

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

August 3, 2025

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New Member Class

A 7-week class (2 absences allowed) to learn what we believe about: God, St. John's Methodist Church, Methodism, our commitments as members, and much more, will begin on Wednesday, August 6th, at 6pm in Room 202. This class is not just for people interested in joining our church but for those who want to learn more about St. John's and the best ways to be involved, and for anyone who would like a refresher on the basics. If you are interested in joining St. John's - We would love to have you! Register for class today: https://bit.ly/STJNMClass or QR code:

Sunny Monday

St. John's Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on Monday, August 11, 2025. Debbie Van Zee will be our presenter with, "Let's talk dogs: Knowing the difference between emotional support, therapy, and service dogs." Lunch of chicken pot pie, salad, roll, and key lime pie, will be served at 12 noon. If you wish to stay for lunch you must call the church office at 803-648-6891 to make your reservation. Reservations are required by 4pm, Aug. 7, as we want to ensure that we have enough food to feed everyone!

Grief Support

When we lose someone we love, we embark on a journey not of our choosing. And yet, it is a vital and sacred journey we must make. That of course is a journey of grief. St. John's offers a Grief Care Group that serves as a means of self-care and shared community for those in grief. It is designed to be a series of twelve sessions — where you will listen, share, and gain important tools to use in navigating your unique grief experience. We will be beginning a new 12-week session on August 13, 2025 at 3:45 in the Faith Center. If you are on a journey of grief and would like to attend or know more about our group, please call Reverend Butch at the church office.

St. John's Chancel Choir

This the perfect time to join the Chancel Choir! Whether you are 18 or 80, we have a place for you. The choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:30pm – 8pm in the Choir Room. Please contact Dr. Matt Caine at mcaine@stjaiken.org for more information.

St. John's Library News

Starting school and learning to read can be so exciting to a child. Our library has a good selection of books that encourage new readers. Several of these books are on the display shelves and available for your to sign out and take home for your child.

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: Campbell Crain **Acolytes:** Palmer Gregory and Joel Nichols

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

August 11:00 Ushers: Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Diane O'Connor, Gerry Hansen, Bruce Carrera, Jean Geiger, Dawn Beam, Sinclair Short, Larry Travis, Karen Travis, Dave Felak, Allen Radcliffe, Nola Radcliffe

August Worship Support: Leah Lewis, Mary Ann Findley, Mary Parrish

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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Tailgates & Touchdowns Fall Kick Off

Our annual "Tailgates & Touchdowns" Fall kick off event will be held from 5pm - 6:30pm on Sunday, August 10 in the gym. In addition to the giant slide and dunking booth with Rev. Will, our special guests will be the official mascots of The University of Georgia, Clemson University and The University of South Carolina! Spread the word and invite friends and neighbors to join in the fun, food and fellowship!

Children's Ministries

We have a lot happening today:

- Backpack Sunday (church wide, students of all ages)
- Sunday School Kick Off / Promotion Sunday
- Confirmation Parent meeting (during SS hour in Ward Hall 2/3)

Children's choirs, chimes and handbells will resume for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade beginning Wednesday, August 13, from 5:30pm - 6:20pm. Please contact Dr. Matt Caine, mcaine@stjaiken.org, for more information.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Tonight is our Parent Meeting/Youth Pool Party held at the Vaughter's Home from 6pm - 8pm.

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 223-225. Please join us!

St. John's Missions News

Our Mission Partner, the Morrisseys of Thailand Now, have sent a special prayer request for Thailand and Cambodia.

"As many of you have seen in the news, there have been border clashes between Thailand and Cambodia. In Thailand, over 100,000 people in the "Red Zone" along the border have been relocated to temporary shelters. There are over 20 Pioneer Pastor churches in the "Red Zone" and the elderly and children have already relocated. Many of the working-age adults have not, trying to protect their homes and farms from being looted. One of our Blessings Center, Blessing Home TaPhraya, is located within 300 yards from the border with Cambodia. All the Blessing Home kids and the elders who care for them are taking refuge. Pastors Det and Dao, who are Directors of the Blessing Home are remaining in their homes. Your prayers are needed and appreciated."

For the month of August, we are collecting **peanut butter and crackers**. Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service. Please place <u>only</u> 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 *Rick Endler* in loving memory of *Rebecca Endler*.

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

Aug 6: Grilled chicken thighs, loaded potato salad, roasted zucchini, & cheese cake

Reservations are required by phone/email: jwindham@stjaiken.org by 12pm, Tuesday, August 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.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August — Soup

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 7/27/2025

8:30 | 120 | 9:02 | 269 | 11:00 | 272 In-Person Total | 661

Financials

Operation Budget as of 7/30/2025

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: \$1,514,005.48
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$1,197,695.91
\$ 316,309.57

Missions Budget: Year 2025-2026

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us

to do in Missions: \$ 226,157.88 Year to date disbursements: \$ 167,350.00

> We thank you for your generous support of St. John's Ministries & Missions! Please use our new GIVING QR code to give on line:





New Dementia Support Group

8 week session begins Tuesday, August 12 4:30pm, Faith Center Open to All

Contact Rev. Butch if interested: gblackwell@stjaiken.org or 803-648-6891, ext. 214

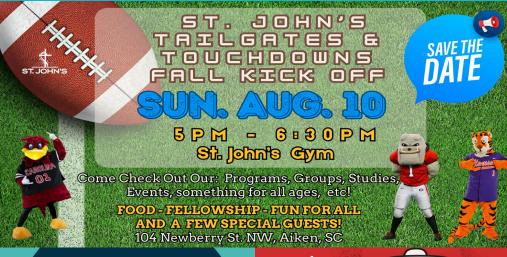
VOLUNTEERS



Cashiers, Servers,
Set-up & Clean-up staff
needed on Wednesdays
Hours needed:
3pm -4pm and
4pm - 7pm

NEEDED FOR WNS

If interested:
Jim Hanna 803-645-4336 or
Nancy Fairgrieve, for cashiers:
803-648-6891, ext. 217



MINISTRY MEAL DRIVER NEEDED FOR CEDER CREEK AREA!



Please Contact: Sharon Stewart at sharonleighstewart@gmail.com to volunteer!



St. John's will be hosting a blood drive and would like to invite you to participate.

17 AUG 2025 7:30 AM TO 12 PM

ST. JOHN'S GYM 104 NEWBERRY ST. SW, AIKEN, SC

Please contact Annastacia Johnsonto sign up: 803-709-1879 or harshannastacia@gmail.com



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 Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness JS Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast Metrical Psalter, 1855

Chancel Choir

*OPENING HYMN No. 617, "I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 13:13 Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON "Repairing Relationships" Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

*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
One Bread, One Body
Chancel Choir
arr. Jack Schrader

*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER & 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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 614, "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" FOR THE BREAD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands JS Bach



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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG Reckless Love Asbury

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG Love Will Hold Us Together Maher

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.

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OFFERTORY Living Hope Ginsterblum

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COMMUNION MUSIC To the Table Fleet

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SENDING FORTH SONG



Order of Worship - 11:00 AM

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