

The Week Ahead

Sun., Jan 1	10:30 am - 11:30 am	ONE SERVICE ONLY - New Years / Epiphany Service Please stay after service if you are able, to help un-decorate the church.
Wed., Jan 4	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Jan 5	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Mother's Day Out
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - Bring lunch and eat in cafe
Fri., Jan 6	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work

Sermon Notes

1. Look up the definition of covenant and contract. What is the difference?
2. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What does God promise in the New Covenant?
3. What covenant can you make in the New Year that will strengthen your relationship with God?

Lord hear our prayers...

- 11-27 Dan Koster, Gary Scoggin, David Welch, Josh Post, Barbara Guthrie
12-4 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, Rusty McClellan, Ron Collins, Suanne Alsip, Frank Ball, Holly Ball, Lynnette Martin, Beverly Vanderpool, Bob Viglini, family and friends of Allan Middleton, The Johnson Family
12-11 Lupe Aguilar, Yolanda Jones, Cheryl Hadley, Melanie (co-worker of Sheri Reznicek), Nelson (Betty Magee's neighbor), Nezzie Marsden
12-18 Carol Pounds, Clint Knudson, Joyce Vyvial, Desmond & Joan Hutchinson, Esta & Cary Geron, Allison Morgan, Sherman Heim, Larry Diorio, Stephen (Cheryl Hadley's son), Brian Wasson, Michael Cooper, Ginny Peterson and family, the family of Coach Clayton Danford

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 (Sodalis), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates)

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

For the people who are recovering from Hurricane Ian, 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

Epiphany Sunday January 1, 2023



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 9 AM - 4 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

New Year's Day Service 10:30 am

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs:	<i>I've Got Joy Holy Spirit</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		
Generosity Moment		
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Offering		
Scripture		Colossians 1:15-23
Sermon	The First Place	Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Prayer of Preparation
O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for you own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Wesleyan Covenant Prayer
I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you. Exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Reflection Song: *Another In the Fire* Praise Band

*Benediction

**Please stand as you are able.*



TAKE A CARD...CHANGE A LIFE...

We have invite cards ready for you all to take and hand out...Invite someone to worship with us!!!!



Galveston County Food Bank
Mobile Food Distribution

WEDNESDAY
January 11th & 25th

AT FIRST UMC
LA MARQUE
1825 HOWELL AVE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
PLEASE ARRIVE AT
7:30 AM TO HELP.



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



Order ALTAR FLOWERS for 2023

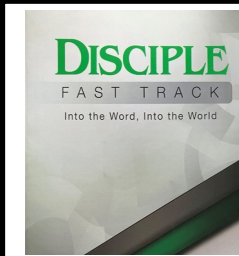
If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for a Sunday service in memory of or in honor of someone, sign up on the Flower Calendar in the foyer. Please also call Ingrid Clark at 409-655-5348 to give her the information for the bulletin. Cost is \$50.00 per Sunday and for each arrangement.



Convenient ways to give are:

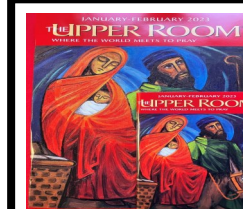
Give online on our website at <https://stjohnsumctc.org/giving/>

OR **NEW Text Giving...**
Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 and then follow prompts
Thank you for your generosity and blessing!



Disciple II Fast Track Bible Study begins Jan. 12

Sign up in the foyer today for this 8 week class on the Luke & Acts. Thursdays: In person at 11 AM - Rev. Cindy Riddick
In person & Zoom at 7 PM - Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Study books are \$13.



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.



New Dinner with Friends Groups for 2023
Sign up in the foyer.
Groups will meet January – June.