

SERVICE OF

RESURRECTION STORIES & SONGS



Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:30 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

Jesus did many other things as well. If all of them were recorded, I imagine the world itself wouldn't have enough room for the scrolls that would be written.

~ John 21:25

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

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.

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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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Welcome to the Service of Resurrection Stories & Songs

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

Bold indicates congregational response.

Please scan the QR Code to register your attendance.



We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Natalie Cooper

***Gathering Song**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (2x)
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2026

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Larry Norman

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God has given us a new life in the living hope of the resurrection.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;

and although we have not seen Jesus, we believe in him.

**Let us give thanks to God for Jesus,
the one who is seen and unseen!**

***Hymn**

Up From the Grave He Arose
The United Methodist Hymnal 322, vs. 1, 2

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that
Jesus Christ is your son, our Savior.**

**Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in
Christ's name. Amen.**

Hymn

Lift High the Cross
The United Methodist Hymnal 159, vs. 1, 4

The Appearances of Jesus

Rev. Larry

Reprise, Gathering Song

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (2x)
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2026

First Reading - *The Mysterious Empty Tomb* Barbara Benton, Natalie Cooper - 8:30
Barbara Benton, Clara Maynard - 11:00
Mark 16:1-15

Hymn

In the Garden
The United Methodist Hymnal 314, vs. 1

Children's Moment

Barbara Benton

Ministry Moment

Pickleball & Prosciutto

Barbara Benton

Hymn

Thine Be the Glory
The United Methodist Hymnal 308, vs. 1, 2

Second Reading - *On the Road* Natalie Cooper, Sandra Kuykendall - 8:30
Pat Cobb, Penny Kemler - 11:00
Luke 24:13-35

Hymn

The Day of Resurrection
The United Methodist Hymnal 303, vs. 1

Third Reading - *Jesus asks for food* Larry Norman, Pat Lively - 8:30
Larry Norman, Connie LaBorde 11:00
Luke 24:36-49

Hymn

Christ is Risen
The United Methodist Hymnal 307, vs. 1

Mission Moment

Mission to India

Rev. Larry

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

Alleluia, Alleluia!
The United Methodist Hymnal 162, vs. 1

Fourth Reading - Seeing is Believing

Mari Walker, Jane Walker - 8:30
Natalie Cooper, Anna Durham - 11:00

John 20:19-31

***Hymn**

Because He Lives

The United Methodist Hymnal 364, vs. 1

Fifth Reading - *Breakfast on the Beach*

Emeric Csaszar, Daniel Csaszar - 8:30
Richard Damberg, Paul Idikwu - 11:00

John 21:4-14

Hymn

Majesty, Worship High Majesty

The United Methodist Hymnal 176

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: *The Holy City*

(Weatherly/Adams)

Jesse Locke, Vocalist

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.*



***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!**

Sixth Reading - *Do You Love Me? Feed My Sheep*

Livia Walker, Mari Walker - 8:30
Connie LaBorde, Clara Maynard - 11:00

John 21:15-19

Hymn

He Is Lord (2x)

The United Methodist Hymnal 177

Seventh Reading - *Jesus Gives his Disciples their Mission*

Larry Norman - 8:30
Penny Kemler - 11:00

Matthew 28:16-20

Hymn

Christ Is Alive

The United Methodist Hymnal 318, vs. 1, 5

Ninth Reading - *Parting Words*

Emeric Csaszar, Daniel Csaszar - 8:30
Grace Idikwu, Richard Damberg - 11:00

Acts 1:6-11

***Hymn**

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
The United Methodist Hymnal 312, vs. 1

***Epilogue**

John 21:25

Natalie Cooper

A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God.

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 of Discipleship**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices
The United Methodist Hymnal 304, vs. 1 - 3
Please bring donations for The Shepherd's Market forward during the singing of the closing hymn.

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

Natalie Cooper

***Postlude**

Terry Byars

Worship Notes

Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's services are Paul Ivey and Joyce Robinson - 8:30; Richard and Marilyn Damberg - 11:00

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Perry, Mari Walker's grandma, who lived April 7, 1924 - December 10, 2014.

Coffee Time After the 8:30 worship service, everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for coffee and refreshments.

Announcements

MUSIC MAKERS

Music Makers resumes this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. If you have a child in Kindergarten through 5th grade, we would love to have them join us. Just bring them to the Choir Room at 4:30 and pick them up at 5:30 in the Choir Room.

