

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015**  
**11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT *Holy Ground* FWS 2272

CALL TO WORSHIP

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses

**Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.**

Come let us join our friends above who have obtained the prize,  
**And on the eagle wings of love to joys celestial rise.**

Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone,

**For all the servants of our king in earth and heaven are one.**

(adapted from Charles Wesley, UMH 709)

HYMN *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* UMH 139  
 vs 1, 3-5

PRAYER

**God of all saints and over all sinners, you are the God of mercy, love and justice. We have come to praise you for your power over life, and death, and life made new. Cleanse our hearts this day and cast out unholy fear. Open our lips; enliven our minds and set our bodies dancing to the rhythm of your truth. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us to do your work and to bring you glory. In the name of the everlasting Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

- Alice Faye Polk, November 14, 2014
- Megan Melancon Parrish, December 14, 2014
- Gordon Morris, December 23, 2014
- Laura Gillen, January 12, 2015
- Linda Irene Boles, February 5, 2015
- June Watson, February 10, 2015
- Bryan King, February 17, 2015
- Edward C. Harrison, March 27, 2015
- Peter Dragna, April 20, 2015
- Peggy Lafleur, April 16, 2015
- Stan Harvey, August 9, 2015
- Freida Tait Averett, September 2, 2015
- Shelton Bourgeois, September 30, 2015
- Thomas Babington, October 2, 2015
- Jere Johnston, October 10, 2015
- Thomas Dunbar, October 18, 2015

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation From Romans 8:35, 37-39 UMH 887

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Deacon Sarah

SCRIPTURE *Mark 12:28-34* Kristine Isenhower

SERMON *One Design* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Merciful God,**

**we come to your Table in weakness, hoping to be made strong.**

**We come to your Table with needs for your strength and peace.**

**We come to your Table as sinners, asking to be made whole and holy.**

**We confess that we are a fearful people.**

**We have sought creature comforts over courage and boldness in faith.**

**We have waded in shallow waters where all is safe and little trust is required.**

**Cast out our fear, O Lord. Transform us into a people of great love and deep generosity.**

**Free us for joyful obedience to the whisper that bids us “come and follow.”**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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 *All Ye Saints Be Joyful* Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**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  
 (Sung responses, UMH 21)

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND 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 *For All the Saints* UMH 711  
 vs 1, 2, 4, & 6

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *For All the Saints* UMH 711  
 (refrain only)

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...**

are for the glory of God on this All Saints’ Day in honor of all the saints, known and unknown. Given by Paul and Natalie Cooper.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Bill and Jane Metcalf, Bob Ayres, Will Halliburton
<b>Host(s)</b>	Kathleen Adams

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**TODAY, Sunday, November 1**

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Library  
 5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

**Monday, November 2**

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. Puppet Show Team, 206 Admin. Building

**Tuesday, November 3**

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym  
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor  
 6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library  
 7:00 p.m. Volleyball, Gym

**Wednesday, November 4**

10:00 a.m. Visitation Team, Parlor  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A  
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary  
 6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s  
 6:00 p.m. Week Night Group, Parlor  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

**Thursday, November 5**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
 10:00 a.m. Invitation to Genesis, Parlor  
 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Parlor  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, November 6**

JR. HIGH RETREAT, WESLEY CENTER, WOODWORTH  
 8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym  
 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, Gym-A

**Saturday, November 7**

JR. HIGH RETREAT, WESLEY CENTER, WOODWORTH  
 12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK 2015**  
**THE WALK TO BETHLEHEM**  
**SUBMISSION DEADLINE TODAY!!**

This year, we are once again putting together a book of daily devotions written by our church family for use in our homes and small groups during the Advent season. We encourage submissions from all ages! This Advent’s theme, *The Walk to Bethlehem*, focuses on the journeys we experience as Christians as we come to know Jesus and prepare for his birth. Submissions should be 200-300 words and begin with a scripture passage and close with a brief prayer. We also welcome artwork submissions that relate to the theme; they should be submitted in a format that is easily scanned. For more information or to submit your devotion, contact Deacon Sarah. **Deadline: November 1.**

**FOOD BANK DELIVERY IN GYM**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STOCK SHELVES**  
**8:30 A.M., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

## ST. JOHN'S SWEATSHIRTS ORDER DEADLINE EXTENDED

**Wednesday, November 4**, is the deadline to order St. John's sweatshirts. Order forms must be returned to the church office with payment - cost is \$20 for all adult sizes (S-3XL) and \$15 for all youth sizes (XS-XL). The adult sweatshirts are navy heather and the youth are navy, with St. John's logo on the front in red and white. (Refer to Friday's E-newsletter to see what it will look like.) Checks should be made out to St. John's UMC with sweatshirts in the memo line.

## RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, November 3**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Norma Thomason will present the World Thank Offering. All women are invited to attend.

## GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

Beginning with the 8:30 service on **Sunday, November 8**, and the 11:00 service on **Sunday, December 6**, St. John's will offer gluten-free communion. There will be 3 stations for communion - two stations with bread and juice in a common cup and one station with gluten-free wafers and individual cups. Special communion ware will be used and every precaution will be taken to insure that every step of preparation and serving remains totally gluten-free. If you have questions or concerns, contact Pat Lively at 766-2136.

## FREE ESL CLASSES OFFERED

English As A Second Language classes are now being offered on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the gym. If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating in these free classes, have them come to Classroom C in the gym. Registration is done on their first day of class. Contact Teegie Hamilton (907-7283) or Carol Young (936-6796) for more information.

## TO OUR ST. JOHN'S FAMILY

It is truly humbling to experience the outpouring of love you manifested in so many ways both to Jere and to our family: prayers, visits, hugs, cards, kind words, food, service and reception preparation, and more. "Thank you" seems so inadequate for all that you have done, are doing, and will continue to do, but please accept it.

This new path is not clear yet, but this is sure, it will be lined with the loving, caring and supportive family members of St. John's. We are truly blessed to have found such a wonderful home on the corner of Renee Drive and Highland Road.

Humbly, Susan Johnston and family.

## YOUTH RETREATS

**JUNIOR HIGH:** It is not too late to register, for the Jr. High retreat being held at the Wesley Center **November 6-8**. Contact Lorri for more information.

**ALL YOUTH:** Please remember to get your registration forms in for the Fall Retreat at the Worthy's farm **November 21-23**. We need to order t-shirts ASAP - if you want a t-shirt, you must register by Friday, November 6! See Lorri for a registration form!

## SERMON NOTES

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

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**FOR ALL THE SAINTS**

**11:00 Worship Service**  
**November 1, 2015**  
**All Saints' Day**

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.