

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Through baptism we are washed by God’s love.

And we enter life in Christ.
Water gives us life. “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,” Jesus said.

And let the one who believes in me drink.”
Water cleanses us from sin.
And gives us a sign of new birth.

Water opens for us a new way to live.
And leads us into the body of Christ.
Water rushes over us, swallows us whole.
And into Christ we die and live again.

We remember today the gift of baptismal waters.
There is one body and one spirit. We are called to the one hope of our calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism.
One God and Father of all,
Who is above all and through all and in all.

THE APOSTLES CREED UMH 881

SONGS OF PRAISE
We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise FWS 2031
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

Clap Your Hands FWS 2028
Clap your hands! Clap your hands! Sing a new song in celebration!
Clap your hands! Clap your hands! Sing a new song is celebration!
Clap your hands! Clap your hands!
God is great! We praise our God with song!
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PRAYER
God of all creation, we praise you for your love and for your call upon our lives. Into your hands we place our worries and needs, as well as our joys and gladness. Grant us wisdom to do your will -- to love kindness, to do justice, and to walk humbly with you. Urge us, Holy Spirit, to so live for your glory that our neighbors feel your peace and your power at work in us. For the greater glory of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

PSALTER Psalm 29:1-4 UMH 761

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:4-11

SERMON Marked Pastor Jay

HYMN Baptized in Water FWS 2248

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON UMH 12

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON:
In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

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.

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 My Life Flows On FWS 2212
vs 1 & 4

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Eric Crake and in honor of Lance Crake on his birthday. Given by Marilyn Crake.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Table with 2 columns: Ushers (Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs), Host(s) (Bobbi Marino)

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

TODAY, January 11
3:00 p.m. Newcomer Gathering, gym
4:30 p.m. Christian Formation, library
5:00 p.m. Youth, gym
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, sanctuary

Monday, January 12
9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, parlor
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, library
4:30 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, gym
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, parlor

Tuesday, January 13
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, gym
6:00 p.m. Tutoring, gym classrooms
6:30 p.m. Disciple III, library
7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW, parlor

Wednesday, January 14
8:30 a.m. PEO Meeting, parlor
6:00 p.m. Tutoring, gym classrooms
6:00 p.m. Building Commitee Meeting, library
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, choir room
7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, sanctuary

Thursday, January 15
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, gym
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, library
6:00 p.m. Opening Doors, library

Friday, January 16
9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, gym classroom A

Saturday, January 17
12 noon AA meeting, gym, room C

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWCOMER GATHERING TODAY AT 3:00!
Members: Any member who wants to represent their small group is invited to attend.
Recent guests and new members: You are invited to join church staff and other St. John’s members for an informal Newcomer Gathering. The purpose is to get to know each other better and share information about St. John’s. Join us in the Gym today at 3:00 (you don’t need to RSVP - all are welcome).

2015 FLOWER CHART

The 2015 Flower Chart is now posted in the hallway of the Administration/Education Building. If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of an individual or a group, select a date while it is available! Someone in the office will call you with a reminder and to ask for the dedication you would like to be included in the Sunday Bulletin.

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

Series of horizontal lines for writing prayer requests.

- 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): _____

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

The Mary Martha UMW Circle will meet **Tuesday, January 13** at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. Beth Forester will present an introduction to "The Most Inspiring Women of the Bible." All women of the church are invited to attend.

LIFE ADVENTURERS BEGIN NEW STUDY

Continuing through **Sunday, January 25**, Pastor Jay will lead the Life Adventurers Sunday School class in a discussion of ideas found in scriptures and in Richard Rohr's book *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*. While it is not necessary to have read Rohr's book, it may enrich your understanding of the points under consideration. Each week Jay will identify an old testament, new testament and Psalm that deal with the ideas to be discussed. All are invited to join the Life Adventurers in Classroom A of the gym at 9:45.

UPPER ROOM

Copies of the January-February issue of the Upper Room Daily Devotional are in the back of the sanctuary and in the hallway of the Admin/Education Building.

