

Soul Seeds Service



Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:30 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY

All Are Welcome

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to scan the QR code to register your attendance so we know you're here and we can get to know you better.

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OUR MISSION

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

Our church will be known as a center for feeding people spiritually and physically in our community.

OUR CORE VALUES

We believe the following guiding principles make us a fruitful and spiritually intentional church:

- Fellowship: A sense of family, hospitality, and belonging to an open, accepting, and nurturing community.
- Caring: Loving response to needs of all people through empathy and compassion.
- Mission: giving of ourselves to meet and serve the needs of all others by faithful witness through our actions, servanthood and way of living.
- Spiritual Growth: Studying, understanding and growing in the word of God by Christ-centered prayer, worship and service through discipleship in action.

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome. Our ushers are happy to assist you in anyway. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

Thank you for being here.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We fully welcome and love engaging children in worship! We include a special Children's Moment each Sunday.

- **The St. John's Playground** is located in the front of the sanctuary. This is a place for children and their families to worship together, allowing children to more fully participate in the service. More details about the Playground may be found on our website.
- A staffed **nursery** for infants through preschool is open every Sunday morning and is located next door in our Education/Administration building.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms in the back of the sanctuary and in our nursery.
- Children are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**, which is served weekly at 8:30 a.m. and on the first Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free elements are also available.
- **Sunday School** is offered for children starting at age 18 months through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.

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Welcome To The Celebration Of The Gospel

**Please stand as you are comfortable.
Bold indicates congregational response.
Please scan the QR Code to register your attendance.*



Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Clara Maynard

*Call to Worship

God of all creation, you covered our precious planet with life forms of all varieties, each with the innate ability to grow and change

Plant in us seeds of growth.

God of new beginnings, as we approach the examination of our hearts during the coming Lenten season...

Plant in us seeds of change.

God of the greatest gift of all, as we look forward to the joy of the Easter celebration...

Plant in us seeds of love.

God of breath and life, as we continue in our daily walk with you.

Plant in us seeds of inspiration.

God of wisdom and light, as you guide us through our thoughts and passions...

Plant in us seeds of service.

*Prayer

**O God of all the nations,
you manifested your love by sending your only Son into the
world that all might live through him.**

**Pour your Spirit on your Church, that it may fulfill his command to
preach the gospel everywhere;**

send forth laborers into your harvest;

defend them in all dangers and temptations;

give them grace to bear faithful witness to you;

endue them with zeal and love,

that they may turn many to righteousness;

through the same your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Song of Response

I Love You, Lord
words and music by Laurie Klein
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2068

Listening

Children's Message

Sarah Prevot

Prayer for Illumination

8:30 - Beth Forestser

11:00 - Pam Toney

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable in thy sight, thou who art our strength and our
redeemer. Amen.**

***Scripture**

8:30 - Beth Forester

11:00 - Pam Toney

Matthew 13:1-19

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.

Soul, Seeds and Service

Soul

8:30 - Beth Forester

11:00 - Pam Toney

Be Still, My Soul

by Katharina von Schlegel

The United Methodist Hymnal 534, vs. 1 - 3

Seeds

8:30 - Deborah Cross-Young

11:00 - Pat Lively

Hymn of Promise

by Natalie Sleeth

The United Methodist Hymnal 707, vs. 1 - 3

Special Music

Pat Cobb & Pam Toney

You Are the Seed

By Cesareo Gabarain

Service

8:30 - Deborah Cross-Young

11:00 - Pat Lively

Take My Life

By Frances Havergal

The United Methodist Hymnal 399, vs. 1 - 3

UWF Special Mission Recognition

Responding

*Affirming Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed
The United Methodist Hymnal 881

Clara Maynard

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Give Me a Clean Heart
words and music by Margaret P. Douroux
Pat Cobb, soloist

*We appreciate your generosity.
Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.
You may give online at stjohnsbr.org/give.*



***Doxology**

**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!**

Departing to Serve

Call to Action

Connor Dean

We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.

