ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

November 8, 2026

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Reminder Today is Stewardship Sunday

If you did not bring your pledge card with you today, usher will be handing some out. You may also call Nancy Fairgrieve at any time with how you would like your pledge made and she will confidentially record it as such. Nancy can be reached at 803-648-6891, ext. 217.

St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. John's Wrapped in Love Prayer Shawl Ministry is celebrating their 20th Anniversary this year! Since our beginning in 2006, our members have crocheted and knitted over 750 prayer shawls and christening blankets, brining messages of comfort and Christian loved to their recipients. If you enjoy crocheting or knitting and feel called to join this ministry, we would love to have you join us. If you don't know how to crochet but would like to learn, we can teach you. Come join in fellowship as we share God's love through our craft. We meet every-other Sunday at 3pm at the church. Call Pam McCollum for more info at: 803-306-9357.

Epworth Angels

Thank you, St John's family for helping us provide for all the gifts we signed up for. If you missed this opportunity, you can still purchase a gift card and place it in the Epworth box by the office.

Heartfelt Note of Thanks

Applefest 2026 is complete! The goal of raising funds to support our three agencies is complete. Though the totals are not yet available, we know that Applefest 2026 was a success!

- To the booth leaders and their volunteers who worked countless hours to make sure that their displays were organized and inviting; and to those same people who stayed very late to be sure that everything was clean and back in order;
- To the youth and men of the church who set up hundreds of tables and chairs and stayed until every room was back in order so that Sunday service could proceed;
- To all the cooks who made dumplings, fried pies, casseroles, baked goods and café foods;
- To all the ladies who solicited and worked tirelessly for months to obtain gifts certificates and items for our Silen Auction baskets and wrapped them so beautifully;
- To all the clothing volunteers who worked for several weeks sorting, hanging and pricing clothing and transporting racks for our Clothing Closet;
- To those who served as security for us and the greeters who made sure that everyone knew how welcoming St. John's can be;
- To the church staff who answered so many questions and endured so many interruptions, always with smiles on their faces; and volunteers who consistently organized internal and external press, managed the finances, moved equipment and banners, and cheerfully went the extra mile;
- To all the members of St. John's for bringing donations, large and small, for Twice Loved Treasures, Treasure Chest, Apple Sales, Appleseed Café, Bookworm, Quilts, Children's activities, plant sales, Clothing Closet, Jewelry, Bakery, Silent Auction. WE all agree that we saw more donations as usual;
- To those who handled funds and kept such precise records; AND most of all - in case we have missed anyone- a THANK YOU to everyone who had any part in this year's event as we fulfilled our slogan: "Come Together - Show God's Love."

Worship Services: Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth, 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: Eva Jernigan **Acolytes:** Madison Bates and Ethan Wood

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

November Ushers: Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Sara Carmichael, Doug Carmichael, Jean Geiger, Joe Spencer, Paula Blackmore, Penny Rue, David Jameson, and Missy Poe

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

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

Sunday School (children 4K-5th grade): Upstairs in the Education building. Sign-in and pick-up by the boat!

Wednesday Children's Music: 1st & 2nd graders will practice chimes from 5pm-5:30pm and then choir from 5:30pm-6pm. The 3rd-5th graders will have choir from 5pm-5:30pm and then they will practice handbells from 5:30pm-6pm.

Wednesday night lessons for grades 1st- 5th begin at 6:30pm, followed by a little gym time before parents pick up at 7:30pm.

Foundation Youth Ministries

(6th-12th Grades)

- Youth Bible Study is in room 212/213 at 10 AM
- Summer Mission Trip Interest Meeting at 10am today in Ward Hall 1.
- Sunday Night Youth tonight. Drop-off in gym at 5 PM, pick-up in Ward Hall at 7 PM
- Tuesday Prayer Breakfast at Dunkin on Whiskey Rd. at 7:15 PM
- Get ready for the Christmas Open! Contact Brett Bucklin for more information, to RSVP, and/or to help decorate a hole!

Young Adults Ministry

Please join us for Sunday School Class at 10am in Room 237.

St. John's Missions News

Please pray for college students and especially our partner in Birmingham, England for God to open doors and hearts to hear and accept the Jesus as their Savior.

For the month of **November**, we are collecting **blankets and sleeping bags**. Please place any donated, freshly cleaned 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.

New Sunday School Class

The new Agape Sunday School class meets in room 238. We are excited to welcome those in-and-around their 30s to come together for this new class. We hope to see you there!

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on Monday, November 9, 2026. The 10:30am program held in the Faith Center will feature Nancy Cruz with Aiken Equine Rescue: "People Helping Horses, Horses Helping People."

