## **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: "PRAYER, An Adventure with God."

When: 10:45 am Where: Adult Classroom Leader: Gary Potter/409-938-0607

Monday Night Small Group On break till the fall.

**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

# SERVE

# A Word From Our Associate Pastor

#### Thank you!

Two simple words that cannot adequately express my gratitude for the last ten months we have had together. Thank you for welcoming me with open arms. Thank you for helping me grow in ministry. Thank you for encouraging me to fulfill God's call on my life. I could not have asked for a better church to be a part of and I am going to miss you all very much. I know that God is moving in powerful ways here at St. John's and I look forward to hearing about all that God has in store for this church. As United Methodist, we never know when our paths might cross again so until then:

#### The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. ~ Numbers 6:24-27

Blessings, Rev. Raegan Seaton

## June is "Preparation Month of Prayer"

Our new pastor, Rev. Stephanie Hughes, will begin her ministry here on July 1. Please join St. John's Grow Team and make June our "Preparation Month of Prayer." We ask all of St. John's to pray each day that:

1. God will guide and direct Pastor Stephanie and church staff to take us forward

2. God will equip St. John's with new energy, provide new exciting opportunities, and take us to a higher level of worship and ministry 3. God will show us how to share "Amazing Love" even better! We look forward to an exciting new chapter for St. John's!

See you Sunday!

## Gary Potter

Grow Team Chair

Tithe & Offerings		
2015 Income Received YTD	\$174,382.21	
2015 Budgeted Amount YTD	\$177,676.24	
2015 Income YTD Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 3,294.03	

Worship Attendance			
Worship 5/3/15	9:30	128	
Worship 5/3/15	11:00	73	
Worship 5/10/15	9:30	104	
Worship 5/10/15	11:00	55	
Worship 5/17/15	5:00	88	
Worship 5/17/15	7:00	52	
Worship 5/24/15	9:30	69	
Worship 5/24/15	11:00	51	
Worship 5/31/15	9:30	98	
Worship 5/31/15	11:00	55	

# **The Monitor**



A United Methodist Congregation



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Sunday Worship Services 9:30 am—Contemporary 11:00 am—Traditional

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On June 28<sup>th</sup> I will have been your pastor for one thousand six hundred thirty five days. I will have been alive for nineteen thousand two hundred seven days. That means I have spent just under ten percent of my life as your pastor. Almost a tithe, except that I don't view my time with this wonderful church as any kind of sacrifice, rather God has in a way tithed to me. The time I have been your pastor has been such an incredible blessing to my life I cannot begin to count them. But let me share a few, I have been overwhelmed by the trust that you have placed in me as your pastor. I suggest crazy things like, "Let's move our church to the Mall!" or "I want to put a vinyl mural in the children's area." and you respond with "okay." It wasn't easy worshipping in a mall, but it worked (and we saved some pretty serious dollars as well). You had the fortitude to relocate across town, and the generosity to almost be debt free (we are still working on it). So many of you have stepped up as leaders of our congregation and you have led...you didn't wait for me to make suggestions, you went and did. Thank you to all of you who may have reluctantly said yes to my request to serve in a particular role.

The thing that I am most grateful for is the way that you as a body of Christ, simply trust that God will deliver and your willingness to try new things. These are important things to continue if your church is to continue to grow. We have not made the strides that we have over the last 1,635 days because you have an awesome Pastor or great leadership...those things help. But what we have accomplished as a Body of Christ is because God has done it through you. You as followers of Jesus have allowed God to use you individually and corporately to make this church stronger. This is evidenced by the number of folks we have in small groups, the variety of ways that we reach out in love and concern to the community and the variety of ways that people experience amazing love through the people of this church.

Thank you for the unique privilege of being your pastor for the past 1,635 days. I will miss you all and miss being the pastor of a church that is known for its amazing love.

Peace and Grace,

### One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five Days

Dear St. John's Family,

Rev. Mike Tyson

# SPRC Announcement

Dear Church Family,

I am writing to update you on lots of information about things happening at the church over the next month. It will be a busy month for St. John's with pastors coming and going.

First, we want to let you know that effective June 1, 2015 Mark Pinard has resigned and is no longer employed by St. John's. We wish him God's blessings in his future endeavors and are grateful for his service over the last fourteen months. For the next several months the music in our contemporary service will be handled by three of our very competent and talented musicians: David McKnight, Greg Seay and Randy Crawford. We are confident that you will continue to enjoy the same, great guality of music on Sunday mornings.

