

SMALL GROUPS

Study: "The Apostles Creed For Today"

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

New Study: "At The End Of The Day"

Hosted by: The Late Sunday Morning Small Group
Starts Sunday, Nov 20th
When: Sunday's at 10:45 am
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Gary Potter

New Study: "Jesus Apprentice: Doing What Jesus Did"

Hosted by: The Tuesday Morning Small Group
Began Tuesday, Oct 4th
When: Tuesday's at 10:30 am
Where: Dianne Ho-Gland's Home in Texas City
Leader: Dianne Ho-Gland

New Study: "All The Places To Go: How Will You Know"

Hosted by: The Tuesday Evening Small Group
Began Tuesday, Oct 4th
When: Tuesday's at 7:00 pm
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Robin Bartholomew

NEW GriefShare Group
Began Thursday, Oct 4th

13 week course
When: Thursday's 5:45 pm
Cost: \$15.00 Includes workbook
Where: Adult Classroom
Leader: Donna Henson - 409-621-6210

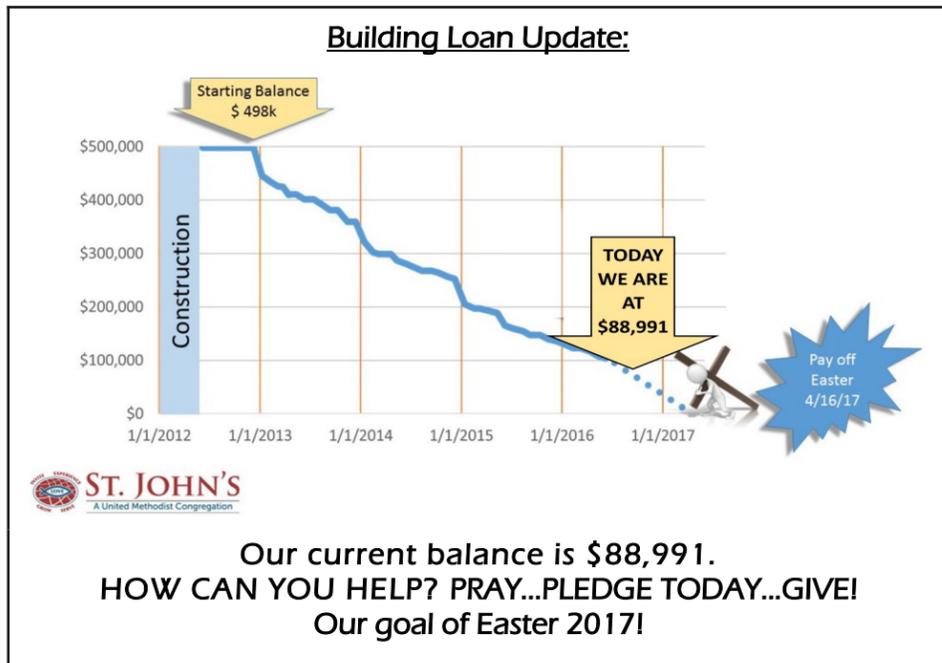
FPU Class Fall Session
Began Sept 12th, 2016

Study: Financial Peace University / Dave Ramsey
When: Monday's at 7:00 pm
Where: Adult Classroom
Leaders: David & Christie McKnight
info@mcknightvideo.com
Register at: www.stjohnsumctc.org

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



CHURCH WORK DAY
Saturday, November 12th at 8:30 AM
ALL church members are invited to spend a Saturday afternoon cleaning, repairing, and beautifying the church building and grounds.



