



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

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Church Office Closure

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1, 2024 in observance of Easter Monday. We will reopen for normal business hours on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Nursery & Children's Church Room Changes TODAY

The nursery will be held in Room 119 and Children's Church will be held in Ward Hall and the gym today due to repairs taking place in the SEED hall.

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on April 8, 2024. This month's program beginning at 10:30am, will be Jeff Wallace presenting "Stories of a Newspaper Editor." Lunch will be available following the program for \$5 per meal. Menu will be beef stroganoff served over egg noodles, salad, roll and gooey chocolate treats with ice cream. Please call the church office at 803-648-6891 by noon, April 5, 2024 to make your reservation for lunch.

Now Hiring Nursery Workers

We are currently looking for nursery workers for Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Applicants must be 16 years or older, dependable, hard working, and enjoy working with toddlers and infants. Must be able to lift 25 pounds. Must be able to successfully pass CPR/First Aid certification. St. John's is a Safe Sanctuary Church and a background check is required for all employees. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve in the church office at 803-648-6891.

St. John's Golf Tournament

The May 17th Golf Tournament, benefiting the Ramp Ministry, is quickly approaching. Teams are filling quickly! If you and your friends want to be a team, please register today to make sure you are together! If you have questions, please contact Nancy Fairgrieve in the church office.

Shepherd of Love

The Shepherd of Love group will meet Wednesday, April 3 at 4:30pm in Room 119. This meeting is open to all who may be interested in Shepherding to another church member that may be a shut-in. Please call Jeanette Isaacson, 803-6449168 if you have specific questions.

Discipleship Ministry Advisory Team Meeting

There will be a Discipleship Ministry Advisory Team meeting Saturday, April 6, at 8am at the Village Cafe in Woodside.

SERVING THIS WEEK

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

8:30am: Crucifer: Madison Zeigler **Acolytes:** Grant Kreitzer and Davis Smith

11am: Crucifer: Annie Dzikowski **Acolytes:** Matthew Dzikowski and Loren Wilkins

March 11:00 Ushers: Donald Leader, Larry Burdette, Missy Poe, Eric & Helen Randall, Connie & Mick Pisko, Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Penny Rue, Bill Hillan, Jerry Miller, and Nola & Allen Radcliffe

March Worship Support: Lynda Troutman, Mary Musick, Sherry Williamson, & Gayle Jones

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.

March 31, 2024

Children's Ministries

We will not meet for Children's Wednesday night activities this week due to Spring Break. We will return and will be happy to have you back on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Wishing you all a Happy Easter!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Happy Easter! We hope you are enjoying this special day with your families. Please keep our Colombia mission team in your prayers this week as they travel to Medellin and work with the Christian Union Sports Club. There will be no Sunday night youth, youth band or youth choir tonight.

***Due to Spring Break, small groups will not be meeting this week.**

Attention Seniors: The Inez Crain Scholarship Application has been posted to the website. Visit www.stjaiken.org/foundation-seniors to complete the application and turn in by April 28 at 12pm.

Young Adults Ministry

Thursday Night Bible Study, 6:30pm - 8pm: Young Adults focuses on ages 18-35. Hope you will join us. Contact Rev. Will for more information at waltman@stjaiken.org or 864-873-7585. Young Adults is currently collecting the following items for College Exam Care Packages: Lifesaver gummies, granola bars, gum/mints, Starbucks gift cards, K-cups or UMCOR coffee, etc. Items can be left with Rev. Will. Packages will be packed up April 11, 2024 and sent off to our college students.

Music at St. John's - "Under the Steeple"

Please save the dates and join us for these wonderful concerts!

- Thursday, April 18, 7pm: USCA Women's Chorus
- Sunday, May 5, 4pm: Aiken Choral Society
- Friday, May 10, 7pm: South Boundary Singers
- Thursday, May 16, 7pm: Aiken Singers

St. John's Missions News

Mark your calendars for upcoming St. John's Church Wide Mission Trip informational meetings April 21st and 28th. We are looking at trips for the Summer and Fall of 2025.

For the month of April, we are collecting **bar soap, liquid hand soap and hand sanitizer**. Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service. Please place only the requested donation items in the Grace Kitchen boxes as these are the current items needed.

Prayer for Youth Mission Trip to South America

We invite you to join us in prayer for our Youth Mission Team as they travel to Medellin, Colombia, South America this week. A Sign-up Genius has been created to allow you to sign up and pray for the group during their travels and that God's blessing cover their mission with Christian Union Sports Club. Please follow this link if you are interested in joining this prayer group: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F49A9A628A5F85-48731777-mission/165980299#.

The flowers on the Crucifer's Cross are given to the glory of God in loving memory of *Chuck Tatman* by *Hazel Tatman and family*.

The Easter Lilies are given to the glory of God in memory and honor of loved ones by members of St. John's
Please see the insert for more information.

