

In The Life of St. Johns

St. John's is giving away and moving 11 Pews

We celebrate and honor the history of our pews from the Chapel. A few years ago we tiled the chapel and now provide individual chairs. Since we did this, the pews have lined some of our hallways and as we grow, we would like to offer them to you, to the community. Would you like a pew? We would love to give you one! Do you have an idea of who needs one? Let us know! At this time we don't have a group who could move them for you so you would need to make arrangements. We have also talked with Habitat for Humanity and they have expressed that they can use them also. We would like to have them out over the next couple of weeks and Habitat is on standby to pick them up on August 20th. If you are interested in a pew, please let Office Manager Kim Rael know at the front office. The number to call is 505-982-5397.

Save the Date: Churchwide Potluck

Sunday, August 30!

On Sunday, August 30th, we will be having a potluck as part of our Confirmation Sunday where we will be celebrating our youth confirming their faith. It will be in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00am. We will also have our fellowship there as well. There will be no Sunday School.

This Week In The Life of St. John's

Mon. August 17, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Monthly Men's Dinner, Tortilla Flats (corner of Cerillos and Calle Del Cielo)

Tues. August 18, 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 (**on break**)
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. August 19, 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
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thurs. August 20, 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. August 21, 2026

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

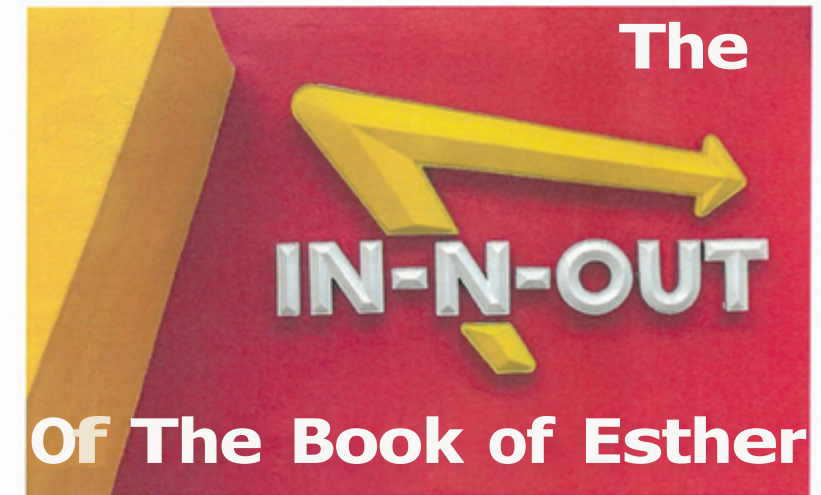
Sat. August 22, 2026

Sun. August 23, 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

August 16, 2026

Esther 4-5



**Hearing enhancement devices are available in the Sanctuary Lobby.*
**Walkers and canes are also available in the Sanctuary Lobby.*

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Sicilienne
by Gabriel Faure'

Call to worship
Call: Who has been created for such a time as this?
Response: We have! Whatever there is to face ahead, God is with us; God works through us.
Call: Who has been created for such a time as this?
Response: We have! So we worship and seek your guidance, O Holy Spirit!

First Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
UMH 117

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
Esther 4:1-9;13-14;16-17

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)
UMH95

Final Scripture Reading
Esther 5, selected verses

Message

Message
Wendy Russel

Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)
God of Grace, God of Glory
UMH 577

Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice!
by Jeanine Yeager

Notes

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Pastor Matt Out of the Country: August 12-17

Pastor Matt will be traveling to San Salvador beginning August 12. Pastor Matt is part of a long-standing council named "The Word Methodist Council." He will be going as a delegate to help prepare for the World Methodist Conference there in 2028. He's looking forward to telling you all about it when he returns!

A UMC Advocate Development Program

In our workshop on The Social Principles, we talked about how St. John's was perfectly situated in the state capitol to do work with the legislature on issues important to United Methodists. Here is an opportunity for training to help us in doing that. The deadline to register is August 21. There are three online sessions. The Certified Advocate Development Program is September 3—December 3, 2026, Online. The General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) is offering the Certified Advocate Development Program, a cohort-based initiative designed to equip United Methodists to engage in faith-based legislative and policy advocacy in the public square. Through the program, Certified Advocates will work closely with advocacy staff to communicate Social Principle concerns with policymakers and leaders around the world. <https://www.umcjustice.org>.