

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: "Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life"

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

When: Thursday's 10:00 am
Began 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 6/3/18	9:30	100
Worship 6/3/18	11:00	47
Worship 6/10/18	9:30	91
Worship 6/10/18	11:00	50
Worship 6/17/18	9:30	82
Worship 6/17/18	11:00	46
Worship 6/24/18	9:30	75
Worship 6/24/18	11:00	52

Up Coming Meetings



Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday, July 11th,
At 6:00 pm in the Adult Classroom



Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, July 18th,
At 6:00 PM
in the Church Office.



Ad Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 31st,
At 6:30 PM, in the Cafe.
All members are encouraged to attend!!!



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).



ST. JOHN'S 3RD ANNUAL TALENT OR WANNABE'S SHOW
SUNDAY, JULY 29TH 5:30-7:30 PM
We will have fellowship and refreshments beginning at 5:30 pm with the Show beginning at 6:00.

Stewardship Report

2018 Tithe & Offerings	
(funds we have collected compared to what was budgeted)	
YTD Income Received as of June 30th	\$ 217,330.60
YTD Projected Income as of June 30th	\$ 214,526.50
YTD Income difference as of June 30th	\$ 2,804.10
Surplus/-Deficit	

The Monitor

July 2018



ST. JOHN'S
A United Methodist Congregation

A Word From Rev. Cindy

Our pastor, Stephanie, is on vacation with her family for another week. So, in addition to the pastoral responsibilities of preaching and congregational care, I also get to be the guest columnist for the pastor's spot in this month's newsletter. It was my pleasure to preach on Sunday, July 1 and I look forward to leading worship again on July 8. This Sunday, we'll be commissioning our UMARMY team who will be serving the people of Kountze during the week of July 8-14.

It's really hard to believe that I've been here for a whole month. The time has gone by so fast. I am enjoying catching up with those of you whom I've known for a while and meeting those of you who are new to me. If you were in worship on July 1, you heard something about my story of growing up in this church and the walk of faith I've traveled. I'd love to listen to the story of *your* journey of faith.

As the Minister of Discipleship and Connections, I'll be inviting everyone to find a bible study to join where you can learn and grow in your faith. I'll also be offering plenty of opportunities for you to find a place to serve. Let me know if you are interested in any of the following opportunities:

A Place to Grow—Small Group at 10:45 am/Sunday

If you attend the 9:30 worship service, consider joining Gary Potter's small group that meets at 10:45 am on Sunday morning. The group is using the book, *The Story*, to reveal God's intentional pursuit of a relationship with all of us. The study walks through the Bible in a very readable style. If you are ready to add a bible study to your faith walk, check out this group that meets in the adult classroom after the first worship service.

A Place to Serve—Extending the Table

Some of our church members are no longer able to be present at Sunday morning worship to receive communion on the first Sunday of the month. We have a group of people who graciously extend the communion table by bringing communion to them. The number of people who would like to receive communion is greater than the number of people who are presently serving. Dianne Ho-Gland leads this group that takes communion to our members in homes or care facilities. Let her know if you would like to help extend the table.

There are so many more ways to grow and serve at St. John's. Check out the website, the rest of this newsletter, the back of the worship bulletin, or give me a call. We'll chat about what might be a good fit for you.

Have a grace filled day,

Rev. Cindy Riddick



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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!

Find us on Facebook @ [stjohnsumctexascty](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsumctexascty)



MISSION/OUTREACH

The purpose of Missions & Outreach at St. John's is to train and equip ordinary people to go and do extraordinary things in the name of Jesus so that all might see, hear and experience God's love in tangible ways. Through partnerships in our local community, we can strategically lead and partner with ministries that care for the most vulnerable in our community and throughout the world. Through equipping the saints (*you*), we are able to show the love and compassion of Jesus to a broken and hurting community. We believe that the key to transforming lives for Jesus is through the context of the relationships we build in our neighborhoods.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. [Ephesians 2:10]

We will strive to help you find the intersection of passion and purpose in your life which God has specifically gifted you to serve. Won't you join us? Here are Ministries and Initiatives at St. John's that you can get plugged into. Please prayerfully consider getting involved in one of these ministries.

