



What dreams might God be opening for St. John's in 2026 and beyond? Today, our leaders share hopes and visions for St. John's, inspired by the promise that "your old will dream dreams, and your young will see visions." Together, we'll listen for God's call and imagine how our giving and serving can make those dreams come true.

CHURCH WIDE WORK DAY, OCT 18

Join us for a morning of service on Saturday! We'll gather from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. with projects for all ages (yes, even children & youth!). Scan the QR code to sign up for a task and help us care for our church together. (Youth who help will be treated to lunch at Casa Maria as their next Community Connection.)



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 & Welcome **Brochures** are located in the narthex (lobby). Our **ushers** can help you in any way you may need. Text 'CONNECT' to 225-230-1017 join our updates.

For Families with Children

- The St. John's Prayground is in the front of the sanctuary during services. Children are welcome to spend the entire service here.
- 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. - 10:45 a.m.
- b The flowers on the altar are given by Rev. Marie Williams in honor of her granddaughter, Grace Williams, who is celebrating her 22nd birthday and has achieved her black belt in Karate.

Today's Ushers are Darren & Chris Stubbs.

@UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUCEMENTS

PLEDGE NOW

Commit to a new year at St. John's by making your commitment today for 2026. Scan the QR code or visit stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2026.



Called to Dream Stewardship Campaign & Worship Series

In our Called to Dream worship series & Stewardship Campaign, we imagine how to live into God's vision for St. John's. Watch your inbox for a weekly stewardship email (print copies available in office & narthex). Visit for more info: stjohnsbr.org/stewardship-2026



Youth Wednesday Night Live, October 15

We're continuing our deep dive into the Fruits of the Spirit this Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. - plus dinner is provided! Youth, come for fun, faith, and friends!

Kids Night, Sunday, October 19!

Kids Night for K-5th is next Sunday, 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the FLC. Dinner and fun included!

Good Grief, Tuesday, October 21

Our final meeting of Good Grief will meet on Tuesday, October 21 from 5:30 at George's Southside. Join us to close out this ministry at St. John's.

Mexico Mission Opportunity Meeting, Tuesday, October 21

Join us for a gathering with Rev. Willie Berman, United Methodist Missionary, to learn about opportunities through Manos Juntas Mexico. Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7:00 p.m. at St. John's. Sponsored by St. John's UMC & St. Andrew's UMC. More info: Rev. Larry Norman, 225-933-1881; Lducknataol@gmail.com

Extended Coffee Time, Commitment Sunday, October 26

On Commitment Sunday, Join us for an extended coffee time on Commitment Sunday for fun, fellowship & snacks!

Harvest Hangout - Saturday, November 1

Saturday November 1st 3:00-4:30 p.m. Fun, games, and treats for the whole family!

Calling All Singers for a Special Presentation, November 16

Join the Chancel Choir for the debut of The River Speaks: A Setting of Spirituals by Terry Byars presented on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025. Weekly rehearsals Oct 15, 6:30-7:10 p.m., Choir Room. Dress rehearsal Saturday, November 15. All parts welcome!

(†) 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 A-C may bring snacks on Oct 19

Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Campus Wide

Music Ministries

Sundays

6:00 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

Children & Youth

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide Upstairs Café Fruit - Last names I-P, Oct 19

4:30 p.m. Music Makers (K-8th grades)

10:30 a.m. Holy Helpers, Church Office

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

Tuesdays

7:00 p.m. Pickleball, FLC 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. Ladies AA Meeting, FLC-C

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

Shepherd's Market

A client choice food pantry

Mondays 3:30 p.m. FLC Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 a.m. FLC shepherdsmarket.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

CONTACT

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WELCOME

CHECK IN

& PRAYER **REQUESTS**

8:30 AM Worship Celebrations

Please stand as you are comfortable where marked by an asterisk (*) & join in speaking where text is in **bold**.

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Dr. Terry Byars

Welcome in the Light of Christ*

U.M. Hymnal #158 vs 1, 2, 3

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Invitation to Worship*

Daniel Csaszar

The Spirit of God is being poured out on every heart, in every season, through every generation.

Some of us come with fresh vision, wide-eyed and wondering. Some come with deep wisdom, remembering God's faithfulness.

The Spirit is alive among us in the laughter of children, the courage of youth, the hope of adults, and the dreams of elders.

We are dreamers together -

called, inspired, and united by God's vision of love.

So come – bring your stories, your hopes, your questions, and your faith.

We come to worship the God who still gives dreams and stirs visions - calling us to imagine, to build, and to become the people of grace.

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

We Encourage Our Children Rhonda Tucker

Daniel Csaszar We Pray Together God of dreams and visions, open our hearts as we hear Your Word. Awaken new possibilities in us, and through Your Spirit, inspire us to dream boldly and act faithfully. Amen.

We Read the Word Joel 2:28-29

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.

We are Called to Dream

Dream Response Song* Blest Be the Tie That Binds

We Hear the Dreams of the Young Kate Bouchillon **Family Ministries Director**

Daniel Csaszar

Sandra Kuykendall

U.M. Hymnal #557 vs. 1

Lay Leader

We Discern God's Vision Together BJ Cobb & Margaret Sprunger Mission Vision Revision Co-Leads

The Faith We Sing #2150 vs 1, 3 **Dream Response Song*** In our Lives Lord, Be Glorified

We Build for the Future John Toney, Board of Trustees, Co-Chairperson

We Steward God's Gifts Creatively Sustainable Revenue Team

We Grow Through Generosity Renee Rodi, Finance Committee Chairperson

We Pray Together Sandra Kuykendall

We Pray the Lord's Prayer U.M. Hymnal #895

We Share Our Visions Rev. Lane Cotton Winn Star Reflection

The Faith We Sing #2130 vs 1, 4 We Sing Together* The Summons

We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts

Flute, Denise Curwick Amazing Grace Arranged by Anthony Evert

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.

Piano, Dr. Terry

GIVING

U.M. Hymnal #94 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!

We Receive This Week's Call To Action

We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward and stand with Pastor Lane during the singing of the next song.

U.M. Hymnal # 580 vs 1, 3 We Sing Together* Lead On, O King Eternal

We Share in a Blessing* Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Go Out into the World* Dr. Terry Byars The service ends, but our worship continues as we go forth to love and serve the Lord.