



CHECK-IN &
PRAYER
REQUESTS



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Gift If you're visiting with us today, be sure to stop by the narthex after worship to receive a small gift from St. John's. We're glad you're here.

UWF Circle of the Heart | Wednesday, May 13 | 9:30 a.m. | Founders' Parlor
Claudia Fowler will present the program. All women are invited to attend.

Welcome Reverend Chad Brooks | Sunday, May 17 We welcome Rev. Chad Brooks, Congregational Vitality Strategist for the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, as guest preacher during worship.

Kids Night | Sunday, May 17 | 4:00–5:30 p.m. Children, Kindergarten through 5th grades, are invited for an evening of fun, fellowship, activities, and dinner together.

Labyrinth Walk | Tuesday, May 20 | Anytime Between 4:00–6:30 p.m. Come experience the prayerful practice of walking the labyrinth. Whether you are seeking reflection, renewal, or simply a quiet moment with God, you are invited to come and go as it fits your evening. The sanctuary will also be open for prayer before or after your labyrinth walk. A brief orientation will be offered at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Contact Jami Prince (thecastle2018@gmail.com) for additional information.

Pentecost Sunday | Sunday, May 24 Join us as we celebrate Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We encourage everyone to wear fiery and windy colors to worship in celebration of this special celebratory day in the life of the Church.

The Good Years Retiree Social | Wednesday, May 27 | 10:00–11:30 a.m. Our new retiree group, The Good Years, will gather for fellowship and coffee. Stay for the duration or drop in anytime during the gathering. STIR Coffee Shop, 15405 Airline Hwy. Suite 3.

Finance Committee Meeting | Thursday, May 28 | 5:45 p.m. | Library

One Worship Service | Sunday, May 31 | 10:00 a.m. We will gather for one worship service at 10:00 a.m. for Love This Place Sunday followed by a 65th birthday celebration for St. John's in the Family Life Center with cupcakes and ice cream!

Family Ministries Summer Internship St. John's is offering a paid 12-week Family Ministries Summer Internship for college students or young adults interested in ministry, education, or nonprofit leadership. Learn more stjohnsbr.org/jobs or via the QR code.



EVERY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

FLC = Family Life Center

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

COFFEE TIME

Sundays
9:30 a.m. FLC
Last Names D–G invited to bring snacks 5.17.26

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Campus Wide for All Ages

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Sundays
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers: **rehearsal cancelled today**
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
Upstairs Cafe Fruit: Last Names I–P 5.17.26
3:30 p.m. Music Makers (K–5th grades)
4:30 p.m. Music Makers (Middle School)
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

SERVE

Fridays
10:30 a.m. Holy Helpers, Church Office

WELLNESS

Mondays
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC–E

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

Tuesdays
7:00 p.m. Pickleball
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC–E

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. Ladies AA Meeting, FLC–C

Saturdays
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC–C
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

A client choice food pantry

Mon 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. FLC
Tues & Thurs 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. FLC
shepherdsmarket.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday

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my help comes FROM THE LORD

When the road is long and life feels uncertain, where do you turn? Lift your eyes and discover a steady truth: your help comes from the One who watches over you, always.

Restock our shelves

Restock the Shepherd's Market Client-Choice food pantry with our most urgently needed items – pasta, dry beans, canned mixed vegetables, peanut butter. And, please feel free to bring other useful items like cereal, condiments, snacks and canned soup.

Prayer Requests

Share prayer requests by scanning the QR code above, emailing prayers@stjohnsbr.org or visiting stjohnsbr.org/here.

All Are Welcome & Affirmed Here

Whoever you are, wherever your faith journey, you are welcome and affirmed. We are so glad you joined us and hope you feel at home here.

For Newcomers

Restrooms & Water Fountains are located in the narthex (lobby). We invite all first time guests to stop by the welcome table to receive a gift. Text **'CONNECT'** to 225-230-1017 join St. John's updates.

For Families with Children

Children are always welcome in worship. If at any time you'd prefer a quieter space, the Bride's Room—located at the back of the Narthex (lobby)—is available for you, with books, a rocker, and a nearby women's restroom.

- The **Prayground** is a child-friendly space at the front of the sanctuary where children and their families are welcome to participate in worship in a way that works for them.
- The **Nursery** serves infants – preschool in the Education & Administration building next door.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms and nursery.
- **Holy Communion** elements of bread and grape juice are available to all including children weekly at the 8:30 a.m. service and on the first Sunday of the month at the 11:00 a.m. service. **Gluten free** elements are also available.
- We offer **Sunday School** for 18 months – 12th grade from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., along with a variety of adult classes as well.

