

**SMALL GROUPS**

Study: *"The Life Of Jesus For Today"*

Sunday Morning Small Group  
When: 9:30 am  
Where: Adult Classroom  
Leader: Golden Shook

Study: *"The Case For Faith"*

Hosted by: Late Sunday Morning Small Group  
When: 10:45 am  
Where: Adult Classroom  
Leader: Gary Potter/409-938-0607

Study: *"The Story"*

Hosted by: Monday Night Small Group  
When: 6:30 pm  
Where: Adult Classroom  
Leader: Tony Aguilar  
taguilar1300@aol.com / 409-770-3776

**New Study: "Earn. Save. Give."**  
(4 Week Study)

Hosted by: Tuesday Morning Small Group  
Starting Tuesday, October 6th  
When: 10:30 am  
Where: Adult Classroom  
Leader: Rev. Stephanie Hughes

**New Study: "Earn. Save. Give."**  
(4 Week Study)

Hosted by: Tuesday Night Small Group  
Starting Tuesday, October 6th  
When: 7:00 pm  
Where: Adult Classroom  
Leader: Andy Lailhengue at  
texascitylaura@yahoo.com

**FPU Class**

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

Pick up a list of available



ministry opportunities off the information table.

**SERVE**

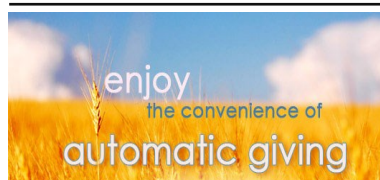


**AD COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH AT 6:00PM**  
**IN THE SANCTUARY.**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**  
**The Annual District HUB Charge Conference**  
Sunday, November 8th at 6:30 pm  
at McKinney Memorial UMC in La Marque.

You will have an opportunity to meet our District Superintendent Rev. Kip Gilts. We will be conducting Annual Charge Conference business. All members are encouraged to attend this important event.



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 | \$312,313.71        |
| 2015 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$319,817.24        |
| 2015 Income YTD          |                     |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit</b>   | <b>-\$ 7,503.53</b> |

| Worship Attendance |       |     |
|--------------------|-------|-----|
| Worship 9/6/15     | 9:30  | 69  |
| Worship 9/6/15     | 11:00 | 51  |
| Worship 9/13/15    | 9:30  | 103 |
| Worship 9/13/15    | 11:00 | 61  |
| Worship 9/20/15    | 9:30  | 91  |
| Worship 9/20/15    | 11:00 | 43  |
| Worship 9/27/15    | 9:30  | 101 |
| Worship 9/27/15    | 11:00 | 38  |

**The Monitor**

October 2015



**ST. JOHN'S**  
A United Methodist Congregation



8200 25TH AVENUE NORTH  
TEXAS CITY, TX 77591  
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**Sunday Worship Services**

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

Checkout the calendar at  
[www.stjohnsumctc.org](http://www.stjohnsumctc.org)  
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**A Word From Our Pastor**

**Earn. Save. Give.**

You're probably used to hearing people in church talk about giving. But when was the last time in church that you talked about earning or saving? Is it unchristian to earn money? Is it wrong to save for ourselves and our families?

John Wesley didn't think so. Wesley, the Christian evangelist and founder of the Methodist movement, gave a remarkable sermon called "The Use of Money." In it, he said that the important thing isn't money itself but how we use it. Wesley's surprising advice still rings true today: earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

During the month of October, our church will experience an exciting new stewardship program, *Earn. Save. Give.: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money*, developed by popular author and pastor James A. Harnish. The program centers around a book and DVD, in which Harnish describes Wesley's surprising advice and introduces us each week to faithful Christians who, like all of us, struggle with money.

There will be opportunities in worship, in small groups, in youth and children's classes, and in devotions for use at home. You'll be hearing about the program in worship, in the newsletter, and on our website.

Stay tuned!

Sermon schedule for the *Earn. Save. Give.* series

- Week 1. If You Could Ask for Anything (1 Kings 3:1-13)
- Week 2. Money—The Excellent Gift (Luke 12:42-48)
- Week 3. You Can't Take It With You (Proverbs 13:11)
- Week 4. How Far Will You Go? (Proverbs 11:25)

Grace and Peace,

*Stephanie Hughes*

Rev. Stephanie Hughes





Just a note to let you know how much I appreciate your contribution towards my mission trip to Belize this summer. I apologize for the amount of time it has taken for this letter to arrive, but I truly appreciate what you helped me accomplish. Belize was an amazing experience and has likely changed my life forever. Thank you for playing a part in that!