Wednesday Night Supper

Due to Spring Break we will not be holding Wednesday Night Supper on April 3rd or 10th. We will resume WNS on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

Thank You from the Worship Support Team

Thank you to all who donated Easter Lilies in honor or in memory of loved ones. This special tradition is treasured at St. John's. Your donation has beautified the worship spaces for this most Holy Sunday. You may take your lilies following the 11am service or pick them up on Tuesday, April 2.

Health & Life Expo

The Aiken Standard will host a Health and Life Expo on Thursday, April 4 from 9am - 3pm in the gym. This event is free to all and open to the public. Come check out the various vendors, hearing screening, and multiple seminars covering the topics of wills & estates, choosing the right assisted living, pre-funeral needs and much more.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

APRIL — pasta sauce (NO GLASS)

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 3/24/2024

8:30 | 185 9:02 | 240 11:00 | 429

In-Person Total | 854

9:02 Online Live | 339 11:00 Online Live | 888

Financials

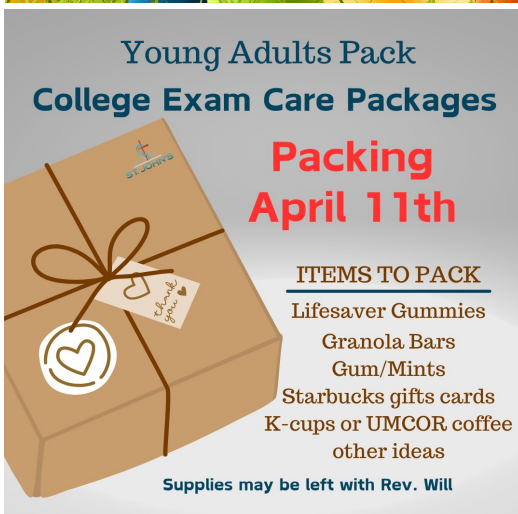
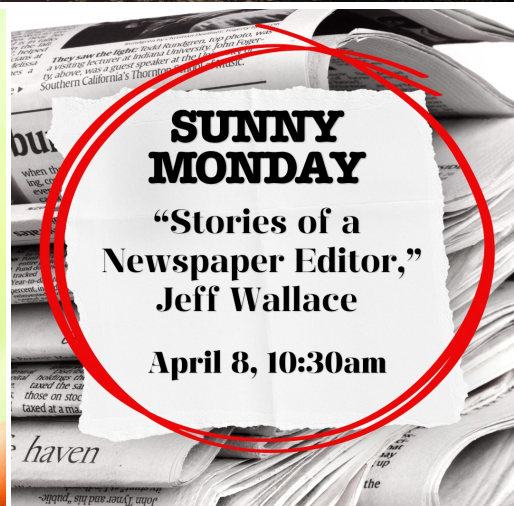
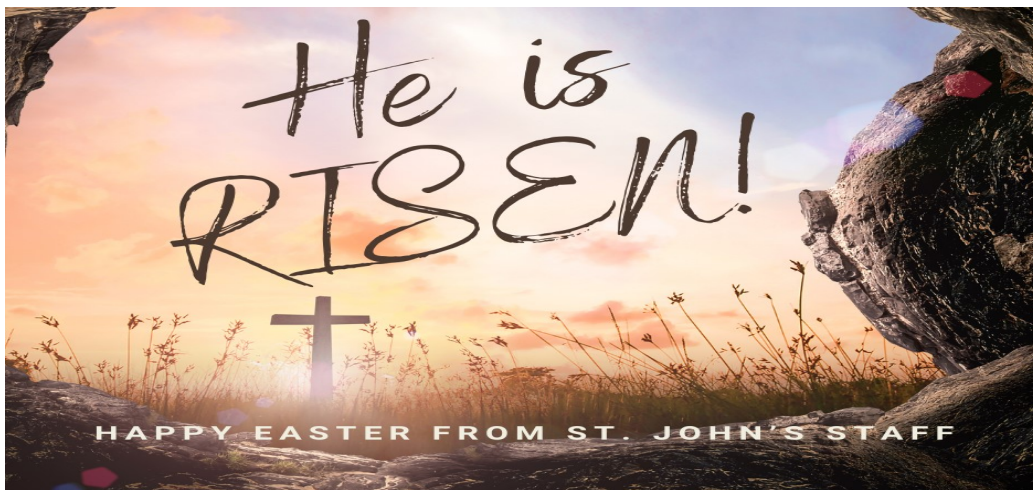
Operation Budget as of 3/27/2024

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$579,461.17
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$541,412.41</u>
	\$ 38,048.76

Missions Budget: Year 2023-2024

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 61,060.23
Year to date disbursements:	\$ 29,150.00

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



Order of Worship - 8:30 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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Up From the Grave He Arose

Robert Lowry

Chancel Choir

*OPENING HYMN No. 302, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

*SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon

SERMON

"Surprise!"

