

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 at 8:30 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

✝ Please stand as you are able. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

GATHERING

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ SONGS of PRAISE

Give Me a Clean Heart

FWS 2133

**Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee.
Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee.
For I'm not worthy of all those blessings.
Give me a clean heart, and I'll follow thee.**

Sanctuary

FWS 2164

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.** (Repeat)

✝ CALL to WORSHIP

Danielle Blackwood

Let us turn our minds from human things.

Our faith in Jesus saves us.

Let us set our minds on divine things.

Our faith in Jesus saves us.

We will deny ourselves and take up our cross.

Our faith in Jesus saves us.

We will lose all; that we may gain all.

Our faith in Jesus saves us.

✝ SONG of RESPONSE

Lead Me, Lord

UMH 473

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.**

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Guy Johnson

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

Ushers will pass out folders during the Children's Moment. Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns please fill out a prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.

✝ SCRIPTURE

Danielle Blackwood

Mark 8:31-38

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Based on Psalm 19:14

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my strength and my
redeemer. Amen.**

SERMON

Pastor Lane

“Intervention”

RESPONDING

✝ HYMN of FAITH

UMH 408

The Gift of Love

✝ PRAYER of CONFESSION

Pastor Julia

We are in the wilderness. We have lost our way. We cannot fix ourselves. We need God's intervention in our lives.

And so do many others.

And so we pray:

Come quickly to help us, O God.

Because people are still kept in poverty or slavery, some are in fear from abusers, terrorists, and oppressors, some face addiction, and some are targeted for unjust treatment because of who they are;

Come quickly to help us, O God.

Because we need courage and integrity from leaders in religious, political, economic, and social life; because we love and sometimes struggle with our families, friends, and neighbors; and because the lives of those who sustain and protect our lives as military, civilian workers, and first responders are full of challenge and conflict;

Come quickly to help us, O God.

Because there are people who need your healing power, and some who offer healing through their skill and presence; because some have harmed us, and we have harmed others by our action or inaction;

Come quickly to help us, O God.

Receive the prayers of your people, most merciful God. In your compassion, forgive our sins, and intervene to free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(a time for silent prayers and confession)

✝ WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

Hear the Good News:

We are forgiven, loved, and set free. God comes to help us where we need it most. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God! Amen!**

✝ SHARING *the* LOVE *and* PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS to GOD

I Surrender All

✝ DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✝ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 15

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We are yours, O God**
Bless the Lord! **God's holy name be praised!**

Praised in heaven, praised in earth, praised throughout
your creation is your name, Holy Triune God.

From generation to generation,
your people rejoice in your Name.

Though our wisdom is foolishness, and our self-preservation
leads to our destruction,
you continue to show us your way.

So with prophets, leaders, and faithful people, we, with
all creation, cry “Holy!”
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is Christ who comes in your name!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ,
Word made flesh, speaking truth hard to hear,
but making sure we hear it and just how hard it is.
You denied yourself, took up the cross, followed where the
Spirit led, and called all your disciples to do the same.
Blessed are you, Jesus Christ.

Blessed are you for coming among us and for offering
yourself to us in this holy meal to fill our hungry
and erring souls, and to empower us to break free
from Satan's lies and follow where you lead.

With your first disciples, on the night of your betrayal into death,
you took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it, saying:

Take and eat this, my body given for you.

Then you took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it, saying:

Drink this, my blood of the new covenant for you.

Even so, here and now, come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Come upon these gifts and upon us. Make them be for us
Christ's body and blood, that we who receive them may be
for all the body of Christ enlivened by his blood.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make us one.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Unite us with you.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Revive us!

Intervene to make us what we are not now, as we await that day
when we shall see Christ as he is at the feast of new creation.

To Christ, to you, and to the All-Merciful Creator,
One God, living and true, be all praise, and honor,
and glory now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

SHARING *the* BREAD *and* CUP

♦ *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*

♦ *Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like the gluten-free elements.*

Come to the Table

Come to the table of grace, Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table, it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of Peace ...

