

## The Week Ahead

Sun., Jan 14	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
	5:30 pm - 6:30pm	Y'All
	<b>Mon., Jan15</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tues., Jan 16	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., Jan 17	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., Jan 18	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 Winter Bible Study - Adult Classroom & Zoom Meeting ID - 95337857528 Passcode - study
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - bring lunch & drink, eat in cafe
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Disciple III Winter Bible Study - Adult Classroom & Zoom Meeting ID - 95337857528 Passcode - study
Fri., Jan 19	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., Jan 20	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City

## Sermon Notes:

1. Read Genesis 1:1-2 in a variety of translations. Notice the different descriptive words of what it was like before creation. What are the words used for what the Holy Spirit is doing? Do any of these words resonate with you? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read Exodus 16. What were the rules for gathering the manna? Why would God set these boundaries? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What are some ways that you can prevent wasting your time and money this year? What will you do with your spare time and money? How can you spend your time and money to bless others? \_\_\_\_\_

## Lord hear our prayers...

**Christian sympathy** to Peggy Jakubik. Her aunt, Ann Solomon, passed away in California on January 10.  
**Christian sympathy** to Jeanie Austin on the loss of her brother, Peter Becnel, who passed away on January 10.

12-10 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Peggy Blizzard, Barb Holt, Dean Jones, Sandy Vinardi  
 12-17 Bruce Austin, Heather Gamblin, Joan Hutchinson, Mozelle Lubojasky, Gary Scoggin, Rex & Barb Walker, David Welch  
 12-31 Jerry Hughes, Edna Loudermilk, Linda Masters  
 01-07 Jeanie Austin and family, Lynn Becnel and family, Jose Castillo, Debbie Collins, Esta Gerton, Makayla Langford, Dan Koster, Denise Murff, Marika Simpson, Elgin Vyvial

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

**Those Who are Homebound:** Jim & Dorothy Blankenship, 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

### 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany-Green - January 14, 2024



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  
 Administrative Assistant - Terri L. Mills

## 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
Introduction, Board of Stewards		
*Worship Songs	<i>The Altar And The Door</i> <i>This Is Amazing Grace</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Generosity Moment		David McKnight
Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>A Little Revival</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		Luke 12:13-30
Sermon	"Count the Cost"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>The Goodness of God</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Quiet Reflection</i> (arr. Broughton)	Sophia Chapman, piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Introduction, Board of Stewards		
Choral Introit	<i>Morning Has Broken</i> (v.1)	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	UMH # 77
*Affirmation of Faith	Saving Grace	
<p><b>We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing. We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us. We live by the Holy Spirit and entrust ourselves to the Spirit's guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.</b></p>		
*Gloria Patri		
Generosity Moment		David & Christie McKnight
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer		
Offertory/Special Music	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> (arr. Austin)	Sophia Chapman, piano
*Doxology		

*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Take Time to be Holy</i>	UMH # 395
Scripture		Luke 12:13-30
Sermon	"Count the Cost"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Shall We Gather at the River</i>	UMH # 723
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>I Come With Joy</i> (v.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>Victory in Jesus</i> (arr. Austin)	Sophie Chapman, piano
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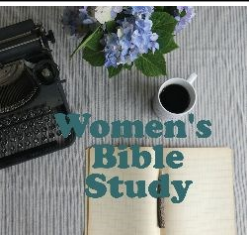


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### Women's Bible Study

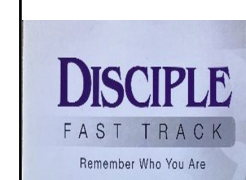
**"Women of the Bible", Thursdays, at 10:30am**

Join this women's group as they study the women of the Bible. As you study the stories of these women, you will discover how your life intersects with theirs. This group will meet in the Youth Room and Robin Bartholomew will lead. Books are \$12. It's not too late to join.



### "Dinner With Friends" - Groups Are Forming for 2024

Enjoy lunch/dinner with a small group (8-10) once a month. The meal can be in a home or restaurant. When at a restaurant, everyone pays for their own meal. When in a home, the hosts provide the main dish and members provide the sides. Sign up at church or contact Cindy Riddick to participate.



### Disciple III Bible Study - Thursdays, 11am & 7pm

Disciple III Bible Study is a 12-week study of the Letters of the Apostle Paul. It's not too late to join! Study guides are \$15. Rev. Cindy Riddick will lead at 11am and 7pm, in-person and/or Zoom (for Zoom invite contact the church office). For more information, contact Rev. Cindy Riddick at: [CRiddick@stjohnsumctc.org](mailto:CRiddick@stjohnsumctc.org).

### The Upper Room Devotionals for January – February

As a faith community, we make **The Upper Room** devotionals available in both regular and large print. You can pick up your copy of **The Upper Room** at church or email Cindy Riddick at [CRiddick@stjohnsumctc.org](mailto:CRiddick@stjohnsumctc.org) if you would like your copy delivered.

