



*Sunday, October 20, 2024  
11 a.m. Worship Celebration*

All Are Welcome

Today we are called to reimagine our own “money story” in light of all God teaches us through scripture, so that our practices with money bring about a future that looks better than our past. We are called to reimagine through the lens of God’s love and abundance, shared freely with us all. Welcome to worship!

***Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to scan the QR code to register your attendance 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

## GUEST INFORMATION

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, located in the back of the Sanctuary.

Please take home a copy of our Welcome Brochure located in the Narthex or view it online at: [stjohnsbr.org/welcome-brochure](http://stjohnsbr.org/welcome-brochure).

## 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 Prayground** 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 Prayground 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 18 months through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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# The Celebration of the Gospel

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable.  
Bold indicates congregational response.  
Please scan the QR Code to register your attendance.*



## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

## Commissioning of Cuba Mission

## Introit

*Go Forth in God*

## \*Call to Worship

Cindy Carter

Can you imagine unfettered love -  
free and bold, wild and true,  
**the kind of love that changes you?**

Can you imagine faith like a compass  
that guides the way you love and hope;  
**that asks questions and yet still believes,  
even despite uncertainty?**

Can you imagine a world where trees, bees,  
and all living things grow wild and free?  
**Where peace is the narrative and  
hope is the currency?**

Can you imagine?  
**Yes, we can imagine.**

Today in worship, dare to dream. Dare to imagine what could be.  
And pay attention, for God is here ...  
in wandering thoughts, hopes, and prayers.  
**Let us worship our loving and holy God.**

## \*Hymn of Praise

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 383, vs. 1, 2, & 4

## \*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

## Children's Message

Marilyn Damberg

## Prayer for Illumination

**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.**

**Scripture**

Pastor Lane

Leviticus 19:9-10, 25:8-12

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.**

**Witness to the Word**

“Reimagine”

Pastor Lane

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Mandala Moment**

**\*Hymn**

*Freely, Freely*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 389, vs. 1 & 2

**\*Affirming Our Faith**

Cindy Carter

**We believe in God the Creator,  
who, like a painter with a canvas,  
imagined creation and breathed it into being.**

**We believe in Jesus,  
who many years later,  
walked this hurting world and showed us a new way to love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who prods us and pulls us,  
leads us and guides us,  
carries us and loves us into new life, day after day.**

**And we believe in the power of imagination,  
a gift from God that allows us to dream dreams,  
create anew, start over, try again, and live lives of hope.**

**So in response, together, as God’s church,  
We dare to dream.  
We strive to love.  
We try to imagine a new day.  
And we walk together,  
All with God’s help.  
Amen.**

**\*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.**

**Stewardship Witness**

Maureen Robertson

## Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

*There Is a Season*  
By Greg Gilpin  
Chancel Choir Anthem

*We appreciate your generosity.  
Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.  
You may give online by scanning the QR Code  
or navigate to [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!**

### Call to Action

*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

*A Charge to Keep I Have*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 413, 1 - 4

### \*Blessing and Sending Forth

### \*Postlude

## *Worship Notes*

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of and appreciation for our pastor, Rev. Lane Cotton Winn. Thanks, Pastor Lane!

Some worship prayers were written by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)  
Ushers for the 11:00 service are Joyce Perry and Tommie Reinhardt.

## *Connect with Us*

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love. Sign up for text/email notifications by texting the word "Connect" to 225-230-1017.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We believe that prayer is a powerful way to connect us to one another and to God. If you have a prayer or joy you want lifted up, please email [prayers@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org). Pastor Lane and Lynn Cooper, our Administrative Assistant, will receive your request and pass it along to the Prayer Team, unless you request it only be shared with Pastor Lane. A group of dedicated volunteers receive prayer requests weekly and then focus on praying for these requests immediately and throughout the week. All of the Prayer Team Members are deeply committed to keeping prayer requests confidential as requested. Prayer Requests are also included in the *Inside St. John's* newsletter, sent on Tuesdays.

# *Fall Fest and Trunk-or-Treat*

## **TODAY - FALL FEST AND TRUNK-OR-TREAT**

St. John's is hosting a Fall Fest for families in our community TODAY, **Sunday, October 20, 4-5:30 p.m.** We will have a trunk-or-treat, carnival-style games, and a snack station. We are so excited for this opportunity to connect with those in our community. You may still volunteer by finding me at the Fest and we will find a place for you. We are also receiving donations of candies, fall and Halloween decorations, and small prizes for games. Donations will be accepted until **noon today, October 20.** Please use the blue tubs located in the Admin building and Narthex for your donations.

## *Announcements*

### **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE & POTLUCK ON OCTOBER 27**

We will have one combined service on Sunday, October 27, at 10 a.m. for Commitment Sunday, which is the culmination of our 2025 Stewardship Campaign, "Our Mission & Money Story." Please make plans to join us that morning as we offer our financial commitments as an act of worship. Our celebration will continue with a potluck luncheon immediately following the service. Bring your pledge card and a dish to share. (Sunday School will not meet that day.)

### **PREPARING FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY**

On Sunday, November 3, we will observe All Saints' Day in worship. During the service, we will remember and give thanks for those who have passed away since the previous November 1, by reading their names and lighting a candle, giving thanks for their lives. Rev. Dr. Francey Hooton, Guy Johnson's daughter, will be our guest preacher. If you have a loved one who has died in the past year that you would like us to name aloud in those services, please email Pastor Lane ([pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org)) with their name and the date of their passing by October 30.

**All Saints Day Altar Cloth** - We invite you to add the names of the "saints" in your life who have passed away and you remember fondly on a white tablecloth found in the Narthex.

The tablecloth, adorned with names, will be placed on the altar on All Saints Day.

