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Worship Support Team Needs You

The Worship Support Team is a ministry of St. John's that has been in existence for as long as we've had altar flowers. This is an outreach for members that are homebound, hospitalized, ill, following a death, or otherwise not able to attend church regularly. Your service would entail one month per year (12 teams). During that month, each week the team would prepare small flower vases from the Altar flowers, deliver to our members, and tidy up the Chancel and Sacristy areas. No prior flower arranging experience necessary. Please consider volunteering for this ministry by calling Pat Sauls: 803-998-9105 or Leah Lewis: 803-270-4003.

Additionally, we are NO longer taking in vases. We are completely full! Thank you to all that brought them in.

Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday, April 13. The program will feature the Kairos Prison Ministry, "Sharing Faith, Hope, and Love in the Prisons," beginning at 10:30am in the Faith Center. Lunch will follow at 12pm at \$5 per plate with the menu: Red beans and sausage over rice, coleslaw, cornbread and carrot cake. Please call the church office: 803-648-6891 by 12pm Thursday, April 9 to make your reservations.

New Photo Directory

Beginning April 26 and continuing the following 5 Sundays, from 8am-1pm, in Room 105, a photographer will be taking pictures for those of you who would like updated pictures for the new version of our St. John's directory. We especially encourage families with children and those who were not included in the last directory to have their pictures made. Appointments can be made by calling the church office: 803-648-6891, however, walk-ins will be taken as well. You'll already be dressed up and here, might as well swing by and say "cheese." We will use the images from the last directory for those who do not take new pictures. Please contact Susan McDonald, smcdonald@stjaiken.org, with any changes to address, phone numbers, or email addresses so this will be updated accordingly for the new directory.

Applefest Votes Have Been Counted

St. John's Methodist Women are pleased to report that all ballots cast have been counted and the recipients of the 2025 Applefest event will be: ACTS, The Bridge 2Home, and the Jack Meeks Memorial Ramp Ministry! Thanks to all who took the time to vote. Applefest will be held November 6-7, 2026. Mark your calendars and plan to attend – we look forward to seeing you there.

Worship Services: Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Will Altman; Director of Traditional Music - Dr. Matt Caine; Organist - Christopher Nash; Musicians- Santiago Balagtas, Keenen Foster, Steve Pruitt, Jeremy McLeroy, John Bland, Kent Hannibal; 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

8:30 Crucifer: Madison Zeigler **Acolytes:** Catherine Kreitzer and Rebecca Kreitzer

11:00 Crucifer: Adelyn Parker **Acolytes:** Anna Bryson Reynolds and Elizabeth Grace Reynolds

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

April 11:00 Ushers: Allen Radcliffe, Nola Radcliffe, Rod Alexander, Sally Alexander, Larry Travis, Karen Travis, Kevin Maynard, Rea Maynard, Donald Leader, Newkirk Barnes, Judy Keaton, Dawn Beam, Diane O'Conner, John Lindsay, Sinclair Short

April Worship Support: Bonnie Culbertson, Kathie Gassman, Diane Buschle

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.

April 5, 2026

Children's Ministries

Sunday School: Come to the Easter Party in Ward Hall!

April 5: Easter Party Sunday School– Everybody is invited in Ward Hall 10am

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

Thank you to all that helped with our Egg Hunt yesterday! What a delightful morning of excitement and joy!

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Wednesday Small Groups: See you after Spring Break

Sunday Night Youth (SNY): No SNY– See you after Spring Break

April 12: Master's Messy Night (see graphic), 5pm –7pm

April 19, April 26 and May 3: Regular SNY

High School Seniors:

April 5: SENIOR TIMES – Please fill out the form for “Senior Times” by Easter at: <https://links.stjaiken.org/Seniorforms> . Please send a digital senior photo to be used for the “Senior Times” and 5 digital images of your choosing for the slideshow. All photos should be sent to: foundation@stjaiken.org.

April 26: Inez Crain Scholarship due. You can find the application and more information at: <https://stjaiken.org/foundation-seniors>

May 17: Senior Sunday

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:

April 23: Pickleball at Odell Weeks, 6:30pm

May 14: Ice Cream and Board Games at 6:30pm at the Church

June 23: Serving Salkehatchie Supper & Bowling

St. John's Missions News

We will have a series of meetings to discuss a Fall mission trip to the Christian Union Sports Club in Medellin, Colombia. The meetings will be held Sundays, April 12, 19, and 26 at 10:00. Please plan to attend if interested.

