

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015**  
**8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

MUSIC MINISTRY MOMENT Daphne Grady

INTROIT

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Christ Beside Me* FWS 2166  
Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me - King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me - never to part.  
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me - shield in the strife;  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising - light of my life.

SONG OF PRAISE *More Like You* FWS 2167  
More like you, Jesus, more like you.  
Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.  
More like you, Jesus, more like you.  
Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.  
Lord, you are my mercy. Lord, you are my grace.  
All my deepest sins have forever been erased.  
Draw me in your presence. Lead me in your ways.  
I long to bring you glory in righteousness and praise.

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

SCRIPTURE *James 3:13-4:3, 7-8* Betty Schroeder

SERMON *Deny the Double-Mind* Pastor Jay

HYMN *I am Thine, O Lord* UMH 419  
vs 1 & 4

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON  
Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

(Silent confession)

Let us pray.

**Holy and gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you. Some of our sin we know - those thoughts, words and deeds of which we are ashamed. Some of our sin is known only to you. Have mercy on us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask forgiveness. Deliver us and restore us, we pray.**

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON  
By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Christ we are forgiven. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. This proves God’s love for 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 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* UMH 420

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**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>	Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs
<b>Host(s)</b>	Beth Forester

**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**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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## 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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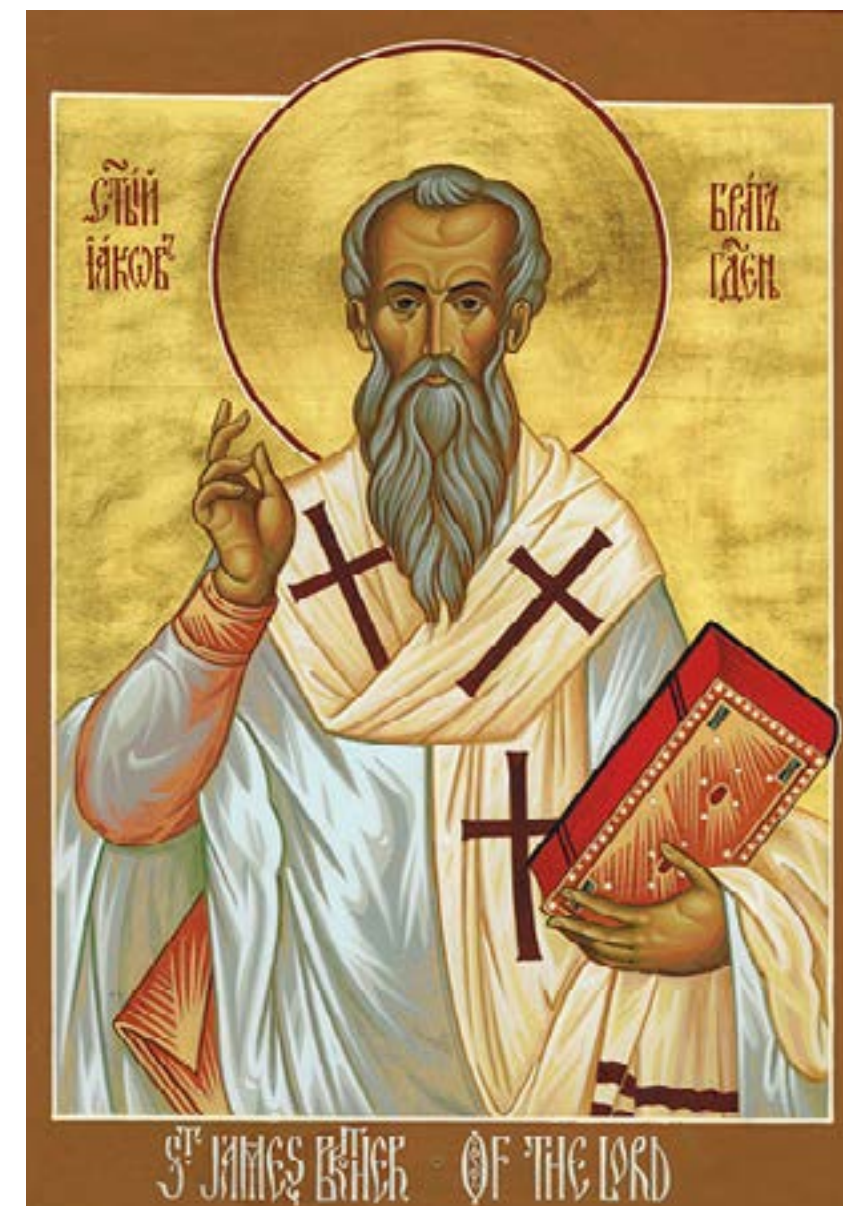
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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples*



**8:30 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.