

**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 Trouble with the Truth"  
When: 10:45 am  
Where: Adult Classroom  
Leader: Gary Potter/409-938-0607

**Monday Night Small Group**

Study: "The Story"  
When: 7:00 pm  
Where: Adult Classroom  
Leader: Tony Aguilar  
taguilar1300@aol.com / 409-770-3776

**Tuesday Morning Small Group**  
On break till the fall.

**Tuesday Night Small Group**

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

**Wednesday's Lunch Small Group**

Study: Strong Was Her Faith  
When: Wednesday's at 11:00 am  
Where: Adult Classroom  
Leader: Rev. Raegan Seaton

**Happy Birthday!**  
We want to celebrate You!  
Come and join us at our St. John's birthday party.  
Sunday, May 31st at 6:00 pm.  
Come celebrate all of your birthdays with all of your friends. This will be a covered dish gathering. Each birthday month will have a table and each table have their own cake at them. Come out and celebrate and have some fun!  
Contact Sheila Treybig at 409-739-4291 for additional info.


**SERVE**

**A Word From Our Associate Pastor**

There are over 650 prayers in the Bible and countless of other instances of people being called on to pray. Needles to say, prayer is important. Prayer matters. Starting at the end of May, we will have a sermon series about prayer. We will be looking at how prayer as how we know God, prayer changes us, prayer is peace, and prayer is a refuge. I encourage you to begin thinking about your own prayer life and how you have experienced each one of these things personally. I also want to encourage you to pray! Pray for the church. Pray for your families. Pray for your friends. Pray for the world. Whatever you do, pray and pray often.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:4-7

Blessings,  
Rev. Raegan Seaton



**women's ministry**

**EVENING EVENT**  
**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 14TH**  
**AT 6:30 PM**  
**@ST. JOHN'S UMC, TEXAS CITY**  
Guest Speaker will be Rev. Michelle Hall

Tithe & Offerings	
2015 Income Received YTD	\$139,199.07
2015 Budgeted Amount YTD	\$142,140.99
2015 Income YTD	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 2,941.92

Worship Attendance		
Worship 4/5/15	9:30	169
Worship 4/5/15	11:00	75
Worship 4/12/15	9:30	86
Worship 4/12/15	11:00	54
Worship 4/19/15	5:00	95
Worship 4/19/15	7:00	64
Worship 4/26/15	9:30	75
Worship 4/26/15	11:00	60

**The Monitor**

May 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 Love!

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**Change**

Change can be hard, in fact for some people it can be gut wrenchingly difficult, but for yet others change is a tonic, it is exciting and invigorating. A philosopher named Heraclitus once said, "There is nothing constant in life but change." That is especially true in the United Methodist Church. As St. John's prepares to say good bye to two of its pastors and welcome a new one I thought some thoughts on change might be helpful.

With a pastoral change come new eyes, new ways of seeing things. It is a good thing to have new ideas and new thoughts about how to do things. The same is true for our lay leadership, it is why our elected lay leaders serve for a time and then are rotated out so that new leaders with fresh eyes can come forward and help lead the church.

Change is a natural part of life, (if you doubt me look at some old pictures of yours) and it is not something to be feared, rather I believe it is something to be embraced. We all know the passage from Ecclesiastes 3 in which the author says that there is a time for everything. So what can we do to prepare our hearts, ourselves and our church for change?

Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." In the spirit of this text, your church leaders have called for the month of June to be "A Preparation Month of Prayer" in which we pray daily that:

- God will guide and direct Rev. Stephanie Hughes and church staff to take us forward
- God will equip St. John's with new energy, provide new exciting opportunities, and take us to a higher level of worship and ministry
- God will show us how to share "Amazing Love" even better!

So, do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayers and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God.

Peace and Grace,



Rev. Mike Tyson

## INVITE

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

### MAY 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 razors, shaving cream and deodorant the whole month of May. 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, May 16th** at Mainland Ministries located at: First Presbyterian Church 1112 7th St N, Texas City, TX 77590 (at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> St and 11<sup>th</sup> 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

## EXPERIENCE

### A Word From Our Director Of Contemporary Worship



With summer rapidly approaching and schedules filling up with all the fun activities for kids during the break, I wanted to be sure to tell you all about this upcoming opportunity. Since last year's VBS, and more recently this year's Good Friday service, I've been looking forward to another opportunity to have our youth involved in leading worship. I'm so excited to announce that we will be starting up a youth choir this fall. To kick it off with a little preview beforehand, we're presenting a youth choir retreat for all students in grades K-12. "D.J. MarkyMark presentz St.J's Summer Dayz of Crazy Prayze" will be Tuesday, June 30th through Thursday, July 2nd, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Also, I am looking for a couple of high school age students to assist with this retreat, specifically to meet the week prior to in order to work on the material we will be teaching. We will be preparing a couple of songs to perform in the combined service to welcome our new pastor that Sunday on July 5th. If you are interested, please contact me via email or through the church phone number for more details.

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

## GROW

### A Word From Our Director Of Family Ministries

May is here. We have almost officially closed out our first school year at Mother's Day Out! It was such a successful year!! God is truly blessing St. John's in so many ways. When we started out in September, we had three teachers. We had Miss Sylvia, Miss Terry and Mr. Brock. We had 12 kids registered and we were ready to go. We have great kids and great parents. Our kids have a lot of fun and our parents are so good to us. They go above and beyond at holiday parties and whenever we need anything. By the time our Spring semester rolled around, we were up to 18 kids. We hired on Miss Arianna. Our four teachers have done an awesome job with our kids. Each week the kids learn a letter of the alphabet. We have a theme and a bible story that goes along with each of these. It's so fun to listen to what the kids learn. They come up to me and talk to me about yaks or water or Noah's ark because that is what they learned that week. Parents even text me or tell me what their kid has learned at school that they are showing them at home. It's been such a fantastic first year. It's been so fantastic that our parents have asked us to meet in the summer as well. So we will have a shortened summer session this year. We will meet three weeks out of each month instead of four. It will be a fun summer and if you are interested in putting your kid on our program but aren't sure if it's for you, I'd recommend trying our summer program. If your kid likes it, then sign up for our fall registration! We are here every Monday and Wednesday!

### May Dates:

May 17<sup>th</sup>-Spaghetti Fundraiser  
 May 20<sup>th</sup>-Last day of MDO until June 1<sup>st</sup>  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>-End of the school year lock in. \$25 7:00pm-7:00am  
 May 24-Last day to register for Camp Scholarship  
 May 31<sup>st</sup>-Last day to register for Church Camp



**Missions Opportunity:** Benefitting Crisis Pregnancy Support Center of the Mainland, this fundraiser starts Mother's Day and goes till Father's Day June 21st.

**CHANGE for CHANGE**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** Don't forget it's this coming Sunday! We invite you to celebrate parenthood by helping moms and babies in need. Please take home a Baby Bottle and fill it with your pocket change. The proceeds from our **CHANGE for CHANGE** campaign will be used to help stock the Pregnancy Center's Blessing Room with Diapers, Baby Wipes, Consumable Products, Baby Food and Formula that clients purchase using the Baby Bucks **moms earn** through participation in Prenatal, Parenting, Life Skills classes and Bible Study.

Helping moms earn nearly 500 weeks of baby food and formula each year.



Please return your filled bottles on Father's Day.

**A baby's life depends on it!**



## Opportunities to Grow

**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 24th if you need a scholarship. Visit Lakeview South District Camp for more information.