

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

OCTOBER 21, 2018 at 8:30 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.

Ushers will pass out folders during the Children's Moment. Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns please fill out a prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.

✠ SCRIPTURE Mark 12:41-44 Phil Sprunger

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION *Based on Psalm 19:14*
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.

SERMON "Growing Through Generosity" Pastor Lane

RESPONDING WITH THANKS

✠ HYMN of FAITH *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH 92

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS Danielle Blackwood Russ and Debbie Nolan

OFFERING OUR TITHES & GIFTS to GOD
✠ DOXOLOGY UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 15
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

The congregation is seated and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

SHARING the BREAD & CUP

- ♦ *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*
- ♦ *Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction." When broken bread is placed in your hand you may dip it lightly into the cup and thereby receive both elements at the same time.*
- ♦ *Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it. When you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like the gluten-free elements.*
- ♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

PRAYER after RECEIVING
**Gracious God,
You have gathered us together, from generation to generation, and across all nations, cultures and languages to feast at your table.
Here the past, the present, and the future are caught up in the Spirit of your love, incarnate in Jesus Christ.
Having fed us by your uniting Spirit, you now send us out to prepare the way for your future. We give you thanks and glorify your name. 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 *Let All Things Now Living* FWS 2008

✠ BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

After the service, all are invited to the Family Life Center for refreshments.

The flowers on the altar are given by Beth Forester in loving memory of her parents, Eva and Chuck Forester.

GATHERING WITH GOD

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE FWS 2065
More Precious Than Silver
**Lord, you are more precious than silver.
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
and nothing I desire compares with you.**

God Is So Good FWS 2056, vs. 1-3
**God is so good, God is so good,
God is go good, God's so good to me.
God cares for me, God cares for me,
God cares for me, God's so good to me.
God loves me so, God loves me so,
God loves me so, God's so good to me.**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP Phil Sprunger
Come, let us enter this space of hope and community – with all our sorrows, our joys, our passion and compassion.
We come into this space with the stories of our ancestors, for their strength and wisdom beats in our hearts.
We gather to sing praises, offer prayers, share gifts, and receive blessings.
We come into this space, present to the beloved companions who walk beside us.
God calls us to keep our vision growing and equips us to journey onward.
We come into this space, mindful that together we are providing a future for generations to come.
Come into this space and let us worship. **Amen.**

✠ SONG of RESPONSE FWS 2068
I Love You, Lord
**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

LISTENING IN FAITH

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pam Toney
Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

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.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

Thank you for being here.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE

St. John's is holding a blood drive TODAY from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The OLOL Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot on the side of the Family Life Center. Please consider participating if you are able to donate. DID YOU KNOW your donation means that any member of St. John's is able to receive any amount of necessary blood transfusions free of charge?

FALL FEST

We are still in need of volunteers to help oversee games: everything is provided for you, all we ask is that you supervise the game and hand out the candy. We need two volunteers for each game and the game will be open for the two hours of the Fall Fest.

We need wrapped candy to use as game prizes. There will be a pink collection tub in the narthex on Sunday and in the hallway of the Admin Building.

We are also requesting monetary donations to help defray the cost of food and paper goods (checks can be made out to St. John's UMC, with Fall Fest in the memo line). This is a convenient way to help if you are unable to attend the Fall Fest.

Carnival Games
Music
Bingo
Puppet Show
Face Painting
Saturday
October 27
4-6 p.m.

Food! Fun! Free!

Hamburger Meals
Come in Costume
Bring Friends!

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www.stjohnsbr.org/fallfest

PLEASE HELP! Contact Pastor Deirdre by email or phone (939-1425), if you have any questions or if you are willing to help.

BOY SCOUT CHICKEN DINNER TICKET SALE

Boy Scout Troop 505 will begin selling tickets on Sunday, Oct. 21 & 28 and Nov. 4 for their Chicken Dinner on Nov. 11 as well as taking pre-orders for Christmas greenery. Tickets are \$10 for barbeque chicken, potato salad, baked beans, bread, and dessert.

THE GRATITUDE TREE

A wonderful way to express your gratitude for someone or something and help St. John's reduce its debt, is to place an engraved leaf on The Gratitude Tree. If you would like to have a leaf on The Gratitude Tree, use the insert in this bulletin, get a form in the Narthex or the hallway of the Admin Building. We would like all of the leaves to be on the tree by Thanksgiving, so please have your order in by Sunday, October 21.

OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN & SERMON SERIES "KEEP OUR VISION GROWING"

God's vision for St. John's is that we be known as a center for feeding people spiritually and physically in our community. We live that out by sharing our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ. Our October worship series, "Keep Our Vision Growing," will take a look at three ways we grow our vision - through gratitude, grace, and generosity. Join us Sundays in October as we "Keep Our Vision Growing," by honoring the past, serving the present, and providing for the future.

This year's campaign is a two-pronged effort: We will consider how we will support our church's operating budget for 2019, which enables our ministries, programs, and missions to thrive, and we are also invited into a one-year commitment to debt-reduction over and above our regular tithe.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY / CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

On **Sunday, October 28**, we will mark the culmination of our 2019 Stewardship Campaign with Commitment Sunday at which time we will bring our pledge cards to the 8:30 or the 11:00 worship service.

