

SMALL GROUPS

Study: "Psalms For Today"
 Hosted by Sunday Morning Small Group
 When: 9:30 am
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Golden Shook

New Study: "Jesus Apprentice: Doing What Jesus Did"
 Hosted by: The Late Sunday Morning Small Group
 Starts Sunday, Sept 18th
 When: Sunday's at 10:45 am
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Gary Potter

New Study: "The Power of A Praying Parent"
 STARTS MONDAY, SEPT 12TH
 When: Monday's at 6:30 pm
 Where: Church Office
 Leader: Eydie Harvey & Ingrid Clark

New Study: "Jesus Apprentice: Doing What Jesus Did"
 Hosted by: The Tuesday Morning Small Group
 Starts Tuesday, Sept 13th
 When: Tuesday's at 10:30 am
 Where: Dianne Ho-Gland's Home in Texas City
 Leader: Dianne Ho-Gland

FPU Class Fall Session
 Starting Sept 12th, 2016
 Study: Financial Peace University / Dave Ramsey
 When: Monday's at 7:00 pm
 Where: Sanctuary
 Leaders: David & Christie McKnight
 info@mcknightvideo.com
 Register at: www.stjohnsumctc.org

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



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The Monitor

September 2016

A Word From Our Pastor



ST. JOHN'S
 A United Methodist Congregation

Yesterday, we launched Wednesday Night Fusion. There was lots of food, my favorite kind – Mexican! Thank you to all that prepared and brought the food! The forty people that came enjoyed good fellowship. We worshipped together. The youth went to Generation Change, a class on how to manage money in a Godly way. And the children went to the Tree House to learn about letter writing and to be introduced to the Apostle Paul. The rest of us stayed in the sanctuary to learn about the Apostle Paul, the Greco-Roman world, and the letter to the Romans.

Some may wonder why we needed, yet another ministry. We have a lot going on at St. John's UMC and we stay busy already. There are two main reasons why we wanted to start this ministry. The first, is that we wanted to offer an opportunity to go deeper into scripture, learning about the culture and history behind it and finding fresh ways on how to apply it to everyday life and today's world. Often, I hear the question, "Is the Bible still relevant for us today?" My answer is always YES! Individuals are often looking for help to understand what the Bible teaches. These are things that the Wednesday Night Fusion is all about. The second reason we have added this new ministry is that we want to be able to offer Christian fellowship, worship and scripture to many that cannot come to worship on Sunday.

Please continue to pray for this new ministry. I believe that this ministry is worthwhile and the people that attend will find that it is worthwhile as well. And I encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, family and strangers. We are called to be followers of Christ and we are called to live out a life of invitation. In the Gospel of John, Jesus was always inviting individuals to join him by simply saying, "Come and See." I hope you all get a chance to come and see what Wednesday Night Fusion is all about and invite people to join you, because Wednesday Night Fusion is where we are merging scripture and life for deeper understanding.

