

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

January 13, 2019 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.*

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

## LOOKING UPWARD

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL to WORSHIP *Richard Damberg*

We gather together in the name of our God,  
the Maker of heaven and earth,  
**who calls us away from the customs and attitudes  
of the world around us, and invites us instead  
into a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ and one  
another.**

Let's worship God together!  
**May our worship be both an outward and visible  
gathering, as well as an inward and spiritual journey.  
Amen.**

✠ HYMN of PRAISE *This is the Day for New Beginnings* UMH 383, vs. 1-4

✠ PSALTER *Psalms 139, vs. 1-18* UMH 854

SUNG RESPONSE  
**Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and know my thoughts.**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!  
**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
You discern my thoughts from afar.**

You search out my path and my lying down, and  
are acquainted with all my ways.  
**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,  
You know it altogether.**

You pursue me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.  
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high, I cannot attain it.**

SUNG RESPONSE

Whither shall I go from your spirit?  
**Or whither shall I flee from your presence?**

If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!  
**If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the  
uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall  
lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**

If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"  
**Even the darkness is not dark to you,  
the night is bright as the day;  
for darkness is as light with you.**

SUNG RESPONSE

For it was you who formed my inward parts,  
**You knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful.  
**Wonderful are your works!**

You know me very well;  
**My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made  
in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;  
**In your book were written the days that were formed  
for me, every day, before they came into being.**

How profound to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
**If I would count them, they are more than the sand.  
When I awake, I am still with you.**

✠ 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.**

## GROWING UPWARD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Natalie Cooper*

*Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.*

*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.*

ANTHEM *Chancel Choir*  
*Something Beautiful*

SCRIPTURE *Richard Damberg*  
*Romans 12:1-2*

The Word of the Lord.  
**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 Lane*  
"Relationship with Self - An Inward Focus"

✠ HYMN of FAITH UMH 395, vs. 1-3  
*Take Time to be Holy*

PRAYER *Inspired by Psalm 139*  
**Creator God,  
You know me better than anyone else.  
You know me better than myself.  
You know what I am going to say before I say it.  
You love me exactly as I am.**

**You created me in my mother's womb.  
You made me the way I am for a purpose – your purpose.  
You had hopes and dreams for me before I was even born.  
And you love me exactly as I am.**

**Sometimes I want to run and hide my true self.  
Sometimes I don't want people to see the real me.  
But you are always with me, wherever I go,  
loving me exactly as I am.**

**By your grace, grant me the courage to be the real me.  
Help me to be the person you dreamed I would be.  
With your help I can be myself,  
because you love me exactly as I am.  
Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE UMH 395, vs. 4

*Take Time to be Holy*  
**Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.**

PASTORAL PRAYER UMH 895  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS to GOD UMH 95  
✠ DOXOLOGY

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

✠ WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER  
**I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside by thee.  
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure  
and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

## REACHING OUTWARD

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 UMH 410  
*I Want a Principle Within*

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given by Beverlye Patterson and Marilyn & Richard  
Damberg with thankful hearts for the glorious Christmas music and Cantata:  
Carrie Poynot, Terry Byars, Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, all musicians and  
narrators, and everyone involved for their hours of preparation.*

## 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.

### THE WESLEY CHALLENGE - SERIES AND STUDY

Make your New Years Resolution to develop a more authentic faith and join us for The Wesley Challenge built around 21 questions that John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, encouraged the first Methodists to ask one another.

Through this sermon series, the weekly devotional which are located at both exits, and the Tuesday night study we will explore how we can develop the spiritual habits, practices and actions that can lead to a thriving Christian life. For additional information contact Pastor Deirdre, 939-1425, or the office, 766-4594.

### YOUTH/PARENT MEETING

TODAY at 3 p.m., in the Family Life Center, youth and parents are encouraged to attend the first meeting about our summer trip to Kansas City, July 10-14, to attend the National United Methodist Youth Conference *Love Well - Youth 2019*. Please plan to attend this important, informative meeting.

### CENTENARY CHOIR CONCERT - JANUARY 26

Mark your calendar! On Saturday, January 26 at 7 p.m. the Centenary Choir will be performing at St. John's.

We are still looking for folks to host the students in their home for that Saturday night after the concert. Please contact the church office if you are willing to act as a host home: phone (766-4594) or email (office@stjohnsbr.org).

### FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY

Spring 2019 Fast Track Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, February 5 at 6 p.m. in the library. If you want to know more about the Bible, want to study in a relaxed, small group atmosphere, want to study with others on their journey through the Bible join us for this 12-week study of **Luke and Acts**. Please use the form in today's bulletin to register for the class. Study books are \$20.

### 2019 FLOWER CHART

The flower chart for 2019 is now up on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Admin/Education Building. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one, flowers on the altar to glorify God is a beautiful way to do so. For your convenience, Heroman's on Staring (769-9898) has a key to the sanctuary and will deliver to the church on Saturday afternoon.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The books in the 2019 UMW Reading Program are now available for checkout from the church library in a special marked area. If you have not started your reading program, now is a great time to begin. While this program is for UMW members to earn a certificate of completion for one of the four reading plans, the books are available for anyone to read.

