

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

AUGUST 5, 2018 at 8:30 A.M.

Welcome to All

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

✝ Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

UNITING WITH GOD

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ SONGS of PRAISE

I Love You, Lord

FWS 2068

**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.**

(REPEAT)

Jesus Be Praised

FWS 2079

**Jesus, we worship you; with our voices filled with praises,
Jesus, we worship you; songs of love we raise.
Jesus, Jesus be praised! Jesus, Jesus be praised!**

(REPEAT)

✝ CALL to WORSHIP

Kathy King

Dig deep for the courage that comes from the Lord.

**We will be strong and courageous, for the Lord, our God,
is with us wherever we go.**

Dare to face your brokenness, your anxieties, and your fears.

**We will be strong and courageous, for the Lord, our God,
is with us wherever we go.**

See all your potential and rest in the assurance that you are enough.

**We will be strong and courageous, for the Lord, our God,
is with us wherever we go.**

Come worship the Lord without fear, for you are accepted,
loved, and set free.

**Thanks be to God for the courage that comes to us in
unexpected ways along the journey of faith.**

✝ SONG of RESPONSE

Be Still My Soul

UMH 534, vs. 1

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

GROWING TOGETHER

PRESENTATION of BIBLES

St. John's UMW

*Students entering Kindergarten, 3rd grade, 6th grade, and 9th grade
are invited forward to receive a Bible on behalf of
the United Methodist Women (UMW).*

BLESSING of BACKPACKS

Pastor Lane

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

*Ushers will pass out folders during the Blessing of Backpacks. 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

Matthew 14:22-36

Pastor Deirdré

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

Thanks be to God.

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

Pastor Deirdré

RESPONDING WITH LOVE

✝ HYMN of FAITH

Jesus Is All the World to Me

UMH 469, vs. 1, 2, 4

✝ PRAYER of CONFESSION

Holy God,

we can be so full of fear at times –

afraid of the unknown;

afraid of what is beyond our control;

afraid of what is strange to us.

And we know that fear stops us in our tracks,

hinders our action, and gives us an excuse

for not doing what you call us to do

and what you empower us to do.

So we pray that you will give us courage, O God.

Give us strong hearts and open hands,

that we might set aside our fear,

and walk confidently into this world you have made

and into this time you've placed us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(a time for silent prayers and confession)

✝ WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

✝ SHARING *the* LOVE *and* PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* 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 *and* 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

Bless us and lift us up, O Lord.

We have been nourished by your presence

around your table of grace.

As we go from this place, give us courage and strength

to bravely and boldly witness to your love and power.

For we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

BOLDLY WE GO

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

Spirit Song

UMH 347

During the hymn, we invite you to bring forward The Shepherd's Market grocery bags.

✝ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✝ POSTLUDE

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

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.

BRAVE - OUR AUGUST WORSHIP SERIES

For most of us, bravery is not about doing the impossible, but about finding courage to face the everyday pressures and anxieties life throws our way. During the Sundays in August, we will discover how to be brave and what it means to fully rely on God's peace and promises in every situation. *Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* Joshua 1:9 Scripture for Sunday, August 12 is Esther 4:12-17.

DINNER AND DIALOGUE

On **Sunday, August 12** we will host a potluck dinner and dialogue about the Commission on A Way Forward, from 5 to 7 p.m. Our facilitators will be Revs. Jo Ann Cooper (former St. John's Associate Pastor) and Ed Cooper, co-pastors of First UMC, Pineville. We invite you to bring a dish to share and an openness to learn and be in fruitful conversation. After dinner, we will hear an overview about the Commission's proposals to the special session of General Conference about human sexuality, followed by tabletop dialogue, with questions that foster unity, build trust, and deepen our relationships with one another.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, August 7** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Judy Koonce will present a program about the temple in Jerusalem. All women are invited to attend.

The Mary Martha Circle will meet on **Tuesday August 14** at 7 p.m. in the parlor with a birthday party honoring 150 years of UMW. Kathleen Adams will present a program on the history and legacy of the UMW. All women are invited to attend.

HEAVENLY HASH RESUMES

We're revamping Heavenly Hash for the fall, and will be offering a Wednesday night supper **ONCE A MONTH** on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 5**. We'll be serving supper from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. You can arrive as your schedule permits.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Opening Doors' annual school supply drive has begun. There are blue tubs in the narthex and the Admin Building to collect your donations. Some suggested supplies are loose leaf paper, pencils, blue or black pens, 24-pack crayons, rulers, 3-subject spiral notebooks, or glue sticks. For a complete list, contact the church office or check the Friday Newsletter. Deadline for donations is **Monday, August 6**.

GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements for the second quarter 2018 have been sent out. If you have any questions, please contact our financial manager, LeAnn Davis at 766-4594 or leannDavis@stjohnsbr.org.

