

All Saints' Day



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 5, 2023

8:30 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Today in worship we will remember loved ones who have passed away this year during our All Saints' Day Remembrance. As the names are read, a bell will toll and a candle will be lit in their memory. It will be a beautiful and meaningful worship experience, and we are delighted you have joined us for this celebration of life.

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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.



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. If you are feeling cold, shawls are available in a basket in front of the media desk in the back of the sanctuary. 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 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.

Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.

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WELCOME TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

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



GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Procession of the Bells

Grace Idikwu

*Song of Praise

For All the Saints
The United Methodist Hymnal 711, vs. 1, 3, & 4

*Call to Worship

Rev. Bernie Johnson

We remember, O God...

**The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of
courage throughout time.**

We remember, O God...

**The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts
of fearless ones.**

We remember, O God...

**The gentle strength of grandparents, of aunt and uncles,
the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember, O God...

**The unfailing love of Jesus, the glory of his resurrection,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit.**

We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have
shown us the Lord.

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving! Amen.**

In Memoriam

Ann Elizabeth "Liz" Alch
September 27, 2023
Friend of Paul & Natalie Cooper

Mary Jo Brook
April 15, 2023
St. John's Church Member

Shelly Brooks
August 10, 2023
Stepdaughter of Lenni Stickle

Beatrice Broussard
August 28, 2023
Mother of Beth Allison

Robert "Bob" Butler, III
January 31, 2023
St. John's Church Member

Violet Elaine Caruso
May 31, 2023
Aunt of Natalie Cooper

Mona Falgoust
October 12, 2023
Mother of Vanessa Ayres

Peggy Harrison
July 15, 2023
St. John's Church Member

David Henson
July 19, 2023
St. John's Church Member

Eugene Stanley Johnson
June 7, 2023
Brother of Rev. Bernie Johnson

Robert Liechty
July 27, 2023
Father of Margaret Sprunger

Linda Locke
June 3, 2023
Mother of Chris Stubbs

Jesse LaFayette Means, Jr.
February 5, 2023
Father of Chris Means

Edward "Ed" Ott
October 31, 2023
Friend of the Cooper Family

Jan Silver
April 3, 2023
Mother of Karen Silver Holton

Linda Smith
January 10, 2023
St. John's Church Member

Harold Suire
October 11, 2023
Husband of Lynne Suire

Joan Williams Wallace
November 27, 2022
Sister of Susan Dunbar

Rosemary W. Young
January 5, 2023
Mother-in-law of Deborah Cross-Young

Prayer of Remembrance

Pastor Lane

Resurrecting Savior,

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

O God, whose love embraces all your children, bind us together into one beloved community.

Make us conscious not only of those whom our eyes can see, but also of that great unseen community of those who have gone before us, our forefathers and mothers in the faith, those who have lived and died trusting your promise, our loved ones, whose memory we honor this day, whose living presence is all around us, like the hovering of great wings.

By the power of your Spirit, make us one with them and one with you, members of that communion, which is beyond all space and time.

And with all the company of heaven, we will glorify our Savior's name and sing your praise for all eternity! Amen.

Remembrance Song

On Eagles Wings

The United Methodist Hymnal 143

LISTENING

Children's Moment

Barbara Benton

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Bernie

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 Reading

Rev. Bernie

Matthew 5:1-12

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.

Message

Pastor Lane

"The Saints Among Us"

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Faith

The Hymn of Promise
The United Methodist Hymnal 707, vs. 1 & 3

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Bernie

Just as generations of believers have done, we come before God now and pray for forgiveness and grace.

Loving Savior, you showed us holiness in action through the way you lived your life. You gave away your power in the service of others and turned our understanding of blessedness on its head.

We confess the difficulties we experience in living as you lived, and loving as you loved.

In our stubbornness, we turn away from you, when we should turn toward you.

We confess our capacity to be so consumed by our own agendas that our concern for others shrinks all too rapidly.

We are reluctance to love our enemies and to do good to those who dislike or even hate us.

