

SMALL GROUPS

Study: "Life Lessons with Max Lucado: The Book of Genesis"
 Hosted by Sunday Morning Small Group
 When: 9:30 am
 Where: Adult Classroom

Study: "The Story"
 Hosted by: The Late Sunday Morning Small Group
 When: Sundays at 10:45 am
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Gary Potter

Study: "Life Lessons with Max Lucado The Book of Psalms"
 14-week Adult Study
 Hosted by: The Tuesday Morning Small Group
 When: Tuesday's at 10:00 am
 Where: Dianne Ho-Gland's home in Texas City
 Leader: Dianne Ho-Gland

NEW Study: "Unafraid" Adult Study
 Hosted by: The Wednesday Evening Small Group
 When: Wednesday's at 7:00 pm
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Robin Bartholomew

GriefShare Group
 When: Thursday's 6:00 pm
 Cost: \$15.00 Includes workbook
 Where: Adult Classroom
 Leader: Donna Henson - 409-621-6210

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

Worship Attendance		
Worship 3/4/18	9:30	95
Worship 3/4/18	11:00	44
Worship 3/11/18	9:30	57
Worship 3/11/18	11:00	45
Worship 3/18/18	9:30	85
Worship 3/18/18	11:00	52
Worship 3/25/18	9:30	122
Worship 3/25/18	11:00	30

SERVE

Up Coming Meetings & Events

Board of Trustee Meeting
 Wednesday, April 18th
 At 6:00 PM in the Church Office.



Finance Committee Meeting
 Monday, April 16th,
 At 6:00 PM in the Church Office.



Ad Council Meeting
 Tuesday, April 24th,
 At 6:15 PM, in the Cafe.



National Day Of Prayer Gathering



St. John's UMC 8200 25th Ave N, Texas City, TX 77591
 General Admission Tickets are \$1.00 and can be purchased in the church office.
 In observance of the National Day of Prayer, St. John's in hosting a community event with key note speaker, Mattress Mack McIngvale, the owner of Gallery Furniture. Also, featuring a performance by COM's Duck and Cover A Cappella directed by Dr. James Heffel. This event will be held on Thursday, May 3rd at 6:30 with a reception to follow.

Stewardship Report

2018 Tithe & Offerings (funds we have collected compared to what was budgeted)	
YTD Income Received as of Mar 31st	\$ 107,773.17
YTD Projected Income as of Mar 31st	\$ 107,263.25
YTD Income difference as of Mar 31st Surplus/-Deficit	\$ 509.92

The Monitor

April 2018



ST. JOHN'S
 A United Methodist Congregation

A Word From Our Pastor

"By God's great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading..."

Hope. What an amazing word! Hope is what Christ brings into the world. On the first Good Friday, when Christ died on the cross, everything looks like all hope is lost. We leave Mary, the mother of Jesus, weeping at the foot of the cross with the beloved disciple on Good Friday. But we visit the tomb on Easter Sunday to find it miraculously empty, yet full of hope that flows out into the world with the proclamation carried by the followers of Jesus. The tomb is empty! Christ is not there! He has been raised from the dead! Hallelujah!

As believers, we are Easter people. We live in the faith of resurrection power. And we are challenged to bring hope into the world. We are called to be spiritual leaders inspired by the Holy Spirit. We all belong to the priesthood of all believers. This means we are Christ's representatives to the world. We are the body of Christ. We are the physical hands and feet of Christ in service to the world. Sometimes we are the voice crying out in the wilderness. We are light on a hill and the salt of the earth. The Bible describes us in many ways. In all of these descriptions, we are Christ bringers, bearers of good news and hope. Each one of us is unique in how we express this hope in our lives, so each one of us has to figure this out for ourselves. How do you bring Christ into the world?

At St. John's our mission is to show Christ's amazing love. As individuals we come together and express Christ's amazing love through hospitality, service, mission, and on a more personal note through hugs, smiles and acceptance. We support one another within the church and we serve together in our community. We are a hope-filled people. We believe that God has done some amazing things. And that God is faithful and will continue to do amazing things! Our hope – the hope we bring into the world – is not in vain. For the one that promises new life is the giver of all life – life abundant! Now, "may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

Stephanie Hughes

Rev. Stephanie Hughes



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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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MISSION/OUTREACH

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." -John Wesley



Here are current Opportunities to be of service to our community and to provide HOPE...We need your help to serve our neighbors!

Manna Bags – St. John's UMC's Mission to the Homeless & those in need of food in our community. During the month of April, please bring canned meats (with pull tab tops), such as Vienna sausage, single serve tuna, ham or chicken, and single serve fruits, such as applesauce, raisins, mandarin oranges, etc., jello or pudding, crackers, individual small snack bags (i.e. Oreos, crackers) jerky, wet wipes and small bottles of water. We will use these items to make Manna Bags that can be handed out to anyone that comes to the church for assistance and also we will make extra for you to take to hand out to people you see in our community that need them. We hope to make 50 bags. Please drop off items in the bin in the Mission area.

