

HOLDING SPACE

CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS



For Rest & Growth

This week, we hold space for the tension between rest and growth. What if transformation does not come from striving harder, but from tending the soil? What if the in-between season is not wasted time, but sacred ground?

Donations Needed

Tiller If you have a tiller we could borrow, please contact office@stjohnsbr.org. **Knee Scooter** for a church member knee surgery - contact karenyonts@att.net. Help us restock the **Shepherd's Market** with drinks (water, boxed drinks, juice), dried beans, and cereal (regular size please, not large), pasta, peanut butter, snacks, condiments, household items, and personal hygiene items. Bring them to the market, or to the St. John's office.

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 & 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 **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 on the altar are given to the **Glory of God.**

Today's ushers are **Fred & Becky Shearer.**

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Memorial Hospitality Ministry provides loving support for families during funerals and celebrations of life. Volunteers may bring food, serve as a host at the reception, usher, or assist behind the scenes. Historically, this ministry is only called on twice a year, and you can just serve as you're available. If you would like to continue serving in this ministry or join us, please sign up via the QR code.



Sunday, March 15 | Kids Night | 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for Kids Night as we begin learning about the story and meaning of Holy Week. The evening includes activities, faith formation, and dinner together in a fun and welcoming environment.

Easter Dedications

Honor or remember a loved one this Easter with a Lily Dedication or a Mission & Vision Dedication. Each dedication is \$25 and will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Scan the QR code to submit your dedication by March 30.



Saturday, March 21 | Work Opportunity Day

Join us for a morning of service and fellowship as we care for our church campus together. Opportunities will include projects both indoors & outdoors, and volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate. Sign up via the QR code.



Sunday, March 29 | Palm Sunday - One Worship Service | 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Time at 9:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The congregation will gather for one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m., with Coffee Time beforehand at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 2 | Maundy Thursday Worship | 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a reflective Maundy Thursday service as we commemorate the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment to love one another. This meaningful service invites us to enter the story of Holy Week with prayer, scripture, and music.

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, 3/22

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: Q-Z, 3/22
3:30 p.m. Music Makers (K-5th grades)
4:30 p.m. Music Makers (Middle School)
5:00 p.m. Youth Group (6th-12th 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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

CONTACT stjohnsbr.org/contact-us

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11:00 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, March 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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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**.



CHECK IN
& PRAYER
REQUESTS

Gathering Music Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Musical Reflection The Chancel Choir
Be Still My Soul

Invitation to Worship* Penny Kemler

Worship is a place to rest.
Here we breathe deeply.
Here we lay down the burdens we have carried all week.

Worship is a place to rest.
Worship is a place to grow.
Here we listen for God's word.
Here we open our hearts like soil ready for seed.

Worship is a place to grow.
God is the patient gardener, tending the soil of our lives and
nurturing what we cannot yet see.
In God's care, we rest and we grow.
So come as you are.
Let us worship our gracious God.

**We come to rest. We come to grow.
With open hearts, we come to worship.**

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #419 vs 1, 2, 3
I Am Thine, O Lord

We Name Our Need For Grace* Penny Kemler
In a world that urges us to do more and be more, we often forget
that God is patient with us.

Let us come honestly before God, trusting in grace
as we confess together.

**Patient and loving God,
Too often we believe our worth comes from what we accomplish.**

**We push ourselves to keep going,
to do more,
to prove our value.**

**We struggle to rest.
We struggle to trust that growth takes time.**

**Forgive us when we measure ourselves or others
by productivity instead of grace.**

Forgive us when we rush the slow work you are doing in our lives.

**Teach us to trust that you are tending the soil of our hearts,
nurturing roots we cannot yet see.**

**Help us rest in your love,
so that in your time we may bear the fruit of
compassion, justice, and joy. Amen.**

**We Hear Words of Grace
& Forgiveness*** Penny Kemler

Hear the good news:
God is the patient gardener, tending the soil of our lives,
nurturing what we cannot yet see.
Through the grace of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven, loved, and made new.

Thanks be to God.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

We Encourage Our Children Ben Hartman

We Pray Together Penny Kemler

**Creator God, Your Word is like soil—
a place where we can root ourselves.
Your Word is like a gardener—
a love that prunes and encourages,
waters and delights, seeds and tends.
As we listen for your Word today,
tend the soil of our hearts and show us how to grow.
With hope we pray. Amen.**

We Read the Word* Pastor Lane

Luke 13:6-9
For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

We Reflect on the Word Pastor Lane

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We Share In Prayer Pastor Lane

We Pray the Lord's Prayer U.M. Hymnal #895

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #395 vs 1, 3, 4

Take Time to Be Holy

We Affirm Our Faith* Penny Kemler

The Apostles' Creed
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord...**

We Affirm Our Faith*

continued...
**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 arose 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.**

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #71

The Gloria Patri
**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.**

Mission Moment Kathy Vandiver

Churchwide Work Opportunity Day

We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts The Chancel Choir

Show Me Thy Ways
Walter L Pelz

*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* U.M. Hymnal # 94

**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. Amen.**

We Receive This Week's Call To Action Pastor Lane

We Sing Together* The Faith We Sing # 2128 vs 1, 2
Come and Find the Quiet Center

We Share in a Blessing* Pastor Lane

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.*