

Get Involved



Carole Young Unit Christmas Outreach

We will be doing our Christmas outreach to the inmates at the Carole Young facility over on Attwater Ave.

We invited everyone to participate by donating funds towards this outreach. To ensure we got everything we needed in time to complete this project and to honor people's time during this busy season we have already purchased the items in bulk that were needed to complete the bags:

400 shampoos / 400 bars of soap / 400 pairs of socks
/ 400 wash cloths / 400 toothbrushes

The total cost of the supplies ordered is \$1,400.00.

Here's how you can help:

- Donate funds to help cover the cost of the supplies purchased in bulk.
- Come on **Thursday, December 16th at 1:00pm** to assemble the bags.



Sermon Notes

1. What is one of your favorite Christmas memories? What made it so special?

2. What are your plans for this Christmas? How are you keeping Christ in the center of your plans?

3. We've heard it said that "home is where the heart is." Where is your heart this Christmas? What is your hope?

Lord hear our prayers...

Congratulations to Kim Bourgeois on the birth of her grandson, Liam August Abernathy. Liam was born on November 19th to Kayla and Chase Abernathy.

Congratulations to Michelle and Josh Puckett on the birth of their grandson, Jensen Zeus Sjostrom. Jensen was born on November 18th to Shelby Johnson and Joergen Sjostrom.

- 10-31 Jaiden Scribner, Sherri Sumney, family of Kathy Coler
- 11-7 Randy Thomas, Joyce Vyvial, Calvin Treybig, Cheryl Scott, Barbara Williams, Dan Koster, the Blake Schmidt family
- 11-14 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, family and friends of Les Oleson, family and friends of Emily Gray, Gena McGinty, Gina Rosales, April and Reagan Hitt, Terry Fry, Beth Stinson and family, Gary and Pam Scoggin and family
- 11-21 Kylie Ferrell

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, teachers and staff, for caregivers, 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

First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021



Welcome to worship at St. John's! May your worship experience be one of blessing and encouragement! While you are here, CDC guidelines are encouraged. Masks are recommended, but not required. And please silence your phone, so that you won't be distracted to hear God's call! Now, take a few slow breaths and relax. You've made it through the hardest part – you walked through the door and found your seat. Make yourself at home. Worship will start in a few minutes.

Got kids? There will be a children's moment early on in the service and then they will go to the treehouse for their own worship time. There are activity bags for your children at the Welcome Center to help you keep them engaged while in worship. Simply return the bag and supplies after worship. Nursery is also provided for children 5 and under. The ushers & greeters are friendly and will be happy to show you around or answer your questions.

Guest Wi-Fi password is: *walnut89*



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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 Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel

Praise Band Leader - Azzi Jerice

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
Lighting of the first Advent Candle		Hughes & Frengil Family
We have endured these past few years and know that there is more to face before us. We don't know if we have the strength to withstand what might be around the next corner. And we wonder who will stand with us, who will have our back, who will occupy our corner. Who is with us? That is what we begin to wonder these days. Who will light our way and chart our course? Who is on our side, who will welcome us home again? Home. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a branch that will be raised. Jesus spoke of a Son of Man that will descend. Both point to a hope. A hope that calls us home. Our true home, where we're welcomed and loved and included. Where there is justice and equality and peace. It's time, this Advent season, time to go home. We light this candle, as a sign of our hope, our strong hope that there is a way to go home. To the home in Christ, and it starts with us, and it starts here, and it starts now. It's time to go home.		
*Worship Songs:	<i>I Thank God</i> <i>10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Scripture		Luke 1:1-5
Sermon	Leaving Home	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song:	<i>Beautiful One</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		
<i>*please stand as you are able</i>		

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude:		Sophie Chapman, piano
Welcome & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>Christians, We Have Met To Worship</i> arr Larsen	Chancel Choir
Lighting of the first Advent Candle		John Mitchell & Suzi Mitchell
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*Hymn of Praise	<i>God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us</i>	UMH # 100

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Stephen M. Fearing

We believe that God has come to us; that God brought us into being, that this God gave us breath and purpose, that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others, that we have fallen short of this commendation but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness. We believe that God is coming to us; that God is not happy to leave us alone, that this God will come to us as a particular human being, that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours, that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy, that Jesus Christ has come and our salvation will be made complete. We believe that God will come to us; that God will have the final word and that Word will be good, that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work, that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth, that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more, and all will gather at the table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"

*Gloria Patri

Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Cindy Riddick

Choral Amen

Special Music

Pass It On Kaiser

James Heffel, Soloist

Preparation Hymn

There's a Song in the Air

UMH # 249

Scripture

Luke 1:1-5

Sermon

Leaving Home

Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Closing Hymn

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

UMH # 129

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH # 664 v1

Postlude

Sophie Chapman, piano

****please stand as you are able***



**Annual Charge
Conference on
Monday, November 29 at 6:00 PM**

Every year, St. John's gathers to celebrate the past year, honor and remember the saints who have passed, and conduct the business of the church. Please join us VIA Zoom on Monday, November 29 for this meeting. Check your email for the login link.

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!



**Church Conference
on Sunday,
December 12
between services**

Save the date and plan to attend the Church Conference on December 12 between the two worship services. The purpose of this called Church Conference is to vote on a single board model of leadership for the church and to create a permanent endowment for legacy giving to the church. Both proposals require the vote of the church body. If you attend the second service, plan to be at the church by 10:30am, so you can come to the church conference. If you attend the first service, plan to stay a little later.