Kelly Lee, Jr.

**Outreach: Sandwich Ministry  
Making a difference!**

Just a note to say thank you for the lunch we received at UTMB. We had an early appointment and it was around noon before we were headed home to Crystal Beach. The lunch was a very welcome snack for us on the ferry.

Thanks again,  
Mike & Nanette Gans

People involved in this ministry either make the lunches or volunteer to deliver the lunches to UTMB in Galveston. Cash and/or food donations are always welcome.

What: Make or deliver sandwich lunches  
When: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, October 6th

Contact: Denny Alsip at 409-948-6223/  
dwalsip@comcast.net  
or Dianne Ho-Gland 409-945-4039/  
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**EXPERIENCE**

**TRADITIONAL MUSIC MINISTRY**

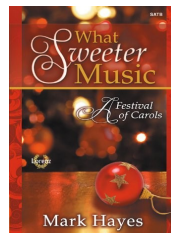
**COME JOIN THE FUN!!!!**

It's time to start preparing for the Christmas Cantata.

Come and join the Chancel Choir as they begin rehearsals for this years cantata "What Sweeter Music"

Anyone interested in singing in the cantata is encouraged to come to rehearsal Wednesday, October 14th at 7:30pm in the choir room.

Please contact  
Dr. James Heffel for additional information.



**JOIN CHANCEL BELL CHOIR**

We are in need of one more ringer for the Chancel Bell Choir.

Playing bells is easy and fun -  
**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

Please contact James Heffel for more information, or come to rehearsal on Wednesday's at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

**INVITE**

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

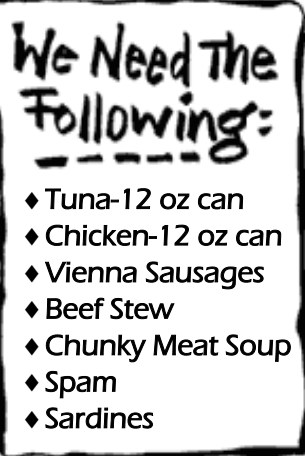
**MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

**Saturday, October 17th** we will be making the final push to finish work on the house in La Marque that we have been working on. Work is scheduled to start at 8:00am and work until done. The work for the day is finish painting and fix the hot water heater shed. If we have enough people, we'll work on cleaning up the outside and do some cleaning inside. If you are available please come out and join us in being the hands and feet of Jesus to one of our own. There will be a signup sheet available on the information table. Or you may contact Ron Collins at 409-457-8755 to volunteer.

**MAINLAND STREET MINISTRIES**

St. John's feeds our neighbors on a select Saturday of each month at 10:00 am the next one is **Saturday, October 17th** 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**

I know that we don't experience seasons here in Texas City as much as other places do so bare with me. As a born and raised Texan, I feel like we experience about two seasons, hot and bearable. But with that, every new season brings a nice change to our lives. When we have experienced a hot, hot summer, fall is refreshing. Its nice to walk outside and not immediately want to turn around and go back inside. After its been cold a little too long, we long for Summer so we can warm up. Life is like this as well. We experience many seasons in our lives. Some of these seasons are fun and enjoyable, some of these seasons are long and stressful. As most of you know, I've been experiencing one of those long and stressful seasons. I just want to throw myself on the ground and scream over and over and over that its just not fair. Luckily as a small child, I was taught that life isn't always fair. We are given this life to live and we can either run and experience the bumps in the road or we can cry and throw fits while not growing or working through the situation. I ask God quite often "why me?" Why have I been chosen to experience this? Why I do I have to go through this? But over and over and over I just hear what Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." I know that God has a great plan for my life. I am so excited to see it unfold. Even though it might not be what I want or happen quickly as I would like, God knows my heart. He knows my heart just like He knows your heart. He will give us our heart's desire just as long as we are faithful to Him. So I pray that you and I both continue to seek Him in all we do!!

See you on Sunday,  
Jessica Dean

**Fall Dates for Children & Youth Activities**

- Sunday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - Children's Sunday
- Sunday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - Foundry Youth Dewberry Farms
- Friday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> - Trunk or Treat
- Wednesday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - Foundry Youth Volunteer prepping for Community Thanksgiving Meal
- Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>: No Youth Group