

**SMALL GROUPS**

**Study: "The Parables For Today"**  
 Hosted by Sunday Morning Small Group  
 When: 9:30 am  
 Where: Adult Classroom

**NEW STUDIES STARTING**

**Study: "Fruit of the Spirit"**  
 Starts Sunday, May 7th  
 Hosted by: The Late Sunday Morning Small Group  
 When: Sunday's at 10:45 am  
 Where: Adult Classroom  
 Leader: Gary Potter

**New Study: "All the Places to Go...How Will You Know?"**  
 10-week Adult Study  
 Hosted by: The Tuesday Morning Small Group  
 Starting May 9th  
 When: Tuesday's at 10:00 am  
 Where: Dianne Ho-Gland's home in Texas City  
 Leader: Dianne Ho-Gland

**Study: "Creed"**  
 Starts Tuesday, May 9th  
 Hosted by: The Tuesday Evening Small Group  
 When: Tuesday's at 7:00 pm  
 Where: Adult Classroom  
 Leader: Robin Bartholomew



Worship Attendance		
Worship 4/2/17	9:30	87
Worship 4/2/17	11:00	54
Worship 4/9/17	9:30	101
Worship 4/9/17	11:00	62
Worship 4/16/17	9:30	172
Worship 4/16/17	11:00	86
Worship 4/23/17	9:30	73
Worship 4/23/17	11:00	66
Worship 4/30/17	10:30	132

**SERVE**



**Up Coming Meetings**

**Board of Trustee Meeting**  
 Tuesday, May 9th,  
 At 6:00 PM  
 in the Church Office.



**Grow Team Meeting**  
 Wednesday, May 10th,  
 At 6:00 pm in the Adult Classroom

**Invite Team Meeting**  
 Wednesday, May 11th,  
 At 7:00 pm in the Cafe.



**Finance Committee Meeting**  
 Tuesday, May 16th,  
 At 6:00 PM  
 in the Church Office.



**Ad Council Meeting**  
 Tuesday, May 23rd,  
 At 6:00 PM, in the Cafe.  
 All members are encouraged to attend!!!



**Stewardship Report**

**Building Loan Update:**

Our current balance is \$40,368  
**HOW CAN YOU HELP? PRAY...PLEDGE TODAY...GIVE!**

2017 Tithe & Offerings (funds we have collected compared to what was budgeted)	
2017 Income Received as of April 30th	\$ 144,439.87
2017 Projected Income as of April 30th	\$ 124,849.67
2017 Income as of April 30th <b>Surplus/-Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 19,590.20</b>

**The Monitor**

May 2017



**ST. JOHN'S**  
 A United Methodist Congregation

**Celebrating Our 5th Anniversary In Our New Building**

What a wonderful time we had celebrating 5 years in our current building! What an amazing day we shared together this past Sunday. We were blessed to hear the hand bells as we gathered, the chancel choir during worship and the praise band cut loose during our meal and fellowship time. I want to also thank everyone that made it possible: the teams that helped setup and take down, everyone that brought food, prepped and cleaned the kitchen, and especially to Melvin Senegal for grilling the burgers and hotdogs! During the celebration, a few people wrote down some of their memories of being a part of St. John's and prayers for St. John's continuing and future ministries. You will find a few of these printed below. I hope these memories spark some of your own and join in the prayers for St. John's UMC.

Grace and Peace,

*Stephanie Hughes*

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

**Prayers & Memories**

Father, thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed on St. John's. Please guide St. John's to follow the path you would want us to follow.

Be still and know that God's love is all around! Heavenly Father, May your presence be felt in worship, in the hearts of those who enter here, and be felt by those we encounter as we leave here. Amen.

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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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God and his divine power (the Holy Spirit) has given us every thing we need for a Godly life. 2nd Peter 1:3  
 We have had all this divine power working for us here at St. John's for the past 5 years to have such a well planned church for the needs of our membership as well as our community. I have watched it grow as I have put my gifts to work and have received so much for my sharing them in the church as well as away at Elmcroft Assisted Living for the past 7 years since the loss of our original church building. Being able to see others find comfort in even the small things brings me joy. I treasure every minute I've had putting my gifts to work for others.

Edna Day



My fondest memories of St. John's would be June of 1979 & 2005. the years of my wedding and my daughters wedding. Also 1981 & 1984 when both my daughters were baptized. I also cherish the numerous memories of performing "The Promise." Buzz was a solider for a few years before playing the role of Herod. My daughters always asked why dad always had to play a bad guy! Moving forward I will share a quote I recently saw and fell in love with "Because someone I love is in heaven there is a little bit of heaven in this church!" May God continue to bless St. John's for many years to come!

