

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,  
**Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.** (Hebrews 4:14,16)

HYMN *See How Great A Flame Aspires* UMH 541

PRAYER

**God of creation, we bless your name for covering us with your gracious presence. We give you thanks for all the gifts that your Holy Spirit pours out on your children. Urge us to use them for your glory. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and an active witness to your compassion throughout all the earth. In Christ’s name we pray and give praise. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

PSALTER *Psalms 34:1-8* UMH 769

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *Acts 8:26-40* Guy Johnson and Brian Adams

SERMON *The Promises We Keep? Witness: Martyrs Unite (How “The Real Thing Overflows”)* Pastor Jay

HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH 577

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Let Everything that Hath Breath* Chancel Choir

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 *A Charge to Keep I Have* UMH 413

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Betsy’s 13th birthday on May 21st! Given by Cindy and Brian Adams.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Donnie and Susan Lambert, Chris and Darren Stubbs
<b>Host(s)</b>	Bobbi Marino

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

**TODAY, May 17**

**12 noon Youth, Gym**  
3:00 p.m. St. John’s 101, Library  
3:30 p.m. VBS Volunteer Training, Gym  
6:00 p.m. SPRC, Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

**Monday, May 18**

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. Capital Campaign, Library

**Tuesday, May 19**

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

**Wednesday, May 20**

7:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Service  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

**Thursday, May 21**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, May 22**

OFFICE CLOSED  
9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A  
9:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

**Saturday, May 23**

12 noon AA meeting, Gym-C

**WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES**

Wednesday morning services will continue through May 20 in celebration of Eastertide, leading up to the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 24. Join us, at 7:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, in this quiet time for reflection, prayer, worship, and sharing in the Eucharist. The sanctuary will remain open until 8 a.m. for those who wish to remain a while longer.

**ST JOHN’S 101**

**TODAY !!** St. John’s 101, will meet in the Library from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.; sessions 2 and 3 will meet on **May 24 and 31**, same place, same time. This three-week 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 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](mailto:pastorjay@stjohnsbr.org) or by phone 772-3550.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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](mailto: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): \_\_\_\_\_

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## VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

**TODAY!!** Anyone interested in helping during VBS should come to the training session scheduled for 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Gym. Volunteers are needed in all areas: set-up, crafts, snacks, decorating. Contact Deacon Sarah if you have any questions OR if you want to volunteer!

## WELCOME ALEX!! OUR SUMMER INTERN!!

Alex Martin is joining the staff of St. John's today as our 2015 Summer Intern; she will be working primarily with our children's and youth ministries for the next three months. She was raised in the Collierville UMC in Collierville, Tennessee, is entering her third year at LSU, and is active at the LSU Wesley Foundation. We are happy to welcome her to our St. John's family.

## A TASTE OF ST. JOHN'S

Registration for *A Taste of St. John's* ends on Friday, May 22! Get those favorite recipes in, folks! Forms can be found online, in Sunday School portfolios, and in the church office. The contest will take place on **Sunday, May 31** at 6:00 p.m. in the gym, so start cooking! Everyone is invited join us at that time to congratulate the winners and to enjoy ice cream sundaes.

## BABY GRAND PIANO TO BE AUCTIONED OFF

In conjunction with *A Taste of St. John's*, the baby grand piano in the sanctuary will be auctioned off by **SEALED** bids on Sunday, May 31. Minimum bid is \$1,000. All sealed bids must be received in the church office no later than **Thursday, May 28**, at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened on May 31 after the judging for A Taste of St. John's is completed.

## FOOD BANK DELIVERY

The Shepherd's Market will be receiving a delivery of food from the Baton Rouge Food Bank and needs volunteers to help stock shelves on **Friday, May 22**, around 9:00 a.m. in the gym. If you are able to help just come on by.

## FLOWERS! FLOWERS!

There are several openings in July and August on the Flower Chart! If you have a special occasion coming up or something or someone to remember, a wonderful way to commemorate it is with flowers on the altar. Come by and sign up for July 12 or 26, or August 2, 9, 16, or 30.

## HOLY FOLDERS

If you are available for 1 hour on Thursday mornings, we need you! Our contingent of Holy Folders has need of help to fold our Sunday bulletins -- no experience necessary! Come to the Library between 8 and 8:30 a.m. and we will put you to folding! You don't have to commit to a certain week, just come when you can.

## SPONSOR BOARD-YOUTH SUMMER TRIP 2015

St. John's Youth will be attending the Youth 2015 Conference in Orlando, Florida from June 24 - 29. To help defray costs of the trip, a Sponsor Board will be in the gym on **May 17, 24, and 31**. Sponsorships are \$20 per square.

## SERMON NOTES

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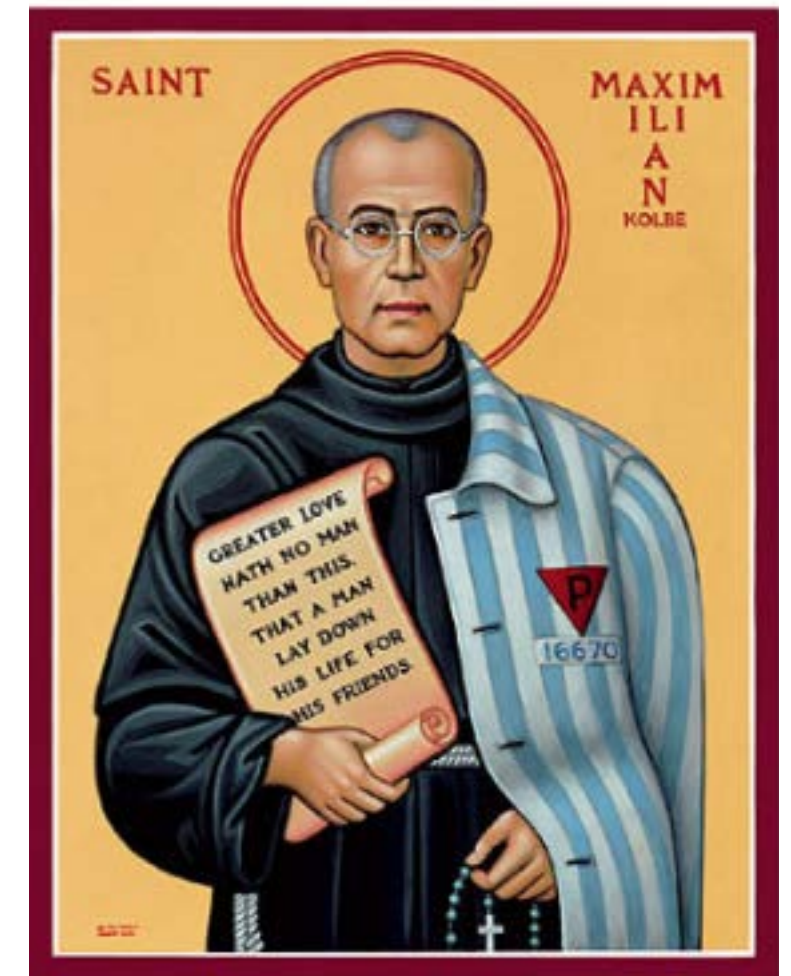
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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



Icon of St. Maximilian Kolbe  
Saint of Auschwitz

**8:30 Worship Service**  
**May 17, 2015**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

### 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.