

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

JANUARY 13, 2019 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.

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

LOOKING UPWARD

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

Christ Beside Me FWS 2166

**Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me - King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me - never to part.**

**Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me - shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising - light of my life.**

Sanctuary FWS 2164

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.
(REPEAT)**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Rev. Marie Williams

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.**

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

Seek Ye First UMH 405

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia, alleluia!
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia, alleluia!**

GROWING INWARD

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.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-2

Rev. Marie Williams

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

“Relationship With Self - An Inward Focus”

Pastor Lane

✠ HYMN of FAITH

I Want a Principle Within

UMH 410, vs. 1-3

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

**In the days that have been, O God,
we have walked along crooked paths,
strewn with our selfishness and greed,
our prejudice, and our apathy.
We confess that we have hidden from the light,
from the light which exposes everything,
the love and the hate, the good deeds and
the harmful ones in this world.**

**Help us be aware of our faults and limitations,
but also not be so concerned with self
that we forget your purpose for our lives.**

On this day we admit to you our failings.

We confess to you our sins.

**In the days to come, remind us of your love
and grace.**

Show us your power to transform hearts and minds,

beginning with our own.

In Christ we pray. Amen.

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is my joy to tell you
that in Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for this gift! Alleluia. Amen.

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

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS to GOD

Be Thou My Vision

✠ 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* LORD'S SUPPER

- ♦ *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 at the station on the right.*
- ♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

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

FWS 2158

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

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

*The flowers on the altar are given by Beverly 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*
3:00 p.m. Youth/Parent Meeting, *FLC*
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*
7:00 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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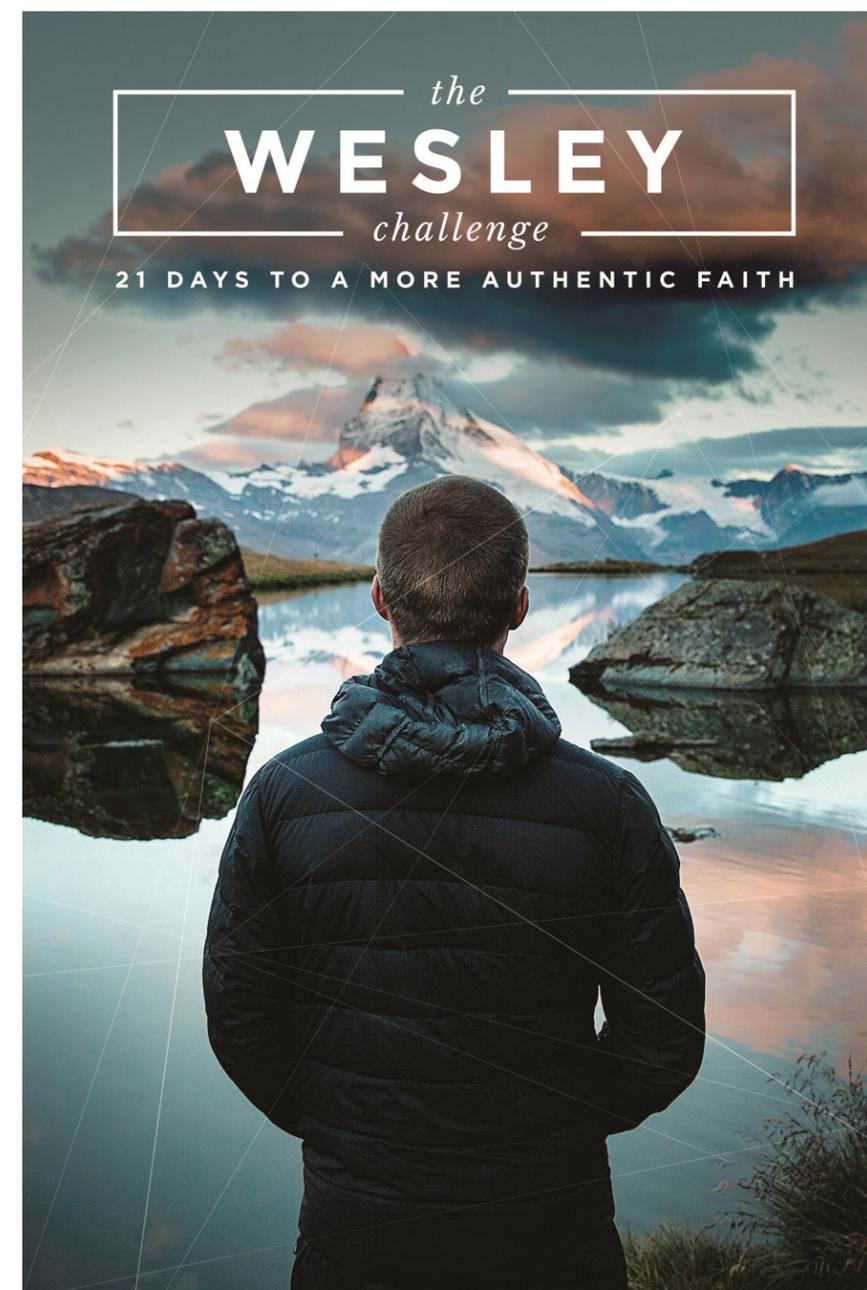
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



January 13, 2019

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.