

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: "Presenting the Book of Revelation through Art and Music"

12-week Adult Study
Began Tuesday, November 3rd
When: 10:00 am
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Rev. Stephanie Hughes

New Study: The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (4 Week Study)

Hosted by: Tuesday Night Small Group
Began Tuesday, November 3rd
When: 7:00 pm
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Andy Lailhengue at texascitylaura@yahoo.com

New Study: "Presenting the Book of Revelation through Art and Music"

12-week Adult Study
Began Wednesday, November 4th
When: 6:30 pm
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Rev. Stephanie Hughes

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

SERVE



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!
The Annual District HUB Charge Conference
Sunday, November 8th at 6:30 pm
at McKinney Memorial UMC – 1607 Nashby St.,
La Marque, Texas 77568

The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, vote on the salaries for the pastor, elects the members of the church administrative council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry as well as conduct and discuss other church business. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting as it will help to keep you informed about the life of the church and the business of the church.



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	\$341,946.65
2015 Budgeted Amount YTD	\$355,352.48
2015 Income YTD	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 13,405.83

Worship Attendance		
Worship 10/4/15	9:30	95
Worship 10/4/15	11:00	50
Worship 10/11/15	9:30	99
Worship 10/11/15	11:00	39
Worship 10/18/15	9:30	86
Worship 10/18/15	11:00	34
Worship 10/25/15	9:30	50
Worship 10/25/15	11:00	33

The Monitor

November 2015



ST. JOHN'S
A United Methodist Congregation



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TEXAS CITY, TX 77591
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Sunday Worship Services

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

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A Word From Our Pastor

It's beginning to feel a little like autumn as we watched October fly by, and we enter into the month of November. My reflections on the past month are with a grateful heart. This is the first church I have ever served that officially celebrates pastor appreciation month. I was overwhelmed by the love that was poured out to me through thoughtful cards, generous gift cards, and even a little cash. The love and thoughtfulness poured out on me lifted my spirit and gave me great joy. Thank you for opening your hearts to me and my family. We are truly blessed to serve among you and alongside of you.

Also, in the month of October, we concentrated on stewardship and ended with commitment Sunday. We relied on the advice of John Wesley to earn all we can, save all we can, so that we can give all we can. Many of you took this to heart when praying and considering your pledge to the church for the coming year. We had a few families pledge for the first time and several more increase their pledge. And even though attendance has been low because of the rain, the congregation that braved the weather committed to give with resounding joy. The total pledges committed so far are \$287,592 and we expect more to come.

We've also celebrated the baptism of two beautiful baby boys, Ethan Farris and Kellen Schwamb. We have vowed together to pray for these families and support and nurture them to raise their children on the path that leads to abundant life as disciples of Jesus Christ. And last Sunday, we remembered our friends and family that have joined the great cloud of witnesses that surround the throne of God. We were reminded that we too are saints, blessed to be a blessing. This month has truly been a testament to the blessings of God moving through us and among us. As we move into the holidays, I pray that God's stirring of our hearts will continue to intensify and we rise to the occasion to be a blessing in our community as we come together to help with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and continue to give thoughtfully and sacrificially during the season of Christmas.

Grace and Peace,

Stephanie Hughes

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

INVITE

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



The Community Thanksgiving Meal

Thursday, November 26th,
11:00am and 1:00pm

at Our Lady of Fatima in the Kukral Center
1600 9th Ave N, Texas City

St. John's is responsible for providing: 10 Large pans of Sweet Potatoes and 30 pies/cakes/desserts for the Community Thanksgiving Meal. We also need all the volunteers we can get from our church this year to help with the clean up after the meal. There are boxes set up in the front entry of the sanctuary to collect canned goods and brown paper bags for the food bags that will be given out the day of the meal. We will also need frozen turkeys (no larger than 14 pounds) between November 1st-13th.

WE WANT YOUR COATS!!!

Please bring clean, gently worn or new coats, jackets and windbreakers to the St. John's Church Office. There will also be a collection box set up in the café for donations. Coats, jackets and windbreakers will be given away free of charge to those in need at the Community Thanksgiving Meal.



