

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT Jim Sandifer

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Honor and Praise* FWS 2018  
Righteous and holy in all of your ways;  
we come before you with honor and praise.  
Here to adore you for all of our days,  
we come before you with honor and praise.  
Lord of the heavens, how faithful you are.  
Shine down upon us,  
O bright Morning Star.  
Righteous and holy in all of your ways;  
we come before you with honor and praise.

SONG OF PRAISE *Jesus Be Praised* FWS 2079  
Jesus, we worship you; with our voices filled with praises,  
Jesus, we worship you; songs of love we raise.  
Jesus, Jesus be praised!  
Jesus, Jesus be praised!

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**

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Deacon Sarah

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 25:14-20* Dean Harvey

SERMON *The Step Out* Pastor Jay

HYMN *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77  
vs 1

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON  
**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive us, restore us, and strengthen us  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Silent confession.

Hear the gospel: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; this proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**THE TABLE**

CALL TO THE TABLE  
Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may offer this holy offering in peace.

**Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.**

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257 b, c, d

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

\*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING  
**Jesus, once and for all you poured out your life for us. Again and again we thank you and receive your body and blood. Send us out to pour ourselves out with such joyous abandon that your love is always known, the Spirit’s power always felt and the Almighty’s will to save never in doubt. Amen.**

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

HYMN *We Will Glorify the King of Kings* FWS 2087  
vs 1 & 4

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

\*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the pastor know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...**

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

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Jim Matthew, Lynn Cooper
<b>Host(s)</b>	Kathy King

**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**

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Joy  Concern

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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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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:brcking10@gmail.com)) or Mari Walker ([mariwalker7@gmail.com](mailto:mariwalker7@gmail.com)) for more information. You can read our published Faith Stories at [www.stjohnsbr.org/category/faithstories](http://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](http://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](mailto:joyce.perry@cox.net)).

## SERMON NOTES

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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



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**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.