

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

MAY 20, 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'S SPIRIT

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

FWS 2119

**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;
where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour;
there is light and life,
there is help and power in the Spirit,
in the Spirit of the Lord.**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UM 334

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Olivia Caputo

Come, Holy Spirit,
The wind of God, the breath of Life.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Our Advocate, our Counselor.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.
Come, Holy Spirit.
**May we feel God breathing through our worship.
May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.**

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

GOD'S SPIRIT MOVES AMONG US

SCRIPTURE

Deirdré Halliburton and
Kaylie Williams

Acts 2:1-21

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER SONG *for* ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

SERMON

Pastor Lane

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S SPIRIT

✠ HYMN of FAITH

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH 539, vs. 1 & 2

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS to GOD

Prayer by Natalie Cooper

✠ 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!**

A CELEBRATION of CONFIRMATION

(See insert)

✠ THE PENTECOST GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the beginning, God of creation, your wind swept the darkness,
stirring up life from the heights to the depths.

Your spirit raised us from dust and formed us to be like you,
children with one common breath.

We couldn't see where the wind had come from,
we couldn't tell where the wind would go.

Divided, we hid behind walls, turning away
from the breath of life.

But you blew through the prophets,
you gave visions to slaves, you spoke in the whirlwind,
and promised salvation.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

The congregation is seated and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

You breathed on Mary, your listening servant, making
your Word alive in her flesh.

You gave us Jesus, who shared our same breath, receiving
your Spirit in the river Jordan.

He proclaimed freedom to captives, good news to the poor, he
gave hope to the suffering, and life to the dead.

Even so, here and now, come, Holy Spirit!
Come, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these gifts and upon us, that we might blow through
the world with Christ's love, healing and forgiving, reconciling
like Jesus until the heights and depths are filled with your children
from every tribe and language.

Come, Holy Spirit!
Make us one.
Come, Holy Spirit!
Unite us with you.
Come, Holy Spirit!
Empower us to serve!

To you, All-Merciful Creator,
through Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit
we our offer praise to you as one people:

**All praise, and honor, and glory are yours,
blessed Triune God, now and forever,
as together we pray, Our Father ...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

SHARING *the* BREAD *and* CUP

*Confirmation servers: Shay Chauvin, Lynn Cooper,
Daphne Grady, Grace Idikwu, Christina Sasse*

- ♦ *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 *after* RECEIVING

**Living God,
filled with your Spirit, we thank you for this holy
mystery of faith,
for the gift of this day, and for the celebration
of Confirmation.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, send us out
ready to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

INVITATION *to* CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHP

*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 DISCIPLESHP

Spirit Song

UMH 347, vs. 1

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

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

*The flowers on the altar are in honor of the youth and adult confirmation classes in
celebration of this momentous day from Pastor Lane, Pastor Julia, and Ms. Deirdre'.*

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.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

St. John's has a Safe Sanctuary policy to ensure the protection of all children, youth, and vulnerable adults who are participating in our activities or who have been placed in our care. We require our staff and volunteers to participate in a Safe Sanctuary training prior to their interaction with these children, youth, or adults.

There will be a **mandatory** Safe Sanctuary training on **Sunday, June 3** at 4 p.m. for ALL VBS volunteers (including youth); ALL children and youth Sunday School teachers, ALL volunteers in our youth program (including those on the ASP Mission Team); and those in our Congregational Care Ministry who do visitation. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lane (pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS registration is now open for ages 4 through those children who finished 5th grade this school year. Registration forms are available in the narthex or the church office; a printable version is online. Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to the church or put in the offering plate.

VBS VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

Volunteers are such a valuable asset to our VBS and are needed to help with all aspects of our program. There will

be a session for all volunteers, including Youth who will be volunteering, **TODAY** at 12:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center. If you want to be involved in VBS, please make plans to attend. Lunch will be provided.

