



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

June 28, 2026

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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** patriotic 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.

Senior Adult Council: 50+ Activity Night

Mark your calendars for a night of Fun, Fellowship and Food. The Senior Adult Council invites you to our 50+ Activity Night Wednesday, July 22 at 6pm in Ward Hall. Bring a salad or dessert serving 6-8 people to share. The Council will provide iced tea, lemonade and water. After dinner, we will again play Bingo where laughter reigns. Who knows, you may even win a prize that you'll treasure forever. To ensure adequate seating, please call the church office by Monday, July 20th to make your reservation.

Name Badges

As Rev. Butch said in the email he sent, 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: Ella Jernigan **Acolytes:** Eva Jernigan and Caulden Kirk

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.

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Children's Ministries

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

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!

Here are a few pictures from VBS 2026. We had more than 150 children learning about Jesus each day!



Foundation Student Ministries

(6th-12th Grades)

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

Stay up to date! Text "foundation" to 833-483-7436 to get text updates about what is happening at Foundation, no need for an app. Parents, sign up for our weekly parent email that will be going out every Monday. Scan the following QR code sign up, or email Brett at bbucklin@stjaiken.org.



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:

July 1: Game Night – Board games and more!

July 22: Arcade Night at Radioactive Pinball Arcade

St. John's Missions News

There is still time to join the St. John's fall mission trip to Colombia to serve long time mission partner, Cosdecot (Christian Union Sports Club). Come to the meeting on July 1 at 6pm in Ward Hall 2/3, or call Rev. Will in the church office. No soccer ability is needed, just a servant's heart.

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 10am 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.

**The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Sandra Gerland* in memory of
Sgt. Maj. USMC William Gerland,
and by *Rick Endler* in memory of *Linda Endler*.**

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:

John & Jane Landreth who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary
on Friday, June 26th.

Sympathies to:

Mary Jordon, Corey & Angie, Kendall and Jenks Doolittle, on the death of
John Jordan who died June 19, 2026. John was Mary's husband, Angie's
father and grandfather to Kendall and Jenks.

Sherald, Debbie and Cate Rodgers on the death of ***JoAnn Glass***, who died
June 21, 2026. JoAnn was mother to Debbie and grandmother to Cate.

In Memoriam

Mr. John Jordan
June 19, 2026

In Memoriam

Mrs. JoAnn Glass
June 21, 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

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on July 13, 2026. This month's
program will feature Shaneka Brown as she shares "Myths of Dementia." The
program begins at 10:30am in the Faith Center. Lunch of beef stroganoff,
salad, roll and dessert, at \$5 per plate, will be served at 12pm, following the
program. Menu TBD. Please call the church office: 803-648-6891, to make
your reservations by 3pm, Thursday, July 10.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

June — **Spaghetti noodles or pasta**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 6/21/2026

8:30 | 131 9:02 | 207 11:00 | 282
In-Person Total | 620
9:02 Online Live | 241 11:00 Online Live | 221

Financials

Operation Budget as of 6/21/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$1,471,043.98
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ 950,287.74
	\$ 520,756.24

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$220,488.20
Year to date disbursements:	\$103,800.00

*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.

>>> **FOUNDATION** <<<
FELLOWSHIP

**DODGEBALL
and
NINE SQUARE
Night**

JUNE 28 | 5-7 PM | FAITH CENTER

**New Dementia
Support Group**

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

Contact Rev. Butch
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VOTE for St. John's today
through July 7: bit.ly/4xgOAff

**NEW GRIEF SUPPORT
12 WEEK SESSION**

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

All are invited
to join.

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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! >> 

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Order of Worship - 8:30 A.M.

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PRELUDE Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Joel Raney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *This Is the Day of New Beginnings* BEGINNINGS
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 451,** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:5 Rev. Will Altman

SERMON "Making New" Rev. Will Altman

***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 Give Me Jesus arr. Tom Fettke
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. 384,** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE How Firm a Foundation Dale Wood

**Please stand, as able.*



Order of Worship - 9:02

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. This service will be livestreamed today at 9:02 on our website stjaiken.org, our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONG	Revelation Song	Jobe
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PRAISE SONG	Are You Washed & I'll Fly Away	Hoffman/Brumley
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OFFERTORY	Come Alive Dry Bones	Daigle
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING	Revelation 21:5	Rev. Will Altman
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SERMON	"Making New"	Rev. Will Altman
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PRAISE SONG	All Things New	BDW
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SENDING FORTH SONG



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