

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God,

**For the Lord is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
And relents from punishing.**

Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness.

That we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

SONG OF PRAISE *Lord of All Hopefulness* FWS 2197

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

SONG OF PRAISE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* FWS 2193

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

PRAYER

Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There Jesus was tempted by Satan.

Please come quickly to help us, when we are facing all sorts of temptations.

You know the weakness of each of us;

help us to find that you are mighty to save us

through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation from Romans 8 UMH 887

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Heather Durham

SCRIPTURE *Luke 4:1-13*

SERMON *The Way of the Cross: Facing Temptation* Pastor Jay

HYMN *More Like You* FWS 2167

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Help us overcome the temptations we face. Enter into the brokenness of our lives with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts. Consume the pride and prejudice that separate us. And fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear; and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Creator and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *I Surrender All*

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.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257 b, c, d

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

HYMN *Lead Me, Guide Me* FWS 2214
vs 1

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Go Ye, Go Ye, Into the World*

*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 GIVEN ...

by Sallie Paulsen with grateful thanks for all God has done for us.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs
Host(s)	Beth Forester

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, February 14

12:15 p.m. SPRC, Parlor

5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

Monday, February 15

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

Tuesday, February 16

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

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

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

6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

6:30 p.m. Ensemble Practice, Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW, Parlor

Wednesday, February 17

7:00 a.m. Lenten Early Morning Service

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

6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Library

6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Group, Parlor

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

7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 18

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

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

6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, February 19

9:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

Saturday, February 20

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

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN LENT
7 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

**LENTEN STUDY
TODAY, 5:30 P.M., IN THE PARLOR**

FASTING: Does God really want me to do that? Join us for the first session in this five-week Lenten study. Contact the Church Office to sign up for the remaining sessions to be held in the parlor on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m., February 21 - March 13.

MARY MARTHA UMW CIRCLE

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, February 16** at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Dawn Staves will begin this year’s study of “Children in the Bible” speaking on young Joseph. 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): _____

CHURCH-WIDE WORK DAY

A church-wide work day is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Look for the sign-up board during coffee time.

EGGS FOR EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

This year's community-wide Easter Eggstravaganza will be **Sunday, March 20** at 3 p.m. We need help from St. John's congregation with donations of plastic Easter eggs (either empty or filled with wrapped candy) and bags of small individually wrapped candy. There are large blue tubs in the Admin. Building to put your donations. Thank you for your help.

FINANCIAL LEARNING SMALL GROUPS

St. John's is offering the 6-session personal financial study, *I Was Broke. Now I'm Not*. Class size is limited to 15, so register early. Cost is \$30 and includes a book and handbook. Married couples are welcome to share a book. Two dates are available for your convenience: Mondays starting **February 22** and Wednesdays starting **February 24**. All sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will meet in Room 205 of the Admin. Building. Child care will be available. Registration forms are available in the church office and on the website. For more information contact Carol Gordon: 766-1489 (h), 335-1394 (c) or cgor217@aol.com.

ST. JOHN'S 101

If you are new to St. John's and want to learn more about who we are and how we serve in ministry together, this class is for you. The class will be led by Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, and all are welcome. Classes will be held **Sundays, February 28, March 6, and March 13**, at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Contact Deacon Sarah to sign up or to learn more.

MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

From **Friday, March 4 - Sunday, March 6**, St. John's will be participating in a mission to St. Marks UMC and the North Rampart Community Center in New Orleans. The cost is \$100 (checks made out to Larry Norman). For more information contact Larry Norman (lduckn@aol.com or 933-1881).

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Larry Norman is asking for donations of cookies for Kairos. Guidelines are available in the church office as well as on the web site. Cookies can be brought to the church office during regular office hours or on Sundays until **Sunday, March 6**. For more information contact Larry Norman.

THANKS, ST. JOHN'S

We are so grateful to Pastor Jay, the Congregational Care Team, and our St. John's church family for your loving care during the recent loss of our son and brother, Darryl Hargis. From Helen Hargis-Wiltz, Joyce Perry, and the Hargis family.

UMW SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Carol Gordon and Mary Jones for receiving the 2016 UMW Special Mission Recognition Awards on UMW Sunday, February 7. St. John's is blessed to have the two strong, faithful leaders in our community.

SERMON NOTES

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 Worship Service
February 14, 2016

First Sunday in Lent

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.