

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: Faith Lessons from Mr. Rogers



Sunday, September 11, 2022

11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

“People have said, “Don’t cry,” to other people for years, and all it has ever meant is, “I’m too uncomfortable when you show your feelings. Don’t cry.” I’d rather have them say, “Go ahead and cry. I’m here to be with you.”

Fred Rogers

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.

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

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.

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WE GATHER AS NEIGHBORS

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

Prelude

Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Evan Gager

We bring all that we are to worship God:

our hopes and our losses,

our faith and our questions,

our unique gifts and selves.

Just as we are, this very day,

we bring our praise to God.

***Hymn of Praise**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
The United Methodist Hymnal 138, vs. 1, 3, 6

***Sharing Love and Peace with Your Neighbor**

Opening Prayer

Pastor Lane

Creator God,

**You made us with full and complex hearts that can respond
in so many ways to the realities of your world.**

**Forgive us when we deny what we feel, when we try to be less
than the people you have made us to be.**

**Give us strength to face the fullness of our own hearts,
and to love others as we meet them.**

We pray this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You
by Jay Althouse

GROWING AS NEIGHBORS

Children's Message

Molly Means

Prayer for Illumination

Evan Gager

**God of our global neighborhood,
guide us in your truth and teach us again
the lessons we need to learn.**

**Through your loving instruction,
may we be good neighbors to others
and follow in the way of Christ. Amen.**

***Scripture**

Evan Gager

Matthew 5:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Lane

“The Feelings We Feel”

NEIGHBORS IN ACTION

***Hymn of Faith**

Blest Are They

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2155, vs. 1, 2, 4

Ministry Moment

Johnny McWilliams

Kairos Prison Ministry

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Terry Byars

What Do You Do?

We appreciate your generosity.

Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.

You may give online at 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!**

GOING OUT INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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

God Will Take Care of You
The United Methodist Hymnal 130, vs. 1, 3, 4

*Blessing and Sending Forth

Once we were strangers,
now we are friends.

Once we were strangers,
now we are neighbors.

United as neighbors, God sends us
out into the world,
**to shine Christ's light and love in our
neighborhoods. Amen.**

*Postlude

It's Such a Good Feeling

It's such a good feeling
To know you're alive
It's such a happy feeling
You're growing inside
And when you wake up ready to say
"I'll make a snappy new day."

It's such a good feeling
A very good feeling
The feeling you know
That I'll be back when the day is new
And I'll have more ideas for you
And you'll have things you'll want to talk about
I will, too.

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Joyce Perry and Harriet Walters.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are from Pat Cobb and are in memory of the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers in New York and in memory of all who lost their lives on that day and since because of this tragedy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERIES

Our September worship series, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," turns to childhood icon, Mr. Rogers, for inspiration. Fred Rogers was not only a children's television host, but was also an ordained Presbyterian minister. He brought many Christian values into his program and into the lives of those who grew up watching him. Throughout the month of September, join us as we learn from Mr. Rogers about how to be a good neighbor in today's ever changing and chaotic world. We'll touch on topics like inclusion, self-worth, how we process our feelings, and salvation as we visit with everyone's favorite neighbor, Mr. Rogers, through the lens of scripture.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

TODAY at 3 p.m. in the parlor the UWF will hold their general meeting. Guest speaker will be Grace Oulton, district president of UWF. All women are invited to attend.

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parlor. All women are invited to attend.

MUSIC MAKERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

TODAY, from 4:30 to 5:30, Mr. Steve will begin our "Music Makers" program for children and youth in 1st - 12th grades. This is an exciting opportunity to discover how music plays a vital role in the life of our church through singing and playing instruments. All children and youth of school age are invited to participate. We all look forward to the blessings that music-making can bring.

ST. JOHN'S WRITERS' GROUP

TODAY at 4 p.m. on Zoom, join St. John's Writers' Group. Newcomers are welcome. Contact Mari Walker (silvermari@gmail.com) for the Zoom information.

NEW MORNING SESSION OF GRIEFSHARE

A new morning session of GriefShare will begin on Tuesday, September 27 at 2 p.m. in the Parlor. This is a 13-week grief recovery program that will help you on your journey through your grief. You can register at www.griefshare.org. If you have any questions, please contact Dee Muenzler at 225-933-1668 or deemuenzler@gmail.com.

DAYS FOR GIRLS IN SEPTEMBER

The remaining fall work days for Days for Girls are **Saturdays, September 17 and 24 from 9 - 11:30 a.m.** in the Family Life Center. This is a wonderful mission for everyone to participate. You don't have to know how to sew! If you have any questions, contact Joyce Perry (225-763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net). For more information on this international mission go to the Days for Girls website daysforgirls.org.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Johnny McWilliams will be on staff at the Kairos Prison Ministry #48, September 22-25. This world-wide prison ministry works to establish strong Christian communities among the prison population. Home-baked cookies are a tangible expression of Christian love and one the inmates at LCIW (Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women) look forward to.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

We invite you to join us for a new ministry called "Coffee and Conversation," which will gather each **Monday morning from 10-11 am beginning September 19** in the Library. The group will reflect on the scripture used in worship the previous day and apply it to our lives. You can participate in this weekly opportunity as your schedule allows - no need to sign up. With fresh coffee and friendly fellowship, there's space for everyone!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council is meeting on **Thursday, September 29 at 6 p.m.** At this meeting Charge Conference items will be on the agenda.