UWF CIRCLE OF THE HEART

The United Women of Faith (UWF) Circle of the Heart will meet on **Wednesday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Founders' Parlor. Deborah Cross-Young will present the program, "Hospitality." All women are invited to attend.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Church Council on **Thursday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Library.

PICKLE BALL & PROSCIUTTO

Join us for a friendly pickle ball match on **Sunday, April 14 from 3 - 4:30 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. You can invite friends to play, and you can bring a partner, or we will find one for you. And, if you've never played before and don't know anything about pickleball, come try it out in a supportive environment with your church family. We'll have paddles and balls, but you can bring your own gear if you prefer.

We'd like to serve light snacks and finger foods in the form of a giant charcuterie board, and we need your help in supplying it all. All you have to do is bring the food, and we will arrange it. Don't know what to bring? Here are some suggestions: Cheeses (sliced in small pieces or cubes), Meats (prosciutto, pepperoni, salami, other thinly sliced deli meats), Crackers, Nuts, Pickles, Olives, Dips, Fruits (washed: grapes, strawberries, blueberries), Veggies (washed: cucumber slices, colored pepper strips, carrots, cherry tomatoes); Extras: Hershey kisses, other little candies, goldfish. Feel free to bring anything else you can think of! You can bring your items in plastic bags or the containers they come in, and we will put them all together for serving.

COMMUNION COMPANIONS

Our Communion Companions will have a meeting on **Sunday, April 14 at 4:30 p.m.** to offer support and encouragement to one another in this caring ministry role. Our Communion Companions make monthly visits to our church members who are home-centered or facility-centered to offer Holy Communion and fellowship. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Pastor Lane (pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org).

NEW WORSHIP SERIES: "UNIQUELY UMC" STARTS APRIL 14

Jesus' followers gather in churches of many different varieties: Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, Nondenominational, and so on. St. John's identity is rooted in The United Methodist Church. What is unique about being a United Methodist Christian and why does it matter? Beginning April 14, join us as we explore the possibilities and practices of being United Methodist through our "Uniquely UMC" worship series.

PRIME TIMERS BUFFET BREAKFAST

Prime Timers Second Saturday Breakfast Buffet will be **April 13 at 8:30 a.m.** at the Drury Inn & Suites, 7939 Essen Park Ave. It is not necessary to sign up, just show up and you will be glad you did.

FREE LUNCH & LEARN FOR PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

The Shepherd's Market is hosting Lunch & Learn sessions from **11:30 am - 1:30 pm on April 22nd and 29th.** These sessions are Spanish language and culture workshops, focused on teaching basic Spanish, speaking and listening skills relevant to functions of the food pantry. The purpose of these sessions is to improve communication and understanding between our English-speaking volunteers and our Spanish-speaking clients. If you are a food pantry volunteer and would like to be a part of bridging cultural gaps through these FREE Lunch & Learn sessions, please RSVP with the church office by April 19.

LARRY NORMAN & MISSION TO INDIA

Retired pastor, Reverend Larry Norman, former Director of Louisiana Volunteers in Mission (VIM), will be participating in a Medical Mission to India June 21-30. The team of 20 doctors, nurses, other medical personnel, and non-medical volunteers will be sharing God's love in five different villages in the Hyderabad area of India.

The St John's finance committee would like to give you the opportunity to help Larry with his mission costs. The cost of the Mission, per person, is just over \$3500. If you would like to help, gifts to Larry's mission to India can be made online at stjohnsbr.org/give, under Fund>Mission, Sub Fund>India. Checks should be made out to St. John's with "India Mission" in the memo line.

We also encourage you to be in prayer for Larry and the team as they seek to serve the underserved of India.

PREVIEW OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

On **Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m.**, the Louisiana Conference will host a preview of the upcoming General Conference LIVE on the Facebook page of the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church (facebook.com/louisianaconference). The live broadcast will include Bishop Delores J. Williamston, Rev. Brady Whitton, lead clergy delegate for the Conference, Jennifer Swann, lead lay delegate for the delegation, and Rev. Todd Rosnagel, Director of Communications for the Louisiana Conference. They hope to offer clarity on the objectives, expectations, and significance of General Conference. They'll share their insights and expectations for the two-week event, to be held April 23 - May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The discussion will cover a wide range of topics, including potential legislation, as well as how you at home can follow the events and remain engaged as General Conference unfolds. Viewers will also have the opportunity to interact during the broadcast. Questions can be submitted in real time via Facebook chat or email. If you want to submit a question now, email the communications team (communications@la-umc.org).

