

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

THE WALK - PROCESSIONAL FROM THE GYM

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *A Wesleyan Psalm* Alleluia Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP
When Moses heard God call, he stumbled to obedience.
In faith he learned to follow an unknown path beyond a sea that blocked his view.
Lord, let our faith be equal to his
As we set out on the journey to which you call us.
(Dr. Guy Johnson)

HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH 400
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

THE WALK Dr. Tom Burch

PRAYER
God of promise, you call us, like Moses, to step forward, where our trust in you is more important than our ability to see the path ahead. We acknowledge our frailty and our uncertainty. Help us to learn genuine trust. Create in us a heart of such unflinching faith that we find ourselves able to step out into the uncertain and unknown with total belief that we will find a path on which to walk. Amen.
(Dr. Betty Schroeder)

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Lorri McGuire

SCRIPTURE *Exodus 14:10-22*

SERMON *We Walk by Vision, Not by Seeing (Into the Water on Dry Ground)* Pastor Jay

HYMN *The Servant Song* FWS 2222

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!

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

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Walking By Faith* 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.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15
and 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 *Where He Leads Me* UMH 338

WALKING TOGETHER The Path of Covenant
At this time, and as the Holy Spirit leads, please come forward to offer your commitment for The Walk.

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *A Sacred Harp Tune* Alleluia Ringers

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR . . .

are given to the Glory of God and to honor all of the St. John’s community who are walking by Faith, by Beth Forester.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Ceci Caputo, Maddie Cooper, Hannah Green, Stephen LeBlanc
Host	Bobbi Marino

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, October 25
4:00 p.m. TRUNK OR TREAT
Monday, October 26
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 Group, 206 Admin. Bldg.
Tuesday, October 27
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

Wednesday, October 28
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s
6:00 p.m. Week Night Group, Library
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 29
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
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, October 30
OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, Gym-A

Saturday, October 31
8:00 a.m. CHURCH-WIDE WORK DAY
12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

TRUNK OR TREAT

TODAY Trunk or Treat festivities will be from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot facing Renee Drive. The Youth will be serving hot dogs. Come in costume! EVERYONE IS INVITED!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK 2015
THE WALK TO BETHLEHEM**

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.**

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

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): _____

SHEPHERD'S MARKET

TODAY the yellow Shepherd's Market shopping bags will be distributed in preparation for next week's Grocery Bag Sunday. Please bring the bags back **Sunday, November 1** with groceries for the food pantry

Everyone is invited to join us for Worship in the Market **every Tuesday** morning at 8:15. We have a short devotional, sing favorite songs, and have communion. It's a great way to start the day!

The Shepherd's Market is no longer accepting donations of clothing, shoes, or other wearing apparel. Please take your items to Here Today, Gone Tomorrow on Burbank Dr. and let them know you are donating items for St. John's (Bin #467).

WALK TO DEFEAT ALS

In memory of Jere Johnston, help raise awareness and proceeds by joining in the Walk to Defeat ALS on **Saturday, October 31** at the BREC park on Highland Road; check in at 9:00 a.m., one-mile walk starts at 10:00 a.m. To register, go to the website at www.alsa.org, Team Jere and under Top Participants click on Jere Johnston. Contact Sarah Risponne (sj.risponne@gmail.com) or go to the ALS website for more information

FOUR MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

VIM: Holy Land and Jordan, October & November 2016; India, 12/27/15-1/10/16. St. Mark's in New Orleans, 3/4-3/6/16. Isle of Iona, Summer/Fall 2017. Details about these mission trips will be on the website and in future bulletins. For more information, you may also contact Larry Norman (933-1881 or LduckN@aol.com).

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.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Larry Norman is participating in Angola #60, Kairos Prison Ministry which will take place November 5-8. He is asking St. John's help in baking cookies for the retreat. If you are able to help out with cookies please contact Larry (933-1881 or LduckN@aol.com) as there are certain guidelines that must be followed. Cookies can be brought to worship on November 1 or dropped off at the church office during regular office hours.

ST. JOHN'S SWEATSHIRTS

Tomorrow, **Monday, October 26**, is the deadline to order St. John's sweatshirts. Order forms are in the church office. Orders must be prepaid - cost is \$20 for all adult sizes (S-3XL), \$15 for all youth sizes (XS-XL). The adult sweatshirts will be navy heather and the youth will be navy, with St. John's logo and tagline on the front in red and white.

SERMON NOTES

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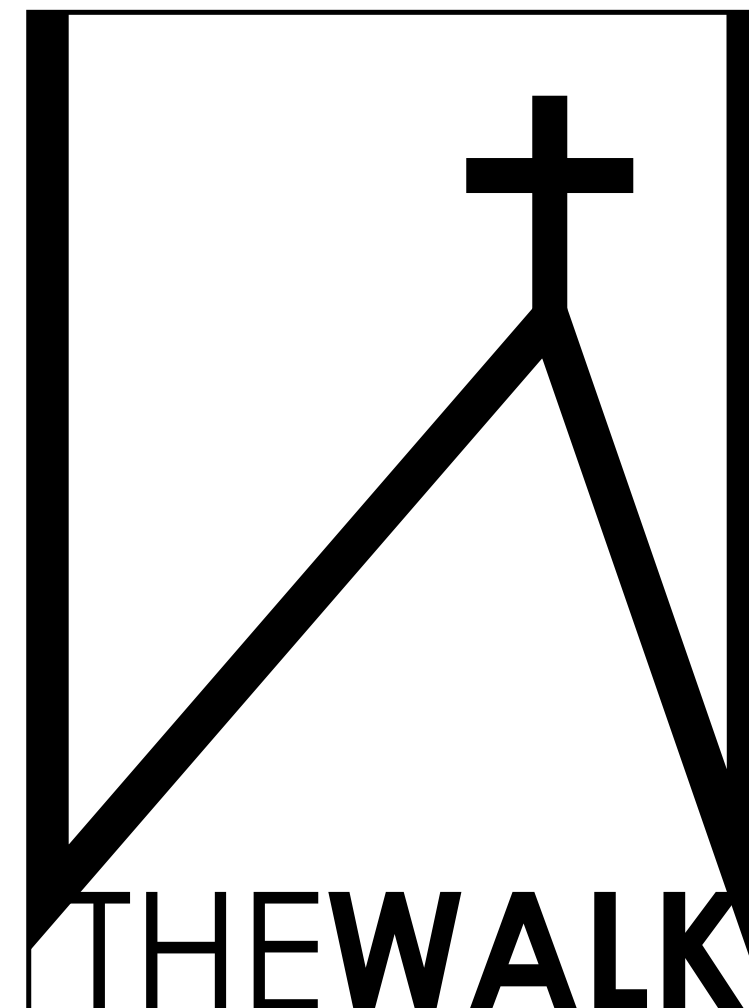
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



"... for we walk by faith, not by sight."

-2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

10:00 Worship Service
October 25, 2015

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.