

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart* Alleluia Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God.

**For our Lord is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
And relents from punishing.**

Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

SONG OF PRAISE *Into My Heart* FWS 2160

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;
shine out today, shine out alway; shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.

SONG OF PRAISE *Praise You* FWS 2003

Praise you, praise you; let my life praise you.
Praise you, praise you; let my life, O Lord, praise you.
Praise you, praise you; let my life praise you.
Praise you, praise you; let my life, O Lord, praise you.
Let my life, O Lord, praise you.

PRAYER

God - Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer - your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone away from you and from your ways. Bring us to you. Move in us that we might have hearts eager to repent, to turn again to you. Urge us to embrace and hold tight the truth of your Word, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Affirmation from 1 Timothy UMH 889

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pastor Jay

SCRIPTURE *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

SERMON *The Way of the Cross:
The Gift of Mercy* Deacon Sarah

HYMN *Amazing Grace* Praise Team

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our culture’s desires. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your purpose in this community. We live more as consumers who want stuff than as servants who give of ourselves. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice.

We try to speak in your name without letting go of wanting glory, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Forgive us, Lord. Have mercy on us please. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. Revive us by the work of your Holy Spirit and reshape us in your image. For the glory of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(adapted from the confession of Lydia S. Martinez, U.S.A., 20th C)

(Silent confession and releasing our sin.)

Hear the good news: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through him. 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 *What Wondrous Love Is This* Alleluia Ringers

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.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257

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 *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* FWS 2146
vs 1 & 2

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace*

*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the pastor know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Beth Forester, Lynn Cooper, Mike and Sally Allen
Host(s)	Bobbi Marino

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, March 6

10:00 a.m. St. John’s 101, Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Worship Committee, Parlor
3:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting, Parlor
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Library
5:30 p.m. Lenten Study, Library

Monday, March 7

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
6:30 p.m. Financial Learning Experience, Library

Tuesday, March 8

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library
7:00 p.m. UMW Mary Martha Circle, Parlor

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES
WEDNESDAYS, 7 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

Wednesday, March 9

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Group, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Financial Learning Experience, Library
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 10

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, March 11

OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

Saturday, March 12

8:00 a.m. CHURCH WIDE WORK DAY
8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Piccadilly
9:00 a.m. Days for Girls Project, Gym
9:00 a.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A
12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**ST. JOHN’S 101
TODAY, 10 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

**UMW GENERAL MEETING
TODAY, 3 P.M. IN THE PARLOR**

**LENTEN STUDY
TODAY, 5:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY**

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): _____

FOOD BANK DELIVERY
FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 8:30 A.M. IN THE GYM
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies will once again grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order a lily in honor of or in memory of someone, please fill out an order form and return it to the church office by **Tuesday, March 15**. Cost is \$15 (Checks should be made out to St. John's with "Lilies" in the memo line.)

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE UMW

The UMW Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, March 8** at 7 p.m. in the parlor. Pat Cobb will speak on children of the Bible, Isaac and Ishmael. All women of the church are invited to attend.

CHURCH-WIDE WORK DAY

A church-wide work day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 12** from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Look for the sign-up board during coffee time and on the bulletin board in the Admin. Building hallway.

PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 8:30 A.M.
PICCADILLY ON ESSEN

DAYS FOR GIRLS PROJECT

The UMW is holding the final work day on the Days for Girls Project on **Saturday, March 12**. We will meet in the gym from 9-12:00 noon. You do not have to know how to sew or be a member of UMW to help out. Everyone is invited. For more information contact Joyce Perry (763-6613).

EGGS FOR EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

This year's community-wide Easter Eggstravaganza will be **Sunday, March 20** at 3 p.m. We need help from St. John's congregation with donations of plastic Easter eggs (either empty or filled with wrapped candy) and bags of small individually wrapped candy. There are large blue tubs in the Admin. Building to put your donations. Thank you for your help.

2016 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our most recent pictorial directory was published in 2011 in celebration of our 50th Anniversary. Since then, we have so many new faces at St. John's, we are planning another directory. Sessions are scheduled for **April 7, 8, and 9** and **April 14, 15, and 16**. Appointments for sittings can be made online at <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stjohnsunitedmethodistchurch5/index.php?page=10> (copy and paste this address into your browser). If you have any questions, contact the church office or Tina Henson (henson.tina@yahoo.com).

THE PASTORS' CLASS

Want to connect with our church at a deeper level? Not currently participating in a Sunday school class? Have we got an opportunity for you! Join St. John's pastors - Deacon Sarah and Pastor Jay - for a new Sunday school class, Beginning **Sunday, March 20**, at 10 a.m. in Pastor Jay's office.

This class will function as a connecting point for newcomers and new members to learn more about Wesleyan theology and social justice issues. The class will rotate every 12 weeks to offer newcomers an opportunity to join in existing Sunday school classes or begin a new small group for fellowship and discipleship.

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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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 Worship Service
March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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.