ST JOHN'S TO HOST PRAYER SERVICE

On **Sunday, April 21 at 5 p.m.**, St. John's will host a Prayer Service for the General Conference, which begins on April 23. Join fellow United Methodists for a time of prayer and communion prior to the upcoming General Conference in Charlotte, NC, April 23-May 3, 2024. Neighboring churches and clergy are invited and encouraged to attend.

SEEKING SUMMER INTERN APPLICANTS

Applications are now being accepted for our Summer Intern positions! There are two different positions available: one youth ministry intern and one children's ministry intern. Youth ministry involves working closely with students in 6th - 12th grades while children's ministry involves working closely with students in 5th grade and younger. Each internship spans 13-weeks throughout the summer, with the expectation of working at least 20 hrs each week -- including Sunday mornings from 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. These positions are designed for young adults who have a passion for ministry with youth and/or may be exploring a call to ministry by providing an opportunity to lead young believers in their spiritual formation through dynamic programming. It is a great opportunity to gain valuable ministry and leadership experience!

We are looking for people who have a desire to learn, serve, and encourage others in a local church setting. This is a great opportunity for those majoring in education and humanities, but all degree programs are welcome.

Each intern will receive \$2,000, to be paid semi-monthly (15th & 30th of each month) during the 13-week internship.

Anyone who is interested should send a cover letter, resume, and the contact information of at least two references to jobs@stjohnsbr.org by April 15, 2024.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, April 7

- 7:45 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, Rm 202
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Music Makers, Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. Bells Practice, Bell Room

Monday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market
- 2:00 p.m. Grief Support, Founders' Parlor
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, April 10

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 9:30 a.m. UWF Circle of the Heart, Founders' Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Ladies' AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, April 11

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Library

Friday, April 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Founders' Parlor
- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC

Saturday, April 13

- 8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Drury Inn
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

*Family Life Center

Upcoming Events For

CHILDREN



Park Playdate

April 28 | 4-6 PM

Join us for a playdate at Highland Road Community Park as we build stronger relationships with God and one another by playing in creation.

Vacation Bible School

June 17-21 | 8 AM - 12 PM

Children in 5th grade & younger (2023/24 school year) are invited to join us for VBS! You can register online at stjohnsbr.org/vbs-2024.

Summer Pool Parties

May 24 | 6-8 PM

July 21 | 4-6 PM

Members of St. John's offer to host pool parties for children throughout the summer. We invite you to join in on the fun on May 24 & July 21!

Glow Party

July 12 | 6-8 PM

\$20 Admission

Invite your friends and get your glow on with us at this fundraiser for our Children's Ministry. Music, food, drinks, and fun are provided!

Upcoming Events For

YOUTH



Bible Study

April 7 & May 5 | 4-6 PM

During the school year, our 6th-12th grade students gather at a church member's home on the first Sunday of each month for Bible Study.

Wednesday Night Live

April 17 & May 15 | 6-7:30 PM

During the school year, our youth gather in the Upstairs Café on the third Wednesday of each month for dinner and fellowship activities.