After 11:00 worship, everyone is invited to a celebration luncheon in the Family Life Center. We hope you can come and enjoy the fellowship and a meal provided by the Stewardship Committee.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, October 21

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*
- 8:00 a.m. Blood Drive, *FLC Parking Lot*
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, *FLC*
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*
- 7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, October 22

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, *Parlor*
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
- 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, October 23

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Library*
- 4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*

Wednesday, October 24

- 10:00 a.m. Spanish Refresher, *Library*
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
- 6:30 p.m. Cup of Our Life Prayer Study, *Parlor*
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, *Choir Room*
- 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

Thursday, October 25

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
- 10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, *Library*
- 5:00 p.m. Opening Doors, *Library*
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, October 26

- OFFICE CLOSED
- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
- 8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*

Saturday, October 27

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*
- 4:00 p.m. FALL FEST, *ST. JOHN'S CAMPUS*

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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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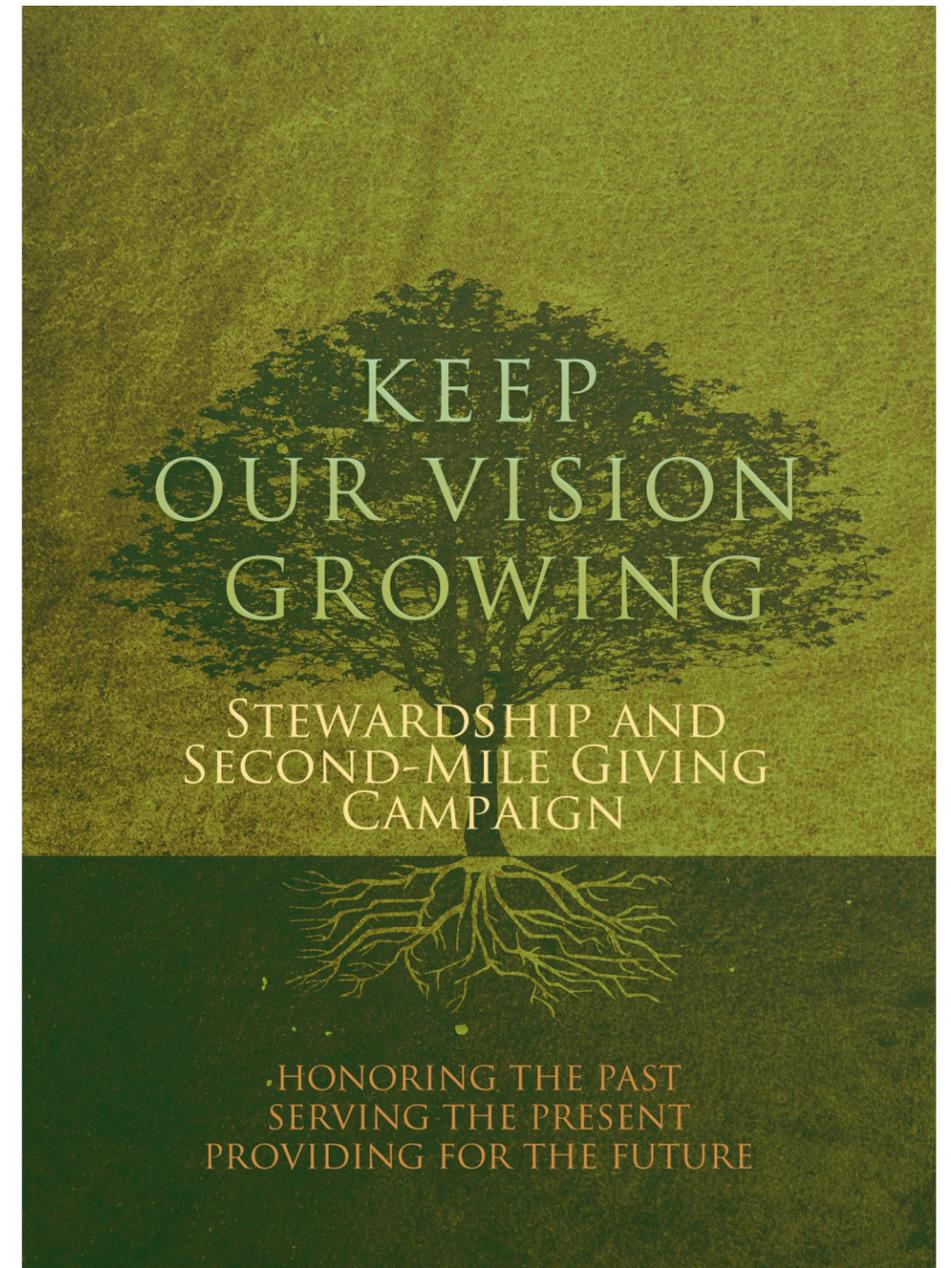
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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



October 21, 2018

8:30 a.m. *Worship Service*

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.