

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

NEW Study: “If God Has a Refrigerator, Your Picture is On It” Starts Tuesday, March 8th
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

Thursday Lenten Study “He Set His Face to Jerusalem” Thursday’s During Lent
When: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Pastor Stephanie Hughes

FPU Class (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.

Holy Week Schedule of Services

♦ Sunday, March 20th Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt - Holy Week Begins
9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday school for all ages
10:35 Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

♦ Thursday, March 24th Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm
Chancel Choir Cantata Service with Holy Communion
The St. John’s UMC Chancel Choir
Directed By: Dr. James Heffel
Presents “We Remember Calvary” Joel Raney

♦ Friday, March 25th Good Friday - 7:00 pm
Remembering the cross - an experiential service with worship music and stations of reflection and meditation

♦ Easter Sunday, March 27th
9:30 am Contemporary Celebration Service
9:30 am Sunday school for all ages
11:00 am Traditional Celebration Service

Nursery available for all worship services.

Be sure to attend a service and bring someone with you!

Easter Lily Orders

Easter Lily plants will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 27th. The plants are \$12 each. Please fill out a form found in the bulletin. **Deadline for ordering is SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH.** You may pick up your plant after the morning worship services on Easter Sunday.

YTD 2016 Tithe & Offerings	
2016 Income Received YTD	\$ 66,054.10
2016 Budgeted Income YTD	\$ 71,553.33
2016 Income YTD Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 5,499.23

Worship Attendance		
Worship 2/7/16	9:30	92
Worship 2/7/16	11:00	43
Worship 2/14/16	9:30	100
Worship 2/14/16	11:00	56
Worship 2/21/16	9:30	70
Worship 2/21/16	11:00	42
Worship 2/28/16	9:30	71
Worship 2/28/16	11:00	45

The Monitor

March 2016



ST. JOHN'S
A United Methodist Congregation



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Sunday Worship Services

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

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A Word From Our Pastor

Holy Week is only a few weeks away. In preparation, many of us have fasted, examined our lives, repented, and prayed throughout the Lenten season. When we go to the store, we find that the seasonal isles are filled with Easter eggs, bunnies and candy. When we go outside, the air is warming, the grass is getting greener, and the flowers are blooming. The signs of Easter are all around, yet what does that mean for the followers of Jesus? Why don't we just skip the mournful dark season of Lent and go straight to the pastel brilliance of Easter? Why do we stop to examine our own life practices and just look straight to the empty cross and celebrate the resurrection? After all, Jesus conquered sin and death, so why worry about it?

There are many reasons we examine our lives. We do so with the hope that God gives us the strength to change our harmful habits, sets us free from painful situations, and heal our wounded souls from our own sins and the sins of others. Though we should do this year round, we focus a bit more on it during the season of Lent. We do so, recognizing the great cost of the sacrifice freely given to us in Jesus Christ. During Holy Week we watch the final hours of Jesus close up. We remember the tenderness of the last supper, the agony at the garden, the unfair trial, the suffering and death upon the cross. And we wait in an atmosphere of darkness, knowing all is not as bleak as it seems. For resurrection is coming! Resurrection is here! It has been here all along. God's grace has been given to us at no cost to ourselves. The cost was paid in the blood and sacrifice of our Savior. God's grace is free to us, though it is extremely costly and it should never be taken for granted.

Paul wrote to the Romans, "What then are we to say? Should we continue to sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life (6:1-4)." So, we remember our debts, and we remember that the cost/penalty is death. And yet, we also remember, we are fully alive in Christ. We are a resurrection people! Hallelujah!

Grace and Peace,

Stephanie Hughes

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

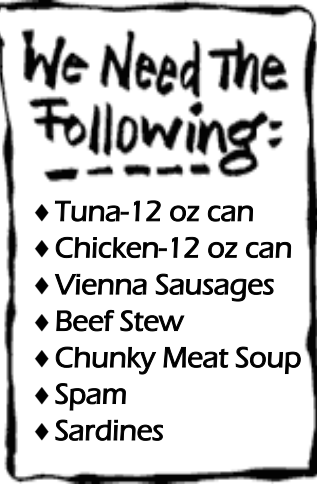
Please see our "Getting Plugged In" brochure for a complete and detailed list of Outreach & Missions opportunities.

MAINLAND STREET MINISTRIES

St. John's feeds our neighbors on a the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am the next one is Saturday, March 19th at Mainland Ministries at their new location at: CrossPointe Church -722 3rd Ave N, Texas City, TX. (At the corner of 3rd Ave N & 8th St N)

Contact Christie McKnight at 713-376-8044 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.