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.

| YTD 2016 Tithe & Offerings | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| 2016 Income Received YTD | \$ 326,064 |
| 2016 Budgeted Income YTD | \$ 357,766 |
| 2016 Income YTD Surplus/Deficit | -\$ 31,701 |

| Worship Attendance | | |
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| Worship 10/2/16 | 9:30 | 83 |
| Worship 10/2/16 | 11:00 | 46 |
| Worship 10/9/16 | 9:30 | 92 |
| Worship 10/9/16 | 11:00 | 41 |
| Worship 10/16/16 | 9:30 | 82 |
| Worship 10/16/16 | 11:00 | 63 |
| Worship 10/23/16 | 9:30 | 88 |
| Worship 10/23/16 | 11:00 | 44 |
| Worship 10/30/16 | 9:30 | 81 |
| Worship 10/30/16 | 11:00 | 36 |

The Monitor

November 2016



ST. JOHN'S
A United Methodist Congregation



8200 25TH AVENUE NORTH
TEXAS CITY, TX 77591
409-655-5348

Sunday Worship Services

9:30 am—Contemporary

11:00 am—Traditional

Checkout the calendar at www.stjohnsumctc.org
Inviting People to Experience Amazing Love!

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A Word From Our Pastor

As I write this, it is late in the evening on All Saint's Day, November 1st. As I enter into my office, I can hear John Wesley whistling as he is packing up his belongings from this evenings events. Now, before you think me crazy and get ready to ship off to the infamous funny farm, let me explain. This evening we had the joy of witnessing "The Man from Aldersgate," a one man play performed by BJ Johnston. There were about 50 in attendance to witness a heartwarming performance. We journeyed together through the thoughts and memories of John Wesley. From the earliest memories of the fire that took his childhood home and almost took his life to his conversion at Aldersgate where his heart was strangely warmed, to his bold preaching on his father's grave. So, as I'm in my office, BJ is in the conference room packing up his things, or John Wesley's things...

The message that John Wesley brought us, is that we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ alone. Even the most vile and lost can be found and redeemed through this faith in Jesus Christ. And with this faith comes affirmation of God's love and salvation. One of the memories that Mr. Wesley shared with us, was when he was held up at gunpoint by a highwayman. The man told John to give him all his money or his life. So, John gave him the money, but that's not all. John also told him that the blood of Jesus covered a multitude of sins, even his! And that the robber didn't have to live this kind of life. He could be changed! Later on in John's ministry, a man he did not recognize came up to him and asked him if he remembered a time when he had been held up by gunpoint. John affirmed the memory. And then the stranger proclaimed that he was the man! He was the man that held John up at gunpoint and he was also the man that heard John's words that day. And his life was changed and he had become a follower of Jesus Christ.

Towards the end of November, when all the leftover turkey is tucked away in our fridges and freezers, we will enter into the season of Advent. A season of waiting for the coming of Jesus, the ultimate gift of God's unfailing love and mercy. We wait for the One, whom we know has come and is coming. The Christ that comes for each one of us. The savior that extends forgiveness for each one of us. The One whose blood covers a multitude of sins. The one who calls the least, lost, broken and forgotten into a redemptive healing relationship. This is the One in whom John Wesley preached and in the one we are called upon to have faith alone. May God continue in that redemptive work in each one of us that all of our hearts may be strangely warmed!

Grace and Peace,

Stephanie Hughes

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US



Prayer Service

St. John's will be offering a prayer service on Monday, November 14 at 6:30. This service will include a time of singing, hearing the Word preached by Rev. Bill Jobe, a time of reflection and prayer. Opportunity will also be given to pray quietly on your own or with clergy or a church leader. If you feel that you need to take a little time for prayer for yourself or for a loved one, please attend this special service.

Hanging Of The Greens

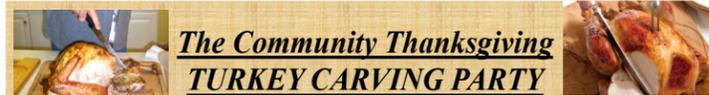
The Experience Team would like to invite everyone to join them

Sunday, November 20th at 12:00 pm

For a decorating party to help decorate the church in preparation for Advent.

We will have a soup & salad lunch and then decorate the church for Advent.

Please join us to decorate the church for the season of Advent and Christmas.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

6:00 PM

at ST. JOHN'S UMC

We will be carving turkeys for the Community Thanksgiving Meal.

We will need help to carve up about 50 turkeys. Please sign-up and come give us a hand!!!



