

St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION

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MESSAGE

Fantastic Stories and Where to Find Them
“Salt, Salt Baby”

DATE

7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 12th, 2026
Liturgical Color - Green

WORSHIP GUIDE

NEW HERE?

WELCOME GUESTS

If you are interested in getting to know us, please provide information you are comfortable sharing via our online sign-in link on our website; stjohnsumc.org/worship, scan the QR code, or fill out the “guest card” located at the end of the pew, and place it in the offering plate.



NURSERY SERVICE | Room 103

Children, newborn through 5, are welcome in the nursery during the 10:45 AM worship service. The nursery staff kindly asks all parents to sign-in each Sunday and leave a cell phone number in case they need to contact you during the service. Also, please clearly label all of your child's important belongings.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid's Club House

During our 10:45 AM Worship Service, children from kindergarten to 5th Grade will be dismissed to participate in our Deep Blue Sunday School curriculum, led by our Safe Gatherings certified teachers. If your child(ren) is new to class, please feel free to accompany them to our classroom and meet their teacher. Should you decide to have your child(ren) attend Sunday School, you can ask an usher for directions to room 203 (Kid's Club House). **Questions?** Grace Mott; Coordinator of Children's & Family Ministries; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org

**On the 3rd Sunday of the month, all children and youth are invited to help prep and cook a meal served to our friends at Neighbor2Neighbor of Kansas City (N2N) during Children's Sunday School.*

REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

8:30 AM WORSHIP | Chapel

9:30 AM CHOIR REHEARSAL | Sanctuary

10:45 AM WORSHIP | Sanctuary and Virtual
NURSERY CARE | 103
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid's Clubhouse

JOIN US ONLINE!

Our Sunday 10:45 Worship Service is live-streamed on our website. stjohnsumc.org/worship

MAKE SOME NOISE FOR MISSIONS

Loose change in the offering plate is used to support our local and international missions, service, and justice efforts including the Missouri United Methodist Conference's Mozambique Initiative. For more information on the Mozambique Initiative visit mzinitiative.com.

GIVE

We are grateful for your continued support and partnership in ministry! Scan the QR code to give online or Text BLESS6900 to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483).



SERVING

THIS WEEK | 7.12.2026

8:30 AM SERVICE | CHAPEL

LAY READER | Sharon Curtright

USHERS | Jay Curtright
Sharon Curtright

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Steve Doyal

USHERS | Peter Barth
Gary Fischer

NEXT WEEK | 7.19.2026

8:30 AM SERVICE | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | David Soxman

USHERS | Bob Taylor
Josh Swenson

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GUEST MUSICIAN | Trevor Stewart, clarinetist (Kansas City Symphony Orchestra)

Kansas City Symphony clarinetist Trevor Stewart and baritone Josh Markley join in offering solos reminding us of the life-long personal love and care God offers each of us.

PRELUDE | *Adagio, from Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra* | music by W. A. Mozart, 1791 | Trevor Stewart, clarinet; Dale Morehouse, piano

Clarinet Concerto in A major, K. 622, composed by **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** just weeks before his death, is widely regarded as one of the greatest works ever written for the clarinet. The serene, lyrical **Adagio** is especially beloved for its expressive beauty and has appeared in numerous films (including *Out of Africa* and *The King's Speech*) and memorial services. Its serene melody, graceful lyricism, and transparent orchestration evoke profound peace, tenderness, and longing. Today, the concerto remains a cornerstone of the clarinet repertoire and one of Mozart's most enduring masterpieces.

