



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

November 2, 2025
All Saints' Sunday

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Church Closure

Please make note that we will have a full Church Closure on Monday, Nov. 3, 2025 due to The City of Aiken Engineering turning off the water for city repairs. All meetings and events have been cancelled for November 3.

Church Calendar

Please make note that if you have a meeting or group event that is a re-occurring reservation on the Church Calendar, you must renew your reservation. The calendar does not carry over reservations into the new year. Please contact Jennifer Windham in the Church office at 803-648-6891 to renew your reservations.

8:30 Holy Communion

We will not serve Holy Communion at our 8:30 service due to the fact that we will be conducting our All Saints' Sunday Observance and we will also have a Stewardship Speaker during the service.

Our December 7, 2025 service at 8:30 will not include Holy Communion because that is the day of our Christmas Cantata. Instead, we will celebrate Holy Communion for our 8:30 service on December 14, 2025. Following that service, we will serve our Homebound Members (Dec. 14-16, 2025).

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on Monday, November 10, 2025. The 10:30am program will feature John Poe, "Stories and Music of the Holidays." The lunch menu is TBD, at \$5.00 per plate. Please call the church office at 803-648-6891 to make your reservation by 4pm, Thursday, Nov. 6.

Dr. Tim's Bible Studies

Both of Dr. Tim's Wednesday Bible Studies will resume this Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

St. John's T-Shirts

If you ordered a St. John's T-shirt, they are now available. Please contact Susan McDonald at: 803-648-6891, ext. 210 to arrange your pick up time.

Under the Steeple

On Sunday, November 16, at 7pm, our own Christopher Nash will present an organ concert entitled "Magnificent Endings." It will be a celebration of the best endings in organ literature and will include works by Franck, Bach, and several other composers. You don't want to miss this free concert in the Sanctuary!

Men's Night Out

Men's Night Out will meet Tuesday, November 4 at 6pm in the Faith Center. This week's film will be "Hamburger Hill." The 1987 film is set during the battle of Hamburger Hill, one of the most costly battles of the Vietnam War.

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: Finn Mole **Acolytes:** Chase Mole and E. G. Reynolds

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 and Peg Robinson

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 1-888-364-4483 and following the instructions.

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

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Children's Ministries

UPCOMING:

Nov. 8: Operation Christmas Child packing of boxes. More details are available in the lobby. Register today: <https://links.stjaiken.org/2025OCC>. "Pack-on-Your-Own" boxes are due to the church by Nov. 9. Pick up a box in the Church & Faith Center lobbies.

Congratulations to Lance, Eliza, Audrey, Rowan, Richie, Evelyn, and Robert on memorizing Psalm 119:11!!



Thank you to all that participated in both our Trunk-or-Treat and the chili cook-off!

Congratulations to our Chili Cook-Off Winners:

- 1st Place: #7 Jane Landreth
- 2nd Place: #6 Lisa Muckinhaupt
- 3rd Place: #3 Dusty Blair

SEED Trick-or-Treating

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to help pass out candy to the SEED classes for their "Trick-or-Treating" at the church offices. The children were so excited to fill up their little goody bags.



Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Youth Choir & Band will begin at 3:30pm in the Choir Room today. Please note that this is 30 minutes earlier than normal.

Sunday Night Youth will meet in the gym at 5pm and pick up from the Faith Center at 7pm. Bring \$2 for dinner and invite a friend to join you!

Asbury Hills Retreat will take place November 21-23, 2025.

Register today at: <https://bit.ly/AsburyHill2025> or with the QR Code:



Spring Break Mission Interest Meetings will take place on Nov. 9 following Sunday Night Youth.

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237. Please join us! Operation Christmas Child packing party is on November 9 during Sunday School.

St. John's Missions News

A nursing student at Aiken Tech has experienced a house fire and the family is in need of the following items: new or used laptop, bedroom furniture, mattress, desk. Personal items needed: Women's work scrubs XL. Child (boy) shoes size 6. Please leave items in basket by Will's office. Thank you for already meeting the needs of the men's clothing.

For the month of November, we are collecting **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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Doris Hoffman* in memory of *Herb Hoffman*.

