

**UMW SUNDAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017
8:30 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.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

This Little Light of Mine
 This little light of mine, I’m goin’a let it shine,
 this little light of mine, I’m goin’a let it shine;
 this little light of mine, I’m goin’a let it shine,
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I’m goin’a let it shine, ...

All through the night I’m goin’a let it shine, ...

Shine Jesus Shine FWS 2173, v 1
 Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory,
 blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
 flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
 send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of your love is shining
 in the midst of the darkness shining;
 Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory,
 blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
 flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
 send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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

UMW SERVICE & MISSION RECOGNITION Kathleen Adams

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Beth Forester

SCRIPTURE *Luke 8:4-8* Beth Forester

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.”

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
**Lord Jesus, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness
 of our lives and our land 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 and consume the pride and greed that separate
 us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear,
 and bind us together in the unity that you share with the Father
 and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and
 will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John
 1:9) 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 *We Are Called*

DOXOLOGY

HOLY COMMUNION
 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.

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15
 Communion Responses FWS 2257

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 865

*Giving the Bread and 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.**

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 *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

*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.

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	Sally Allen, Aileen Pine, Dawn Staves, Beth Forester
Host(s)	Kathy King

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.

DAYS FOR GIRLS 2017!
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): _____

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

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.

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 **Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23**. The team is limited to 20 persons so volunteers are urged to register before April 1. The cost is \$100 (checks made out to Larry Norman). Registration forms are available in the church office and on our website: http://www.stjohnsbr.org/pdfs/StMarksMission_2017.pdf. For more information contact Larry Norman 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.

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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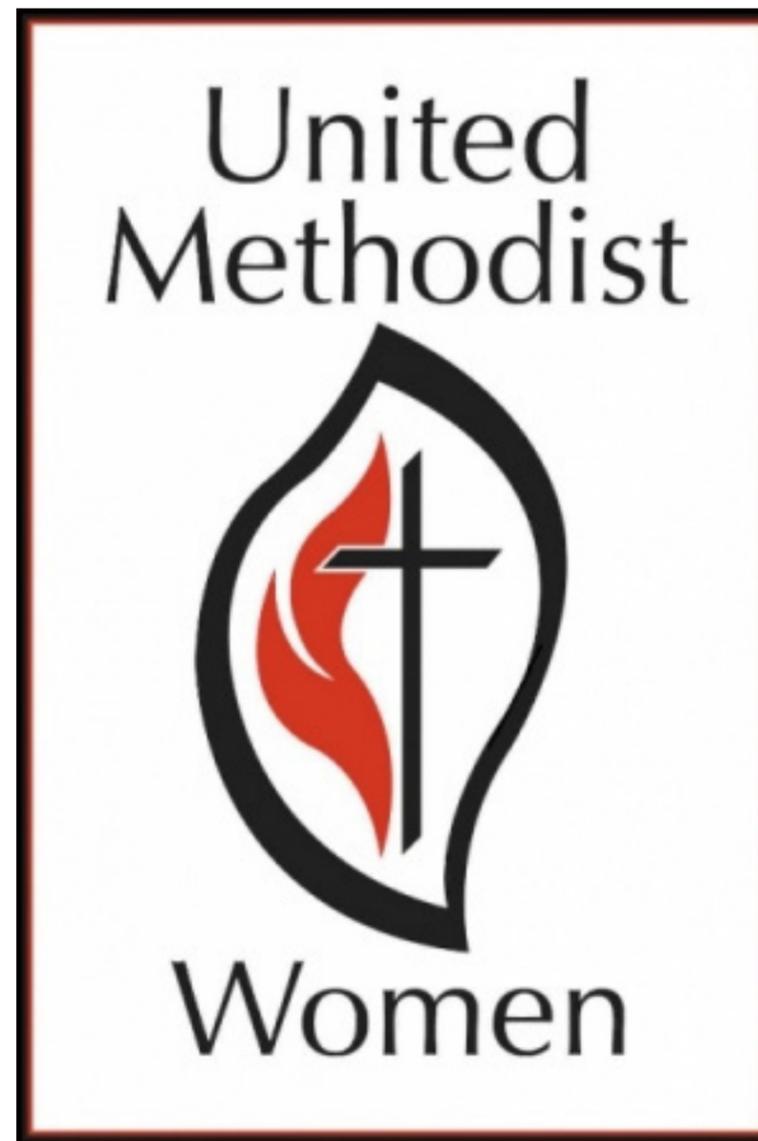


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Sunday, January 22, 2017
8:30 a.m. Worship Service

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.