



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

May 24, 2026

Pentecost

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Memorial Day Closure

The church office will be closed Monday, May 25, 2026 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. We will reopen for regular business hours on Tuesday, May 26.

Children's Director Announcement

The Staff Parrish Relations Committee is excited and grateful to introduce St. John's new children's director, Jennifer Hoover, to our church family! Jennifer is coming to us from Florence, SC.

Prior to accepting this position at St. John's, Jennifer held a key leadership position as the Director of Institutional Advancement at The King's Academy, a Christian private school in Florence for 20 years. As director, Jennifer served as the administrative liaison for the parent teacher fellowship and managed teams of volunteers for school enhancement projects.

Jennifer also has experience in leading ministry teams of middle and high school students each month, teaching them service and prayer within their community. She leads a mission team of middle and high school students for one week annually, teaching them how to serve outside their community. She has effectively organized and planned many large events and has a passion for children and youth ministries.

Jennifer is also not a stranger to St. John's. She is the younger sister of Deedee Vaughters and has been able to visit and worship at St. John's for many years. She is very excited to have the opportunity to move to Aiken to be closer to family. Jennifer has two daughters. Grace attends Presbyterian College where she is in the Physician's Assistant Program and is engaged to be married in March of 2027. Meredith is a junior at the University of South Carolina and currently works for the Gamecocks.

SPRC will be coordinating a meet and greet with Jennifer following her arrival on June 8th for all children families and any other church family members who wish to get to know Jennifer. The date and time are TBD, so please check the upcoming weekly church bulletins for further details.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Jennifer and praying for the new season of children's ministry at St. John's Methodist Church.

Sunny Monday

St. John's Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on June 8, 2026. The 10:30am program will take place in the Faith Center with a program featuring Logan Ford, "A Musical Sing Along" and "What is ACTS and What are We Doing?" This month's meal will be Chick-fil-A box meal for \$5 per person. All reservations for the meal are required to be made by 4pm June 3, to ensure our order is placed in a timely manner. Please call the church office to make your reservation: 803-648-6891.

Vacation Bible School Supplies Needed

You may have noticed that the main lobby of the church is slowly transforming into a rainforest, featuring the Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God, the theme for this summer's VBS. There are cards hanging on the display featuring items that are requested to make this summer's VBS a success. Please stop by and grab a card. Donations can be returned to the church office and will be accepted through June 12, 2026. Thank you!

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: Kaite Kirk **Acolytes:** Caulden Kirk and Jack Taylor

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

May 11:00 Ushers: Missy Poe, Donald Leader, Connie Pisko, Mick Pisko, Mary Ann Findley, Mitch Rivers, Sally Alexander, Rod Alexander, Karen Travis, Larry Travis, Rea Maynard, Kevin Maynard, Leah Lewis, Penny Rue

May Worship Support: Nancy Perrine, Melinda Greene, Karen Blackwell, Susanne Rhoden

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.

May 24, 2026

Children's Ministries

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

June 15-19: VBS - Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/802a90>.

VBS Volunteers Needed! We'd love to have you work with us in VBS this year. Come spread God's love and have a blast with the children. Sign up to volunteer on the same site as registration; you can use the QR code or website. We hope to see you there.

Children's Worship Bulletins are now available! Kids ages 7 years and older can pick up a bulletin with Scripture and puzzles just for them. Look for the green paper in the narthex.

Parents, Children's Church has moved! 11 am Children's Church is now meeting in Room 223. This is an exciting change that gives the children more room and a dedicated space. Room 223 is upstairs - take the elevator in the coffee area and look for the boat. Signs will be out to direct you.

Foundation Student Ministries

(6th-12th Grades)

Wednesday Small Groups: Enjoy Summer Break!

We will not meet for Sunday Night Youth tonight or May 31.

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237.

Thursday Night Philippians Bible Study: 6pm in the Faith Center Room 212/213.

SAVE THE DATE:

June 23: Serving Salkehatchie Supper & Bowling

St. John's Missions News

Kairos Prison Ministry is in need of more volunteers to serve on the teams that go into prison to share the message and love of Jesus. Training is provided. If you would like to learn more, contact David Long at 317-989-7963 or dlong@onemissionsociety.org. Please prayerfully consider meeting this need and changing a life.

