

# A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: Faith Lessons from Mr. Rogers



Sunday, September 25, 2022

**8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

All Are Welcome

"You are loved with a greater love than anyone could ever imagine, Tom. I trust that you'll never ever forget that."

Fred Rogers, in an email to Tom Junod,  
reporter for *Esquire*

*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

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*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 3 through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

*Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.*

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# WE GATHER AS NEIGHBORS

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

**Prelude**

Terry Byars

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

**\*Songs of Praise**

*God Is So Good*

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2056, vs. 1, 3

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

The United Methodist Hymnal 381, vs. 1, 4

**\*Call to Worship**

Pat Lively

We are gathered together from many places

**as the one flock of our Holy Shepherd.**

We sing God's praise; we lift our hearts,

**while God pours love out on us.**

In this hour of worship, take comfort and courage!

**Our God is faithful still.**

**\*Song of Response**

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

The United Methodist Hymnal 136, vs. 1

# GROWING AS NEIGHBORS

**Children's Message**

Pastor Lane

**Prayer for Illumination**

Pat Lively

**God of our global neighborhood,**

**guide us in your truth and teach us again**

**the lessons we need to learn.**

**Through your loving instruction,**

**may we be good neighbors to others**

**and follow in the way of Christ. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Pat Lively

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Reading**

Pat Lively

John 10:14-16

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

“Shepherding and Sheephood”

# NEIGHBORS IN ACTION

## \*Hymn of Faith

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

The United Methodist Hymnal 419, vs. 1 - 3

## \*Call to Confession

Pastor Lane

Mr. Rogers once said, “Listening is where love begins, listening to ourselves and then to our neighbors.”

It is time to listen to that voice within us that names our mistakes, the ways in which we have disregarded or hurt others. It is time to listen to the voices of our neighbors when we have ignored needs or done things that damage our community or our world neighbors. Love blossoms and flourishes when we can forgive and be forgiven.

*Let us pray together and then silently.*

## \*Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lane

Merciful Lord,  
We confess to how easily we lose hope.  
You promise us your yoke is easy,  
but we carry it heavily.  
We treat our callings as burdens, not gifts.  
Lighten our loads; lighten our hearts.  
Teach us to rejoice in you,  
and to trust always  
in your steadfast, powerful,  
and unwavering love.  
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*A time for silent prayer.*

## \*Words of Grace and Forgiveness

Friends! Neighbors! Hear this Good News:  
The love of God is beyond measure,  
and you are included in that love.  
Know that you are forgiven and thus freed  
to share neighborly acts of service and love.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

## \*Sharing Love and Peace with Your Neighbor

## Ministry Moment

Youth Ministries

Evan Gager

## 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](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!**

### \*The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

We praise you for creating the whole world,  
for your promises to your people Israel,  
and leading them to a new home.  
In time you moved into our neighborhood yourself,  
in the gift of a child, Jesus Christ,  
in whom your fullness dwells.

**Born of Mary, he shares our life.  
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.  
Guiding his children, he leads us.  
Visiting the sick, he heals us.  
Dying on the cross, he saves us.  
Risen from the dead, he gives new life.  
Living with you, he prays for us.**

*The congregation is seated and the institution  
of the Lord's Supper is recalled.*

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup  
and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit.*

## The Lord's Prayer

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

*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.*

### Prayer after Receiving

**Thank you, God,  
for life in the Spirit of Jesus:  
for delight in this bread and cup,  
for love that cannot die,  
for peace the world cannot give.**

Pat Lively

**Give us the gifts of this holy communion:**

**oneness of heart,  
love for neighbors,  
forgiveness of enemies,  
the will to serve you every day,  
and joy in your daily presence.**

**In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

## GOING OUT INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### **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**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

The United Methodist Hymnal 140, vs. 1 - 3

### **\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

Once we were strangers,  
**now we are friends.**

Once we were strangers,  
**now we are neighbors.**

United as neighbors, God sends us  
out into the world,  
**to shine Christ's light and love in our  
neighborhoods. Amen.**

### **\*Postlude**

## WORSHIP NOTES

### **Worship Stewards**

Ushers in today's service are Donnie and Susan Lambert.