***Hymn of Discipleship**

I Love to Tell the Story
Words and music by Katherine Hankey
The United Methodist Hymnal 156, vs. 1 - 4

***Benediction**

Clara Maynard

***Postlude**

*The end of worship.
The beginning of service.*

Purpose of United Women in Faith

We are a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; To develop a creative, supportive fellowship; And to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Worship Notes

USHERS

Ushers for the 8:30 service are Beth Forester, Joyce Robinson, and Lenni Stickles.
Usher for the 11:00 service is Joyce Perry.

Announcements

THIS WEEK'S PASTOR ON CALL

Pastor Lane is taking Bereavement Leave in the recent passing of her father. For the week of January 28, the Pastor On Call is Rev. Marie Williams. She can be reached on her cell: 985-285-6994, should a pastoral need arise.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for a family movie night in the Family Life Center **TODAY at 4 p.m.** We will enjoy a hot cocoa bar as well! The movie is Walt Disney's "Brother Bear."

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet on **Thursday, February 1 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Library. This will be a combined meeting of the 2023 and 2024 Church Councils at which time they will welcome new members and recognize those stepping down.

2024 CHURCH LEADERS AND OFFICERS INSTALLATION AND BLESSING

On **Sunday, February 4** at both worship services we will have an installation of officers of our committees and will offer a blessing to those who have been chosen to serve in leadership and as members of our boards and committees of the church for 2024.

PICK UP A YELLOW GROCERY BAG

Grocery Bag Sunday is February 4; don't forget to pick up a yellow grocery bag after worship today and bring it back next Sunday filled with groceries. Some items that are needed are canned peas, carrots, and mixed vegetables, pasta, snacks, condiments, and hot or cold cereal.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING

The UWF Circle of the Heart will meet on **Wednesday, February 7 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Founders Parlor. Beth Forester will present the program, "Living Waters." All women are invited to attend.

8-SESSION BIBLE STUDY

Our upcoming Bible Study on James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, and Jude explores these letters not only with a keen theological eye and a pastor's heart, but also with the imagination of a poet and master storyteller. Guy Johnson will be leading this 8-session Bible Study using the Immersion workbook as the guide, which is designed to help us explore the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs of our faith.

We will offer two sessions of this study: Mondays at 10 a.m. beginning January 29 and Tuesdays at 6 p.m. beginning January 30. Choose the one that works best for you! Register online at stjohnsbr.org/winter-study-2024.

Participants will need a workbook and a Bible. Workbooks are \$15 and will be handed out at the first class session. If you do not have a Bible, the church can provide one for you. You can pay for your workbook online at stjohnsbr.org/give (Select "SS Classes and Small Groups" Fund; "Bible Study" Sub fund) or by placing a check in the offering plate made out to St. John's, with Bible Study on the memo line.

YOUTH MEALS NEEDED

Help is needed to feed our Youth once a month! Yes, it is only for the third Wednesday of each month for 8 - 10 people. The meal should be brought to the Admin Building between 5:45 and 6 p.m. Sign up to help at stjohnsbr.org/YouthMeals. Contact Connor Dean (connordean@stjohnsbr.org) for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SURVEY

We are already starting to plan some of our summer programs for children and youth at St. John's. If you are interested in participating in or volunteering with VBS this year, please take a moment to complete a brief survey at stjohnsbr.org/vbs-survey. If you plan to bring a child or multiple children to participate in VBS this year, please complete the survey as well. The responses to this survey will help us move to the next stage of planning VBS. Thank you!

C.H.A.O.S. - CHRIST HERE AND OTHER SPACES

Save these dates for our upcoming events for children and their families!

February 25, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Bring your leftover Mardi Gras beads and join us for a craft night using upcycled beads! Dinner will be included.

March 23, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. St. John's UMC is hosting our annual Bunny Breakfast celebration - complete with pancakes, crafts, games, and an egg hunt. You won't want to miss out on this!

April 28, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Save the date for this event... More info coming soon!

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, January 28

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up, Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC*
- 9:30 a.m. Upstairs Cafe, Rm 202
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Family Movie Night, FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Bells Practice, Bells Room

Monday, January 29

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Founders' Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
- 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Founders' Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, January 30

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 2:00 p.m. Grief Support, Founders' Parlor
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, January 31

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting, FLC-C

Thursday, February 1

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 5:00 p.m. River City Quilt Guild, FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Library

Friday, February 2

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Founders' Parlor
- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

Saturday, February 3

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

*Family Life Center