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

No. 33, Chorus, "Lift Up Your Heads," *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Chancel Choir

*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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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. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 318,

"Christ Is Alive!"

TRURO

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

No. 44, Chorus, "Hallelujah," *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

This is a time of great need, and our missions and church operations require our continued generous giving. Please consider giving online, through text, through the mail, or over the phone to help us ensure that our ministries here and around the world are not adversely affected. More details can be found at stjaiken.org.



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PRAISE SONG **Via Dolorosa** *Matthews*

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PRAISE SONG **Our God's Alive** *Cherry*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Apostles' Creed**

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OFFERTORY **Because He Lives** *Gaither/Maher*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **John 20:1-18** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

SERMON **"Surprise!"** **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

PRAISE SONG **My Redeemer Lives** *Hillsong*

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Children K4-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church.
Chancel Choir members who also sang at the 8:30am service may exit at this time.*

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Denny & Elaine Bennett

The Bruorton Family

Buford & Janelle Connelly

Country Gardeners

Diane & Walter Daniell

Dick & Alice Eichler

The Osmundsen Family

Meg, Mac & Anne Fenton
Massie

Bob & Lawrette McCann

Mr. & Mrs. Royal Robbins

Les & Penny Rue

Donna Walker

Robert & Millie Winston

In Honor of:

Their grandchildren

Doris S. Bruorton

Their children & grandchildren

St. John's UMC

Drew & Emily, Lance, Wyatt
and Reagan Murphy

Their grandchildren: Nathan,
Jacob, Adianez and Richie

Sonja & Bjorn Osmundsen
Those who protect and serve

Penny & Les Rue

Their children & grandchildren

Their granddaughters: Ashlyn
and Rebecca Frick

Their wonderful family

Her family

Jesus

Presented by:

Rod & Sally Alexander

Demetria Atkins

Jay & Judy Bilyeu

Paula Blackmore

The Bruorton Family

In Memory of:

Their Son, Paul Jason Alexander

Her parents, John Houston &
Katie McManus Atkins

Clarence & Ruth Duncan
Pierce & Patricia Bilyeu
Charles & Linda Jenkins

Irene "Dolly" Blackmore

Earl R. Brouerton

Presented by:

The Bryan Family

Tim Calhoun & family

Jim & Anne Carpenter

Judith Clark

Mike & Mary Coleman

Cheryl Cooke

Michael & Teresa Cowen

Jim & Susan Crosby

Diane & Walter Daniell

Judy Davis

Rick Endler

Dennis & Kathy Fish

Kathie Gassman & family

John & Jean Geiger

Mary Lynne Halfmann

Peggy Hammons

Lee Hedlund

The Hempt Family

Claire Hesse

In Memory of:

Mason Bentlee Bryan

Linda Calhoun

Parents, daughter and granddaughter

Bill Clark

Katherine Coleman Jones

Her husband, David Cooke

Her son, Jason Cooke

Their granddaughter,
Haley Michel Cowen

Arthur & Hazel Whittington

Dr. Herman Daniell, Lorraine Daniell
and Lance Barfield

Frank M. Davis

Linda Endler

Loman & Ilene Fish, Raymond & Rosilee
Walker, Kaemon Byrd

Bill Gassman

Jane Jones
Their parents

Loving memory of George and
Mary Halfmann

Ed Hammons

Ruth & Merriell Ehler
and Jim Hedlund

Judy & George Hempt

Lula Snyder
Bessie Cork Snyder

Presented by:

Ray Hesse

Ray & Claire Hesse

Roslyn Ingram

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Jason Lewis

Susie Littrell

Susan McDonald

Bob & Lawrette McCann

Donna A. Mainini

Tom & Diane Miniard

Diane O'Conner

The Osmundsen Family

Susie Player

The Pitts Family

The Rhoden &
Whitehead Families

The Rorex Family

Connie, Harry, &
Julie Shade

Ben & Ruth Ann Trame

In Memory of:

Carrie Herlong Adams

Jake Miniard

Earl Pete Rowe, Jr.

Their parents

Mrs. Faye Roof & Mr. L.L. Lewis

Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Littrell

Mr. & Mrs. AJ Napier

Loving memory of Terry & Brandon

Their parents

Her husband, Leo K. Mainini

Their son, Jake Miniard

Her brother, Bob Dunn

Her parents: Milton Sr.
and Naomi Ganyard

Richard Durant

Blanche Durant

Olaug & Odd Osmundsen

Jimmy Player, Ralph & Ava Blanton

Monnie Pitts

Idella & Jim Bodie

Robert James "Jimmy" Rhoden

Edward, Eleanor & Bill Rorex

Ralph & Nancy Shade

Their parents

