



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

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Final Applefest Voting

Applefest Ballots, based on the nominations recently received, are located in the Narthex, at the Reception area, and in the Faith Center. Please vote by March 29th for two community groups and one St. John's based group. Voting should be only submitted by women of St. John's. Thanks to all who submitted nominations - the balloting is based on the organizations/groups receiving the largest number of nominations. Final results will be announced in early April.

Methodist Women Spring Luncheon

COME TO THE METHODIST WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON FOR "A BLOOMING GOOD TIME" St. John's Methodist Women are pleased to invite all women of the church to their annual spring luncheon on Friday, April 24, 2026. The luncheon - "A Blooming Good Time" - begins at 11:30 am and will feature Jamie Vaughn of Cannon House, as its Keynote Speaker. Attendees will learn many techniques for flower arrangements. Service Pins will be awarded and those women who have passed from death to life eternal since last year's luncheon will be remembered. Please call the church office no later than April 20th if you plan to attend. This is a great way to learn more about the numerous activities of St. John's Methodist Women, while having a *blooming good time!*

Primetimers Travel Update

The price for the October 5-7 tour to The Ark Encounter has been reduced. If you paid the full amount, you will be getting a refund. If you made a deposit, you will be contacted regarding your reduced amount due. If you haven't decided about registering, pick up the revised flyer for trip details and new price.

While trips are planned to keep Primetimers and friends active, EVERYONE is invited to travel with us. There is NOT an age requirement. Some of our upcoming trips might be a good adventure for a grandparent/grandchild activity.

Unfortunately a block of tickets was not available for a Saturday matinee to The Sound of Music at the Fox Theater. This trip has been cancelled.

Flyers for all 2026 trips are located outside the church office. If you have questions regarding these tours, call Carol Godfrey at 803-642-8491.

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: Rebecca Kreitzer **Acolytes:** Catherine Kreitzer and Grant Kreitzer

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

March 11:00 Ushers: Diane O'Connor, Donald Leader, Missy Poe, Doug Carmichael, Sara Carmichael, Bruce Carrera, Gerry Hansen, Penny Rue, Larry Travis, Karen Travis, Eric Randall, John Lindsay, Jeff Wallace

March Worship Support: Gayle Jones, Mary Musick, Lynda Troutman, and Sherry Williamson

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: Upstairs in the Education building. Sign in by the boat!

March 13: Mother Son Golf Outing at Top Golf in Augusta, GA from 6pm - 8pm: See graphic to register

April 4: Easter Egg Hunt, 10am - 12 noon, Register today:

<https://links.stjaiken.org/26STJEggHunt>

April 5: Easter Party during Sunday School

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Wednesday Small Groups: Girls at 6:30pm (Upstairs in the Faith Center), Guys at 7pm (Upstairs Game Room)

Sunday Night Youth and Youth Choir/Band will meet March 1st, 8th (No Youth Choir/Band), 15th, 22nd (Pickleball night): 5pm - 7pm, Meet in the gym and finish in Ward Hall.

May 17: Save the Date for Senior Sunday: Please use QR code for Senior Survey for Senior Times. Details can be found at:

<https://stjaiken.org/foundation-seniors>



Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237. Please join us!

St. John's Missions News

This prayer was received from our Artisan mission partners: "Please pray for wisdom and protection for the international workers serving in the volatile war region, who are now dealing with security contingency situations. Also, please pray for the millions who call this region "home," that they might be drawn closer to Christ through these events." May all come to know Jesus as their Savior.

For the month of **March**, we are collecting **bar soap and liquid hand soap**. 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.

SEED Program is Hiring

The SEED program is seeking loving, dependable teachers for the 2026-27 school year to nurture young children in a Christ-centered environment. If you feel called to serve, please contact Michelle Pearson for more details: 803-648-4745 or Mpearson@stjaiken.org.

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 "Letters from Iwo Jima," the story of the battle of Iwo Jima between the United States and Imperial Japan during World War II, as told from the perspective of the Japanese who fought it.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

*We still have several dates available for Altar flowers.
If you are interested in signing up for a specific date, please
contact Jennifer Windham in the main office: 803-648-6891.*

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

Mar. 11: Roasted chicken thighs, garlic sliced potatoes, peas & carrots, roll,
and cherry pie

Mar. 18: Cheese tortellini in meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, and cheese
cake with chocolate drizzle

Mar. 25: Cream beef & gravy pasta, corn, roll, and pound cake

Reservations are required by phone/email: jwindham@stjaiken.org by **12pm,
Tuesday, March 10, 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

Sympathies to:

Jim, Anita and Tatum Hanna on the death of Anita's sister, **Pat Riehl**, who died March 3, 2026 in Aiken, SC.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

March — cereal/oatmeal or grits

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 3/1/2026

8:30 | 94 9:02 | 219 11:00 | 252
In-Person Total | 565
9:02 Online Live | 161 11:00 Online Live | 166

Financials

Operation Budget as of 3/04/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 659,890.01
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 327,873.28</u>
	\$ 332,016.73

Missions Budget: Year 2026 - 2027

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$78,262.51
Year to date disbursements:	\$28,100.00

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

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



SUNNY MONDAY
MARCH 9
10:30AM

PROGRAM: REV. LEX PERRY,
 "C4 IMPACT: MAKING AN
 IMPACT IN AIKEN."

Grace Kitchen
March
donation needs

**BAR AND LIQUID
 HAND SOAP**



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

STJ CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
MOTHER & SON
 OUTING



QR CODE

DETAILS:
MARCH 13TH, 2026
 6-8 pm
 \$15/GOLFER

<https://links.stjaiken.org/2026STJMotherSon>

Join Us

March 29 at 10am
in the Faith Center
 to hear from:

Terry Lee from
Overflow Foundation
Clubhouse of Hope

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
Holy Week!

Palm/Passion Sunday:
 March 29
 Services: 8:30, 9:02 &
 11am

Maundy Thursday:
 April 2
 Service: 7 pm in the
 Sanctuary

Good Friday:
 April 3
 Service: 12 pm in the
 Sanctuary

Children's Egg Hunt:
 April 4
 10am - 12pm
 in the Faith Center

Easter Sunday
REJOICE! HE IS RISEN!
 April 5
Easter Sunday Services at
 8:30, 9:02 and 11 am

ST. JOHN'S
 Methodist Church of Aiken

**EASTER
 EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 4, 10am - 12pm
 Ages 0 to 12 years

St. John's Faith Center
 104 Newberry St, NW, Aiken

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!



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