United Methodist Women Sunday will be held at St. John's on Sunday, January 27, with a guest speaker and awards presentations. A reception hosted by the UMW will be held during coffee time in the FLC following the 8:30 a.m. service.

### SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, February 10 from 4 - 6 p.m. we will be having a **Hymn Fest, State of the Church and potluck**. We will begin in the Sanctuary with the Chancel Choir, Alleluia Ringers, and Praise Team providing special music, as well as accompanying the congregation in singing some of their favorite hymns. A love offering will be taken in support of the our church's music ministries (Write "Music" on the memo of your check, please). A potluck will follow in the FLC with a State of the Church address by our church leadership.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday, January 13

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  
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FLC  
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

### Monday, January 14

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  
4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

### Tuesday, January 15

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  
6:30 p.m. Wesley Challenge Study, Library

### Wednesday, January 16

10:00 a.m. Spanish Refresher, Library  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

### Thursday, January 17

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
3:30 p.m. VIPS Everybody Reads, Library  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

### Friday, January 18

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

### Saturday, January 19

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

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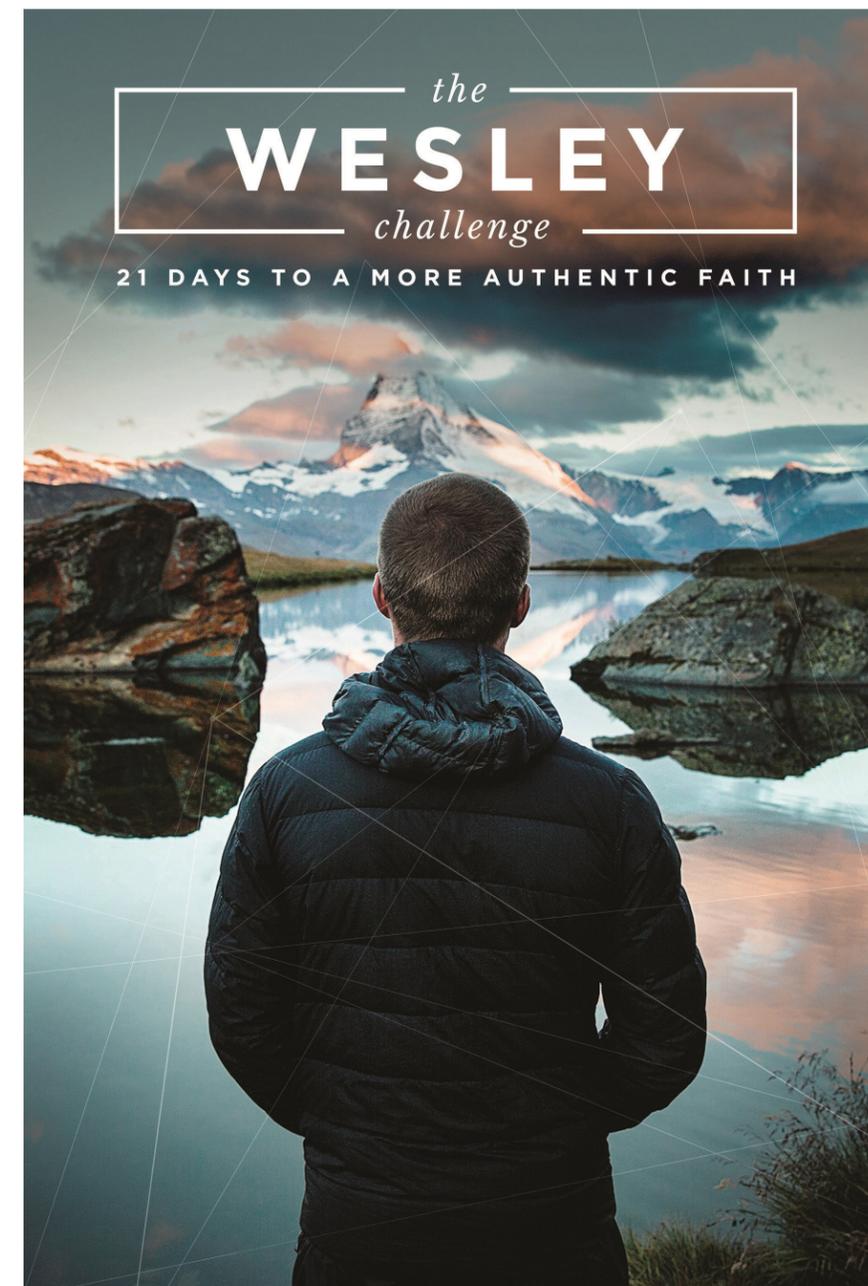
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January 13, 2019  
11 a.m. Worship Service

*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.*