

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015**  
**11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

MUSIC MINISTRY MOMENT Daphne Grady

INTROIT  
*When Words Alone Cannot Express*

CALL TO WORSHIP  
 Draw near to God. And God will draw near to you.  
**Let us cleanse our hands and purify our hearts.**  
 Let us rejoice in the Lord, our Savior and our Guide.  
**Give us clean hearts, O Lord, to worship you in spirit and in truth.**

OPENING HYMN  
*Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

PRAYER  
**Lord, we stand on the threshold of a great adventure. Clarify our thoughts and intentions. Help us discern your will. Guide us as we step forward in faith toward a future of increased service and love. For your greater glory, we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
 A Modern Affirmation UMH 885

PSALTER *Psalms 1* UMH 738

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Lorri McGuire

ANTHEM *Fairest Lord Jesus* Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE *James 3:13-4:3, 7-8* Mike Allen

SERMON *Deny the Double-Mind* Pastor Jay

HYMN  
*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* UMH 402  
 vs 1, 2, & 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY  
*Here I Am, Lord*  
 Alleluia Ringers  
 Catherine Wells, soloist

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

CLOSING HYMN  
*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* FWS 2171  
 vs 1, 3, & 4

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE  
*I Love You, Lord* Alleluia Ringers

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

are in loving memory of Peter Dragna. Given by Ellen Dragna and the Dragna family.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Adams, Wanda Nelson, Brian and Danielle Blackwood
<b>Host</b>	Joyce Perry

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**TODAY, Sunday, September 20**  
 2:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary  
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation, Library  
 5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym  
 6:00 p.m. Missional Wisdom Study, Parlor

**Monday, September 21**  
 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

**Tuesday, September 22**  
 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym  
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
 6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library  
 7:00 p.m. Volleyball, Gym

**Wednesday, September 23**  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A  
 6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s  
 6:00 p.m. Week Night Group, Parlor  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

**Thursday, September 24**  
 NON-GARAGE SALE BEGINS, GYM  
 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  
 10:00 a.m. Invitation to Genesis, Parlor  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, September 25**  
 OFFICE CLOSED  
 NON-GARAGE SALE DROP OFF, GYM  
 8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym  
 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, Gym-A

**Saturday, September 26**  
 NON-GARAGE SALE DROP OFF, GYM  
 12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**CONFIRMATION CLASS ORIENTATION**

Confirmation is an important time for young people to learn, worship, and pray together as they learn about what it means to live a life of Christian Discipleship. The class is open to all middle and high school youth. An Orientation meeting for parents and youth will be held **TODAY** at 4:00 pm in the Library.

**MISSIONAL WISDOM STUDY**

A study on missional wisdom begins **TODAY**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. The 4-week study will be led by Deacon Sarah and Theresa Sandifer. (Book is \$15). Contact the church office to sign up.

**INVITATION TO GENESIS**

“Invitation to Genesis,” begins on **Thursday, September 24** at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. This 10-week study of the book of Genesis will be led by Guy Johnson. The cost of the book is \$15. Contact the church office to sign up.

**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](mailto: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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## STUDY OF BOOK OF LUKE

On **Wednesday, September 23**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor, The Week Night Group (originally known as the small group for parents with young children and expectant parents) will begin a study on the Book of Luke. If you are interested in participating, contact Deacon Sarah.

## IT'S NON-GARAGE SALE TIME!!

It's time for the UMW's Fall Non-Garage Sale! Clean out closets, garages, attics, etc., and bring your items to the back of the gym beginning **Thursday, September 24**. On Monday, September 28, all donations will be picked up by Here Today, Gone Tomorrow, the thrift store located at 10240 Burbank Drive. Here Today, Gone Tomorrow sells our goods and in return gives us a sizable portion of the sales.

Remember, at anytime during the year, you may bring your items directly to Here Today, Gone Tomorrow. Just let them know you are donating items for St. John's UMW (Bin #467). All proceeds go to support the missions of St. John's United Methodist Women.

**AND**, Here Today, Gone Tomorrow will come to your house to pick up large or heavy items such as furniture, TVs lawn equipment, etc. Call 769-2259 to arrange for this service.

## SHEPHERD'S MARKET

The Food Bank will be making a delivery to the Shepherd's Market on **Friday September 25**. If you are able, please come to the Gym at 8:30 a.m. and see what the Market is all about and help stock shelves! You won't believe how volunteering in this vital part of St. John's ministries will make you feel! Come and see!!

## GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Our annual fall blood drive will be on **Sunday, September 27**. The OLOL Bloodmobile will be in the St. John's parking lot from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm. This is a simple way to benefit St. John's and the wider community, so please consider making a blood donation! Call or e-mail Lynn in the church office to sign up.

Anyone 17 years of age or older, at least 115 pounds, and who is well and healthy may donate (16-year-olds may donate with informed parental consent). Feel free to talk to the blood mobile staff if you have any questions about donor eligibility.

## RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, October 6** at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Fay Melancon will present a program about Mary Magdalene, continuing the study of Women in the Bible. All women are invited to attend.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Methodist Habitat for Humanity 2015 build kicked off September 12. Phil Sprunger is St. John's contact (pmsprunger@gmail.com or 328-3943) for anyone interested in volunteering to help with construction on Wednesdays or Saturdays.

Lunch is also needed on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Contact Freda (fnmbtr@aol.com or 928-1163) if your group or Sunday school class would like to volunteer to furnish lunch.

## SERMON NOTES

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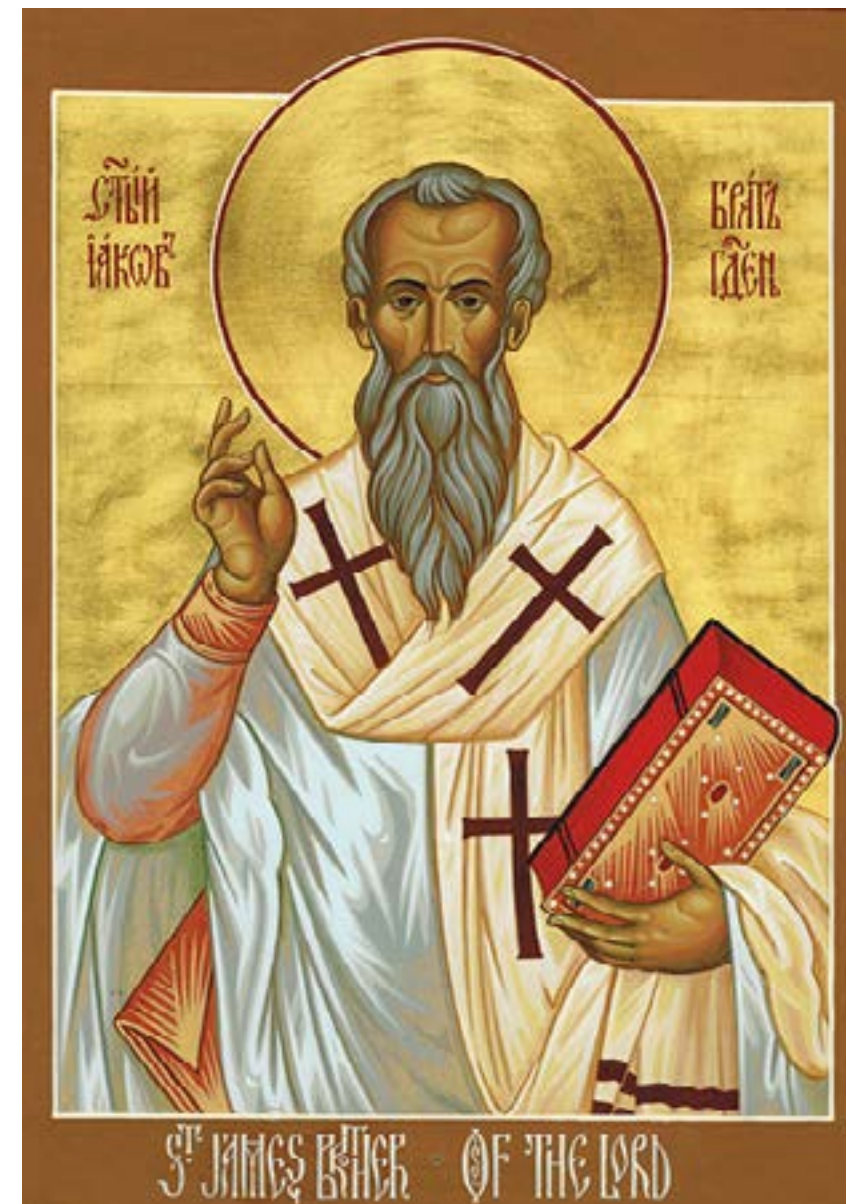
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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**11:00 Worship Service**  
**September 20, 2015**

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.