

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Great Is The Lord* Chancel Choir

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)

SONGS OF PRAISE
What A Mighty God We Serve FWS 2021

What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!
Let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord,
let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord!

Clap Your Hands FWS 2028
Clap your hands! Clap your hands! Sing a new song in celebration!
Clap your hands! Clap your hands! Sing a new song is celebration!
Clap your hands! Clap your hands!
God is great we praise our God with song!
God is great! We praise our God with song!

PRAYER
Almighty and everlasting God, ever exalted yet always near: be present with us, gather together here to set apart this ground upon which we worship. Let your Holy Spirit descend upon your church that will gather here and within these walls let your glory dwell. Fill with your love all who seek your face here; and as generations come and go, may the witness of your grace and glory be magnified within this sacred space. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Rhonda Tucker

WITNESS OF THE WALK Dr. Tom Burch

ANTHEM *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms* Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE *2 Corinthians 5:1-9*

SERMON *Home Away From Home* Pastor Jay

HYMN *I Love Thy Kingdom Lord* UMH 540

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY *You Are My All in All* Praise Team

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing* UMH 664

BLESSING FOR GROUND-BREAKING
To the glory of God and in the presence of this congregation, I direct that ground be broken for the St. John’s United Methodist Church. The responsibility and the privilege rest upon us to cause a building to rise here that shall be a house of God’s people and a place devoted to the worship of almighty God and to the glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

That a church may welcome the stranger as a family member, and call each other sisters and brothers in the name of Jesus Christ to grow in grace and goodness and in favor with God and all people.

We break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where children learn to love God, and youth are inspired to pray and serve,
We break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where the weary and heavy laden shall find inner peace that the world can neither give nor take away,
We break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where God is worshiped in prayer and praise, where the Word of God is read and proclaimed that it becomes the living Word, and the Sacraments are celebrated that all life becomes sacramental,
We break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where the gathering is refreshed in spirit, relieved from pain, released from bondage, and redeemed from sin,
We break this ground today.

That a church may meet here where the grace of God may make our human lives into a Christlike love and our homes places of living witness for that realm where Christ is Lord,
We break this ground today.

That a church may meet here from which, by the power of your Holy Spirit, your people are sent forth into this community and all the world as agents of justice and mercy and peace to all peoples.
We break this ground today.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

CLOSING PRAYER
Lord God, you fill the whole world with your presence, that your name may be glorified everywhere. Bless us who meet here on this ground made holy by your worship. Consecrate those whose vision and work provide this site. help us to rejoice in this work just begun and to persevere to it completion, so that this place may resound with your praises and become for us a home where we may be nurtured together, and nurture new friends in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...
given by Wanda Nelson in honor of her son, Carl John Nelson.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Ushers	Beth Forester, Carol Gordon, Mike and Sally Allen
Host(s)	Kathy King

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 18
11:45 a.m. Groundbreaking Ceremony
1:00 p.m. Kairos Council Meeting, Library
5:00 p.m. Bible 101, Library
5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Monday, September 19
9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library
3:30 p.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Classrooms
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

Tuesday, September 20
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC-Classrooms
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Classrooms
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, September 21
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, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

Thursday, September 22
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-Classrooms
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
5:00 p.m. Opening Doors, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, September 23
OFFICE CLOSED
5:30 p.m. Mental Health Training, Library

Saturday, September 24
9:00 a.m. Mental Health Training, Library
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

NOAH’S ARK: FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE

This past week, Team Rubicon, IsraAID, and Team Canada, were joined by groups from Australia, Great Britain, and Norway. These dedicated, hard-working men and women have begun leaving to return to their homes; their last day at St. John’s will be Tuesday, September 20.

AmeriCorps/FEMA Corps *Hickory Team 2* will remain until the middle of October and arriving today is FEMA Corps *Peak Team 3* who will also be here until the middle of October.

THANKS, ST. JOHN’S!

Thank you so much for your overwhelming generosity and hospitality. We are forever grateful for your warmth and friendship. We hope one day we can return the favor under better circumstances. Thanks again! Yoram, Asaf, Elise, Alon, Talya, Noa, Mavana, Lior, Ran, and Jillian - members of IsraAID.

