

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015**  
**8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit.

**We give you thanks for all the gifts you give your children.**

Accept us, Lord Jesus, with our gifts to be a living praise and witness to your love.

**We give you thanks for acts of witness that all might see your grace through us.**

Lead us now to worship you, God of power and might, and to give witness to your saving mercy.

SONG OF PRAISE *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* FWS 2031

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

SONG OF PRAISE *Shout to the Lord* FWS 2074

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing

power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands,

forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

PRAYER

**God of grace, you sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon your children. You gave birth to your church on the day of Pentecost. Fill your church with power. Ignite the flame of faith that we might bring peace and joy, justice and mercy to this community. Cause us to show your mighty works that all may call on you and be saved. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and the work of your Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

PSALTER *Psalms 104:24-35* UMH 827

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *Acts 2:1-13* Betty Schroeder

SERMON *Pentecost: The Universal Language* Pastor Jay

HYMN *See How Great a Flame Aspires* UMH 541  
vs 1 & 4

WORDS OF WITNESS Emily Prevot

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit!

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit!

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit!

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, our Hope, our Mercy, our Table, our Bread, our Wine, our Light, our Fire, our Way, our Truth, our Life.

**We confess thick tongues and awkward lives; we are slow to sing your praise; we worship idols of our making -- our homes, our cars, our vacation, our education. We confess we care less for our neighbor -- the widow, the hungry, the poor, the hurting; we care more for our comfort and our security. Give us a longing for gospel living -- a heart turned to you, a will given to your leading, a desire for love, peace, justice and joy.**

(Silent confession.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; this 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! Alleluia! Amen.**

(adapted from the Upper Room Worshipbook, “Alternate Prayers at the Table”)

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**

HYMN *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning* FWS 2237  
vs 1 & 3

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God for blessing us in 50 years of marriage. Given by Fred and Kathleen Adams.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Putzig, Marc Turner, Mike and Sally Allen
<b>Host(s)</b>	Jim and Theresa Sandifer

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

**TODAY, May 24**

3:00 p.m. St. John’s 101, Library

5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

**Monday, May 25**

OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

**Tuesday, May 26**

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

**Wednesday, May 27**

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. Visitation Team, Library

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

**Thursday, May 28**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, May 29**

OFFICE CLOSED

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

**Saturday, May 30**

12 noon AA meeting, Gym-C

**ST JOHN’S 101**

**TODAY !!** St. John’s 101, will meet in the Library from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.; session3 will meet on **May 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. Contact Pastor Jay if you would like to participate.

**BRING ON YOUR BEST DISH!**

Registration for *A Taste of St. John’s* ends on Friday! 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.

**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 24 and 31**. Sponsorships are \$20 per square.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Joy  Concern

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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

“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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## 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.

## UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Ruth Circle will be **Tuesday, June 2** at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Mary Jones will present a program about Hagar, in our continuing series of Women in the Bible. All women are invited to attend.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR VBS

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it, and we are gathering needed supplies; all items can be dropped off in the church office. If you are dropping off an item you want returned, please mark it clearly with your name so we may return it to you in a timely manner after VBS. Please contact Deacon Sarah or Alex Martin (alexmartin@stjohnsbr.org) if you have any questions. **All items should be brought to the office by Sunday, June 7.**

Donations (for the church to use and keep): New or gently used flat sheets in solid colors (full size and larger), area rugs (all sizes), artificial plants, throw pillows, new wash cloths (10), new white t-shirts in adult sizes, medium and large (100), white crew socks (15 pair), new or gently used stuffed animals (5), new or gently used bath towels (5), full or queen-size blankets (4), standard-size pillows (4).

Borrowed items (to be returned after VBS): mortar & pestle (2), blue tarps (2), area rugs (all sizes), artificial plants, throw pillows.

## ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to the following people for completing the 2015 Academy for Spiritual Leadership held at the First United Methodist Church: Carol Gordon, Natalie Cooper, Fran Anderson, Brian Shoup, Lisa Davis, Lynn Cooper, Fran Calhoun, Guy Johnson, Pam Toney, and Brycen Daniels. The group was led by Deirdre Halliburton.

## UMCOR HEALTH KITS

St. John's will be presenting 100 Health Kits to UMCOR during the Annual Conference in June. These kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of conflict or a natural disaster. To help defray the cost of the kits, we are asking St. John's families to make a donation of at least \$12 (the cost of one kit) next Sunday in a special envelope that will be inserted in the bulletin. Thanks for your help with this worldwide mission of the United Methodist Church.

## ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

If you are a volunteer who works with children, youth, or adults here at St. John's, according to Safe Sanctuaries policy, it will be necessary to have a routine background check done in order to continue your volunteer work with us. Please come by the church office to pick up a form and return it to Lynn or Brenda by **Sunday, June 10.**

## SERMON NOTES



**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*

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**Day of Pentecost**

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.