

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

OCTOBER 7, 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.

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

GATHERING WITH GOD

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

FWS 2031

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

**And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.**

REPEAT

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Guy Johnson

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

Fill My Cup, Lord

UMH 641

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.

Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.

**Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.**

GROWING

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Darlene Dickson

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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Guy Johnson

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

“Growing Through Gratitude”

Pastor Lane

RESPONDING WITH THANKS

✠ HYMN of FAITH

Give Thanks

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✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

Living Christ,

**who is with us by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we confess that we often ignore your presence.**

**Sometimes we live as if you are centuries removed from
us, rather than a trusted companion,
who desires our health and well-being.**

**Sometimes our lives are great, and we are kind
and generous.**

**Yet, sometimes our lives are great, and
we forget to show our gratitude and humility.**

**We trust that in the jumble of all of this,
you are present.**

**We trust that you are with us, walking with us
when we stray, so we thank you, and ask for your
forgiveness, and pray that you will stay with us
throughout the journey. Amen.**

(a time for silent prayer and confession.)

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE & PARDON

The table of blessing is set before us.

We have God’s gracious gifts as a heritage.

God’s mercy is found in our yesterdays, todays, and tomorrows.

**Let us live in the mercy and new life God offers us
through Jesus Christ.**

✠ SHARING the LOVE & PEACE of CHRIST

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS

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 and CUP

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH 618

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

- ♦ 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

UMH 630

Become to Us the Living Bread

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 the Family Life Center to visit our Missions Fair and for refreshments.

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Dale Michael Cooper on what would have been his 60th birthday from Lynn, Paul, Natalie, Kellen, Madeline, and Elizabeth Cooper.

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.

YOUTH "LAST CHANCE" POOL PARTY

The Youth will be having a "Last Chance to Beat the Heat Before it Starts Cooling Down" Pool Party this afternoon (October 7) from **3:30 - 6 p.m.** at Pastor Deirdre's house (10367 Rustic Oak Drive). Parents are to drop their youth off at 3:30 p.m. and pick them up promptly at 6 p.m. There will also be grilled hamburgers and all the trimmings. If anyone needs a ride, please contact Amy at amyfine@stjohnsbr.org.

UMW MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

The UMW Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, October 9** at 7 p.m. in the parlor. Pat Cobb will present the program. All women are invited to attend.

PRIME TIMERS

Saturday, October 13 is the second Saturday of the month. That means the Prime Timers will be getting together at the Piccadilly on Essen around 8:30 a.m. for a Dutch breakfast (buffet or short-order grill). You don't have to be in your prime to join us, we welcome any and all ages!

FALL BLOOD DRIVE

St. John's is holding a blood drive on **Sunday October 21**, 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.

FALL FEST

The 2018 Fall Fest will be held **Saturday October 27** from 4 - 6 p.m. on church grounds. We had a wonderful turnout last year and in order to make this Fall Fest even better we know we will need **VOLUNTEERS** to help set up, run, and take down the game tables and set up and take down the food tables as well serve the food.

Many, many thanks to those who donated candy and small party favors for game prizes - we have received more than we hoped for. We do need monetary donations to help defray the cost of food and paperware (checks can be made out to St. John's UMC, with fall fest in the memo line). Please contact Pastor Deirdre at pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org or 939-1425, if you are able to help in any way.

BOY SCOUT CHICKEN DINNER TICKET SALE

Boy Scout Troop 505 will begin selling tickets on Sunday, October 14, 21, and 28 for their Chicken Dinner Takeout as well as taking pre-orders for Christmas greenery. They will be selling before and after both worship services.