WELCOME & INVITATIONS | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

Worship Symbol Notes

* | All are invited to rise in spirit and, as you are able, please stand

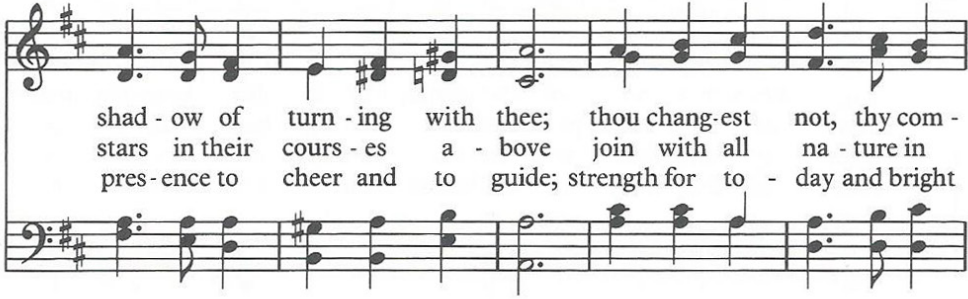
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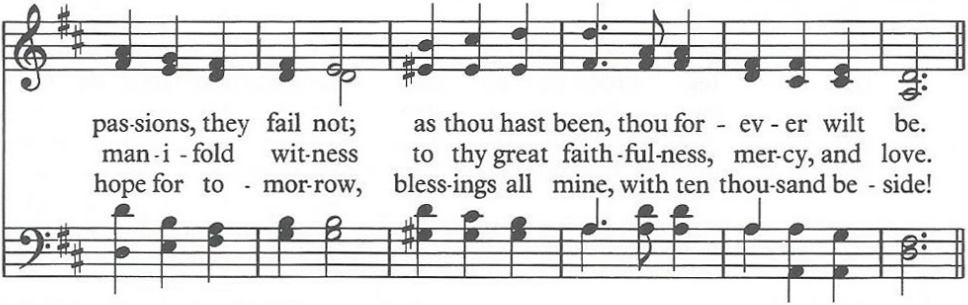
***OPENING HYMN | *Great is Thy Faithfulness*² | UMH 140**



1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

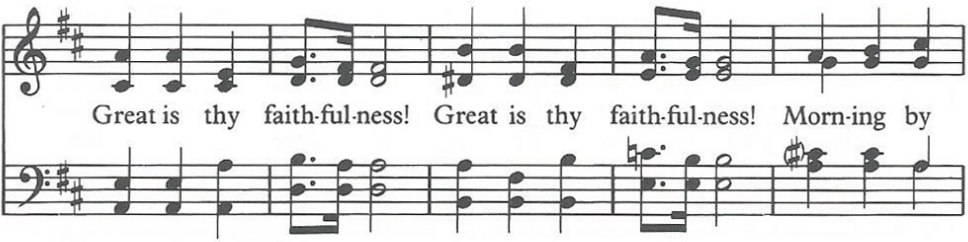


shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



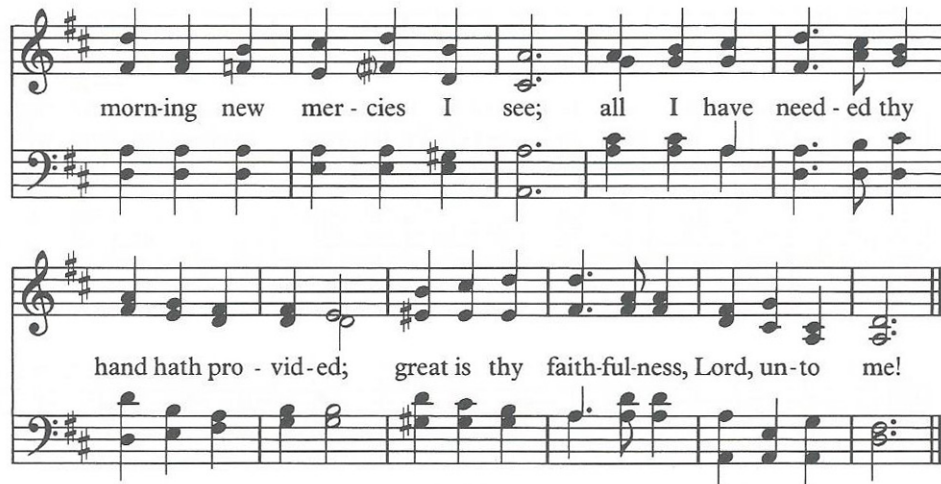
Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)
MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader | My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

