



St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MESSAGE

Ascend "My Help Comes From the Lord"

DATE

October 26th, 2025

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Color | Green

WORSHIP GUIDE

NEW HERE?

WELCOME GUESTS

If you are interested in getting to know us, please provide information you are comfortable sharing via our online sign-in link on our website; stjohnsumc.org/worship, scan the QR code on the back of your worship guide, or fill out the “guest card” located at the end of the pew, and place it in the offering plate. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

NURSERY SERVICE | Room 103

Children, newborn through 5, are welcome in the nursery during the 10:45 AM worship service. The nursery staff kindly asks all parents to sign-in each Sunday and leave a cell phone number in case they need to contact you during the service. Also, please clearly label all of your child's important belongings. **Questions?** Allie Cobb; allie.cobb@stjohnsumc.org

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid's Club House

During our 10:45 AM worship service, children from kindergarten to 5th Grade will be dismissed to participate in our Deep Blue Sunday School curriculum, led by our Safe Gatherings certified teachers. If your child(ren) is new to class, please feel free to accompany them to our classroom and meet their teacher. Should you decide to have your child attend Sunday School, you can ask an usher for directions to room 203 (Kid's Club House) after the worship service. **Questions?** Allie Cobb; allie.cobb@stjohnsumc.org **On the 3rd Sunday of the month, all children and youth are invited to participate in our service during Sunday School. Our children and youth will help cook and provide a meal for our friends at Neighbor 2 Neighbor (N2N).*

REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

8:30 AM WORSHIP | Chapel

9:30 AM CHOIR REHEARSAL | Sanctuary
PATHWAYS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL | 205

10:45 AM WORSHIP | Sanctuary and Virtual
NURSERY CARE | 103
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid's Clubhouse

MEMBERS & GUESTS

Please register your presence on the attendance pads at the end of your pew, scan the QR code on the back of the Worship Guide, or visit our website: stjohnsumc.org/worship.

MAKE SOME NOISE FOR MISSIONS

Loose change in the offering plate is used to support our local and international missions, service, and justice efforts including the Missouri United Methodist Conference's Mozambique Initiative. For more information on the Mozambique Initiative visit mzinitiative.com.



SERVING

THIS WEEK | 10.26.2025

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Garth Leigh

USHERS | Bob Taylor

Pat or Jack Tinnel

NEXT WEEK | 11.2.2025

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Volunteer Needed

USHERS | Jack Tinnel

Pat Tinnel

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PRELUDE (10:45) | *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*² | setting by Dale Wood, 1992
Dale Morehouse, organ

This Sunday we sing great songs of inspiration from Broadway – messages of hope, guidance, thanksgiving, and perseverance.

INTROIT (10:45) | *Someday, from THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME* | arranged by Mac Huff, 1996 | hancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, conductor and pianist Wonderland Music Company 1996

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME is a musical with music by Alan Menken (The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin) and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. It is adapted from the Disney 1996 film, which in turn was based on the 1831 novel by Victor Hugo. The musical premiered in 1999 in Berlin and ran for three years, becoming one of that city's longest-running musicals. 1.4 million visitors saw it over 1,204 performances. In the final scene, the actor playing Quasimodo breaks character and addresses the audience, explaining that years after the story two skeletons were discovered in the crypts of Notre Dame, one holding the other in its arms. The first skeleton had a woven band around its neck, while the second had a crooked spine. When an attempt was made to separate them, the latter crumbled into dust. The entire company then joins in this prayer of hope to close the show. It remains for us to, as Mahatma Gandhi urged, "Be the change."

*Someday, when we are wiser, when the world's older, when we have learned,
I pray someday we may yet live to live and let live.*

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*Someday life will be fairer, need will be rarer, and greed will not pay.
Godspeed this bright millenium on its way, let it come someday.*

*Someday our fight will be won then, we'll stand in the sun then that bright afternoon.
'Till then, on days when the sun is gone, we'll hang on, wish upon the moon.
One day, someday soon.*

(words by Stephen Schwartz, 1996)

WELCOME & INVITATIONS | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

Worship Symbol Notes

* | All are invited to rise in spirit and, as you are able, please stand

BLUE TEXT indicates 10:45 AM Worship Service only.