### **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 given by Ted and Lenni Stickles in celebration of their 9th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Ted and Lenni!

### **The Shepherd's Market Yellow Bag**

Don't forget to pick up a Yellow Grocery Bag on your way out after worship. Bring it back next week for Grocery Bag Sunday.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **YOUTH AND EVAN RETURN!**

**TODAY, from 3 - 4:30 p.m.**, Youth (6th through 12th grades) will gather for their first Fall session and Evan will need some volunteers! If you are free Sundays, have been Safe Sanctuaries trained or have a willingness to be trained, and have a passion for helping the future of this church, text Evan! He will help you find which Sunday is best for your schedule. Thank you so much for volunteering! Evan's Number: (228) 219-3266.

## **ANNOUNCING OUR OCTOBER WORSHIP SERIES - "Wellspring of Life"**

From Genesis to Revelation, we encounter stories in our holy scriptures with well and water imagery. The Church is like a well, and the water we draw from the St. John's well is Christ's living water, given for us that we may never thirst. In our upcoming stewardship campaign and worship series, we will dip into the wellspring of life, exploring themes and practices that celebrate the abundance of God's living water in our lives and consider the ways we are invited to give and receive from the St. John's well. All are invited to dig deep, draw often, and drink freely.

## **"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](mailto:stevenrushing@stjohnsbr.org)).

## **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

We invite you to join us for a new ministry called "Coffee and Conversation," which will gather each **Monday morning from 10-11 am** in the Library. The group reflects on the scripture used in worship the previous day and applies it to our lives. You can participate in this weekly opportunity as your schedule allows - no need to sign up. With fresh coffee and friendly fellowship, there's space for everyone!

## **NEW DAYTIME SESSION OF GRIEFSHARE**

A new daytime session of GriefShare will begin on **Tuesday, September 27 at 2 p.m.** in the Parlor. This is a 13-week grief recovery program that will help you on your journey through your grief. You can register at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org). If you have any questions, please contact Dee Muenzler at 225-933-1668 or [deemuenzler@gmail.com](mailto:deemuenzler@gmail.com).

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Church Council is meeting on **Thursday, September 29 at 6 p.m.** At this meeting Charge Conference items will be on the agenda.

## **PLANNED GIVING PRESENTATION - What Legacy Will You Leave?**

Join Chris Spencer from the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana on **Sunday, October 9 during the Sunday School hour**, where he will explain how Planned Giving can benefit you, your loved ones, and your church or favorite ministry. Everything from wills and bequests to donor advised funds and endowments will be discussed. Join us, and find out how easy it is to make a planned gift and start reaping the benefits immediately. Breakfast items will be served.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMING SOON!**

Confirmation is an important time for young people to grow and learn about the Christian faith, what uniquely shapes the faith of United Methodists, and how it all fits into their own story of faith. Confirmation is made up of 6 sessions, held monthly during the school year, service hours, enrichment experiences (field trips) and a special worship service in the spring. At the conclusion of the confirmation process, students can choose if they would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ and become full, baptized and professing members of St. John's United Methodist Church.

We encourage all youth, 6th-12th grades, who have not yet been confirmed, to commit to the confirmation process. Classes will meet once a month from October-April. Confirmation Orientation for Youth and Parents/Caregivers will be on **Sunday, October 9 at 2:30 p.m.**, followed by the first Confirmation class from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Rev. Marie Williams, a retired ordained elder here at St. John's will lead the sessions, with support from Evan Gager, Natalie Cooper and Pastor Lane.

A detailed schedule will be provided at orientation. For more information, please contact Rev. Marie Williams at 985-285-6994 or [msds2@juno.com](mailto:msds2@juno.com).