

# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

CHECK-IN &  
PRAYER REQUESTS



Today we celebrate the ministry and mission of United Women in Faith and their faithful work of compassion, service, and advocacy. We give thanks for the ways they strengthen our church and community throughout the year.

## Serve by Preparing Sandwiches

We're looking some helpers to make sandwiches for Unity in the CommUNITY lunch on Saturday, February 21. Please come to the FLC between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. to help with preparing lunch or stay after the 10:00 a.m. program to help with cleanup.

## Prayer Requests

Share prayer requests by scanning the QR code above, emailing [prayers@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org) or visiting [stjohnsbr.org/here](http://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** & Welcome **Brochures** are located in the narthex (lobby). Our **ushers** can help you in any way you may need. Text 'CONNECT' to 225-230-1017 join our updates.

## For Families with Children

- The **Playground** 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 - 12<sup>th</sup> grade from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., along with a variety of adult classes as well.

The flowers on the altar are given by **Pat Cobb** in honor of all members of **United women in Faith** and their predecessor organizations and in memory of Pat's dear friend and mentor, Amy Ward, who would have celebrated her 100th birthday on February 17.

Todays ushers are Tommie Reinhardt and Renee Rodi.

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Kids Night - Tonight

**Family Life Center | 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Faith, fun and dinner provided for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

### Office & Shepherd's Market Closures

The Shepherd's Market is closed Monday & Tuesday and the Office is closed Tuesday.

### Ash Wednesday Service

**February 18 6:00 p.m.** Join us as we begin the Lenten season with a meaningful Ash Wednesday service. Through prayer, scripture, and the imposition of ashes, we enter this sacred season of reflection and renewal together.

### Unity in the CommUNITY

**February 21 10:00 a.m.** Join us for a joyful worship service with the children and families of the Charlie Thomas Head Start Center, celebrating the relationships St. John's nurtures year-round. A simple sandwich lunch with our community friends will follow in the Family Life Center, hosted by United Women in Faith.

### "Holding Space" - Lent Worship Series

**Begins February 22** This Lent, we resist rushing toward easy answers and instead follow Jesus into the sacred in-between, trusting God's presence even when clarity feels unfinished. A simple daily Lenten practice will accompany the series.

### Lent Book Study: An Altar in the World

#### **Begins February 25 (evenings at 5:45 p.m.) and February 26 (mornings at 10:30 a.m.)**

Join us for a Lenten book study exploring everyday spiritual practices that help us notice holiness woven into ordinary life. Led by Jami Prince and offered Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings. If the church is purchasing your book, it may be picked up in the Library during regular office hours. Registration is available online.



### Vile-tality Workshop

February 28 The Annual Conference invites you to a free workshop (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) with Dr. Ashley Boggan exploring John Wesley's call to "submit to be more vile" and its impact on the Methodist movement today. The retreat will be at The Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA and lunch is provided; registration is through the Annual Conference website: la-umc.org

### Ways to Make a Difference: Shepherd's Market Ongoing Donations

Most needed this week: snacks and dried beans. Ongoing needs include pasta, peanut butter, cereal, condiments, drinks, household items, and personal hygiene items.

## 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 H-L may bring snacks on 2/22**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Sundays

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

### MUSIC MINISTRIES

#### Sundays

**6:00 p.m.** The Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room

#### 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 Q-Z 2/22**

**3:30 p.m.** Music Makers (k-5<sup>th</sup> grades)

**4:30 p.m.** Music Makers (Middle School)

**5:00 p.m.** Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

### 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](http://shepherdsmarket.org)

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Monday - Friday**

**CONTACT** [stjohnsbr.org/contact-us](mailto:stjohnsbr.org/contact-us)



# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH Sunday

11:00 AM Worship Celebration  
Sunday, February 15th 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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# 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**.



CHECK IN  
& PRAYER  
REQUESTS

### Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

### Words of Welcome

Reverend Barb Duke

### Musical Reflection

*I Come With Joy*

The Chancel Choir

### Opening Prayer\*

Joyce Perry

**We gather today to worship the One who created us,  
The One who calls us,  
The One who equips us,  
The One who loves us without end.  
With joyful hearts, let us worship God.**

### We Sing Together

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

U.M. Hymnal #89 vs 1, 4

### The Litany of Confession\*

Joyce Perry

If we have hallowed you as "Our Father in Heaven" and have cut ourselves off from you and each other ...  
If we have prayed for your kingdom to come and have been bogged down by our own concerns ...

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

If we have prayed for your will to be done and have schemed and acted in our own ways ...

If we have prayed for our daily bread and have succumbed to the economics of consumerism ...

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

If we have sought forgiveness for our sins from you and have not had the grace to forgive others ...

If we have prayed to overcome temptation and have not trusted in the strength of your love ...

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

If we have prayed for deliverance from evil and have not risked an unpopular witness to stand against evil and iniquity ...

If we have prayed for your kingdom, power, and glory and have chosen instead lesser gods we have manufactured ...

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**



### Words of Grace and Forgiveness

*Based on Hebrews 12:1-2*

God gives strength to the least of God's people.  
God gives us strength to set aside every weight and sin that clings so closely.  
God helps us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.  
God's grace and mercy is upon us.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Joyce Perry

### The Voices of Joy

*Women of St. John's and Beyond video presentation*

Deborah Cross-Young

### We Sing Together\*

*Spirit Song*

U.M. Hymnal #347 vs 1, 2

Reverend Barb

### We Share In A Time of Prayer

### We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

### We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts

The Chancel Choir

*Sing a Joyful Song*

Cynthia Gray

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



**GIVING**

### We Encourage Our Children

Reverend Barb

### UWF Purpose and Highlights

Marcie Williams

**We are a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.**

### UWF Special Mission Recognition

Pat Lively & Lenni Stickles

*Each year the UWF recognizes members of St. John's who exemplify our motto of "Compassionate Commitment" with a Special Mission Recognition Pin and a donation in their honor to UWF missions.*

### Prayer for Illumination

Gay Arnold

**Holy God, as we read your Word,  
open our eyes to see what is true,  
Open our ears to hear what is needed,  
And open our hearts to receive what is life-giving.  
Let your Spirit guide our thoughts,  
so that these words may shape our living  
and deepen our love for You. Amen.**

### We Read the Word

Gay Arnold

**1 Peter 1:8**

*The Word of God for the people of God,*

**Thanks be to God.**

### We Sing Together\*

Reverend Barb

*The Trees of the Field (2x)*

The Faith We Sing #2279

### We Share in a Blessing\*

Reverend Barb

### We Go Out into the World\*

Dr. Terry Byars

*Music sends us out, but our worship continues as we go forth to love, grow together, and serve our neighbors.*