*OPENING HYMN | *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* | UMH 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-
last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

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Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing,
lean-ing on Je - sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean -
lean-ing on

ing, lean - ing,
Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 (Dt. 33:27)
MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

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***CALL TO WORSHIP | Allie Cobb, Director of Family Ministries**

Leader | Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty,

People | **Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.**

Leader | Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

People | **For you alone are holy.**

ALL | **All nations will come and worship before you. Amen.**

(The Worship Sourcebook, 2nd ed., Baker Books: Grand Rapids, pg. 53)

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*HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | O How He Loves You and Me² | TFWS 2108

1. O how he loves you and me! _____ O how he
2. Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go; _____ his love for

loves you and me! _____ He gave his life. What
sin - ners to show. _____ What he did there brought

more could he give? O how he loves you; O how he
hope from de - spair. O how he loves you; O how he

loves me; O how he loves you and me! _____
loves me; O how he loves you and me! _____

WORDS: Kurt Kaiser (1 John 3:1)
MUSIC: Kurt Kaiser
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT & *DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Marilyn Senter | Believers Share

PRAYER JOYS

Thank you **Vicki Johnston** for bringing cookies for all to enjoy in the Rotunda after the 10:45 AM worship service.

Thank you **Pastor Jim** for your service and dedication to St. John's. We are blessed to have you leading our faith community.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Family and Friends of Bobbi (Glenda) Boxle

Mother of Rev. Linda Wansing | on her death

The Family and Friends of Retired Local Pastor Janice Kay Roorda | on her death

The Family and Friends of Retired Elder Elroy Hines | on his death

Leeton United Methodist Church

Jenny Wolff

Darren Wallace and his family | Uncle of Grace Mott, and Brother of David Wallace

Rosa Maria Luque | Mother of PDO Teacher Blanca Quinto

Douglas and Christine Young | Sue Young's Son and Daughter-in-law

Marty Lustig | Friend of John Rasmus

Mark McMillen | Cousin of Jill Gardner and Nephew of Max Miller

Marilyn McMillen | Aunt of Jill Gardner and Sister of Max Miller

Marci Allen | Sister of Laura Jones

Ken and Mary Gray | Parents of Margaret Hoffman

Paula Shafer | Aunt of Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

Chris Mueller

Lazarus | Grandson of Bill and Gretchen Longmire

Crystal Vines

Shirley Thorn

Marcia Kelly | Friend of Linda Potter

Luke Karel | Friend of Cindy & Barry Mayhew

Linda Edwards | Friend of Ginny Miller

Susan Lovell | Mother of Mason Paoli

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Those in Hospice Care, their families, and caregivers
Those Dealing with Dementia, their families & caregivers
UMC Hospice Program in Mongolia
Our Pastors & Other Church Leaders
Northwest District Superintendent, Reverend Robin Roderick Bell
Missouri Conference Bishop, Bob Farr
Lionzuane UMC in Mozambique and Pastor Moises Jeremias Manhique
Worldwide Unrest and Persecution
Those who live on the margins of society
Those serving in the Military and all First Responders
Those impacted by natural disasters
Those suffering at the hands of others

Our “**Prayer Joys and Concerns**” list is an important reminder each week of who needs our prayers in the St. John’s faith community and beyond. We are happy to keep your requests on our list for as long as you would like. And, we ask that everyone continue to pray for those that need it. We also ask to be notified of any updates to the status of your requests. Please review our current list of concerns and reach out to the church office with any updates; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org or 816.523.6788.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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SOLO | All Good Gifts, from GODSPELL | words and music by Stephen Schwartz, 1971
Aaron Bunnell, tenor; Dale Morehouse, piano

GODSPELL (1971) was the first major musical theatre offering from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner, **Stephen Schwartz** (*WICKED*, *PIPPIN*), and it took the world by storm. Led by the international hit, “Day by Day,” Godspell features a parade of beloved songs. The show is structured as a series of parables, primarily based on the Gospel of Matthew, interspersed with music mostly set to lyrics from traditional hymns, with the passion of Christ appearing briefly near the end. (For this song, Schwartz drew on Jane Montgomery Campbell’s 1861 English translation of Matthias Claudius’s 1782 German hymn text that is commonly associated with harvest festivals.) This solo is the culmination of the parable of the Sower of the Seeds, which Jesus tells his disciples represents the Word of God.

