

Listening HEART

CHECK-IN &
PRAYER REQUESTS
VIA QR CODE



When Solomon dreams of God offering him anything, he doesn't ask for riches or power—he asks for wisdom. True stewardship begins the same way: not by chasing more, but by seeking God's guidance in how to use what we already have.

Harvest Hangout Helpers, Nov. 1



Join us for our Harvest Hangout (a.k.a. Fall Fest)—an afternoon of fall fun with a hayride, face painting, crafts, games, hotdogs, and our famous cupcake walk! **Helpers are needed** to make it all happen—sign up online via the QR code or during coffee time in the Narthex. Adults and youth especially encouraged!

Prayer Requests

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 Playground** 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.

* The altar flowers are given by Beth LaCour in loving memory of those lost to Huntington's Disease and in honor of those living at risk, gene-positive, or symptomatic. We give thanks for the caregivers, doctors, scientists, and the Huntington's Disease Society of America for their dedication to care, research, and the search for a cure.

Today's Ushers are Phil and Jill Slicker.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Called to Dream Stewardship Campaign & Worship Series

As we conclude our stewardship campaign next week with **Commitment Sunday** on October 26, we imagine how to live into God's vision for St. John's. Weekly reflections are available online at stjohnsbr.org/stewardship-2026. Commit to a new year by making your **pledge** today—scan the QR code or visit stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2026. (Printed materials and pledge cards are available in the narthex and office.)



Today in Family Ministries!

Kids Night (K-5th): 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the FLC — dinner and fun included!

Youth: The Great Pumpkin Hunt with First UMC, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Music Makers will take the night off.

Good Grief, Tuesday - Final Gathering, October 21

We will meet at 5:30 p.m. at George's Southside for fellowship and a meal.

Mexico Mission Opportunity Meeting, Tuesday, October 21

Join missionary, Rev. Willie Berman, to learn about opportunities to make a difference through Manos Juntas Mexico. Sponsored by St. John's UMC & St. Andrew's UMC.

Hosted at St. John's. Contact: Rev. Norman, 225-933-1881; Lducknataol@gmail.com

Tree Removal, October 22, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Louisiana Tree Service and Entergy will be on campus for tree removals near the FLC.

Please avoid the west side, rear rooms and areas near power lines for safety.

Extended Coffee Time, Commitment Sunday, October 26

On Commitment Sunday, Join us for an extended coffee time (No Sunday School).

Harvest Hangout - Saturday, November 1

Saturday November 1st 3:00-4:30 p.m. Fun, games, and treats for the whole family! Sign Up to SERVE or give supplies via the QR code at right.



All Saints Day, November 2

If you have a loved one who has died in the past year and would like their name read aloud during worship, please email PastorLane@stjohnsbr.org with their name and date of death by Tuesday, October 29.

Calling All Singers for a Special Presentation, November 16

Join the Chancel Choir for *The River Speaks* by Terry Byars on Sunday, Nov. 16. Wed rehearsals 6:30-7:10 p.m. Dress rehearsal Nov 15. Join us!

Join the Shepherd's Market Substitute List

Scan the QR code to sign up as an on-call volunteer for the food pantry!



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 D-G may bring snacks on Oct 26

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Campus Wide

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Sundays
6:00 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
Upstairs Café Fruit - Last names Q-W, Oct 26

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

SERVE

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

WELLNESS

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

Saturdays
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

stjohnsbr.org/contact-us

A LISTENING Heart



ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

8:30 Worship Celebration

Sunday, October 19th 2025

stjohnsbr.org | [@stjohnsbr](https://twitter.com/stjohnsbr) | office@stjohnsbr.org

225-766-4594 | 230 Renee Drive BR, LA 70810

WELCOME

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& 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

The Rejoicing
By George Frederic Handel
Arranged by Martha Lynn Thompson

The Alleluia Ringers

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Welcome in the Light of Christ*

U.M. Hymnal #454 vs 1, 2, 3
Open My Eyes, That I May See

Invitation to Worship*

Danielle Blackwood

Come, people of God, and open your hearts.
God calls us to listen, to discern, to follow.
We come seeking wisdom. We come seeking guidance.
Come, not for comfort alone, but to be shaped by God’s Spirit.
Teach us, O God, to hear Your voice and live with faithful hearts.
Let us worship the God who gives us listening hearts,
that our lives may bless the world.
Let us worship God together!

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #400 vs 1
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

We Encourage Our Children

Pastor Lane,
Kate Bouchillon

We Read the Word
1 Kings 3:4–15

Pastor Lane

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 Reflect On The Word

Pastor Lane

“More than a Dream: A Listening Heart”

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #395 vs 1, 4
Take Time To Be Holy

We Name Our Need for Grace*

Danielle Blackwood

God’s mercy is greater than our mistakes.
When we turn our hearts to listen, God forgives, guides,
and restores us. With that in mind, let us pray...

**God of wisdom and grace,
we confess that we often seek what we want
instead of listening for your voice.
Lead us to live for more than ourselves,
embracing your purposes and caring for all people.
Forgive us, guide us, and teach us to trust your ways.
Show us how to have listening hearts,
and help us live with faithfulness and generosity. Amen.**

We Hear Words of
Grace & Forgiveness*

Danielle Blackwood

Hear the Good News: In Christ, we are given a listening heart,
a fresh start, and the courage to live faithfully.
Know that you are forgiven and filled with God’s peace.
As we share that peace, let us greet one another:
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

Mission Moment

Bobbi Marino

Serving in The Shepherd's Market

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

Alleluia Ringers

Trust & Obey
By Hart Morris

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.



GIVING

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #94

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 Prepare for Communion

We give thanks, remember God’s saving acts, and call on the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and cup. Together, we join in a holy meal that connects us with Christ and one another.

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

We Partake in Communion*

All are welcome to receive Communion.
We serve by intinction (bread dipped in juice); servers handle the elements. Pre-packaged & gluten-free options are available.
You may remain at the chancel to pray. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

We Pray Together

Danielle Blackwood

**Gracious God,
Nourished at this table,
help us carry Your wisdom into the world,
live with listening hearts,
and use all You have entrusted to us to bless others.
Strengthen us to walk in faith, serve generously,
and follow Your Spirit, so that our lives
may reflect Your grace and love. Amen.**

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.

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #451 vs 1, 2
Be Thou My Vision

We Share in a Blessing*

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Go Out into the World*

Alleluia Ringers

Praise Ye the Father
By Charles Gounod, Arranged by Ruby Shaw Hollis

The service ends, but our worship continues as we go forth to love and serve the Lord.