For the month of **May**, we are collecting **deodorant**. 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 meets on Tuesdays, at 6pm in the Faith Center; this week's film will be "Inherit the Wind." In the 1920s, Tennessee schoolteacher Bertram Cates (Dick York) is put on trial for violating the Butler Act, a state law that prohibits public school teachers from teaching evolution instead of creationism.

Assistive Hearing Devices

There are three assistive hearing devices missing from the Sanctuary. Please check pockets, purses, etc. to see if you may have inadvertently taken one home.

Thank you St. John's

Thank you to all who have had their photos made or contacted us about updating your information for our upcoming new directory. If you have not done either, you have two weeks left to do so. Without new photos, your old one will automatically be used. No updates reported will result in the same information being shared in the new directory. If you have changes or questions please contact Susan McDonald at: smcdonald@stjaiken.org or 803-648-6891, ext. 216.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Bob & Susanne Rhoden* in memory of *Jimmy Rhoden*.

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

**May 27: Grilled chicken thighs, roasted broccoli, diced potatoes with
cheese and peach cobbler**

Reservations are required by phone/email: jwindham@stjaiken.org by **12pm,
Tuesday, May 26, 2026.**

**WNS and Ministry Meals will break for the Summer following the May 27th
meal. Both will resume August 19, 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 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

Congratulations to:

Andy & Bekah Wykel on the birth of their son, **Warren "Jett" Wykel**, who was
born on May 8, 2026 in Aiken, SC. Proud grandmother is **Jennifer Muir-Ross** and
great-grandfather is **Warren Muir**.

Luke Pascal Pitts, son of **Mark & Keeley Pitts**, grandson of **Kirk & Cathy Pitts** and
great-grandson of **Mark Pitts**, was baptized here at St. John's on Sunday, May
17, 2026.

Sympathies to:

In Memoriam

Mrs. Cheryl Cooke
May 15, 2026

Demolition of the Annex Building

Beginning May 25, the entire back parking lot will be blocked as they begin the
full demolition of the building. The back parking lot will be off limits through
July, as it will be in construction phase.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

May — **Canned meats (chicken or tuna)**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 5/17/2026

8:30 | 116 9:02 | 213 11:00 | 339

In-Person Total | 668

9:02 Online Live | 168 11:00 Online Live | 210

Financials

Operation Budget as of 5/21/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:

\$1,255,582.81

Year to date ministry expenditures:

\$ 740,618.91

\$ 514,963.90

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us
to do in Missions:

\$203,070.89

Year to date disbursements:

\$100,400.00

*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
May 31 at 10am
in the Faith Center
to hear from:

Pastor Lex Perry
with C4 Impact Ministry,
sharing their accomplishments
with Aiken's homeless
Everyone welcome - Sunday School classes
encouraged to attend as a group!

Missions
S M T W T F S
on the 5th
Sunday

JOIN US FOR
ST. JOHN'S METHODIST
VBS 2026

ST. JOHN'S
Methodist Church

**RAINFOREST
FALLS**
Exploring the Nature of God

DATES: June 15 - 19
TIME: 9AM - 12PM

OPEN TO
ALL CHILDREN
RISING 4K -
6 GRADE

REGISTER TODAY:
<https://vbspro.events/p/802a90>

Grace Kitchen
May
donation needs

DEODORANT

Please leave items in the boxes in both the Narthex
and Faith Center Lobby marked "Grace Kitchen"

**APPLEFEST
PREP**

PLEASE WATCH FUTURE
BULLETINS FOR DATES OF
COLLECTION.

WE ARE **NOT** ABLE TO
STORE ITEMS ONSITE
PRIOR TO
ANNOUNCED DATES!

HELP SUPPORT
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:
JUNE 15 - 19

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STOP BY AND
GRAB A SUPPLY
ITEM FROM THE
VBS DISPLAY IN
THE MAIN
LOBBY!

Items can be brought in and left on the table
outside of the children's ministry office



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 *The Strife is O'er* arr. Arnold Sherman
Chancel Bells

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Lamb of God* arr. Lloyd Larson
Chancel Bells

***OPENING HYMN No. 538, "Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow"** MESSIAH

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21 Rev. Butch Blackwell

SERMON "Strangely Warmed" 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"** GREATORIX
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

***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 AND LORD'S PRAYER

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. 539, "O Spirit of the Living God"** FOREST GREEN

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*



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