People | **O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.**

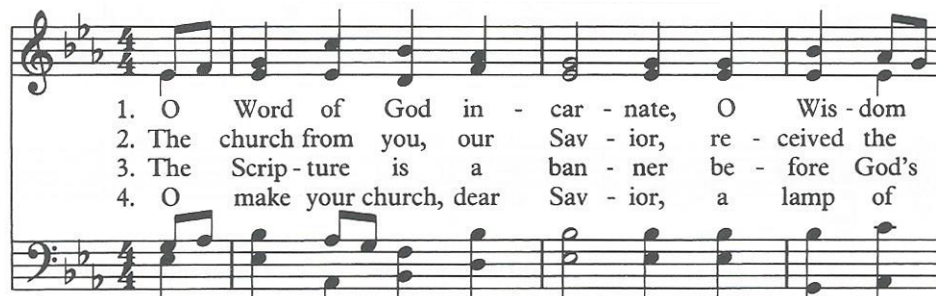
Leader | When I sought you, O God, you answered me. You delivered me from all my fears.

People | **O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in the Lord, our God.**

ALL | **Amen.**

(Kirk, James G. When We Gather, pg. 239 – adaption of Psalm 34)

***HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | O Word of God Incarnate | UMH 598 (1, 2, 3)**



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from on high, O Truth un-changed, un - chang - ing, O
gift di - vine, and still that light is lift - ed o'er
host un - furled; it is a shin - ing bea - con a -
pur - est gold, to bear be - fore the na - tions your

Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the
all the earth to shine. It is the sa - cred
bove the dark - ling world. It is the chart and
true light as of old. O teach your wan - dering

ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page, a lan - tern
ves - sel where gems of truth are stored; it is the
com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing tide, mid mists and
pil - grims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and

to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
heaven-drawn pic - ture of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
rocks and quick - sands, to you, O Christ, will guide.
dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

WORDS: William W. How, 186/
MUSIC: *Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693; harm. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Grace Mott, Coordinator of Children's & Family Ministries)
DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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PRAYER JOY

Thank you **Cindy Mayhew** for donating cookies for all to enjoy in the Rotunda after the 10:45 am worship service.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Carolyn Jeter

Katie Perryman

Dennis Young

Penelope Doebling | Daughter of Kate and Tyler Doebling

Jesse | Friend of Virginia Stanzel

Bailey Andrus | Husband of Beth Andrus

Marci Allen | Sister of Laura Jones

Madison Price

Dianna Hackler | Mother of Mason Hackler

Darren Wallace and his family | Uncle of Grace Mott, and Brother of David Wallace

Rosa Maria Luque | Mother of PDO Teacher Blanca Quinto

Mark McMillen | Cousin of Jill Gardner and Nephew of Max Miller

Marilyn McMillen | Aunt of Jill Gardner and Sister of Max Miller

Chris Mueller

Lazarus | Grandson of Bill and Gretchen Longmire

Crystal Vines

Shirley Thorn

Marcia Kelly | Friend of Linda Potter

Linda Edwards | Friend of Ginny Miller

Susan Lovell | Mother of Mason Paoli

Those Dealing with Dementia, their families & caregivers

Those in Hospice Care, their families, and caregivers

UMC Hospice Program in Mongolia

Our Pastors & Other Church Leaders

Missouri Conference Bishop, Bob Farr

Northwest District Superintendent, Curtis Olsen (effective 7/1/2026)

