

GALATIANS - THE GOSPEL OF FREEDOM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017
11 A.M.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Alleluia Ringers
Again, I say Rejoice!

MINISTRY MOMENT: STEWARDSHIP John and Pam Toney

CALL TO WORSHIP
 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.
 The Word became flesh and lived among us.
And we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father’s only son,
Full of grace and truth.
 Come let us worship together!

OPENING HYMN UMH 66o
God Is Here
 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
 may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
 wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
 here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
 Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
 here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s flock and fold;
 here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.
 Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
 what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
 keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
 Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive;
 we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

OPENING PRAYER
 Holy God, we remember your gifts of grace and mercy.
 You share with us your life and your love in Jesus, your Son.
 And so we cry, Mercy:

MERCY!
 And so we cry, Glory:
GLORY!
 And so we cry, Peace:

PEACE!
 Holy God, we beg for your Holy Spirit:
Enliven our congregation,
Awaken this body,
Pour us out for each other,
Ignite your church,
Nourish the life of the earth.
Make us united though diverse,
Make us whole though broken.
Make us forgiving while forgiven.
Come Holy Spirit!

Come Holy Spirit and lead us to walk in your ways,
 now and forever.
Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 88i
The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
 Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 Born of the Virgin Mary,
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 Was crucified, dead, and [buried]*;
 The third day he arose from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven,
 And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 The holy catholic church,
 The communion of saints,
 The forgiveness of sins,
 The resurrection of the body,
 And the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI UMH 7o

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Deirdré Halliburton

SCRIPTURE *Galatians 6:1-10*

SERMON *Gaining Our Bearings* Pastor Jay

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Deirdré Halliburton

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY *It Is Well With My Soul* Alleluia Ringers
Joel Willson, violin

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

HYMN *Pass It On* UMH 572
 It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
 and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
 That’s how it is with God’s love once you’ve experienced it;
 you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;
 the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
 That’s how it is with God’s love once you’ve experienced it;
 you want to sing, it’s fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I’ve found;
 you can depend on him, it matters not where you’re bound.
 I’ll shout it from the mountaintop; I want my world to know;
 the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Ushers	Richard and Marilyn Dambert, Penny Kemler, Fran Anderson
Host(s)	Mary Martha Allen

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 26
 7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room
 5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building
 5:00 p.m. Winter Bible Study, Library
 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

Monday, February 27
 OFFICE CLOSED
 3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, February 28
 OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, March 1
 7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday A.M. Service, FLC
 4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
 5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A
 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday P.M. Service, FLC
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, FLC
 7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

Thursday, March 2
 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC
 6:00 p.m. Trustees, Library
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, March 3
 OFFICE CLOSED
 6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
 9:30 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

Saturday, March 4
 10:0a0 a.m. Prayer Walk, St. John’s neighborhood
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The church office will be closed next week on **Monday, February 27**
 and **Tuesday, February 28** to celebrate Mardi Gras. We will reopen on
 Wednesday with regular office hours (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

The Shepherd’s Market will also be closed on Monday and Tuesday
 to celebrate Mardi Gras. It will be open on Thursday, March 2 at the
 regular time (8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)

THE LENTEN EXPERIENCE AT ST. JOHN’S

This Lenten season please join us as we focus our attention on our faith
 in Christ and Christ’s journey to the cross.

WEDNESDAYS: beginning **March 1, Ash Wednesday**, and continuing
 through April 12, we will offer two 30-minute worship experiences. Join
 us in the Family Life Center at **7 a.m.** and **6 p.m.** for communion and
 vespers services.

SUNDAYS: Every Sunday evening in Lent, our entire family of faith has
 an opportunity to come together in fellowship and spiritual formation.
 Beginning **Sunday, March 5**, at 5 p.m., in the Family Life Center, we
 will join together for reflection and a study titled *Fearless: The Courage*
to Question. This study is available to all Sunday school classes as well.

In addition, the Youth Band will be practicing from 4-5 p.m. and from
 5-6 p.m., there will be directed children’s activities.

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): _____

PRAYER WALK

We will hold our first Wildwood Neighborhood Prayer Walk **Saturday March 4** from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact Pastor Jay to join in (pastorjay@stjohnsbr.org or 772-3550).

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

At the 11:00 service on Sunday, February 19, we welcomed into our church family Brandon and Rachel Ferrar and their daughter, Natalie, and Tim and Kim Poorbaugh, and we celebrated the baptism of Penelope Jane Cherry along with her parents Luke Cherry and Nicole Gardner.

PICK UP A YELLOW BAG

Grab a yellow bag on your way out of worship; next week is Grocery Bag Sunday! Items especially needed in The Shepherd's Market are pasta, condiments, breakfast items, and paper products.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SUESS!

Do you like to read to children? Wildwood Elementary will be having a Read Across America Day to celebrate Dr. Suess' birthday on **Thursday, March 2**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is asking for volunteers to come read their favorite children's book to a Wildwood class. You can bring one of your own or you can get a book from the school library. Please contact Joy Robins, volunteer liaison for Wildwood at jrobins@ebrschools.org.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, March 7** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Judy Barbay will present a program on the disciple, Andrew. The 2017 prayer and self-denial program will be presented and the collection will be donated to the maternal and child health programs. All women are invited to attend.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA IS COMING!

YES! The Eggstravaganza is coming (April 9) and for the Easter egg hunt we need plenty of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies. There is a blue tub in the hallway of the Admin Building for you to put your donations. THANK YOU!

GREENSEASONS LAWN CARE

St. John's Trustees recently awarded GreenSeasons Lawn Care the contract to take care of the grounds and flower beds on our campus. GreenSeasons is offering a partner program to our congregation and will return 5%, quarterly, to St. John's of whatever amount members spend with GreenSeasons. If you are interested in having them take care of your lawns contact Heather Casselberry (733-5164 or heather@greenseasons.us) and let her know you are a member of St. John's.

ART FOR BULLETIN COVERS

Do you have any photos, paintings, or images that you have created that might be appropriate for use as a graphic for our Sunday bulletins? We would love to feature your work and highlight the talent that St. John's has! If so, please send it to Lynn (office@stjohnsbr.org) and we will try to incorporate these images in worship!

COOKIES FOR KAIROS #62 - ANGOLA

Larry Norman will be participating in the Kairos #62 team to Angola **March 9 - 12**. As a member of the team, Larry will need 120 dozen cookies!! Baking guides are available in the church office and online at the Kairos Angola web site <https://listenlistenlovelove.com/cookies>. Cookies aren't due to be brought to church until March 5 so please freeze any you make ahead of time. If you don't have freezer space, contact Lynn in the church office (766-4595 or office@stjohnsbr.org).

SERMON NOTES

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
“...for we walk by faith, not by sight.”
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
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THE GOSPEL OF FREEDOM

Sunday, February 26, 2017
11 a.m. Worship Service

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.