

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Alleluia Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, open our lips

And we shall declare your praise.

New every morning is your love, great God of abundant mercy.

Stir up in us a desire to serve you,

To love our neighbors,

And to devote our gifts to you.

Guide us now to give of ourselves cheerfully and sacrificially.

Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Bind Us Together FWS 2226

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together

with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord,

bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King;

There is only one body, that is why we sing.

Holy Ground FWS 2272

We are standing on holy ground,

and I know that there are angels all around;

let us praise Jesus now;

we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

PRAYER

All things come from you, O God, and with joy we return to you what is yours. You created all that is and with love formed us in your image.

When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You give of yourself, O Lord, in your Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.

All that we are and all that we have is a trust from you.

In gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves,

and all that we have, in union with Christ’s offering for us.

For the glory of your name, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pastor Jay

SCRIPTURE *Luke 16:1-15* Ginger Lipscomb

SERMON *The Struggle is Real (Shrewd Stewardship > Squandering Gifts)* Pastor Jay

HYMN *They’ll Know We Are Christians* FWS 2223

PRAYER, CONFESSION, PARDON

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and greed that separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love that casts out fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: the Lord is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving sin and granting pardon. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

THE PEACE

TESTIMONY OF GOD’S ABUNDANCE Heather Durham

OFFERTORY *Softly and Tenderly* 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

*GIVING 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 *The Lily of the Valley* FWS 2062
vs 1 & 2

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...

given by Guy Johnson and presented to the glory of God and in honor of all whose tireless efforts have led us here to this important moment in the history of St. John’s mission and ministry.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	David and Tina Henson, Susan Johnston, Bill Putzig
Host(s)	Kathy King

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 16

9:45 a.m. Stewardship Kickoff Brunch, FLC-Gym

5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Bldg.

6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Location TBA

Monday, October 17

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library

3:30 p.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

Tuesday, October 18

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC-Gym

8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym

6:30 p.m. Praise Team, Choir Room

Wednesday, October 19

4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

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

6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside

6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Location TBA

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

Thursday, October 20

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym

9:00 a.m. Building Committee, Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, October 21

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, October 22

9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, FLC-Gym

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

CELEBRATING DEACON SARAH!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

9:45 - 10 A.M., FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Deacon Sarah’s last day with us is Sunday, November 6.

Let’s send her off with love and affirmation.

During coffee time, come say good-bye and Godspeed to Sarah, Brian, Elizabeth, and John Brian.

DAYS FOR GIRLS CONTINUES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 - 9 A.M.

The UMW is happy to announce the second and third sessions of Days for Girls will be held on **Saturday October 22** and **Saturday, October 29** in the Family Life Center-Gym from 9 a.m. - noon. Everyone is welcome. Sewers and non-sewers are needed to cut fabric, iron, sew, serge, apply snaps, insert drawstrings, and assemble kits.

No supplies are needed for the last two sessions. For more information contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net.

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

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

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): _____

OPERATION NOAH'S ARK LAST CALL TO PICK UP FOOD CONTAINERS

There will be a table set up in the hallway of the Family Life Center with baking and serving items and containers that were left after the shelter closed and the second responders were no longer in the FLC. If you brought food and did not pick up your container, please do so this Sunday and the next. NOTE: There are also ice chests that have not been claimed. Any items not picked up will be brought to Here Today, Gone Tomorrow. And, again, many thanks for responding to our call for meals and snacks for Operation Noah's Ark.

YANKEE CANDLE SALE!

The Youth will again be taking pre-paid orders for Yankee Candles on **Sunday, October 23**. All proceeds from the sale are to go to the Youth Mission Fund to raise money for future mission trips: 2017 Weekend of the Cross (Shreveport-Bossier) and 2018 ASP (Appalachia Service Project). A table will be set up in the FLC during coffee time. Orders will be in for the holidays. Yankee Candles make great gifts AND their purchase will help fund mission trips for our youth.

TRUNK OR TREAT!!

Sunday, October 30 from 4 - 6 p.m. St. John's trunks will be decorated and open for treats! Bring your kids and grandchildren; invite your neighbors and their kids and grandchildren! This is a family-friendly, safe environment, fun time for all - and to have MORE fun, come in costume!! **NOTE: If you would like to decorate your trunk - and we have had some clever ones in the past - contact Lorri (lorrimcguire@stjohnsbr.org) to sign up.**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, November 1** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Norma Thomason will present the World Thank Offering. All women are invited to attend.

St. John's UMW will hold their General Meeting on **Sunday, November 13** at 3 p.m. in the parlor. George Mills, president of Trafficking Hope will speak on human trafficking in our area. All women are invited to attend.

ADVENT FAITH STORIES SERIES

This Advent we hope to publish Faith Stories related to the Advent theme "Stay Awake." Do you have a story you could write and share? Our key verse is *Therefore you must also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.* (Matthew 24:44) Please be in prayer about this verse, and submit your Faith Stories to Kathy King (brcking10@gmail.com) or Mari Walker (mariwalker7@gmail.com) by November 14.

WORK DAY CANCELED

St. John's Trustees have canceled the work day scheduled for Saturday, October 29. However, a list of projects will be coming soon and volunteers will be needed. Look for more information in Sunday bulletins and future newsletters. As always, you can email trustees (trustees@stjohnsbr.org) if you see something on campus that needs attention.

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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SEASON OF PLENTY

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
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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.