

BUILT
TOGETHER

CHECK-IN &
PRAYER REQUESTS



Faith is not meant to be lived alone. As we conclude our On Purpose series, we reflect on how God’s vision is lived out through shared gifts, shared practices, and a community rooted in belonging, purpose, and grace.

Most Needed Pantry Items

This week’s most-needed donations include **peanut butter, snacks, pasta, and dried beans**. Ongoing needs include cereal, condiments, drinks, paper products, detergent, and 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.



Today's ushers are **Donnie and Susan Lambert**

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Women in Faith | Circle of the Heart & UWF Sunday

All women are invited to the Circle of the Heart meeting on Wed., **Feb. 11** at 9:30 a.m. in the Founders Parlor. The program, “Connected to Get Our Roots,” will be presented by Carol Jean Barrow. Additionally, we will celebrate the ministry and mission of UWF during worship at both services on **UWF Sunday, Feb. 18**. Join us as we honor and give thanks for their faithful witness.

Parents’ Night Out | Saturday, February 14 | 4:30–7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a night out while our youth care for your children at St. John’s. Dinner provided. Proceeds support the youth mission trip. Contact katebouchillon@stjohnsbr.org for additional information.

Kids’ Night | Sunday, February 15 | 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Kids Night is a joyful evening of games, laughter, and easy fun, giving kids a chance to play while parents enjoyed a well-earned break. Come on down and join us!

Ash Wednesday Worship | Wednesday, February 18 | 6:00 p.m.

Begin the season of Lent with a meaningful service of prayer, scripture, and the imposition of ashes.

Unity in the CommUNITY | Saturday, February 21 | 10:00 a.m.

Come enjoy worship and fellowship with the children and families of the Charlie Thomas Head Start Center. Co-hosted by Opening Doors and St. John’s UMC.

“Holding Space” Lent Worship Series

Between ashes and alleluia lies the sacred work of holding space. This Lent, we dwell in the tension rather than escaping it, trusting that God is forming resurrection even in the dark. What we resist, God redeems. What feels like waiting becomes holy ground. Join us Sundays for “Holding Spacing,” our Lenten worship series, starting February 22. A daily Lenten practice will be shared during the season to accompany the series.

Lent Book Study | Morning & Evening Options | led by Jami Prince

Join us for a book study of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor that explores simple practices that open our eyes to the sacred all around us. The study has two options: Evenings: **Wednesdays, 5:45–6:45 pm**, beginning Feb. 25; Mornings: **Thursdays, 10:30–11:30 am**, beginning Feb. 26. Books are \$9; please read chapters 1 & 2 before the first class. For additional information, email office@stjohnsbr.org. Scan the QR code to register or complete a form in the Narthex.

Vile-tality Workshop | Saturday, February 28

The LA Annual Conference is offering a free “Vile-tality” Workshop on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Wesley Center in Woodworth (lunch provided). Author and historian Dr. Ashley Boggan will explore John Wesley’s call to “submit to be more vile” and its impact on the Methodist movement. Scan the QR code to register.

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 2/15

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: Last Names I–P

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, February 8th 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*

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

U.M. Hymnal #557 vs 1, 3, 4

Invitation to Worship*

Danielle Blackwood

We come this morning not alone, but gathered by God’s grace.

Called into community, shaped by love.

We come with questions and hopes, with faith still forming.

Ready to listen for God’s Spirit among us.

Here, we practice a life of love.

Growing together and serving our neighbors.

Let us worship God, who is still building something beautiful among us.

With gratitude, trust, and hope. Amen.

We Sing Together*

Together We Serve

The Faith We Sing #2175 vs 1

We Encourage Our Children

Jen Csaszar

We Read the Word

Acts 2:42-47

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

Built Together

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

Walk With Me

The Faith We Sing #2242 vs 1, 4

We Affirm Our Vision*

Danielle Blackwood

Friends, as we listen for God’s Spirit and learn to live with intention, let us name together who we are becoming.

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 continue shaping us for this life – together. Amen.

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

Mission Moment

Unity in the Community

Sandra Kuykendall

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Fr. Peter Scholtes

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.

John Toney



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!

U.M. Hymnal # 94

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

Danielle Blackwood

Gracious God,

thank you for meeting us at this table.

Strengthen us by your grace and send us out to love, grow together, and serve our neighbors – on purpose.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

We Receive This Week’s Call To Action

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

The Summons

The Faith We Sing #2130 vs 1, 2, 5

We Share in a Blessing*

Pastor Lane

We Go Out into the World*

Music sends us out, but our worship continues as we go forth to love, grow together, and serve our neighbors.

Dr. Terry Byars