

LESSONS AND CAROLS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER
 Now is the time to worship. Now is the time to prepare the way of the Lord.

Now is the moment for us to wake from sleep.
 For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;
The night is gone, the day is near.
 Let us lay aside the works of darkness,
And put on the armor of light.
 Come, let us glorify the Lord our God!

CAROL
O Come, All Ye Faithful UMH 234
vs 1-4

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
 David and Tina Henson (8:30)
 Parker and Rhonda Tucker (11:00)

Last week, we lighted the first candle in our Advent Wreath. Today we light the candle of HOPE again and also light the second candle, the candle of PREPARATION.

We continue our preparation for the coming of Christ, our spiritual walk to Bethlehem in the footsteps of Mary and Joseph.

SONG OF RESPONSE
Emmanuel, Emmanuel UMH 204

FIRST LESSON
 Adam and Eve rebel against God *Genesis 3:8-15*

CAROL
God Walked in Eden’s Garden Fair Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON
 God promises to faithful Abraham that his descendants will be a blessing to all the nations of the earth *Genesis 22:15-18*

CAROL
The God of Abraham Praise Chancel Choir

THIRD LESSON
 Christ’s birth and rule of peace and justice are foretold by Isaiah *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

CAROL
Comfort, Comfort, O My People Chancel Choir

FOURTH LESSON
 The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown *Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9*

CAROL
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming UMH 216
vs 1 & 2

FIFTH LESSON
 The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will be the mother of Jesus *Luke 1:26-35, 38*

CAROL
There is No Rose Chancel Choir

SIXTH LESSON
 St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus *Matthew 1:18-23*

CAROL
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice UMH 224

SEVENTH LESSON
 The shepherds go to Bethlehem *Luke 2:8-16*

CAROL
Angels We Have Heard on High UMH 238

EIGHTH LESSON
 The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus *Matthew 2:1-11*

OFFERTORY CAROL
From a Distant Home Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

NINTH LESSON
 John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation *John 1:1-14*

SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CAROL OF INVITATION
Joy to the World UMH 246
vs 1, 2, & 4

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...

are in honor of Marilyn Damberg on her birthday, December 10.
 Given by Richard Damberg.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30 Ushers	Lynn Cooper, Fran Anderson, Mike and Sally Allen
Host(s)	Bobbi Marino

11:00 Ushers	Richard and Marilyn Damberg, Fran Anderson, Penny Kemler
Host(s)	Kathleen Adams

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today, December 6
 LESSONS AND CAROLS - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 12:15 p.m. SPRC, parlor
 4:00 p.m. Youth / Play Practice

Monday, December 7
 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. Puppet Show Practice, 206 Admin

Tuesday, December 8
 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, gym
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, gym
 6:30 p.m. Disciple III Bible Study, library
 7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW, Bobbi Marino’s House

Wednesday, December 9
 2:00 p.m. Congregational Care Team, parlor
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, gym
 6:00 p.m. Weeknight Group, parlor
 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, choir room
 7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, sanctuary

Thursday, December 10
 6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, parlor
 8:00 a.m. Holy Folders, library
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, gym
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, gym

Friday, December 11
 OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 12
 12 noon AA meeting, gym, room C

ADVENT FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 3:00 P.M.

Join us, in the sanctuary, for a time of music, drama, and fellowship as we celebrate the season with our church family. We will enjoy a program of music including our children as well as a short play written by Guy Johnson. We will then enjoy a time of fellowship on the grounds. Dress is casual. Come and bring your friends!

ADVENT FESTIVAL MISSION PROJECT

At the Advent Festival we will be collecting new or gently used stuffed animals and books to give to children at the Great Turkey Giveaway. Just bring these items with you to the Advent Festival on December 13.

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): _____

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK 2015

There is still time to sign up to receive the 2015 St. John's Advent Devotional Book in your email inbox every morning. You can also download a PDF of the entire book. Sign up at www.stjohnsbr.org/advent-devotional-signup.

MARY MARTHA UMW

The Mary Martha Circle UMW will hold their annual Christmas party **Tuesday, December 8**, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bobbi Marino, 3025 Rue d'Orleans (205-5530). Please bring a snack to share. All ladies of church are invited to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE VISITATION TEAM

The next meeting for the Visitation Team will be held on **Wednesday, December 9** at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. Anyone who is interested in visiting homebound St. John's members or those who can help with delivery of poinsettias is invited to attend.

BREAKFAST WITH THE PRIME TIMERS!

On **Saturday, December 12**, before starting your Christmas shopping, join the St. John's Prime Timers at the Piccadilly on Essen at 8:30 a.m. for a Dutch treat buffet breakfast. You'll be glad you did!

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Volunteers are needed to help deliver the Angel Tree gifts on **Saturday, December 12**. You will be assigned a partner unless you are delivering with your family or a friend. Each team will deliver to 3 or 4 families; it takes approximately 2 hours. Contact Beth Forester (handtalker@cox.net or 405-9324) for more information or to sign up.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will once again grace our sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas season to remember and honor those we care about. You may place your order form in the offering plate or return them to the church office by **Monday, December 14**. Cost is \$10 - checks should be made out to St. John's UMC with "Beautification Fund" in the memo line.

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

The FIFTH Great Turkey Giveaway will be on **Saturday, December 19**, from 9 - 11 a.m. You can provide a holiday meal for a family for only \$15. Consider donating today (put Holiday Meal in the memo line) and mark your calendar to volunteer at the event.

STAFF APPRECIATION

An annual tradition at St John's during the Christmas season has always been saying thank you to our Staff for the work they do to make many of the events and programs at St John's possible. If you would like to participate in thanking our Staff with a donation, you can place your gift, in an envelope, in the offering plate today. If you chose to make your gift in the form of a check, please mark the memo line "Staff Christmas Appreciation."

SERMON NOTES

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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2015

A Service of
Lessons and Carols

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.