Come to the table of Love ...

PRAYER *after* RECEIVING

**Jesus, thank you! You have fed us with yourself, intervening
with your own body and blood to free us from every illusion of
success, and show us the way of your cross. By the power of the
Holy Spirit, keep on intervening until we deny ourselves, take
up the cross, and consistently follow your way. Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*We joyfully welcome all those whose wish to become members of St. John's
and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.*

✝ HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP

UMH 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

✝ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✝ POSTLUDE

Everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for coffee and refreshments.

Welcome to St. John's!

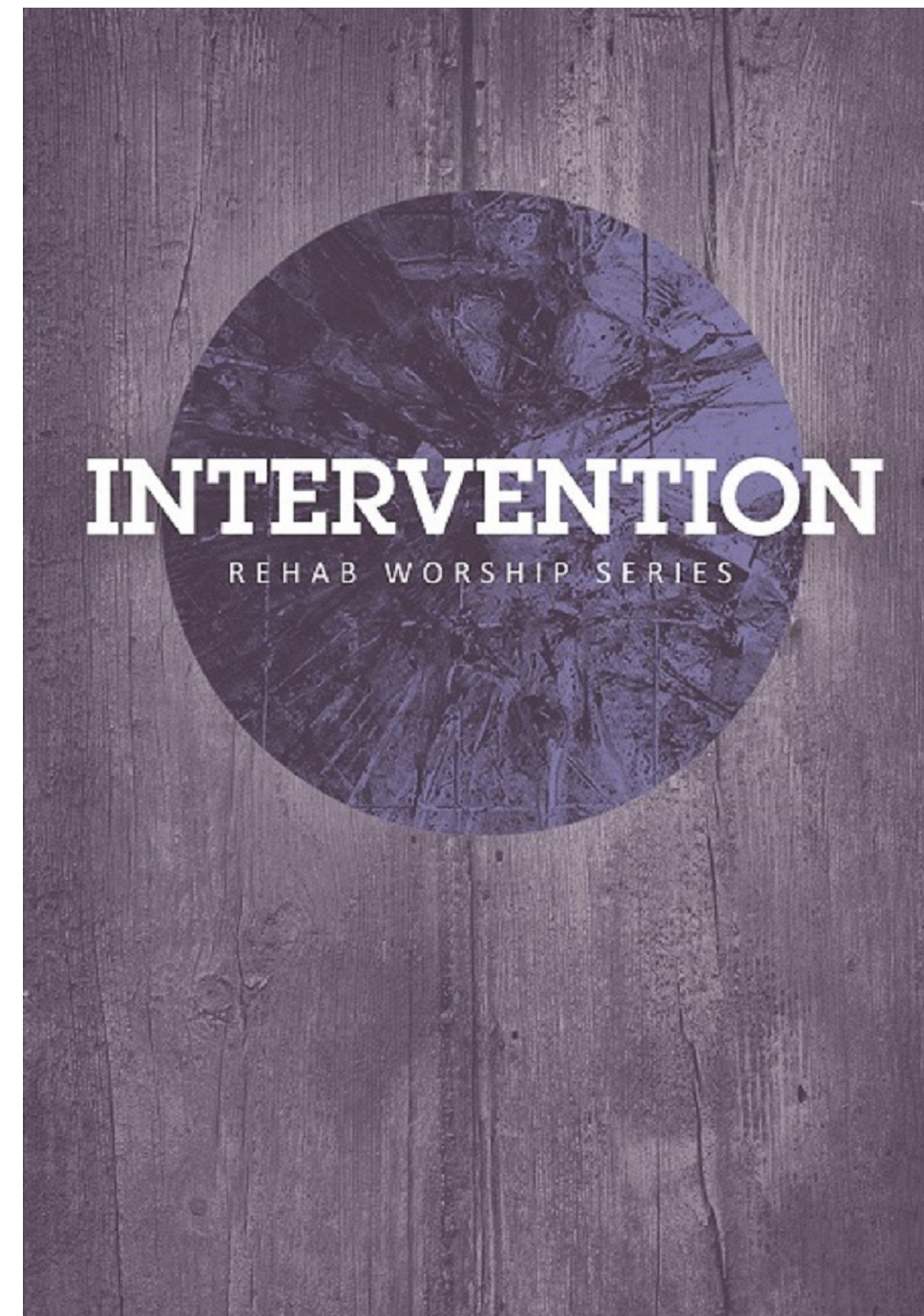
HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S



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INTERVENTION

REHAB WORSHIP SERIES

February 25, 2018

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

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.