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

Nov. 5: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, & cheesecake

Nov. 12: Hamburger casserole, peas & carrots, mac & cheese, & cherry pie

Nov. 19: NO WNS

Nov. 26: NO WNS

Reservations are required by phone to 803-648-6891 or email Jennifer at:

jwindham@stjaiken.org by **12pm, Tuesday, November 4, 2025.**

Dinner is served at 5pm in Ward Hall 2/3. Cost for dinner: \$8 per adult (10 yrs. & older) and \$3 per child (ages 3 - 9yrs). Payment options: on-line via our website: www.stjaiken.org and select "GIVE NOW" and then select "WNS" from the drop down menu. You may also pay in person by cash or check. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

Epworth Angels

It's almost time for Epworth Angels! We will have information set up in the Narthex, the Faith Center Lobby and the main lobby of the office, November 16 and 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!

Kairos Cookies

If you have baked cookies for the upcoming Kairos, please package them by the dozen in quart-sized ziplock bags and mark them clearly "KAIROS COOKIES." Please bring to the church kitchen by **12pm today, November 2.**

News of the Family

Sympathies to:

Joe Spencer and **Betsy Wilson-Mahoney & Mark, Lizzie Boyer and Marshall Mahoney** on the death of **Mary Jo Wilson-Spencer** who died October 29, 2025 in Aiken, SC. Mary Jo was wife to Joe, mother to Betsy and grandmother to Lizzie and Marshall.

Melody Binion on the death of her brother, **Patrick Crump Emerson**, who died October 20, 2025 in Norwich, CT.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary Jo Wilson-Spencer
October 29, 2025

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

November — **Canned Beans**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 10/26/2025

8:30 | 107 9:02 | 212 11:00 | 285

In-Person Total | 604

9:02 Online Live | 113 11:00 Online Live | 166

Financials

Operation Budget as of 10/29/2025

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,999,738.50

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,761,370.94

\$ 238,367.86

Missions Budget: Year 2025-2026

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us

to do in Missions:

\$ 283,862.01

Year to date disbursements:

\$ 235,200.00

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

Please use our new GIVING QR code to give on line:





**Operation Christmas Child
Pajama Packing Party**

Join us in the St. John's Gym for a festive and cozy Christmas Pajama Packing Party! Slip into your favorite holiday PJs, bring your already purchased box items, grab some hot cocoa, and get ready for a night of holiday cheer and fun!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
5:30-7:30 pm
ST. JOHN'S GYM

EAT | PACK | BE MERRY

**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

Nov. 21-23, 2025

*Youth
Asbury Hills
Fall Retreat*

Register Today

**CHRISTMAS
CANTATA**

December 7, 2025 8:30am & 11 am

ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH OF AIKEN

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.**



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 9:02 on our website stjohns.org, our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG

Outskirts of Heaven

Campbell

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER

PRAISE SONG

Can't No Grave Hold My Body Down

Needtobreathe

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.

PROCESSION OF MEMORIAL BANNER

ALL SAINTS PRESENTATION

Names and pictures of members who passed away between October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2025. Also included are the names and pictures of any parents, children, or spouses of church members who wished to share them with us.

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

I Will Rise

Tomlin

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Butch Blackwell

SERMON "Happiness, Sainthood and Standing on Your Head" **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

PRAISE SONG

When the Saints Go Marching In

BENEDICTION

Order of Worship - 11:00 AM

*Members of St. John's who have entered
the Church Eternal between
October 1, 2024 & September 30, 2025*

Mrs. Jo Ann Tripp

Mrs. Frances Burnham

Mrs. Karon Short

Mr. Buford Connelly

Mrs. Claire Norton

Mr. Tony Coffaro

Mr. Ralph McClendon

Mr. Bill Quinn

Mr. Gerry Parker

Ms. Gloria Morris

Mr. Tim Vincent

Mrs. Sandy Miller

Mrs. Gwen Graves

Mr. Eddie Philbeck

Mr. Ron Jones

Mr. Dick Bowers

Mrs. Lee Philbeck

Mrs. Malissa Fuqua

Mrs. Marion Simmons

Mr. Jim Szathmary

Mrs. Pat Boyer

Mrs. Melba Fair

Mr. Don Donley

Mr. William Zeigler

Mrs. Sandra Grandy

Mrs. Linda S. Parker

Mr. Bob Westmoreland

Mr. Herb Martin

Mr. Paul Isaacson

Mr. Tom Clemens

Mrs. Betty Grodahl

Mr. Paul Pecoraro

Mrs. Rosemary Rouch

Mrs. Barbara Peel

Mr. Fred Shepherd

Ms. Johanna Gibbs

Mrs. Marie Goodlett

Mrs. Mary Lewis

Mrs. Jackie Socha