

SMALL GROUPS

Study: "Psalms For Today"

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

Study: "Sermon On The Mount" (12 week study)

Hosted by: Late Sunday Morning Small Group
When: 10:45 am
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Gary Potter

Study: "If God Has a Refrigerator, Your Picture is On It"

Hosted by: Monday Night Small Group
When: 7:00 pm
Where: Tom & Kay Smith's home in Texas City
Leader: Tony Aguilar

Study: "Broken and Blessed" (6-week study)

When: 10:00 am
Where: Dianne Ho-Gland's home in Texas City
Leader: Dianne Ho-Gland

Study: "Mastering Our Passions" (4-week study)

Hosted by: Tuesday Night Small Group
When: 7:00 pm
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Andy Lailhengue at

Study: "Presenting the Book of Revelation through Art and Music" 12-week Adult Study

When: Wednesday's @ 10:30 am
Where: Church Office
Leader: Rev. Stephanie Hughes

NEW Thursday Lenten Study "He Set His Face to Jerusalem"

Starts Thursday, Feb 11th
When: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Pastor Stephanie Hughes

FPU Class

Study: Financial Peace University / Dave Ramsey

When: 5:00 pm
Where: Adult Classroom
Leaders: David & Christie McKnight
info@mcknightvideo.com

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

Stewardship Report

2015 Year End Financial Summary We finished 2015 on a high note!	
2015 Year End Net Income	\$417,157.56
2015 Projected Income	\$426,428.98
2015 Year End Income Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 9,255.42
2015 Year End Expenses	\$412,448.43
2015 Budgeted Expenses	\$439,555.00
We came in under the budgeted amount:	\$ 27,106.57
2015 Year End Net Income vs Expense Surplus/Deficit	\$ 4,719.13

YTD 2016 Tithe & Offerings	
2016 Income Received YTD	\$ 31,393.27
2016 Budgeted Income YTD	\$ 35,776.67
2016 Income YTD Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 4,383.40

Growing Joyful Givers

Each year the members and friends of St. John's join in a Stewardship Campaign where we are all invited and encouraged to make a pledge of financial support. Through this campaign, we remind ourselves that God has given us many resources to use for good. We know that our time, energy, money and prayers are

all important—and God is able to do wonderful work through us and through our gifts. The church depends upon our generous gifts for financial support, as well as our dedicated time and energy. God is doing great things here at St. John's, and we hope you will be a part of our moving forward in faith. Thank you for your generous financial support of St. John's and our mission God has called us to!

2016 Budget AS Approved by Ad Council		
Projected Income		429,320
Expense		
Finance		
	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE	10,850
	APPORTIONMENTS	42,805
	LOCAL CHURCH EXPENSE	
	Construction loan Interest	6,000
	Total Interest Expense	6,000
	Stewardship	500
	Total Finance	60,155
Trustees		
	Church Repairs	7,500
	Church Equipment	3,000
	Church Utilities	37,100
	Insurance	24,000
	Janitorial Supplies	2,500
	Total Building Expense	74,100
CHURCH PROGRAMS		
Children	Children	5,700
Adult	Congregational Care	1,000
	Education Ministry	1,100
	Mission/Outreach Ministry	2,900
	Evangelism	5,000
	Worship Ministry	11,600
Youth	Youth Ministry	6,375
	Total CHURCH PROGRAMS	33,675
SPR		
	Total Personnel Expense	273,092
		441,022
Net Income		(11,702)

The Monitor

February 2016



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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Inviting People to
Experience Amazing Love!

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A Word From Our Pastor

Lent is the liturgical season of penitence and fasting that leads up to the resurrection and the Easter celebration begins on Ash Wednesday. So, the Tuesday before, became known as Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras. On this Tuesday, Christians would clean out their pantries and cabinets of all temptations, distractions, pleasures and luxuries, such as sweets, meats and rich foods and have a great feast! More recently, Mardi Gras has taken on a life of its own and has very little to do with its simple beginnings, which was to prepare for a season of repentance and simplicity.

This season is a solemn one. The day after Mardi Gras is Ash Wednesday. At the Ash Wednesday service we recognize our mortality, repent of our sins, and return to our loving God. It is a very powerful service. During the service, ashes are placed on the forehead in the sign of a cross. Ashes are a sign of mourning and repentance. It is an outward sign of repentance and of asking forgiveness. I encourage you to come to one of the services on February 10th. Wear your ashes about town after the service and let people ask you what they mean. This gives you an opportunity to share your faith in community.

