



# Wellspring of Life

CELEBRATING THE ABUNDANCE OF  
GOD'S LIVING WATER

Sunday, October 9, 2022

**11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

All Are Welcome

*We dig human wells to draw from for our survival and refreshment. But human wells can exhaust us, and human wells can go dry. And so Jesus offers us something more! In worship we hear about Jesus' Living Water, which flows from the wellspring of life.*

*Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance (scan the QR code in the pew) so we know you're here and we can get to know you better.*

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# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## OUR MISSION

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.

## OUR VISION

Our church will be known as a center for feeding people spiritually and physically in our community.

## OUR CORE VALUES

We believe the following guiding principles make us a fruitful and spiritually intentional church:

- Fellowship: A sense of family, hospitality, and belonging to an open, accepting, and nurturing community.
- Caring: Loving response to needs of all people through empathy and compassion.
- Mission: giving of ourselves to meet and serve the needs of all others by faithful witness through our actions, servanthood and way of living.
- Spiritual Growth: Studying, understanding and growing in the word of God by Christ-centered prayer, worship and service through discipleship in action.

## OUR CONTACT INFO

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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*

# GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome. Our ushers are happy to assist you in anyway. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

*Thank you for being here.*

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We fully welcome and love engaging children in worship! We include a special Children's Moment each Sunday.

- **The St. John's Playground** is located in the front of the sanctuary. This is a place for children and their families to worship together, allowing children to more fully participate in the service. More details about the Playground may be found on our website.
- A staffed **nursery** for infants through preschool is open every Sunday morning and is located next door in our Education/Administration building.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms in the back of the sanctuary and in our nursery.
- Children are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**, which is served weekly at 8:30 a.m. and on the first Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free elements are also available.
- **Sunday School** is offered for children starting at age 3 through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

*Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.*

## ST JOHN'S CLERGY AND STAFF

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# Come to the Wellspring of Life

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable.  
Bold indicates congregational response.*

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

## Introit

### \*Call to Worship

Evan Gager

If you're tired and thirsty,  
**come to the water.**

If you're hungry and searching,  
**come to the table.**

If you're lost and looking,  
**come to the Word.**

If you're needing grace,  
**come to worship. Come to God's life-giving embrace!**

### \*Hymn of Praise

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 127, vs. 1 - 3

### \*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

# Draw From the Well of Faith

## Children's Message

Darlene Dickson

## Prayer for Illumination

Evan Gager

Holy God,

**You breathed upon the waters of Creation  
and poured forth your grace.**

**Refresh us continually with your living water.**

**As the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed,  
may we draw from the well of faith**

**and drink deeply of Christ's promises**

**of hope, grace, peace, healing, and encouragement -  
all signs of the abundance of God. Amen.**

### \*Scripture

Evan Gager

John 4:3-15

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

Chancel Choir

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
arranged by Mack Wilberg

**Message**

Pastor Lane

“Living Water”

*What part of our life together at St. John’s refreshes your faith?  
What is life-giving for you at church right now?*

*Drink Deeply of God’s Promises*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Faith**

*You Who Are Thirsty*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2132

**Stewardship Moment**

Pat Cobb

**Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God**

*We appreciate your generosity.  
Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.  
You may give online at [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://stjohnsbr.org/give).*

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Pour Out Ourselves for Others*

**Call to Action**

Pastor Lane

*We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John’s and  
invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.*

**\*Hymn of Discipleship**

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 465, vs. 1, 3, 4

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

Pastor Lane

**\*Postlude**

## *Worship Notes*

### **Worship Stewards**

Ushers in today's service are Zach and Kristine Isenhower.

### **Flowers on the Altar**

In recognition of Pastor Appreciation Week, the flowers on the altar are given in honor of Pastor Lane with thanks for all she has done for St. John's.