FINAL HEAVENLY HASH

Our final Heavenly Hash for this session will be **Wednesday, May 23**, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to the "Fun Fiesta" as we celebrate the beginning of summer. Bring your family, invite your friends.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Have you recently come to our church family? Have you been visiting for awhile? Is this your first visit? If so, you are invited to have coffee with Pastor Lane on **Sunday, June 3** at 10 a.m. in her office on the first floor of the Admin. Building to "Explore St. John's" - come and see, we hope you will want to keep coming back.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our summer session of Sunday School begins **Sunday, June 3**. We will be doing something different this summer by having one class for all (children in 1st grade through high school) called "Sounds of Summer Sunday School." We will meet in the Family Life Center during the regular Sunday school hour (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.).

If you would like to help in this exciting experience, please contact Deirdre Halliburton (deirdrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org) or Shay Chauvin (us3chauvins@hughes.net). They will need at least 2 volunteers each Sunday to help with music, fun, and fellowship.

NEW KEY/KEY CODE POLICY NOW IN EFFECT

The Church Council recently approved a new Key Policy developed by the Board of Trustees that pertains to all people who have keys to any building in the church and to all future requests for keys.

If you have a key or keys to any church buildings or have a key pad code, you **MUST** stop by the office and sign the new Key/Key Code Agreement; these agreements must be renewed each year by January 31 by all key holders. If you have a key you no longer need, please return it to Lynn. Thank you for helping us to keep our church campus safe.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, May 20

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
12:15 p.m. VBS Volunteer Training, *FLC*
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, May 21

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, May 22

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, May 23

5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
5:30 p.m. Heavenly Hash, *FLC*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*

Thursday, May 24

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

Friday, May 25

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*

Saturday, May 26

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: *David and Tina Henson, Brian and Danielle Blackwood*
Confirmation Helpers: *Ginger Gauthier, Grace Idikwu, Carissa Murray*
Host: *Bobbie Marino*

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not
by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7
(NRSV) #sjthewalk



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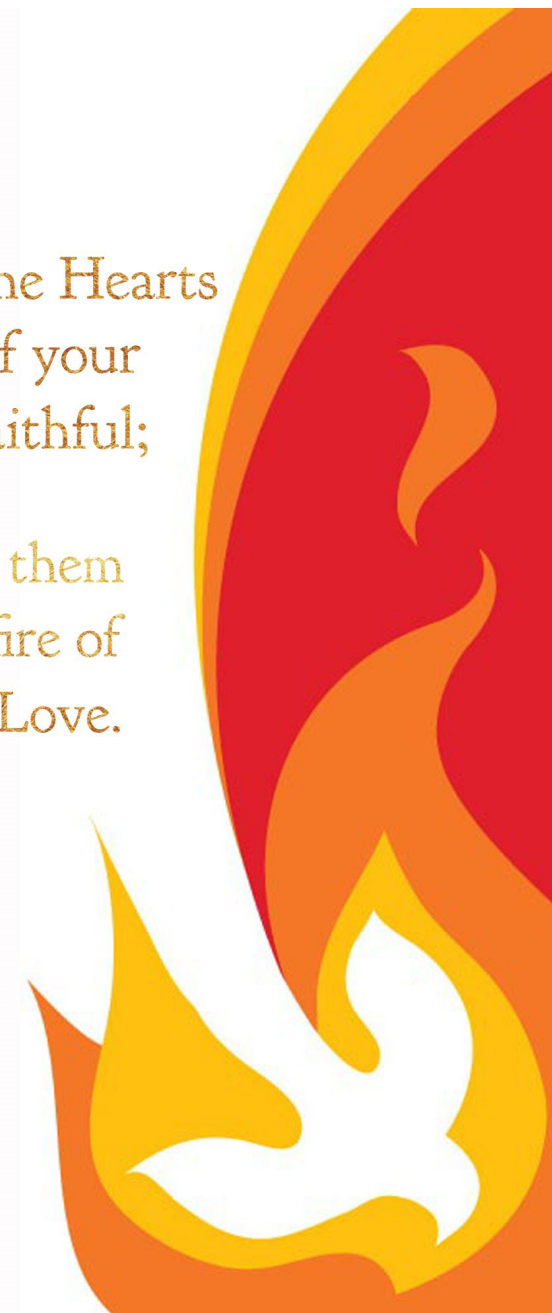


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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

Come
Holy
Spirit,
fill the Hearts
of your
faithful;
and
kindle in them
the fire of
your Love.



Confirmation Sunday & Pentecost

May 20, 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.