

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

SEPTEMBER 2, 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

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

† SONGS of PRAISE

Gather Us In FWS 2236, vs 1

**Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

Come! Come! Everybody Worship FWS 2271, vs 1 & 2

**Worship and remember to keep the Sabbath day.
Take a rest and think of God; put your work away!
Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!
Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!
Worship and remember the Lord's unending care,
reaching out to love and help people everywhere!
Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!
Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!**

† CALL to WORSHIP Mike Allen

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.
**Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts
for others.**

Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.
Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.
**Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your
Words of Life by living lives of hope and peace. Amen.**

† SONG of RESPONSE

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love FWS 2223, vs 1

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ben Hartman

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 Mike Allen

James 1:17-27

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

“Everyday Saints”

RESPONDING

† HYMN of FAITH UMH 714, vs. 1-3

I Know Whom I Have Believed

† PRAYER of CONFESSION

**God of justice and righteousness,
Your call beckons to us:
to live faithful lives, to turn from wickedness,
to walk in your ways;
yet it is so easy to turn aside:
to speak a thoughtless word, to ignore those in need,
to strike out in anger, to forget your ways.**

Forgive us.

**Implant your word in our hearts, and cleanse us
from all evil.**

**By the power of your love, save our souls, that we
might faithfully serve you. Amen.**

(a time for silent prayers and confession)

† WORDS of ASSURANCE & PARDON

Every good and perfect gift is from God, including the gift of
forgiveness and grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

† SHARING the LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST *Based on James 1*

You are God's beloved children. Look into one another's face to see
the beauty of God's presence. Share the Lord's peace with gladness.

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

**Bountiful God,
we give you thanks that you have refreshed us
at your table by granting us the presence of Christ.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 FWS 2239

Go Ye, Go Ye into the World

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 for refreshments.

*The flowers on the altar are given by Morgan Dynes to St. John's
for your love, kind words, and support toward me this summer.*

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.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERIES

"HOW TO...A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO EVERYDAY LIFE"

The epistle of James is one of the most practical books in the Bible. This short letter takes a no-nonsense approach to life. For James, our faith is to be expressed outwardly and practiced in community. He is straightforward and direct, with a call to put our faith into action. Join us each Sunday in September as we discover how to live out our faith in Jesus Christ as we study the epistle of James.

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.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

One of St. John's core values is Spiritual Growth. Beginning in the month of September we will have three different ways to grow in our spiritual life through prayer, reading the Bible, and faith formation. We hope you will find one that works for you:

90 Day Bible Reading Challenge began **Saturday, September 1**

Monthly Faith Formation begins **Wednesday, September 5** at 6:30 p.m.

6-week study on prayer begins **Wednesday, September 12** at 6:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE - DAYS FOR GIRLS BEGINS SOON

The UMW is sponsoring 3 more work days to make 75 additional kits for the Days for Girls project. These kits will contain reusable feminine hygiene projects for girls in developing countries who are missing school because of a lack of available products. We will meet in the FLC on **Saturday, September 8, 15, and 22** from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We can use YOU! Sewers and non-sewers are needed to cut fabric, iron, sew, serge, apply snaps, insert drawstrings, and assemble kits. **All are welcome.** If you would like more information contact Joyce Perry at 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net. Check out their website at www.daysforgirls.org.

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION TO CUBA

Volunteers from St. John's will be members of two VIM (Volunteers in Mission) teams on a mission to Cuba from October 22 to November 2. During the month of September, they are asking for donations of vitamins (NO gummies, please), over the counter medicines such as ibuprofen, anti-diarrheal, laxatives, ointments, etc., (NO gel caps, please) and band-aids to help supply the traveling nurse at the Havana Methodist Conference Center with these scarce items that are distributed throughout the country. There will be a blue tub in the Narthex and in the Admin Building for your donations. For more information contact Susan Johnston at 773-9563.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Young Adult Sunday School class is extending an open invitation to all young adults to join them for an interesting and timely class on the weekly scripture reading from the worship service. They meet in room 202 of the Admin Building from 10 - 10:45 a.m.

