

**UMW SUNDAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017
11 A.M.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Pat Cobb
 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.

OPENING HYMN *As a Fire Is Meant For Burning* FWS 2237
 As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
 so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
 Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
 we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
 We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
 By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.
 In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud is the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
 so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
 As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
 may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

OPENING PRAYER Pat Cobb
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. Urges us, Holy Spirit, to love our neighbors and serve your kingdom. Help us to minister in your strength and with your passion for justice and peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Beth Forester

ANTHEM *Order My Steps*

SCRIPTURE *Luke 8:4-8* Janet Hogstrom

SERMON *Sew Seeds of Love* Nora Stevens
 Associate Director of Volunteers
 UMCOR Sager Brown Depot, Baldwin

HYMN *You Are the Seed* UMH 583
 You are the seed that will grow a new spout; you're a star that will shine
 in the night; you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to
 glow in the dark. You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're
 the wheat that will bear golden grain; you are a sting and a soft, gentle
 touch, my witnesses where'er you go. Go, my friends, go to the world,
 proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.
 Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with
 you forever, till the end of the world."

You are the flame that will lighten the dark, sending sparkles of hope,
 faith, and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world through
 valleys and pastures of peace. You are the friends that I chose for
 myself, the word that I want to proclaim. You are the new kingdom
 built on a rock where justice and truth always reign. Go, my friends, go
 to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace,
 eternal love. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo,
 I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a
 turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread
 it will yield. There is no place for a city to hide, nor a mountain can
 cover its might; may your good deeds show a world in despair a path
 that will lead all to God. Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming
 love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love. Be, my
 friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you
 forever, till the end of the world."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

HYMN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* FWS 2153
 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord anytime!

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by St. John's
 United Methodist Women

The rose bud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Carter Bellelo
 son of Rebecca and Steven Bellelo

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Joyce Perry, Kathleen Adams, Mary Groves, Janet Hogstrom
Host(s)	Russ and Debbie Nolan

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 22
 7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room
 5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building

Monday, January 23
 OFFICE CLOSED
 9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor

Tuesday, January 24
 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd's Market, FLC

Wednesday, January 25
 4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
 7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George's Southside

Thursday, January 26
 6:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd's Market, FLC
 10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
 5:00 p.m. Opening Doors, Library
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, January 27
 OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, January 28
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Gym-C

**DAYS FOR GIRLS 2017!
FAMILY LIFE CENTER - 9 A.M.**

Saturday, January 28 is the second of three work days for the Days for Girls project. There will still be plenty to do, so all are welcome. Sewers and non-sewers are needed to cut fabric, iron, sew, serge, apply snaps, insert drawstrings, and assemble kits. The kits contain reusable feminine hygiene projects for girls in developing countries who are missing school because of a lack of available products.

The following donations are needed: (1) cash to purchase fabric, (2) new girls cotton panties sizes 10, 12, or, 14 in dark to medium colors, solids or flowers, no character or animal prints, (3) new colored washcloths, (4) Ziploc brand gallon sized freezer bags, (NO slide closures), (5) "hotel" soap. For more information contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net. Check out their website at www.daysforgirls.org

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): _____

MISSION OPPORTUNITY ST. MARK'S UMC IN NEW ORLEANS

Last year, members of St. John's traveled to New Orleans to serve on the mission team to St. Mark's UMC. Everyone who participated had only praises for the experience.

Now, **you** have an opportunity to be on the mission team to St. Mark's to help in its mission to the homeless and hungry! A mission trip is planned for **Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23**. The team is limited to 20 persons so folks are urged to register before April 1. Registration fee of \$100 (checks made out to Larry Norman) should accompany the registration form.

Registration forms are available in the church office and on our website www.stjohnsbr.org/pdfs/StMarksMission_2017.pdf. For more information contact Larry at 933-1881 or lduckn@aol.com.

MISSING TABLECLOTHS

The UMW is missing some of the white rectangular tablecloths that we use during receptions, etc. If you are one of the volunteers who brought some home to be washed and forgot to return them, please bring them to the kitchen in the Family Life Center.

UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, February 7** at 9 a.m. in the parlor. The program on the disciple, Peter, will be presented by Judy Koonce. All women are invited to attend.

KAIROS #62 - ANGOLA

Larry Norman will be participating in the Kairos #62 team to Angola **March 9 - 12**. Kairos #62 will need team members, prayer warriors, cookie bakers, and monetary donations.

St. John's! Start baking! Cookie baking guides are available in the church office and online at the Kairos Angola web site <https://listenlistenlovelove.com/cookies>. Look for further information in future church communications.

LIMITED MOBILITY PARKING LOT

Some folks are still parking in the Limited Mobility parking lot on Sundays. This lot is being reserved for construction workers during the week, but there is still a lot of construction debris that may cause a fall or harm your tires. Please park elsewhere until renovations on the Narthex are completed. If you park in the lot, you are parking at your own risk.

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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ST. JOHN'S
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Sunday, January 22, 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.