

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

JULY 29, 2018 at 8:30 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

✠ Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

GATHERING WITH GOD

INTROIT

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ HYMN of PRAISE

UMH 68

When in Our Music God is Glorified

**When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!**

**How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!**

**So has the church in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!**

**And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!**

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia!**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Theresa Sandifer

From the Psalms

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside still waters.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

I lift my eyes to the mountains, from where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

God, you are my refuge and strength,

an ever-present help in times of trouble.

You created my innermost being; you knit me together
in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

The Lord is good, and God's love endures forever.

God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

GLORIFYING OUR LORD

HYMN SING

The United Methodist Hymnal

Congregation selects two hymns from The United Methodist Hymnal.

WITNESS - MUSIC MINISTRIES

Natalie Cooper

PSALTER

Psalm 150

(Sung Response 2)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord: Alleluia!

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

Praise God in his mighty firmament!

Praise God for his mighty deeds;

Praise God for his exceeding greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound;

Praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance;

Praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with sounding cymbals;

Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

(Sung Response 2)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord: Alleluia!

WITNESS - MUSIC MINISTRIES

Gay Grimes

HYMN SING

The Cokesbury Hymnal

Congregation selects two hymns from The Cokesbury Hymnal.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sarah Prevot

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

Ushers will pass out folders during the Children's Moment. Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns please fill out a prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.

HYMN SING

The Faith We Sing

Congregation selects two hymns from The Faith We Sing Hymnal.

WITNESS - THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

Theresa Sandifer

HYMN SING

The United Methodist Hymnal

Congregation selects two hymns from The United Methodist Hymnal.

PRAYER of DEDICATION

Based on Psalm 116

What can we give back to the Lord, for all the good things

God has done for us?

**We offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God, and call
on the Lord's name. We keep the promises we made to
the Lord, in the presence of God's people. May the gifts we
bring now, glorify God. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES & GIFTS to GOD

The Cokesbury Hymnal

Congregation selects two hymns from The Cokesbury Hymnal.

✠ DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God,
all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CELEBRATION of HOLY COMMUNION

*The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled,
a Prayer of Consecration is offered,
and the congregation prays The Lord's Prayer.*

UMH 862

GIVING of the BREAD and CUP

Hymn Sing from The Faith We Sing Hymnal.

- ♦ *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*
- ♦ *Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction." When broken bread is placed in your hand you may dip it lightly into the cup and thereby receive both elements at the same time.*
- ♦ *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.*
- ♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

UMH 69

Glorious God,

**source of joy and righteousness, enable us
as redeemed and forgiven children evermore
to rejoice in singing your praises.**

Grant that what we sing with our lips

we may believe in our hearts,

and what we believe in our hearts

we may practice in our lives;

so that being doers of the Word and

not hearers only, we may receive

everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

We joyfully welcome all those whose wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.

✠ HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP

UMH 370, vs 1 & 3

Victory in Jesus.

**I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
then I repented of my sins and won the victory.**

REFRAIN: O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!

**He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;
he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.**

**I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,
and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
about the angels singing and the old redemption story,
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.**

REFRAIN

✠ BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*Don't forget to take a yellow shopping bag and help support
The Shepherd's Market by returning it next week on Grocery Bag Sunday.*

*After the service, all are invited to stay for refreshments
in the Family Life Center.*

*The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Lewis Barlow Gilbert
by his wife, Judie, and daughter, Tasha Ferguson.*

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

Thank you for being here.

BRAVE - OUR AUGUST WORSHIP SERIES

For most of us, bravery is not about doing the impossible, but about finding courage to face the everyday pressures and anxieties life throws our way. During the Sundays in August, we will discover how to be brave and what it means to fully rely on God's peace and promises in every situation. "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

ST. MARK'S UMC ONE-DAY MISSION

A one-day mission to St. Mark's in New Orleans is planned for **Sunday, August 5** to feed the homeless after worship. In order to finish the meal preparation by 10 a.m., the group will need to leave St. John's by 5:30 a.m. Contact Rev. Larry Norman (225-933-1881) if you are interested in being part of the team. Contact Kathleen Adams (225-921-2664) if you are interested in doing some prep work prior to Sunday.

BACKPACKS, BIBLES, & GRUB SUNDAY - Oh, My!

Sunday, August 5 is the Blessing of Backpacks at both worship services. All students, teachers, and others who work in education are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed before starting school. This is also Promotion Sunday for our children and youth who might be going into a new Sunday School class.

St. John's UMW will also present Bibles to students entering K, 3rd, 6th, and 9th grades. If your child is in one of these grades, please let Pastor Deirdre know as soon as possible.

And our annual, highly anticipated Youth event, Grub Sunday, will be held on **August 5** from 5 - 7 p.m. This is the rite of passage for 6th graders as it is their first Sunday at Youth and for graduating seniors, it is their last Sunday at Youth.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Opening Doors' annual school supply drive has begun. There are blue tubs in the narthex and the Admin Building to collect your donations. Some suggested supplies are loose leaf paper, pencils, blue or black pens, 24-pack crayons, rulers, 3-subject spiral notebooks, or glue sticks. For a complete list, contact the church office or check the Friday Newsletter.

GARDERE BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA

The 11th annual Gardere Extravaganza will be held **Saturday, August 4** from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the BREC Hartley-Vey Park, 1702 Gardere Lane. There will be free school supplies (all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to receive supplies), food, games, & gospel singing.

The Shepherd's Market will have an exhibit and is looking for a few folks to come help that morning for as long as possible. Contact Theresa Sandifer (shepherdsmarket@gmail.com) if you are willing to serve.

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

Don't forget to take home a yellow grocery bag and bring it back with food and household items for Grocery Bag Sunday, **August 5**. The pantry is especially in need of cereal, breakfast items, peanut butter, and jelly.

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, August 7** at 9:30 in the parlor. Judy Koonce will present a program about the temple in Jerusalem. All women are invited to attend.

DINNER AND DIALOGUE

On **Sunday, August 12** we will host a potluck dinner and dialogue about the Commission on A Way Forward, from 5 to 7 p.m. Our facilitators will be Revs. Jo Ann Cooper (former St. John's Associate Pastor) and Ed Cooper, co-pastors of First UMC, Pineville. We invite you to bring a dish to share and an openness to learn and be in fruitful conversation. After dinner, we will hear an overview about the Commission's proposals to the special session of General Conference about human sexuality, followed by tabletop dialogue, with questions that foster unity, build trust, and deepen our relationships with one another.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, July 29

8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*
8:30 a.m. Hymn Fest, *Sanctuary*
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, *Family Life Center*
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
9:45 a.m. Children & Youth Summer Sunday School, *FLC*
11:00 a.m. Hymn Fest, *Sanctuary*
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*

Monday, July 30

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, July 31

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*

Wednesday, August 1

4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*

Thursday, August 2

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 p.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, August 3

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*

Saturday, August 4

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

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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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July 29, 2018

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

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.