UMW PRESENTS "A NIGHT OF HUMOR"

St. John's UMW invites everyone to join them on **Sunday, September 16** at 6 p.m. in the FLC as Pastor Connie Saizon presents "A Night of Humor." Rev. Saizon is known to many in the Louisiana Conference through her ministry of "Travelin' Light."

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, September 4**, at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Judy Koonce will present "A Day of Bread in the Time of Jesus." All women are invited to attend

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, September 2

GROCERY BAG 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*
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, September 3

OFFICE CLOSED

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Off Campus*
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, September 4

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

Wednesday, September 5

10:00 a.m. Spanish Refresher, *Library*
3:00 p.m. VIPs: Everybody Reads Training, *Library*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
5:30 p.m. Heavenly Hash, *FLC*
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation, *Location TBA*
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, *Choir Room*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

Thursday, September 6

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, September 7

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*

Saturday, September 8

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, *Essen Lane Piccadilly*
9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, *FLC*
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
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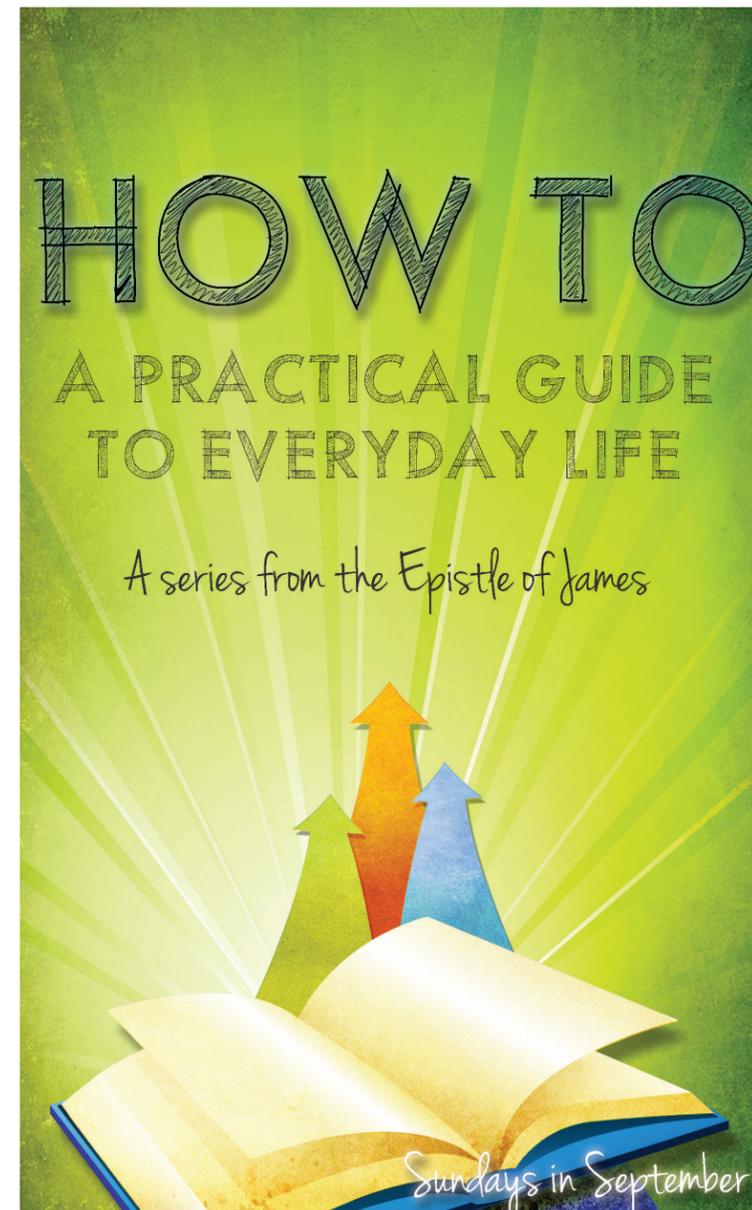
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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



September 2, 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.