

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016  
11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Alleluiah Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, open our lips  
**And we shall declare your praise.**  
New every morning is your love, great God of abundant mercy.

**Stir up in us a desire to serve you,  
To love our neighbors,  
And to devote our gifts to you.**

Guide us now to give of ourselves  
cheerfully and sacrificially.

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

*Come, We That Love the Lord* UMH 732

PRAYER

**All things come from you, O God, and with joy we  
return to you what is yours. You created all that is and  
with love formed us in your image.**

**When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.**

**You give of yourself, O Lord, in your Son Jesus Christ  
to be our Savior.**

**All that we are and all that we have is a trust from you.**

**In gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves,  
and all that we have, in union with Christ’s offering  
for us.**

**For the glory of your name, we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pastor Jay

ANTHEM *Softly and Tenderly* Alleluiah Ringers

SCRIPTURE *Luke 16:1-15* Kelly Miller

SERMON *The Struggle is Real (Shrewd Stewardship > Squandering Gifts)* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

TESTIMONY OF GOD’S ABUNDANCE Heather Durham

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

CLOSING HYMN

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* UMH 438

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

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

given by Guy Johnson and presented to the glory of God and in honor of all whose tireless efforts have led us here to this important moment in the history of St. John’s mission and ministry.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Adams, Wanda Nelson, Bill and Jane Metcalf
<b>Host(s)</b>	Kathleen Adams

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, October 16**

9:45 a.m. Stewardship Kickoff Brunch, FLC-Gym  
5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Bldg.  
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Location TBA

**Monday, October 17**

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor  
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library  
3:30 p.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

**Tuesday, October 18**

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC-Gym  
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
6:30 p.m. Praise Team, Choir Room

**Wednesday, October 19**

4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A  
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Location TBA  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room  
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

**Thursday, October 20**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
9:00 a.m. Building Committee, Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

**Friday, October 21**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday, October 22**

9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, FLC-Gym  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**CELEBRATING DEACON SARAH!**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016**

**9:45 - 10 A.M., FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Deacon Sarah’s last day with us is Sunday, November 6.

Let’s send her off with love and affirmation.

During coffee time, come say good-bye and Godspeed to Sarah, Brian, Elizabeth, and John Brian.

**DAYS FOR GIRLS CONTINUES**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 - 9 A.M.**

The UMW is happy to announce the second and third sessions of Days for Girls will be held on **Saturday October 22** and **Saturday, October 29** in the Family Life Center-Gym from 9 a.m. - noon. Everyone is welcome. Sewers and non-sewers are needed to cut fabric, iron, sew, serge, apply snaps, insert drawstrings, and assemble kits.

No supplies are needed for the last two sessions. For more information contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net.

**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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### OPERATION NOAH'S ARK LAST CALL TO PICK UP FOOD CONTAINERS

There will be a table set up in the hallway of the Family Life Center with baking and serving items and containers that were left after the shelter closed and the second responders were no longer in the FLC. If you brought food and did not pick up your container, please do so this Sunday and the next. NOTE: There are also ice chests that have not been claimed. Any items not picked up will be brought to Here Today, Gone Tomorrow. And, again, many thanks for responding to our call for meals and snacks for Operation Noah's Ark.

### YANKEE CANDLE SALE!

The Youth will again be taking pre-paid orders for Yankee Candles on **Sunday, October 23**. All proceeds from the sale are to go to the Youth Mission Fund to raise money for future mission trips: 2017 Weekend of the Cross (Shreveport-Bossier) and 2018 ASP (Appalachia Service Project). A table will be set up in the FLC during coffee time. Orders will be in for the holidays. Yankee Candles make great gifts AND their purchase will help fund mission trips for our youth.

### TRUNK OR TREAT!!

**Sunday, October 30** from 4 - 6 p.m. St. John's trunks will be decorated and open for treats! Bring your kids and grandchildren; invite your neighbors and their kids and grandchildren! This is a family-friendly, safe environment, fun time for all - and to have MORE fun, come in costume!! **NOTE: If you would like to decorate your trunk - and we have had some clever ones in the past - contact Lorri (lorrimcguire@stjohnsbr.org) to sign up.**

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, November 1** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Norma Thomason will present the World Thank Offering. All women are invited to attend.

St. John's UMW will hold their General Meeting on **Sunday, November 13** at 3 p.m. in the parlor. George Mills, president of Trafficking Hope will speak on human trafficking in our area. All women are invited to attend.

### ADVENT FAITH STORIES SERIES

This Advent we hope to publish Faith Stories related to the Advent theme "Stay Awake." Do you have a story you could write and share? Our key verse is *Therefore you must also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.* (Matthew 24:44) Please be in prayer about this verse, and submit your Faith Stories to Kathy King (brcking10@gmail.com) or Mari Walker (mariwalker7@gmail.com) by November 14.

### WORK DAY CANCELED

St. John's Trustees have canceled the work day scheduled for Saturday, October 29. However, a list of projects will be coming soon and volunteers will be needed. Look for more information in Sunday bulletins and future newsletters. As always, you can email trustees (trustees@stjohnsbr.org) if you see something on campus that needs attention.

## 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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## SEASON OF PLENTY

**11 a.m. Worship Service**  
**October 16, 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.