

**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**  
 New Study starting  
 Tuesday, July 21st  
 Study: "The Call" by Adam Hamilton  
 When: 7:00 pm  
 Where: Adult Classroom  
 Leader: Andy Lailhengue at texascitylaura@yahoo.com

**FPU Class**  
 Starting Sept 13th, 2015  
 Study: Financial Peace University / Dave Ramsey  
 When: 5:00 pm  
 Where: Sanctuary  
 Leaders: David & Christie McKnight  
 info@mcknightvideo.com



Pick A Ministry | Get Involved

Pick up a list of available ministry opportunities off the information table.

**SERVE**

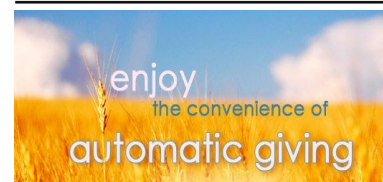
**A Word From Our Trustee Chair**

The Trustees of St. John's are charged with the responsibility of maintaining all property belonging to the church. Although we have 8 trustees there are many others who volunteer their time to see that the needs of the church are taken care of. As Trustee Chairman I would like to personally thank some of these people that volunteer their time to make St. Johns a premier facility in our community.

Some who came to mind are Denny Alsip, Gary Potter, Ed Young and Chuck Young, John Mitchell, Ed Mooberry, Tomy Hamon, Dee Clough, Gary & Pam Scoggin, Dianne Ho-Gland, Betty Wilson, Jerry Cooper, and Tony & Lupe Aguilar.

There are many more who volunteer their time and effort and we thank everyone who help to Make St. John's a better place to worship.

Paul Patrick



If you pay any of your bills on-line, please consider **Electronic Funds Transfer using your checking account or a credit card** for your tithes and offering. It is safe and secure. Your contribution is automatically deducted from the account of your choosing. There is no cost to you. You can select having funds transferred once or twice per month. It is easy to sign up. For information or forms, please contact Ingrid Clark in the church office at 409-655-5348.

Tithe & Offerings	
2015 Income Received YTD	\$207,931.41
2015 Budgeted Amount YTD	\$213,211.49
2015 Income YTD	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 5,280.08

Worship Attendance		
Worship 6/7/15	9:30	78
Worship 6/7/15	11:00	51
Worship 6/14/15	9:30	100
Worship 6/14/15	11:00	49
Worship 6/21/15	5:00	135
Worship 6/21/15	7:00	57
Worship 6/28/15	9:30	130
Worship 6/28/15	11:00	55

**The Monitor**

July 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 [www.stjohnsumctc.org](http://www.stjohnsumctc.org)  
 Inviting People to Experience Amazing Love!

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus! I praise God for your love, generosity, and hospitality you have poured out upon my family and me. Moving is always a great adventure and there are always a few bumps in the road. Yet, you have made our transition to Texas City and to the St. John's community a great joy. Thank you for the generous baskets, the notes, the kind words, and small gifts. We truly feel God's love through your acts of kindness.

When we gather at the Lord's table for Holy Communion, we remember the love and sacrifice of Jesus in his life, death, and resurrection. And there is a moment in the liturgy when we present ourselves to God as "a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us." Christ's offering that was poured out on the cross was an outpouring of abundant love and grace sufficient to cover the multitude of sins of the repentant from generation to generation.

Ultimately, it was an offering of relationship. When we offer ourselves up as a "holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us," we are offering a life representing that love to the world. Put in another way, it means that God's love, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion flows through us, so that all the people can experience God's grace through us. My family and I have experienced God's love and grace through you, since our arrival and we are very grateful.

Moving is always a great adventure, and so is ministry! I am excited to be serving as your pastor at St. John's UMC and being present in our surrounding community. Together, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to offer ourselves up "as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ Jesus." Please, take note of the word 'we.' This is such a small word, but it is a very important one. It reminds us that ministry is something we do together. And I look forward to serving Christ and the community with you on this adventure we call ministry.

Grace and Peace,

*Stephanie Hughes*

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

**The Most Misunderstood Verse About Money**  
by David McKnight, Ad Council Chair

As a Financial Coach, my favorite topic is money and personal finance. When my wife Christie and I lead the Financial Peace University classes at St. John's we get the unique opportunity to see money through the lens of the Bible. It's interesting how often the Bible is misquoted to support someone's agenda against wealth.