St. John's-Led Ministries & Initiatives

St. John's-led Ministries are those which have been strategically developed, led, and funded through the Missions / Outreach Ministry of the Church.

- ⇒ GSM (Good Samaritan Ministry)-Joint ministry with First UMC Texas City
- ⇒ Community Garden Ministry
- ⇒ Mexico Mission /Blanket Project Ministry
- ⇒ Angel Tree Ministry
- ⇒ Elmcroft/Homebound Christmas Outreach
- ⇒ UTMB Sandwich Ministry

Local Partner Ministries

Local Partner Ministries are ministries in which St. John's comes alongside by providing monthly financial support, awareness, and active volunteer recruitment.

- ⇒ United Faith Alliance / Susan's Market
- ⇒ Galveston County Long Term Recover Group
- ⇒ Pregnancy Planning Center of Galveston County
- ⇒ Community Thanksgiving Dinner

UMC Connectional Ministries

As Methodist, our denomination continues to be organized in a "connectional" system, which "enables us to carry out our mission in unity and strength" (Book of Discipline, ¶ 701). Every local church is linked to an interconnected network of organizations that join together in mission and ministry, allowing us to accomplish far more than any one local church or person could alone. We provide financial support, awareness, and active volunteer recruitment.

- ⇒ U.M. ARMY Sr High Mission
- ⇒ SUMMIT Jr High Mission
- ⇒ UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

July's Monthly Mission Opportunity: CROSSROADS at Park Place, Inc., a 501 © (3) non-profit Christian organization, is committed to promoting the health, hygiene and dignity of persons experiencing homelessness and poverty in Southeast Houston.

The program is in dire need of the following SPECIFIC items:

- New or gently used men's belts / • men's jeans / • men's tennis shoes – all sizes /
- USED backpacks (not new, but in fairly good condition) / • New or gently used blankets

St. John's will take part in supporting Crossroads by collecting the items in need the whole month of July. There will be a collection box set up in the ministry area. You can drop off your donations in the church office Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30, or on Sunday mornings. 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

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As I continue to thank and highlight our volunteers in the Children's Ministry department, this month I want to thank Brock Crawford. Brock is such a dedicated volunteer. Brock helps me teach the preschool/Kindergarten class on Sunday mornings. He gets here real early with his dad and has the Treehouse set up for me before I even get here. The doors are unlocked, the chairs are off the tables and everything is ready for a great Sunday. Brock is also one of our teacher's assistants at Mother's Day Out. But he's also my assistant. Brock steps up and helps me every time I need help, whether it is getting in the attic to find supplies or getting the pools ready for water day. Brock definitely makes my life so much easier, knowing he's there to help me out! The kids and parents love Brock and St. John's is so blessed to have him here at our church!

Jessica Dean
Director of Children's Ministries

St. John's UMC presents Vacation Bible School 2018



July 23rd - 27th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
4 years old –
Completed 5th grade

Experience the ride of a Lifetime with God at VBS!
Relevant music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace!!

Register at WWW.STJOHNSUMCTC.ORG



When I look back at my calendar for June I can't believe how busy I was and how much our youth have done already this summer. Then I look forward at my July calendar and it's even crazier. Of course the most notable thing in June was Church Camp at Lakeview. It was a huge success. We took 22 kids to camp this summer. It was a great week full of worship, games, and hanging out with new and old friends. Manic Mondays and Wacky Wednesdays have also started. Thirteen youth volunteered to crushed cans and recycled them at our first Manic Monday and followed it up the next week with a trip to the Strand in downtown Galveston. Wacky Wednesdays have taken us back to the 70s with some karaoke and the 80s for some classic video games. In July, the youth will earn volunteer bragging rights for sure. Senior High will be at UM ARMY the 8th – 14th. The very next week, Junior High will have their mission trip (SUMMIT). The following week many of our youth will be volunteering with Vacation Bible School. We also have 3 acts planned for the church talent show and a trip to Pleasure Pier to finish out the month. It will be a busy month but also a lot of fun. I hope everyone else is enjoying their summer as much as our youth are.

Peace and Blessings,
Mae Diaz de Leon
Youth Director