



Wellspring of Life

CELEBRATING THE ABUNDANCE OF
GOD'S LIVING WATER

Sunday, October 16, 2022

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

What we offer God sometimes requires us to dig deep with immense trust and sacrifice. The woman in today's Bible story digs deep and sacrifices much to trust Elijah's promise of abundance. How can digging deep to give meaningfully to the church help connect us with our trust in God?

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance (scan the QR code in the pew) 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

OUR MISSION

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

Our church will be known as a center for feeding people spiritually and physically in our community.

OUR CORE VALUES

We believe the following guiding principles make us a fruitful and spiritually intentional church:

- Fellowship: A sense of family, hospitality, and belonging to an open, accepting, and nurturing community.
- Caring: Loving response to needs of all people through empathy and compassion.
- Mission: giving of ourselves to meet and serve the needs of all others by faithful witness through our actions, servanthood and way of living.
- Spiritual Growth: Studying, understanding and growing in the word of God by Christ-centered prayer, worship and service through discipleship in action.

OUR CONTACT INFO

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to worship! 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.

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

Thank you for being here.

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 Playground** 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 Playground 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.

Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.

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Come to the Wellspring of Life

**Please stand as you are comfortable.
Bold indicates congregational response.*

Prelude

Dr. Lori Bade

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Songs of Praise

Awesome God (2x)
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2040
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
The United Methodist Hymnal 133, vs. 1 & 3

*Call to Worship

Natalie Cooper

Lord, we come tired and sore,
but still we come.
We come carrying heavy burdens,
but still we come.
Looking for something to trust,
we come to you.
Longing for mercy and rest,
we come to worship you!

*Song of Response

You Who Are Thirsty
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2132

Draw From the Well of Faith

Children's Message

Rev. Ashwin Welch

Prayer for Illumination

Natalie Cooper

Holy God,
You breathed upon the waters of Creation
and poured forth your grace.
Refresh us continually with your living water.
As the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed,
may we draw from the well of faith
and drink deeply of Christ's promises
of hope, grace, peace, healing, and encouragement -
all signs of the abundance of God. Amen.

Scripture

Natalie Cooper

1 Kings 17:5-16

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

“Dig Deep”

What is preventing you from digging deep?

What is holding you back from trusting in God's provisions?

What fear keeps you from giving sacrificially - giving until it feeds you?

Drink Deeply of God's Promises

*Hymn of Faith

Trust and Obey

The United Methodist Hymnal 467, vs. 1 & 2

Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ,

We confess to fear that turns us inward:

**fear that says we can't be generous until we're sure
we have enough for ourselves**

fear that shuts out the pleas of others

fear that we'll be judged if we can't give much

fear that if we start to give, we'll eventually run dry.

Scrape away our fears, Lord,

**and teach us to be confident with what we have
whether we can offer a feast or only crumbs.**

**Remind us that you have done miracles with crumbs
and can do the same for us.**

In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness and Grace

Hear the good news!

The only one who could judge us loves us
more than we can imagine.

Through Jesus our Savior, we are forgiven.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Stewardship Moment

Jennifer Curry

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

We appreciate your generosity.

Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.

You may give online at 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!

Celebrating Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Songs We Will Sing During Communion:

Fill My Cup, Lord (2x)

The United Methodist Hymnal 641

Eat This Bread (2x)

The United Methodist Hymnal 628

Everyone is welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction" with only the pastor and servers touching the elements, or, if you prefer, you may receive pre-packaged elements. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice.

A gluten-free option is also available.

You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.

If you are mobility challenged, please let the usher know and someone will bring communion elements to you.

Communion Response

Rev. Ash

Friends, we have sat an hour by the well,
and shared in Communion with the Lord.
We have tasted and seen that God is good.
How shall we respond?

**We offer gratitude to the Lord for this bread and this cup,
and for all that Jesus has done for us.**

**Drawn to the well by your love,
we are now sent to pour ourselves out for others.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ,
who is our Wellspring of Life,
Amen.**

Pour Out Ourselves for Others

Call to Action

Pastor Lane

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 of Discipleship

Only Trust Him

The United Methodist Hymnal 337, vs. 1, 3, & 4

*Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Notes

Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Chris and Darren Stubbs.

Coffee Time

Everyone is invited to the Family Life Center following the service for coffee and snacks.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of John and Pam Toney's 43rd wedding anniversary! Congratulations, John and Pam!

Announcements

NO YOUTH TODAY

Youth Group will resume next Sunday, October 23 at 3 p.m.

“MUSIC MAKERS” FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SUNDAYS from 4:30-5:30pm - We invite all Children and Youth in 1st - 12th grades to join us for “Music Makers” on Sunday afternoons. Drop off/Pick up in the Choir Room. For more information, please contact Steve Rushing (stevenrushing@stjohnsbr.org).

PLEASE NOTE: No Music Makers on Sunday October 30

GOOD GRIEF, ST. JOHN’S!

If you are suffering a loss of any kind and are looking for support and fellowship, come to our monthly gathering of Good Grief, St. John’s! **Tuesday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Parlor. All are welcome.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY, STEWARDSHIP POTLUCK, & FAMILY FALL FEST!

Sunday, October 30 will be a spirited and fun-filled day of fellowship! It’s **Commitment Sunday!** We encourage you to consider what you will be able to pledge towards the mission and ministries of St. John’s in 2023, as during the services we will be invited to turn in our pledge card. (Pledge cards will be mailed this week.)

Bring a dish to share because following the 11am service, **at noon, we’ll gather for our Stewardship Potluck** followed by a rollicking game of church-wide BINGO, with awesome PRIZES to be won! There will also be a photo booth set up and a couple of games for ALL ages to play ... think you can “over and under” a little pumpkin? The newly-formed Food, Fun, and Fellowship team is excited to sponsor this Fall Fest for families and friends of all ages and stages! You won’t want to miss it! **We welcome ALL ages to wear costumes to church!**

ALL SAINTS’ DAY

On Sunday, November 6, we will be observing 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 and good witness. 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) with their name by November 1.

SAVE THE DATE: THE 12TH ANNUAL GREAT TURKEY GIVEAWAY!

It’s almost time! Mark your calendars for the 12th Annual Great Turkey Giveaway - **Saturday, December 17.** Be looking for more information in future Sunday bulletins and our two newsletters.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY 2023

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University is being offered at St. John’s on Tuesday evenings from 6 – 8 pm beginning January 17, 2023 in the Library. The cost of the course is \$60; checks should be made out to St. John’s UMC with FPU in the memo line. If you have any questions contact Jill Brant, Class Coordinator, at jbrant96518@gmail.com or (985) 503-4246. Class size is limited to 15.

DAILY WATER INTAKE CHALLENGE CONTINUES!

Health experts recommend we drink eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day for our physical health. What if we took that same concept and applied it to our spiritual health? This month, embark on the Daily Water Intake Challenge with us! This play on words is an invitation for you to dip into water-inspired verses from scripture throughout October. How might Christ’s Living Waters move and inspire us individually and collectively if we spend just 8 minutes each day pondering and praying over these passages? Printed calendars can be found in the Narthex as well as online: stjohnsbr.org/wellspring-of-life.

INSIDE ST. JOHN’S NEWSLETTER

If you’ve never signed up for our Tuesday newsletter, *Inside St. John’s*, that is geared toward our active members and friends, send an email to Lynn in the office (office@stjohnsbr.org). It includes prayer requests, birthdays, anniversaries, celebrations, memorial and funeral announcements, and other St. John’s family news.