Stir up your Spirit in us, Lord, that we may experience the happiness and blessing of being your disciples in more than name only.

(A time of silence.)

Strengthen us to be people who sing and live your song of love; who willingly serve our neighbors - even those we don't especially like; who seek justice and mercy for all, and who truly repent of what is past and look with anticipation for what is yet to come.

Amen.

*Words of Grace and Forgiveness

Rev. Bernie

Friends of Jesus! Siblings in Christ!

Hear this good news and accept the grace of God:

You are forgiven.

You are free to go and live in the light of love.

Thanks be to God for God's grace and acceptance.

May the love and peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Chancel Choir Anthem, 11 a.m.

Shall We Gather at the River

by Robert Lowery

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!

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise to you,
the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Miriam and Moses,
Joshua, Deborah,
Ruth, David,
priests, and prophets,
Mary, Joseph,
Peter and Paul,
apostles, and martyrs,
and ordinary, unknown saints.

**You are the God of our mothers and fathers and
our children to all generations.**

You, Everlasting One, made us all.

You fashion us into one people, and continue to love us
even when we deny our godly heritage.

Still, you call us home to you through saints dedicated to your will.

Therefore we praise you joining our voices with all the people of
faith, time, and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

(The congregation is seated as the ritual continues.)

Blessed are you, most gracious God, for the gift of your child,
our brother, Jesus Christ, who lived in accord with your will,
to the point of laying down his life for the good news
that he preached and passed on to us.

(The story of the Last Supper is shared.)

On the night of his arrest,
he taught us how to serve one another in love with a ritual of table
fellowship enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.

**And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer
ourselves with thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice.**

In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery of the faith
as together we proclaim:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Spirit of the living God,
make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us
so we might be in communion with you and one another.

**As we break bread together,
may our eyes be opened to see your glory.**

**As we lift the cup of salvation,
may we be strengthened to follow your Way.**

Until Christ comes in final victory and we feast together with all the
saints at God's great family reunion, keep your church one in service to
the world here and now, even as we pray for the world you so love.

Speak your peace where wars rage and violence triumphs.
Bring comfort to all who grieve and wholeness to all who struggle.
May your healing be upon all who are afflicted.
And spark within us a desire to answer your call in our lives.

Work with who we are, where we are, so that our lives may participate
in the same unending song of praise, raised by all the saints,

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor and
praise are yours almighty God,
now and forevermore. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing in Holy Communion

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. The bread will be dipped in the grape juice
and handed to you. Or, if you prefer, you may receive pre-packaged elements.*

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 a person with limited mobility, please let an usher know and
someone will gladly bring communion to you.*

Prayer After Receiving

Rev. Bernie

We give you thanks, O God,
that you have refreshed us through this healing time of worship
and around your table of grace.

We know that in our grief and in our celebration,
you are with us in Spirit
and we are not left alone.

We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in
Christ as we go forth this day.

Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

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

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

The United Methodist Church 702, vs. 1, 2, & 4

*During the singing of the hymn, we invite you
to bring forward donations to The Shepherd's Market.*

*Benediction

*Postlude

*The end of worship.
The beginning of service.*

WORSHIP NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by Mike and Patricia Koch in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

USHERS

Ushers for today's 8:30 worship service are Beth Forester and Rhonda Tucker.

Ushers for today's 11:00 worship service are Richard and Marilyn Damberg.

COFFEE TIME

After the 8:30 service, please join the Connections Class for cake during Coffee Time as we say good bye to our good friend, Bernie Johnson. Rev. Bernie will be leaving St. John's this month to return home to New Orleans! We love her, we will miss her, and we wish her health and happiness in the years to come!

After the 8:30 service we offer snacks for children and youth in our "Upstairs Café" in Room 202 of the Admin Building.

Stewardship Update

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to God's work here at St. John's for next year! If you haven't submitted your 2024 pledge, we encourage you to join us in building momentum as we answer our Call to Community. Through every pledge we give, we are investing in St. John's future and the identity of our beloved church, as a community that feeds people spiritually and physically, values our children and youth, engages in community outreach, and responds to the needs around us. Help us to expand and strengthen the programs that make us who we are.

