

St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION

Good Neighbors, Sharing the Good News

MESSAGE

How Can We Live in Times Like These?

DATE

January 25th, 2026
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
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, or fill out the “guest card” located at the end of the pew, and place it in the offering plate.



NURSERY SERVICE | Room 103

We are in need of two people to work in our nursery on Sunday mornings during our 10:45 AM Worship Service. If you are interested in helping please contact the church office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org or 816.523.6788.

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.

**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 Neighbor2Neighbor of Kansas City (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

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.

GIVE

We are grateful for your continued support and partnership in ministry! Scan the QR code to give online or Text BLESS6900 to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483).



SERVING

THIS WEEK | 1.25.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | Sharon Curtright

USHERS | Sharon Curtright
Jay Curtright

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Jack Dunbar

USHERS | Peter Barth
Gary Whitmer

NEXT WEEK | 2.1.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Garth Leigh

USHERS | Bob Taylor
Josh Swenson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Our ringers and singers offer songs of joy, unity, and belonging on this winter Sunday.

PRELUDE | *Fairest Lord Jesus*³ | setting by Phil Lehenbauer, 2021
Dale Morehouse, organ

*A Merry Heart*² | music by Cynthia Dobrinski, 2006
St. John's Ringers; Cheri Leigh, director

INTROIT (10:45) | *Many Gifts, One Spirit*² | words and music by Allen Pote, 1986
Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, conductor and pianist

When I started out in church music, **Allen Pote** was a living composer whose music a teen-aged renegade like myself loved to give to my choirs to gently thumb my nose at those who only wanted the classics, trying to open their ears. "I discovered that my music was sort of a bridge between traditional choral music and music with more of a contemporary style and beat," Pote said. "It struck a nerve. That's how I became known nationally, I guess." He's still around, turning out singable, listenable choral music in Pensacola FL when music pulls him away from the beach.

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Now, in my old-aged fogeyness, his music strikes me as pretty staid stuff. But it still reaches our hearts, and he was a good craftsman, both as a composer and wordsmith. (Notice how the overlapping “many gifts, many gifts, many gifts...” by the SATB represents all the different voices... and then when it come to “one spirit” all voices sing in unison... how aptly and simply beautiful!

*Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.
O, God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.
O, God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways,
we are walking to your throne.*

*Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.
We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.
O, God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways,
we are walking to your throne.
Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul
into the beauty of a rainbow.
Give us life, Lord, make us whole.*

