

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016  
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT *Thee We Adore, O Savior*

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Let us test and examine our ways. Let us return to the Lord!  
**God has blessed us. Let all the ends of the earth fear the Lord.**

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon the Lord while he is near.

**Let the wicked forsake their way. Let us return to the Lord.**

The sacrifice acceptable to the Lord is a broken spirit;  
**A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

HYMN *How Firm A Foundation* UMH 529  
vs 1, 3, & 5

PRAYER  
**Everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior, because of your tender mercy toward all people. You sent him to take upon our flesh, to suffer death on the cross that all might follow the example of his great humility and love. Show us your mercy, O Lord. Help us follow the example of his patience that we also would share in his resurrection. In Christ’s holy name we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
Affirmation from Romans 8 UMH 887

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Natalie Cooper

ANTHEM  
*Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me* Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE *Luke 13:31-35* Kristine Isenhower

SERMON  
*The Way of the Cross: Faithful Lament* Deacon Sarah

HYMN *Be Still My Soul* UMH 534  
vs 1 & 2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

THE WALK Point of Celebration

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

HYMN *Are Ye Able* UMH 503  
vs 1 & 4

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Precious Name*

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN ...**

in memory of Marion Irene McLendon,  
by Bob and Vanessa Ayres.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Joyce Perry, Mary Jo Brook, Fred and Kathleen Adams
<b>Host(s)</b>	Richard Damberg

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**TODAY, Sunday, February 21**

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Library  
5:00 p.m. Youth, Admin-207  
5:30 p.m. Lenten Study, Library

**Monday, February 22**

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor  
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library  
4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor  
6:30 p.m. Financial Learning Experience, Admin-205

**Tuesday, February 23**

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym  
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A  
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

**Wednesday, February 24**

7:00 a.m. Lenten Early Morning Service  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A  
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s  
6:30 p.m. Financial Learning Experience, Admin-205  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 25**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, February 26**

8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym  
9:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

**Saturday, February 27**

9:00 a.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A  
12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES  
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN LENT  
7 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

**LENTEN STUDY  
TODAY, 5:30 P.M., IN THE LIBRARY**

**FOOD BANK DELIVERY  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
8:30 A.M. IN THE GYM**

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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Please share with the prayer team  
 Please share with Pastors only  
 I desire a call  
 I desire a visit

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also email a prayer request to:  
prayers@stjohnsbr.org

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

## WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Names & Ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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### FINANCIAL LEARNING SMALL GROUPS

On **Monday, February 22** and **Wednesday, February 24**, St. John's will begin offering the 6-session personal financial study, *I Was Broke. Now I'm Not*. Class size is limited to 15, so register early. Cost is \$30 and includes a book and handbook. Married couples are welcome to share a book. All sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will meet in Room 205 of the Admin. Building. Child care will be available. Registration forms are available in the church office and on the website. For more information contact Carol Gordon: 766-1489 (h), 335-1394 (c) or cgor217@aol.com.

### ST. JOHN'S 101 BEGINS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 9:45 A.M., SANCTUARY

If you are new to St. John's and want to learn more about who we are and how we serve in ministry together, this class is for you. The class will be led by Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, and all are welcome. Classes will be held Sunday mornings, **February 28, March 6, and March 13**.

### RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, March 1** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Lorri McGuire will present a program about religious music. All women of the church are invited to attend.

### READ FOR AMERICA DAY

Members of St. John's have been invited to read to classes at Wildwood Elementary School on **Wednesday, March 2** in celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss. You are welcome to read anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Contact Buffie Grayson (francesgrayson@cox.net) if you are interested in participating.

### MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

From **Friday, March 4 - Sunday, March 6**, St. John's will be participating in a mission to St. Marks UMC and the North Rampart Community Center in New Orleans. The cost is \$100 (checks made out to Larry Norman). For more information contact Larry Norman (lduckn@aol.com or 933-1881).

### COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Larry Norman and Pastor Jay are asking for donations of cookies for Kairos - they will need a total of 250 dozen cookies! Guidelines are available in the church office as well as on the web site. Please bring your cookies to church on **Sunday, March 6**. For more information contact Larry Norman.

### CHURCH-WIDE WORK DAY

A church-wide work day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 12** from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Look for the sign-up board during coffee time and on the bulletin board in the Admin. Building hallway.

### EGGS FOR EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

This year's community-wide Easter Eggstravaganza will be **Sunday, March 20** at 3 p.m. We need help from St. John's congregation with donations of plastic Easter eggs (either empty or filled with wrapped candy) and bags of small individually wrapped candy. There are large blue tubs in the Admin. Building to put your donations. Thank you for your help.

## SERMON NOTES

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

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**11:00 Worship Service**  
**February 21, 2016**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

Mission Statement

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.