

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

Let us turn to the Lord in gladness,

Turn away from our sin and sing praises to Jesus Christ

Who seeks the lost and welcomes sinners.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Gather Us In FWS 2236

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness

vanished away,

see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in

the light of this day.

Gather us in - the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the

lame;

call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of

our name.

He Has Made Me Glad FWS 2270

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.”

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada UMH 883

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Guy Johnson

SCRIPTURE *Luke 15:1-10* Dylan Jenks

SERMON *The Gospel and the Red Bandanna* Pastor Jay

HYMN *The Servant Song* FWS 2222
vs 1-3

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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. He seeks the lost and the left out and leads us to repent - to turn back to God. There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. 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 *Shoutin’ Time!* Praise Team

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

*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 *Lead Me, Guide Me* FWS 2214
vs 1 & 3

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

*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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...

given by Mary Jo Brook and the Brook girls
in loving memory of Jack Brook.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers Dawn Staves, Jill Slicker, Belinda Dumas,
Fran Anderson

Host(s) Kathy King

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 11

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

Monday, September 12

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library
4:00 p.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Classrooms
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. SPRC, Library

Tuesday, September 13

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC-Classrooms
9:00 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Classrooms
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Off Campus
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, FLC-A
6:15 p.m. Praise Team, Choir room
7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW Circle, Parlor

Wednesday, September 14

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, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside
7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 15

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
9:00 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Classrooms
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, September 16

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, September 17

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP	18	Bible 101 (and Sept 25, Oct 2)
	25	Blessing of Pets (4 p.m.)
OCT	2	Fall Blood Drive
	2	UMW Mission Fair
	2	St. John’s 101 (and Oct 9, 16)
	8	Health Fair (St. John’s and community)
	16	Stewardship Begins (through Oct 30)
	29	Church-wide Workday
	30	Commitment Sunday
	30	Church-wide Brunch
	30	Trunk or Treat

**** SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 ****
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30
GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY - 11:30
CHURCH-WIDE POTLUCK - 12 NOON

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): _____

NOAH'S ARK: FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE

Team Rubicon along with their partner groups, IsraAID and a team from Canada, and a group from AmeriCorps/FEMA Corps, make up the 75 second responders being housed in the Family Life Center at the present time.

Our wonderful kitchen crew continues to fix a hot breakfast Monday - Friday for all of the teams. If you are an early riser and would like to be in the kitchen at 7 a.m. to help with cleanup and prep for the next morning's breakfast, please contact Fran Anderson (324-5040) to let her know when you can help.

Other volunteers from St. John's are bringing in hot suppers. If you or your group would like to provide a hot meal one evening, please contact Bobbi Marino at 205-5530. Remember this is a meal for approximately 80 people. PLEASE DO NOT BRING FOOD WITHOUT FIRST CONTACTING BOBBI.

Necessary Things You May Not Have Realized: Many thanks to John Eeds and Jacob Bynum for cleaning the shower truck DAILY. If you are willing to help in this easy task, that takes about an hour of your time, please contact John Eeds at 766-7952 or jeeds@cox.net.

PICTURE DIRECTORY

The picture directories are finally here! You can pick one up during coffee time today. The directories are free to those who have a portrait in the directory; \$5 for those who don't have a portrait in the directory, but want a copy.

BIBLE 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO READING SCRIPTURE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18

Join Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, in the library at 5 p.m. on **September 18 and 25**, and **October 2** for this three-week study on reading scripture that starts at the very beginning.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Mary Martha Circle meets **Tuesday, September 13** at 7 p.m. in the parlor. Janet Hogstrom will present the program on "The Boy Who Offered What He Had." All women are invited to attend.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Daphne Grady will be leading an 8-hour training class on **Friday, Sept 23, 5:30-9:30** and **Sat, Sept 24, 9-2** to teach participants how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Class is limited to 15. The registration fee is \$30, checks made out to *NAMI Baton Rouge*, and mailed to Daphne Grady, 7515 Sheringham Ave., BR 70808.

ST. JOHN'S 101

If you are new to St. John's and want to learn more about who we are and how we serve in ministry together, this class is for you. The class will be led by Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, and all are welcome. Join us at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary on **October 2, 9, and 16**. Contact deaconsarah@stjohnsbr.org to sign up or to learn more.

FAITH STORIES FROM THE FLOOD

Many of us have seen God moving in our community the last couple of weeks since the floods began. Sharing your stories will help the healing process and provide all of us with strength and inspiration as we recover and assist those in need. You can either send in a short story or just have a conversation with us and we'll do the writing. Contact Kathy King (brcking10@gmail.com or 281-0314) or Mari Walker (mariwalker7@gmail.com).

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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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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 Worship Service September 11, 2016

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.