EXPERIENCE

Opportunities to Serve on the Experience Team

The Chancel Bells rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
The Chancel Choir rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

WE NEED YOUR VOICES!!!

It's time to start preparing for our Easter Cantata. Come and join the Chancel Choir as they begin rehearsals for this years cantata "We Remember Calvary"
Anyone interested in singing in the cantata is encouraged to come to rehearsal's have begun please come Wednesday's at 7:00pm to the choir room.
Please contact Dr. James Heffel for additional information.

ATTENTION!

We are looking for individuals who are interested in serving the church on Sundays by helping to run our multimedia show & sound techs. If you are interested in signing up, please drop by the sound booth on Sunday morning and speak with Ed Young, he will be able to give you information about joining the team. Or you can sign up at the information table. (Training will be provided).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE

LADIES, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A LADIES TEA/LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH 10:30 am-12:30

This will be a fundraiser to our youth with the cost of summer camps.
Our special guest speaker will be Meme Stephens.

You can buy a table and decorate it with a Spring theme.
Or tickets can be purchased individually. Prices are \$10 each or \$60 for a table for 7.

Tickets are available at the St. John's office at 409-655-5348, from Pam Welch at 409-770-7551 or Robin Bartholomew at 409-771-2664.

Come and enjoy the fun and invite your friends.



Ages: Entering 4th grade through high school seniors
Camp costs is \$360.00
Campers must register by April 24th.

There are partial scholarships available. Please contact Jessica Dean or Cameron Losoya if your child will need a scholarship. We will also have opportunities for kids/youth to earn money for camp. You can make payments towards camp and the final payment is due by Sunday, May 15th. We want all kids to be able to go to camp and some may not be able to afford the cost. If you would like to sponsor a child please let us know. Jessica can be reached at 409-655-5348 x101 and Cameron at x106. Please consider joining the youth as a Camp Counselor.

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A Word From Our Director Of Contemporary Worship & Youth Ministry

Dear church family,
First and foremost I would like to thank everyone for their support at the Pancake Supper Fundraiser. In total, we raised just over \$700 towards sending these Youth to camp! Thank you to all who attended and/or donated!
Second I would like to invite you to consider volunteering in the youth ministry. We are always looking for volunteers, in weekly positions, once or twice a month positions, and every-once-in-a-while positions. We have a brochure with a list of all our current opportunities pick one up today from the information table.
We have an immediate need for the current positions:
Family Group leaders (Sundays 4:00-6:00), Worship Servants (Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00)
Also UM ARMY and Lakeview registration is now open for both youth and counselors! Please contact Cameron or Jessica with any questions and see registration information below. REGISTER TODAY!!!
Dead to Sin!
Cameron Losoya

Our New Sunday Night Youth Schedule:
4:00-5:00 – Fellowship Time
5:00-6:00 – Dinner & Family Groups

Upcoming events:
Mar 9th - Foundry Youth Live—5:00-7:00
Mar 11th - Foundry Youth Lock-in
Mar 16th - Foundry Youth Live—5:00-7:00
Mar 20th - Pack up Rice & Beans for delivery to UFA
Mar 23rd - Foundry Youth Live—5:00-7:00
Mar 30th - Foundry Youth Live—5:00-7:00



Homes are Repaired
Hearts are Lifted
Lives are Changed
Love is Shared

UM Army is July 10th-16th

We will be headed to Kilgore, TX. The link for registration for UM Army is <https://www.umarmy.net/Registration/Indv/1699/>. Our group will stay at St. Luke's UMC in Kilgore, TX. The cost is \$250. The money is due by Thursday, June 30th. Registration deadline is Friday, April 15th. We need youth in 9th grade and up and also adults. Please contact Cameron Losoya at 409-655-5348 for additional information.



A Word From Our Director Of Children Ministries

Happy March! After having a crazy February, I am so thankful for March! I am so thankful for St. John's and the awesome job that I have. Thank you for prayers, cards, meals, calls, texts, Facebook messages and just making this surgery and recovery the most stress-free as possible. Thank you to Tammy Wilson, Cindy Fuller, Betty Magee, and Alice Darlington for running Sunday mornings so smoothly and taking care of our kids! Thank you to Arianna Moore, Terry Fry, Sylvia Clark and Brock Crawford for running Mother's Day Out with out a glitch. You all make my job so easy and wonderful! I am feeling so much better and healing nicely. I can't wait to get back into the groove of things and see you all again! Stop in and say hi if you are at the office! With three weeks of bedrest, I am so thankful for some social interaction! Mike and I feel so loved by all of you at St. John's! This surgery would have been so much harder without you all praying and caring for us!
See you soon,
Jessica Dean