

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT Jim Sandifer

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *I Will Trust in the Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP
The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it (Psalm 24:1).

For it all belongs to God.
All tithes from the Land are the Lord’s for they are holy to the Lord (Leviticus 27:30).
For it all belongs to God.
Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce (Proverbs 3:9).
For it all belongs to God.
Let us honor the Lord with all that we are and all that we have. Let us worship with generous and joyful hearts.
For it all belongs to God.

HYMN *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140
vs 1 & 2

PRAYER
**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
For the glory of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

(Francis of Assisi, 13th C)

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Deacon Sarah

ANTHEM *Proclamation of Service* Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 25:14-30* Seab Young

SERMON *The Step Out* Pastor Jay

HYMN *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77
vs 1 & 2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89
vs 1 & 4

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *God Be With You Til We Meet Again*

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...

... are given to the Glory of God by Marilyn Crake.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Richard and Marilyn Damberg, Andrew Blackwood, Penny Kemler
Host(s)	Rhonda Tucker

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, January 24
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Library
5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

Monday, January 25
9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group
4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor

Tuesday, January 26
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

Wednesday, January 27
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
6:00 p.m. Week Night Group, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, January 28
6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:00 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, January 29
9:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

Saturday, January 30
12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**CHURCH-WIDE POTLUCK
NOON, SUNDAY, JANUARY 31
IN THE GYM**

Join us for a time of fellowship and celebration as we close our Stewardship Campaign, celebrate the ministries of 2015, and look forward to 2016. St. John’s will provide the meat and everyone is invited to bring a side or dessert to share.

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, February 2** at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. A program about your favorite hymns will be presented. All women are invited to attend.

**UMW SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 7, 2016
REV. MARIE WILLIAMS, GUEST PREACHER**

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

- 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): _____

TRUSTEES EMAIL

Do you have any questions or requests for our Trustees? Have you seen anything on the church campus that you think needs attention? If so, you can contact trustees at their new email address: trustees@stjohnsbr.org.

FAITH STORIES

Been Missing Faith Stories Lately? Share your story of faith! The Witness committee is looking to record your experiences working with St. John's ministries or other activities where you've experienced God's presence. We collect your stories and share them regularly via email, our website, and social media. You can either send in a short story or just have a conversation with us and we'll do the writing. Contact Kathy King (brcking10@gmail.com) or Mari Walker (mariwalker7@gmail.com) for more information. You can read our published Faith Stories at www.stjohnsbr.org/category/faithstories.

LENTEN STUDY ON FASTING

FASTING: Does God really want me to do that? Join us for this five-week Lenten study on Sundays, February 14 - March 13, from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

Are you interested in the idea of fasting but aren't sure how to go about it? If you practice the discipline of fasting regularly or have never fasted before, you are invited to join our Lenten study centering on the discipline of fasting. We will learn of the origins of fasting in scripture and in the tradition of the Church and learn some practical advice on how to fast. This study will be lead by Pastor Jay, Natalie Cooper, and Deacon Sarah. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

TRAINING FOR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 FROM 3-5 P.M.

This training is for everyone who is or would like to be an usher, scripture reader, acolyte, communion server, or Eucharistic Minister (those who take communion to the homebound). Sign-up forms for these ministries will be available January 31.

UMW PROJECT: DAYS FOR GIRLS

The UMW is holding three Saturday work days (February 13, 27, and March 12) to make kits for the Days for Girls project. We will work in the classrooms in the gym from 9-12:00 noon. These kits contain reusable feminine hygiene products for girls in third world countries who are missing school because of a lack of available products. (For more information go to www.daysforgirls.org.)

We need your help to cut fabric, iron, sew, serge, apply snaps, insert drawstrings, and assemble kits. You do not have to be a member of UMW to help out on this project.

You may also donate cash or purchase gallon Ziplock Freezer bags, solid or flowered cotton panties for girls size 10-14 (no cartoon characters, etc.), washcloths, or "hotel" size soaps. For more information contact Joyce Perry (763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net).

SERMON NOTES

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11:00 Worship Service
January 24, 2016

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.