

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
New Study started
Sunday, August 2nd
 Study : "Mastering Our Passions"
 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, August 11th
 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

Administrative Council

According to the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, the Administrative Council is the group that "shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church."

The membership of the Ad Council at St. John's UMC includes the Pastor, officers (Ad Council chair, Finance chair, Trustee chair, SPRC chair, Ad Council Secretary, Treasurer, Lay Leader), lay members to annual conference, chairpersons of each Ministry Team, directors (staff members), and members-at-large. All other church members are invited to attend the meetings and participate in discussion as we conduct the business of the church, however only the Ad Council members can vote.

If you are interested in finding out more about a particular ministry a list of available ministry opportunities is located on the information table along with a list of our 2015 Leadership list. You may contact the church office for the chairperson's contact information. If you are interested in serving on a ministry team or Ad Council, please contact Pastor Stephanie Hughes in the church office at 409-655-5348, she chairs the Nominations Committee.

Our Ad Council meets the third Tuesday night at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary every three months starting in January. **Our next Ad Council Meeting will be Tuesday, August 18th at 6:00 pm.** We invite all members to attend!

Tithe & Offerings	
2015 Income Received YTD	\$243,472.16
2015 Budgeted Amount YTD	\$248,746.74
2015 Income YTD	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 5,274.58

Worship Attendance		
Worship 7/5/15	9:30	161
Worship 7/12/15	9:30	100
Worship 7/12/15	11:00	54
Worship 7/19/15	9:30	89
Worship 7/19/15	11:00	47
Worship 7/26/15	9:30	93
Worship 7/26/15	11:00	47

The Monitor

August 2015



ST. JOHN'S
 A United Methodist Congregation



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Sunday Worship Services

9:30 am—Contemporary

11:00 am—Traditional

Checkout the calendar at www.stjohnsumctc.org
 Inviting People to Experience Amazing Love!

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

A Word From Our Pastor

I remember a few of my first days of school as a kid. I remember being so excited about my new clothes! Most of them weren't actually new. They were hand-me-downs from my cousin, but they were new to me. I was nervous about meeting my new teacher and wondering who was going to be in my class. And I was very nervous about riding the bus. It seemed like the meanest kids were always on my bus!

As a mom, I am in wonderment of how my kids handle the first day of school. They move forward with what seems like no fear. They're ready to meet new people and face the challenges that are set before them. When they come home, I enjoy hearing about their adventures during the day and about what they think about their teachers and students in their classes. In the past, they have sometimes come home to tell us about kids that are disrespectful, mean, and lash out at teachers and peers. My husband and I have tried to help our children wonder why these kids act the way they do and not judge them so harshly. We've tried to explain that there are kids that don't have parents that are home all the time to help them with homework. Some of them may not have food to eat. Others may even have abusive parents. Often times, we cannot imagine the circumstances in which some of these kids live.

These memories and thoughts creep into my mind as the days of summer are dwindling and many are getting ready to go back to school. For many of us, this means that we are preparing our children by getting them back on a consistent sleep routine. It is time to purchase school supplies and school clothes. It seems the summer months flew by all too quickly for some and for others, the end of summer break couldn't come soon enough.

During the month of August, there is always a lot of opportunity to help our neighbors and our community. As the body of Christ we are called to stand in the gap for those that are struggling. So, here are some ways that we, as members of the body of Christ, can participate through our church and in our community to help teachers and families.

- Pray for teachers, school administrators and students.
- Write notes of encouragement to teachers, school administrators and students that you know.
- Get involved with St. John's Back to School Bash by volunteering to help or donating school supplies and/or food.
- Signing up and volunteering at schools near you to assist teachers and students throughout the school year. Volunteers make a difference in the schools and in the lives of individual kids. If you have a relationship with a particular school, such as, La Marque Elementary, I encourage you to return and continue the good work that you started.

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We are encouraged in scripture to continually help those in need. The Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 6:10, "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." There is opportunity all around us to represent Christ and make a difference in our community. There are a variety of ways to participate in helping the community right now. I hope that each one of you finds a way to participate by taking the opportunity to do one or more things on the list above, or by finding your own way to serve. I am so proud to be a part of a church that brings Christ into the community.

Grace and Peace,

Stephanie Hughes

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

"Showing Up"

Woody Allen is often credited with saying that, "80% of success is showing up." Whether we're a fan of his or not, we have to admit he has a point! When we apply the quote to attending church services, it certainly makes a lot of sense.

Everything worthwhile in life requires effort and when God grants us the gift of life each day, we must make the decision to use it wisely and to His advantage. Many scriptures encourage us to unite in fellowship in His house. Here, we get to worship Him with praise and thanksgiving through singing songs, receiving His Word, sharing our gifts and His Holy Sacraments.

