

The Week Ahead

Sun., Feb 26	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	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
	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Tues., Feb 28	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Mother's Day Out
Wed., Mar 1	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Cantata/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Mar 2	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Mother's Day Out
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Discipleship Study -- in person & on Zoom
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - Bring lunch and eat in cafe
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Discipleship Study -- in person & on Zoom
Fri., Mar 3	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work

Sermon Notes

1. List some instances of suffering in the world. How often do you consider the suffering of the world or pray about it?

2. Examine your own heart. Where is your heart hard or apathetic to the suffering around you?

3. Open your eyes and look for the suffering in your community. Pray how you might be able to be a blessing in the midst of those that suffer and follow Jesus – the Suffering Servant.

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to Ingrid Clark and her family on the passing of her dad, Desmond Hutchinson, on Feb. 20.

- 1-29 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, Rusty McClellan, Curtis Collins, Amy Allgood, Claudio Herrera, Nadia Venegas, Rob Frengel
- 2-5 Lupe Aguilar, Steven Stogsdill, Sandy Vinardi, Nezzie Marsden, Tommy Toups, Ronny Stanley, P.J. Cowan
- 2-12 Brian Wasson, Joan Hutchinson, Debbie Vyvial, Lori Campbell, Corban Warren, Rae Ann Newton, Henry Blevins
- 2-19 Dan Koster, Gary Scoggin, Bob Viglini, Hudson Caro, Ingrid Clark and family, Susie Packerd, Doris Glanz

Those in Care Facilities: Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Grace Boyd (Heartis Clearlake Senior Living), Mary Jinkins (Sodalís), Carol Spealman (Magnolia Crossing), Pam Syers (Sodalís), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates)

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

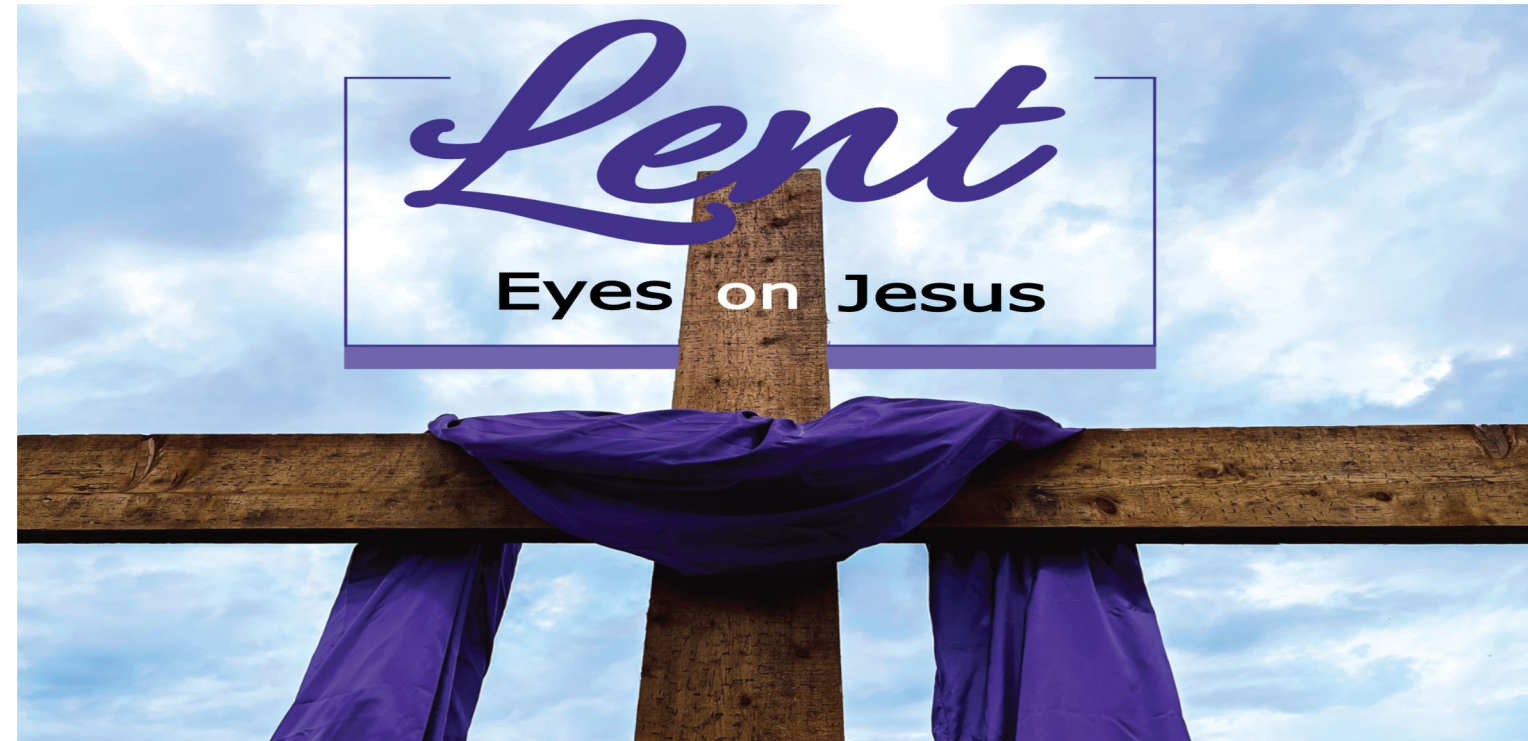
Our church, nation and those serving in our military. Those recovering from natural disasters.



