

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

at 11 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Heather Durham

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

ANTHEM

Holy and Mighty

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:1-11

Rev. Larry Norman

¹From Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus.

To all those in Philippi who are God's people in Christ Jesus, along with your supervisors and servants.

²May the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

³I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers.

⁴I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. ⁵I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now.

⁶I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart. You are all my partners in God's grace, both during my time in prison and in the defense and support of the gospel.

⁸God is my witness that I feel affection for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

⁹This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with knowledge and all kinds of insight. ¹⁰I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ. ¹¹I pray that you will then be filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes from Jesus Christ, in order to give glory and praise to God.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER *together*

**May the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in thy sight,
thou who are my strength and my redeemer.
Amen.**

Based on Psalm 19:14

MESSAGE

“VIVO: This is Living -
Living in Partnership”

Pastor Lane

RESPONDING

† HYMN of FAITH

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH 557, VS 1-3

† SHARING *the PEACE and LOVE of CHRIST*

PRAYERS of *the PEOPLE*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH 557, VS 4

**When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.**

OFFERING GOD'S TITHES *and GIFTS*

† DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

INVITATION *to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP*

We joyfully welcome all those whose wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.

† HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

UMH 671

† BLESSING *and SENDING FORTH*

† POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Jack Brook,
given by Mary Jo and the Brook girls.*

CONNECT WITH US

Name

Email

Phone

Service Opportunities

I am interested in ...

(check all that apply)

- serving as a Reader during worship
- serving as a Communion server
- serving as an Usher during worship
- serving as Welcome Host before and after worship

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

- Joy
- Concern

- Please share with the prayer team
- Please share with pastors only
- I desire a call
- I desire a visit

You may also email a prayer request to:
prayers@stjohnsbr.org

† Please stand as you are able. Bold indicates congregational response.

GATHERING

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

† CALL *to WORSHIP*

Rev. Larry Norman

We come together to be in community,
**a family of faith striving to grow closer to God
and closer to each other.**

We were created to be agents of God's love, justice,
and mercy.

We are partners in God's mission to the world.

We all belong in the vision God sees before us.

We are The Body. We are The Church.

Help and empower us in this calling to relationship, O God.

May we walk with courage on our journey together.

† HYMN of PRAISE

UMH 384, VS 1-3

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

† PRAYER of INVOCATION

Rev. Larry Norman

Eternal God,

**You have called us to be members of one body –
partners on the journey of life.**

Join us with those who,

in all times and places,

have praised your name, that,

with one heart and mind,

we may show the unity of your church,

and bring honor to our Lord and Savior,

Jesus Christ. Amen.

† GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

September 17, 2017
11 a.m.
Connections Card

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher. Restrooms are in the Narthex. ALL are welcome!

NEW WORSHIP SERIES BEGINS

Today we begin a worship series titled "VIVO: This is Living!" How you see life defines how you face life. By taking a closer look at Paul's writings in Philippians, our "VIVO: This is Living!" Worship Series will inspire us to fully live into this thing called Life that we've been given. Worship with us for this three-week series, which concludes on October 1, which is World Communion Sunday. Join us for the Missions Fair during Coffee Time and Sunday School that morning in the Family Life Center.

UMW FALL NON-GARAGE SALE

This is the final day to drop off items in the FLC for the Non Garage Sale. All items will be picked up by Here Today Gone Tomorrow early Monday morning. All proceeds from HTGT will go to missions of the UMW. Thank you for your donations.

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" YARD SIGNS

Let's be a beacon of welcome to all of our neighbors. If you would like a "Love Your Neighbor" yard sign they will be available in the narthex after each worship service. A donation of \$20 is requested.

MISSIONS FAIR

Our annual Missions Fair is Sunday October 1. This is an opportunity to learn about the many ways St John's is feeding and disciplining this congregation and beyond. If you have a mission or a ministry that you would like to highlight at the fair, please contact Tina Henson (henson.tina@yahoo.com or 985-705-4228) to reserve a table. The Missions Fair will take place in the FLC during coffee time and continue until 10:45 a.m. Sunday School classes are offered the option to enjoy our fair in lieu of class time.

OLD FASHIONED HYMN FESTIVAL

Join us on Sunday, October 8 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our Hymn Festival! The Chancel Choir, Alleluia Ringers, and Praise Team will provide special music, as well as accompany the congregation in singing some of their favorite hymns. There will also be some stories of how these hymns came to be. We hope you will join us as we lift our voices in praise of the one true living and loving God!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have a lot of exciting events coming up, some of which are: October 1 - World Communion Sunday as well as our final Sharing St. John's; October 2 - Golf Classic, benefiting the Methodist Children's Home; October 22 - Commitment Sunday and Church-wide lunch; October 28 - Fall Fest; and November 2 - Centenary College Choir Concert. Be watching for more information on each of these events in church communications.