The flowers are given by **Beth Forester** in memory of her mother, **Eva Forester**, and in honor for all mothers and mother-figures who have impacted our lives.

Today's ushers are **Zach Isenhower and Ben Hartman**.

my help comes FROM THE LORD

11:00 AM Worship Celebration
Sunday, May 10th, 2026

St. John's Mission

Go and make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

St. John's Vision

Love.
Grow Together.
Serve Our Neighbors.

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

WELCOME

11:00 AM Worship Celebration

Please stand as you are comfortable where marked by an asterisk (*) & join in speaking where text is in **bold**.



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Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Musical Reflection

Simple Song
Leonard Bernstein

Kathy Schaffhauser,
mezzo soprano

Invitation to Worship*

There are days when the journey feels easy,
and days when the road feels long.

Yet through every step, God is with us.

There are moments when fear and worry try to overwhelm us.

Yet God remains steady and near.

We gather today carrying many things –

joy and grief, hope and uncertainty, confidence and questions.

And God welcomes every part of who we are.

So come as you are.

**We come, ready to worship the God who holds us, guides us,
and never leaves us alone.**

Richard Damberg

We Sing Together*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

U.M. Hymnal #133 vs 1, 3

We Encourage Our Children

Jen Csaszar

We Pray Together

From Psalm 19:14

**May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts**

be acceptable in thy sight,

thou who art our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

Pastor Lane

We Read the Word

Psalm 121

Pastor Lane

UM Hymnal Psalter 844

SUNG RESPONSE

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's might.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From whence does my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord will not let your foot be moved,
the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

**Behold, the One who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade

on your right hand.

The sun shall not smite you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil,

and will keep your life.

The Lord will keep

Your going out and your coming in

From this time forth and for evermore.

SUNG RESPONSE

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's might.

We Reflect On The Word

My Help Comes from the Lord

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

Be Still, My Soul

U.M. Hymnal #534 vs 1, 2

We Name Our Need for Grace*

Even when we lose our way,

God does not stop watching over us.

In trust and honesty, let us bring before God

the burdens we carry, the fears we hold,

and the ways we have fallen short.

Let us pray together:

Merciful God,

Too often we look for help in places that cannot sustain us.

We trust in our own strength,

cling to our own understanding,

and carry burdens you never asked us to bear alone.

When worry overwhelms us,

we forget that you are near.

When life feels uncertain,

we lose sight of your faithfulness.

Forgive us for the ways we wander from your peace.

Lift our eyes again toward you.

Remind us that you neither slumber nor sleep,

and that your love never lets us go.

Teach us to trust you with our lives, our fears, and our future.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Richard Damberg

We Hear Words of Grace and Forgiveness

Hear the good news:

The One who made heaven and earth watches over you in love.

God is not distant. God is not absent.

The Lord is your keeper – today and always.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and held securely in grace.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

Richard Damberg

We Greet Each Other with Joy and Peace*

Stewardship Moment

Love This Place

Danielle Blackwood
& John Toney

We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts

He's Got the Whole World

Arranged by Joel Raney

Chancel Choir

*Thank you for your generosity. Your gift helps us be a blessing in our
community. Scan the QR code or visit stjohnsbr.org/give to give online.*



GIVING

We Sing Together*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

U.M. Hymnal #94

We Prepare for Communion

*We give thanks for God's grace, hear Jesus' words spoken at the table,
and ask the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and cup. In this holy meal,
we are joined with Christ and with one another, reminded that there is always
room at God's table for all.*

Pastor Lane

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

We Partake in Communion*

All are welcome to receive Communion. *We serve by intinction (bread dipped
in juice); servers handle the elements. Pre-packaged and
gluten-free options are available. You may remain at the chancel to pray.
If you need Communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

We Pray Together

Gracious God,

Thank you for meeting us at this table

with grace, strength, and peace.

As we go from this place,

remind us that you walk with us in every step of life.

When the road feels uncertain,

help us trust that you are our keeper and our help.

Send us out to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

Richard Damberg

We Receive This Week's Call to Action

*We joyfully welcome all who wish to join St. John's. Please come forward
during the next song and stand with Pastor Lane.*

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

The Faith We Sing #2146 vs 1, 2

We Share in a Blessing*

Pastor Lane

We Go Out Into the World*

Dr. Terry Byars