's Night Out" movie and discussion will continue Tuesday evenings at 6 pm.

Christmas Cards for Veterans

Warm the hearts of veterans now living in Aiken area care facilities. Express your gratitude and help spread our Christian love at this joyous time of year. Write the same message on 10 cards (or more), sign your name, do not seal the envelopes, then deposit the bundled cards in the boxes located in the Narthex, the Faith Center lobby and Ward Hall corridor. Detailed writing instructions are available on/near the drop off boxes. Thank you for your time and kindness.

St. John's Library News

In his sermon on September 21, Pastor Butch told a story about a grandmother reading a Bible story to her 5-year-old granddaughter before she was to have heart surgery. No doubt many of you grandmothers and grandfathers were touched by that example. Many of you will be visiting your grandchild this holiday season and will have time to read to them. Our library has a display of read-aloud Bible story books and there's more on the regular shelves. Even though these books are on display, feel free to check any of these books out. Please help yourself and share inspiring Bible stories with your young loved ones.

WORSHIP SERVICES: Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Will Altman; Director of Traditional Music - Dr. Matt Caine; Organist - Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band Leader - Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band - Chuck Carver, Juli Davis, Earl Melton, Matt Osteen, George Collins, Steve Davis, Alec James, Jeff Krok, Jonathan Cook, Susan Lawson, Marshall Sanders

Crucifer: Henry Vaughters **Acolytes:** Amelia Orr and Cate Rodgers

November 8:30 Ushers: Tom Miniard, Randy Shelley, Greg Lowry

November 11:00 Ushers: Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Diane O'Connor, Penny Rue, Sara Carmichael, Doug Carmichael, Commie Pebbles, Jean Geiger, Missy Poe, Bruce Carrera, Gerry Hansen, Dawn Beam, Leah Lewis

November Worship Support: Christy Kisner, Nita Bell, Libby Taylor, Peg Robinson & Judy Keaton

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 1-888-364-4483 and following the instructions. Images and texts used with this service have permission granted under CCLI #2220845.

The 11:00 service is broadcast over W KSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.

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Children's Ministry

Gingerbread Nativity- December 7th at 5pm! Sign up here:

<https://links.stjaiken.org/2025Gingerbread> or use this QR code on the graphics page.

Confirmation Sunday will be December 14.

SAVE THE DATE: Dec. 14: Children's Christmas Caroling, time to be determined

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Youth Choir will meet at 3:30pm in the Choir Room.

Sunday Night Youth will meet in the gym at 5pm and pick up from the Faith Center at 7pm. Invite a friend to join you!

Prayers for our students going to Asbury Hills this coming week.

SAVE THE DATES: Dec. 7: Gingerbread Nativity, 5pm in the gym.

Dec. 14: Youth Christmas Party from 5pm – 7pm at the church.

Young Adults Ministry

Sunday School meets in room 237 at 10am.

SAVE THE DATES:

Dec. 4: Christmas Cookie Baking, 6pm, location to be announced in GroupME. Please use the following GroupME QR code:

Dec. 18: Christmas Lights at Hopeland Gardens, 6pm



St. John's Missions News

A member of our Grace Kitchen family who has gone from homelessness to now being employed for over a year is renting an unfurnished apartment. If you can provide bedroom furniture, living room furniture, TV, basic kitchen items, linens and towels, vacuum, etc., please contact Renee Reid 803-215-8940. As God provides, we will also need someone with a truck to help deliver.

For the month of November, we are collecting new blankets & sleeping bags. Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service and in front of Ward Hall. Please place only the requested donation items in the Grace Kitchen boxes as these are the current items needed.

Under the Steeple

Join us this evening at 7pm in the Sanctuary where our own Christopher Nash will present to us an exciting evening of Magnificent Endings. About this concert, Christopher said, "No boring organ music! Only the best endings in organ repertoire." You don't want to miss this free concert. Arrive early and bring a friend.

Men's Night Out

Next week's Men's Night Out attendees will be viewing "The Battle of Britain." This 1969 film tells the story of the 1940 air campaign in which Nazi Germany's Luftwaffe failed to gain air superiority over Britain's Royal Air Force (RAF), preventing a planned German invasion.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by **Joe & Leah Lewis and Rev. John H. Roof** in loving memory of
Mrs. Faye Roof, Mr. L.L. Lewis and Mrs. Mary Lewis,
and by **The Pitts Family** in loving memory of **Mrs. Monnie Pitts**
and in honor of **Mr. Mark Pitts' 95th birthday.**

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday Night Supper and Ministry Meals have officially begun the Holiday Hiatus, due to Jim Hanna having shoulder replacement surgery in early December. Prayers for Jim! Both ministries are scheduled to resume January 14, 2026. Thank you to all of our volunteers that support these programs. Have a safe holiday season!