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): _____

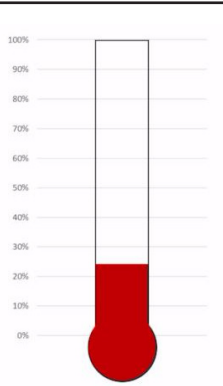
THE WALK UPDATE

Please remember to pray for The Walk. #sjthewalk.

This graphic shows pledges we have received as of the end of August as a percentage of the estimated project \$1.3 million goal (\$961,602 pledged to date).

We will regularly provide updates in this format. Thank you for keeping your pledges current.

If you haven't pledged there is still time to join The Walk.



BIBLE 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO READING SCRIPTURE BEGINS TODAY

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

BLESSING OF PETS

We know pets are gifts from God, and that people are responsible for being good stewards of the earth and all its inhabitants. In keeping with such beliefs, St. John's will host a Blessing of Pets, when we will have the rare opportunity to bring our pets to church to receive special blessings. Join us on the church grounds on **Sun., September 25** at 4 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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 23**. 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).

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

St. John's 2016 Pictorial Directories have arrived. They will be available during coffee time on **Sunday, September 25**. If you have a portrait in the directory you will receive a free copy; if you do not have a portrait in the directory but would like a copy for yourself, the cost is \$5. Directories may also be picked up in the church office during regular office hours: M-Th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP	25	Blessing of Pets, Bible 101 (and Oct 2)
OCT	2	Fall Blood Drive, UMW Mission Fair
	2	St. John's 101 (and Oct 9, 23)
	8	Health Fair (St. John's and community)
	16	Stewardship Begins (through Oct 30)
	22	Days for Girls (and Oct 29)
	29	Church-wide Workday
	30	Commitment Sunday, Trunk or Treat

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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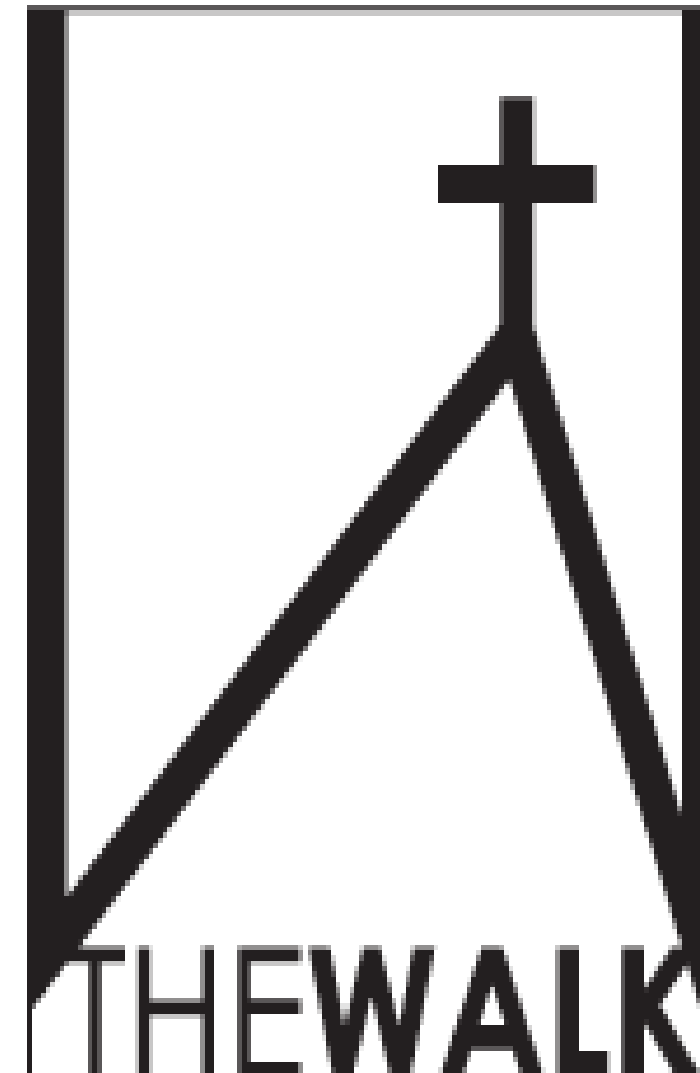


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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



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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.