



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

October 4, 2026

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Church Calendar

Please note that if you have a meeting or group event that is a recurring reservation on the Church Calendar, you must renew your reservation for the upcoming 2027 calendar. The calendar does not automatically carry over reservations into the new year. Please contact Jennifer Windham in the church office at 803-648-6891 or email: jwindham@stjaiken.org to renew your reservation.

Sunny Monday

Adult Senior Council will host Sunny Monday on October 12, 2026. The 10:30am program will feature Linda Lindler, Director of SRS Museum, "A Story of Place, Progress, Purpose, and Preservation." Lunch will be served at 12 noon, following the program, at \$5 per plate. Menu: Oriental Chicken Salad, roll and Key lime pie. Please call the church office at 803-648-6891 by 2pm, Thursday, October 8, to make your lunch reservation.

New Sunday School Class

The new Agape Sunday School class will have its first meeting on Sunday, October 25, in room 238. We are excited to welcome those in-and around- their 30s to come together for a new class. We hope to see you there!

Friendship Sunday School Soup Luncheon

Mark your calendars to participate in the Friendship Sunday School Class soup luncheon that will be held in Ward Hall on October 18, 2026. Please stop by and grab a bowl of these delicious soups. To-go bowls will be available. All funds that are raised will go towards the Honduras Agape Foundation and local missions.

Applefest

Silent Auction: We need baskets! The Silent Auction Committee has requested that all silent auction items be turned into the Church Office as soon as possible.

Frozen Features: Let's fill the freezers! Casseroles, soups, chili, quiches and bread are all needed to sell at Applefest this year. So, as you are making dinner one night, maybe make an extra batch and put it aside in the freezer for Applefest! Please contact Brenda Meeks at 803-979-1900 or Camille Bailey at 803-295-2057 if you have questions.

The Clothes Closet: Your donations of gently used or new apparel, shoes and accessories for women, men and children will be accepted and welcomed in Ward Hall on the following schedule: **Tues., 10/27 - Fri., 10/30 from 9am-1pm and Mon., 11/2 and Tues., 11/3 from 9am-5pm.** Please mark your calendars now as these are firm dates and times.

The Bake Shop is preparing for Applefest and we need your delicious homemade treats! Each year Applefest visitors look forward to special goodies to share with family and friends – or enjoy themselves! We'd love for you to share your favorite specialty baked items with us. Cookies, breads, pies, cakes, bars, gluten free items and more are welcome! Items may be packaged as individual treats or portions serving several.

More information about packaging and delivery will be provided as we get closer to the November 6-7 sale. Let's make this year's Bake Shop a delicious success!

Worship Services: Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth, 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: Avery Abrams **Acolytes:** Madison Bates and Cate Rodgers

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

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October Worship Support: Jane Fogle, Marsha Mikes, and Sandra Shelley

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

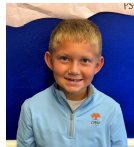
Sunday School (children 4K-5th grade): Upstairs in the Education building. Sign-in and pick-up by the boat!

Wednesday Children's Music: 1st & 2nd graders will practice chimes from 5pm-5:30pm and then choir from 5:30pm-6pm. The 3rd-5th graders will have choir from 5pm-5:30pm and then they will practice handbells from 5:30pm-6pm.

Wednesday night lessons for grades 1st- 5th begin at 6:30pm, followed by a little gym time before parents pick up at 7:30pm.

The St. John's Trunk or Treat is just around the corner, and we are excited to offer a few new opportunities for you to get involved! First, decorate a trunk! If that isn't something you are interested in, donate a bag of candy for our trunk decorators to hand out. There will be multiple donation bins available around the church beginning in October. If you are willing to donate a cake, cupcakes, cookies, pie, or any other wonderful dessert, please email Jennifer Hoover at jhoover@stjaiken.org. To sign up for Trunk or Treat please use: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BAFA828A7F8CF8-65916071-stjohns>

Congratulations to Ryan Clark, Henry Kisner, Cayce Kring and Haley Staack for memorizing Deuteronomy 6:5 as part of the Third-Grade Bible Basics!



Foundation Youth Ministries

(6th-12th Grades)

Sunday Bible Study takes place at 10am in room 212-213 of the Faith Center with our Gospel Through Movies featuring Cars.

- Sunday Night Youth tonight. Drop off in the gym at 5pm and pick up from Ward Hall at 7pm.
- NO Prayer Breakfast or Wednesday Night Small Groups this week due to Fall Break. Have a wonderful and safe break!
- Movie Night this Wednesday in the Faith Center at 6:30pm!
- Help us decorate the church bus for Trunk or Treat! We would love your help in making it the Mystery Machine.
- Sign up for our fall retreat at Asbury Hills!

Young Adults Ministry

Please join us for Sunday School Class at 10am in Room 237. Weekly Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in room 237, however we will not meet this week, October 7, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Will.

St. John's Missions News

We have learned that ACTS, Christ Central of Aiken, and the Salvation Army are in need of food to meet the needs of those they serve. Their shortage is due to receiving less from their government sources. Here are the needs: Boxed mac & cheese, soups (all kinds), pasta and pasta sauce (cans), beans (can and dry). If God is calling you to help with these needs, please purchase any of the items and take to ACTS or Christ Central or leave in designated boxes at the church. Another option is to send a donation directly to them. You can donate directly to ACTS through their website or mail checks to either organization. Thank you, St. John's, for your heart for our community and for our mission partners who serve them.

