

HOLDING SPACE

For Head & Heart

Faith involves engaging our entire selves—heart, soul, mind, and strength. This week, we reflect on a faith that connects both intellect and emotion. Through the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch, we see how understanding can transform us and recognize that the longest journey can be from knowledge to lived experience.

Most Needed Pantry Items

Most needed: drinks (water, boxed drinks, juice), dried beans, and cereal (regular size please, not large)
Ongoing needs: pasta, peanut butter, snacks, condiments, household items, and personal hygiene items

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 **Prayground** is a child-friendly space at the front of the sanctuary where children and their families are welcome to participate in worship in a way that works for them.
- 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. to 10:45 a.m., along with a variety of adult classes as well.

The **rosebuds on the altar** celebrate the births of **Willow Elizabeth Dickson** and **Charles “Charlie” Lynn Isenhower**. Willow is the granddaughter of Darlene and the daughter of Kevin and Taylor Dickson. Charlie is the son of Zach and Kristine Isenhower and Walter's younger brother.

The **flowers on the altar** today are given by **Mary Madalyn St. Pierre** in honor of the **St. John’s Care Ministries**.

Today’s ushers are **Darren and Chris Stubbs**.

CHECK-IN &
PRAYER REQUESTS



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holding Space — Our Lent Worship Series Lent invites us into the sacred in-between. This season, we resist rushing toward easy answers. Instead, we follow Jesus into the tension, trusting that God is present and at work even when clarity feels unfinished. As we continue Holding Space, we are reminded that faith is less about proving and more about practicing trust.

Kids Night – Sunday, March 15 | 4:00–5:30 p.m. | K–5th Grade Kids Night is back! Join us as we learn about Holy Week—the story at the heart of our faith. Through hands-on activities, conversation, and creative play, we’ll explore the journey from Palm Sunday to Easter morning in ways that are meaningful and age-appropriate. Dinner is included. Bring a friend and come ready to learn and grow together!

Holding Space: Lent Bingo Pick up a Lent Bingo card and join us in a shared Lenten practice. Each square offers a simple way to stay present and open as we practice faith in the in-between. Choose one square each day (excluding Sundays). **Bring your card with you on Easter Sunday for a little Easter joy** — no perfect score required. Scan the QR code to download your card, or pick up a printed copy (and stickers) in the narthex or church office.

Lent Book Study — An Altar in the World Join us for a Lenten study of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by Jami Prince. **Wednesday evenings | 5:45–6:45 p.m.** or **Thursday mornings | 10:30–11:30 a.m.** Books are available for pick up in the church library. Scan the QR code to register.

Days for Girls Work Day —Saturday, March 14 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon | Family Life Center Help prepare sustainable hygiene kits for girls around the world. No sewing experience required — just willing hands and open hearts.

Spring Church-Wide Opportunities - Saturday, March 21 | 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. Join us for a morning of serving and caring for our church home. Projects available for adults and youth. Sign up in person the two Sundays prior. We’d love to see you there!

Kite Fest BR — Saturday March 28 Join us Saturday, March 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Hartley/Vey Park for an afternoon of kite decorating and flying, friendly competitions, hands-on activities, lawn games, and community connection. Proceeds support year-round programs at the Gardere Initiative Community Center.

Palm Sunday – Sunday, March 29 | Coffee at 9:00 a.m. and One Service at 10:00 a.m. Join us for a joyful Palm Sunday celebration with one combined service at 10:00 a.m. as we begin Holy Week together. Coffee and fellowship will begin at 9:00 a.m., and everyone is invited to bring something to share for our time together.

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, 3/8

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Campus Wide for All Ages

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 Cafe Fruit: A–H, 3/8
3:30 p.m. Music Makers (K–5th grades)
4:30 p.m. Music Makers (Middle School)
5:00 p.m. Youth Group (6th–12th grades)

SERVE

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

WELLNESS

Mondays
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC–E

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

Tuesdays
7:00 p.m. Pickleball
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

THE SHEPHERD’S MARKET

A client choice food pantry

Mon 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. FLC
Tues & Thurs 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. FLC
shepherdsmarket.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday

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ST. JOHN’S
United Methodist Church

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8:30 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, March 1st, 2026

St. John’s Mission

Go and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

St. John’s Vision

Love. Grow Together. Serve Our Neighbors.

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WELCOME

8:30 AM Worship Celebration

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



Gathering Music Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #384 vs 1, 2
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Invitation to Worship* Phil Slicker
Come, travelers on the wilderness road.
We come with questions and longing.
Come, thinkers and feelers, doubters and dreamers.
We come with head and heart.
God meets us in scripture and in silence,
in study and in stirring.
We come to love God with all that we are.
Come with your questions and longings.
Let us worship the God who forms us slowly and holds us together.

We Sing Together* The Faith We Sing #2086
Open Our Eyes

We Encourage Our Children Natalie Cooper

We Read the Word Pastor Lane
Acts 8:26–30
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
Holding Space for Head & Heart

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

We Name Our Need For Grace* Phil Slicker
Holy and patient God,
We confess that we divide what you have joined together.
We lean on logic and neglect compassion.
Or we chase emotion without grounding ourselves in truth.
We speak quickly and listen slowly.
We defend our positions more than we defend our neighbors.
Forgive us.
Forgive us for the ways our fractured faith
fractures our relationships.
Warm our hearts where they have grown cold.
Steady our minds where they have drifted.
Make us whole again.
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.
Amen.

We Hear Words of Grace & Forgiveness* Phil Slicker
Friends,
The good news is this:
God does not love us with half a heart.
God does not forgive us with partial grace.
In Jesus Christ,
we are met fully –
mind, body, soul, and spirit.
What is divided can be healed.
What is cold can be warmed.
What is scattered can be gathered.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

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 Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

We Prepare for Communion* Pastor Lane
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
The blessings of God, our Creator are shared, concluding with:
Holy are you, O God,
in light and in darkness.
Holy in wilderness and table.
Blessed is the One who comes among us.
Hosanna in the highest.
The congregation is seated as we affirm Jesus' life and recall the Last Supper, concluding with:
Christ has died – we remember the cost of love.
Christ is risen – we trust the promise of life.
Christ will come again – and all shall be made new.
We pray for the Holy Spirit's presence in this holy meal concluding with The Lord's Prayer.

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 and 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 Phil Slicker
Holy God,
you have met us at this table –
mind and heart,
body and spirit.
As this bread has nourished us and this cup has steadied us,
send us out whole.
May what we know become what we trust,
and may what we trust shape how we live. Amen.

We Receive This Week’s Call To Action Pastor Lane

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #402 vs 1, 2
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

We Share in a Blessing* Pastor Lane

We Go Out into the World* Dr. Terry Byars
Music sends us out, but our worship continues as we go forth to love, grow together, and serve our neighbors.