Thank you to the 87 individuals and families who have pledged \$465,674 so far.

- **55 increased** their 2023 pledge for next year. *Thank you!*
- **15 are new** or first time pledged givers! *Thank you!*

If you have not yet pledged, please consider joining your fellow St. John's family members who have increased their pledge from this year to next. Our 2024 budget includes a Spirit-led 13-14% increase, and your increased pledge will get us closer to our goal. Pledge cards can be found in the pews and the church office. You can make a pledge online at stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2024.

Worship & Music

UPCOMING WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

We are excited to share that Natalie Cooper, Certified Lay Servant, will be preaching on Sunday, November 12. Her guiding scripture comes from the Revised Common Lectionary gospel reading for that day, Matthew 25:1-13. Come support Natalie as she preaches her first sermon at St. John's.

MUSIC MAKERS

Join us for Music Makers on Sunday afternoons as we get ready to share music in an upcoming worship service and as we get ready for Advent & Christmas! If you have a child (or children) in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade, bring them to Music Makers in the choir room from **4:30-5:30 p.m. on the first three Sundays of the month** so they can explore their faith through music.

Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

THANK YOU FOR HELPING

St. John's! Thank you for your participation in a fabulous POTLUCK on Sunday! I know that United Methodists are supposed to be good at that, but St. John's really raises the bar!

And, a big thank you to everyone who showed up on Friday or Saturday to set up, and an even bigger thank you to so many of you who stayed late to clean up; by 1 p.m., you couldn't even tell that we'd been in there!

I don't know about you, but I love my church family!

Blessings, Barbara Benton

P.S. You may have noticed that we ran out of forks (that's a good thing!), so if you have any silverware at home that you would like to part with, please put it in a bag and drop it off at the office the next time you go by church.

Also, the "hot pads" that we have been using have definitely seen better days! We would love the donation of new or gently used hot pads for our next potluck!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 7 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Parlor. Norma Thomason will present the World Thank Offering and Pledge Program for 2024. Don't forget to bring items for the UWF Homebound Thanksgiving Baskets.

The Mary Martha Circle will meet on **Wednesday, November 8 at 10 a.m.** in the Parlor. All women are invited to attend.

PRIMETIMERS BUFFET BREAKFAST

It's time to give yourself a break and enjoy a Dutch-treat, buffet breakfast with the Primetimers! Meet them on **Saturday, November 11 at 8:30 a.m.** at the Drury Inn & Suites, 7939 Essen Park Ave. You will be glad you did.

Servanthood

YOUTH JAMBALAYA FUNDRAISER

We are hosting a Jambalaya Fundraiser for St. John's Youth on **Sunday, November 19**. Tickets will be \$10 and will be sold in the Narthex before and after worship services. The menu is jambalaya, white beans, and green salad and will be served in takeout boxes from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

You can pay in person with cash or check (made out to St. John's UMC with Youth in the memo line) or online using the donations portal. To purchase tickets online, visit stjohnsbr.org/give. Select a one-time donation. Under the "fund" drop-down menu, select "Youth Fund." Please include a note saying "Jambalaya Fundraiser." If you make an online payment please forward the confirmation email to Connor at connordean@stjohnsbr.org.

COMMUNION COMPANIONS

Our Communion Companions will have a meeting on **Sunday, November 12 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).

OPENING DOORS' HOLIDAY SUPERSTORE

This year's shopping day for the Holiday Superstore will be on **Monday, November 20** at the Target on Siegen Lane; plan to meet at **8 a.m. at the entrance on the far right**.

For those of you who have not been involved before, the Holiday Superstore is an Opening Doors program that targets the children of the Charlie Thomas Head Start Center located in the Gardere area. During the year, parents earn points by following guidelines to get them involved in their children's education, these points are translated into a dollar amount and volunteers from St. John's do the shopping for the gifts. The money is budgeted by Opening Doors so there is no cost to you as the shopper.