WELCOME & INVITATIONS | Pastor Kyle Hern

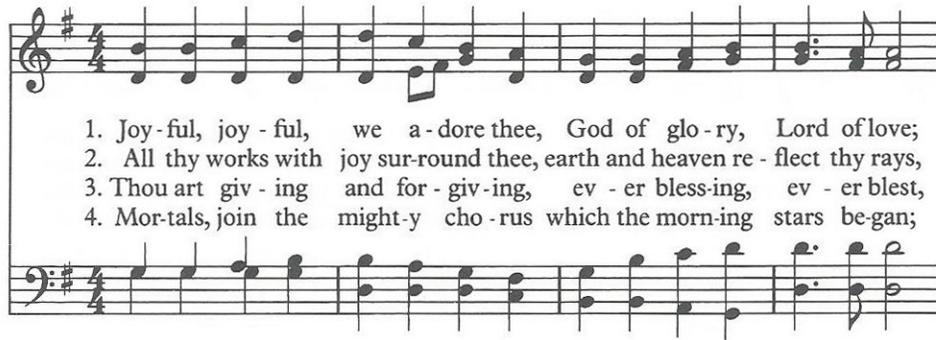
Worship Symbol Notes

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

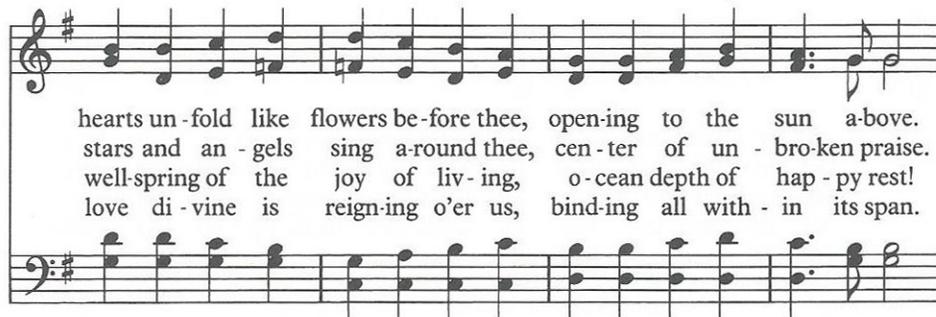
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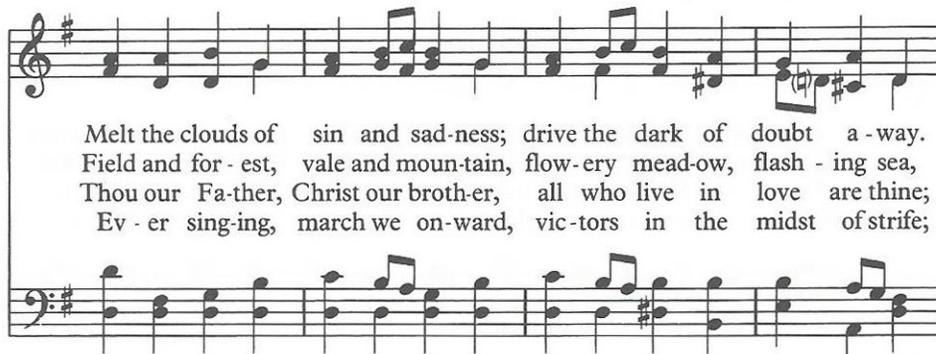
*OPENING HYMN | *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* | UMH 89 (St. 1, 2, 4)



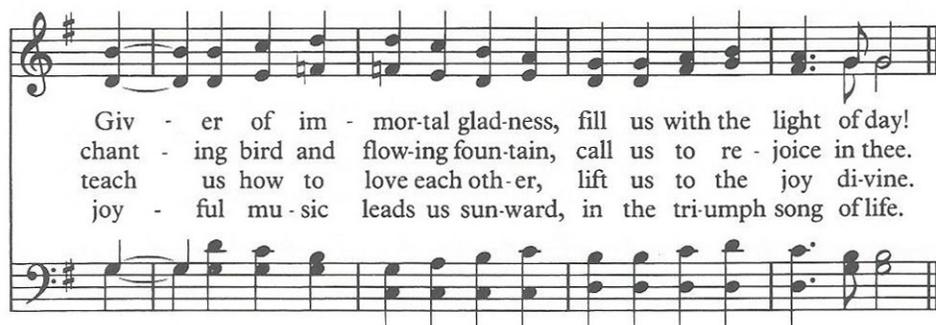
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, bind - ing all with - in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, in the tri - umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry Van Dyke, 1907; st. 4 alt. 1989
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. by Edward Hodges, 1864

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*ACT OF PRAISE | *Psalm 27* | UMH 758

For with you is the foun-tain of life;

in your light do we see light.

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- ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**
- ² When evildoers assail me,
to devour my flesh,
my adversaries and foes
shall stumble and fall.
- ³ Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.
- ⁴ One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in the Lord's temple. R

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- ⁵ The Lord will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble,
will conceal me under the cover of his tent,
and will set me high upon a rock.
- ⁶ **And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies round about me;
and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent
with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord. R**
- ⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
- ⁸ **"Come," my heart said, "seek the Lord's face."
Your face, O Lord, I seek.**
- ⁹ Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
for you have been my help.
- ¹⁰ **Cast me not off, forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother should forsake me,
the Lord would take me up. R**
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord;
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
- ¹² **Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.**
- ¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴ **Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage.
Wait for the Lord! R**

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*HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | *Fairest Lord Jesus* | UMH 189 (1, 3, 4)

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of all the na - tions!