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 7

8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, *FLC*
9:30 a.m. MISSIONS FAIR, *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 8

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 9

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*
5:45 p.m. Communications Team
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, *FLC-A*
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*
7:00 p.m. UMW Mary Martha Circle, *Parlor*

Wednesday, October 10

10:00 a.m. Spanish Refresher, *Library*
3:30 p.m. Everybody Reads Training, *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 11

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 13

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, *Essen Lane Piccadilly*
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

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Ushers: Beth Forester, Barbara Benton, Mike and Sally Allen; Host: Bobbi Marino

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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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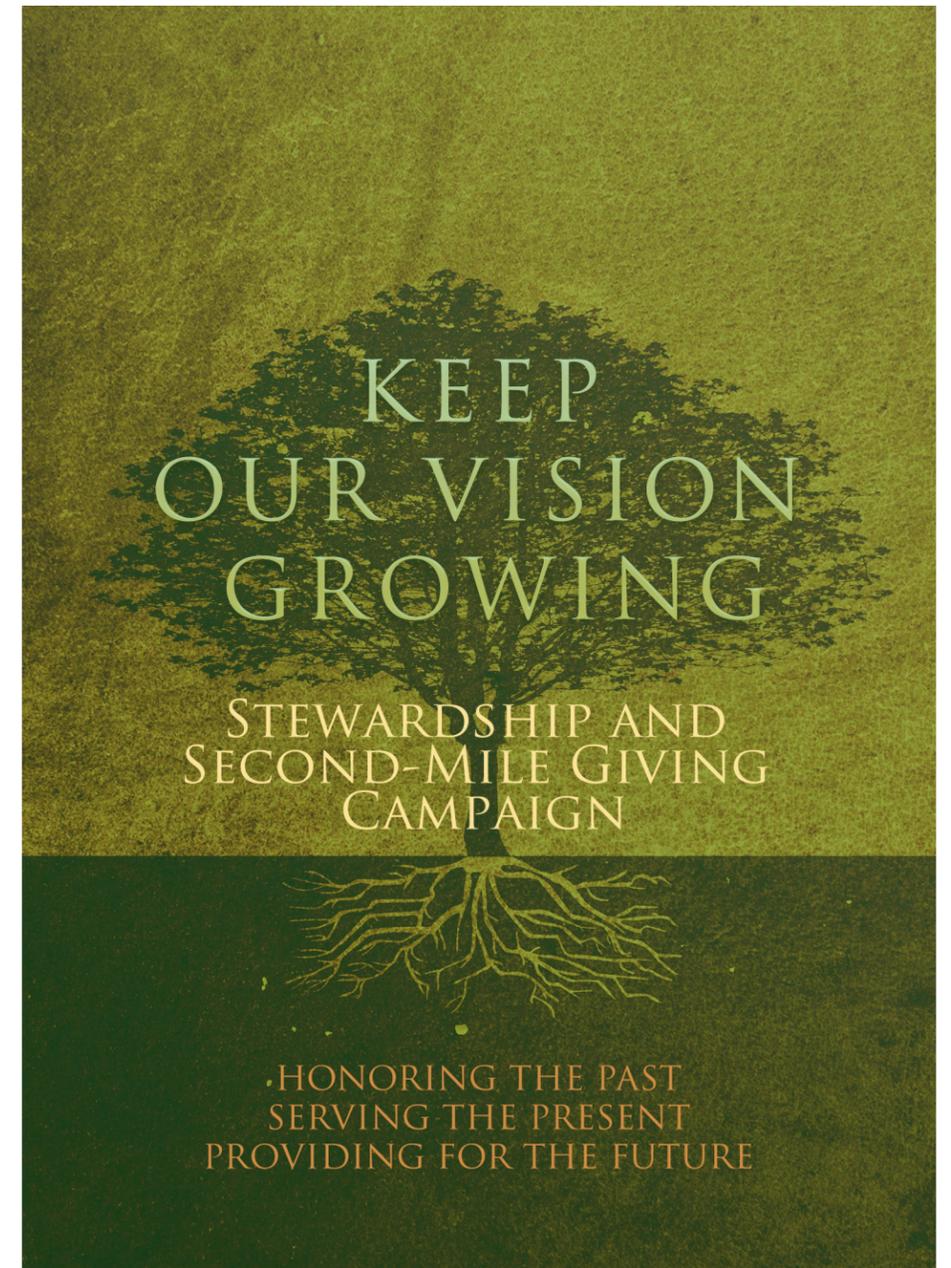
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



October 7, 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.