

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Adagio from Sonate,
Opus I by Loeillet* Penny Kemler

CALL TO WORSHIP
Good Christian friends, rejoice! Today your Lord comes in love and power, in grace and truth, offering hope and peace.
Christ is born today! Alleluia!
This promised one, mighty, though small, is our hope, our strength, and our life.
Christ is born to save! Alleluia!
In hope, let us worship God.
Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240

PRAYER
Out of the noise and glitter of the world’s Christmas, we have come away, O God, in to this hour in your presence. Help us to discover here the true meaning and joy that lie beneath the surface of this holy day. Help us to see beyond the Baby in the manger to the man Jesus became, to test our lives by his teachings and example. Enable us to see beyond the human Jesus to your own incredible love reaching out to us through him, giving wisdom and power for the journeys of our lives. Then send us out to spread the word that you are born among us. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

PSALTER *Psalms 148* UMH 861

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Natalie Cooper

SCRIPTURE *Luke 2:41-52*

SERMON *(Holy) Family Drama* Deacon Sarah

HYMN *What Child Is This* UMH 219

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY *Third Movement Adagio
from Opus I by Loeillet* Penny Kemler

DOXOLOGY

SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* UMH 251

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Allegro from Sonate,
Opus I by Loeillet* Penny Kemler

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...

are in memory of Sarah’s parents, Rev. Clyde and Frieda Averett, and in honor of what would have been their 61st wedding anniversary. Given by Sarah and Doug Picou

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers Rhonda Tucker, Hannah Green,
Madeline Cooper, Chris Stubbs

Host(s) Misty Shaw

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, December 27
10:30 a.m. One Worship Service

Monday, December 28
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

Tuesday, December 29
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

Wednesday, December 30
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, December 31
OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016
OFFICE CLOSED - **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Saturday, January 2
12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

SUBMISSIONS FOR SUNDAY BULLETIN

Due to the office closures for the New Year’s holidays, all submissions for the January 3, 2016, bulletin must be in the church office no later than noon on **Tuesday, December 29.**

2016 FLOWER CHART

The Flower Chart for 2016 is now up on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Administration Building. Flowers on the altar each Sunday are a wonderful way to remember or honor a special person or persons and/or occasion AND add beauty to our Sanctuary. Now is the time to sign up -- there are many openings; for example, **January is wide open!** You will be contacted the week prior to the date you select. If you have any questions, contact Lynn in the church office.

ST. JOHN’S SWEATSHIRTS

If you ordered a St. John’s sweatshirt, they are available for pick up in the church office this coming week on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and after that during regular office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, January 5** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. The 2016 pledge program and a program about hymns will be presented. All women are invited to attend.

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): _____

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

Gluten-free communion is now offered at all communion services -- every Sunday at 8:30 and the first Sunday of every month at 11:00. Special communion ware is used and every precaution is taken to insure that every step of preparation and serving remains totally gluten-free. If you have questions or concerns, contact Pat Lively at 766-2136.

FINANCIAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

On **Sunday January 17**, at 12:15 p.m., join us for "I Was Broke But Now I'm Not." Joseph Sangl of INJOY will lead us through budgeting, debt elimination, and the power of compound interest. Participants will receive practical information on giving, saving, getting out of debt, budgeting, retirement, and basic investing. A light lunch and child care will be provided. RSVP by Tuesday, January 12 in an email to thewalk@stjohnsbr.org or phone 766-4594. **THE SEMINAR IS FREE BUT YOU WILL NEED A RESERVATION IN ORDER TO ATTEND.** For more information visit the website iwasbrokenowimnot.com.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line screening will be held at St. John's on **Monday, January 11** in the Administration Building. Ultrasounds for stroke, peripheral arterial disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm and osteoporosis as well as an EKG for atrial fibrillation are offered for only \$149 (\$139 without the osteoporosis test). **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** To register for your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

Life Line Community Healthcare will also offer the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit. For eligible Medicare beneficiaries with traditional Part B, there is no cost/no co-pay. This is not a physical, but a personal wellness consultation performed by a certified Nurse Practitioner designed to help you and your doctor keep you healthy, safe and independent. This wellness consultation is an entitlement! Medicare is billed for this visit. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED;** call 1-866-579-5069.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS

Daphne Grady will lead a mental health first aid class **Friday, January 22** (5:00 - 9:00 p.m.) and **Saturday, January 23** (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) in the library. Contact Daphne (769-0361) if you are interested in participating or if you have any questions.

Mental Health First Aid USA is an 8-hour training to teach participants how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The evidence behind the program demonstrates that it helps trainees identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

SERMON NOTES

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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

Wood Sculpture: Boy Jesus in the Temple



by Theodoor Verhaegen

10:30 Worship Service
December 27, 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.