

The Week Ahead

Sun., Oct. 2	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Treehouse Kids Sunday School
	10:30 am - 11:00 am	Fellowship Time
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Youth Group
Tues., Oct 4	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Mother's Day Out
Wed., Oct 5	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Oct 6	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Mother's Day Out
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Disciple Bible Study -- in person
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch -- Bring your lunch and join us
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Disciple Bible Study -- in person & Zoom
Fri., Oct 7	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work

Sermon Notes

1. Describe your relationship with God. Are you content with this relationship or do you desire more? What can you do to enhance your relationship with God?

2. What is your definition of prayer? How does this compare with your prayer life?

3. Consider your prayer life. How would you describe your prayer life to a friend? Does your prayer life include waiting in solitude and silence?

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Vera Bozeman. Vera went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, September 28th.

- 9-4 Maac Hughes, Dan Koster, Terry Stinson, Lupe Aguilar, the family and friends of Cheryl Scott, the family and friends of Gerry Elgin (Terry Gray's mom)
- 9-11 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, David Welch, Jr., Rusty McClellan, Debbie Forbush, Joan Hutchinson, Ron Collins
- 9-18 Terry Fry, Elizabeth Johnson, Becky Wright, Virginia Dowler
- 9-25 Charlotte Nahigan, Marci Knight, Carol Pounds, Richard Webb, the family and friends of Vera Bozeman

Those in Care Facilities: Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Dolores Boatman (Brookdale Senior Living), Grace Boyd (Heartis Clearlake Senior Living), Mary Jenkins (Sodalis), Carol Spealman (Magnolia Crossing), Pam Syers (Lillian's Love), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates), Walter Wilson (The Crossings)

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

For the people of Uvalde, the people of Ukraine, 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

17th Sunday After Pentecost October 2, 2022



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. 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

Children's Director & Bookkeeper - Leanne Post

Director of Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel

Praise Band Leader - Aassi Windom

Accompanist - Sophie Chapman

MDO Director - Melissa Patrick

9:30 AM Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs:	<i>Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Leanne Post
Generosity Moment		
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Tithes and Offerings		Praise Band
Scripture		Luke 18:1-14
Sermon	"What Is Prayer?"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song:	<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*please stand as you are able</i>

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Wayfaring Stranger</i>	arr. Smith	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome & Greeting			
Choral Introit	<i>Glorify the Lord</i>	arr. Arbogast	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Come Thou Almighty King</i>		UMH #61
Invitation			UMH # 12
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.			
Prayer of Confession and Pardon			UMH #12
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.			
All pray in silence.			
Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!			
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.			
Generosity Moment			
Pastoral Prayer			Rev. Cindy Riddick
Offertory/Anthem	<i>In His Holy Place</i>	arr. Wagner	Chancel Choir

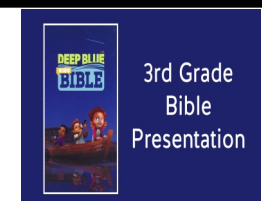
*Doxology			
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.			
Scripture			Luke 18:1-14
Sermon	"What Is Prayer?"		Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Celebration of the Lord's Supper	The Great Thanksgiving		UMH #13
Invitation to Christian Discipleship			
*Closing Hymn	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>		UMH #496
*Benediction			
*Benediction Response	<i>Let Us Now Depart In Thy Peace</i>		UMH #668
Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen			
Postlude	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, piano

**please stand as you are able*



The altar flowers are placed to the glory of God. In memory of John Darlington for his 79th birthday.

Flowers are placed by his loving daughter Alice Darlington.



We will be presenting our 3rd graders with Bibles on Oct. 16. We don't want to miss anyone, so let Leanne Post know if you have a 3rd grader in your family.

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!

Everyone can participate...

- ◆ **decorate your car and hand out candy**
- ◆ **we need candy donations**
- ◆ **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!**