

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016  
11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT *This is The Day*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

**And kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

**And you will renew the face of the earth.**

HYMN *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH 454

PRAYER

**Good and glorious God, you are source of our bread and water, our milk and honey. We glorify your name in the resurrection of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. By your grace, you have brought us again to your table. Feed us with your abundant mercy, and enlarge our table for all the hungry; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Marilyn Damberg

SCRIPTURE *Acts 5:27-32*

SERMON *La Vraie Vie, Oui* Pastor Jay

HYMN *My Hope Is Built* UMH 368

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Saylor Layne Hanley, Finn Thomas Hanley

With their parents, Kevin and Holly Hanley

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your name. Amen**

(Silent confession.)

Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Because He Lives* Jim Sullivan

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**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

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

\*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND 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 *Take My Life and Let It Be* UMH 399  
vs 1 & 3

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

\*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 honor of my granddaughter, Madeline Cooper, on her birthday.

Given by Lynn Cooper

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers** Bill Adams, Wanda Nelson, Kelly and Mary Martha Allen

**Host(s)** Joyce Perry

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Today, Sunday, April 3**

5:00 p.m. Youth, Admin. 207

**Monday, April 4**

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

6:30 p.m. Financial Learning Experience, Library

**Tuesday, April 5**

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library

9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor

5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. LCWE Meeting, Parlor

6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Wednesday, April 6**

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. Communications Team, Library

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

7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 7**

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 8**

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory Sitzings, Admin Building

**Saturday, April 9**

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Piccadilly

9:00 a.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**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

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- 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, April 5** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. A program about Easter music will be presented. All women are invited to attend.

The UMW Reading Program books are now available in the church library. They can be found on the top shelf of the UMW reading area.

### THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

There will be a delivery from the Food Bank on **Friday, April 8.**, in the gym, at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are welcome!

### 2016 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SITTINGS THIS WEEK - APRIL 7, 8, AND 9 NEXT 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](mailto:henson.tina@yahoo.com).

Appointments for sittings 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: Thursdays and Fridays from 2:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. If you can help, please contact Tina Henson or Lynn in the church office.

### PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

Join us **Saturday, April 9** at the Piccadilly on Essen at 8:30 a.m. for a Dutch treat buffet breakfast!

### STRONGER TOGETHER: ENCOURAGEMENT FOR MARRIAGE

Every marriage, whether new or old, needs a little TLC and encouragement every now and then. All married and engaged couples are invited to join us on **Saturday, April 16**, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., for a day of encouragement, learning, and fellowship focused on marriage. Our facilitator will be Steven Fox of Crossroads Professional Counseling. Cost is \$50 a couple by April 1 and \$65 a couple after April 1. Contact the church office to register. Contact Deirdre Halliburton ([crayhall@cox.net](mailto:crayhall@cox.net)) or Deacon Sarah for more information.

### 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](http://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.

## 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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Father Rutilio Grande

**11:00 Worship Service**  
**April 3, 2016**

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.