We join other believers in sharing our love, encouragement and prayers. Some might not think it's necessary to attend church services, but as believers, we should have a desire to unite with others and worship God and receive His Word.

We ARE the body of Christ and therefore have a role in the ultimate goal of spreading the Word as He instructed us to. In order to do this successfully, we need our own spiritual growth which we can attain by "showing up" each Sunday morning and participating in our worship services along with reading our bibles.

It pleases God to see those who have remained loyal and steadfast in their endless work for Him and He continues to reward them as He sees fit.

Our new pastor, Stephanie Hughes has been doing a phenomenal job of "feeding our flock." We give thanks and praise to God for her and her family's relocation and commitment to our church.

St. John's has a sizeable congregation and we want those whom we haven't seen recently to please come home. You are loved and deeply missed.

Betty Magee
Lay Leader

INVITE

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

AUGUST 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 & DEODORANT the whole month of AUGUST. You can drop off your donations in the bin in the Ministry area in the Café.**

GROW

A Word From Our Director Of Family Ministries

August is here. One of my favorite months. Like I have said many times, I love my job but the summers are busy!! August is when I am able to get back to some normalcy. My office is manageable again, the youth kids are pretty much done traveling and are around again and life seems to slow down for just a moment. At this point though, I still have one big event and that is Back to School Bash! It is such a great event where we can get to help our community get ready for school. If you have never come to our Back to School Bash, I really think you should! We have great music brought by the praise band, we have awesome food, fun games, crafts for kids and of course, our backpacks that are given out. To make this event such a success, we need YOUR help. We need school supplies, food and your time. There are many kids in our community who go to school every day lacking the necessary supplies to make it in school. We are giving some of these kids a jump start in their education! I am so proud of this church and their heart for our community. Thank you so much for all you do! Please come and help out! Its August 15th from 11:00-2:00.

See you on Sunday,
Jessica Dean

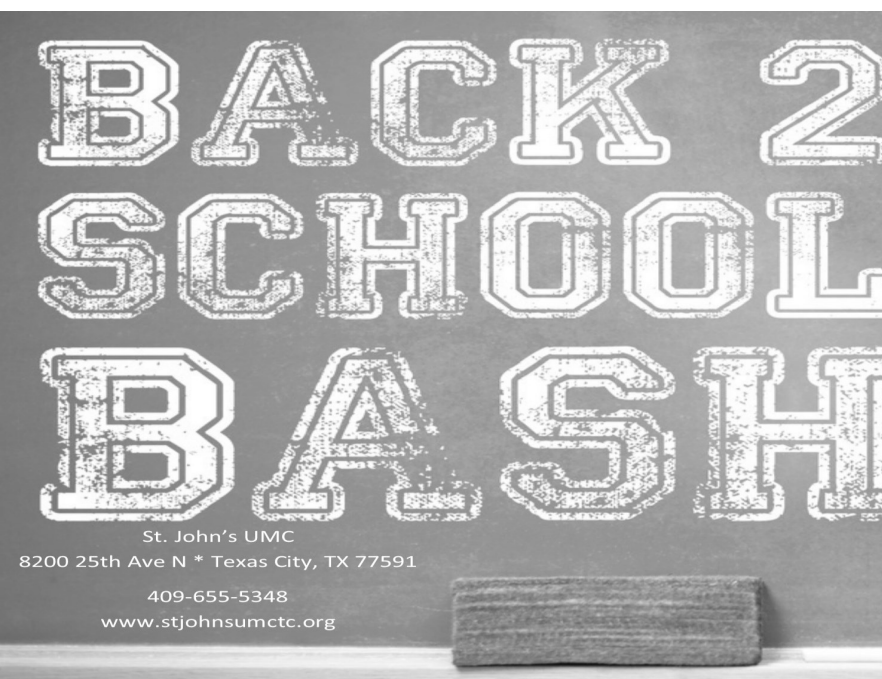
Mark your calendars and spread the word. We've got a busy summer ahead filled with plenty of fun and exciting opportunities for our youth and children!



Summer Dates for Children and Youth Activities

- ◇ August 9th-2nd Annual Hunger Games
- ◇ August 15th-Back 2 School Bash 11:00-2:00
- ◇ August-20th-Movie Night in the Treehouse
- ◇ August 23rd - Blessing Of The Backpacks

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



August 15, 2015
11:00am-2:00pm

Join us for a fun event to help children of all ages to prepare to go BACK TO SCHOOL! FREE bags with school supplies are being given to the first 400 participants. A parent or guardian must be present with child to receive the supplies.

Free food, face painting, games, great music, crafts and so much more!!