

**Get Involved**



**WE ARE COLLECTING**

FOOD:

Goods: (for men, women and children)

- Whole grains like pasta
- Rice
- Oatmeal
- Dried or canned beans
- Canned Soup

- Hats
- Scarves
- Gloves



Galveston County Food Bank  
Mobile Food Distribution

WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 12TH & 26TH

AT FIRST UMC LA MARQUE  
1825 HOWELL AVE

REGISTRATION STARTS AT  
6:30 AM AND ENDS AT 9AM.

Please stay in your car until  
asked to open your trunk,  
all distributions are  
drive-thru only!

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

**Sermon Notes**

1. How will you be spending the time between Christmas and New Year's Day? Will you be relaxing? Will you spend time with family? Will you be back to your regular routine? In this time between the holidays, how will you extend the spirit of Christmas?

2. When you get ready for the day, do you see yourself as God's beloved? If not, how do you see yourself when you look in the mirror? What might you do to remember that God loves you just as you are?

3. What can you do to remember to get dressed each day in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and love? What is your plan to represent Jesus in what you do and say?

**Lord hear our prayers...**

- 11-28 Jessica Potter, Aaron White, Michael Cooper, Finn Carmichael
- 12-5 Randy Thomas, Joyce Vyvial, Calvin Treybig, Barbara Williams, Dan Koster, Lane Bailey, Sonja Johnson and family, Paul Bala, Mary Gammell, Joy Holder
- 12-12 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, Gina Rosales, Terry Fry, Dorothy Blankenship, Kathy Wurzlów, Cheryl Hadley, Barbara Wallace, Terry and Cheryl Darling, Cheryl Scott, Doris Miley, The Family of Rev Jack Matkin, First UMC Dickinson
- 12-19 Kylie Ferrell, Darrell Williams, Melissa Roberts, Bobby Mills, Mozelle Lubojasky

**Those in Care Facilities:** Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Mary Jenkins (Sodalis), Pam Syers (Lillian's Love), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates), 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 the mid-west tornadoes, 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 after Christmas December 26, 2021**



**Extending  
the Spirit of  
Christmas**

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. We will not have Children's Sunday School this morning. There are activity bags at the Welcome Center to help you keep your children 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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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 Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel
- Praise Band Leader - Azzie Jerice
- Accompanist - Sophie Chapman
- Bookkeeper - Brittany Rodriguez

## 10:30 AM Worship

Prelude Chancel Bells  
 Welcome & Announcements Rev. Stephanie Hughes

\*Worship Songs Praise Band  
*Raise A Hallelujah*  
*Do It Again*

Children's Moment

\*Affirmation of Faith Stephen Fearing

**We believe that God has come to us as a little child,  
 making our weakness his strength,  
 securing our salvation by becoming one of us,  
 blessing us with a steadfast savior,  
 filling our hearts with joy to be shared with one another.**  
**We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world,  
 giving us a law that will be written upon our hearts,  
 making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority,  
 declaring an everlasting reign of peace,  
 defeating the power of pain and suffering.**  
**We believe that God calls us to participate in this reality of love,  
 inviting us to proclaim Christ's resurrection at the Table,  
 transforming us as disciples to go out into the world,  
 sending us forth to announce his kingdom of peace and comfort,  
 challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children.**  
**This we believe.**  
**This we preach.**  
**This we seek to embody in word and deed.**

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Special Music Chancel Bells  
*Jingle All the Way* Wagner

Preparation Hymn UMH 245  
*The First Noel*

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon Rev. Cindy Riddick  
 Extending the Spirit of Christmas

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Reflection Song Praise Band  
*O Praise The Name (Anástasis)*

\*Benediction

*\*please stand as you are able*



### Sunday, January 2 / Help "undecorate" the church

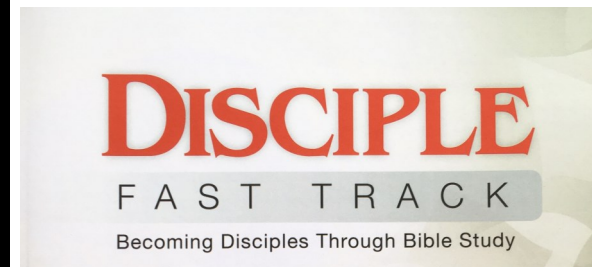
Please plan to stay after the worship service on January 2 to help box up the Christmas decorations until next year. Those attending the 9:30 am service will "undecorate" the foyer and the exterior of the church. Those attending the 11:00 am service will "undecorate" the sanctuary. We appreciate your help!!



We are now taking orders for ALTAR FLOWERS for 2022. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for a Sunday service in memory of or in honor of someone, sign up on the Flower Calendar in the foyer. Please also call Ingrid Clark at 409-655-5348 to give her the information for the bulletin. Cost is \$50.00 per Sunday and for each arrangement.



Begin the new year with a devotional time with God. As a faith community, we make **The Upper Room** devotional available in both regular and large print. Pick up your copy of the January-February issue from the display in the foyer.



### Disciple I Bible Study begins Jan. 6

Sign up in the foyer today for this 8 week class on the New Testament. Rev. Stephanie Hughes will lead classes on **Thursdays: In person at 11 AM & 7 PM / Zoom class at 5 PM**  
**Study books are \$13.**

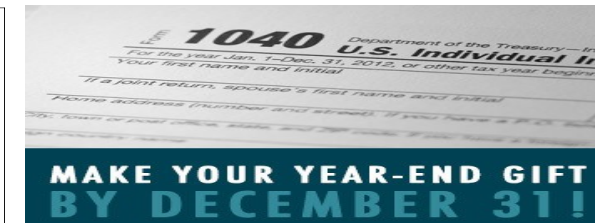


#### Church Office Holiday Closure

**The church office will be closed Monday, December 27th thru Thursday, December 30, 2021.**

**The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.**

**Have a safe and joyous Christmas & New Years!**



#### Year End Tax Deductible Contributions

Thank you all for your generosity through out this year. To help make sure you get credit for your gifting this year all donations must be in by December 31 to receive tax credit for 2021. **If you wish you can mail your donation to the Church Office. Please note that the office will be closed December 27th-31st. However, as long as your contribution is mailed and post-marked by the 31st, you will receive credit for 2021.**

In the event of a pastoral emergency only while the church office is closed, please contact the Pastor at 903-805-2534.