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land..
But it is fed and watered by God’s almighty hand..
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain...
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain...*

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love...*

*We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!*

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above..
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love..*

I really wanna thank you, Lord!

(words by Stephen Schwartz, 1971)

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SCRIPTURE | Psalm 121 | NRSVUE

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

READER | The Word of God for the people of God

PEOPLE | Thanks be to God

¹“Scripture quotations are taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition.
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MESSAGE | Ascend “My Help Comes From the Lord” | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

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GENEROSITY MOMENT | Pastor Appreciation!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:45) | *You'll Never Walk Alone*, from *CAROUSEL* | arranged by Mac Huff, 2002 | Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, conductor and pianist

It was April, 1945 – less than a month before Nazi Germany's surrender, and the USA was a country yearning for hope. In the dark days of World War II, **Rodgers and Hammerstein's *CAROUSEL*** premiered on Broadway and with it the song of survival: "***You'll Never Walk Alone***." The play depicts America in the Depression era and an unemployed man forced to break the law in order to feed his family. The anthem is sung to his estranged daughter and wife in order to inspire them to carry on despite the struggle they face. (It shares inspirational overtones with "*Climb Every Mountain*" from the same creators' *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*. They are both sung by the female mentor characters in the shows, providing strength to the protagonists in the story.) This song's message of hope and resilience and its universal theme of suffering and staying strong in spite of it has been carried forward for 80 years now. We sing **Mac Huff's** surprising 2002 gospel arrangement.

*When you walk through a storm, hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark.
At the end of the storm is a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark.
Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain
Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown.
Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone, you'll never walk alone.*

(words by Oscar Hammerstein, 1945)

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***DOXOLOGY | *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* | UMH 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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***HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* | UMH 526**

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there
3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered

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sins and griefs to bear! What a priv-i-lege to car-ry
trou-ble an-y-where? We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged;
with a load of care? Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-u-ge;
ev-ery-thing to God in prayer! O what peace we of-ten
take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends de-spise, for-
for-feit, O what need-less pain we bear, all be-
faith-ful who will all our sor-rows share? Je-sus
sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his
cause we do not car-ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer.
knows our ev-ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855
MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ**

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October 27th to November 1st

Scripture Reading(s) for the week: Psalm 121; Deuteronomy 28:6; Psalm 46:1; Matthew 6:25-34; Romans 8:38-39

January of 1981, I left home for my first semester at Baptist Bible College in Springfield. I believed I was being called to prepare to be a youth minister. My study habits however said something different and I failed my first semester. I returned in the fall and did a little better but I had used up my \$2,500 student loan and I wasn't eligible for another one. I joined a couple of other guys and during the winter break we went to the panhandle of Oklahoma hoping to get a grunt job on an oil drilling platform. The goal was to make enough money to pay for my next semester of school. Nine days later - no job and I was at my wits end. I called my parents collect and asked them for a bus ticket home. Shortly after the first of the year I went into the Air Force recruitment office and volunteered for active duty. July of 1982, I reported for basic training. Several years later, my marriage dissolved to the point that I was divorced and because of the conservative tradition that I grew up in, I thought my call to ministry was dead, done for . . . null and void. So, I made plans for the rest of my life and none of them involved being in active ministry in a local church.

You have probably heard the following, "Humans make plans and God laughs." I really did not understand the idea that God is our ever-present help, constantly attentive, and always working out God's will for us. I really did not have my finger on the pulse of Psalm 121 or any comprehension of how vast God's grace and love truly is for us.

