

The Week Ahead

Sun., Oct 8	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
Tues., Oct 10	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., Oct 11	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
	7:00 pm	Board of Stewards Meeting - Adult Classroom
Thurs., Oct 12	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., Oct 13	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., Oct 14	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City

Sermon Notes:

1. What does it mean to you to be a Christian?

2. How important is attending church? What does it mean to be the church?

3. Take a look at St. John's Discipleship Pathway. What stage are you in right now?

Lord hear our prayers...

- 9-10 Debbie Collins, Ty Clark, Family and friends of Mr. Jim Dunlap, Denise Murff, Jessica Potter, Brenda Simms, Joyce Vyvial, Reese White
- 9-17 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Jose Castillo, Scott Demarco, Abe Diorio, Barb Holt, Dean Jones, Brenda May, Ken Mills, Paul Patrick, Connie Sonders, Sandy Vinardi
- 9-24 Bruce Austin, Dorothy Blankenship, Michelle Brandon, Joyce Canada, Joan Hutchinson, Edna Loudermilk, Byron Penn, Tom Smith, Carla Wind
- 10-1 J. T. Agregard, Bonnie Davis, Bobby Edrozo, Cindy Graham, Terry Gray, Dan Koster, Gina Mathews, Sabina, Esther Ortega, Gary Scoggin, Merle & Anna Walker

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

Those Who are Homebound: 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.



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 2023



Celebrating 65 years!!!



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>Unstoppable God</i> <i>How Great Is Our God</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Look Up Child</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		Romans 12:9-21
Sermon	"What about the Church?"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>The Altar and the Door</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		*Please stand as you are able

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>This Is My Song</i>	arr. Wassenberg	Chancel Bells
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting			
Choral Introit	<i>O Lord How Majestic Is Your Name</i>	Northom	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Jesus, Thine All Victorious Love</i>		UMH #422
*Affirmation of Faith	A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada		UMH #883
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			
*Gloria Patri			
Generosity Moment			Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer			
Choral Amen			
Offertory/Anthem	<i>Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus</i>	arr. Cota	Chancel Bells
*Doxology			
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Take Up Thy Cross</i>		UMH #415

Scripture			Romans 12:9-21
Sermon	"What about the Church?"		Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship			
*Closing Hymn	<i>Freely, Freely</i>		UMH #389
Benediction			
*Benediction Response	<i>I Come With Joy</i>	vs. 5	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>Joyful, Joyful</i>	arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, piano
*Please stand as you are able			



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of John Darlington
Flowers are placed by his daughter Alice Darlington.



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October is designated Clergy Appreciation Month, a time to express special appreciation to our pastors. God has allowed them to impact all our lives through their leadership, discipleship, counsel, prayers and love that they have poured out to our church family and community!

Please take a moment to be an extra special blessing to Rev. Stephanie Hughes and Rev. Cindy Riddick. We invite you to send a card, a note, or a small gift as you feel led. Let them both know how they have impacted your life and thank them for their faithful service to St. John's.



Board of Stewards Meeting Wednesday, October 11th 7:00 pm Adult Classroom
Everyone is invited to the Board of Stewards meeting on October 11th. 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.



St. John's UMC!
Celebrating
65 Years
of being Rooted,
Growing and
Branching out in
God's Love!!!



Presentation of Bibles to Our Third Graders Sunday, October 22

On Sunday, October 22, we will present our third graders with their own Bible as a gift from St. John's. This is such a special day in the life of our church and these young people. We don't want to miss anyone, so please contact Rev. Cindy Riddick at criddick@stjohnsumctc.org if you have a third grader in your family.