

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, your presence fills the vast regions of time and space.
Lord, you dwell in our innermost hearts.
 We come into your sanctuary led by faith, not sight.
Guide us as we strive to follow you more closely,
serve you more fully. (Dr. Guy Johnson)

HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH 158

THE WALK

PRAYER

God of all and all that is, together we embark upon a journey fueled by faith alone. Help make each footfall of our way a testament of love. Breathe on us; fill our hearts with courage to stride forward into uncertainty, armed with the one true certainty that you, O God of glory and grace, go ever before us. Amen. (Dr. Betty Schroeder)

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Deacon Sarah

ANTHEM *A Communion Contemplation* Chancel Choir
 Penny Kemler on flute

SCRIPTURE *2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10* Marilyn Damberg

SERMON *Confidence: The Walk Begins* Pastor Jay
(“Trusting the Ground Will Hold”)

HYMN *The Servant Song* FWS 2222

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive us, restore us and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ that we may live in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Hear the good news: God demonstrates God’s own love for us in that while we yet sinners Christ died for 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

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 *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

WALKING TOGETHER: 257 PRAYER CARD

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR . . .

are in honor of my daughter, Teresa Norris, on her birthday. Given by Marilyn Crake.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Scott Durham, Will Halliburton, Zach and Kristine Isenhower
Host	Joyce Perry

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, October 4

9:30 a.m. MISSION FAIR, Gym
 5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym
 5:00 p.m. The Walk - Small Group Meeting, Parlor
 6:00 p.m. Missional Wisdom Study, Library
 6:30 p.m. Puppet Show Group, 206 Admin. Bldg.

Monday, October 5

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
 6:00 p.m. The Walk - Small Group Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, October 6

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
 6:00 p.m. The Walk - Small Group Meeting, Parlor
 6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library
 7:00 p.m. Volleyball, Gym

Wednesday, October 7

10:00 a.m. The Walk - Small Group Meeting, Parlor
 5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
 5:30 p.m. The Walk - Small Group Meeting, Parlor
 6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s
 6:00 p.m. Communications Team, 206 Admin. Bldg.
 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 8

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. Companions in Christ, Library
 10:00 a.m. Invitation to Genesis, Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, October 9

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

Saturday, October 10

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

THE WALK - SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Next week begins the start of small group meetings that will give you an opportunity to learn more about St. John’s vision and plans for our two-phased building project. If you have not received your post-card invitation to join a small group meeting, please contact the office. If the date and time on your invitation is not convenient, please call the office and we can find a date and time that will fit in your schedule.

PLEASE DON’T FORGET TO RSVP to the office (766-4594) or by email at thewalk@stjohnsbr.org.

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): _____

UMW CIRCLES

The Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, October 6** at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Fay Melancon will present a program about Mary Magdalene, continuing the study of Women in the Bible. All women are invited to attend.

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, October 13** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Betty Schroeder will present a program on the Woman of Samaria, continuing the study of Women in the Bible. All women are invited to attend.

ALPHA BELLS RESUMES

Never played bells before? Don't know how to read music? Well, that's okay! Come learn how to play bells -- become a part of the music ministry of St. John's; you'll be glad you did. Alpha Bells will resume in the Sanctuary on **Wednesday, October 7** at 7:00 p.m. Contact Daphne Grady (dgraygrady@aol.com or 266-7266) for more information.

FOOD BANK DELIVERY

A Food Bank delivery is scheduled for **Friday, October 9**. If you can help stock shelves, please come to the Gym at 8:30 a.m.

PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 10. Piccadilly on Essen. 8:30 a.m. Dutch treat buffet breakfast. All are welcome. 'nuf said!

THE WALK - PRAYER VIGIL

The Walk Prayer Vigil will be held from **Saturday, October 17 at 8:00 a.m. until Sunday, October 18 at 8:00 a.m.** Please join us in a time of intentional prayer during The Walk. You are invited to sign up for a 30 minute time slot online at www.stjohnsbr.org/the-walk-prayer-vigil or in the Church Office. You are also invited to gather in the Sanctuary at 8:00 am on Sunday, October 18 for a time of community prayer as we close our Prayer Vigil. For more information, please contact Deacon Sarah.

WALK TO DEFEAT ALS

In honor of Jere Johnston, a member of our St. John's family and ALS patient, please 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

STUDY OF BOOK OF LUKE

The Week Night Group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor and is now studying the Book of Luke. If you are interested in participating, contact Deacon Sarah.

INVITATION TO GENESIS

There's still time to join the 10-week study, "Invitation to Genesis." The group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor and is being led by Guy Johnson. The cost of the book is \$15. Contact the church office to sign up.

SERMON NOTES

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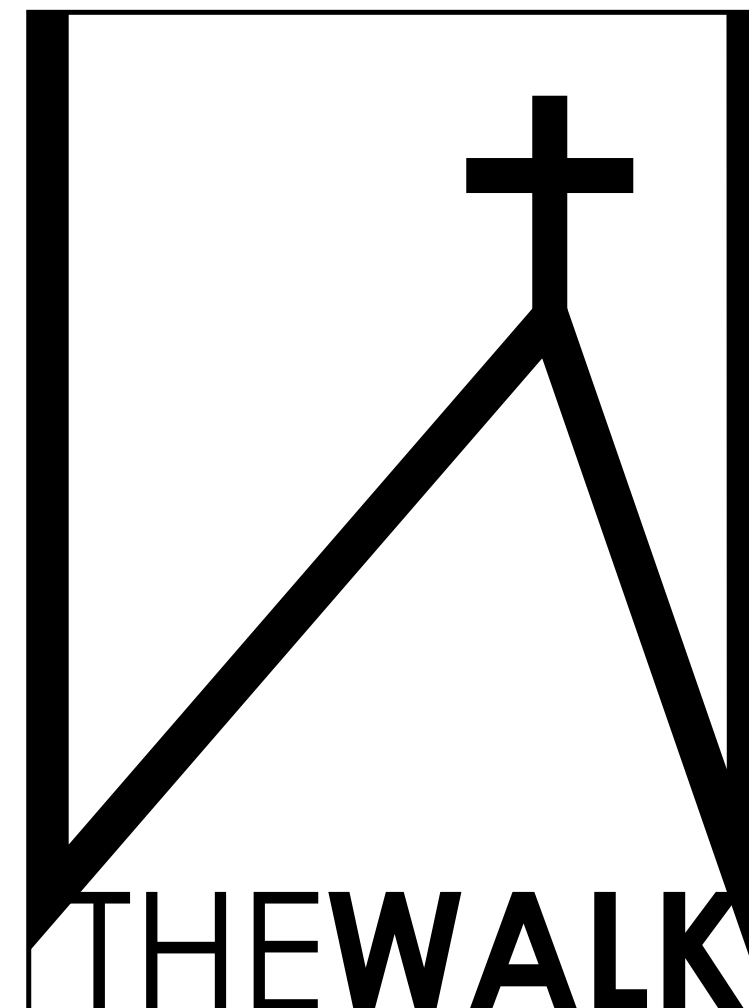
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



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

-2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)

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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.