

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

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.

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THE APOSTLES CREED UMH 881

SONGS OF PRAISE
I Will Enter His Gates FWS 2270

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.
I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.”
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me FWS 2175
I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me, I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me, I’m so glad,
Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory,
hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

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

PSALTER *Psalms 62:5-12* UMH 787

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

UMW SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Presented by Judy Barbay, President, and Pat Lively, Treasurer

SCRIPTURE *1 Thessalonians 1:2-3*

MESSAGE Madeline Blackwood

HYMN *Together We Serve* FWS 2175
vs 1 & 4

PRAYER

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

CLOSING HYMN *The Servant Song* FWS 2222
vs 1, 2, & 5

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Reader	Danielle Blackwood
Greeter	Beth Forester
Ushers	Dawn Staves, Betty Sandifer, Yvonne Fuller, Lynn Cooper
Host(s)	Rhonda Tucker

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

TODAY, January 25
4:00 p.m. Children’s Team, Parlor
5:00 p.m. St. John’s 101, Library
5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

Monday, January 26
9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library
4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. SPRC, Library

Tuesday, January 27
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym classrooms
6:30 p.m. Disciple III, Library

Wednesday, January 28
6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym classrooms
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

Thursday, January 29
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
6:00 p.m. Church Council, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, January 30
9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

Saturday, January 31
12 noon AA meeting, Gym-C

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOHN’S 101

St. John’s 101, meets **today** and on Sunday, February 8, in the Library at 5:00 p.m. This course is designed for those who are considering making St. John’s their church home or those who have recently become members of St. John’s.

Participants will learn about The United Methodist Church and this congregation, get to know the pastors and church members, and experience a relaxed environment for learning and asking questions. Discussion will center on the Christian Faith, our United Methodist heritage and theological beliefs, and the history and ministry of St. John’s UMC. Participants will encounter a comfortable space for questions and learn about the many ways to participate in the life of St. John’s.

If you are interested in joining the 101 group, please contact Pastor Jay by email at pastorjay@stjohnsbr.org or phone 772-3550.

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): _____

POTLUCK!!!

Next Sunday, February 1 we are having a church wide potluck in the gym immediately following the 11:00 service! Everyone is invited -- members, guests, visitors -- everyone! St. John's is furnishing sandwiches and drinks; we are asking you to bring your favorite side, salad, or dessert. Hope to see you there!!

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

It's time for everyone to take a bright yellow Shepherd's Market bag, fill it with groceries, and bring it back next **Sunday, February 1** for Grocery Bag Sunday. Your generosity helps fill our pantry shelves with much needed food. Thanks, St. John's!

BEYOND BRICKS EBR!

Saturday, January 31, at 10:00 a.m., at the Bluebonnet Branch Library, Pastor Jay and Rev. Gerard Robinson of McKowen Baptist Church, are hosting a community driven discussion to give the public a forum to voice their goals and expectations of the EBR school system. If you have school-age children or are just concerned about education this is the group for you. A list of forums at other locations, dates, and times is on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Admin/Education Bldg.

NEW TESTAMENT STUDY

The Revelation Sunday School class will begin using the N. T. Wright series *The New Testament for Everyone* on **Sunday, February 1**. We will begin with the book of John and then proceed to Matthew, Mark, etc. An orientation meeting will be held today at 10:00 in their new classroom in the gym, room E. Everyone is invited to attend.

RUTH CIRCLE TO MEET

The UMW Ruth circle will meet **Tuesday, February 3**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Wanda Nelson will present a program about Mary Magdalene. An offering for the prayer and self-denial program will be collected. All women are invited to attend.

2015 FLOWER CHART

Do you have a special occasion happening on or around February 15th or 22nd or March 1st or 8th? Do you want to remember a family member or friend on one of those dates? Putting flowers on the altar is a wonderful way to do so and we just happen to have these dates open on the 2015 Flower Chart!! Not only do the flowers grace our altar, but, if you want, they can also bring cheer to any member of our congregation that is ill, thanks to the flower-arranging talent of Pat Cobb and the Congregational Care delivery team.

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

If you or your group has any information that you would like to be included in the Sunday bulletin or the Friday e-newsletter, you must have it in the office by noon on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday of inclusion. If the deadline changes, a notice will be placed in the bulletin. Space is sometimes at a premium so get your article in early.

SUMMER MINISTRY INTERN

St. John's is currently searching for a Summer Ministry Intern for 2015. The Summer Ministry Intern works primarily in the areas of youth and children's ministry, and will work from mid-May through mid-August. Resumes are due by February 8. To see a complete job description or to send a resume, please contact Deacon Sarah at deaconsarah@stjohnsbr.org.

SERMON NOTES

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Women

8:30 Worship Service

Sunday, January 25, 2015

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.