

# Finding **God** in the Flames



CAMPFIRE STORIES FROM SCRIPTURE

Sunday, June 19, 2022

**11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

All Are Welcome

*"A perpetual fire shall be kept burning on the altar; it shall not go out."*

Leviticus 6:13

*Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance (scan the QR code in the pew) so we know you're here and we can get to know you better.*

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# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## OUR MISSION

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.

## OUR VISION

Our church will be known as a center for feeding people spiritually and physically in our community.

## OUR CORE VALUES

We believe the following guiding principles make us a fruitful and spiritually intentional church:

- Fellowship: A sense of family, hospitality, and belonging to an open, accepting, and nurturing community.
- Caring: Loving response to needs of all people through empathy and compassion.
- Mission: giving of ourselves to meet and serve the needs of all others by faithful witness through our actions, servanthood and way of living.
- Spiritual Growth: Studying, understanding and growing in the word of God by Christ-centered prayer, worship and service through discipleship in action.

## OUR CONTACT INFO

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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*

# GUEST INFORMATION

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. Our ushers are happy to assist you in anyway. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

*Thank you for being here.*

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We fully welcome and love engaging children in worship! We include a special Children's Moment each Sunday.

- **The St. John's Playground** is located in the front of the sanctuary. This is a place for children and their families to worship together, allowing children to more fully participate in the service. More details about the Playground may be found on our website.
- A staffed **nursery** for infants through preschool is open every Sunday morning and is located next door in our Education/Administration building.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms in the back of the sanctuary and in our nursery.
- Children are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**, which is served weekly at 8:30 a.m. and on the first Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free elements are also available.
- **Sunday School** is offered for children starting at age 3 through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

*Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.*

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# GATHERING AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

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

Prelude

Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Joyce Perry

Lord, stoke the embers of our hearts;

**Stir our souls to burning.**

Clear away the weariness of the week,

**And turn our focus fully to you.**

Warm us by your steady presence,

**And restore us to your glory!**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Near to the Heart of God*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 472, vs. 1 - 3

**\*Affirming Our Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 881

Joyce Perry

**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.**

**\*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ**

# **FANNING THE FLAMES**

**Children's Moment**

Heather Durham

**Prayer for Illumination**

Joyce Perry

**Holy One,  
We come before you today  
full of hope,  
full of desire,  
full of promise.**

**Connect our hearts to the eternal flame of your Spirit  
and open our lives to what you have for us today.  
Grant us a spirit of calm and compassion and give us the  
confidence and strength needed to face the future unafraid.  
Amen.**

**Scripture**

Joyce Perry

Leviticus 6:8-13

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

Pastor Lane

Our Campfire Story:  
"The Eternal Flame"

# **FEEDING THE FIRE**

**\*Hymn of Faith**

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2128, vs. 1, 3

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God**

*Meditation on Turtle Dove*  
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams  
featuring Lois Kuyper-Rushing on oboe

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You may give online at [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://stjohnsbr.org/give).*

**\*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!**

## **SHARING THE LIGHT**

**Call to Action**

*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**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 420, vs. 1, 3, 4

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

**\*Postlude**

Terry Byars

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

**Worship Stewards**

Ushers in today's service are Susanna Seals and Scott Durham.

**Flowers on the Altar**

The flowers on the altar are in thanksgiving for this day the Lord had made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Next Week in Worship

Next Sunday, June 26, Rev. Callie Winn Crawford, will conclude our June worship series, "Finding God in the Flames: Campfire Stories from Scripture." Throughout the month, we are reading stories and passages in scripture that reference fire and flame. Her message will be inspired by Luke 9:49-56, a time when the disciples wanted to rebuke and rain fire down on those who are not "one of us." Join us in worship next Sunday as we find out what Jesus has to say in response. Rev. Callie is Pastor Lane's "elder older sister," and is retired from full-time pastoral ministry. Her most recent ministry setting was as the Senior Pastor of Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church in New Orleans.

## New Series for July: "Upside Down Living"

In our July worship series, "Upside Down Living: Parables with a Punch," we will take a look at several of the parables that Jesus told. Stories open our minds to new ideas and different perspectives with power to spark emotions and inspire change. For centuries, stories and parables have challenged us, helping us make sense of our lives. In just three years, Jesus Christ, one history's greatest storytellers, captivated crowds and answered questions with stories. In this new series, we explore some of the parables of Jesus that literally turned ideas about life, love, and faith upside down and continue to forever change the world. *Rev. Marie Williams will get the series started on July 3 with Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37.*

## Summer Sunday School - "Spirited Praise"

"Spirited Praise" our one room Sunday School for K-5th graders continues for the months of June and July. Kids will start with music led by Dr. Steve Rushing and then will enjoy a lesson and activities led by volunteers from our adult Sunday School classes. Parents: please drop off and pick up your children in the FLC (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.)

## The Shepherd's Market Returns to Client-Choice Shopping

The Shepherd's Market food pantry has returned to client-choice shopping. We are having an exciting and joy-filled time as we welcome our neighbors back inside for a hot meal, fellowship, and pantry shopping. Volunteers are always welcome Mondays from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 - 10 a.m.

## Youth Summer Schedule

Typical Summer Youth Schedule: Sundays, 3-4:30 p.m.; Mondays, The Shepherd's Market 3 - 5:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

**Additionally, Evan needs volunteers to help him on Sundays.**

**Please reach out and volunteer to serve! His email is [evangager@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:evangager@stjohnsbr.org).**

## GriefShare

We are beginning a new session of GriefShare **Thursday, June 30 at 6 p.m.** in the Parlor. This is a 13-week grief recovery program that will help you on your journey through the loss of a loved one. GriefShare is not only for St. John's congregation, it is open to everyone and is non-denominational. If you know of someone who might benefit from this program, please let them know. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Roark (601-209-5102 or [dianer14@gmail.com](mailto:dianer14@gmail.com)).

## Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's 9-week Financial Peace University (FPU) is being offered on **Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m. beginning August 23** in the Library. The cost of the course is \$60; checks should be made out to St. John's UMC with FPU in the memo line. If you have any questions contact Jill Brant, Class Coordinator, at [jbrant96518@gmail.com](mailto:jbrant96518@gmail.com) or (985) 503-4246. Class size is limited to 15. You may register using the registration form in the Narthex. Registration deadline is August 1.