Second, Rev. Raegan Seaton's last Sunday with us will be June 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have a farewell reception between services, so be sure to join us as we send Raegan off to St. Mark's Baytown with our prayers and thanks for her service.

Third, Rev. Mike Tyson's last Sunday with us will be June 28<sup>th</sup>. Our new pastor Rev. Stephanie Hughes will be here to take part in a symbolic service. We will have a pot luck lunch immediately following the second service. Please make every effort to be at church on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. We need to show an outpouring of love to Pastor Mike and his family.

Fourth, Rev. Stephanie Hughes' first official Sunday with us will be July 5<sup>th</sup>. Because it is the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, we will have one combined service at 10:30 a.m., be sure and wear something patriotic.

Lastly, we will have a special church wide celebration to "officially" welcome our new pastor Rev. Stephanie Hughes the afternoon of July 12<sup>th</sup>. Please look for more details to follow.

Blessings, Dee Clough SPRC Chair

# INVITE

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

## JUNE 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 SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER the whole month of JUNE. You can drop off your donations in the bin in the Ministry area in the Café.



**CHANGE for CHANGE**— Father's Day is only 2 weeks away and it will bring to a close the CHANGE for CHANGE Campaign. Please remember to bring back your Baby Bottles. If you have enclosed a check in the bottle, you will be issued a receipt from the Pregnancy Center. (Checks can be made out to CPSC). If you would like a receipt for the coins or currency in your bottle, just enclose a mailing label or slip of paper with your name and address in each of your bottles. If you decided not to fill your bottle, we still need for you to return the empty bottle. Thank you!

# A Word From Our Director Of Family Ministries

As most of you know, I recently lost my grandfather. This is new territory for me. I've lived a nice, comfy life for the last 31, almost 32 years. I have never experienced death. I have never experienced the loss of a loved one. Until now. My grandfather, Ron, was an amazing man. He was a retired minister. He worked for Nebraska Christian College for a while as well as a recruiter. This man loved Jesus with his whole heart. I know that the moment he hit Heaven's gates, he was greeted by so many that he introduced Christ to. Someone commented on a Facebook post "The party has just begun now that Ron is in Heaven". This was so true. He was definitely the life of the party. He was a funny man. He told stories and jokes. I remember once we were camping at Glacier National Park. He and my grandma were staying in a camper. We realized that we could see his shadow so he put on a little dance for us. We were all laughing so hard that the park ranger came and told us we needed to quiet down because we were being too loud. My grandpa also was a wonderful wood worker. My house is full of furniture and things he has made for me. One of my favorite things is a storage box that he put a latch on and hinges on. Its made out of a Pepsi box that came from my other Grandpa's Pepsi Plant. The box even says Norfolk, NE on it. If you remember a few years ago at our Christmas Eve Service, I brought in all of my manger scenes that my grandpa had made. I have 12 or 15 wonderfully, different scenes to put up each Christmas. Although the last few years have been tough, I am so happy and thrilled that this amazing man has received the prize. He is walking the streets of gold, entertaining the masses of Heaven. Its painful to think of him being gone. I will miss his good laugh and happy smile, but I know I will see him again so very soon. I'm so happy for him and so thankful for the influence he had on so many, many peoples' lives. Because of my wonderful Grandpa, so many people know Christ, know him personally and his legacy will continue on for years and years and years.

See you on Sunday, Jessica Dean

Mark your calendars and spread the word. We've got a busy summer ahead filled with plenty of fun and exciting opportunities for our youth and children! Summer Dates for Children and Youth Activities



Please contact Jessica Dean in the church office (409) 655-5348 if you have questions about any of the events coming up.

# GROW



• June 7th-Money for UM Army is due • June 11th-Movie Night in the Treehouse "Mr. Peabody & Sherman" June 14th-20th UM Army to Livingston, TX • June 28th-Money for Camp is Due  $\Rightarrow$  July 6th-10th-Camp at Lakeview- \$260  $\Rightarrow$  June 16th-Movie Night in the Treehouse  $\Rightarrow$  July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Family night at Nessler 6:30-8:30  $\Rightarrow$  July 27th-31st–VBS August 9th-2nd Annual Hunger Games August 15th-Back 2 School Bash 11:00-2:00

August-20th-Movie Night in the Treehouse