Lionzuane UMC in Mozambique and Pastor Moises Jeremias Manhique

Worldwide Unrest and Persecution

Those who live on the margins of society

Those serving in the Military and all First Responders

Those impacted by natural disasters

Those suffering at the hands of others

PASTORAL PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SOLO | *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*² | text and tune by John Ylvisaker, 1985; arr. by John Helgen, 1996 | Dr. Josh Markley, baritone; Trevor Stewart, recorder; Dale Morehouse, piano

Born into a long line of Lutheran pastors and professors, **John Ylvisaker** (1937–2017) was an American composer, pianist, author, and Lutheran church musician whose accessible songs blended folk, jazz, and worship traditions. Brilliant and creative, a genius with a passion for the gospel, he became a pioneer in the world of contemporary worship music among Lutherans. I got to know him in the 1980s when I hosted him in a concert during my days as a full-time Lutheran musician back home in Florida. He wrote over 2,000 songs, emphasizing grace, inclusion, and community. His music continues to inspire congregations, choirs, and worship leaders across many Christian denominations.

Borning Cry has become one of the most beloved contemporary hymns in North American churches. Written in simple, memorable language, it comforts worshipers with its message of divine companionship, making it a cherished choice for baptisms, funerals, confirmations, and services celebrating life's milestones. Its enduring appeal comes from its unique perspective: the text is sung in the voice of God, affirming God's faithful presence from birth through death and into eternal life.

*Refrain: I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.*

*I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
To find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
To whom you now belong.*

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*If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk 'till rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.*

*When the evening gently closes in,
And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise.*

*Refrain: I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.*

SCRIPTURE | Genesis 19:24-26 ¹ | NRSVUE

Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the Lord out of heaven, and he overthrew those cities and all the plain and all the inhabitants of the cities and what grew on the ground. But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt..

READER | The Word of God for the people of God

PEOPLE | **Thanks be to God**

¹“Scripture quotations are taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition.
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MESSAGE | Salt, Salt Baby | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

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GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY SOLO (10:45) | *Your Love*² | music by Craig Courtney, 2026
Dr. Josh Markley, baritone; Trevor Stewart, clarinet; Dale Morehouse, piano

Your Love is a lyrical work by **Craig Courtney** celebrating God's unfailing love as a source of hope, strength, and comfort. Flowing melodies, expressive harmonies, and a supportive piano accompaniment build from quiet reflection to a heartfelt climax, making it especially effective for worship services emphasizing grace and assurance.

*Your Love, a wordless invitation,
the inner music that I hear,
the journey and the destination,
the guiding star that draws me near,
a stairway reaching to the heavens,
an anchor deeper than the sea.
Embraced beyond all earthly measure,
O who am I, that you love me?*

*O Love beyond all understanding,
before I knew that you were mine,
I gazed with longing at the table,
but on the crumbs of love I dined.
I held my hands out like a beggar,
my open heart, an empty bowl.
But you have spread a feast before me.
My Beloved, you fill my soul.
Your Love without beginning,
a Love that has no end,
the heart that beats within me,
the air that I breathe in.
No distance left between us,
we are no longer two.
O what can separate us,
for I am lost in you.
O what can separate us?
I lose myself in you.*

(words by Pamela Stewart, 2026)

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***DOXOLOGY | Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH 95**

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first line of the hymn. The second system contains the second line. The third system contains the third line and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly

host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *Wonderful Words of Life* | UMH 600

1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won-der-ful words of life;
2. Christ, the bless-ed one, gives to all won-der-ful words of life;
3. Sweet-ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won-der-ful words of life;

let me more of their beau - ty see, won-der-ful words of life;
sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, won-der-ful words of life;
of - fer par-don and peace to all, won-der-ful words of life;

words of life and beau - ty teach me faith and du - ty.
all so free - ly giv - en, woo - ing us to heav - en.
Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er.

Refrain

Beau-ti - ful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life.

Beau-ti - ful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life.

