

SMALL GROUPS

Sunday Morning Small Group
 Study: "The Life Of Jesus For Today"
 When: 9:30 am
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Golden Shook

Late Sunday Morning Small Group
 Study: "The Story"
 When: 10:45 am
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Gary Potter/409-938-0607

Monday Night Small Group
New Study: The Story
Started Monday, April 6th
 When: 7:00 pm
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Tony Aguilar
 taguilar1300@aol.com / 409-770-3776

Tuesday Morning Small Group
 Study: "Acts Deepening Life Together"
 When: 10:30 am
 Where: Dianne Ho-Gland's home
 908-23rd Avenue N / Texas City
 Leader: Dianne Ho-Gland /409-945-4039

Tuesday Night Small Group
 Study: "The Way"
 When: 7:00 pm
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Andy Lailhengue at
 texascitylaura@yahoo.com

UP COMING STUDIES

Wednesday's Lunch Small Group
New Study: Strong Was Her Faith
 When: **Starting Wednesday, April 15th at 11:00 am**
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Rev. Raegan Seaton

Late Sunday Morning Small Group
Starting Sunday, April 26th
Study: "The Trouble with the Truth" by Rob Renfroe
 When: 10:45 am
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Gary Potter/409-938-0607

Tuesday Evenings
Starting May 5th for 6-weeks
New Study: Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters
 Where: Church Office
 Leader: Rev. Mike Tyson

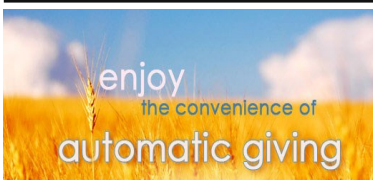
SERVE

A Word From Our Associate Pastor

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ~John 3:16

I'm sure you all have heard that verse before. It is one that we teach kids to memorize at a young age. And it is the Easter story. God loves us so much He sent His Son to die for our sins and be resurrected so that we might have eternal life with God. It's a beautiful message that we celebrated on Easter Sunday. So now what? For some, this is the end of the story but it should be just the beginning. It is time for us to live out God's love in our lives. It is time to show the world what God has done for all of us. How do we do that? First, we work on our own spiritual development. We pray. We read the scriptures. We come to church. We join a small group. We do whatever it takes to grow closer to God. We also share that love with others. We get involved in missions in the church. We invite friends to church. We share, by example, the change that God has made in our lives. Friends, Jesus' death and resurrection is just the beginning for us. Don't let Easter be the end of the story for you. Let's share God's love with the world. Amen!

Blessings,
 Rev. Raegan Seaton



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Tithe & Offerings	
2015 Income Received YTD	\$100,794.19
2015 Budgeted Amount YTD	\$106,605.79
2015 Income YTD	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 5,811.56

Worship Attendance		
Worship 3/1/15	9:30	97
Worship 3/1/15	11:00	42
Worship 3/8/15	9:30	101
Worship 3/8/15	11:00	43
Worship 3/15/15	5:00	103
Worship 3/15/15	7:00	50
Worship 3/22/15	9:30	81
Worship 3/22/15	11:00	47
Worship 3/29/15	9:30	138
Worship 3/29/15	11:00	53

The Monitor

April 2015



ST. JOHN'S
 A United Methodist Congregation



8200 25TH AVENUE NORTH
TEXAS CITY, TX 77591
409-655-5348

Sunday Worship Services

9:30 am—Contemporary
11:00 am—Traditional

Checkout the calendar at
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 Inviting People to
 Experience Amazing Level

Find us on Facebook @
[stjohnsumctexascity](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsumctexascity)

This and That

Easter

What a great Easter and Holy Week we had. Thank you to all of our staff who made Holy Week and Easter so terrific. Also, thank you to the youth, the praise band, the choir and our special musicians. These things don't happen overnight and I am grateful for all of the time that you all dedicated to rehearsing and planning sharing your talents with us and with God

Concrete

We will soon begin construction on the driveway apron that attaches our driveway to the street. Thank you for your patience in avoiding the axle breaking pot holes as you enter our driveway. We will be ripping out all of the existing apron and replacing it with concrete. We are splitting the cost of this repair with our neighbor, Elmcroft Assisted Living Center. I am happy to tell you that in honor of God and the people of St. John's faithful persistence and transformation; our half of the cost of the apron will be donated to us by the Dorothy Hargrave Christian Trust. This is a trust set up by former member, Dorothy Hargrave and administered by three former pastor of St. John's, Dick Freeman, Roy Bizer and Donald Willis. Revs. Bizer and Willis will join us for worship on April 26th to present the check and to say a few words.

People

On a staffing note it is about 99% certain Rev. Raegan Seaton will be leaving us for a full time appointment as a commissioned Elder. SPRC knew when we hired her that if things went as planned for her that she would likely be leaving us this June. Raegan has done an outstanding job for us and you St. John's, have done a terrific job of helping train her up to be an awesome pastor! I do believe that you as a church, have a future in helping train up young pastors.