Christmas Cards for Veterans

It's not too early to start writing those cards. Please write the same heartfelt 'thank you' message in each card and bundle them in packages of 10. Do not seal the envelopes as this helps in sorting them for distribution. Collection boxes will be placed in the Narthex, outside Ward Hall and in the Faith Center. Thank you for taking time to remember those who are alone during our most joyful Christmas celebration.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Lynn Martin* in memory of *Craig Martin* and by *Doug & Sara Carmichael* in memory of *Lee Carmichael Evans*

Wednesday Night Supper

Nov. 11: Chili, cornbread, Mexican corn, and Trifle for dessert
Nov. 18: Ham, green beans, sweet potato casserole and pumpkin cake
Nov. 25: NO WNS due to Thanksgiving

Dinner is served at 5pm in Ward Hall 2/3 (unless otherwise posted). **New meal rates are: $10 per adult, $4 per child (over 3yrs) with a family cap of $28.** Payment options: On-line via our website: www.stjaiken.org and select "GIVE NOW" and then select "WNS." Payment on-line does not guarantee that your reservation has been made. You must still call in your reservation for WNS. You may also pay in person by cash or check made payable to: St. John's.

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Abigail (Abby) Ray and Augustine (Gus) Sonne, who were married on October 31, 2026, in Aiken, SC. Abby is the daughter of ***Jeff & Margaret Ray***.

Welcome our Newest Member:
Mary Ann Troy

Office Closure During Thanksgiving

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27, 2026, for Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Monday, November 30, 2026.

New Church Directory

The new directories are here! They may be picked up by stopping at the receptionist's desk Monday - Thursday during office hours of 8:30am – 4pm. Please remember - only one copy per family.

Under the Steeple

On Sunday, November 22, at 3pm, our choir, along with singers from throughout the CSRA, will come together to present most of the choruses from all three parts of Handel's beloved Messiah. You don't want to miss this beautiful afternoon of music! If you are interested in singing, please contact Dr. Matt Caine, mcaine@stjaiken.org.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

November — Canned beans
Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 11/1/2026

8:30 | 129 9:02 | 245 11:00 | 269
In-Person Total | 643
9:02 Online Live | 177 11:00 Online Live | 170

Financials

Operation Budget as of 11/4/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	$2,234,127.48
Year to date ministry expenditures:	$1,881,376.72
	$ 352,750.76

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	$290,848.80
Year-to-date disbursements:	$260,938.50

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

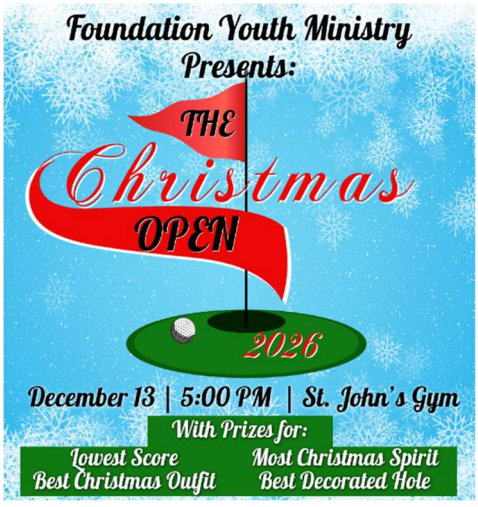
Please use our GIVING QR code to give online:













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, Montogomery Scott LLC, Aiken office at 803-649-6304 per the church's local brokerage account. We ask that transfer instruction be in process on or before 12/20/2026.
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 necessary.

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

ST. JOHN'S

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 ***Christ for the World We Sing*** Felice de Giardini

Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 156, "I Love to Tell the Story"** HANKEY

***SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 78:1-7 Rev. Josh Duckworth**

SERMON "The Things of Old" Rev. Josh Duckworth

***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 ***At the Name of Jesus*** Cindy Berry

Chancel Choir

***DEDICATION OF 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. Amen

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 569, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"** MESSAGE

***BENEDICTION**

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

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as able.**

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG **I Love to Tell the Story** Hanley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG **Running Home** Cochren & Co.

***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 **Miracle Child** B. Lake

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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SERMON **"The Things of Old"** **Rev. Josh Duckworth**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

PRAISE SONG **I am Yours** Needtobreathe

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG

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PRELUDE ***Jesus Shall Reign*** arr. Venita Gorman
God of the Ages arr. Erin MacGorman
Children's Bells

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP ***Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*** arr. Frances L. Callahan
Children's Chimes

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