

you don't WALK ALONE



CHECK-IN &
PRAYER
REQUESTS



Even in life's darkest valleys, you are not alone. God meets us in every step – guiding, sustaining, and walking with us through it all.

Next Sunday: Grocery Bag Sunday!

Take home a grocery bag today and bring it back to help **restock the Shepherd's Market Client-Choice food pantry** with our most urgently needed items – pasta (no Mac & Cheese, please) and drinks (water, boxed drinks, juice). In addition, condiments, jelly, cereal (regular size), and Jiffy cornbread mix. These items are always welcome: dried beans (no white or pinto beans, please), peanut butter, soup, and snacks.

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** on the altar are from Rev Marie Williams in honor of her granddaughter, Elizabeth Marie Shoup, for her 19th birthday on May 1.

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

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campus Tour Opportunity Today Sunday, April 26 | 10:00 a.m. | Family Life Center

New here or want to learn more about St. John's? Join us for a campus tour and get to know our spaces, ministries, and people. Meet Mary Madalyn St. Pierre, our Welcome, Belonging, and Congregational Care Coordinator, in the FLC or connect after the 8:30 service to walk over together.

Confirmation & Youth Sunday | May 3 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate Confirmation and our youth at both services. Our Intern, Frankie Guajardo, will be preaching, and our students will help lead us throughout the services.

We also have a beautiful opportunity that morning to take part in an **immersion baptism**, as we celebrate God's gift of grace being poured into two of our Confirmation students. Immediately following the 8:30 a.m. service (around 9:40), we will gather around the sugar kettle at the front of the sanctuary for this sacred and joy-filled moment of baptism. We hope you will stay, surround these students with your presence, and take part in this meaningful celebration of new life in Christ.

To allow time for this special day, Communion will be observed the following Sunday, May 14.

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser – Envelope Challenge In the Narthex (Lobby) & During Coffee Time | Now through May 3

Support our youth's summer mission trip to Houston by choosing an envelope (\$1-\$100). The number you select is your gift amount. Sign the sheet so we can track progress & return your donation by May 10. If all 100 envelopes are taken, we'll raise over \$5,000, helping offset the \$500 per-student cost so every youth can participate. Thank you for being part of their mission trip experience!

Church Council Meeting Thursday, May 7 | 5:30 p.m. | Library

All are welcome to attend.

Social for Retirees | Wednesday, May 27 | 10:00–11:30 a.m. | Stir Coffee Shop

Join fellow retirees for a relaxed time of fellowship. Drop in anytime and enjoy good conversation at Stir Coffee Shop (15405 Airline Hwy).

Family Ministries Summer Internship

We're offering a 12-week paid summer internship for those passionate about working with children and youth. Gain hands-on ministry experience while growing in faith and leadership. Scan the QR code to learn more or visit: stjohnsbr.org/jobs



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 M-Z invited to bring snacks 5.3.26

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Sundays
6:00 p.m. 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: Teachers
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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11:00 AM Worship Celebration
Sunday, April 26th, 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
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REQUESTS

Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

Through It All

The Chancel Choir

Invitation to Worship*

There is a song beneath our lives –
a melody of grace that continues in every season.

**Sometimes we hear it clearly,
and sometimes it feels distant.**

In moments of peace and in days of uncertainty,
God’s presence and guidance is the steady refrain.

**Calling us back to trust,
calling us back to hope.**

Even when life feels out of rhythm,

God’s love holds the beat and carries us through.

Come, let us listen for the song of faith
that surrounds us and sustains us.

Ben Hartman

We Sing Together*

Guide My Feet

The Faith We Sing #2208 vs 1 – 3

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

We Encourage Our Children

Phil Sprunger

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 23

Pastor Lane

U.M. Hymnal Psalter #754, Response 2

SUNG RESPONSE

The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

Leads me beside still waters,

Restores my life,

Leads me in right paths

For the sake of the Lord’s name.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

For you are with me;

Your rod and your staff,

They comfort me.

SUNG RESPONSE

The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly.

You prepare a table before me

In the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil,

My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

As long as I live.

SUNG RESPONSE

The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly.

We Reflect On The Word

You Don’t Walk Alone

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

U.M. Hymnal #136 vs 1, 3, 5

We Affirm Our Faith*

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Ben Hartman

U.M. Hymnal #883

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God’s presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Sing Together*

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.

Prayers for Us and the World

As prayers are shared, our response will be:

Pastor Lane

Shepherding God, lead us and restore us.

Your goodness and mercy are with us always.

We Pray the Lord’s Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Arranged by Mack Wilberg

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 Receive This Week’s Call to Action

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

U.M. Hymnal #128 vs 1, 3

We Share in a Blessing*

Pastor Lane

We Go Out Into the World*

Dr. Terry Byars