For the month of **April**, we are collecting **socks for men and women**. 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 meets on Tuesday, at 6pm in the Faith Center. This week's movie will be “1917.” World War I: As an infantry battalion assembles to wage war deep in enemy territory, two soldiers are assigned to race against time and deliver a message that will stop 1,600 men from walking straight into a deadly trap.

Summer New Member Class

We will hold a New Member Class beginning July 12 at 10am. If you are interested in attending, please contact Susan McDonald, smcdonald@stjaiken.org, to pre-register. We must have 5 people in attendance in order to hold the class. If you've been interested in joining St. John's or brushing up on Methodism or learning more about our church, this is the class for you!

The flowers on the Crucifer's Cross are given to the glory of God by Hazel Tatman and family in loving memory of Chuck Tatman.

The Easter Lilies are given to the glory of God in memory and honor of loved ones by members of St. John's. Please see insert for more information.

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

April 8: NO WNS due to Spring Break

April 15: Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and cheesecake with chocolate drizzle.

Reservations are required by phone/email: jwindham@stjaiken.org by **12pm, Tuesday, April 14, 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.

Church Office Closure

Please make note that the Church Office will be closed Easter Monday, April 6. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 8:30am for regular office hours.

Primetimers Travel

Primetimers travelers, April 15th is the deadline to register for the May 30th trip to the Fox Theatre for Beauty and the Beast. Don't delay, reserve your seat.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

April — **pasta sauce (please, no glass)**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 3/29/2026

8:30 | 126 9:02 | 205 11:00 | 280

In-Person Total | 611

9:02 Online Live | 166 11:00 Online Live | 152

Financials

Operation Budget as of 4/1/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do: \$ 778,838.82

Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 499,072.27

\$ 279,766.55

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

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

\$92,439.54

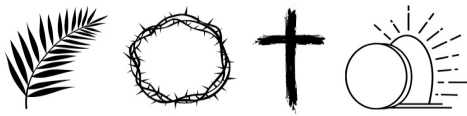
Year to date disbursements:

\$50,500.00

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

Please use our new GIVING QR code to give on line:





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

Sunday Bus Drivers Needed

If you are able to drive the Sunday Bus
to pick up our Shut-ins, please reach
out to Brian Eberhard (803) 522-0433.



ST. JOHN'S FOUNDATION Student Ministries
Masters Messy Night
6-12 Grade | April 12 | 5-7 PM

Organ & Brass CLASSICS!
with Special Guest
Katherine Jolliff, Organ
**Friday
April 17, 2026
7:00 PM**

Jack Meeks Memorial Ramp Ministry

ST. JOHN'S **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

REGISTER TODAY

**MAY 15, 2026
8:00 am**

Houndslake Country Club
901 Houndslake Dr, Aiken

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

**Join Us for
St. John's Methodist
VBS 2026!!**

**Dates: June 15th - 19th
Time: 9am - 12pm**

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

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

2026

SAVE THE DATE
**5/17/26
SENIOR
SUNDAY**



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 **Fanfare on JUDAS MACCABEUS** Alexandre Guilmant
Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals Sigfried Karg-Elert

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *The Strife Is O'er* arr. Robert J. Powell
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 302, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"** (vs. 1-4) **EASTER HYMN,**
arr. John Rutter

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 1:1-4; John 20:1-18** **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

SERMON **"Penetrating the Darkness"** **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"** **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 **Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful** Frederick Chadfield
Chancel Choir

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS** **LASST UNS ERFRUEN**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER & 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. 308, "Thine Be the Glory"** **JUDAS MACCABEUS**
arr. Paul Leddington Wright

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** **No. 44, Chorus, "Hallelujah," Messiah** George Frideric Handel

POSTLUDE **VI. Final from Symphony No. 1** Louis Vierne

*Please stand, as able.



