

A Word From Our Pastor



ST. JOHN'S
A United Methodist Congregation

Summer is here! And it's snow cone weather! We are celebrating the arrival of summer with our friends in the community at the annual kite festival. I hope you will swing by and visit the St. John's table on June 9th out at the Texas City Dike. It is absolutely amazing to see all the different kinds of kites flying against the blue sky. The following week we will be having pictures made for the pictorial directory. We want everyone in our church family to be in the directory. If you cannot be there for picture days (June 14-16), then please call the church office, so that we can make plans to add your picture in the directory another way. This directory isn't complete without you! This directory will be a celebration of our church family and we do not want anyone to be left out.

On June 17th, we will celebrate the men in our lives at both worship services. Later that day, we will be leaving for church camp! As a gift to my husband for Father's Day, he gets a whole week to himself! I might be a little jealous! But that's ok, because summer is also a time for vacations. My family and I will be in Kansas at the end of June and early July. My family has all asked, as I am sure you are also wondering, why Kansas? Every year, I plan a trip to the highest point in a different state. This year we are visiting west Kansas.... And it's pretty flat! And out in the middle of nowhere. There will be no Wi-Fi and there may not even be cell service.

But not to worry about missing your pastor for the weeks we are away! Rev. Cindy Riddick has joined our staff. She will be preaching and taking care of the congregation while I am away. I am delighted that Rev. Cindy is here! Rev. Cindy will not only be taking care of things while I am away. Her main priority will be connecting you to small groups and volunteer opportunities as our Director of Adult Discipleship and Connections. I know that you will continue to let Rev. Cindy know how glad you are that she is serving St. John's. I tell her every time I see her! We celebrate Rev. Cindy's presence and service among us!

God is good! And as we move through a busy summer, we will stay focused on the one that created the sun, the wind and the surf. And the love that flows through our community by the very presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Sharing that amazing love as Christ commands. Though, "no one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us (1 John 4:12)." Now that is something to celebrate – God's Amazing Love!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

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Sunday Worship Services
9:30 am—Contemporary
11:00 am—Traditional

Checkout the calendar at
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Inviting People to
Experience Amazing Love!

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SMALL GROUPS

Study: "Old Testament Prophets for Today"

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 Luccado 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

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
NEW TIME

When: Thursday's 10:00 am
Starting June 7th
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 5/6/18	9:30	76
Worship 5/6/18	11:00	58
Worship 5/13/18	9:30	119
Worship 5/13/18	11:00	47
Worship 5/20/18	9:30	89
Worship 5/20/18	11:00	48
Worship 5/27/18	9:30	95
Worship 5/27/18	11:00	51

Missions Opportunity: Benefitting Pregnancy & Parenting Support Center, this fundraiser goes NEXT SUNDAY Father's Day June 17th.



CHANGE for CHANGE

Meeting practical needs in the Name of JESUS

Please return your filled bottles on Father's Day.

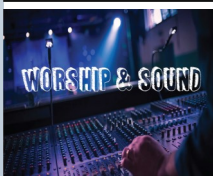
A baby's life depends on it!



Please join us in creating a **St. John's 2018 Cookbook**

If you have any questions, please contact:
Robin Bartholomew (409) 771-2664
Dianne Ho-Gland (409) 945-4039
Pam Welch (409) 770-7551

Recipes are due no later than Saturday, June 30th



ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!

We are in need of individuals who are interested in serving the church on Sundays by helping to run our multimedia show and or the sound board. If you are interested in signing up, please drop by the sound booth on Sunday morning and speak with Ingrid Clark or David McKnight. (Training will be provided).



Stewardship Report

2018 Tithe & Offerings	
(funds we have collected compared to what was budgeted)	
YTD Income Received as of May 31st	\$ 184,041.31
YTD Projected Income as of May 31st	\$ 178,772.08
YTD Income difference as of May 31st	\$ 5,269.23
Surplus/-Deficit	

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



Thank you for the warm welcome on Sunday, June 3. I loved seeing the faces of those of you I've known for years and meeting so many new people. I look forward to hearing your stories and catching up on what's been happening in your lives. I am so happy to be serving at St. John's as the Minister of Discipleship and Connections and want to encourage you in your walk of faith. I'd love to help you find a small group to join where you can invest in the study of God's Word in the company of others who are also making that journey. If you are ready to find a place to serve, I'd be happy to offer a number of opportunities where you can use your gifts in ministry with others. I would love a chance to get to know you or just catch up with news about your family. Let's get together for a visit at the church office, at a coffee shop, or over lunch. I am very happy to be here! Let me know how I might be an encourager of your walk of faith.