Grace and Peace,

Stephanie Hughes

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

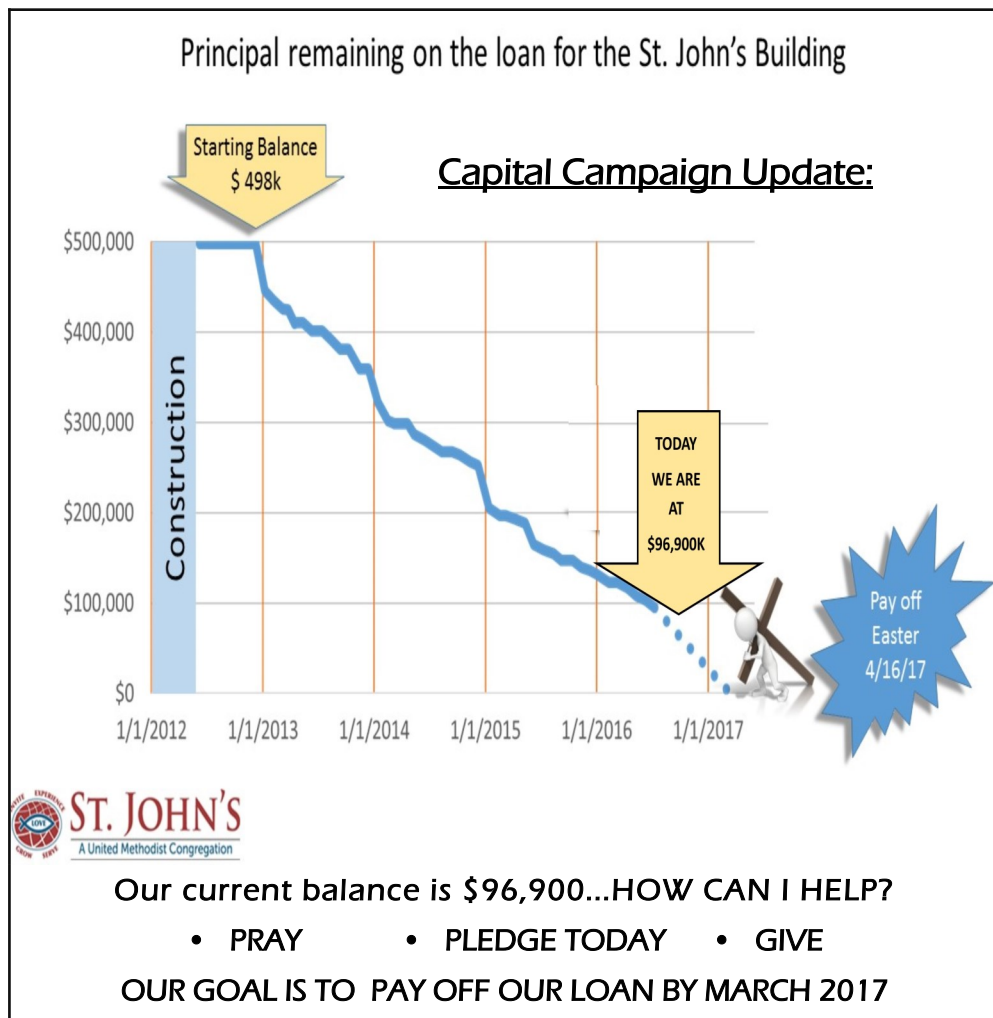
Sunday Worship Services

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 @ [stjohnsumctcascity](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsumctcascity)



LUNCH EVENT...SAVE THE DATE!!!!
 Saturday, OCTOBER 15TH
 at 10:30 Am-12:30 PM
 @St. John's UMC
 Guest Speaker will be Teresa Richenberger, Speaker & Author of "Sold To The Highest Bidder"
 Tickets are \$10.00 each or \$60.00/table of 7 to raise funds for church camp and also to raise funds and awareness to support Rahab's Retreat.

YTD 2016 Tithe & Offerings	
2016 Income Received YTD	\$ 265,395
2016 Budgeted Income YTD	\$ 286,213
2016 Income YTD Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 20,818

Worship Attendance		
Worship 8/7/16	9:30	82
Worship 8/7/16	11:00	56
Worship 8/14/16	9:30	83
Worship 8/14/16	11:00	36
Worship 8/21/16	9:30	87
Worship 8/21/16	11:00	44
Worship 8/28/16	9:30	78
Worship 8/28/16	11:00	56

FUSION
 MERGING SCRIPTURE WITH LIFE
 WEDNESDAYS 6:15-8:00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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



St. John's and Galveston County Animal Resource Center are teaming up for a

Pet Adoption Day

September 17, 2016
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

St. John's United Methodist Church
8200 25th Avenue North
Texas City, TX 77591

Adoptable dogs and cats, food trucks, and pet supply give-aways
Vet Techs available to answer your questions

Good Samaritan Ministry Team

The mission of this ministry will be to help church members or others in our community, who are unable to help themselves, with yard work or minor home maintenance.

Opportunities for volunteers include but are not limited to:

- Photographers
- People to prepare meals
- People to run errands for supplies
- People to perform minor home repairs, yard work, etc.



We will have a work day coming up on **Saturday, September 24th. We need your help!**

If you would like to volunteer or if you know someone in need of help from this ministry please contact John Mize at jmizer1964@yahoo.com.



church with standing room only. I had found a seat in the sound booth with my friend. While I was there, I heard God say, "Cameron, it can be this way, but I need you here." At first I thought it was just nostalgia of being home, especially with everything going on in my life at the time.