For the month of **October**, we are collecting **coats**. Please place any donated, freshly cleaned 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.

**The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by *Rod & Julie Roe* in memory of *their mother and father*,
and by *Anita Allen & family* in memory of *Ernie Allen*.**

Wednesday Night Supper

Sign-up sheets are located at the Reception Desk in the main office, or you can call the office at 803-648-6891. **Reservations are due by 12pm on Tuesdays!**

Oct. 7: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and tiramisu for dessert

Oct. 14: Hamburger steak with gravy, mash potatoes, peas & carrots, and Boston Crème pie for dessert

Oct. 21: Pulled pork, coleslaw, mac & cheese, and Waldorf salad

Dinner is served at 5pm in Ward Hall 2/3 (unless otherwise posted). **New meal rates are: \$10 per adult, \$4 per child (over 3yrs) with a family cap of \$28.** Payment options: On-line via our website: www.stjaiken.org and select "GIVE NOW" and then select "WNS." Payment on-line does not guarantee that your reservation has been made. You must still call in your reservation for WNS. You may also pay in person by cash or check made payable to: St. John's.

D-Group Leaders' Meeting

A meeting for all D-Group Leaders will be held on October 13 at 6pm in Ward Hall 2/3. Please come and help plan for 2027!

St. John's T-shirts

The new order of t-shirts has arrived. If you want one, please see Susan McDonald during her office hours: Mondays 9am-1pm, Tuesday – Thursday 12pm - 4pm or make arrangements for a Sunday pickup by contacting Susan via email: smcdonald@stjaiken.org.

News of the Family

Sympathies to:

Mark & Marsha Mikes on the death of Mark's father, **Kenneth Mikes**, who died September 23, 2026 in Parkersburg, WV.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

October — 1lb bags of rice

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 9/30/2026

8:30 | 106 9:02 | 218 11:00 | 254
In-Person Total | 578
9:02 Online Live | 151 11:00 Online Live | 198

Financials

Operation Budget as of 9/30/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$2,007,632.88
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$1,645,135.02</u>
	\$ 362,497.86

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$274,508.31
Year to date disbursements:	\$213,338.50

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

Please use our GIVING QR code to give online:



JOIN US FOR CHURCHWIDE

Holy Communion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

AT ALL 3 SERVICES: 8:30, 9:02, & 11
& THE 10:30AM HEALING SERVICE



NOW HIRING

WEDNESDAY PM & SUNDAY AM

NURSERY WORKERS

CONTACT
JENNIFER HOOVER
JHOOVER@STJAIKEN.ORG
803-648-6891, EXT. 205

Rev. Butch's

Bible Study

EVERYDAY GRACE

5-Week study
beginning Sept. 30
5:45pm - 6:25pm
in the Chapel

Silent Auction Items



**MUST BE TURNED
IN BY 10/16**

Please bring in baskets
and filler items to the
church office.



Mark Your Calendars!

Soup's On!

Friendship SS Class Soup Luncheon

October 18, 10am - 1pm
in Ward Hall,

TO GO containers available

Money raised benefits the Honduras Agape
Foundation & Local Missions.

St. John's Methodist Church

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25th

4-5:30pm
back parking lot

Trick or treat in the safety
of the parking lot
• Cake Walk
• Bobbing for Donuts

Admission:
2 canned goods to be donated to local food bank

104 Newberry St. NW, Aiken, SC 29801

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**Join Us for
Applefest 2026**

First Friday, Nov. 6
5pm - 7pm, \$10 entry

Saturday, Nov. 7 (free entry)
8:00am - 2:00pm

St. John's Methodist Church
Downtown at Newberry & Richland

ENTERTAINMENT • SILENT AUCTION •
APPLE SEED CAFÉ • CLOTHING • TOYS •
SHOES • TWICE LOVED TREASURES •
BOOKS • AND MUCH MORE

For more info: Call 803-648-6891 | www.stjaiken.org

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES

St. John's Methodist Church Foundation

ASBURY HILLS

NOVEMBER
13-15, 2026

REGISTRATION OPEN!
REGISTER ON REALM
OR
THROUGH OUR
LINKTREE!



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 Carillon Westminster Louis Vierne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *O God, Who Gives Us Life* arr. Arthur Sullivan
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 660,** "God Is Here" ABBOT'S LEIGH

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***SCRIPTURE READING** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12 Rev. Josh Duckworth

SERMON "Ten Commandments" Rev. Josh Duckworth

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 *What Does the Lord Require of You* Mark A. Miller
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.

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COMMUNION ANTHEM *At the Table of the Lord* Jay Althouse

***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 634, "Now Let Us from This Table Rise"** DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE Abbot's Leigh Traditional

**Please stand, as able.*



Order of Worship – 9:02 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. 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

Remember Me

Schultz

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He Reigns

Newsboys

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PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

Trust and Obey

Sammis/Towner/BDW

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