### **METHODIST MISSION TO CUBA**

Donnie and Susan Lambert will be participating in a mission to Cuba, **October 22 - 29.** The primary objective is to share the love of Christ through actions and interactions. The Cuba 2024 mission team will be working on La Catedral Church in Holguin, which was built before the revolution.

If you would like to support the Cuba 2024 mission team, you can through both prayers and donations. A list of items that are not readily available to most people in Cuba is available in the Narthex, Admin. Building, and newsletters. We will have blue tubs in the narthex and hallway of the Admin Building for the next several weeks for your donations, for example note pads, colored pencils, wash cloths, men's ties, ball caps, lipstick/lip moisturizer.

To donate money you may write a check to St. John's with Cuba Mission in the memo line or to donate online go to [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://stjohnsbr.org/give); click on General Budget and select Missions from the drop down menu; click on Sub Fund and select Cuba Mission. ALL donations will go toward the work at La Catedral Church and the people of Holguin.

### **HURRICANE RELIEF SPECIAL OFFERING**

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, the devastation across the impacted areas is heart-wrenching, leaving communities facing a long and difficult road to recovery. Our Bishop Dolores J. Williamston is calling on all of us to take part in this crucial mission of love and solidarity. Donations can be made online at [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://stjohnsbr.org/give) (Fund: Missions; Subfund: Disaster Relief/UMCOR) or mark checks/cash with "Hurricane Relief". All monies raised will go directly to supporting the recovery efforts.

## **NO COFFEE TIME SUNDAY OCTOBER 27**

We will **NOT** have Coffee Time on October 27 as we are only having ONE worship service at 10 a.m. So, if your last name begins with **S**, **Sunday, November 3** is “your” day to bring a snack for Coffee Time. Remember, this is just a much appreciated suggestion not an obligation. You don’t have to cook or bake – in these days of prepared foods, any grocery store has plenty of delicious items to choose from. ***Please bring your items in a disposable container or single-use dish, and take them to the FLC by 9:30 a.m.***

## *Upcoming Children's & Youth Events*

### **MUSIC MAKERS WILL NOT MEET TODAY**

Music Makers will NOT meet this afternoon. We hope to see them all at the Fall Fest!

### **ST. JOHN'S YOUTH TO HOST HALLOWEEN PARTY**

The St. John's UMC youth group is hosting a Halloween Party on **Sunday, October 27, 5 - 7 PM**. We will play some Halloween-themed games and have a costume contest. (Students, please use discretion for costumes, nothing too scary or inappropriate.) It's sure to be a good group of students and leaders!

This event is free to attend, but we ask that students please bring a food item to share. Students with last names starting with A-K should bring a salty/savory snack to share. Students with last names starting with L-Z should bring a sweet snack to share. Snacks can be Halloween-themed or simply cookies/chips. Drinks, plates, napkins, and plastic cutlery will be provided.

Bring friends too! There will be a prize for best duo & best trio costumes!

### **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for Bible Study **Sunday, November 3, 4 - 5:30 p.m.** Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

For our Bible Study series this fall, we will be using the TrndStr curriculum from Church of the Resurrection.

### **ST. MARK'S MISSION & LOCK-IN**

The St. John's youth group is planning a one-night trip to New Orleans on **November 23-24**. We will be staying in the bunk rooms at the North Rampart Community Center. **The cost to attend is \$30/person, which is due by Sunday, November 10**. Scholarships are available upon request.

Sunday, November 24, our mission team will serve meals to those experiencing homelessness and hunger in the French Quarter. Adult volunteers are welcome to join as well. However, adult chaperons will also need to pay the \$30 fee for themselves. Please contact Connor for more information.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**

Wednesday Night Live is on the third Wednesday of each month during the school year. For WNL, youth meet in the Upstairs Café for dinner and a fellowship activity.

# *This Week at St. John's*

## **Sunday, October 20**

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up, Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC\*
- 9:30 a.m. Upstairs Cafe, 202 Admin Bldg.
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus wide
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Cuba Mission Team Meeting, Narthex
- 4:00 p.m. Fall Fest & Trunk or Treat, FLC & Parking Lot
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room

## **Monday, October 21**

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, The Founders Parlor
- 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market Client Choice Food Pantry, FLC
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, The Founders' Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

## **Tuesday, October 22**

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market Client Choice Food Pantry, FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Gardere Youth Program, FLC
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

## **Wednesday, October 23**

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Ladies' AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

## **Thursday, October 24**

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market Client Choice Food Pantry, FLC
- 5:30 a.m. Finance Committee, Library

## **Friday, October 25**

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC

## **Saturday, October 26**

- 9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, FLC
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

\*Family Life Center

## *2025 Stewardship Campaign "Our Mission & Money Story"*

Each fall, as we budget and begin planning financially for the following calendar year, we invite you to consider how you will support the mission and ministries of St. John's United Methodist Church through your financial giving.

**The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is "Our Mission & Money Story."**

This stewardship season, we are asking ourselves what new story God is inviting us to write that weaves together our mission and money into a narrative of hope and joy. We are guided by the themes of remembering, releasing, reimagining, and restoring found in scripture. Throughout the campaign, there will be an ongoing conversation about how the mission of St. John's UMC is made possible only through your investment in it.

With the rising costs of printing and mailings, our campaign will primarily be digital this year. Each week you will be emailed a Stewardship Newsletter that we ask that you to read as you consider what you will pledge for 2025. You can pledge online at [stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2025](http://stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2025), and we also have printed pledge cards available in the Narthex and church office.

**Commitment Sunday, October 27**, we will gather for a combined worship service at 10 a.m. followed by a Potluck luncheon. We hope you will make plans to join us that morning as we offer our commitments as an act of worship followed by a time of fellowship and celebration on October 27.



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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*