O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cher - ish,
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
and all the twink - ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

WORDS: *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677; trans. Joseph August Seiss, 1873
MUSIC: *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; arr. by Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND ~DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL
~Jesus Brings Good News | Sue Young

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PRAYER JOYS

Thank you **Paula Rector** for providing cookies for all to enjoy in the Rotunda after the 10:45 AM service.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Robert Jacobs | Friend of Rita Davis
Madison Price
Linda Caton | Friend of Dale Morehouse
Colby Lund | Son of Loretta and Aaron Lund
Dianna Hackler | Mother of Mason Hackler
Darren Wallace and his family | Uncle of Grace Mott, and Brother of David Wallace
Rosa Maria Luque | Mother of PDO Teacher Blanca Quinto
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
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
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
Petty Officer 2nd Class, Dominic Gattorna
Those impacted by natural disasters
Those suffering at the hands of others

PASTORAL PRAYER

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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.

SOLO | *The Gospel of Grace*² | music by Mark Hayes, 1998
Sam Enriquez, baritone; Dale Morehouse, piano

This morning's solo is a refreshing gospel arrangement of two traditional spirituals by KC's own Mark Hayes. We will all join Val in the slow gospel opening of "Amazing Grace." This then flows into a bright setting of "I'm New Born Again," and we'll finish out together.

CONGREGATION:

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.*

SOLOIST:

*I found free grace and dying love, I'm new born again,
Been a long time a-talkin' 'bout my trials here below.
Free grace, free grace, free grace, sinner.
Free grace, free grace, I'm new born again.
So glad, so glad, I'm new born again,
Been a long time a-talkin' 'bout my trials here below.*

*Our Savior died for you and me, we're new born again,
Been a long time a-talkin' 'bout our trials here below.
We know our Lord has set us free, we're new born again,
Been a long time a-talkin' 'bout our trials here below.
Free grace, free grace, free grace, sinner.
Free grace, free grace, we're new born again.
So glad, so glad, we're new born again,
Been a long time a-talkin' 'bout our trials here below.*

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CONGREGATION:

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.*

SOLOIST:

We're new born again.

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 4: 12-23 ¹ | NRSVUE

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

READER | The Word of God for the people of God

PEOPLE | **Thanks be to God**

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MESSAGE | How Can We Live In Times Like These? | Pastor Kyle Hern

GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | *Call You By Name*² | words and music by Heather Sorenson, 2018 | Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, conductor and pianist

Heather Sorenson easily maneuvers both the traditional and contemporary genres of Christian music, often combining the two for a unique blend that has become her artistic fingerprint. Singing of the constant presence and provision of Almighty God is an ideal prelude to the Lenten journey. The music of “**Call You By Name**” is layered, lovely, and lush, rising and falling in long lines of melodic beauty. Some division of the voices, a soaring descant and a powerful piano part add depth before the anthem ends in peace with the gentle reminder that God calls us His own.

*I called you by name, long before you knew Me.
Long before you knew Me, I had claimed you as Mine.
You are My beloved child of grace. And I call you Mine.*

*You call me by name, “Father, can You hear me?
Jesus, can You see me stumbling in the dark?”
And then I reply, “I have never left you, and I’m whispering in your heart, and I call you mine.”*

*I have formed every part, fashioned your heart like Mine.
The image of God is a perfect sign.
There will be times of doubt. There will be times of fear.
There will be times you wonder if I’m ever near.
Just remember that I call you Mine.*

*I call you by name. You are My creation.
I am your salvation, working for your good.
I call you by name, you are My beloved child of grace. And I call you Mine.*

(based on Isaiah 43:1 and Psalm 139:1)



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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 below; praise him above, ye heavenly

host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

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*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *We Are Marching in the Light of God*²

The musical score is written in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music, each with three vocal lines. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are pray - ing in the light of God, we are pray - ing in the light of God. We are sing - ing in the light of God, we are pray - ing in the light of God." The first system (measures 1-3) includes a triplet of eighth notes. The second system (measures 4-6) includes a triplet of eighth notes. The third system (measures 8-10) includes a triplet of eighth notes. The fourth system (measures 12-14) includes a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics for the second system are: "___ We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. ___ We are pray - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. ___ We are sing - ing in the light of God, we are sing - ing in the light of God." The lyrics for the third system are: "___ We are march - ing, _____ Oh! ___ we are march - ing in the light of God. ___ We are pray - ing _____ Oh! ___ we are pray - ing in the light of God. ___ We are sing - ing, _____ Oh! ___ we are sing - ing in the light of God." The lyrics for the fourth system are: "___ We are march - ing, _____ Oh! ___ we are march - ing in the light of God. ___ We are pray - ing, _____ Oh! ___ we are pray - ing in the light of God. ___ We are sing - ing, _____ Oh! ___ we are sing - ing in the light of God. ___"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 1.25