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HONORARY & MEMORIAM

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Presented by:

Bill & Beverly Burch

Mike & Peggy Day
Jeff Krok
Luke & Susan Mabry
Bob & Lawrette McCann
Les & Penny Rue
Pat Sauls & Leah Lewis
Donna Walker
Osmundson Family

Presented by:

Rod & Sally Alexander

Judy Bilyeu

Paula Blackmore and
Donna Mainini
John Bradley
The Bryan Family
Joe & Becky Carter

Judy Clark
Barry & Paula Clayton

Marjorie Clemens &
Kristen Bell
Mike & Mary Coleman
Janelle Connelly
Michael & Teresa Cowen
Jim & Susan Crosby
Phyllis Ann Culberson

In Honor of:

Their precious grandchildren: Parker Kate,
Jack, Colt and Addie Blake
Their children and grandchildren
Marilyn Wilhem
Joan Mabry
Their children and grandchildren
Their wonderful family
Worship Support Team
Her family
The US Military

In Memory of:

Their son: Paul Jason Alexander
and brother John D. Soderberg
Clarence & Ruth Duncan
and Pierce & Pat Bilyeu
Their parents:
Douglas & Irene Blackmore
Sally Bradley
Mason Bentlee Bryan
Joe & Ethel Carter, Kay & Jim Williams,
Bob & Martha Eskew, and Bobby Eskew
COL William "Bill" Clark
William & Nell Berrie and
Walter & Lillian Dusch
Thomas Clemens

Katherine Coleman Jones
Buford Connelly
Haley Michelle Cowen
Arthur & Hazel Whittington
Chuck Lawrence, son of
Phyllis & Bobby Coker

Presented by:

Diane & Walter Daniell

Judy Davis

Rick Endler

Lisa Fallaw

Kathy Franklin

Kathie Gassman

Sally Griffis

Peggy Hammons

Chase, Roslyn, Porter
and Rowe Ingram

Brett & Melissa Jarriel

Robert Johnson

Bob & Jan Kirkwood

Lou & Ruth Lahendro

Kay Leach

Joe, Leah Lewis
and Rev. John H. Roof

Donna Mainini

Donna Mainini and
Maria Mainini

Donna Mainini and
Sixto Echevarria

Susan McDonald

Tom & Diane Miniard

Peggy Neill

In Memory of:

Lance Barfield, Dr. Herman Daniell,
and Mrs. Lorraine Daniell

Dr. Frank M. Davis

Linda Endler and Rebecca Endler

Lorenzo "Sox" Fallaw

Dr. Jim S. Zaremba

Julie Revelle

Amanda Franklin

Bill Gassman

Capt. William Alexander Griffis,
USMC

Sarah Griffis Dees

Ed Hammons and
Nell & Jack Herrick

Pete Rowe

Charlie & Becky Henshaw
Jack Jarriel

Barbara M. Johnson

Joy Thornton and Margaret Gobble

Family members

Phillip D. Leach

Mrs. Faye Roof &
Mr. & Mrs. L.L. Lewis
Her husband, Leo Mainini
James Dougherty

Io Echevarria

Her husband, Terry and
grandson, Brandon

Jake Miniard

Bob & Sandy Dunn

Charlie Neill

Presented by:

Terry & Trudy Orter
Osmundsen Family

Monnie Pitts Family
Susie Player

Allen & Nola Radcliffe

Greg & Peg Robinson
The Rorex Children
Jimmie & Mariruth Rogers

John & Diane Schmidt
Connie, Harry &
Julie Shade
Sinclair Short
Art Smith &
Susie Graven-Smith

Van & Tracy, Jessica,
Abigail & Madelyn Smith

Carolyn Todd

Carolyn & Bill Tyler

Donna Walker

Jane Weidenbacker

Kenny & Mimi Wiland

Ron & Sherry Williamson

In Memory of:

Charlie Neill
Odd & Olaug Osmundsen
and Blanche Durant

Monnie Pitts
Husband, Jimmy Player,
Parents: Ralph & Ava Blanton,
and, brother-in-law, Rick Bickel

Their parents:
Warren & Trula Benedict and
Allen & Eleanor Radcliffe

Kris Kisner

Ed & Eleanor Rorex

Kenneth & Jerry Holzendorf
and Nancy Bowers

Jack & Mary Ann Rogers and
Sandy Rogers

Their parents

Nancy, Ralph, John, & Ralph Jr. Shade
Raymond & Dolores Heider

Karon L. Short

Judge Arthur G. & Lydia Larson

Roland & Peggie Olcott
Dorothy Smith

Her mother, Eunice M. Hubbard

Edwina Carns

Robert & Pauline Walker

Bruce Weidenbacker

Their parents

Their mothers: Hope Lybrand
Williamson and Mary Frances
Jones Hair

