



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 2023

The Week Ahead

Sun., Sept. 17	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 - Foundry Youth Room
Mon., Sept. 18	7:00 pm	Board of Stewards meeting / Adult Classroom
Tues., Sept. 19	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., Sept. 20	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thurs., Sept. 21	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Women's Small Group Study - Foundry Youth Room
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Disciple III Fall Bible Study - Adult Classroom & Zoom Meeting ID - 95337857528 Passcode - study
	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - Bring lunch and eat in café
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Disciple III Fall Bible Study - Adult Classroom & Zoom Meeting ID - 95337857528 Passcode - study
Fri., Sept. 22	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., Sept. 23	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City

Sermon Notes:

1. What did you learn about the Holy Spirit today?

2. Read about the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2. Take note of the question in verse 37 in response to a changed heart.

3. Want to know more about God's guidance in our life? Read Craig Groeschel's book, *The Christian Atheist: Believing in God but Living as if He Doesn't Exist*.

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to Alice Darlington and Terry Fry. Their family friend, Jim Dunlap, passed away.
8-20 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Carla Carlin, Paulette Doucet, Margaret Finley, Barb Holt, Dean Jones, Paul Patrick, Brent Smith, Sandy Vinardi, Debbie Vyvial, Sharon Webb
8-27 Bruce Austin, Dorothy Blankenship, Michelle Brandon, Joyce Canada, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Joan Hutchinson, Michelle Lewis, Edna Loudermilk, Rusty McClellan
9-3 Bobby Edrozo, Esta & Cary Geron, Cindy Graham, Dan Koster, Gina Mathews, Sabina, Gary Scoggin, Gina Stubblefield, Merle & Anna Walker
9-10 Debbie Collins, Ty Clark, Linda Doss, Family and friends of Mr. Jim Dunlap, Denise Murff, Jessica Potter, Brenda Simms, Joyce Vyvial, Reese White, Rebecca Wright

Those in Care Facilities: Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Dorothy Blankenship (La Vita Bella), Grace Boyd (Heartis Clearlake Senior Living), Mary Jenkins (Sodalis), Carol Spealman (Magnolia Crossing), Pam Syers (La Vita Bella), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates)

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

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

Who Is the



Holy Spirit?

Welcome to worship at St. John's! May your worship experience be one of blessing and encouragement! 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

Accompanist - Sophie Chapman

MDO Director - Melissa Patrick

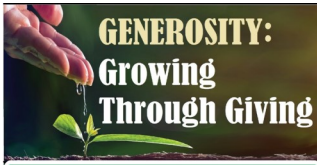
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs:	<i>Anything Is Possible I Speak Jesus</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Webb
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>You Will Be Saved</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		John 14:15-26
Sermon	"Who Is the Holy Spirit?"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>I Thank God</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>

Offertory/Anthem	<i>Shout for Joy to the Lord</i>	Nolan	Chancel Choir
*Doxology			
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing</i>		UMH #333
Scripture			John 14:15-26
Sermon	"Who Is the Holy Spirit?"		Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship			
*Closing Hymn	<i>This Is a Day of New Beginnings (vs 1-4)</i>		UMH #383
Benediction			
*Benediction Response	<i>I Come With Joy vs. 5</i>		UMH #617
Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.			
Postlude	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, piano
			<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>


11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>I Will Arise and Go to Jesus</i>	by Hayes	Sophie Chapman, piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting			
Choral Introit	<i>O Lord, How Majestic I Your Name</i>	Northom	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>		UMH #334
*Affirmation of Faith	A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada		UMH #883
<p>We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen</p>			
*Gloria Patri			
Generosity Moment			Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer			
Choral Amen			




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 Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 or Scan the QR CODE
 and then follow prompts.
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SCAN HERE TO GIVE



Women's Small Group Study Began
Thursday, Sept. 14th 10:30 am

Join this group of women as they read and discuss Adam Hamilton's *The Journey*. You will learn about Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and all the stories that surround the birth of Jesus.


Robin Bartholomew will lead the study. The book is \$4. The group will meet in the Youth Room at St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S UMC FALL CRAFT FAIR

Save the date!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

If you are interested in volunteering to help contact Robin Bartholomew at 409-771-2664 or to be a vendor contact Kim Bourgeois at 409-771-4516.

Baked Goods Needed for Craft Fair
 Sign up in the foyer if you can donate a baked good for the Craft Fair.



Board of Stewards Meeting Monday, September 18th 7:00 pm Adult Classroom

Everyone is invited to the Board of Stewards meeting on September 18. We use the One Board model for church leadership and decision-making. There is a chair of the board, plus a chair of Staff/Parish Relations, Trustees, and Finance. The one board structure allows us to be more effective in stewarding the church's mission and ministry.