

**Hearing enhancement devices are available in the Sanctuary Lobby.*

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Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Abide with Me
arr. Susan W. Henry

Call to worship

All: We come today to worship and give thanks to our God for the freedom given to us in this country. We come today asking for help to become better Christians, better United Methodists and better Americans. We come today recognizing the intersection of our faith and our citizenship. Lord, strengthen us in your ways!

First Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)
America The Beautiful

UMH 696

Morning Prayer

We will conclude this prayer by reciting "The Lord's Prayer." If you are unfamiliar with this prayer, you are invited to follow along up on the screens.

First Scripture

1 Peter 2: 11-17

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Great is Thy Faithfulness
arr. William M Runyan

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)

UMH 95

Final Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

Message

What To Do with the Freedom We Have?
Rev. Matt Bridges

Communion

Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)
God of the Ages

UMH 698

Benediction

Postlude

Let There Be Peace on Earth
by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

***A Special Thanks today for our special guest musicians:**

-Ned Snow, Trumpet

-Anna Kelly, Santa Fe Opera

Reflection Questions

-What does being a Christian and being a citizen and patriot of your country look like for you? How has it changed over your life?

-Which one of the fruits of the Spirit are you currently finding most difficult to fold into your life of faith? Which one of the works of the flesh are you finding yourself really struggling with right now? What are you doing about it? What do you need to do about it? Who do you need to talk to about it?

In The Life of St. Johns

School Supplies Drive Begins Today!

Another school year is in the books! That means it's time to gather supplies for the next school year! School starts in Shiprock on August 6th and in Santa Fe on August 7th. Our mission team is gearing up to gather, sort, pack and deliver 350 backpacks. Helping hands are needed at every phase. You may bring your donations from the following list to the big bin in the sanctuary lobby through Sunday, July 12th. After that, we'll sort the supplies and pack the backpacks for distribution during the mission trip July 20-24.

Note: We purchase the backpacks in bulk at super-good prices, so there is no need to pay local retail prices. We'll have plenty of those, but we do need lots of the following. Prices drop when the stores set up their school supplies sections, but some may have good prices already. Online sources are also great.

24-pack Crayola Crayons

10 or 12 pack washable markers

round point scissors (often come 2 to a pack)

small bottles of glue

glue sticks

pencils

pens

wide ruled notebook paper

composition books

1 and 2 inch binders

12 inch rulers (flexible plastic)

notebook dividers

watercolor kits

disinfectant wipes

kleenex

zip lock bags (1 gallon & 1 quart sizes)

In The Life of St. Johns

Pride on the Plaza

A big thank you to everyone who helped make Pride such a wonderful success. We had the chance to connect with so many amazing people and share all kinds of delicious treats. The homemade goodies were especially appreciated! We handed out 184 bottles of water and 20 gallons of refreshing lemonade. It was great to have the Bag 'n Hand Food Pantry booth right next to the church, which sparked people's interest in donating and volunteering. We also reached out to those who could benefit from the pantry's essential services. We truly appreciate your support once again! Thank you!

Santa Fe Opera Featured Apprentice



Anna Kelly
MEZZO-SOPRANO

We are excited to welcome back Anna Kelly to provide special music this Sunday, July 5th. She is from Decatur, Georgia. This is her second year with the Santa Fe Opera and also with us. If you wish to support this long standing tradition, make your check to St. John's UMC and note "Opera Apprentice" at the bottom.

This Week In The Life of St. John's

Mon. July 06, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

Tues. July 07, 2026

8:00 am-12:30 pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
3:00 pm Zia Singers Choir Rehearsal, Gathering Room
4:00 pm-6:30pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)
6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Men and Women Group, Parlor
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Bell Room
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

Wed. July 08, 2026

***Soul Break is on break until late August**
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
1:00 pm Women's Book Study
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Four Corner Missions Meeting, Gathering Room

Thurs. July 09, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm AA Men's Group, Parlor
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Library
6:00 pm ALANON Women's Group, Bell Room

Fri. July 10, 2026

9:00 am AA Parlor
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor

Sat. July 11, 2026

Sun. July 12, 2026

9:30 am Morning Worship
10:30 am Morning Fellowship Time, Chapel
10:45 am Sunday School
Nephesh adult class: Choir Room.
Sunday Seminar adult class: Bell Room
Community adult class: Parlor
2:00 pm Scout Troop 53 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

July 05, 2026

What Do We Do With The Freedom We have?



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