# Announcements

## **DAILY WATER INTAKE CHALLENGE**

Health experts recommend we drink eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day for our physical health. What if we took that same concept and applied it to our spiritual health? This month, embark on the Daily Water Intake Challenge with us! This play on words is an invitation for you to dip into water-inspired verses from scripture throughout October. How might Christ's Living Waters move and inspire us individually and collectively if we spend just 8 minutes each day pondering and praying over these passages? Printed calendars can be found in the Narthex as well as online: [stjohnsbr.org/wellspring-of-life/](http://stjohnsbr.org/wellspring-of-life/)

## **PLANNED GIVING: What Legacy Will You Leave?**

We are grateful for Chris Spencer, President of the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana, being with us today. During Sunday School, he led a workshop on how Planned Giving can benefit you, your loved ones, and your church or favorite ministry. Everything from wills and bequests to donor advised funds and endowments was discussed. If you missed the presentation, but would like more information on how to make a planned gift and start reaping the benefits immediately, Chris welcomes you to reach out to him at (225) 346-1535 or [chris@umf.org](mailto:chris@umf.org).

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY!**

Confirmation is an important time for young people to grow and learn about the Christian faith, what uniquely shapes the faith of United Methodists, and how it all fits into their own story of faith. Confirmation is made up of 6 sessions, held monthly during the school year, service hours, enrichment experiences (field trips) and a special worship service in the spring. At the conclusion of the confirmation process, students can choose if they would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ and become full, baptized and professing members of St. John's United Methodist Church. For more information, please contact Rev. Marie Williams at 985-285-6994.

We encourage all youth, 6th-12th grades, who have not yet been confirmed, to commit to the confirmation process. Classes will meet once a month from October-April. Confirmation Orientation for Youth and Parents/Caregivers will be on **Sunday, October 9 at 2:30 p.m.**, followed by the first Confirmation class from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Rev. Marie Williams, a retired ordained elder here at St. John's will lead the sessions, with support from Evan Gager, Natalie Cooper and Pastor Lane. A detailed schedule will be provided at orientation.

## **PICNIC AND PLAYDATE WITH CONNOR**

Pack a Picnic and join your St. John's friends at Highland Road Park on **Saturday, October 15 (11:30 am-1 pm)** for a picnic playdate. Connor Dean, our new interim Director of Youth and Children's Ministries will be there and is excited to start getting to know you! Bring your own lunch, meet us at the playground and pavilion, and come enjoy this time outside with your church family. Children of all ages are invited. (In case there is inclement weather, we will move the picnic to the Family Life Center.)

## **YOUTH ATTENDING YES FEST**

The St. John's Youth will be headed to the YES FEST on **Saturday afternoon/evening, October 15**. This free event held at the BR Fair Grounds is a Christian music festival with live music, carnival rides, food, and more. Before departing for the festival, the Youth will have a chance to hang out with Connor Dean, our new interim Director of Youth and Children's Ministries for some fun and games at the church. Specific timing and detailed information coming soon. Let Evan Gager know if you are interested in attending.

## **"MUSIC MAKERS" FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

We invite all Children and Youth in 1st - 12th grades to join us for "Music Makers" on **SUNDAYS from 4:30-5:30 pm**. Drop off/Pick up in the Choir Room. For more information, please contact Steve Rushing ([stevenrushing@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:stevenrushing@stjohnsbr.org)).

## **ANNOUNCING THE STEWARDSHIP POTLUCK AND FAMILY FALL FEST!**

Mark your calendars now for the Stewardship Potluck and Family Fall Fest, to be held on **Sunday, October 30, at noon**, right after the 11:00 service! We'll start the day by welcoming ALL ages to wear costumes to church! Then we'll gather for our noonday meal together followed by a rollicking game of church-wide BINGO, with awesome PRIZES to be won! There will also be a photo booth set up and a couple of games for ALL ages to play ... think you can "over and under" a little pumpkin? The newly-formed "Food, Fun, and Fellowship" team is excited to sponsor this Fall Fest for families and friends of all ages and stages! You won't want to miss it!