

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

January 26, 2020 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.

GATHERING In GOD'S NAME

WORDS of GRACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Guests, friends, members, welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. Please feel free to participate in ways that you feel led and comfortable or just observe, if you prefer. We welcome your presence among us.

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

INTROIT

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CALL to WORSHIP

Rev. Janet Hogstrom

God of mission, you remind us this morning once again to seek your kingdom first,

God of abundant living, you call us to steep our lives in your initiatives.

God of grace, you summon us back to your kingdom, as the goal and purpose of our lives.

God of faith, hope, and love, you fit your daughters and sons for various activities for the sake of your mission.

Most holy God, you call us to live out your Gospel through word and deed,

**by public and personal witnessing,
through acts of charity and works of mercy.**

O God of mystery, we are constantly surprised by the working of your Spirit in our midst.

O Holy Spirit, continue to guide us, as we offer ourselves to your bidding, and commit ourselves to work for the reign of God here and afar.

HYMN of PRAISE

O Church of God, United

UMH 547

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

Tommie Reinhardt

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.

† GLORIA PATRI

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.

MISSION RECOGNITION PRESENTATION

The Special Mission Recognition Awards are given to honor those who have dedicated time, talent, and service to mission and St. John's. The awards include a pin, a certificate, and a monetary gift to UMW Mission in the honor of each recipient.

Pat Lively

LISTENING to GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Barbara Benton

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.

† PSALTER

Daphne Grady

PSALM 8, UMH 743

SUNG RESPONSE

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation.

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Your glory is chanted above the heavens
by the mouth of babes and infants:
**you have set up a defense against your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

SUNG RESPONSE

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you have established;

What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
and mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
You have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SUNG RESPONSE

† SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 4:4-6; John 10:27-30

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Amy Fine

Ms. Julia Carnes

RESPONDING to GOD'S MERCY

† HYMN of FAITH

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

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OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

Rev. Janet Hogstrom

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Order My Steps

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.

DEPARTING to SERVE

PRAYER of SENDING FORTH

Rev. Janet Hogstrom

God of goodness and mercy, who creates and holds us together with bonds of divine love, show us the path to unity.

Shine your eternal and glorious light into our hearts so that our lives might reflect your all-encompassing love.

Unite us in spirit as we prepare to depart.

Make our hearts burn with love and compassion as we gaze into the faces of the poor, the desperate and the marginalized.

Inflame us with passion to discern and follow your will in all ways.

Strengthen us to be good stewards of all your creation and of the bountiful resources you have entrusted to us.

Open our ears to the whisperings of the angels and the song of the universe as we, the family of humankind, kneel in reverence and humility before your goodness and grace. Amen.

prayer by Betty Schroeder

INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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† BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are in memory of and in honor of United Methodist Women past, present, and future.

Don't forget to pick up a yellow grocery bag for next week's Grocery Bag Sunday.

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.

CHURCH ATTIC CLEANING ON SATURDAY

The Trustees extend an invitation to everyone to help clean out the Admin Building attic on Saturday, February 1 at 8:30 a.m. John Buckley is bringing his trailer to help haul off items.

DAYS FOR GIRLS IN FEBRUARY

The UMW is sponsoring work days to make 100 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 the following Saturdays, February 8, 22, and 29, from 9 a.m. – noon. We need a few donations: (1) new girls cotton panties (briefs) sizes 10, 12, or, 14, solids or flowers, no characters or animals (2) new colored washcloths, (3) Gallon Freezer Ziploc (Brand) Bags, (No sliders), or 4) cash to purchase fabric. You were so generous last time; we have some supplies left over. For more information contact Joyce Perry at 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net. All are welcome. Sewers and non-sewers are needed.

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

The children, staff, and families of Charlie Thomas Head Start Center are joining us for a special morning of worship and celebration in the sanctuary on Saturday, February 15 at 10 a.m. There will be lots of singing, dancing and showcasing talents. Please come and welcome our neighbors! Following the service, the UMW will host a simple lunch in the gym where all can gather for food and fellowship. Help is needed to hand out programs and direct people to seating and afterwards to the lunch in the FLC. If you can help, contact Betty Schroeder (939-6981 or drbschroeder@att.net).

REDISCOVERING THE ART OF CONVERSATION

Save the Date: Friday evening, March 6 and Saturday morning, March 7.

How do we have difficult conversations about things that really matter to us in a way that respects the dignity of others and self, even when we do not agree? This question will set the tone for our time in this learning experience, led by Rev. Dr. Craig Gilliam. We invite you to come join us.

YOUTH AND PARENT MISSION FAIR

Youth and Parents: Please join us TODAY, January 26 from 4-6 p.m. for "Everything Mission!" We will meet in the Family Life Center at 4 p.m. and have an informative conversation about our June Mission trip and all that will be happening leading up to it, followed by a dinner! Youth will begin selling shares of stock next Sunday for their summer mission trip.

NEW MONTHLY FAMILY MINISTRY COMING IN FEBRUARY

Once a month, on the second Saturday of the month, deepen your faith as a family at "Faith Friends," an engaging and interactive program from 3 - 4:30 p.m. Parents, grandparents, and others helping raise children will take part in a small group led by Pastor Lane on how to bring my faith into the home. You will leave each session with tools, ideas, and helpful hints on how to share meaningful and faith-filled experiences with your family. Children, led by Pastor Deirdre, and Youth, led by Amy Fine, will have their own breakout sessions, too, with spiritual enrichment and age-appropriate fun and fellowship. Mark your calendar for Faith Friends from 3-4:30 p.m. on February 8 and every second Saturday of each month!

FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY

Guy Johnson will be teaching the second session of Disciple Fast Track III, The Letters of Paul, beginning Monday February 10 at 10 a.m. The study book will cost \$20, scholarships are available. A registration form will be in next week's Sunday bulletin or you can call the office (766-4594) to register.

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

Families in Transition (FIT), a program of Opening Doors, is accepting applications for its next family. FIT assists families by assigning volunteer mentors to work with them for 6 months to find services in the community or budgeting help to assist with needs identified by each family. The criteria for becoming a FIT family are either be a current member of St John's UMC or reside in either 70808, 70809, 70810, or 70820 zip codes. Contact the church office for a copy of the application.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, January 26

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
- 9:30 a.m. UMW Reception, *FLC*
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, January 27

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

Tuesday, January 28

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
- 4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Wednesday, January 29

- 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, January 30

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, January 31

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
- 10:00 a.m. VIPS Reading Training, *Library*

Saturday, February 1

- 8:00 a.m. Quilts of Valor, *FLC*
- 8:30 a.m. Attic Cleaning, *Admin Building*
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

CONNECT WITH ST. JOHN'S

TEXTING: St. John's sends out timely reminders about church events via text message. Email the office (office@stjohnsbr.org) requesting that you be signed up for the texting service.

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER: Our Friday Newsletter keeps you up to date about all the happenings around St. John's, including worship information, special events, and service opportunities.

INSIDE ST. JOHN'S EMAIL: This new email is in addition to our Friday e-newsletter, and geared towards our active members and friends. It includes prayer requests, birthdays, anniversaries, celebrations, memorial and funeral announcements, and other St. John's family news.

This email will not be sent to you unless you request it. If you would like to receive this new weekly email, fill out the form that can be found in the Narthex or the hallway of the Admin Building; you may also contact Lynn in the church office at 225-766-4594 or office@stjohnsbr.org.

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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.