Luke 18:25 says "It is easier for a camel to walk through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." We all know the one church lady who will quote this verse because she thinks rich people shouldn't have financial success. (So we should all strive to be poor???) Here's something to chew on...almost every American family has an income that puts them squarely in the top 1% of the world's wealth. You may not think you're in the 1% that Occupy Wall Street was protesting against a couple of years ago, but most likely you are, globally speaking. Interesting point of view, isn't it?

Getting back to Luke, if you read just two more verses you see that Jesus is actually saying a rich person can't buy their way into heaven, nor is it granted through works. It's not saying a wealthy man *can't* get to the kingdom, it says he can't do it *alone*.

Your heavenly father is crazy about you. He wants you to do smart things with money. It's been said that if you read Proverbs long enough, you'll get a Masters Degree in Finance. If you follow the sound financial advice found in Proverbs, over time you will become wealthy. It's a natural by-product. And that's good! It's what God wants for us because then we can do some serious giving as well as retire with dignity, and bless our community and family for generations to come.



**Class Location:** St. John's United Methodist Church  
**Class Contact:** David & Christie McKnight - 713-376-8044  
**Class Meets:** Sunday at 5:00 PM  
**Class Begins:** Sep 13, 2015  
**Cost:** \$93.00  
**Class Notes:** Free childcare is available

**INVITE**

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

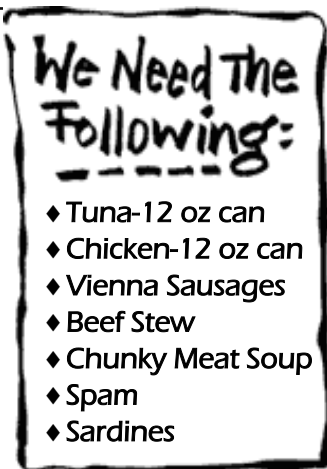
**JULY MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Monthly collection for UFA Susan's Market a client-choice food pantry located in the building that houses the UFA offices at 2000 Texas Ave in Texas City. For more information or to volunteer, please call UFA at 409-643-8243. **St. John's will be collecting PET FOOD & DISH WASHING LIQUID the whole month of JULY. 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, July 18th** 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.



**GROW**

**A Word From Our Director Of Family Ministries**

Summer is in full gear! Summer is really where my job gets busy! There are four MAJOR events that happen in the summer. UM Army is done! As you read this, I'm at church camp, so two is almost done. Next will be VBS and finally Back to School Bash.

I don't know if you know this about St. John's but we have some really GREAT kids! I just got back from UM Army where these high school kids have impressed me so much with their hard work and dedication to helping our clients in Livingston. They worked so hard in the rain. It rained every single day. And even with rain, they made 21 wheel chair ramps!!! They were doing a great job being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Now I'm getting ready to head to church camp with wonderful kids for a week to have fun but also learn about and worship God! I promise you, my job is amazing! But I hate that I get to witness this all on my own. So I'm personally inviting you all to get plugged in to some GREAT things going on at St. John's. In about two weeks, we will start our Vacation Bible School a great outreach opportunity for you all to get involved. Last year my prayer was to have 100 kids and boy, did God answer my prayers!!! So far this year we already have 50 kids signed up! Camp Discovery is our theme. We will learn how Jesus is at work in our lives. To some of the kids, this may be their only experience in a church all year long! Can you believe that? All these kids need are adults like you to show them Jesus. VBS cannot happen without the help of our volunteers! Please prayerfully consider volunteering. I have a knack for putting people exactly where they need to be. I know that it sounds crazy but its very rewarding!

We also have our Back to School Bash coming up next month. This is also an event where we need LOTS OF HELP! We are hoping to give out 400 bags FULL of school supplies so that kids can have a great start in the 2015-2016 school year! We have lots of fun with games, face painting, our awesome praise band plays and there is great food to eat! There are always so many things going on in the Treehouse and the Foundry. If you are ever interested in helping, please find me and let me know! There are places where we can get you plugged in!

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**

- ⇒ July 16th-Movie Night in the Treehouse
- ⇒ July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Family night at Nessler 6:30-8:30
- ⇒ 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

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