

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

August 11, 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.

GATHERING *with* GOD

BELL TOLL

The tolling of the bell invites you into a time of centering and stillness.

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206, vs. 1

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454, vs. 1

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Sing a new song to the Lord!

Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

Sing to the Lord; bless God's holy name.

Each day proclaim the good news that God saves.

Publish the glorious deeds among the nations.

Tell everyone about the amazing things God does.

For great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord and worthy of our praise! Amen.

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

Make Me a Servant

FWS 2176

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.

LISTENING *to* GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Morgan Dynes

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

Luke 12:32-40, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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

"It Isn't Easy"

Rev. Larry Norman

RESPONDING *to* GOD'S GRACE

✠ HYMN *of* FAITH

UMH 428

For the Healing of the Nations

✠ PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

If we claim to have fellowship with him, yet walk

in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,

we have fellowship with one another, and the blood

of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we

deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Most holy and merciful Father,

we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned
against you by what we have done, and by what we have
left undone.

We have not loved you with our
whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.

Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father;
and free us from our sin.

Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

✠ WORDS *of* ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

Repent and believe the good news. You are a beloved and forgiven child of God.

You are a beloved and forgiven child of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS *to* GOD

Let There Be Peace on Earth

✠ DOXOLOGY

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!

UMH 94

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Our sung communion responses are from
The Faith We Sing Hymnal #2275

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

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.*
- ♦ *Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it at the station in front of the pulpit.*
- ♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us
in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal realm.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

DEPARTING *to* SERVE

INVITATION *to* CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.

✠ HYMN *of* DISCIPLESHIP

Together We Serve

FWS 2175

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

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

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 journey to a deeper faith life can be summed up in three words: Listen, Love, Leap! God is constantly speaking to people, but too often we struggle to hear and discern the message. Our summer series calls us to quiet our thoughts and hearts and listen to what God has to say. Our obedience to this simple discipline opens our hearts to LOVE God and neighbors in deeper and more holy ways. Join us as we continue to open our hearts and minds to God's surprising Word, as we Love (Sundays in July) and Leap (Sundays in August).

MARY MARTHA UMW CIRCLE

The Mary Martha UMW Circle will meet on **Tuesday August 13** at 7 p.m. in the parlor. All women are invited to attend.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

We will be offering two sessions of Disciple Fast Track Bible study this fall on "The Prophets." This 12-week study includes sessions on the Old Testament Major and Minor Prophets (except Daniel). The study will begin on **Monday, September 9**; you may choose to attend at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. Please use the registration form in today's bulletin to register.

ONE-DAY MISSION TO ST. MARK'S

St. John's next mission to St. Mark's will be a one-day mission on **Sunday, August 25**. For those of you who could not go on the three-day mission this will be an excellent opportunity to participate. The Meal Preparation Team will be leaving St. John's at 5:30 a.m. in order to get the meal ready to serve after the worship service. Others may join the mission at 9 a.m. to help with worship and serve the meal. For more information on the meal prep contact Kathleen Adams at 921-2664. While there is no cost to participate, **ALL VOLUNTEERS must register** with Rev. Larry Norman at 933-1881.

DINNER THEATER?

On **Sunday, August 18**, at 3 p.m., there will be an organizational meeting in the parlor to evaluate interest in a Dinner Theater at St. John's. Help make it happen! We will need actors, costumes, set constructors, backstage personnel—all are needed. There are twelve acting parts: six women and six men, ranging in age from youth to middle age.

Scripts and descriptions of the characters will be available. If you have an interest in helping with any part of the play, please come to the meeting; no acting experience is necessary. For additional information contact Pastor Deirdre or Guy Johnson (225-766-7931).

DAYS FOR GIRLS IN SEPTEMBER

The UMW is sponsoring 3 more work days to make 50 additional kits for the Days for Girls project. These kits will contain reusable feminine hygiene products for girls in third world countries who are missing school because of a lack of available products. We will meet in the Family Life Center on consecutive Saturdays, **September 14, 21, and 28** from 9 a.m. – noon. Sewers and non-sewers are needed. Donations needed: hotel or travel-size soap (most needed); new, girls cotton panties size 10, 12, or 14 in dark to medium colors, solids or flowers, no characters or animals; new colored washcloths, gallon freezer Ziploc bags (zipper only), or cash to purchase fabric. Contact Joyce Perry (978-2206) for more information.

REFRESH!

The Board of Discipleship has planned a Youth and Children's Ministry Conference that will be held **September 6 & 7 (or 8)** at the Wesley Center. Refresh! is a conference that will provide new ideas and renewed energy to those who devote so much to ensure the next generation (our children) is nurtured in the Christian faith. If you are involved in St. John's Children's or Youth Ministries and are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Deirdre.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School began this week for most children. The deadline for donating school supplies is tomorrow, August 12. Thank you so much for responding to our appeal, your donations are much appreciated.

SOLES 4 SOULS

The Soles 4 Souls mission project (collecting new and gently worn shoes in all sizes) is in full swing! There are blue tubs in the narthex and in the hallway of the Admin Building to place your donations. Please have all donated shoes at the church by August 31.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, August 11

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, August 12

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

Tuesday, August 13

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
2:00 p.m. Reading Connection, *Library*
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, *FLC-A*
7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW, *Parlor*

Wednesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 15

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, *Library*
7:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, August 16

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

Saturday, August 17

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

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August 11, 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.