

The Week Ahead

Sun., Dec 25	10:30 am - 11:00 am	ONE SERVICE ONLY - Christmas Day Service
Mon., Dec 26- Mon., Jan 2		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Wed., Dec 28	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal
Fri., Dec 30	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
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.



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.



STOCK the SHELVES
COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

WE ARE COLLECTING

<u>FOOD:</u>	<u>Goods: (for men, women and children)</u>
· Whole grains like pasta	· Hats
· Rice	· Scarves
· Oatmeal	· Gloves
· Dried or canned beans	
· Canned Soup	

Share the warmth

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 Vignini, 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

Christmas Day December 25, 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.

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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<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsUmcTexasCity>

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

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

Christmas Day Service 10:30 am

Prelude	<i>This Great Day</i>	arr. Livingston	Sophie Chapman, piano
Welcome and Announcements			
Relighting of the Advent Candles			
Children's Moment			Leanne Post
*Hymn	<i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice</i> (German) vs. 2 & 3		UMH #224
Scripture			Matthew 1:18-25
Generosity Moment			
Pastoral Prayer			Rev. Cindy Riddick
Offering			
Special Music	<i>Gesu Bambino Yon</i>		Susan Just
Christmas Carols From Around the World			
	<i>He is Born</i> (French) vs. 1 & 2		UMH #228
	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> (Polish)		UMH #229
	<i>From a Distant Home</i> (Puerto Rico) vs. 1 & 2		UMH #243
	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> (Irish) vs. 1, 3 & 4		UMH #250
*Closing Prayer & Benediction			
Postlude	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, piano

**Please stand as you are able.*



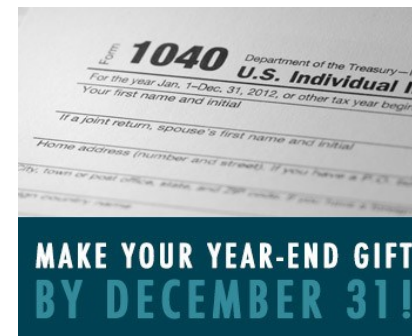
**“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be
called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6
Merry Christmas from Your Church Staff.**



The altar flowers are placed to the glory of God,
and in joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord & Savior Jesus.
Flowers are placed by Bob & Sharon Hon.



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 2022. **If you wish you can mail your donation to the Church Office. Please note that the office will be closed December 26th-31st. However, as long as your contribution is mailed and post-marked by the 31st, you will receive credit for 2022. You may also place your year end donations in the offering plate on Sunday morning 12-25 or give online.**



Church Office Holiday Closure

**The church office will be closed
Monday, December 26th thru
Monday, January 2nd, 2023**

**The office will reopen on
Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023.**

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

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

**10% of all of our giving during the month
of December will go towards paying
electric bills for our neighbors in need.**

**Join us as we work together to make a difference
and “Share The Light” this Christmas!!!**

Make an Impact Gift Now!



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!



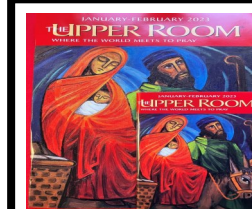
Disciple II Fast Track Bible Study begins Jan. 12

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.