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

Thank you for being here.

WORSHIP SERIES - "REHAB"

Join us during the season of Lent in a journey of restoration from death to new life! Today we become aware of the degree to which we need intervention and help beyond ourselves, and we identify how we can access it and start doing so. Next Sunday we will read from Exodus 20:1-17.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

We will gather every Wednesday morning during Lent at **7 a.m. for a 30-minute morning service with Communion** in the sanctuary.

On Wednesday evenings, we will hold "**Heavenly Hash and Rehash**" at which time we will rehash our Rehab Lent theme from Sunday. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. During dinner, around **6 p.m., we will read scripture, have table discussion, and share in Communion.** All ages are welcome, a nursery is available.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

The final workshop in this series of Days for Girls will be **Saturday, March 10**, from 9 a.m. to noon in the FLC. Everyone is welcome; we need sewers and non-sewers.

MISSION TO ST. MARK'S IN NEW ORLEANS

St. John's UMC will travel to the New Orleans French Quarter to carry out its mission of "feeding people" and to participate with St. Mark's UMC in its ministry to the homeless and hungry, April 6 - April 8. We are asking volunteers to register by mid-March. For more information please email Rev. Larry Norman at lduckn@aol.com. This mission is open to all ages and abilities.

YELLOW BAG SUNDAY

Don't forget to pick up a Yellow Shopping Bag to take grocery shopping with you and bring it back on Grocery Bag Sunday, next Sunday, March 4. Some items needed in The Market include breakfast items, canned peas and any other canned vegetable **except** corn or green beans, soup, side items like rice and pasta dishes, and household paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.).

YOUTH HOSTING INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

TONIGHT you are invited to come hear Shannon Carlson as she speaks to our youth at 6 p.m. in the FLC. Shannon will be sharing her faith story, telling how God changed her life after she reached the summit of the tallest free-standing mountain in the world.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation 2018 is off to a great start! Our youth confirmands are: Olivia Caputo, Izzy Cooper, Devin Dickson, Grace Idikwu, Carissa Murray, and Kaylie Williams with Christina Sasse serving as a confirmand helper and participant, with Pastor Julia and Deirdre. You are invited to write them a note of encouragement and put it in their mailboxes in the narthex.

Pastor Lane has 10 participants in the adult confirmation class. Are you interested in joining the class? Contact Pastor Lane (pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org) for more information.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, March 6** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Deirdre Halliburton will present a program on "Sacred Spaces." All women are invited to attend.

TRUSTEES' WORK DAY

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 17. Trustees will be coordinating a church-wide work day from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Please make plans to come help make our campus beautiful for Easter.

Sunday, February 25

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Adults, *Library*
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Youth, *FLC-E*
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*
- 7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, February 26

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies, *Parlor*
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
- 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, February 27

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 5:00 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Choir Room*
- 6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*

Wednesday, February 28

- 7:00 a.m. Wednesday Lenten Service
- 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
- 5:30 p.m. Heavenly Hash and Rehash, *FLC*
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*
- 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 1

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
- 3:00 p.m. Everybody Reads Training, *Library*
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees, *Library*
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, March 2

- OFFICE CLOSED
- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*

Saturday, March 3

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Richard and Marilyn Damberg in honor of Wanda Vanover (Marilyn's sister) on her birthday.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: *David and Tina Henson, Brian and Danielle Blackwood*
Host: *Kathy King*

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)
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