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I may  
I wish I might

**Make A Difference This Week**

Donate this week’s most needed items to The Shepherd’s Market: Our most needed items are Snacks & Pasta and we always have demand for cereal, condiments, drinks, and household 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 **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 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., along with a variety of adult classes as well.

Today's ushers are **Brian & Danielle Blackwood**.

CHECK-IN &  
PRAYER REQUESTS  
VIA QR CODE



**EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Pop-Up, Wednesday, January 7**

Pastor Lane is visiting local spots around town and would love to see you! Stop by, say hello, and enjoy a relaxed conversation – no agenda, no pressure, just community. Everyone is welcome! The first Pop Up will be January 7, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., at Light House Coffee (257 Lee Dr.). Everyone is welcome!

**The Chosen Watch Parties, Wednesdays beginning January 7**

Join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. to watch *The Chosen: Season 1*, a TV series about the life of Jesus. Watching the full season is encouraged, but all are welcome at any time. For more information contact Rhonda at [parkerrhondatucker@gmail.com](mailto:parkerrhondatucker@gmail.com).

**Church Council meeting January 11**

Join us in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. next Sunday for the first Church Council meeting of the year. Both 2025 & 2026 Council members are invited for a special presentation from our Mission & Vision Revision Team as we continue our shared discernment.

**Weekly Youth Group starts January 11!**

Our Youth (6th-12th grades) will be meeting every Sunday, 5:00–7:00 p.m., starting January 11 for faith, food, community and fun! Dinner provided.

**Kids Night, January 18th**

Join us in the Family Life Center for fun and games as we convene for our first Kids Night of the year! 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**Associ-Eights Is Returning, Spring 2026!**

Associ-Eights is a short-term small-group experience at St. John’s focused on connection and community. When you sign up, you’ll be placed in a thoughtfully mixed group of eight to help build new connections. Groups meet at least three times between February and April. Sign-ups run January 4–January 22.

**Flower Dedications Needed**

If you haven’t already, consider dedicating flowers to a loved one on a Sunday in 2026. You may contact the church office or sign up on the paper chart in the hallway of the Admin and Education building. [Office@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:Office@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 A–C may bring snacks on January 11**

**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 Cafe fresh fruit: Last Names A–H**

**4:30 p.m.** Music Makers (K–8<sup>th</sup> 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  
**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**

**Mondays 3:30 p.m.** FLC  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 a.m.** FLC  
[shepherdsmarket.org](http://shepherdsmarket.org)

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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

**CONTACT**

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**ST. JOHN’S**  
United Methodist Church

**8:30 AM Worship Celebration**  
**Sunday, January 4th 2026**

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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\*** The Faith We Sing #2095 v 1 & 5  
*Star Child*

**Invitation to Worship\*** Pastor Lane  
We gather asking, “Where is the light God has sent?”  
**The light is here, shining among us.**  
We gather wondering, “Where is Christ revealed today?”  
**Christ is revealed in love, mercy, and compassion.**  
We gather ready to worship the One who comes for all.  
**We worship Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

**We Sing Together\*** U.M. Hymnal #242 v 1  
*Love Came Down at Christmas*

**The Children’s Moment** Rev. Rosmery LaFontaine

**We Read the Word\*** Rev. Rosmery LaFontaine  
**John 1:1-18**  
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** Rev. Rosmery LaFontaine  
*“I wish I May, I wish I Might...”*



**We Sing Together\*** U.M. Hymnal #206 vs 1 & 2  
*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**Ministry Moment** BJ Cobb & Karen Holton  
*Associ-Eights*

**We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts**  
Medley: This Little Light of Mine; John Toney, vocalist  
My Life Is in You, Lord

*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.*



**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  
May our journey this year lead us closer to Jesus the Christ.  
Together, we lift our voices.  
We are seekers – just like the Magi.  
**Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**  
We are longing for hope, love, joy, and peace, and for all that Christ brings.  
**Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**  
As we come to Christ’s table, may we arrive open and expectant – ready to receive grace.  
**Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**  
As we receive a Star Word today, may it encourage us, guide us, and remind us that you are near.  
**Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**  
Teach us to notice your presence – in this holy meal and in the days to come.  
**Light our paths and lead us closer to you.**

**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.*

*As you come forward for Communion, you are invited to take a Star Word from the basket. Each Star Word is unique – a personal word of encouragement, guidance, or inspiration for the days ahead.*

**We Pray Together** Pastor Lane  
**Radiant God,**  
**we thank you for this holy meal—**  
**for grace tasted and love received.**

**As we rise from this table,**  
**bless the Star Word we carry.**  
**Let it be a light along our way,**  
**a whisper of hope,**  
**a reminder that you are near.**

**Fed by Christ and sent in peace,**  
**may our lives reflect your light.**  
**Amen.**

**We Receive This Week’s Call To Action** Pastor Lane

**We Sing Together\*** U.M. Hymnal #173 vs 1 & 3  
*Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

**We Share in a Blessing\*** Rev. Rosemery LaFontaine

**We Go Out into the World\***  
*Music sends us out, but our worship continues as we go forth to love and serve the Lord.*