ST. JOHN'S LIBRARY

If you have a book you would like to donate to our library, please don't forget to put a note on it stating that it is a donation and leave it on the library's computer table.

NEW TESTAMENT STUDY

The Revelation Sunday School class will begin a study of the New Testament using the N. T. Wright series *The New Testament for Everyone* on **Sunday, February 1**. We will begin with the 26-week study of the book of John and then proceed to Matthew, Mark, etc., continuing through the rest of the New Testament. There will be an orientation meeting on Sunday, January 25 in the library at 10:00. Everyone is invited to attend.

SERMON NOTES

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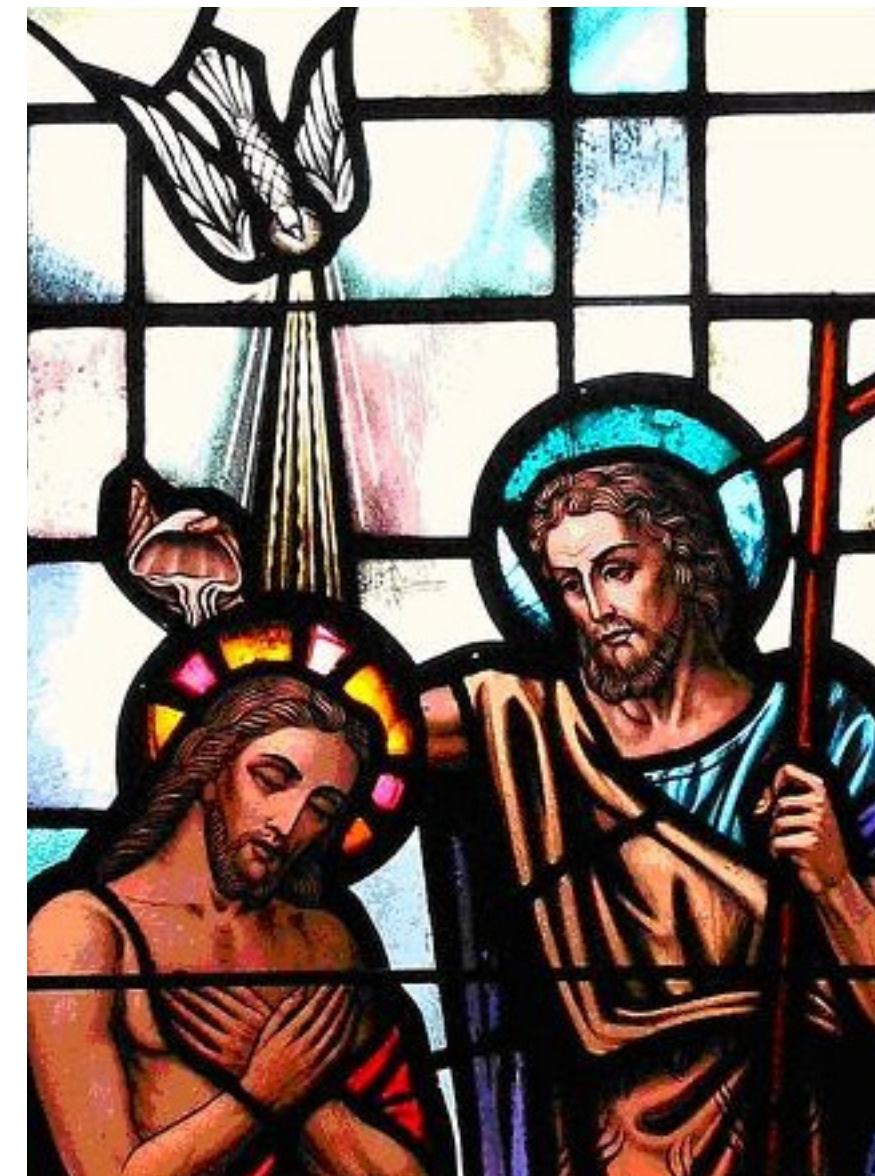
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 Worship Service
Sunday, January 11, 2015

Baptism of the Lord

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.