

SMALL GROUPS

Study: "The Apostles Creed For Today"

Hosted by Sunday Morning Small Group

When: 9:30 am

Where: Adult Classroom

New Study: "At The End Of The Day"

Hosted by: The Late Sunday Morning Small Group

When: Sunday's at 10:45 am

Where: Adult Classroom

Leader: Gary Potter

FPU Class Spring Session

Starting Sun, Feb 12th, 2017

Study: Financial Peace

University / Dave Ramsey

When: Sunday's 5:00 pm

Where: Adult Classroom

Leaders: David & Christie McKnight

info@mcknightvideo.com

Register at:

www.stjohnsumctc.org

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this class. Class begins Sunday, Feb 12th at 5:00 pm. **You must register & pay for your materials online, you can follow the link from the St. John's website.** The materials which include a notebook, books, CD's and software are offered at a discounted rate of \$93.00/per Couple/Participant.

SERVE



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Up Coming Meetings

Board of Trustee Meeting
Tuesday, January 10th,
At 6:00 PM
in the Church Office.



Grow Team Meeting
Wednesday, January 11th,
At 6:00 PM in the Adult Classroom



Invite Team Meeting
Thursday, January 12th,
At 7:00 PM
in the Cafe.



Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 24th,
At 6:00 PM
in the Church Office.



Ad Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 31st,
At 6:00 PM,
in the Cafe.



Year End Tithe & Offerings	
2016 Year End Income	\$396,296.78
2016 Projected Income	\$429,320.00
2016 Year End Income Deficit	-\$ 33,023.22

Worship Attendance		
Worship 12/4/16	9:30	52
Worship 12/4/16	11:00	35
Worship 12/11/16	9:30	92
Worship 12/11/16	11:00	50
Worship 12/18/16	10:30	97
Worship 12/24/16	5:00 pm	196
Worship 12/24/16	7:00 pm	66
Worship 12/25/16	10:30	85

The Monitor

January 2017



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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Experience Amazing Love!

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A Word From Our Pastor

Happy New Year! I can't believe the New Year has arrived so quickly. It seems that 2016 went by in a flash, yet so much happened. I try to remember it all and I cannot. So, I try to reminisce on the highlights of the year, such as having fun at the kite festival watching church members interact with great joy with the surrounding community and offering hospitality by handing out water bottles and popsicles on a hot day. Or the first we gathered to be the hands and feet of Christ when we launched Good Samaritan Ministries. We were all so surprised to see how many people came to help with all the projects in the community. And how about the night we packed the house when we hosted the comedy event? That was a fun night! And even though we didn't pack the house for the one man theater production of The Man from Aldersgate, it was a very special evening for those that attended.

When thinking about this past year, I also think about the special times in worship, especially baptisms. Almost a year ago, I had the privilege to baptize Jim Guidry. What a special day! And about midyear, sweet baby Westin Wickey was baptized. We had quite a journey praying for him earlier in the year as we all waited for him to be released from the hospital. Thinking about sacraments, I can't help but also think about our times together sharing Holy Communion. That is always a special time, as I get the opportunity to look each one in the eye as they kneel at the rails and receive their bread and juice, the body and blood of Christ. There is an overwhelming love that flows through me for each person that receives. Christ's presence becomes so apparent in our sacraments.

Not only do I think about the good times, but I also think about our sorrows. We lost 12 people in 2016. Sadly, our year closed with the loss of Kay Ashworth. In her own words, I would say that she was the bomb when describing her. A swirl of mixed emotions rise up within me as I reflect on this loss. The first is sorrow, as I know you understand and share. The second is gratefulness for the privilege of knowing her, even for a short time. And I am grateful for God's promise of resurrection. In that promise we know that all God's children will be gathered to the heavenly realms to enjoy eternal life in the deep presence of God. This is the challenge of death, that even in the face of death, we remember the promise of resurrection. And it is in this promise, the sorrow begins to subside and "faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love (1 Cor. 13:13)." God's love flows through us and strengthens us, and we can face the challenges of the New Year together.