Psalm 121 is the second Psalm of Ascent and would certainly be natural for a pilgrim on a perilous journey to recite on their way to Jerusalem. It is a Psalm that reminds all that God protects the path of the sojourner. God is vigilant and does not sleep, does not turn away or lose sight of us. Or that God is endlessly awake and fully attentive no matter what our level of need, safety, or distress. For the Psalmist to open with "I look to the hills, from where does my help come?" is a rhetorical question. The writer already knows that it is the "maker of heaven and earth." This Psalm is a reminder that each of us can have confidence in God's watchfulness and that we can persevere – we can keep on going and never give up because God is with us. Through all of life, God is with us. God's goodness and mercy are with us and will continue to go before us no matter what life may bring our way.

This might bring to mind the words of a 20th century folk song. The lyrics remind us that "He's got the whole world in his hands." But they don't simply speak of creation, they go on to say, "He's got you and me brother/sister, in his hands." Each one of us are the focus of God's attention and that kind of love is intended to invite us – invite us to follow "the way." God desires that we follow the way that will lead to life and life abundant. This is life found in God's grace and goodness; this is life under the watchful eye of God who is our "keeper."

I invite you to take time and read each of the scriptures above followed by reflection on the

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questions below. Ponder the ways in which God is watching over you, protecting you, and keeping you. Lastly, I pray that God bless the reading of God's Word and the meditations of your heart.

Questions to Consider this week:

- **Monday:** Name one or two key concepts about God that come from the readings.
- **Tuesday:** What does it mean for God to be your "help?"
- **Wednesday:** What do you think the writer means by God "will not let your foot be moved?"
- **Thursday:** How is God your keeper? What specific ways are you experiencing this?
- **Friday:** How is your faith in God your keeper helping you to persevere?
- **Saturday:** How is God your shade and protection?

Actions for the Week:

- **Head:** Contemplate the ways in which God watches over you.
- **Heart:** Center your meditation on God who is your helper and keeper.
- **Hand:** Recite this Psalm while you take a short walk.

Prayer: I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me, from snares of devils, from temptation of vices, from everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near. Amen
(Prayer of St. Patrick)

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 10.26

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Community Trunk 'R Treat

MONDAY | 10.27

- 9:00 AM PDO Fall Session
- 9:30 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Prep | Brookside Hall Kitchen
- 11:30 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Served | St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
- 12:30 PM Quilting Group | 205
- 2:15 PM Tippi Toes | Susana Wesley Hall

TUESDAY | 10.28

- 9:00 AM PDO Fall Session
- 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study | 205
- 10:00 AM Baby Grace and Neighbor 2 Neighbor Drop Off (until 2 PM) | Rotunda
- 11:30 AM Bell Choir | Choir Room
- 6:30 PM Mandolin Orchestra of Kansas City Rehearsal | Brookside Hall

WEDNESDAY | 10.29 | Happy Birthday to Jill Gardner, Director of PDO/Preschool!

- 9:00 AM PDO Fall Session
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting | Library

THURSDAY | 10.30

- 9:00 AM PDO Fall Session
- 10:00 AM Baby Grace and Neighbor 2 Neighbor Drop Off (until 2 PM) | Rotunda
- 2:15 PM Happy Feet | Susana Wesley Hall

FRIDAY | 10.31 | Happy Halloween!

- 1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

SATURDAY | 11.1

- 9:00 AM Memorial Garden Clean-Up Crew

SUNDAY | 11.2 | Communion Sunday

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Lunch 'N Learn with Rev. Laura Murphy | Brookside Hall



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SATURDAY | 11.1

9:00 AM Memorial Garden Clean-Up Crew

SUNDAY | 11.2

Noon Lunch 'N Learn with Rev.Laura Murphy from MUMF

SUNDAY | 11.9

12:30 PM St. John's UMC Charge Conference

SUNDAY | 11.16

10:45 AM Kids/Youth Service Sunday

Noon Youth Donut Sale

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NUT SALE

It's time to order your nuts for Thanksgiving and Christmas! We have nuts for eating, cooking, and gift giving! Pick up an order form in the Rotunda or scan the QR code for a printable order form. **Questions?** Paula Rector; 913.226.4643

Thanksgiving – Order needed by November 2nd (**NEXT SUNDAY!**)
(pick up at church on November 9th or November 16th)

Christmas – Order needed by December 5th
(pick up at church December 7th or December 14th)



BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE COOKIE AT A TIME

Every Sunday after our 10:45 AM service, we gather in our Rotunda for fellowship. Cookies make this time a little sweeter. If you are interested in donating cookies for everyone to enjoy please scan the QR code, e-mail the church office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org, or sign up in the Rotunda.



HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH FLOWERS

Honor a loved one and donate flowers to beautify our Chapel and Sanctuary (\$100 Donation). Your donation will be mentioned in our weekly publications. If you would like to make a donation scan the QR code, e-mail the church office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org, or sign up in the Rotunda.



INVITATIONS

TRUNK 'R TREAT 2025

TODAY! | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Join us for a spooktacular evening of fun, treats, and Halloween spirits this evening! Bring the whole family for this Fall event. **Questions?** Allie Cobb; allie.cobb@stjohnsumc.org

MEMORIAL GARDEN CLEAN - UP CREW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST | 9:00 AM

Let's plan on meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday to do some maintenance of the Memorial Garden. This is a low commitment volunteer opportunity. Consider this an invitation to spend time outdoors enjoying the lovely setting and working together to maintain and enhance the vision of those who came before us. **Questions?** Margaret Smith; margaretjosmith@gmail.com

LEAVING A LEGACY

LUNCH 'N LEARN WITH REV. LAURA MURPHY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND | NOON | BROOKSIDE HALL

Leaving a legacy gift to your church is a thoughtful way to honor God and continue to support God's work through the church. If you are planning on leaving a legacy gift to St. John's United Methodist Church or contemplating it, you are invited to join us for a lunch conversation on Sunday, November 2, at noon. We will gather in Brookside Hall where lunch will be provided. The conversation will be guided by Rev. Laura Murphy, Director of Development for the Missouri United Methodist Foundation and Pastor Jim Hoffman. If you plan on attending, please RSVP on the attendance pad or email the church office at stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org.

2025 CHARGE CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH | 12:30 PM | VIA ZOOM

It is the time of year for UMC churches to participate in their annual charge conference. We will be in a cluster conference with several other churches from the Northwest District. All of our required forms have been completed, reviewed, and voted on by our church board, and submitted to the district office. Members of the church board are invited to be present for the called charge conference; members of the congregation are welcome to attend as observers. We will meet in Brookside Hall at St. John's UMC. **Questions?** Contact the church office; 816.523.6788 or stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

INVITATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH | 9AM - NOON

Join us for a fun and festive celebration to honor the birth of Jesus! Happy Birthday Jesus is filled with joyful activities, games, and meaningful moments for children 3 years old (and potty trained) - 5th grade. Lunch will be provided.



Scan the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/HBJ2025> to register today. Spots are limited. Please fill out a separate form if you have more than one child participating, if you are a volunteer and your child is taking part in our nursery, or if you have a child 6th-12th grade that wants volunteer. We can't wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus with you! Come and spread joy and love as we celebrate this special day together. **Questions?** Allie Cobb at allie.cobb@stjohnsumc.org

MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

ALL AGES (12+) CAN SERVE AT HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

If you love working with kids and the community outside our church, consider helping at Happy Birthday Jesus this year! It's a one-time service opportunity on **Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 AM - Noon** with set up on Friday, December 5th. Scan the QR code or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/HBJVolunteer> if you can help out! **Questions?** Allie Cobb; allie.cobb@stjohnsumc.org



BABY GRACE OF KANSAS CITY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH | 2:00 PM | TRINITY UMC

Baby Grace, a Diaper Pantry and Clothes closet, provides necessities to families who are living at or below the poverty level. These items are not available through any government assistance program. In addition, we provide connections for resources, education, and other programs that can give them needed assistance.



If you are interested in working this month's distribution contact **Ruth Gerald**; ruth.a.gerald@gmail.com. If you would like to make a monetary donation, scan the QR code or visit stjohnsumc.org/give.



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PARENTS DAY OUT | PRESCHOOL

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Register attendance

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TRUNK 'R TREAT OF YEARS PAST!