Long ago, believers fasted during the forty days of Lent, and now many give up something that they enjoy. One year, I gave up Mexican food! That was a hard year! It should feel like a sacrifice of something you really enjoy and miss when you don't have it. Even though it is a solemn season of repentance and sacrifice, the season of Lent is also a season of hope, for we know what lies ahead. In the midst of acknowledging our sin and finiteness, we know that Christ's sacrifice of death on the cross and resurrection freed us from slavery to sin and death. Sin and death no longer have a hold on us. We are an Easter people. Yet, in order to celebrate Easter well, we remember what we were and we remember who we are now. "Once you were no people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy (1 Peter 2:10).

Grace and Peace,

Stephanie Hughes

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

**"All are from the dust,
and to dust all return."**
Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



Ash Wednesday Service

February 10th

12:15 pm & 6:00 pm

A Word From Our Lay Leader Betty Magee

As most of you know February is Black History Month. I think it is very important that we continue to raise awareness so I am sharing this article with you all about the origins of Black History Month.

"ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

(A brief look at the history of African Americans and Black History Month, from History.com)

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Since then, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. The 2013 theme, At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington, marks the 150th and 50th anniversaries of two pivotal events in African-American history.

Did You Know? The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

EXPERIENCE

Welcome Our
New Members



Alice Darlington
2211 34th St N #3104
Texas City, TX 77590



Cheryl Hadley
1120 34st Street, #42
Texas City, TX 77590

Worship Attendance

Worship 1/3/16	9:30	72
Worship 1/3/16	11:00	60
Worship 1/10/16	9:30	98
Worship 1/10/16	11:00	62
Worship 1/17/16	9:30	100
Worship 1/17/16	11:00	58
Worship 1/24/16	9:30	78
Worship 1/24/16	11:00	56
Worship 1/31/16	9:30	107
Worship 1/31/16	11:00	62

GROW

A Word From Our Director Of Contemporary Worship & Youth Ministry

Friends,

What a joy it's been! Last month we kicked off our Wednesday Night Worship services and it was a hit! We had 12 students come and worship! It is a great joy indeed. In fact! They even requested to start doing it weekly. Starting February 24th, we will begin having weekly mid-week worship services here at the church for the youth group. God is good all the time!

Starting in the March, we are hoping to introduce Family Groups. Family groups are designed as small groups within the youth group (4-6 kids) that meet and grow spiritually with 2 adults from the church weekly for an hour. Food will be provided and everyone will eat together with their group. Family Groups will be on Sundays 4:00-5:00 fellowship, 5:00-6:00 Meeting with dinner. If you would be interested in serving as a Family Group leader, please contact me. The curriculum will already be written, you would serve as a guide in leading the discussion.

Dead to Sin!

Cameron Losoya

Our New Sunday Night Youth Schedule:

4:00-4:30 – All Arrive
4:30-5:00 – Dinner
5:00-6:00 – lesson
6:00-7:30 – Games and parent Pick-up

Upcoming events:

Feb 7 – Foundry Youth Superbowl Party at the church
Feb 19-21 – Ignite Midwinter
Feb 24 – Foundry Youth Live



**FAT/SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER
YOUTH FUNDRAISER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Plates will be by donation
COME OUT AND HELP OUR
YOUTH RAISE FUNDS FOR CAMP &
UM ARMY.**

YOUTH LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT



**FOUNDRY YOUTH LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT
STARTING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH – SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH PALM SUNDAY
BRING BAGS OF RICE & BAGS OF PINTO BEANS
TO STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY AT UFA SUSAN'S MARKET.
HELP US FILL THE ST. JOHN'S TRAILER!!!!**

A Word From Our Director Of Children Ministries

Exciting things are happening in the Treehouse. Our Sunday mornings have so many kids that we have added on a third class!! Cindy Fuller and Betty Magee, along with Brock Crawford, have done an EXCELLENT job teaching our kids about Jesus and how Jesus can move in their lives. We have added Tammy Wilson along with Bailey and Caitlin to our team to help out the preschoolers and kindergartners. We are averaging anywhere between 15 to 25 kids each Sunday. I always look forward to our time we have together! We spend each morning together as a group, lifting up our prayer requests and praises. Then I get the honor of trying to remember them all in a prayer before we go to our class time. Prayer request time is my favorite! These kids pray for so many things! They have such a heart of sharing and also for caring for one another. We hear about sick pets, hurting parents, friends, classmates, teachers, neighbors and so much more! Praises are the best! They love sharing about birthdays, trips, and other fun things. For the most part, they do a GREAT job of listening to one another and caring for what each other are saying. We take up an offering for Susan's Market and try to pray for them each week as well. These kids are amazing kids! I am so excited to see how God is moving through St. John's Treehouse kids!

See you on Sunday,
Jessica Dean