

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

UMW MINISTRY MOMENT Pat Lively

CALL TO WORSHIP
Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God’s holy name!

We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!
We may cry through the night, but your joy comes in the morning.
You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.
You transform our lives - sinners are made saints, brokenness into holiness.

Our souls cannot be silent, O God, our savior, we give thanks to you forever.

SONGS OF PRAISE FWS 2221
In Unity We Lift Our Song

In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration, for brothers brave and sisters strong. What cause for celebration! For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress, who’ve shared with us our plight, who’ve held us in the night, the blessed congregation.

Glorify Thy Name FWS 2016
Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

PRAYER
Almighty God in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant us a change of heart, of mind, and of action. So transform us this day that all we feel, think, and do might be added to your glory. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Guy Johnson

SCRIPTURE *Acts 9:1-9* Bryan Adams

SERMON *When the Sacraments Say It All* Pastor Jay

HYMN *’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* UMH 462
vs 1 & 2

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Abdiel Godson Okwute Idikwu
with his parents, David Ode and Oheachilla Idikwu

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
Holy and awesome God, we dwell in your presence filled with regret and eager to repent: our sins are many and our failings are frequent. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice that calls us to rise in holy living, to follow your lead.

We are too weak to walk without your help. Please forgive us and heal us with your grace. Teach us to walk by the light of your truth. Amen.*

(Silent confession.)

Hear the good news: God demonstrates God’s love for us in this - while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

(*adapted from a Jewish Prayer for Forgiveness, Book of Worship, 478.)

THE PEACE

THE WALK Danielle Blackwood

OFFERTORY *Abide With Me* Brian Shoup

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

THE TABLE

CALL TO THE TABLE
Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may offer this holy offering in peace.

Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING
Jesus, once and for all you poured out your life for us. Again and again we thank you and receive your body and blood. Send us out to pour ourselves out with such joyous abandon that your love is always known, the Spirit’s power always felt and the Almighty’s will to save never in doubt. Amen.

SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* FWS 2129

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Song of Hope*

*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the pastor know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...

in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fridge Hebert, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Marino, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Motegudo, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Webb, given by Michelle, Chip, and Chase Marino.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Bill Putzig, Fran Anderson, Marc Turner & Lesseley Deshotels
Host(s)	Jim & Theresa Sandifer

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 10
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Library
5:00 p.m. Youth, Admin. 207

Monday, April 11
9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library
4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Youth: Faith in Art, Admin 207

Tuesday, April 12
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library
1:00 p.m. VIPS Training, Library
5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library
7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW Circle, Parlor

Wednesday, April 13
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Ministers, Pastor’s Office
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside
7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 14
6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory Sitzings, Admin Building
5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, April 15
OFFICE CLOSED
2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory Sitzings, Admin Building

Saturday, April 16
10:00 a.m. Pictorial Directory Sitzings, Admin Building
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Gym-C

UMW NON-GARAGE SALE

St. John’s! It is time to clean out your closets and storage spaces. The United Methodist Women are having their annual garage sale, only it is a Non-Garage Sale. We ask that you bring those items you would normally donate to the garage sale to Here Today, Gone Tomorrow (10240 Burbank Dr.) with a notation of #467. These donations will bring a portion of the sale price to the UMW which will help support our missions and church programs/projects. If you would like a supply of labels printed with the #467, you can pick some up after either worship service today or from the office. The ladies of the UMW thank you in advance for your donations.

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

Please share with the prayer team
 Please share with Pastors only
 I desire a call
 I desire a visit

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

You may also email a prayer request to: prayers@stjohnsbr.org

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children (Names & Ages): _____

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SILENT AUCTION SUNDAY, MAY 15

Please start thinking of items that you would like to donate to this annual event and bring them to the Sojourners classroom, Gym, Room B, between April 24 and May 10. Contact Beth Forester (405-9324 or bethforester@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

2016 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SITTINGS THIS WEEK - APRIL 14, 15, and 16

Don't forget, in addition to a copy of the Pictorial Directory, you will receive one FREE copy of your directory portrait. AND, if you bring a canned good for The Shepherd's Market you receive a \$5 coupon toward the purchase of additional copies of your portrait. If you have any questions, contact Tina Henson at henson.tina@yahoo.com.

Appointments for April 14, 15, or 16 can be made online at <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stjohnsunitedmethodistchurch5/index.php?page=10> (copy and paste this address into your browser), on Sundays during coffee time at the sign-up table, or by calling the church office, 766-4594.

****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON PICTURE DAYS****

Volunteers are needed to help at the check-in table during portrait sitting times. Contact Tina Henson or Lynn in the church office to find out where help is needed.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 JUNE 13-17, 2016

Mark your calendars! *Cave Quest - Following Jesus the Light of the World* will take place June 13-17 from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Online registration is now open at www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stjohnsbr for kids aged 4 years through those completing fifth grade.

Volunteers are needed to help make this week one during which the children will learn about following Jesus - the Light of the World. Every day there will be a Bible point, a Bible story and a key Bible verse that will lead them through the darkness of the cave to the light of the world. For more information contact the church office or Lorri McGuire.

CAMP ISTROUMA SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Istrouma is a United Methodist Camp located in Greenwell Springs that offers overnight summer camps for children and youth (entering 2nd grade through 12th grade). You can find a list of camp dates and registration information at www.campistrouma.com. Discounts are available for all campers from St. John's—contact the church office for the discount code before you register. You can also contact Deacon Sarah for more information.

FUTURE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

A group of Baton Rouge Methodists have begun building Project Transformation, a summer reading program that we will hope will launch in the next 12-24 months. You can learn more about Project Transformation at: <http://projecttransformation.org>. We are looking for resources in the following areas: fundraising, interns, summer lunches, group intern housing. If you have resources, ideas, or simply want more information, please contact Mitchel Lambert (mitch.lambert17@gmail.com), Andrew Blackwood (aeb910@yahoo.com) or Deacon Sarah.

SERMON NOTES

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
“...for we walk by faith, not by sight.”
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

Saul's Conversion



Acts 9:4-5

8:30 Worship Service
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Mission Statement

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.