Summer Tour

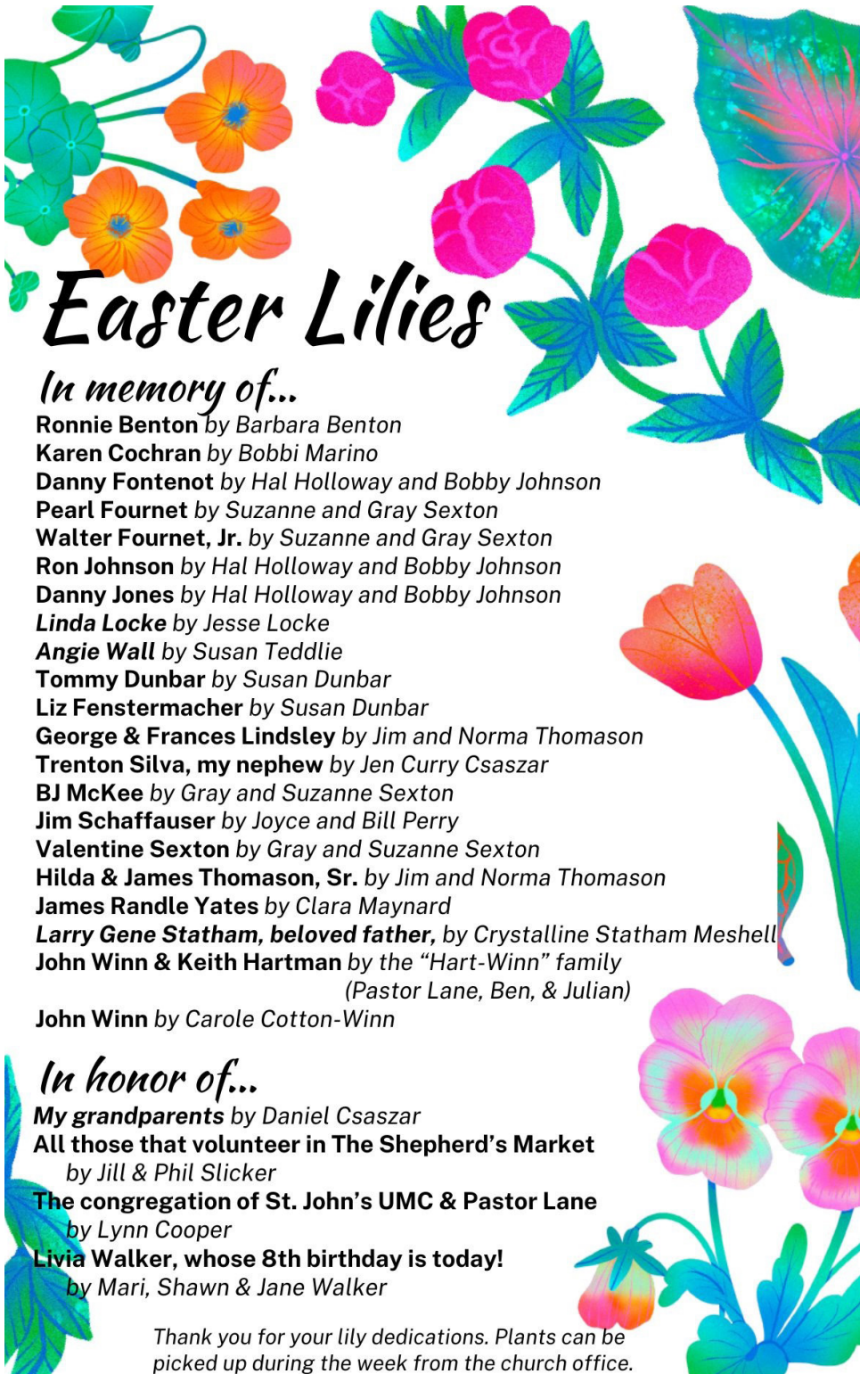
*Wednesdays in June & July
6-8 PM*

Each Wednesday in June & July (except July 3), a different UMC church in the Baton Rouge area hosts an activity for students.

Youth Week

*July 29 - August 2
Various times each day (TBA)*

Join us for a week full of service and fun activities like laser tag, go karts, large group games, and more!
Pay \$25 participation fee by June 16.



Easter Lilies

In memory of...

- Ronnie Benton** by Barbara Benton
Karen Cochran by Bobbi Marino
Danny Fontenot by Hal Holloway and Bobby Johnson
Pearl Fournet by Suzanne and Gray Sexton
Walter Fournet, Jr. by Suzanne and Gray Sexton
Ron Johnson by Hal Holloway and Bobby Johnson
Danny Jones by Hal Holloway and Bobby Johnson
Linda Locke by Jesse Locke
Angie Wall by Susan Teddlie
Tommy Dunbar by Susan Dunbar
Liz Fenstermacher by Susan Dunbar
George & Frances Lindsley by Jim and Norma Thomason
Trenton Silva, my nephew by Jen Curry Csaszar
BJ McKee by Gray and Suzanne Sexton
Jim Schaffauser by Joyce and Bill Perry
Valentine Sexton by Gray and Suzanne Sexton
Hilda & James Thomason, Sr. by Jim and Norma Thomason
James Randle Yates by Clara Maynard
Larry Gene Statham, beloved father, by Crystalline Statham Meshell
John Winn & Keith Hartman by the "Hart-Winn" family
(Pastor Lane, Ben, & Julian)
John Winn by Carole Cotton-Winn

In honor of...

- My grandparents** by Daniel Csaszar
All those that volunteer in The Shepherd's Market
by Jill & Phil Slicker
The congregation of St. John's UMC & Pastor Lane
by Lynn Cooper
Livia Walker, whose 8th birthday is today!
by Mari, Shawn & Jane Walker

Thank you for your lily dedications. Plants can be picked up during the week from the church office.