

**SUNDAY, April 24, 2016
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Come Thou Fount* Alleluia Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP
Come to Christ, the truthful way of life, rejected by the world, but chosen and precious in God’s sight.
We come to follow Christ’s call and to proclaim his good news.

Once we were no people, now we are God’s people, called out of darkness and into marvelous light. We sing with the Church in all ages:
**Blessed be your name, O God, our redeemer.
By your mercy we have been born again to a living hope. We praise your name today and always.**

HYMN *He Has Made Me Glad* FWS 2270

PRAYER
**God of grace, we are all your humble children.
We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy. Your Word is truth, and your Spirit is goodness.
Train us all in your Way that leads to life and peace that we might bear fruit worthy of repentance, for the glory of your name. Amen.**

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Hannah Green, Ceci Caputo

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES
God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless Madeleine, Trent, and Will as they now finish this course of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.

Strengthen their many talents and skills, install in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Andy Langford, U.S.S., 20th Cent.)

ANTHEM
God of Grace and God of Glory Alleluia Ringers

SCRIPTURE *Acts 11:1-18* Madeline Cooper, Stephen LeBlanc

SERMON *Links or Lumps (or Why Witnessing is Not Dissing)* Pastor Jay

YOUTH WITNESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN *Guide My Feet* FWS 2208
vs 1 & 3

BENEDICTION
**May the Lord bless you and keep you;
may the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;
may the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
Amen!**

(from Numbers 6:22-24)

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...
in celebration of Richard Damberg’s birthday, today!
Given by Marilyn Damberg.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers Richard and Marilyn Damberg, Joyce Perry, Will Halliburton
Host(s) Misty Shaw

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 24
5:00 p.m. Youth: Senior Celebration, the Halliburton’s

Monday, April 25
9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
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 26
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

Wednesday, April 27
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
6:30 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 28
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
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, April 29
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, April 30
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Gym-C

**THE SHEPHERD’S MARKET
PICK UP A YELLOW BAG TODAY
RETURN NEXT SUNDAY WITH GROCERIES!**

The Shepherd’s Market yellow bags will be passed out today to be brought back next week for Grocery Bag Sunday, **May 1**. Much needed items in the Pantry are: breakfast items (cereal, oatmeal, grits, cereal bars, pop tarts), canned milk (condensed/evaporated), canned fruit or fruit cups, and condiments (mayo, ketchup, etc).

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, May 3** at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room for a song fest! Rebecca Bellelo will provide the music. All women are invited to attend. (Please note the meeting will begin in the choir room after which we will move to the parlor for refreshments.)

**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.

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): _____

ANNUAL CRAWFISH BOIL
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 4 P.M.
WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

PILLOWCASES FOR GRACE CAMP

It's time to make pillowcases for GRACE Camp, a camp for youth who have incarcerated parents. If you would like to help, Joyce Perry will have pillowcase kits with fabric and instructions available at coffee time or after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, April 24. Or, if you like you can make pillowcases with your own fabric. Please return completed pillowcases to Joyce or the church office by May 29. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Joyce Perry (763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net).

UMW NON-GARAGE SALE

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. If you would like a supply of labels printed with the #467, you can pick some up from the church office during regular office hours.

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 for kids aged 4 years through those completing fifth grade at St. John's website: www.stjohnsbr.org under Upcoming Events.

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.

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Teachers' Appreciation Week is May 2-6. The Seekers Sunday School Class is collecting gift cards for Teachers' Appreciation Week. If you have a gift card you haven't used, or you would like to purchase a gift card, Wildwood will use them as prizes in drawings for teachers. Please give them to Lynn in the office or to a member of the Seekers Sunday School class. If you would like to bake something for the teachers, just drop it off at the school that week. Remember to label items with your name and "St. John's Methodist".

Field Day is Thursday, May 12. Volunteers are needed to supervise a variety of student games throughout the school day. If you're able to donate some time, please contact Buffie Grayson at francesgrayson@cox.net or 978-2621.

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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Youth Sunday
April 24, 2016

11:00 Worship Service

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.