



# ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*March 15, 2026*

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

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## Easter Lillies

Easter lily orders will take place on March 22 and 29, following all three services. Orders can also be placed online at: <https://stjaiken.org/give>. The cost of each lily is \$25. Thank you to all who have supported this ministry over the years and for helping bring glory to our RISEN Lord.

## Final Applefest Voting

Applefest Ballots, based on the nominations recently received, are located in the Narthex, at the Reception area, and in the Faith Center. Please vote by March 29th for two community groups and one St. John's based group. Voting should be only submitted by women of St. John's. Thanks to all who submitted nominations - the balloting is based on the organizations/groups receiving the largest number of nominations. Final results will be announced in early April.

## Methodist Women Spring Luncheon

COME TO THE METHODIST WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON FOR "A BLOOMING GOOD TIME" St. John's Methodist Women are pleased to invite all women of the church to their annual spring luncheon on Friday, April 24, 2026. The luncheon - "A Blooming Good Time" - begins at 11:30 am and will feature Jamie Yaughn of Cannon House, as its keynote speaker. Attendees will learn many techniques for flower arrangements. Service Pins will be awarded and those women who have passed from death to life eternal since last year's luncheon will be remembered. Please call the church office no later than April 20<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. This is a great way to learn more about the numerous activities of St. John's Methodist Women, while having a *blooming good time!*

## St. John's Methodist Men

The St. John's Methodist men will have their next meeting March 26 at 6:30pm in Ward Hall. We will begin with our pot luck supper followed by business and the program. Our program will feature a presentation by Cara Robinson, Director of Discipleship. She will talk about Discipleship and how we as men, can fit in the concept remembering our purpose as Men Discipling Men.

## Primetimers Travel Update

The price for the October 5-7 tour to The Ark Encounter has been reduced. If you paid the full amount, you will be getting a refund. If you made a deposit, you will be contacted regarding your reduced amount due. If you haven't decided about registering, pick up the revised flyer in the main lobby for trip details and new price.

While trips are planned to keep Primetimers and friends active, EVERYONE is invited to travel with us. There is NOT an age requirement. Some of our upcoming trips might be a good adventure for a grandparent/grandchild activity.

Unfortunately a block of tickets was not available for a Saturday matinee to The Sound of Music at the Fox Theater. This trip has been cancelled.

Flyers for all 2026 trips are located outside the church office. If you have questions regarding these tours, call Carol Godfrey at 803-642-8491.

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**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:** Madison Zeigler **Acolytes:** Davis Smith and Jack Taylor

**March 8:30 Ushers:** Tom Miniard, Randy Shelley, Greg Lowry

**March 11:00 Ushers:** Diane O'Connor, Donald Leader, Missy Poe, Doug Carmichael, Sara Carmichael, Bruce Carrera, Gerry Hansen, Penny Rue, Larry Travis, Karen Travis, Eric Randall, John Lindsay, Jeff Wallace

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

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 15, 2026

## Children's Ministries

Sunday School: Upstairs in the Education building. Sign in by the boat!

**April 4:** Easter Egg Hunt, 10am - 12 noon, Register today:

<https://links.stjaiken.org/26STJEggHunt>

**April 5:** Easter Party Sunday School- Sign up at the Sunday School Registration or

<https://links.stjaiken.org/STJEasterParty>

Thank you to all that helped make our 2026 Daddy Daughter Dance a success! It truly was a delightful evening!



**Thank you** to all our wonderful children's and youth volunteers!  
Your are loved and appreciated!

## Foundation Student Ministries

*(7th-12th Grades)*

Wednesday Small Groups: Girls at 6:30pm (Upstairs in the Faith Center), Guys at 7pm (Upstairs Game Room)

Sunday Night Youth and Youth Choir/Band will meet 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> (Pickleball night): 5pm - 7pm, Meet in the gym and finish in Ward Hall.

**May 17:** Save the Date for Senior Sunday: Please use QR code for Senior Survey for Senior Times. Details can be found at:

<https://stjaiken.org/foundation-seniors>



## Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237. Please join us!

## St. John's Missions News

Overflow Foundation's Clubhouse of Hope is offering a special tour and lunch for all interested in learning more about their work and possibly becoming a volunteer. This fellowship will be held on March 25 from 11:30 am-12:30pm at Clubhouse of Hope on Vaucluse Road. If you are interested, a reservation is required so please call Renee Reid at 803-215-8940 to make a reservation or with any questions.

