

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015**  
**11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

**And God saw the light was good.**

This very day our God has acted! Let us rejoice!

**Alleluia! God’s name be praised!**

HYMN *Sweet Hour of Prayer* UMH 496

PRAYER

**You are God of holiness and Lord of light. You give us the ministry of reconciling the world because of the mystery of dying and rising with Jesus Christ. Help us, Holy Spirit, to consider praying for others to be a high calling. Cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit to all your people. Comfort the hurting. Care for the sorrowful. Grant hope to the hopeless. And well up in us that we might share the grace we have received in you. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

PSALTER *Psalms 107:1-9, 33-43* UMH 830

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

ANTHEM *Shine, Jesus, Shine* Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE *Acts 2:37-47* Jere Johnston

SERMON *The Promises We Keep? Praying Past Ourselves* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Near to the Heart of God* UMH 472

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**We are no longer our own, but yours.**

**Put us to what you will, rank us with whom you will.**

**Put us to doing, put us to suffering.**

**Let us be put to work for you or set aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you.**

**Let us be full, let us be empty.**

**Let us have all things, let us have nothing.**

**We freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and service.**

**And now, glorious and blessed God -- Father, Son and Holy Spirit -- you are ours and we are yours.**

**So be it.**

**And the covenant now made on earth let it be made in heaven. Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

HYMN *Trust and Obey vs 1, 4* UMH 467

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Bill and Jane Metcalf, Gil and Jeanette McMurry
<b>Host(s)</b>	Kathleen Adams

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

**TODAY, April 19**

8:30 a.m. Jambalaya Ticket Sales

4:00 p.m. Christian Formation, Library

5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

**Monday, April 20**

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. SPRC, Parlor

6:30 p.m. Covenant Bible Study, Library

**Tuesday, April 21**

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms

6:30 p.m. Disciple III Bible Study, Library

**Wednesday, April 22**

7:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Service

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

6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 23**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library

6:00 p.m. Opening Doors, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, April 24**

9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

9:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

5:30 p.m. Cursillo Welcome Home, Gym

**Saturday, April 25**

10:00 a.m. Happening Steering Committee, Library

12 noon AA meeting, Gym-C

**WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES**

Wednesday morning services will continue through May 20 in celebration of Eastertide, leading up to the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 24. Join us, at 7:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, in this quiet time for reflection, prayer, worship, and sharing in the Eucharist. The sanctuary will remain open until 8 a.m. for those who wish to remain a while longer.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY!!** Boy Scout Troop 505 will begin selling tickets for their annual Jambalaya take-out lunch, **Sunday, May 3**; tickets are \$8 a plate or 2 for \$15 and will also be available in the church office after Sunday. (Checks made out to BSA Troop 505.) The menu is jambalaya, white beans, salad, and a roll.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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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](mailto: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

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are in honor of our granddaughters: Aurora, Lily, and Zoë, Landry.  
 Given by Pam and John Toney

## 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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## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Every year the UMW prepares "care packages" for college students as they study for final exams. These much-appreciated packages will be assembled on **Friday, May 1** at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Donations of snack items and cash are being requested as well as volunteers to help in putting the packages together. Donations can be put in the blue buckets in the Receptionist's office in the Admin/Education Building prior to May 1. For more information contact Saroj Welch (767-3077) or Pat Cobb (636-2202 or patcobb316@icloud.com).

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH PARENTS MEETING

There will be an important meeting of the parents of St. John's senior high youth on **Sunday, May 3**, at 9:45 a.m. in the gym. Please make plans to attend.

## RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, May 5** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Betty Sandifer will present a program about Mary Martha in our continuing series of Women in the Bible. All women are invited to attend.

## COMMUNITY BOOK READ

The Baton Rouge Community Book Read is *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole. St. John's is inviting Rev. Richard Hooten, son-in-law of Guy Johnson, to lead us in a discussion of the book on **Thursday, May 14** at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor. For more information contact Guy Johnson (storyteller1750@att.net) or Danielle Blackwood (dblack@lsu.edu).

## WALL OF CROSSES

There is a blank wall in the church office that, with your help, will soon be adorned with crosses! If you would like to donate or loan a cross to this new project being undertaken by our administrative assistant, bring it by the church office during office hours.

## CHURCH STARTS MINISTRIES

### A TASTE OF ST. JOHN'S

Calling all cooks, bakers, pastry chefs ... Registration for A Taste of St. John's is open! Forms can be found online, in Sunday School portfolios, and in the church office with a registration deadline of May 22. The contest will take place on **Sunday, May 31** at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. If you are not a contestant or a judge there will be plenty of fun for everyone; we will have ice cream for all, while judging takes place! All recipes will be sold in a new cookbook, *Taste of St. John's* which will benefit Church Starts Ministries. Participants need not be present to participate.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's time to start planning for this summer's VBS which will be held **June 15 - 19** from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. This year's theme is Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid and we are now accepting registrations for kids ages 4 years through completion of 5th grade (forms are available in the church office or online at [www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/stjohnsbr](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/stjohnsbr)).

We are putting out a call for volunteers for VBS. All youth (who have completed 6th grade) and adults are invited to join us on our journey to Hometown Nazareth. There is a place for everyone: from set-up to leading groups, from decorating to making crafts! Sign-up forms are available in the church office or at the website noted above. For more information contact Deacon Sarah.

## SERMON NOTES

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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



Acts 2:38

**11:00 Worship Service**  
**April 19, 2015**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

### 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.