



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

June 14, 2026

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Commissioning of New Stephen Ministers

Today, June 14, four new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned at St. John's. These newly trained Stephen Ministers - Shelley Blakely, Ruth Lahendro, Ashley McDonald and Kay Timmerman - will be providing encouragement for people in and around our congregation who are going through many kinds of difficulties in their lives. Please show your support and appreciation for these dedicated people by your presence at the commissioning service and through your prayers.

Popsicles for Salkehatchie

We are seeking volunteers to bring frozen popsicles to the worksites for our Salkehatchie teams on Monday, June 22, Tuesday, June 23 and Wednesday, June 24. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Marsha Mikes at 803-645-0078. Thank you!

Upcoming Dementia Support

Caring for someone with memory loss can be stressful, often an isolating experience, but talking with others who are going through the same thing can help. We will begin an 8-week program for all that care for those with Dementia. Rev. Butch will lead a discussion on various topics from a basic understanding of Dementia to resources available within our community, to Biblical support and prayers for caregivers. We will meet on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 4pm, upstairs in the Faith Center. If you have questions or wish to know more about our program, please contact Reverend Butch in the church office.

Upcoming 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 begin a new 12-week session starting July 22, at 3:45pm in the Faith Center. If you are on a journey of grief and would like to attend or know someone who would like to attend, or would like to know more about this group, please contact Rev. Butch at the church office.

Demolition of the Annex Building

Out of an abundance of caution, we closed the parking lot. However, due to construction related delays, we will be able to use the parking lot until further notice.

Worship Services: 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:** Matt Poole and Jack Taylor

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

June 11:00 Ushers: Diane O'Connor, Donald Leader, Jean Geiger, Katherine Sturm, Rea Maynard, Kevin Maynard, Eric Randall, Art Smith, Susie Graven-Smith, Leah Lewis, Sinclair Short, Allen Radcliffe, Nola Radcliffe, Virgil Sauls, Pat Sauls, Dave Felak

June Worship Support: Cindy Snell, Anita Burg, Glenna Lathrop, Patricia Bryan

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.

June 14, 2026

Children's Ministries

Sunday School (children 4K-2nd grade): Upstairs in the Education building. Sign in by the boat!

We're SO excited — VBS starts tomorrow! Thank you to all that have made donations, those that have been working in preparation, and all that are going to volunteer to make this a fabulous week!

Parents: *Save the Date* for our annual Children's Ministry Parent Meeting. This meeting will be held July 26 during the Sunday School hour (10am) in Ward Hall 2/3. The yearly event calendars will be available as well as other important information. We'll see you then!

Foundation Student Ministries (6th-12th Grades)

Sunday School/Bible Study takes place at 10am in room 212-213 of the Faith Center.

We will not meet for Sunday Night Youth tonight. We'll be ready for VBS tomorrow - See you there!

SAVE THE DATE:

June 17: Flanigan's Ice Cream following VBS from 12:45pm - 2pm

We would love to have you help with our youth! Contact Brett Bucklin at bbucklin@stjaiken.org if you are interested in finding out how to do so.

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237. We are studying Key Christian Beliefs. There will be plenty to discuss whether you were confirmed or have never studied this information. We may start a little after 10am due to the 9:02 service. See you in Sunday School!

SAVE THE DATE:

June 23: Serving Salkehatchie Supper & Bowling

July 1: Game Night – Board games and more!

July 22: Arcade Night at Radioactive Pinball Arcade

St. John's Missions News

Mark your calendars for our next Missions on 5th Sunday, August 30 at 10am in the Faith Center. Dominique Bunton will be here to share the latest news from The Bridge 2 Home. This event is open to everyone.

For the month of **June**, we are collecting **granola bars**. 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.

Men's Night Out Bible Study

Men's Night Out Bible Study will break for the remainder of June and July. As we get closer to August, we will share the date that we will resume. Thank you for all those that have attended this ministry.

**The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *The Sauls Family* in memory of *Donna Sauls*,
and by *Tom & Pam McCollum* in honor of
their 62nd *Wedding Anniversary*.**

Wednesday Night Supper

Both WNS and Ministry Meals are on break for the Summer.

Both will resume August 19, 2026.

News of the Family

Congratulations to:

Alex and Camille Vlahos on the birth of their daughter, ***Eleni “Ellie” Anastasia Vlahos***, born May 22, 2026 at Piedmont Hospital in Augusta, GA.

Ellie joins proud big brother, Wells.

Best of Aiken

Once again, St. John’s has been nominated as Best Place to Worship in Aiken as part of the Aiken Standard’s Best of Aiken. You can vote daily now through July 7th for St. John’s with the following link: bit.ly/4xgOAff

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

June — **Spaghetti noodles or pasta**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 6/7/2026

8:30 | 108 9:02 | 205 11:00 | 238
In-Person Total | 551
9:02 Online Live | 178 11:00 Online Live | 146

Financials

Operation Budget as of 6/10/2026

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| Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: | \$1,407,610.63 |
| Year to date ministry expenditures: | <u>\$ 880,114.23</u> |
| | \$ 527,496.40 |

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

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| Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions: | \$209,915.49 |
| Year to date disbursements: | \$101,800.00 |

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

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



FOUNDATION
FELLOWSHIP

SCOOPS AND SMILES



WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 17
12:45
MEET US AT THE
FOUNTAIN AFTER
VBS OR AT
FLANIGANS ICE
CREAM AT 12:45!

STARTS TOMORROW

VBS
**RAINFOREST
FALLS**

Exploring the Nature of God

CHECK-IN
9AM



**NEW GRIEF SUPPORT
12 WEEK SESSION**

Begins Wednesday, July 22
3:45 pm, Faith Center

All are invited
to join.

Please contact Rev. Butch
if you plan to attend:
(803)648-6891 ext. 214
gblackwell@stjaiken.org



**New Dementia
Support Group**

8 week session begins
Tuesday, July 21
4pm, Faith Center
Open to All

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through July 7: bit.ly/4xgOAff



Join Us
For

**St. John's
Independence Day
Service**

one service on
Sunday, July 5th at 10am

Join us in the gym following the service
for a BBQ and hot dog luncheon
and fellowship.



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AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVING

PROVIDING HOPE
TO OUR
Neighbors in Need

FOOD ASSISTANCE PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE UTILITY ASSISTANCE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

Current Needs:

- Men's shoes & clothing (gently used or new)
- Children's shoes & clothing (gently used or new)
- Fan Drive (new fans or monetary donations)

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Volunteers for our Resale stores (pricing, intake)

SCAN ME! 

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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 *Now We Pray to the Holy Spirit* Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

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

***OPENING HYMN No. 568, "Christ for the World We Sing"** ITALIAN HYMN

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Matthew 28:18-20** **Rev. Josh Orndorff**

SERMON **"Faith-Sharing Fire"** **Rev. Josh Orndorff**

***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 *God So Loved the World* Sir John Stainer
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.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 593, "Here I Am, Lord"** HERE I AM, LORD

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE **Toccata in E minor** Johann Pachelbel

***Please stand, as able.**



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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

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