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

First Sunday in Lent February 26, 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

Director of Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel

Praise Band Leader - Aassi Windom

Accompanist - Sophie Chapman

MDO Director - Melissa Patrick

Bookkeeper - Samantha Halligan

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship


Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs:	<i>Promises Make Room</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		
Generosity Moment		
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Scripture		Matthew 16:21-23
Sermon	"See, I Must Suffer"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song:	<i>I Speak Jesus</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*please stand as you are able</i>

Offertory Anthem	<i>Lord, Have Mercy</i> Bach	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		
*Preparation Hymn	<i>We Meet You, O Christ</i>	UMH #257
Scripture		Matthew 16:21-23
Sermon	"See, I Must Suffer"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee</i>	UMH #430
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Go Now In Peace</i>	UMH #665
	Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere, you may go.	
Postlude	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, piano

**please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude:	<i>Lenten Prelude</i>	arr. Smith	Sophie Chapman, piano
Welcome & Greeting			
Choral Introit	<i>Glorify the Lord</i>	Martin	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>		UMH #157
*Affirmation of Faith			Philippians 2:5-11
We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.			
*Gloria Patri			
Generosity Moment			
Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer			Rev. Cindy Riddick
Choral Amen			

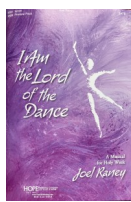



Lenten Devotionals Available

The season of Lent has begun. Pick up the devotional booklet for Lent, **Eyes on Jesus**, from the table in the foyer. You are encouraged to spend a few moments each day during the 40 days of Lent learning more about who Jesus is and what Jesus has done for us. A donation of \$3.00 helps us cover the cost of these books.

Join the Chancel Choir for Easter

Rehearsals have begun for the Easter music that the Chancel Choir will present this season, ***I Am the Lord of the Dance***. If you love singing but can't commit to rehearsals all year long, consider joining the choir for a short time to prepare music for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. This particular cantata is very easy to sing. Come at 7pm on Wednesdays! Childcare is available. Contact Dr. James Heffel for more information.





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!




STOCK the SHELVES

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

The first quarterly event for Servolution Mainland will be that all the Servolution churches will collect items the whole month of February to help stock the shelves at Susan's Market/United Faith Alliance in Texas City. Help us "Spread Love" to our community by helping to stock the shelves. They need the following items:

1. Pasta dry or canned
2. Tuna or other canned meats (chicken, spam, beans & wieners, canned soups with meat...etc)
3. Peanut butter & Jelly
4. Rice and beans
5. Powdered/dry milk
6. Non- food items such as: Household cleaning products
7. Toiletries (Toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soaps)
8. Paper products (Toilet paper, paper towels)





Emmaus Walks for 2023

Are you interested in going deeper in your walk with Jesus? Consider the 3-day spiritual retreat called **The Walk to Emmaus**. There are 3 walks planned for 2023.

Men's Emmaus Walk	March 16-19
Women's Emmaus Walk	June 22-25
Women's Emmaus Walk	Sept. 21-24

(This walk is for Spanish-speakers)

For more information, pick up a brochure and sign the interest sheet located on the table in the foyer. You can also contact Rev. Cindy Riddick or Rev. Stephanie Hughes to know more.