Hands on Mission Opportunity: We are teaming up with the Galveston County Long Term Recovery group and would like to invite you to help a Korean War Vet. This is a clean-up project for an 88 year old Korean War veteran in Texas City, TX. The clean up will be **Saturday, April 14th starting at 9:00 am**. We will have a signup sheet available for anyone who wants to volunteer to signup and Ingrid can register you online.

Monthly Mission Opportunity: 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. We need **Tuna-12 oz cans, Boxed Mac & Cheese, Pasta and Pasta Sauce, and cleaning supplies** the whole month of APRIL. You can drop off your donations in the bin in the Ministry area.

The "Blanket Project" is in full swing! We have gotten quite a few blankets already! Thank you for the blankets that have been donated! Keep going! A special thank you to ChristyAnne Dickson and Pregnancy and Parenting Support Center for their generous donation of 35 blankets. This ministry will provide blankets to our Mexico mission project that we are also gearing up for at the end of the year. The goal this year is to provide 100+ blankets from St. John's. Here's how you can help...We are looking for individuals, families, Small groups, or Sunday School classes to commit to providing blankets each week. If we collect just 3 blanket each Sunday till December 23rd we will have 126 blankets to take to Mexico!!! Isn't that AWESOME??? I will also be returning to Mexico and want to bring a team from St. John's. Please let me know if you are interested in going on the trip to the Albergue, El Elohe children's shelter in Galeana, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. The cost of the trip is \$250.00. Please contact Ingrid Clark at 409-655-5348 or via email at IClark@stjohnsumctc.org for more information.

Fresh Fire!!!
Ingrid Clark



PETER THE TEXAS SHRIMPER!!!

A presentation of **One Man Show Ministries**
United Methodist Evangelist Mark Winter will be at
St. John's UMC on Sunday, April 29th to present
Peter: A Tale As Big As Texas
a humorous monologue with a message.



Based on a script by Christian actor and comedian,
Jerry Cohagan, Mark will portray Peter as a boisterous Texas shrimper.
This one-man drama will be presented at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.
Please invite a friend on this special day!

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH AT 10:30 AM

Pot Luck lunch to follow the performance. Potluck Lunch 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Everyone please bring a dish according to the letter in your last name:

A-H Names - Meat Dish / I-Q Names - Salad & Dessert / R-Z Names - Vegetable side dish & Dessert.

GROW



Our children's ministry has great volunteers that don't always get recognized. I've been trying to find ways to acknowledge my love and appreciation for our volunteers. For the next couple months, I'm going to highlight one of our AWESOME volunteers. This month I am going to start off with the fabulous Cindy Fuller. Cindy has been teaching our 1st-3rd grade class for many years now. She's a faithful volunteer who loves our kids so much. She comes every week with a lesson and craft ready for our kids. When she first started, she would tell me "I'm not really a teacher" or "I'm not that crafty" but boy, does she teach these kids and craft with them! She had gone above and beyond the lesson to make sure the kids are learning other things such as The Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. Cindy is always looking for ways to teach our kids about the Bible. I love hearing her say to me "we need more stories out of the Bible for these kids". She has a passion and love for these kids and wants them to have the word of God deep in their hearts!! Every holiday, Cindy shows up with treats for the kids from her own money. Cindy also has a passion for our Children's Christmas Program. She has helped me in the past but this last year, she took it over and planned an awesome program! She worked week after week with the kids and we had such a great production! Cindy is an amazing volunteer! Thank you, Cindy, for all of your hard work! Next time you see Cindy Fuller, give her a hug and thank her for teaching our kids!

Jessica Dean



Food and magic? Say it isn't so!
Join us on April 28 at 6pm for
dinner and a show to raise funds for
youth summer camp and mission
trip scholarships.

The Almost Amazing Marko will
entertain and bring laughter
as he shares his magic and
the story of God's love.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for
kids. Or sponsor a table
for \$100, includes 7 tickets.
It's sure to be magically delicious!



March was a busy and exciting month in the Foundry and April will be no different. April got off to an amazing start with the confirmation of 4 of our youth this past Sunday. Congratulations Mollie, Chase, Tucker and Leah! We had a lot of fun in March with our first quarterly service project and a trip to the movies as well as a Luau right in the Foundry. We also had an egg themed game night and an activity filled Easter lesson. The youth also did a great job at the Good Friday service and helping set up for Easter. The fun and serving will continue in April. We have 2 big events this month. Our first is the District Kickball Tournament April 22nd. Our youth group will gather with around 20 other youth groups for worship, fellowship, and competition on the kickball field. It is sure to be an amazing night. The following Saturday, April 28th the youth will serve as waiters and waitresses for the church Dinner and Magic Show. This will be a fundraising event for the youth/kids attending camp & UM ARMY this summer. The next day, April 29th is a 5th Sunday so the youth will be serving that morning in service. Also, I have sent out information to parents on our summer mission camps: UMARMY for Sr. High and SUMMIT for Jr. High. Please get them registered as soon as possible if they wish to attend. Summer camp info will be going out shortly. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Peace and Blessings,
Mae Diaz de Leon