WORDS: Philip P. Bliss, 1874
MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 7.12

8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary

MONDAY | 7.13

9:00 AM PDO Summer Camp
9:00 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Prep | Brookside Hall Kitchen
10:00 AM Country Club UMC - Funeral Reception | Brookside Hall
10:45 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Served | St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
12:00 PM Country Club UMC - Funeral | Sanctuary
12:30 PM Quilting Group | 205
2:30 PM Blood Drive | Brookside Hall

TUESDAY | 7.14

9:00 AM PDO Summer Camp

WEDNESDAY | 7.15

9:00 AM PDO Summer Camp
6:30 PM Wise Women Bible Study | Location TBA

THURSDAY | 7.16

9:00 AM PDO Summer Camp
6:30 PM Baby Grace Diaper Distribution | Trinity UMC

FRIDAY | 7.17

1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

SATURDAY | 7.18

1:00 PM Mo-Kan Heart Quilt Group | Susana Wesley Hall

SUNDAY | 7.19

8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary
10:45 AM Kids/Youth Service Sunday | Brookside Hall Kitchen
12:00 PM Youth Donut Sale | Rotunda



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INVITATIONS

VBS VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

THE MORE THE MERRIER!

JULY 20TH - JULY 23RD | 9AM - 12PM

Are you in town the week of VBS? Do your kiddos need service hours for school? If so, sign-up to help for St. John's VBS. We will take the help anytime during that week. Sign up for as much or as little as you are able. **Questions?** Grace Mott; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org



VBS SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH | 10:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

After a week of VBS fun the children and their families are invited to worship with us. After worship, join us in the courtyard for a sweet treat. **We would LOVE to know your favorite novelty ice cream!** Vote for yours while enjoying a cookie in the Rotunda after worship or e-mail your vote to Grace Mott; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org.

MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

A QUICK WAY TO GIVE BACK

MONDAY, JULY 13TH | 2:30 - 6:30 PM | BROOKSIDE HALL

Are you looking for a quick & easy way to give back to your community? Sign up for the **St. John's Blood Drive** this Monday. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Rotunda** or you can scan the QR code to sign-up. Walk-Ins are welcome. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org



N2N (Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City)

St. John's UMC is a long time partner with Neighbor to Neighbor of Kansas City. N2N is a local ministry that serves the homeless and near homeless in the Kansas City area. We are always collecting monetary donations for N2N.

Scan the QR code to donate. Any material donations can be dropped off at St. John's UMC on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. **Questions?** Ruth Gerald; ruth.a.gerald@gmail.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR A NEW ROOF!

MO-KAN Roofing and Contracting will begin deconstruction and replacement of our 76-year-old tile roof **starting July 24th**. This project will last approximately 5-6 weeks. The scope of the project includes the roof over the sanctuary, office tower, chapel, and education building. For staging purposes, MO-KAN will need to place materials in our back parking lot. During this time, we encourage everyone to be aware and cautious while on the church grounds. The church will be open during this time for normal business and worship. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 816.523.6788.

BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE COOKIE AT A TIME

Every Sunday after our 10:45 AM service, we gather in our Rotunda for fellowship. Cookies make this time a little sweeter. If you are interested in donating cookies scan the QR code or sign up in the Rotunda. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org



ST. JOHN'S KIDS & YOUTH

KIDS/YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, JULY 19TH | DURING OUR 10:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
BROOKSIDE HALL KITCHEN**

St. John's Youth and Children will be dismissed from worship to prepare & assemble meals for Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City (N2N). N2N provides meals and meets other daily needs to homeless and near-homeless persons in the Kansas City area. If you have kids that would like to help please contact Grace Mott; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org. Or just show up!

DONUT SALE

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH | AFTER THE 10:45 AM SERVICE | ROTUNDA

Help support St. John's Youth by purchasing a donut after worship. Proceeds from the sale will go towards meals prepared by the children/youth of St. John's UMC to benefit N2N. If you would like to donate donuts contact Grace Mott, grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org.



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