

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

April 29, 2018 at 11 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

✠ Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL *to* WORSHIP Ray Halliburton

Come to the house of the Lord. Come with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

We bring the gift of prayer to this house. We raise to God our hopes and our fears, our wounds and our triumphs.

We bring the gift of our presence, being together in worship and fellowship, work and witness.

We bring the gift of our resources, given freely from our hearts to be used in service to God.

We bring the gift of service, commitment of our time and talents to serve God by working in God's world.

We will go into the world witnessing about God's love and grace, which we experience together today.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 547

O Church of God United

✠ PRAYER *of* INVOCATION Deirdré Halliburton

O God our creator, whose hands built the earth, molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky, we gather in your presence this morning with praise and thanksgiving for your mighty deeds.

O God, strengthen our hearts and our hands to work in service to you and the mission of our kingdom, building in our community and all the world. Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

ENGAGING TOGETHER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Sarah Prevot

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

Ushers will pass out folders during the Children's Moment. Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns please fill out a prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

No Hands But Yours

SCRIPTURE Ray Halliburton

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION *Based on Psalm 19:14*

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

SERMON Pastor Julia

“Engage Through Your Service”

✠ HYMN *of* FAITH FWS 2222

The Servant Song

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE Pastor Lane

As our prayer time concludes, we will pray together 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS *to* GOD

✠ DOXOLOGY 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.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

INVITATION *to* CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHP

We joyfully welcome all those whose wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.

✠ HYMN *of* DISCIPLESHP UMH 670

Go Forth for God

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

Thank you for being here.

OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES

"Engage: Walking the Discipleship Pathway"

This sermon series focuses on the five membership "vows" in The United Methodist Church: Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. Our Confirmation Classes are preparing to take these vows (or renew these vows) on Confirmation Sunday, May 20. We must Engage in order to connect and grow with the body of Christ. Our series wraps up next Sunday with the theme of "Witness," and we look forward to the witness our youth will make in worship as they lead our services. Our guiding scripture will be Psalm 139.

NEW YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A Sunday School class for young adults is forming soon. There will be a "Meet and Greet" on **Sunday, May 6** at 10 a.m. in Room 202 (Youth Office) of the Admin Building. If you would like more information on the class, please contact Molly Means at mollygilmore16@gmail.com, otherwise just meet us on May 6 in Room 202.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Dates for Vacation Bible School have been set - **Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29** from 9 a.m. -11:30 a.m. VBS is for ages 4 through those children who finished 5th grade this school year. Registration information and forms will be available soon, but mark your calendars for this special time in the lives of our children.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES CONTINUE

Please continue to encourage our youth confirmands on this part of their faith journey by writing them a note and placing it in their mailbox located in the narthex. Confirmands are Olivia Caputo, Devin Dickson, Grace Idikwu, Carissa Murray, Lydia Rahkawi, Kaylie Williams, and adult helper and confirmand, Christina Sasse.

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, May 1** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Judy Koonce and Pat Lively will present a program on "Sacred Spaces of Nurturing." All women are invited to attend.

ASP SPONSOR BOARD

A sponsor board for the youth and adults who will be participating in the ASP Mission trip will be available on **Sunday, April 29** and **Sunday, May 6**. Sponsorships are \$10 per slot, each participant having 2 slots per day. Checks should be made out to St. John's UMC with ASP in the memo line. Each sponsor will receive a note from the person they sponsor. On both Sundays, the board will be in the narthex prior to the 8:30 a.m. service and before and after the 11 a.m. service and in the FLC during coffee time. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lively at 225-229-6675.

COLLEGE STUDENTS EXAM SURVIVAL BAG

Every year St. John's UMW puts together an "Exam Survival Bag" for college students who are taking final exams. These bags include things such as money (for doing laundry, buying lunch, etc.), microwave popcorn, cheese crackers, single packs of cookies, snack size candy, energy bars, to name a few. If you would like to donate items to help fill the bags, please bring them to church on Sunday or during the week. There will be a blue tub in the narthex and Admin. hallway for your donations.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - SUMMER MINISTRY INTERN

St. John's is pleased to announce a part time, 13-week summer ministry internship designed for young adults who are exploring a vocation in ministry. The internship seeks to prepare young people to hear God's call to ordained ministry by placing them in the context of a ministry setting and allowing them to shadow a clergyperson. Deadline to apply is May 7, 2018. All who might be interested in the position should send an inquiry cover letter, resume, and references to jobs@stjohnsbr.org. For more information go to our website, www.stjohnsbr.org/announced.

YELLOW GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

Don't forget to pick up a Yellow Grocery Bag on your way out of worship. Next **Sunday, May 6**, is Grocery Bag Sunday when we fill the bags to help fill the shelves in The Shepherd's Market. Many, many thanks for your generosity.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, April 29

8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
12:15 p.m. Congregational Care Team, *Parlor*
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class-Youth, *Parlor*
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class-Adults, *Library*
5:00 p.m. Youth, *FLC*
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, May 1

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
9:30 a.m. UMW Ruth Circle, *Parlor*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
4:45 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*

Wednesday, May 2

5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
5:30 p.m. Heavenly Hash, *FLC*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
6:30 a.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*

Thursday, May 3

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, *Parsonage*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, May 4

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*

Saturday, May 5

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*
5:45 p.m. Emmaus Gathering, *FLC / Sanctuary*

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)
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APRIL 29, 2018
11 a.m. Worship Service

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.