News of the Family

Sympathies to:

Bob & Jan Kirkwood on the death of Jan's brother, **Jeff Hudson**, who died November 4, 2025, in Richland, MS.

Rayn Wilkerson, Drew & Amy, Ella, Eva, Eliza and Emmie Jernigan on the death of **Marjorie Schroeder** who died November 4, 2025, in Aiken, SC. Marjorie was mother to Rayn, grandmother to Amy and great-grandmother to the girls.

Tom & Diane Miniard, Davis & Megan, Robert and Eva Miniard on the death of **Sandra Dunn**, who died November 8, 2025, in Philadelphia, TN. Sandra was Diane's sister-in-law and aunt to Davis and great-aunt to the children.

Peach Abbott-Douglas and Stuart & Lindsay Griswold on the death of, **Anne Sherrill**, who died November 11, 2025, in Aiken, SC. Anne was Peach's mother and step-grandmother to Lindsay and family.

Lynn Martin on the death of her aunt, **Jacqueline Greene**, who died November 12, 2025, in Simpsonville, SC.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Sandra Dunn
November 8, 2025

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

November—Canned Beans

Collection bins are located in both the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—11/09/2025

8:30 | 97 9:02 | 225 11:00 | 231

In-person Total | 553

9:02 On-line Live | 174 11:00 On-line Live | 134

Financials

Operation Budget as of 11/12/2025

Year-to-date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$2,130,050.39
Year-to-date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$1,841,251.44</u>
	\$ 288,798.95

Missions Budget: Year 2025–2026

Year-to-date offering given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 291,190.49
Year-to-date disbursements:	\$ 236,100.00

*We thank you for your generous support of
St. John's Ministries & Missions!*

Please use our new GIVING QR code to give online.



EPWORTH ANGELS

Gift Idea Cards
will be available
Nov. 16 & 23 in the
lobby of each
service.

Unwrapped gifts
can be dropped off
in the bin outside
of the main office.

**Gifts
Due
Nov. 30**



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7PM

ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH OF AIKEN
104 NEWBERRY ST. NW, AIKEN, SC

**DONE
WNS
for 2025**

**THIS MINISTRY WILL
RESUME JAN. 14, 2026**

**CHRISTMAS
CANTATA**

December 7, 2025 8:30am & 11am

ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH OF AIKEN

December 7th-Family Night
5pm - 6:30pm in the gym

**Christmas
music
9:02 Service**

DECEMBER 7, 2025

FINANCE COMMITTEE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

As we approach the end of the calendar year, the Finance Committee wants to review two “gifting” options for our church members.

- 1.) Gifting highly appreciated securities (i.e., stocks, bonds, etc.) - please contact Nancy Fairgrieve and/or speak to Mary Ann Barrett, Janney, Montgomery Scott LLC, Aiken office (803-649-6304) per the church's local brokerage account. We ask that transfer instructions be in process on or before 12/20/2025.
- 2.) Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) - for charitable gifts from IRAs. Please have check made payable to and as beneficiary “St. John's Methodist Church,” PO Box 809, Aiken, SC 29802. Nancy Fairgrieve can provide further assistance if needed.

Both of these options can provide advantageous tax benefits to individuals and couples. Please consult your own personal tax advisor if appropriate.



***Please stand, as able.**



Order of Worship – 9:02 A.M.

We welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG

Say I Won't

MercyMe

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER

PRAISE SONG

Soon & Very Soon

Crouch

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We Believe

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again. We believe.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit

Battistelli

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3:6-18

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON

"Sitting on the Premises
or Standing on the Promises"

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

PRAISE SONG

Gratitude

Lake

BENEDICTION



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We welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. This service will be livestreamed today at 11am on our website stjaiken.org, our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE Great is Thy Faithfulness Dan Miller

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER

CALL TO WORSHIP Bless Thou the Gifts Ralph Vaughan Williams
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 140, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** FAITHFULNESS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI No. 71, "Glory Be to the Father"** GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Be a Light arr. Tim Hayden
Foundation Youth Choir

DEDICATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS OLD 100th
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children K4-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church.

Chancel Choir members who sang at the 8:30 service may now leave.

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM Be Not Afraid Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Malachi 3:6-18 Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON "Sitting on the Premises
or Standing on the Promises" Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 374, "Standing on the Promises"** PROMISES

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Christian Lutkin
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Rejoice the Lord is King Traditional

**Please stand, as able.*