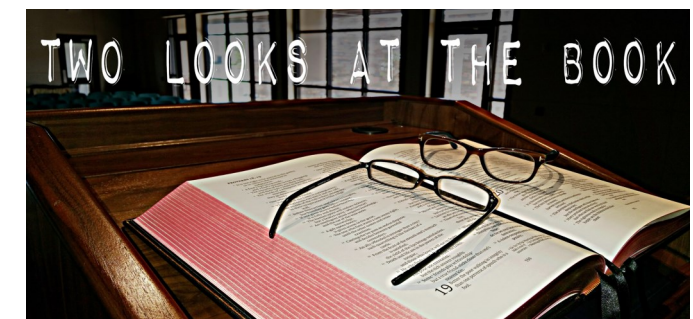
Lastly, mark your calendars for Tuesday May 26th at 7:00pm. In the commissioning and ordination service at Annual Conference, both Cindy Riddick and Raegan Seaton will be commissioned. Raegan as a commissioned Elder and Cindy as a commissioned Deacon. Plan to come early, because this service always fills up quickly.

Peace and Grace,

Rev. Mike Tyson

UP COMING SERMON SERIES

It will start on Sunday, April 19th and run until Sunday, May 10th.



INVITE

Please see our "Getting Plugged In" brochure for a complete and detailed list of Outreach & Missions opportunities.

APRIL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly collection for UFA Susan's Market a client-choice food pantry located in the building that houses the UFA offices at 2000 Texas Avenue in Texas City. For more information or to volunteer, please call UFA at 409-643-8243. **St. John's will be collecting Cleaning supplies (e.g. Comet, Ajax, Lysol, wet wipes and sponges etc.) the whole month of March. You can drop off your donations in the bin in the Ministry area in the Café.**

MAINLAND STREET MINISTRIES

St. John's feeds our neighbors on the **third Saturday** of each month at 10:00 am the next one is **Saturday, April 18th** at Mainland Ministries located at:
First Presbyterian Church 1112 7th St N, Texas City, TX 77590
(at the corner of 6th St and 11th Ave)
Contact Andy Lailhengue at 409-795-4448 or Laura Lailhengue at 409-795-0747 for additional information.

Meat items are needed for the Mainland Ministries mission project every month. St. John's is responsible for supplying meat products to Mainland Ministries EVERY MONTH. Remember that the need is even greater now for food. Please place your items in the box on the Ministry Table in the café area.

We Need The Following:

- ◆ Tuna-12 oz can
- ◆ Chicken-12 oz can
- ◆ Vienna Sausages
- ◆ Beef Stew
- ◆ Chunky Meat Soup
- ◆ Salmon
- ◆ Corned Beef Hash
- ◆ Spam
- ◆ Sardines

Opportunities to Grow

St. John's
2nd Annual

**CHILI
COOK OFF**

& bake sale to benefit Back to School Bash

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
5:30-7:30
IN THE SANCTUARY**

Small groups, individuals, families, and ministries are encouraged to sign up and enter their favorite chili recipes

Contact Laura Lailhengue @ 409-795-0747 for more information or to enter your chili

GROW

A Word From Our Director Of Family Ministries

Happy April, everyone! Holy Week and Easter have come and gone. Now we are so close to summer. Its so exciting!! Registration for UM Army is up and finishing this month. Registration for Church Camp at Lakeview is up and will finish the end of May. We have our night, July 23rd, reserved at the Nessler Water Park. VBS dates are set for July 27th-31st. We will be visiting Camp Discovery and learning how Jesus is at work through us. And then to finish off our crazy, busy summer, we have Back To School Bash on August 15th. Boy, our summers are crazy and full of fun! I just wanted to remind you that our 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off and bake sale is on April 18th. We will have a fun night of fellowship and eating (What Methodist do best!) but this will also benefit our Back to School Bash. Our Back To School Bash is a great success every year but it's definitely a costly project to make 300+ backpack for our community. Please come out and help support our great project!! I guarantee you will have a great time!!

See you on Sunday, Jessica Dean



UM Army is June 14th-20th.

We will be headed to Livingston, TX and staying at Livingston FUMC. The link for registration for UM Army is <https://www.umarmy.net/Registration/Indv/1364/>. The cost is \$250. The money is due May 31st. Registration deadline is April 26th.

SOUTH DISTRICT SUMMER CAMP July 6-10, 2015

At Lakeview Methodist Conference Center

Registration opened April 1: Registration is online only at <https://www.lakeviewmcc.org/registration>

Cost for camp: \$275 per camper. Registration is due by May 24th.

•\$160 per adult counselor for those who register before June 1, 2015

Partial scholarships are available, please contact Jessica Dean in the church office **by Sunday May 3rd** if you need a scholarship. Visit Lakeview South District Camp for more information.

EXPERIENCE

A Word From Our Director Of Contemporary Worship

The story of God is a story of restoration. Easter is the answer to right man's wrongs from the beginning. He created us knowing we would enslave ourselves to sin, and knowing that only He could pay our ransom. God's love for us ultimately cost Him everything, but His message from the cross was this... we were worth it. We find ourselves somewhere in the middle of that story. God, having made all things beautiful, now works in and through us, restoring all things back to that place. What is often declared hopeless, ruined and of no value, is fertile ground for God's grace and love. From that place, the ruins speak no longer of destitution rather becoming testimony to the glory of God. That is the story of every Christian; it is the story of the people of God, the Church; and it is the hope that awaits all who are yet to encounter Jesus. Our season of reflection and repentance comes to a very dramatic close with our Good Friday service here at St. John's. The worship last year was experiential in that we are able to tangibly take a hold of Jesus's final moments and words from the cross. Our youth and praise team teamed up to deliver a night to humbly remember the price that was paid for our ransom.

See you Sunday! Mark Pinard

Music Ministry Opportunities

The **Chancel Bells** rehearse on Wednesdays
from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
The **Chancel Choir** rehearse on Wednesdays
from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The **Praise Team** rehearse on Thursdays from
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm