

Keep the Fire Burning



CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS



Welcome, as we celebrate Pentecost and reflect on what it means to keep the fire burning in our own lives, our church, and our community.

Shepherd's Market Client-Choice Food Pantry

Current urgent needs include pasta, dry beans, canned mixed vegetables, and peanut butter.

Additional helpful items include cereal, condiments, snacks, and soup.

Donations are also welcome every week and may be placed in the grocery cart in the Narthex (lobby) or in the donation bin outside the church office.

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 & Water Fountains are located in the narthex (lobby). We invite all first time guests to stop by the welcome table to receive a gift. Text **'CONNECT'** to 225- 230-1017 join St. John's updates.

For Families with Children

Children are always welcome in worship. If at any time you'd prefer a quieter space, the Bride's Room—located at the back of the Narthex (lobby)—is available for you, with books, a rocker, and a nearby women's restroom.

- 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 **flowers** on the altar are given, by Lynn Cooper, with love and in celebration of Natalie Cooper's birthday today.

Today's ushers are **Donnie & Susan Lambert.**



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tax-Advantaged Giving Opportunities | Sunday, May 24 | 10:00–10:30 a.m.

Rev. Kathy Schaffhauser, retired United Methodist clergy and CPA, has prepared a handout on Tax-Advantaged Giving Strategies related to the Love This Place campaign. Printed copies are available in the narthex (lobby) and church office, and a digital copy may also be downloaded by scanning the QR code at right. Kathy will be available in the Family Life Center to answer questions and visit with anyone interested in learning more today at 10:00 a.m.



Youth & Music Makers will not meet today for Memorial Day | Sunday, May 24 Church Office & Shepherd's Market Closed for Memorial Day | Monday, May 25

The Good Years Social | Wednesday, May 27 | 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Our new retiree group, "The Good Years," will gather for a social at STIR Coffee (15405 Airline Hwy). Come enjoy fellowship, coffee, and conversation. Feel free to drop in anytime during the gathering.

Love This Place Sunday | Sunday, May 31 | One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a special combined worship service next Sunday as we celebrate how St. John's has shaped our faith and lives and dedicate our commitments to the Love This Place campaign. During worship, we'll invite people to share "Love This Place Stories" about the impact St. John's has had on their lives. Gifts and commitments for the campaign will be received during the service. Commitment cards are available in the narthex (lobby) and church office; commitments may also be made using the above QR code. Following worship, everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for cupcakes, ice cream, lemonade, and a joyful celebration of St. John's 65th birthday. *Please note: Sunday School classes will not meet that morning, and no Coffee Time snacks are needed.*



Pastor Pop-Up | Wednesday, June 3 | 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Location coming soon! Watch social media and the newsletter for details.

Lead-Hers in Faith Worship Series | Begins Sunday, June 7

Join us for a new worship series exploring the stories and leadership of women of faith.

Help Us Update Our Records

We've recently launched a new church database system and need your help updating household information. Please complete the form online by scanning the QR code or using the bulletin insert. This helps us communicate well and care for our church family. We will never share your information outside the church.



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
One Service, 5.31 – Snacks provided!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
No Upstairs Café May 31
3:30 p.m. Music Makers (K-5th grades) **Not today**
4:30 p.m. Music Makers (Middle School) **Not today**
5:00 p.m. Youth Group **Not tonight**

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

CONTACT

stjohnsbr.org/contact-us



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8:30 AM Worship Celebration
Sunday, May 24th, 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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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

WELCOME



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& PRAYER
REQUESTS

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 #333 vs 1, 2, 4

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

Invitation to Worship*

The Spirit of God is poured out upon us.

We gather with open hearts and expectant spirits.

From many places and many stories, God calls us here.

We are one body, united in Christ.

The fire of faith has been passed from generation to generation.

We come to keep the fire burning.

The Spirit still moves among God's people.

The Spirit still speaks through the church.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Fill this place with your love, your courage, and your hope. Amen.

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

We Encourage Our Children

Natalie Cooper

We Read the Word

Acts 2:1-21

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.

Natalie Cooper,
Bobbi Marino & Pastor Lane

We Reflect On The Word

Keep the Fire Burning

Pastor Lane

We Pray Together

The Wesley Covenant Prayer; UM Hymnal #607

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,

exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things

to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

We Sing Together*

The Faith We Sing #2117 vs 1, 2, 4

Spirit of God

We Name Our Need for Grace*

Bobbi Marino

Siblings in Christ,

Pentecost reminds us that God never gives up on the church.

Again and again, the Holy Spirit comes to renew us, forgive us,

and set our hearts on fire with grace.

So let us come before God with honesty and hope

as we confess our sin together.

Holy and gracious God,

too often we have lived by fear instead of faith.

We have resisted your Spirit, held back our gifts,

and failed to love and serve as you call us.

Forgive us. Renew us by your Holy Spirit.

Warm our hearts with your grace,

and make us faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Grace and Forgiveness*

Bobbi Marino

Hear the good news:

The Spirit of God is still moving among us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and made new.

The fire of God's grace has not gone out.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God!

Alleluia!

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

Stewardship Witness

Bill & Joyce Perry

Love This Place Campaign

We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift helps us live out our vision

to love, grow together, and serve our neighbors. Scan the QR code

or visit stjohnsbr.org/give to give online.

Pastor Lane

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

Pastor Lane

We give thanks for God's grace, hear Jesus' words spoken at the table,

and ask the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and cup. In this holy meal,

we are joined with Christ and with one another,

reminded that there is always room at God's table for all.

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 Share in Prayer

Bobbi Marino

Gracious and loving God,

we thank you for this holy meal

and for the gift of your presence among us.

Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit,

and keep the fire of faith burning within us.

Send us out to love courageously,

serve joyfully,

give generously,

and witness boldly,

so that future generations may come to know

your grace and love through this church.

Strengthen us to follow Christ faithfully

in all that we say and do.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

We Receive This Week's Call to Action

Pastor Lane

We joyfully welcome all who wish to join St. John's United Methodist Church.

Please come forward during the next song and stand with Pastor Lane.

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #331 vs 1, 3, 4

Holy Spirit, Come Confirm Us

We Share in a Blessing*

Pastor Lane

We Go Out Into the World*

Virtual Campus Tour Video



GIVING