Cindy Fuller

**A Word From Our Director Of Family Ministries**

Sixteen years ago I graduated from high school. I was seventeen. I was so excited and yet, also a little scared. The big scary world was ahead of me and I was no longer a child. It was an exciting time! This year we have NINE graduates we are honoring on Senior Sunday! Nine! That's nine more than last year! Ashlie Barrios, Coby Carpenter, Kalley Conti, Isaac Christman, Rebekah Christman, Shelby Johnson, Michael Lechman, Rayven Toler and Calvin Treybig. Most of these kids have grown up in St. John's. They were in our Sunday School classes, youth group, they went to UM Army, church camp, were in Christmas plays and so much more. I know that in the short 4.5 years I have been here, I have watched these kids grow into young adults. I have seen them volunteer their time to help at VBS, spend their summers helping others, sing with the praise band and just grown in Christ. I pray that they continue to grow in Him as they embark on this new journey. I pray that they continue to seek after Him in decisions they make and as they live their lives. These young adults need our help and encouragement. You will see a special table set up for them as you walk into the sanctuary. We are asking you to surround these kids with love and encouragement. We are doing a "Gift Card Pounding" for them. We will have graduation gift boxes set up for all our graduates. Please bring cards, gift cards and whatever else you think they need to continue on into adulthood whether they go to college, join the marines, work or whatever they chose to do. Continue to pray for them as they take these big steps into adulthood! We are so proud of them and all they have accomplished. Please also join us here on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> where we will honor and bless them!

See you soon,  
Jessica Dean

**Foundry Youth Sundays**

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet from 4:30-6:00

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade will meet from 5:00-6:30

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

**Up Coming Dates...**

**Mark Your Calendar:**

May 21st - Spaghetti Fundraiser

May 28th - Graduation Sunday

June 8<sup>th</sup>-June 11<sup>th</sup>-Big House in Conroe TX

June 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>-UM Army in Bellville TX- \$250 due by June 4th

June 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>-Camp at Lakeview- \$400 due by June 4th

July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>-Vacation Bible School-Hero Central

**YOUTH SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER**

**SUNDAY, MAY 21ST RIGHT AFTER SECOND SERVICE**

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

**PLATES WILL BE BY DONATION**

**★ COME OUT AND HELP OUR YOUTH RAISE FUNDS FOR CAMP & UM ARMY.**



I have many memories of St. John's, including VBS, Youth Choir, being an acolyte, being confirmed and baptized. My favorite memory was the Christmas pageant and getting to go on the roof to be an angel!

Dee Ann Haney



Father God, We love you and praise you for all you've done for St. John's. So many souls have come to know your precious son, Jesus, here through your word and favor. Please continue to grow us spiritually and in numbers. In Jesus name, Amen.

There are many memories...too many to share here but I wanted to share my first experience of Jesus melting my frozen heart during worship here at St. John's in 1988 when Boyd Baker was the Pastor.

Joyce Shanks



So many memories. St. John's has been my home always. I started at Levi Fry before the building was built. From childhood, to my wedding, my baptism, my children's baptisms and now my grandchildren's baptisms. St. John's is still home and family!

Love  
Sherri Sumney



The fire was devastating but I held firmly to my belief that good sometimes comes out of bad events. I feel that is what happened here at St. John's.

I love our church!  
Kathy Wurzlow

One of my favorite memories was when Tomy Hamon, Mike Goebel and Chuy Manriquez (Fretz Construction) rose up in a lift bucket and placed the cross on top of our new building. (note not signed)

**MAY MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Monthly collection for UFA Susan's Market, a client-choice food pantry located in the building that houses the UFA offices at 2000 Texas Ave in Texas City.

For more information or to volunteer, please call UFA at 409-643-8243.

St. John's will be collecting Toiletries (razors, shaving cream, bath soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes) the whole month of MAY.

You can drop off your donations in the bin in the Ministry area.



**LUNCH EVENT...SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 Am-12:30 PM  
@St. John's UMC, Texas City 8200 25<sup>th</sup> Ave N  
(at the corner of 25<sup>th</sup> Ave N & N. Amburn Rd)



Guest Speaker will be  
Rachel Norris,  
Potter & Inspirational Speaker

Tickets are \$10.00 each or \$60.00/table of 7  
to raise funds for kids to attend church camp.