The Community Thanksgiving Meal

Thursday, November 24th, 11:00am and 1:00pm
at Our Lady of Fatima in the Kukral Center 600 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 will be boxes set up 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.

Town Hall Meeting...Planning for the future...

Early this year, a planning team developed a vision for St. John's. The vision was to continue to make St. Johns a family-focused church where love abounds, successfully creating disciples for Christ and actively reaching out and ministering to the community around us. A key part of attaining this vision is the creation of a preschool. A preschool has been a dream of St. John's for many years. In fact, our current building was built with it in mind.

Why do we want a Preschool? First and foremost, it's a chance to help children in our community to learn some educational fundamentals while simultaneously learning about God's love. It's a way to reach out to families within St. John's and in the community outside St. John's.

Our plan is to open our school in the Fall of 2017. We want to provide high quality education including Christian principles. We are targeting to have up to 30 kids, infants through pre-K. We hope to be able to offer scholarships to many families so that cost won't be a barrier. The school will provide services to families, not just their kids. It will be open all day, five days a week, year round.

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We are proposing doing this through a joint venture with Mainland Children's Partnership. Mainland Children's Partnership is a local charity that's been around for over 25 years. They manage the Community Family Center at 21st and Palmer in Texas City. It is the sponsoring organization for United Faith Alliance and Susan's Market. The staff at MCP have a strong background in child development and case management.

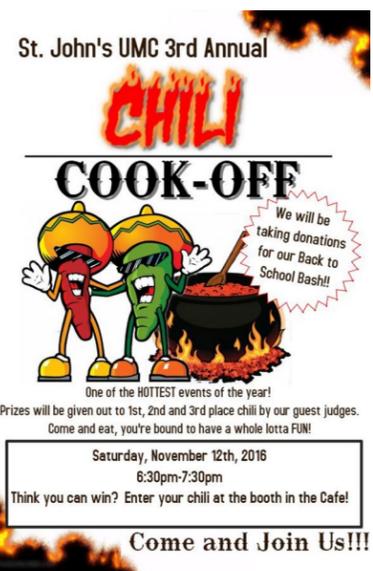
We are proposing a partnership where St. John's provides the facilities and a day to day director. MCP will provide case management services, a business structure, and funding, including the brunt of the financial risk. MCP will obtain and hold the license and will be the actual employer for the preschool staff.

There are many more details to be worked out but this preschool partnership has the potential to bring great benefits to Christ's Kingdom in our community. If you want to know more about this exciting opportunity, please attend our planned town hall to be held at the Church on Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 PM. The Town Hall will be immediately followed by an Administrative Council meeting where this idea will be considered for formal approval.

Gary Scoggin

A Word From Our Director Of Children Ministries

What do Methodists love almost as much as they love Jesus? FOOD!!! This church has the best cooks! My first day here at St. John's, we had the most wonderful potluck I have ever been to. Growing up in South Texas at a small church, the potlucks were not good. There was A LOT of pizza and fried chicken or weird casseroles that looked like someone cleaned out their refrigerator, put it in a dish and brought it to the potluck. Potlucks were not the wonderfully awesome stuff they are here at St. John's. On November 12th we are having our 3rd annual Chili Cook Off. We have a great time and get to try all different great kinds of chili's! We also will be taking up a donation for our Back to School Bash. Back to School Bash is one of the biggest events we do at St. John's. This past year we gave out over 400 bags of school supplies! We have kids from all over our community coming to St. John's to have fun, eat some hot dogs and get a great start on their school year. But Back to School Bash isn't an easy event financially. It costs a lot and to make sure we can provide the kids with school supplies, we need fundraisers to help out. Please come to the Chili Cook Off and know that your donations are going to a great cause here at St. John's!!



Fall Dates for Children & Youth Activities

Wednesday, Nov. 23rd - Foundry Youth Volunteer prepping for Community Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, Nov. 27th: No Youth Group

Thursday, Dec 1st - Texas City Christmas Parade 5:00pm-7:30

See you soon,
Jessica Dean



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!

Foundry Youth 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 Pastor Stephanie

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

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