Looking forward to serving with you,
Rev. Cindy Riddick

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.

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 Toiletries (Shampoo & Conditioner) the whole month of June. You can drop off your donations in the bin in the Ministry area.**

Don't forget to bring your blanket for the "Blanket Project!" Also please be in prayer about joining the team going to Mexico to the Albergue, El Elohe children's shelter in Galeana, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. The cost of the trip is \$250.00. You must have a valid passport to go on this trip. Youth age 14th and up & adults are encouraged to come on this trip, it will be a life changing experience! Please contact Ingrid Clark at 409-655-5348 or via email at IClark@stjohnsumctc.org for more information.

Fresh Fire!!!
Ingrid Clark
Director of Missions & Administration

**ST. JOHN'S 3RD ANNUAL
TALENT OR WANNABE'S SHOW**
SUNDAY, JULY 29TH 5:30-7:30 PM
The Talent Show is open to all acts as diverse as singing, dancing, juggling or poetry recitation.

If you'd like to perform in the show, there will be a sign-up sheet at the information table on Sunday mornings. Both adults and children are invited to join the fun. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, July 28th. This is a very low-stress event: we welcome all sorts of acts and all levels of ability. Join us for an evening of great family fun!!! MORE DETAILS TO COME!!!!

GROW



To continue my articles of gratitude, I want to acknowledge Miss Betty Magee. Betty has been teaching our 4th, 5th and 6th graders for over five years now. Miss Betty has always done an excellent job!! All of the kids absolutely love Miss Betty!! Miss Betty has such a passion and love for Jesus that is totally infectious. The kids love to learn about the Jesus and the Bible from her teachings. Miss Betty is committed to the children of St. John's. She works so hard at teaching our kids on Sunday Mornings and our Mother's Day Out kids on Mondays and Wednesdays. Parents and kids love to see Miss Betty and watch her teach. I personally love to sit in on her class with her. I always learn so much! Miss Betty has been through so much in the last two years but she's always so happy and grateful to teach the children of St. John's. I appreciate you, Miss Betty, and all of your hard work! You make my job so much easier!!

Jessica Dean
Director of Children's Ministries



Summer is finally here! The youth group started the summer off right with a night of water games. Kiddie Pool Kick Ball was a ton of fun. This Saturday the youth will be at the kite festival doing their part to serve the community and tell people about our church. In just a few weeks we are headed out to summer camp at Lakeview! I know everyone is super excited about that. I grew up going to Lakeview every summer (and winter) and it had a huge impact on who I am today. I am so grateful that I get to attend as a counselor and be part of the experience for our youth. Next month are our Senior High and Junior High mission camps; UMARMY and SUMMIT. These are always fun and an amazing spiritual growth opportunity for everyone that attends. We are still in need of adults to attend these mission trips. Please contact me at mdiazdeleon@stjohnsumctc.org if you are interested. This summer we will also have Manic Mondays in which the youth will meet up outside of the church for various activities including service projects and fun day trips. We will also have Wacky Wednesdays. The youth meet in the foundry for games and hang out time. Each Wacky Wednesday has a theme. This summer our themes will take us through the decades starting with a 70s theme for our first Wacky Wednesday June 13th. Our full summer schedule can be found on the church website and Facebook pages. There are also postcards with the schedule available at the church. The youth group is open to all youth entering 6th – 12th grade. It is going to be an amazing summer for our youth and

Peace and Blessings,
Mae Diaz de Leon
Youth Director

Foundry Student Ministries Summer 2018	
June	
3 rd	Summer Kick-off Party
9 th	Kite Festival
10 th	Youth Group
13 th	Wacky Wednesday: 70s theme
17 th -23 rd	Lakeview Summer Camp
24 th	Youth Group
25 th	Manic Monday: Cans and Chick-fil-A
27 th	Wacky Wednesday: 80s theme
July	
1 st	Youth Group
2 nd	Manic Monday: Strand
8 th -14 th	UMARMY
15 th	Youth Group
18 th -21 st	SUMMIT
23 rd -27 th	Vacation Bible School
29 th	Church Talent Show
30 th	Manic Monday: Pleasure Pier
August	
1 st	Wacky Wednesday: 90s theme
5 th	Youth Group
8 th	District Wave Pool
12 th	End of Summer Party

Manic Mondays
Meet at the church at 9:00am
*must sign up by one week before

Wacky Wednesdays
In the Foundry 2-4 pm

Youth Group
Sundays
In the Foundry 4-6 pm