DEEPENING FAITH/IGNITING MINISTRY

A retreat for all laity is being held at the Wesley Center in Woodworth Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21. It will give you an opportunity to explore your spiritual journey and reflect on your life in Christ. The event is free, all materials will be provided (bring your Bible), but if you want to spend the night Friday, you will have to make a reservation; payment for lodging and meals will be made directly to The Wesley Center. For more information see our Friday Newsletter or contact Rhonda Whitley (346-1646) or Cherri Johnson (383-4777).

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 17

UMW NON GARAGE SALE
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus wide*
4:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*
5:00 p.m. Youth, *FLC*

Monday, September 18

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*
10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, *Toddler Nursery*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies, *Parlor*
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, September 19

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:00 p.m. Volleyball, *FLC*
6:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*

Wednesday, September 20

10:00 a.m. Self-taught Spanish Class, *Library*
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
6:00 p.m. Heavenly Hash, *FLC*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, *George's Southside*

Thursday, September 21

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Church Council, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, September 22

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, *FLC-A*

Saturday, September 23

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: Zach and Kristine Isenhower, Bill and Jane Metcalf
Hosts: Richard and Marilyn Damberg

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)
#sjthewalk



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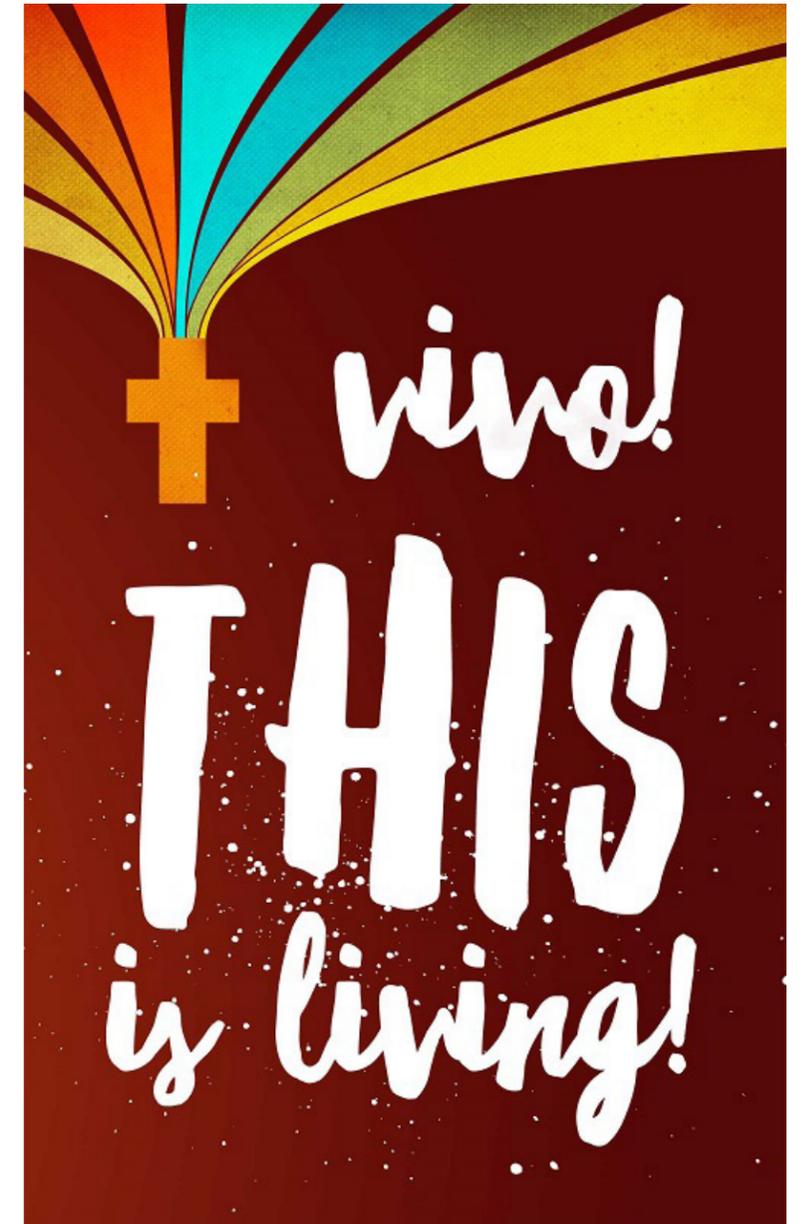
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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



11 a.m. Worship Service
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

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.

Welcome...

Guests and members, please let us know you are here by filling out this card and placing it in the offering plate. We want to match your face with your name. Thanks for helping us be a better church.

(Please print)

Attended...

11 a.m. Worship

I am a:

First time guest

We are glad you're here! Pick up your Welcome Bag from a Host in the Narthex.

Returning guest

Regular attender

Interested in becoming a member of St. John's

St. John's member

Updated information below

Name(s)

Address

City, State & ZIP

Phone

Home Cell Add to text messaging list

Email

Other Email

Other Cell

Children living at home (names, ages/grades):

Please place in offering plate

(See reverse to connect with us.)