About 1 week later while in the traditional service here at St John's, I heard the special music "Here I Am Lord". It was the line "I will go Lord, if you lead me." As I was singing that line in my head, I heard God say, "Good! – Go!"

I want you, the church to know how honored I am to have been able to serve here. The people here at this church are some of the nicest people I have met, and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for this church. Thank you for allowing me the pleasure to work with your youth, to lead the music, and to get to know each of you. May God bless this church, it's ministry, and those who enter its doors. I love you all.

Blessings and Peace,
Cameron Sean Losoya

A Word From Our Director Of Children Ministries

Wednesday Night Fusion has begun! The Treehouse has a fun and creative way of learning what Stephanie is teaching the adults. We will go through the same study as the adults but in an environment easy for the kids to understand and grasp what God is teaching them. We will start out together reading and looking over the scripture for that night. Then the kids get to pick out what centers they want to work at. Each week we have three centers that stay the same. There is the reading center, the journaling center and the memory verse center that are there every week. Then two other centers are added that go along with the scripture. This is a different way of learning God's word. I know kids are tired from sitting in desks all day at school. This is not what our Wednesday Night Fusion is about. We want kids to be up and moving around, learning and enjoying what God has to teach each and every one of them. Please consider our Wednesday night service! You will learn a lot and so will your child!

While St. John's is looking for a youth director, there will be a few changes to the youth program.

Sundays:

6th-8th grade will meet from 4:30-6:00

9th-12th grade will meet from 5:00-6:30

4:30-5:00 will be Jr. High lesson time that will be taught by Stephanie Hughes

5:00-5:30 will be combined hang out time

5:30-6:00 will be dinner brought by those who sign up for dinner (There is a sign up sheet at the information table)

6:00-6:30 will be Sr. High lesson time that will be taught by Stephanie Hughes

Wednesdays:

6:15-6:50 is family dinner

7:00-worship song or 2 until the announcement to release the kids and youth from the service.

Youth will be learning Generation Change which is the youth version of Financial Peace University taught by David and Christie McKnight. Here is a youtube clip about the class: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RJc51E2UyQ>

Mark your calendars:

Dewberry Farms trip will be on Oct. 9th. We will leave the church at 11:00, stop to eat lunch on the way and then head to the farm for a fun afternoon. Cost will be \$20 plus money for food and extra stuff going on there. We will need drivers to take the kids so if you are interested in driving, please let Jessica know as soon as possible. The website for Dewberry Farms is dewberryfarm.com. The group package we will get is Rascal's Fun Pass. It shows you all the different things that come with that package.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica or Stephanie.

See you soon,
Jessica Dean

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MEN'S BREAKFAST & STUDY

Starting Saturday, October 1st we will be starting a MEN's Breakfast with a short informal bible study (don't be scared). We will begin eating at 8:30 am in the Cafe of St. John's. We hope to make this a monthly get together on the first Saturday of each month. The men who currently meet at the old Fork & Spoon each Saturday are more than welcomed. All men are encouraged to come for breakfast and fellowship and if they wish to stay for the study that's great (no arm twisting).

Men if you plan on attending the breakfast please let the church office, Maac Hughes, Tony Aguilar or Andy Lailhengue know so we know how many to cook for (If you don't rsvp come anyway, I'm sure we will have extra food).

Thank you,
Andy Lailhengue

Farewell From Our Director Of Contemporary Worship & Youth Ministry

Dear Church Family,

The book of Nehemiah tells us of a young slave who was the wine-taster to the king. He heard of the devastation in Jerusalem where he was from, and he mourned. Then God put it in his heart to go and rebuild the kingdom. He got permission from the king and left to rebuild Jerusalem.

When I was studying this scripture, it really hit home to me. I first joined the United Methodist Church on Aldersgate Sunday in 2007. I guess you can say it was a "heart-warming" day because for the first time in years, I had felt at home walking into a church building. I knew that I was going to be serving this church in a huge way.

When I first attended this church, there were over 250 people weekly at both services. However, in the last few years that number has dropped considerably. About a month ago, I was attending a funeral at the