EXPERIENCE

Welcome

Cameron

Please join us in welcoming our new
Director Of Contemporary Worship & Youth Cameron Losoya!

A Word From Our Director Of Contemporary Worship & Youth Ministry

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My name is Cameron Losoya. After 8 years in active ministry, I am very excited that God has called me here to Texas City. In those 8 years I have served many different positions in the church all the way from College Pastoral Intern to Pulpit Supply Minister. I first heard my calling in 2007 at a Chrysalis spiritual retreat weekend. It wasn't clear to me at that time where God was calling me, but after a lot of discernment, I've come to realize that God kept leading me back to Music Ministry and Youth ministry. I have a strong love for both contemporary and traditional styles of music as well as being a leader to youth and young adults.

In the past I have worked at different United Methodist Churches serving positions such as Organist, Music Ministries Intern, Youth Director, Pulpit Supply Minister, CPIP Intern, leadership, Praise Team Director and Traditional Music Director. I have been heavily involved in different Emmaus 4th Day communities and cannot wait to get plugged in in this community.

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I am very excited to become part of the ministry God has going on here at St. John's UMC. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you and those who are yet to come. Come by the office sometime, I would love to be able to talk to and get to know you a little better. May God continue to bless you this day and always!

iDe Colores!
Cameron Losoya

"What shall we say, shall we continue sinning so His grace may increase? By no means – we are a people who are dead to sin, so how can we live in it any longer?" – Romans 6:1-2

Upcoming Dates for Youth Activities

Wednesday, Nov. 25th 10:00-11:30 am- Foundry Youth Volunteer prepping for Community Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, Nov. 29th: No Youth Group

Thursday, Dec 3rd-Texas City Christmas Parade 5:00pm-7:30

Sunday, Dec 6th-Foundry Youth Christmas Party 5:00-8:00pm

Friday thru Saturday, Dec 18th & 19th-Holiday Hoopla- \$30

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A Word From Our Director Of Children Ministries

I have officially been at the church for three+ years. I have seen a pastor leave, a pastor come. I have seen staff members leave, I've seen staff members come. I can no longer say that I am new here. I feel like St. John's is my home. I love it here! I love seeing how St. John's is moving and growing. I love seeing how we keep some of our traditions alive. I don't know if it was ever known to the congregation that when I started, Youth Ministry was terrifying to me. The thought of smelly, junior high kids made my insides fill with butterflies. You can give me a room full of kindergarteners and I'm in my element. Give me a room full of junior high kids and I'm looking for the closest exit. That was until three years ago. I started working with the kids and ended up loving it! Their unique personalities and their high energy just makes you love them for some reason. The high school kids were awesome as well. But my calling and my comfort has always been children's ministry.

We have recently hired Cameron Losoya. You will see him on the stage for the praise band, you might see him with the choir but he's will also be leading our youth ministry. We have great, great kids. I will miss hanging out with them every Sunday night but I'm so happy that we are to the point where Cameron can take over the youth ministry of St. John's and make it soar! I thank you all for giving me a chance with your youth and pray that you all take Cameron in so graciously as you did for me! Many plans are in the work for the children's ministry and Mother's Day Out! Great, great things are happening here at St. John's! Jump on board so you don't miss out!!!

See you on Sunday,
Jessica Dean

Upcoming Dates for Children Activities

Thursday, Dec 3rd-Texas City Christmas Parade 5:00pm-7:30

Sunday, Dec 13th -Children's Caroling at Elmcroft Assisted Living 3:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 13th -Children's Christmas Program 6:00 pm



WE NEED CANDY!!!

The Texas City Annual Christmas Parade is coming up soon and we need A LOT of CANDY! We run out every year. If your kid has too much Halloween candy and you need to get it off your hands, I will take it! Also, if you are at the store and see some Halloween candy 50% off, please pick some up! As long as it doesn't have a Halloween decoration on it, we can use it! Thanks so much!