

**Get Involved**



**HURRICANE IDA RELIEF SUPPLIES**

During the month of September, we will be collecting Hurricane Ida relief supplies. See the list of needed supplies on the registration table in the foyer. Drop your donations by the church during these times: **Sunday** 9am-12pm, **Monday** 10am-2pm, **Tuesday-Thursday** 9am-4pm.

Funds to purchase relief supplies are also welcome. Mark your check or giving envelope "Hurricane Recovery."



**WE ARE COLLECTING**

**BAKING ITEMS & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS**  
 (flour, sugar, oil) & (full size toothpaste, toothbrushes)  
**Bread & Muffin mixes** Hand Soap & Hand sanitizer)



**Sermon Notes**

1. **What is the status of your heart? Are you ready to show hospitality to the stranger and bless the enemy? Where are you still struggling?**

2. **Read Acts 7:54-9:23. What do you think it was like for Ananias to be obedient to God and bless the enemy? What do you think it was like for Paul to receive so much forgiveness and blessing from someone that he persecuted?**

3. **Are you a good listener? What do you need to work on to be fully present and empathetic to the pain of someone else? Take time to intently listen this week. Listen to a stranger. Listen to someone close to you. Listen to your own thoughts when you are alone. Listen to God. What did you learn?**

**Lord hear our prayers...**

- 8-29 Kylie Ferrell, Les Oleson, Cheryl Hadley, Desmond (Joyce Shanks' great-grandson), Toni Epperson, Emily Gray, Donato Valdez, Sr., Tim Shanks, Mark & Tina Harrell, Shirley Patterson, the family and friends of Thomas Cash
- 9-5 The family and friends of Merle Aldridge, Carol Spealman, Freda Jobe Crawford, Dan Koster, Sara Morgan, Haven Wells, Wayne Vyvial, Robert Davis, Terry Fry
- 9-12 Lupe Aguilar, Randy Thomas, Joyce Vyvial, Rick Baty, Grace Boyd, Taylor & Jamie Click, Dannie Day, Edna & Dannie Day's daughter's family, Joy Holder, Graciano Martinez, Richard & Lucinda Webb and their daughter, Robert Davis, Jeff Wiedman, Tim Jakubik, Cheryl Scott, Calvin Treybig, Ginger Haddar, family and friends of Janice Gray
- 9-19 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, Sue Gustafson, Stacy Catching, Diana Ladiger

**Those in Care Facilities:** Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Mary Jenkins (Elmcroft), Pam Syers (Lillian's Love), Walter Wilson (The Crossings)

**Those Who are Homebound:** J.T. Agregard, Grace Boyd, Joy Holder, Mozelle Lubojasky, Mildred McLemore, Louise Ovesny, Tommye Pitman

For all those affected by Hurricane Ida and Nicholas, for Afghanistan, for students and teachers and staff as they begin a new school, year, for who put the care of others first in their day-to-day lives, for those who are recovering from the aftermath of natural disasters, marriages that are struggling, our nation, for those affected by the pandemic, our church, those in the military.



**ST. JOHN'S**

**A United Methodist Congregation**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 26, 2021**



Welcome! We are glad that you have chosen to be here today. We are so happy to celebrate our Lord with you. If you are a first time guest we invite to stop by our welcome center after the worship service to receive a special gift.

**We are glad you are here! See you next Sunday!**

**Note: The number of COVID positive cases is again on the rise in Galveston County. The CDC has changed its guidelines in response to similar numbers across the country. In the interest of safety and concern for our community, we highly recommend that everyone wear masks while you are in the church building. Once you are seated in the sanctuary, we recommend and encourage you to keep your mask on. We highly recommend that everyone follow the CDC guidelines here and out in community.**

*Everyone please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices. Otherwise, you might miss God's call! Nursery and Treehouse Kids Sunday school is now open! You may ask an usher for directions. If you wish to keep your children with you in the sanctuary, there are activity bags available at the Welcome Center with coloring books and crayons you can borrow and return when finished.*

**Guest Wi-Fi password is: walnut89**



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Website: <https://stjohnsumctc.org/>

Church office hours: Monday 10 AM - 2 PM / Tuesdays-Thursdays 9 AM - 4 PM

- Pastor - Rev. Stephanie Hughes
- Minister of Discipleship & Connections - Rev. Cindy Riddick
- Director of Missions and Administration - Ingrid Clark
- Youth Director - Mae Diaz de Leon
- Director of Children's Ministries - Adrienne Harrell
- Director of Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel
- Praise Band Leader- Azzi Jerice



## 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs:	<i>Lead Me To The Cross I Give Myself Away</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Scripture		Romans 12:9-21
Sermon	Being a Companion Through Hurt	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song:	<i>Run To The Father</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*please stand as you are able</i>

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude:	<i>Blessed Assurance</i> arr. Mark Hayes	Sophie Chapman, piano
Welcome & Greeting		
*Congregational Introit	<i>I Come with Joy vs.1</i>	UMH # 617
*Hymn of Praise	<i>O Worship the King</i>	UMH #73
Affirmation of Faith		Steve Garnaas-Holmes

**We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people. We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new. In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life. We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love. We give thanks for the church, the body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Special Music	<i>All That I Am</i> Hines	Susie Newman, soloist
Scripture		Romans 12:9-21
Sermon	Being a Companion Through Hurt	Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Closing Hymn	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	UMH #557
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing vs.1</i>	UMH # 664
<b>Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.</b>		
Postlude	<i>Near The Cross</i> arr. Myers	Sophie Chapman, piano
		<i>*please stand as you are able</i>



Traditional Music Ministries will commence with rehearsals on **Wednesday, October 6th. Bells at 6 and Chancel Choir at 7.** Newcomers for both groups are welcome! For additional information please contact Dr. James Heffel on Sunday morning. We have an exciting season ahead!!!



### Update Your Contact Information

St. John's has switched our church data management system to Breeze. We have missing pieces of contact information for many of our St. John's folks. Please update your contact information by scanning this QR code and putting in your information. If you have several family members to enter, the form will offer you a chance to submit another form. The only required fields are NAME and ADDRESS. However, if we have your phone numbers and your email, we can contact you easily and quickly. We love to send birthday and anniversary cards, so please consider giving us your special dates. There is also an opportunity for you to subscribe to our MailChimp newsletter. Thank you so much!!



We invite you to drop off your offering and prayer requests in the baskets at the entrance to the sanctuary.

### Other convenient ways to give are:

- ◆ Give online on our website at <https://stjohnsumctc.org/giving/>  
OR
- ◆ **NEW Text Giving...**Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 and then follow prompts  
Thank you for your generosity and blessing!