



ST. JOHN'S

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

February 1, 2026

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Sunny Monday

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on Monday, February 9 at 10:30am in the Faith Center. The program will feature Judee Mitchell and the Saidi Friend Dancers with "A Taste of Asia and the Chinese New Year." Lunch will follow the program, at \$5 per plate/reservation with the menu: Chicken and rice casserole, salad, roll, and chocolate delight. Please call the church office at 803-648-6891 by 12pm on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026 to make your reservation.

Volunteers Needed for Aiken Antiques Show

St. John's Men's group had helped install partitions and move vendors in and out of the Aiken Antiques Show at Center for the Arts, 122 Laurens St., for 25 years. This is a request for help doing so again, following the schedule below. If you can help at any time during these hours, please contact Vince Jones via email: carolandvince@att.net or call: 803-443-8899.

Mon., Feb. 2: 9am - 12pm - Put together wall partitions

Wed., Feb. 4: 4pm - 7:30pm - Move vendors into Center for the Arts

Thurs., Feb. 5: 7:30am - 11am - Move remaining vendors in

Sun., Feb. 8: 4pm - 8pm - Move all vendors out

Mon., Feb. 9: 9am - 12pm - Take apart wall partitions and store

Applefest Nominations are Need for 2026

St. John's Methodist Women are excited to once again ask for the women of our congregation to help nominate and select the 2026 Applefest recipients. All nominations are due by February 15, 2026. Nomination forms can be found with the designated Applefest Nomination boxes on the church's front entry desk and in the narthex of either the Sanctuary or the Faith Center. Please take a few minutes to provide your input on deserving organizations and place your nomination forms in the designated boxes. As always, your input and help is appreciated.

Discipleship Groups Forming

If you are interested in taking part in a Discipleship Group, we want to hear from you! D-Groups are a wonderful way to get deeper into the Word of God and grow in fellowship. Please fill out the bulletin insert with your information or reach out to Cara Robinson crobinson@stjaiken.org by February 15. Thank you!

Annex Building Update

As of January 23, 2026 the power to the Annex Building in the back parking lot has been disconnected. Plans are in motion, pending obtaining a permit, to tear down the building and make improvement on the parking lot.

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: Blair Wood **Acolytes:** Cate Rogers and Ethan Wood

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

February 11:00 Ushers: Virgil Sauls, Pat Sauls, Donald Leader, Sally Alexander and Rod Alexander, Connie Pisko, Mick Pisko, Jean Geiger

February Worship Support: Pat Sauls and Claudette Strickland

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.

February 1, 2026

Children's Ministries

Looking Forward:

Feb. 4: MIC Wednesday Night Kickoff (not a Children's event but invited)
Feb. 7: MIC Pancake Breakfast and Service Project
March 7: Father Daughter Dance
March 13: Mother Son Golf Outing

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Youth Ski Retreat Jan. 30 - Feb. 1, 2026 to Winterplace "Are You Ready to Ski?"

Looking Forward:

Feb. 1: NO SNY due to returning from Ski Trip.
Feb. 4: MIC Wednesday Night Kickoff - Come meet missionaries in our community.
Feb. 7: MIC Pancake Breakfast and Service Project
Feb. 8: Super Bowl Party
Feb. 11: Starting Girls and Guys Small Group on Wednesday Night

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults Sunday School Class takes place at 10am in Room 237. Please join us! Mark your calendars for Feb. 7: MIC Pancake Breakfast and Service Project.

St. John's Missions News

Today, February 1 is your last opportunity to make a reservation for all our Mission Impact Celebration events. Beginning Wednesday, February 4, please come fill the gym and give a warm St. John's welcome to 17 of our local and regional mission partners. Dinner is free of charge. Make a reservation by turning in the card or by going to the St. John's website or by calling the church office.

You can also be a part of this year's MIC by participating in our Saturday of Service. There are 4 options: serving at ACTS, Stand at the Crossroads, Jack Meeks Ramp Ministry or be a Prayer Bus Warrior. And Saturday morning before our Saturday of Service come enjoy a pancake breakfast at Grace Kitchen (reservation is needed). You can learn more about these opportunities and sign up after the service in the narthex. God is doing great things through our mission partners so please come bless them with your love and encouragement at all of our Mission Impact Celebration events.

For the month of **February**, we are collecting **tissues and chapstick**. 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.