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary

MONDAY | 1.26

- 9:00 AM PDO Winter 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 | 1.27

- 9:00 AM PDO Winter 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 | 1.28

- 9:00 AM PDO Winter Session

THURSDAY | 1.29

- 9:00 AM PDO Winter Session
- 10:00 AM Baby Grace and Neighbor 2 Neighbor Drop Off (until 2 PM) | Rotunda
- 2:15 PM Happy Feet | Susana Wesley Hall
- 6:00 PM Neighbor2Neighbor Board Meeting | Library

FRIDAY | 1.30

- 1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

SATURDAY | 1.31

No Scheduled Activities

SUNDAY | 2.1 | Communion Sunday

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Our Board of Trustees have been hard at work in 2025 and we felt it was important to share all the work that has been accomplished and some of what is on the horizon. The list of 2025 projects includes: repairs to the HVAC, kitchen ice machine, water heater and plumbing happened during the first couple months of the year. During the summer there were some door repair/replacements, emergency signs/lights inspected and the elevator required some extensive repairs. Trees were also trimmed/cut back around the property.

In September the parking lot was re-surfaced and the exterior was painted. In November & December, interior painting was done to refresh many areas of the church. And new HVAC was installed for the Sanctuary and Brookside Hall (replacing 35+ years plus equipment). In addition, both the men's and women's restrooms off Brookside Hall have received a fresh coat of paint and new vanities/sinks/faucets.

All of these projects require bids, oversight and a review of the work by the Trustees. Special committees were formed to request proposals (RFP), interview and select contractors for the work. Several lay people (outside of the Trustees) gave many hours of their time and specialties. In addition to trustees, Jamie Senter, Charlie Pirkle, Kevin Harden, Margaret Smith & John Rector all gave of their time and knowledge to make the HVAC and Roof projects happen.

We have been waiting a long time to replace our roof and thanks to some generous members who have left donations to St. John's we will be able to replace the roof in 2026. Currently, it is scheduled to be completed in May/June 2026. Once the new roof is completed, the sanctuary will also receive a fresh coat of paint.

Board of Trustees members include: Brenda Harden (president), Jack Tinnel, Gary Fischer, Paula Rector, Stuart Shaw, Peter Barth. Dan Boatright serves as their attorney of record.

ST. JOHN'S PDO / PS

PDO OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

It's enrollment season for our Parents' Day Out program! Church members can enroll online for our 2026-27 School Year on **Thursday, January 22nd at 8:30 am**. Enrollment for our 6-week Summer Camp will happen on February 19th. Please see our **2026 Enrollment Newsletter** for complete details: visit <https://app.smore.com/n/v2q38w> or scan the QR Code. **Questions:** Jill Gardner, jill.gardner@stjohnsumc.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 e-mail the church office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org, or sign up in the Rotunda.

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 e-mail the church office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org, or sign up in the Rotunda.

NEW GIVING PLATFORM THROUGH SUBSPASH

Database Migration: ShelbyNext to Subsplash

We are in the process of migrating congregant accounts from ShelbyNext to Subsplash. A few things to know during this transition:

- If you have a recurring gift set up in ShelbyNext it will need to be moved to Subsplash for the new year. Please contact the church office for more information.
- 2026 Pledge information will be entered by the end of January 2026
- Customer statements will go out as normal by the end of January, however, you may receive more than one statement if you gave to each platform in 2025.
- You will have access to your Shelby account until we announce the completion of the transition.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org or call 816-523-6788.

MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

BABY GRACE CLOTHES CLOSET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

The Baby Grace Clothes Closet for Winter/Spring will be Saturday February 14th . We need your help to make it a success. Ways you can help

- **The Clothes Closet** is almost empty. We urgently need toddler sizes 2T through 5T for both boys and girls. All sizes newborn through child's size 8 are needed. (Except Boy 0 through 3 months). We will also need child care items, toys, and books in Spanish. If you have small children or grandchildren who have outgrown their clothing please consider donating it to our Baby Grace children who are in need and whose parents have no funds to purchase items no matter how low the cost. Ask your friends and neighbors, if they might help. If you don't have used clothing to donate, we would ask you to "**Shop for Jesus**" by donating new clothing from stores or thrift shops where you can find some great buys while sales are going on. Donate respectfully by making sure things are clean and in good condition.

CLOTHES CLOSET DONATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FEB. 9th

You may drop them off at St. John's Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:00-2:00 or Sunday mornings in the Rotunda.

- Donate Valentines to be given to all the children, moms, and dads with a small sweet treat

VALENTINE DONATIONS ARE DUE BY NOON FEB. 13th

- Volunteer to help sort and prepare all clothing and items for distribution. You may volunteer at St. John's or Trinity. See the Sign-Up Genius (<https://tinyurl.com/BabyGrace2026>) or scan the QR code to let us know when you will be helping.
- Volunteer to help with the set-up and distribution on Saturday afternoon. Check the Sign-Up Genius (<https://tinyurl.com/BabyGrace2026>) to let us know when you can help or scan the QR code. Sign up sheets will also be available in the Rotunda on Sundays before the event. If you have questions please contact Ruth Gerald; 847-650-1141 or ruth.a.gerald@gmail.com



BABY GRACE GRATEFULLY THANKS ALL OF THE BABY GRACE ANGELS WHO SO GENEROUSLY DONATED TO SUPPORT THE BABY GRACE MINISTRY TO PROVIDE DIAPERS AND CLOTHING.

INVITATIONS

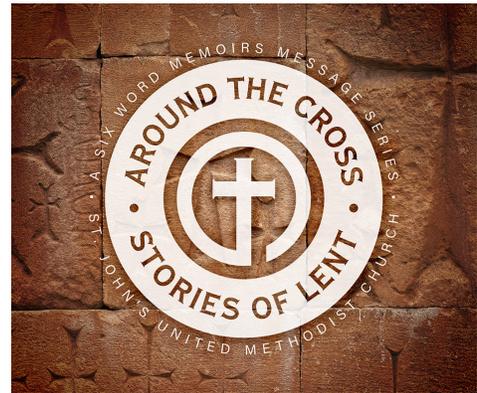
ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH | 7:00 PM | LIBRARY

St. John's book club will be discussing "My Brilliant Friend", by Elana Ferrante, Book One of the Neapolitan Novels. We will also be deciding on our next book. The book club meets every four to six weeks and rotates between classic literature, current fiction, and non-fiction. It is open to anyone who enjoys good discussions about good books. Questions? Ginny Miller; virginiamillerkc72@gmail.com

LENT / EASTER 2026

The holy season of Lent draws our attention to the story of Jesus' last days. There are things that come sharply into focus. Meals, prayer vigils, a crown of thorns and a purple robe, a cross, and a freshly hewn tomb. We also hear the words of the people, leaders, Pilate, and Jesus drawing the drama between God and humanity to a climatic close. I wonder though how much attention is given to the people around the cross because it was not a solitary moment. There were actually a lot of people on or near Golgotha on the day that Jesus was crucified. This makes me curious about what they might have said as they watched the Son of God and Son of Man die like a common criminal. Over the weeks of Lent and Easter we will strive to do what we can to see if we can't sum up their experience in six short words. My prayer is that in doing so we might have a profound experience through the lens of their encounter and in some measure, it might shape ours. Please join us for our Lent and Easter series, "Around the Cross: Stories of Lent."



ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH | 7:00 PM | CHAPEL

Let us mark the beginning of the Lenten season and our journey towards Easter together as a faithful community. As Christians, we come before God on Ash Wednesday, recognizing our humanity, repenting of our sin, and remembering who we are and who we can be.



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