



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

The Fruitful Life: Gentleness

May 19, 2024



The Week Ahead		
Sun., May 19	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:45 am - 10:30 am	Treehouse Kids Sunday School
	9:45 am - 10:30 am	5th - 9th Graders Sunday School
	10:30 am - 11:00 am	Fellowship Time
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	4:00 pm - 5:30pm	Youth Group - Foundry Youth Room
	5:30 pm - 6:30pm	Y'All
	Tues., May 21	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wed., May 22	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., May 23	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse (Last day of MDO before Summer break)
	11:30 pm - 12:30 pm	Brown Bag Lunch - out to eat, Casa Fiesta
Fri., May 24	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., May 25	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City
	10:00 am	Prayer Partners Brunch

Sermon Notes

1. In what ways is God gentle? Why does it take strength to be gentle? _____
2. What aspects of gentleness would you like to develop in yourself? _____
3. Meditate on Galatians 6:1-5. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you cultivate gentleness. _____

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to Pam & Gary Scoggin on the loss of Pam's brother-in-law, Opie Grenn.

- 4-21 Rachel Champagne, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Cheryl Jones, Dreylin LaFont, Connie Lausen, Dorian Magee, Linda Masters, Danielle Patterson, Marcella Worthy
- 4-28 Debbie Collins, Gary and Liz, Roger Hawkins, Barb & Denny Holt, Dan Koster, Mikalya Langford, Marika Simpson
- 5-5 Linda Adams, Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, Jose Castillo, Linda Cooper, Linda Doss, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Barbara Oleson, family and friends of Louise Ovesny, Billy Jack Rife, Sylvia Yanas
- 5-12 Bruce Austin, Joan Hutchinson, Richard Hernandez, Peggy Jakubik, Edna Loudermilk, Shawna Novak, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Elgin and Joyce Vyvial

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

Those Who are Homebound: Jim & Dorothy Blankenship, Mozelle Lubojasky, Mildred McLemore

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

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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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 - Natalie Mendez
 Accompanist - Sophie Chapman
 MDO Director - Melissa Patrick
 Administrative Assistant - Terri L. Mills

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs	<i>Praise Gratitude</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band
Scripture		James 3:13-18
Sermon	"The Fruitful Life: Gentleness"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
Reflection Song	<i>Make Room</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

**Please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	James Heffel, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Congregational Introit	<i>This is the Day</i>	UMH # 657
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Holy Spirit, Truth Divine</i>	UMH # 465
*Affirmation of Faith	(A Modern Affirmation)	
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:		
We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.		
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.		
We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.		
We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen		
*Gloria Patri		
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Choral Amen		
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Offertory Choral Amen	<i>Watch the Lamb</i> arr. Boltz	Dale Robertson, Soloist
Chancel Choir		
*Doxology		

*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Give to the Winds Thy Fears</i>	UMH # 129
Scripture		James 3:13-18
Sermon	"The Fruitful Life: Gentleness"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
*Closing Hymn	<i>Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior</i>	UMH # 351
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Up From the Grave He Arose</i> (refrain only)	UMH # 322
Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; arose a victor from the dark domain, and lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!		
Postlude	<i>Ode To Joy</i> arr. Austin	James Heffel, Piano

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Teachers Wanted:
 Children's Sunday School Teachers & Assistant Teachers.
 Must love telling bible stories and enjoy teaching little ones about how much Jesus loves them.
 A strong prayer life is a must. All lesson materials and training will be provided.
 Contact Rev. Cindy Riddick at CRiddick@Stjohnsumctc.org

Prayer Partner Brunch - Saturday, May 25 @ 10 AM
 It's time to meet your prayer partner! The Prayer Partner Reveal will be on May 25 at 10AM! It is a time of thanksgiving for all that committed to pray throughout the year. It's also a time of rejoicing as youth and young adults meet their partner that has been praying for them daily.





Registration is OPEN for VBS!!!
 July 15th-19th - 8:45am-12:00pm
 Join us for a summer camp adventure with God!!!
 Register today kids 4 years old through 5th grade.

Vacation Bible School is an amazing opportunity for young disciples and leaders to explore God's love and goodness through friendship, formative activities, and FUN! This year we'll adventure together to a starry scene surrounded by water, trees, and rolling hills – Camp Firelight! In community with friends and camp counselors, and with the help of our trusted guide Lu the lightning bug, we'll discover together how to face our fears while trusting in God. You won't want to miss it, and we won't want to miss you so come join the FUN!

You can register your child at: <https://st-johns-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>

Volunteers register at: <https://st-johns-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-volunteer>