

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMW SUNDAY WELCOME Judy Barbay

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Lord Be Glorified*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are a community of people-
young, middle-aged, older; diverse in backgrounds, appearances, and gifts-- yet celebrating that diversity.

Our purpose is to know God-
to know You -- sense Your joy -- share Your sorrow -- Your dream for a world where justice knows no favorite, where all walk in dignity, sensitive to each other’s need.

Our purpose is to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ-
to reach out and know the wholeness made possible for us by Jesus, even as he restored the broken and the bruised.

Our purpose is to develop a creative, supportive fellowship
to share the joys; bear the sorrows; bind the wounds of body and of spirit-to become a caring community.

Our purpose is to expand concepts of mission-
to confront our preconceived opinions, our prejudices; to extend our areas of concern; to accept responsible action

through participation in the global ministries of the church.
not “over there” alone, but the neighbor in our midst; not “immediate aid” alone, but willingness to help change systems; not “for” but “with “, yet acknowledging the uniqueness of every child of God.

(From: Resource Guide for Observance of UMW Sunday 2010 Central Texas Conference; compiled and written by Nelroy Wilson)

SONG OF PRAISE *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.

SONG OF PRAISE *God Is Here Today* FWS 2049
God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises,
as certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.

PRAYER
Gracious God, you are the loving parent of us all. In your image, you have made us -- female and male, many colors, diverse tongues. We thank you for your creativity, for your compassion, and for your call on our lives. Urge us, Holy Spirit, to love our neighbors and serve your kingdom. Help us minister in your strength and with your passion for justice and peace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Beth Forester

UMW MINISTRY MOMENT Pat Lively, Kathleen Adams

SCRIPTURE *Luke 9:28-36* Beth Forester

SERMON *Transformed by Christ* Rev. Marie Williams

HYMN *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* UMH 402
vs 1 & 2

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Open Our Eyes*

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 *Cry of My Heart* FWS 2165

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Guide My Feet*

*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 in honor and memory of all the women in St. John’s family by the United Methodist Women.

Greeters	Betty Sandifer, Saroj Welch
Ushers	Sally Allen, Betty Schroeder, Dawn Staves, Madeline Blackwood

Hosts	Bobbi Marino
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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, February 7

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

Monday, February 8

OFFICE CLOSED

3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group

Tuesday, February 9

OFFICE CLOSED

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

Wednesday, February 10

7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service

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

6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

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

Thursday, February 11

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library

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

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

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

Saturday, February 13

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Piccadilly

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

9:00 a.m. UMW Sewing Project, Gym

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

THE SHEPHERD’S MARKET

TODAY, February 7, is Grocery Bag Sunday. If you are unable to bring your yellow bag today donations are always accepted during the week. Much needed items in the Pantry are: any breakfast item (cereal, oatmeal, grits, cereal bars, pop tarts), canned milk (condensed/evaporated), canned fruit or fruit cups, and condiments (mayo, ketchup, etc).

The Shepherd’s Market will be closed **Monday, February 8** and **Tuesday, February 9.**

**FOOD BANK DELIVERY IN GYM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 8:30 A.M.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST
ESSEN LANE PICCADILLY - 8:30 A.M.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 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): _____

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

The Easter Eggstravaganza is drawing near and we are seeking help from St. John's congregation. We need donations of plastic Easter eggs (either empty or filled with wrapped candy) and bags of small individually wrapped candy. Beginning **Sunday, February 7** there will be large blue tubs in the Admin. Building for your donations. Thank you for your help.

UMW PROJECT: DAYS FOR GIRLS

The UMW is holding the first of three Saturday work days on **February 13** to make kits for the Days for Girls project. We will work in the classrooms in the gym from 9-12:00 noon. For more information contact Joyce Perry (763-6613).

LENTEN STUDY

FASTING: Does God really want me to do that? Join us for this five-week Lenten study on **Sundays, February 14 - March 13**, from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

FINANCIAL LEARNING SMALL GROUPS

St. John's is offering the 6-session personal financial study, *I Was Broke. Now I'm Not.*, founded by Joseph Sangl, to all interested parties. This is an extremely practical, action-oriented, biblically-based study that will inspire participants to take charge of their finances. 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) with a registration deadline of February 10. 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.

SERMON NOTES

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Women

8:30 Worship Service
February 7, 2016

UMW Sunday

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.