

The Week Ahead

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| Sun., Sept. 8 | 9:30 am - 10:30 am | Contemporary Worship Service |
| | 9:30 am - 10:30 am | Treehouse Kids Sunday School |
| | 9:30 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 |
| | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Cottage Meeting in the Café |
| | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Y'All |
| | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Parent Meeting for Student Ministry |
| Mon., Sept. 9 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | MDO |
| Tues., Sept. 10 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | MDO |
| | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Bible Stories For Grown-Ups - St. John's |
| Wed., Sept. 11 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | MDO |
| | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |
| Thur. Sept. 12 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | MDO |
| | 10:30 am - 11:30 am | Women's Bible Study - St. John's |
| | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Brown Bag Lunch - bring your lunch & drink, sending cards to shut-ins |
| | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Bible Stories For Grown-Ups - online |
| Fri., Sept. 13 | 7:30 am - 8:30 am | Community Garden Work |
| Sat., Sept. 14 | 8:30 am | Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City |



Gift Card Pounding

Join us to witness the power of community as a local family in La Marque receives the keys to a new Habitat for Humanity home! This home is more than just a place to live-it will provide a strong, stable foundation for Dalia and her children, providing security and hope for years to come. We are doing a gift card pounding as a housewarming gift and we are inviting you all to join us!!! Gift cards can be dropped off to the church office Mon-Thurs 9am-4:00pm or dropped in the box in the Mission Center on Sundays. We also have a card that you all can with sign a small message of blessings and hope to the homeowners. **Gift cards are needed by Thursday, September 26th. Gift card suggestions: *Kroger *HEB *Walmart *Amazon *Gift cards to local gas stations *Gift Cards to local restaurants**

Lord hear our prayers...

- 8-11 The friends and family of Taylor Click, Randy Crawford, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Roger Hawkins, Payton Hunnicut, Clint Knudson, Heather Massey, Linda Masters, Ted Smith, Tammy Wilson
- 8-18 Debbie Collins, Bobby Edrozo, Gary and Liz, Barb & Denny Holt, Tina Huston, Yolanda Jones, Dan Koster, Marika Simpson
- 8-25 Linda Adams, Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, the family and friends of Jim Blankenship, Linda Cooper, Pat Fletcher, Shannon Greene, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Billy Jack Rife, Sharon Rouleau, Rex Walker, Bobby White, Scott Wright
- 9-1 Bruce Austin, Terry Blevins, Joan Hutchinson, Shawna Novak, Joshua Pellot, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Debbie Vyvial, Elgin & Joyce Vyvial, Judy Ward, Janis Wright, Sid & Marlene Young

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

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

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



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

"All Is Vanity"

Sept. 8, 2024

Nothing new under the sun...

what has been done will be again

there is nothing new under the sun

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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Website: <https://stjohnsumctc.org/>

Church office hours: Monday -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 - Natalie Mendez
 Accompanist - Sophie Chapman
 MDO Director - Melissa Patrick
 Administrative Assistant - Terri L. Mills

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

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| Welcome | | Praise Band |
| Welcome and Announcements | | |
| *Worship Songs | <i>I Thank God What a Beautiful Name</i> | Praise Band |
| Children's Moment | | Sharon Rouleau |
| Ministry Moment | | Rev. Cindy Riddick |
| Pastoral Prayer | | |
| Tithes & Offering | | |
| Scripture | | Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 |
| Sermon | "All Is Vanity" | Rev. Stephanie Hughes |
| Invitation to Christian Discipleship | | |
| *Reflection Song | <i>Great Are You Lord</i> | Praise Band |
| *Benediction | | |

**Please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

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| Prelude | <i>I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord</i> arr. Long | Sophie Chapman, Piano |
| Welcome, Announcements & Greeting | | |
| *Choral Introit | <i>Christians We Have Met to Worship</i> arr. Larsen | Chancel Choir |
| *Hymn of Praise | <i>O Worship the King</i> (vs. 1,2,4,5) | UMH # 73 |
| *Affirmation of Faith | <i>A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada</i> | 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 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, I life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen. | | |
| *Gloria Patri | | |
| Ministry Moment | | Rev. Cindy Riddick |
| Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer | | |
| Choral Amen | | Chancel Choir |
| Offertory Anthem | <i>He is Exalted</i> arr. Larsen | Chancel Choir |
| *Doxology | | |
| *Hymn of Preparation | <i>We'll Understand It Better By and By</i> | UMH # 525 |
| Scripture | | Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 |
| Sermon | "All Is Vanity " | Rev. Stephanie Hughes |
| Invitation to Christian Discipleship | | |

*Closing Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

UMH # 340

Benediction

*Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again (vs. 1 & refrain)

UMH # 672

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet, till we meet, until we meet. God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful arr. Smith

Sophie Chapman, Piano

**Please stand as you are able*



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, In joyous celebration of Alex Hon's birthday. Flowers placed by Bob and Sharon Hon.



Convenient ways to give are:

Give online on our website at <https://stjohnsumctc.org/giving/>
Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 and then follow prompts.
"Thank you for your generosity!"

ST. JOHN'S UMC FALL CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

To be a vendor contact Kim Bourgeois at kim.bourgeois@hotmail.com
Vendors & Craft Booths, Food and Bake sale!!!
Vendors (Space rental \$40.00 / +\$5.00 for table / +\$5.00 for Electricity)

KNOW, GROW, GO! COTTAGE MEETINGS
Join us as we meet in small groups to discuss the next steps for St. John's. Pastor Stephanie will be leading each meeting.

Sign up today!
→ **Sign up for the meeting that best fits with your family's** ←



If you are interested in joining our Chancel Bells, we will resume meeting on 09/25 (Wed.) at 6pm in the sanctuary.

"Come one, Come all - Come join the fun!"
Please see Dr. Heffel if interested.

Sermon Notes

1. Read chapters 1-4 in Ecclesiastes. What are some of the issues that the King is struggling with? Can you relate to any of these struggles? _____
2. Do you ever feel like you are doing things in vain? Or wasted time in a useless, fruitless or unsuccessful pursuit? How did that make you feel? _____
3. Do you feel rooted in God's love? Are you content in your relationship with God? Or do you desire more? _____