

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

FPU Class Fall Session

Study: Financial Peace University / Dave Ramsey

When: Sunday's 5:00 pm
Where: Sanctuary
Leaders: David & Christie McKnight
coach@dobetterwithmoney.com
Cost: Approximately \$ 120

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

Worship Attendance		
Worship 9/2/18	9:30	60
Worship 9/2/18	11:00	40
Worship 9/9/18	9:30	90
Worship 9/9/18	11:00	55
Worship 9/16/18	9:30	100
Worship 9/16/18	11:00	58
Worship 9/23/18	9:30	81
Worship 9/23/18	11:00	56
Worship 9/30/18	9:30	108
Worship 9/30/18	11:00	30

UP COMING MEETINGS

Finance Meeting

Monday, October 15th at 6:30pm in the church office.

SPRC Meeting

Tuesday, October 23rd, at 6:00 pm in the church office

Ad Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 30th at 6:30 pm in the café

South District Hub Charge Conference

Sunday, November 4th at 3:00 pm

St. John's will be hosting the Charge Conference this year. All members are encouraged to attend. This is a good way to hear about what's going on in the church and district.



Here's how you can help! Signup sheets are at the information table.

⇒ People to participate by decorating their cars and handing out candy

We ask that you set up your trunk by no later than 5:30 and stay the whole two hours.

⇒ We need candy donations

⇒ We need bottled water

We will provide some candy but we encourage you to bring your own. We just need lots of people to make it fun!

You are encouraged to dress up in a costume, but we ask that you keep it "PG."

No scary costumes please (we want to set a good example.)

And finally...Please invite people!

Friends...Neighbors...Strangers...EVERYONE!

This is a great family event and a fun and safe alternative to trick or treating.

We want to be a blessing to our Community!

Stewardship Report

2018 Tithe & Offerings

(funds we have collected compared to what was budgeted)

YTD Income Received as of Sept 30th	\$ 331,307.90
YTD Projected Income as of Sept 30th	\$ 321,789.75
YTD Income difference as of Sept 30th	\$ 9,518.15
Surplus/-Deficit	

The Monitor

October 2018



ST. JOHN'S
A United Methodist Congregation

A Word From Our Pastor

October has just begun and what an amazing month it has already been! It may not feel like Fall is in the air, but it is coming! This past weekend was filled with life at St. John's UMC. We hosted our first Fall Festival and it was amazing! The Fall Festival Committee did an amazing job. There were lots of vendors with quality merchandise to peruse, fun games for the kids to play, and food to enjoy. Not only did the committee work hard, but many within our church family helped with setup and takedown. It was an awesome feat! And the community came out for the festivities and shopping. There were times when our parking lot was completely full. There was no parking to be found! I am so proud and thankful to the leadership on the Fall Festival committee that had the vision, passion, hard work and dedication to put such a large event on!

The following day, we celebrated 60 years of ministry in worship! We had four charter members present: Jim and Dorothy Blankenship, Tomy Hamon and Velmanel Petty. Both the praise band and chancel choir led in worship with special guests for accompaniment. Our guest speaker was Rev. Deborah Proctor, a former pastor of St. John's from 2004-2009. After worship, we gathered for a fellowship potluck meal. As always, there was more than enough and it was all delicious!

As we stand at the precipice of Fall awaiting cooler air and even more upcoming opportunities for ministry in the days and weeks ahead, we look back at September – wet and rainy September. Some of our neighbors have flooded, yet again. And there are still more waiting on help to fully recover after Hurricane Harvey. This is a continual struggle in our community. The Good Samaritan Ministry Team went out on a Saturday to continue to help make progress towards recovery. Please remember to pray for our neighbors and community. And find ways to celebrate your own blessings through acts of gratitude. Find opportunities to gratefully give and be a blessing to those that are still struggling from flooding.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians, "For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building (vs. 9)." St. John's has been in ministry for 60 years! And we will continue to be God's servants working together. St. John's will continue to provide vital ministry to Texas City and surrounding communities showing God's amazing love and grace!

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!

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



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

A Place to Grow—The Gospel of John

**Fusion: A Study of the Gospel of John continues through
Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm**

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm for our study of the Gospel of John. Light, darkness, living water, thirst, sight, blindness, belief, unbelief, life, death, choices—these are just a few of the themes in the Gospel of John that we are exploring with Pastor Stephanie. Bring your whole family to study this Gospel. We have classes for adults, youth, and children.

A Place to Serve—Media Tech for 11:00 service

If you know how to use a computer keyboard and a mouse, you have the skill set to serve as the media tech to advance the slides for our worship services. We are currently in need of 2-3 more people for this position at the 11:00 am service. Training is provided. If you are willing to serve, please let me know.

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.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Cindy Riddick



We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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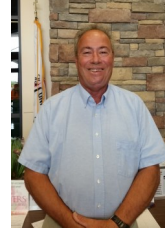
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David Katz



Dean & Cheryl Jones



MISSION/OUTREACH



I'm also excited...we kicked off "The Blanket Project" at the beginning of the year to help 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 and as of today we have 65!!! 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. (There are exactly 10 Sundays left in 2018...If we collect just 3-4 blankets each Sunday we will meet our goal of 100 blankets to take to Mexico!!!) Isn't that AWESOME??? So if you are looking for a mission...all interested in volunteering their time and resources are encouraged to help gather blankets and we would love for as many as are able to come with us to Mexico to hand them out! I will be returning to Mexico and want to bring a team and supplies from St. John's. We will be going to the Albergue, El Elohe children's shelter in Galeana, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Please join us in bringing hope to the "least of these." Blankets can be dropped off in the Mission Donation area near the front office. The Mexico trip dates are Dec 27th-Jan 3rd, 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 me at 409-655-5348 or via email at IClark@stjohnsumctc.org for more information.

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

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH

Surprise...Surprise!!!



Oliver surprised us all by arriving early!!! On Sunday, September 30th Oliver Michael Dean made his way into this world surrounded by so much love and prayers. He's perfect! He was 8 lbs, 7oz and 19 1/2 inches. Thank you all so much for your prayers and for helping Mike and I out while we are enjoying and learning a new way of life for us! We feel so overwhelmed and blessed by all of you!!!



Jessica Dean
Director of Children's Ministries



I love October. It's when it hopefully gets colder outside. I love wearing sweaters and drinking hot chocolate and eating comfort foods like chili and my new favorite breakfast item: pumpkin muffins. It is also a time of year that I feel like I can catch my breath after the chaos of starting a new school year. This is one of the few months where the youth get to meet every Sunday night. This month we will be wrapping up our study on prayer and our next topic will be "The Walking Dead" and will include a zombie game night. October is a great time to bring a friend to youth group. We meet Sunday nights from 4-6 at the church in the Foundry. If you are in grades 6th - 12th join us as we learn about Christ, play games, hang out, and eat each week. We are also meeting on Wednesday nights for Fusion from 6:30 - 7:45 where we are studying the Book of John. If you would like more information please contact me, Mae Diaz de Leon, at mdiazdeleon@stjohnsumctc.org.

Peace and Blessings,
Mae Diaz de Leon
Youth Director