Grace and Peace,

Stephanie Hughes

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

INVITE

UFA/Susan's Market:

Meat items are needed for the food bank ran by UFA. Remember that the need is even greater now for food because UFA took over the food bank from Gleanings for the Harvest and their client count has gone up considerably.

Please place your items in the box on the Ministry Table.

We Need The Following:

- ◆ Spam
- ◆ Tuna-12 oz can
- ◆ Chicken-12 oz can
- ◆ Vienna Sausages
- ◆ Beef Stew
- ◆ Chunky Soup

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US

FUSION

MERGING SCRIPTURE WITH LIFE

WEDNESDAYS 6:15-7:45

STARTS WEDNESDAY JAN 18TH

Wednesday Night Fusion

Where scripture and life merge for a deeper understanding
Come one, Come all!

For the young, the young at heart and everyone in between!

Come join us at St. John's United Methodist Church!

Every Wednesday, starting January 18th

6:15-6:50 = Food and Fellowship

7:00-7:45 = Scripture and Praise

Check out Our Church Calendar of Events @www.stjohnsumctc.org / Phone 409-655-5348



ALTAR FLOWERS

We are now taking orders for
ALTAR FLOWERS for 2017.

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for a Sunday service in memory of or in honor of someone, please call Ingrid Clark at 409-655-5348 to reserve your date. Cost is \$55.00 per Sunday and for each arrangement.

EXPERIENCE



New Sermon Series Starting Sunday, January 8th The Fruit Of The Spirit Galatians 5:22-23

January 8th - What are Fruits of the Spirit?

January 15 - Fruit of the Spirit: Love

January 22 - Fruit of the Spirit: Joy

January 29 - Fruit of the Spirit Peace and Patience

February 5 - Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness

February 12 - Fruit of the Spirit: Generosity

February 19 - Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness and Gentleness

February 26 - Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control

GROW

A Word From Our Director Of Children Ministries

Happy New Year! 2017 is here. 2016 was a crazy year! It went by so fast! I like to read my previous articles from January to see how things have changed and boy, things have changed! When I first started working here at St. John's four and a half years ago, I wasn't married, I didn't have the two wonderful dogs I have now, I had a thyroid and the list goes on and on. Each year I was thankful for different things and once again I am thankful for this church! 2016 started out kind of hectic. I had surgery to remove part of my thyroid. Cancer was found in that, even though I was told that it was so very rare, and I had to go back a week and a half later to remove the rest of my thyroid. The planned recovery was two weeks but after finding out that I'm a rarity, I was gone for almost five weeks. FIVE WEEKS I was in bed, watching TV and recovering. That in itself was crazy! I don't sit still very well. I enjoy being out and doing things! But I am so thankful for this church and the way they helped Mike and I during this rough time. Dinners were brought to us, I didn't have to worry about my job at all and cards, calls and well wishes were sent almost daily. I received beautiful plants and flowers, pictures and drawings. All of them I kept in a special drawer at my house just to brighten my spirits when I am feeling down. 2016 wasn't exactly the year that I had planned for my life but I am so thankful that I can call this church my family! This church is such a loving, caring congregation! I pray that this never ever changes. 2017 is going to be a good year! I can feel it!! I pray that as this new year rolls around, we don't lose sight of Jesus and the plans that he has for our lives! Happy New Year and thanks for being part of our family!

See you soon,
Jessica Dean

Foundry Youth Sundays & Up Coming Events:

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

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

We will meet back on January 8th. If you would like to volunteer your time for the youth group we have many ways for you to get involved. We need more leaders to help with group discussion & lead lessons and people to cook Sunday night dinners. Please contact Pastor Stephanie or Jessica Dean to volunteer.

February 10th -12th - Confirmation Camp at Lakeview

February 28th-6:00-7:00-Pancake Fundraiser for camp, UM Army and Big House

April 16th-Confirmation Sunday (And Easter)

June 8th-June 11th-Big House -\$125 due by April 1st

June 11th-17th-UM Army in Bellville TX-\$250 due by June 1st

June 18th-23rd-Camp at Lakeview-\$400 due by June 1st

July 24th-28th-Vacation Bible School-Hero Central