If you can help this year or would like more information about this mission, email Marilyn Damberg (marilyndamberg@mac.com) or phone/text at 225-335-3321.

THE GREAT TURKEY GIVEAWAY

The 13th Great Turkey Giveaway will be **Saturday, December 16** and takes place in the church parking lot. Once the drive-through starts, it goes fast. Not only will it be a fun and uplifting time for you, but you will be helping our pantry shoppers have a wonderful Christmas dinner with their turkey and all the fixings.

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome - please arrive by 7 a.m.

While much of the food for the giveaway is donated, The Shepherd's Market purchases the turkeys and produce for over 500 meals. A donation of \$25 to the Shepherd's Market will buy a turkey and produce for one family. Monetary gifts can be made to St John's by check with Turkey Giveaway in the memo line, on Sunday in an offering envelope marked with your name and Turkey Giveaway, or online at stjohnsbr.org/give, selecting the Shepherd's Market Fund.

MEALS FOR ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

Help us provide meals for the St. John's youth group for their evening fellowship on the **second and fourth Wednesday of the month**. Students meet from 6-8 p.m.; meals should be delivered between 5:45 - 6 p.m. to the Admin Building. The meal should include an entree, side dish, and dessert for 8-10 people. You are welcome to bring a home-cooked meal or order fast food (pizza, chicken fingers, tacos, etc.). We will have drinks, plates, and cutlery. You can sign up by scanning the QR code or by visiting this link: tinyurl.com/StJohnsYouthMeals.



Youth & Children's Ministries

FALL DISCIPLESHIP SERIES - C.H.A.O.S.

Our fall discipleship series for children & families is called C.H.A.O.S., which is an acronym that stands for...

Christ Here And Other Spaces

This month's C.H.A.O.S. is FALL FEST! Join us **TODAY from 4-6 p.m.** for this family-friendly community wide event.

We will meet again, next month, for C.H.A.O.S. on **Sunday, November 26 from 4- 6 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. The lesson will focus on how we can make and prepare spaces for Christ in our lives and in the lives of those around us. To accompany this lesson, we will work on Chrismons (Christian ornaments) with guidance from some of the members of the St. John's United Women in Faith. Dinner will be included. We hope to see you all there.

SUNDAY MORNING CAFE TIME AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30-9:50 Cafe time for youth & children (K-12th) in Room 202

9:50-10:50 Children's & Youth Sunday School time

UPSTAIRS CAFE

The "Upstairs Cafe" for our children and youth in Room 202 of the Admin Building will be open during Coffee Time (9:30 - 9:45 a.m.) and will serve primarily as a check-in point for our Sunday School classes, helping our students get settled, enjoy a snack, and have a time of fellowship with one another before separating into their smaller Sunday School groups. If you prefer for your student to spend fellowship time with you in the FLC during Coffee Time, that is totally okay as well. We offer this as another option. It is a space that is intentionally crafted to foster greater community among our children and youth age groups.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY SERIES - BIBLICAL LAMENT

The study series we are following for Sunday School from now until Advent is called "Biblical Lament." This series is designed to help teenagers navigate complex feelings and experiences by finding Biblical examples of the same feelings and experiences. The series covers topics such as sadness, fear, joy, surprise, anger, and even issues facing LGBTQ youth.

YOUTH GROUP

In addition to our Sunday School times, the St. John's youth group (6th-12th grades) meets for Bible study on 1st and 3rd Sundays, 4-6 pm, and for fellowship activities on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6-8 pm. Dinner is provided on Wednesday nights.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, November 5

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

Monday, November 6

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, 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, Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, November 7

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 9:30 a.m. UWF Ruth Circle, Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. GriefShare, Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, November 8

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 10:00 a.m. UWF Mary Martha Circle, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting, FLC-C

Thursday, November 9

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 5:00 p.m. Opening Doors, Library

Friday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 11

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

*Family Life Center