

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

SONG OF PRAISE *Marvelous Light*

SONG OF PRAISE *This is Amazing Grace*

PRAYER Betsy Adams

Loving God, we have gathered to meet you. We have come to listen to you, to seek you, to worship you. You are the beginning of all things, the life of all things; you knew us before we were born. In you we become; in you we live. Loving God, you are here and everywhere, around us and within us; you know our inmost thoughts. In you we hope; in you we live. You are the source of serenity, giving peace that is beyond our understanding. In you we are still; in you we live. Loving God, we live in you; we worship you. Loving God, you live in us; we worship you. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881
The Apostles’ Creed Chris Green

ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 24:1-6 Ceci Caputo

The earth and everything on it belong to the Lord. The world and its people belong to Him. The Lord placed it all on the oceans and rivers. Who may climb the Lord’s hill or stand in his holy temple?

Only those who do right for the right reasons, and don’t worship idols or tell lies under oath. The Lord God, who saves them, will bless and reward them, because they worship and serve the God of Jacob.

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Hannah Green

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES 11:00 a.m. God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless Catherine, Justin, Andree, Haley, Kevin, and Jordan 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.)

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:41-47 Nico de la Fuente

SERMON The Promises We Keep? Pastor Jay
Companion-ing: Worship + 1 & Where the Church Really Is on Monday

SONG OF PRAISE Lead Me to the Cross

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Emilie Ferguson
Following each prayer, Emilie will say: Lord in your Mercy
The congregation will respond: Hear our prayer

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY Taylor Worthy

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.

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

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

SONG OF PRAISE Oceans

BLESSING Catherine LeBlanc
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. (Numbers 6:24-16)

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Richard Damberg’s birthday. Given by Marilyn Damberg

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Table with 2 columns: Ushers (Haley Stubbs, Will Halliburton, Andree Halliburton, Rebecca Lively) and Host(s) (Rhonda Tucker (8:30), Mary Martha Allen (11:00))

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

TODAY, April 26
5:00 p.m. Senior Youth Celebration, Gym
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

Monday, April 27
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
6:30 p.m. Covenant Bible Study, Library

Tuesday, April 28
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
6:30 p.m. Disciple III Bible Study, Library

Wednesday, April 29
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 30
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
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, May 1
9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A
10:00 a.m. UMW Care Packages, Library

Saturday, May 2
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Gym-C

NEWCOMER GATHERING

Recent guests and new members, you are invited to join church staff and other St. John’s members for an informal Newcomer Gathering in the Library on Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 p.m. The purpose is to get to know each other better and share information about St. John’s. Let us know you will be there by contacting the church office (office@stjohnsbr.org or 766-4594).

Members of St. John’s, please select a representative from your small group to attend the gathering to say a little something about your group and what you are doing.

BOY SCOUT JAMBALAYA TICKETS

Tickets are now available in the church office for the Boy Scout Troop 505 Jambalaya Lunch on Sunday, May 3. Cost is \$8 a plate or 2 for \$15. The menu includes jambalaya, white beans, salad, and a roll. Lunches can be picked up between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in front of the gym.

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Joy Concern

Series of horizontal lines for writing prayer requests.

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

## 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 communion.

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Every year the UMW prepares "care packages" for college students as they study for final exams. 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. 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 the program in our continuing series of Women in the Bible. All women are invited.

## COMMUNITY BOOK READ

The BR Community Book Read is *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole. Rev. Richard Hooten will 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).

## 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.

## 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 including all youth who have completed 6th grade. Sign-up forms are available in the church office or at the website noted above. For more information contact Deacon Sarah.

## ST. JOHN'S SILENT AUCTION & CRAWFISH BOIL

THANK YOU Sojourners Class for once again sponsoring St. John's Silent Auction; it was a huge success due to your unwavering dedication. Thanks to those who spent numerous hours processing the items on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, to those who helped set up the items on the tables, to those who helped run the auction on Sunday, and THANKS to those who came to the auction and made bids. Once we have a final count on the proceeds, we will let you know. AND ONE MORE THANK YOU -- to the Genesis Class for hosting the Crawfish Boil! It was a great Sunday afternoon at St. John's United Methodist Church!

## SERMON NOTES

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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**Youth Sunday**  
**April 26, 2015**

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.