



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

June 21, 2026
Father's Day Sunday

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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!

Holiday Closure

Please note that the Church office will be closed Friday, July 3rd and Monday, July 6 in observance of Independence Day.

Independence Service

Please plan to join us for our one service on Sunday, July 5 at 10am in the Sanctuary, followed by a church BBQ and hotdog lunch in the gym at 11am.

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.

Name Badges

As Rev. Butch said in the email he sent last week, we all need to practice wearing our name badges. This will not only help the new staff members we have now, but also Rev. Josh when he and his family arrive on July 12. It might even help you in case you've been sitting next to someone for so long, you're embarrassed to admit you don't know or have forgotten their name.

If you don't have a name badge or you've lost the one you had or if you have an old one with United Methodist on it, please contact Susan McDonald, smcdonald@stjaiken.org or 803-648-6891 ext. 216, to have a new one made. You have a choice of either a badge with a clip, a magnet, or both.

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: Sean Parker **Acolytes:** Amelia Orr and Kendall Doolittle

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 21, 2026

Children's Ministries

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

A sincere thank you to all that made donations, to each volunteer, and everyone who participated in VBS 2026! It was an awesome success, and together we were able to serve, teach and celebrate Jesus with so many children from our community.

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. Enjoy time with your fathers!

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

Grace Kitchen is a ministry of the church where breakfast is prepared and served from our church kitchen every Saturday and is open for the Aiken community. Each of our teams could use a few more volunteers. Please call Renee Reid at 803-215-8940 to learn more or volunteer.

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.

New Member Class

The summer session of our St. John's 101 class will begin on Sunday, July 12 starting at 10:00 and lasting for approximately 45 minutes in Room 119. This is a 4-week class to learn what we believe about God, St. John's Methodist Church, Methodism, our commitments as members, and more! This class is not only for people interested in joining our church, but also for those who want to learn more about St. John's and the best ways to be involved.

If you are interested or if you have questions, please contact Susan McDonald, smcdonald@stjaiken.org or 803-648-6891 ext. 216. It's necessary to have as accurate a count of attendees as possible so there will be enough class materials for everyone.

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 *Paula Blackmore and Donna Mainini* in memory
of *their father, Douglas Blackmore*,
and by
The Rorex Family in memory of *their father, Ed Rorex*.**

Wednesday Night Supper

Both WNS and Ministry Meals are on break for the Summer.
Both will resume August 19, 2026.

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 — 6/14/2026

8:30 117	9:02 220	11:00 258
In-Person Total 595		
9:02 Online Live 197	11:00 Online Live 176	

Financials

Operation Budget as of 6/17/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,443,600.59
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 892,756.99</u>
	\$ 550,843.60

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$217,295.48
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:





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.

New Dementia Support Group

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

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

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2026 BEST OF AIKEN

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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

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AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVING

PROVIDING HOPE TO OUR Neighbors in Need

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)

FOOD ASSISTANCE PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE UTILITY ASSISTANCE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

SCAN ME! actsofaiken.org



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

INTRODUCTION OF SANDRIVER SALKEHATCHIE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God Is Here

Cyril V. Taylor

Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 139, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"** LOBE DEN HERREN

***SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 2:18-22 **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

SERMON "Something Old and Something New" **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

***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"** GREATOR EX

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 The Old One Hundredth Psalm Tune Ralph Vaughan Williams

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. 577, "God of Grace and God of Glory"** CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

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

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*



Order of Worship - 9:02

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PRAISE SONG

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PRAISE SONG **Marvelous Light of Amazing Grace** Holcomb/Newton

***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.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY **Turn Me Around** Jonathan Cook

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 2:18-22** **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

SERMON **"Something Old and Something New"** **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

PRAISE SONG **Come Jesus Come** McWhirter

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH SONG



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