Ready for Another New Year's Resolution?

What greater way to know more about the missions of St. John's Methodist Women than being a part of one of its circles? The circles meet monthly for devotion, fellowship, and work with various missions within the area. The circles meet in different locations and at varying times - hopefully there is one that suits your schedule. For more information, call the church office and they will let a circle leader know of your interest.

Circle 1: Leader is Pat Sauls. They meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1pm in members' homes.

Circle 3: Leaders are Joada Hiatt & Becky Robbins. They meet the 3rd Monday of each month in Room 117 at St. John's church.

Circle 7: Leader is Brenda Meeks. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3pm in Room 117 at St. John's church.

Circle 9: Leaders are Kitty Moore & Cheryl Cooke. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30pm in Ward Hall 2&3 at St. John's church. Attendees bring a bag lunch.

Circle 20: Leader is Joyce Laskey. They meet the 2nd Friday of each month at various eateries.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by The Rorex Family in memory of Eleanor Rorex
and by John Bland in memory of Carl Bland.

Wednesday Night Supper

WNS MENUS LOOKING FORWARD:

Feb. 4: "MIC Dinner" - NO CHARGE : Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, & cheese cake

Feb. 11: Meatloaf, roasted potatoes, green beans and chocolate pudding pie

Feb. 18: Pot roast, roasted broccoli, mashed potatoes and apple pie

Reservations are required by phone/email: jwindham@stjaiken.org by 12pm,
Tuesday, February 3, 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.

FAITH 101 (New Member Class)

We will begin our 4-week class this Sunday, at 10am in Ward Hall 1. This class is for all who are new to St. John's and wish to join, to learn how to get involved in all that St. John's has going on, or simply as a refresher on basic beliefs.

News of the Family

Sympathies to:

Andrew & Joanna Siders on the death of Joanna's father, **Marion Thomas Moore**, who died January 19, 2026 in Aiken, SC.

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

February — **canned fruit**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance — 1/25/2026

One Service Online only due to weather

Online Total | 537

Financials

Operation Budget as of 1/28/2026

Year to date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 277,294.96
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 131,061.65</u>
	\$ 146,233.31

Missions Budget: Year 2025 - 2026

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 347,406.14
Year to date disbursements:	\$ 316,900.00

*We thank you for your generous support of
St. John's Ministries & Missions!*
Please use our new GIVING QR code to give on line:



**MISSIONS IMPACT
CELEBRATION**



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

**FEBRUARY
4-8,
2026**

Showers of Blessings

"I will make them and the places surrounding my hill a blessing. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing." Ezekiel 34:26

**Mission Impact
Celebration 2026**

February 4 - 8

Focus: *Local Missions*



Mission Impact Celebration Dinner

Wednesday February 4

5:00-6:30pm in the Gym

6:00pm guest speaker Logan Ford from ACTS

Everyone is invited

*Please register, no charge



Mission Impact Celebration

Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, February 7

8:00-9:30am

In the Gym

*No charge, Please register



Saturday of
Service

February 7

After the pancake breakfast

*Please sign up in the Narthex or with the QR code



Muffins with Missions



Mission Impact Celebration!

Come enjoy muffins with our local mission partners and learn about their ministries.

February 8, 2026 at 9:45am in the Gym

Soup's On!



**Friendship SS Class
Soup Luncheon**

February 22, 10am - 1pm
in Ward Hall,
TO GO containers available

Money raised benefits the Honduras Agape Foundation & Local Missions.

**Grace Kitchen
February
donation needs**

**CANNED
FRUIT**



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



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 **"Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral," Lohengrin** **Richard Wagner**
Dr. Matt Caine, piano **arr. A. Reinhard**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP **Give to the Winds Thy Fears** William H. Walter
Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN No. 512,** **"Stand by Me"** **STAND BY ME**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 27** **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

SERMON **"What Are You Afraid Of"** **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 **I Shall See** Michael John Trotta
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.

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.

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***HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 2146 TFWS, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"** Johann Sebastian Bach
Christopher Nash, organ

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE **Prelude in E minor, "The Cathedral," BWV 533** Johann Sebastian Bach
Dr. Matt Caine, piano

***Please stand, as able.**



Order of Worship - 11:00 AM

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 11am 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.

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Choir members that sang at the 8:30 service may now leave.

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