

# CLARITY MATTERS

CHECK-IN &  
PRAYER REQUESTS  
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In a world full of noise, urgency, and competing voices, clarity can be hard to come by. Drawing from the prophet Habakkuk, this week invites us to slow down, listen, and name what truly matters, so we can live with purpose rather than drift through faith and life on autopilot.

## Grocery Bag Sunday, Feb 1

Next week is Grocery Bag Sunday. Pick up a yellow bag and fill it with items to restock the Shepherd's Market pantry shelves.

This week's most needed items: **peanut butter, snacks, and pasta.**  
**Ongoing needs also include cereal, condiments, drinks, and household items** (ex: detergent, paper products, hygiene items).

## Prayer Requests

Share prayer requests by scanning the QR code above, emailing [prayers@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org) or visiting [stjohnsbr.org/here](http://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 **Playground** 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 - 12<sup>th</sup> grade from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., along with a variety of adult classes as well.

Todays ushers are **Sandra Kuykendall, Amy Richardson**

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### "On Purpose" Worship Series – Begins Today

In "On Purpose," we reflect on vision—where we're headed, what distracts us, and how God calls us to live with intention. The three week series connects our shared life as a church with the choices we make each day.

### "On Purpose" Reflection Guide – Now Available

A reflection guide for the "On Purpose" worship series is available and includes Scripture, reflection questions, and weekly practices for individuals or groups. Find copies in the Narthex (lobby) or church office, or download it using the QR code.



### Youth Confirmation Classes – Today through May 3

Youth Confirmation classes begin today and meet during Sunday School from 9:45–10:45 a.m. through May 3. The journey includes a retreat on March 27–28 and concludes with Confirmation Sunday on May 3. For more information, contact Family Ministries Director, Kate Bouchillon ([KateBouchillon@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:KateBouchillon@stjohnsbr.org)).

### Weekly Youth Group – Sundays

Youth Group happens every Sunday from 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room (Admin/Ed Room 201). All youth 6th–12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited, and friends are always welcome. Come hang out, eat dinner, and be part of the conversation.

### "The Chosen" Watch Parties – Wednesdays

"The Chosen" watch parties meet Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome to watch a new episode of Season 1 together and stay for brief but meaningful conversation and fellowship following each episode.

### United Women in Faith Reading Program (Level 1) – Now Available

Read with purpose and grow together. 2026 books are available on the UWF Shelf in the library. Forms due by the end of May. Questions? Norma Thomason, 225-765-7374.

### Church Council Meeting Thursday, February 5, Library, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for conversation about what's ahead for our church, including adoption of the 2026 budget and continued discussion of our new mission and vision.

### Welcome Mary Madalyn St. Pierre

Please join us in welcoming Mary Madalyn St. Pierre, who joined our staff on January 20 as our Welcome, Belonging, and Congregational Care Coordinator. You can reach her at [marymadalynstpierre@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:marymadalynstpierre@stjohnsbr.org).

## 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 M-Z may bring snacks on 2/1

### 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: Teachers, 2/1  
4:00 p.m. Music Makers (K-8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://shepherdsmarket.org)

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

**CONTACT** [stjohnsbr.org/contact-us](http://stjohnsbr.org/contact-us)



ST. JOHN'S  
United Methodist Church



## 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.

## 8:30 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, January 25th 2026

[stjohnsbr.org](http://stjohnsbr.org) | @stjohnsbr | [office@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:office@stjohnsbr.org)

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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**.



CHECK IN  
& PRAYER  
REQUESTS

### Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

### Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

### We Sing Together\*

The Faith We Sing #2208 vs 1, 2, 3

### Invitation to Worship\*

Jane Walker

In a world full of urgency and noise, God calls us to pause and listen.

**We come seeking clarity and direction.**

God invites us to stand at the watchpost and pay attention for what is being revealed.

**We come ready to worship and to listen.**

Come, let us worship the God who gives vision for the appointed time.

**We come with eager hearts and open minds.**

### We Sing Together\*

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

The Faith We Sing #2214

### We Encourage Our Children

Kate Bouchillon

### We Read the Word

**Habakkuk 2:1-3**

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.**

Pastor Lane

### We Reflect on the Word

*Clarity Matters*

Pastor Lane

### We Claim Our Calling

We are called to follow Jesus Christ – **for the transformation of the world.**  
We live that calling by loving – **God, one another, and our neighbors.**  
We grow together in faith – **learning, praying, and walking side by side.**

We serve our neighbors – **with compassion, humility, and hope.**

This is not just what we do.

**This is who we are becoming.**

May God shape us to live this calling with faithfulness and purpose.  
**Amen.**

### We Sing Together\*

*Be Thou My Vision*

Pastor Lane

U.M. Hymnal #451 v 1, 2, 3

### We Name Our Need For Grace\*

Jane Walker

**God of vision and patience,**  
**we confess that we don't always wait or listen well.**  
**When life feels urgent, we rush instead of discern.**  
**When the way forward feels unclear, we drift instead of trusting you.**  
**Forgive us for losing sight of what matters most.**  
**Turn us again toward your voice, and steady us in the work**  
**you've given us.**  
**Hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken.**  
(We pray in silence.)

### We Hear Words of Grace and Forgiveness\*

Jane Walker

Hear the good news:  
God does not abandon us when we lose our way.  
Grace meets us again and again.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and invited to begin anew.  
**Thanks be to God.**  
May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace\*

### We Bless Our Church Leaders

### 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](http://stjohnsbr.org/give) to give online.*



GIVING

### 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 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 Pray Together

Jane Walker

*Gracious God,*  
*we thank you for meeting us at this table—for nourishing us with grace, and reminding us that we do not walk this journey alone.*  
*As we leave this place, help us carry what we have received into the world: to love, grow together, and to serve our neighbors.*  
*Steady us when the work feels slow, give us patience to trust your timing, and shape our lives—and our community—to live your mission on purpose. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

### We Receive This Week's Call To Action

Pastor Lane

### We Sing Together\*

U.M. Hymnal #127 vs 1, 2

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

### 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.*