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

A survey on interest in fall Bible studies was distributed at both worship services on July 29. If you did not receive one and you are interested in participating in a Bible study, please contact Pastor Deirdre at 939-1425 or pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org to let her know your preference: Disciple I (32 weeks), Fast Track Disciple III (12 weeks), or a short-term study topics, for example, prayer, what it means to be the church, major characters of the Bible, women of the Bible (4, 6, or 8 weeks).

BOUNCE HOUSE

Today in the FLC during coffee time (9:30 - 9:45 a.m.), Summer Sunday School will have a belated celebration for the end of summer and the beginning of school with a Bounce House! All children and youth are invited to join in for a bouncing good time.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, August 5
GROCERY BAG SUNDAY
BLESSING OF BACKPACKS
PROMOTION SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*
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*
5:00 p.m. YOUTH GROUP: GRUB SUNDAY, *FLC*

Monday, August 6
9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, August 7
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
9:30 a.m. UMW Ruth Circle, *Parlor*
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*

Wednesday, August 8
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, *Choir Room*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

Thursday, August 9
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, August 10
OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*

Saturday, August 11
8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, *Essen Lane Piccadilly*
10:00 a.m. La. Conference UMW Committee, *Library*
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

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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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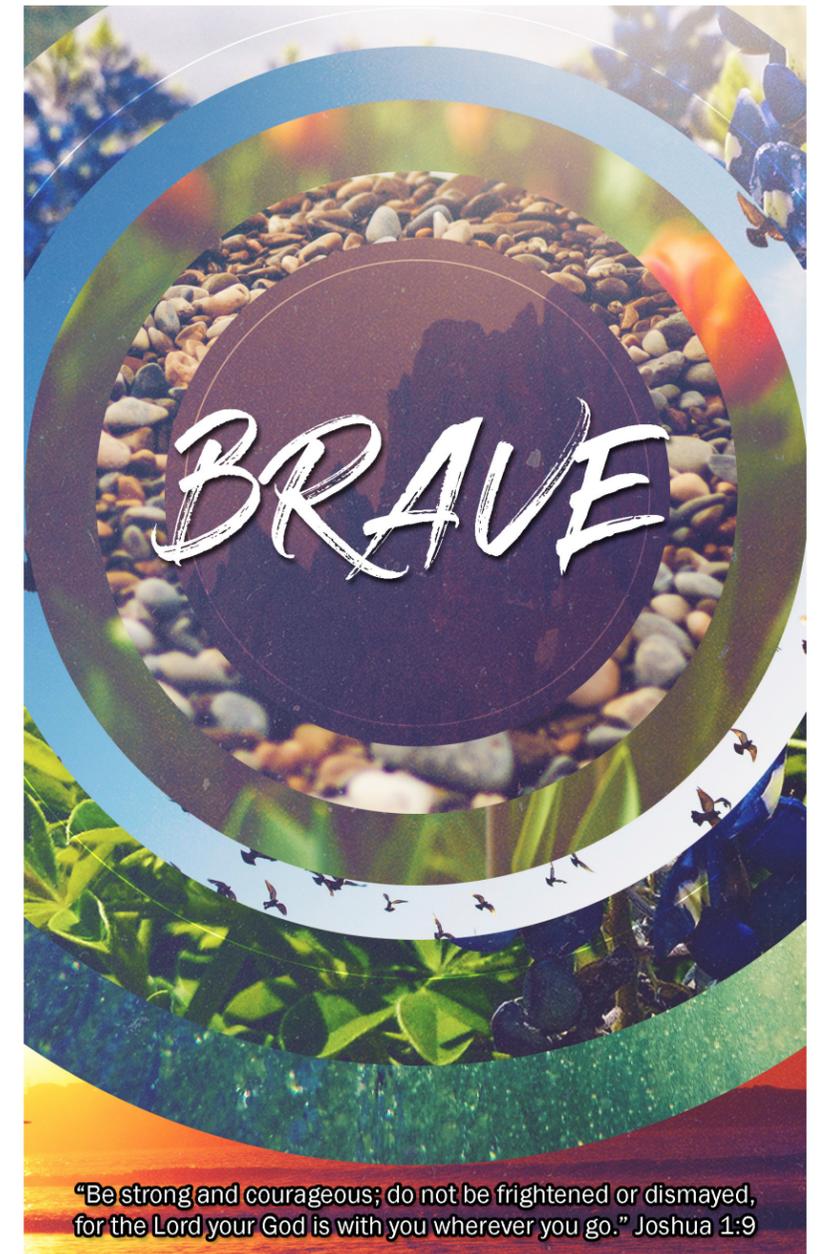
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ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



August 5, 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.