For the month of **March**, we are collecting **bar soap and liquid hand soap**. 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

Our Men's Night Out Bible Study will not meet this week, March 17, 2026. We will resume on March 24 at 6pm in the Faith Center.

## Coffee House

Do you enjoy the scones and coffee each Sunday morning? If you do, how about signing up to help get them ready and served. This requires being at the church at 8 am on Sundays, slicing and baking the scones, making the coffee and getting everything put out in two locations. The more teams we can establish the less frequent the rotation. We would love to have a total of 10 or more teams! Training is available. If you might be interested in serving God and His people in this way, please contact Susan McDonald at [smcdonald@stjaiken.org](mailto:smcdonald@stjaiken.org), Jill Grandy at [jmgrandy18@gmail.com](mailto:jmgrandy18@gmail.com), or call the church office.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
by Robert & Millie Winston,  
and also, in loving memory of Marjorie Schroeder  
by her daughter, Rayn Wilkerson

### Wednesday Night Supper

#### WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

Mar. 18: Cheese tortellini in meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, and cheese cake with chocolate drizzle

Mar. 25: Cream beef & gravy pasta, corn, roll, and pound cake

April 1: NO WNS due to Spring Break

Reservations are required by phone/email: [jwindham@stjaiken.org](mailto:jwindham@stjaiken.org) by 12pm, Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

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](http://www.stjaiken.org) and select "GIVE NOW" and then select "WNS" from the drop down menu. **Payment online does not make your reservation.** You must still call the office to do so. You may also pay in person by cash or check. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

### News of the Family

Welcome Our Newest Members:

**Bill & Sheri Gibson**

Sympathies to:

**Anne Carpenter** on the death of her husband, **Jim Carpenter**, who died March 11, 2026 in Aiken, SC.

*In Memoriam*

Mr. Jim Carpenter  
March 11, 2026

### Housekeeping Reminder

We are all stewards of the church. If you are hold a meeting/event within the church, please turn off the lights as you leave the building. Reminder that there are two lights along the Ward Hall corridor that remain on so that you are not left in the dark when leaving.

### ACTS Monthly Collection Item

March — cereal/oatmeal or grits

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

#### Attendance — 3/8/2026

8:30 | 104      9:02 | 194      11:00 | 261

In-Person Total | 559

9:02 Online Live | 104    11:00 Online Live | 176

### Financials

#### Operation Budget as of 3/11/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 712,354.60
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 381,586.99</u>
	\$ 330,767.61

#### Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$86,667.61
Year to date disbursements:	\$28,100.00

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



# FILLED EGGS NEEDED!

Children's Ministry is in need of pre-filled plastic eggs for our Egg Hunt. Eggs can be filled with stickers, coins, candy (please NO nuts), etc.

Please bring to Church Office by April 1, 2026.

*Join Us*  
 March 29 at 10am  
 in the Faith Center  
 to hear from:



Terry Lee from  
 Overflow Foundation  
 Clubhouse of Hope  
 Everyone welcome - Sunday School classes  
 encouraged to attend as a group!




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 Methodist Church of Aiken

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4, 10am - 12pm  
 Ages 0 to 12 years

St. John's Faith Center  
 104 Newberry St, NW, Aiken

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

## Join Us for Holy Week!

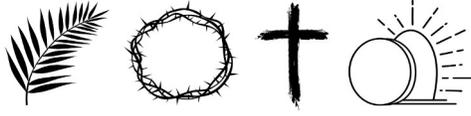
Palm/Passion Sunday:  
 March 29  
 Services: 8:30, 9:02 & 11am

Maundy Thursday:  
 April 2  
 Service: 7 pm in the  
 Sanctuary

Good Friday:  
 April 3  
 Service: 12 pm in the  
 Sanctuary

Children's Egg Hunt:  
 April 4  
 10am - 12pm  
 in the Faith Center

Easter Sunday  
 REJOICE! HE IS RISEN!  
 April 5  
 Easter Sunday Services at  
 8:30, 9:02 and 11 am



A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS  
 LET'S CELEBRATE JESUS IS RISEN!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 EASTER PARTY IN WARD HALL AT  
 10AM




Sign up here

*Seniors -  
 Please use the QR code  
 to complete your  
 Senior Survey today!*




SAVE THE DATE  
 5/17/26  
 SENIOR  
 SUNDAY





