



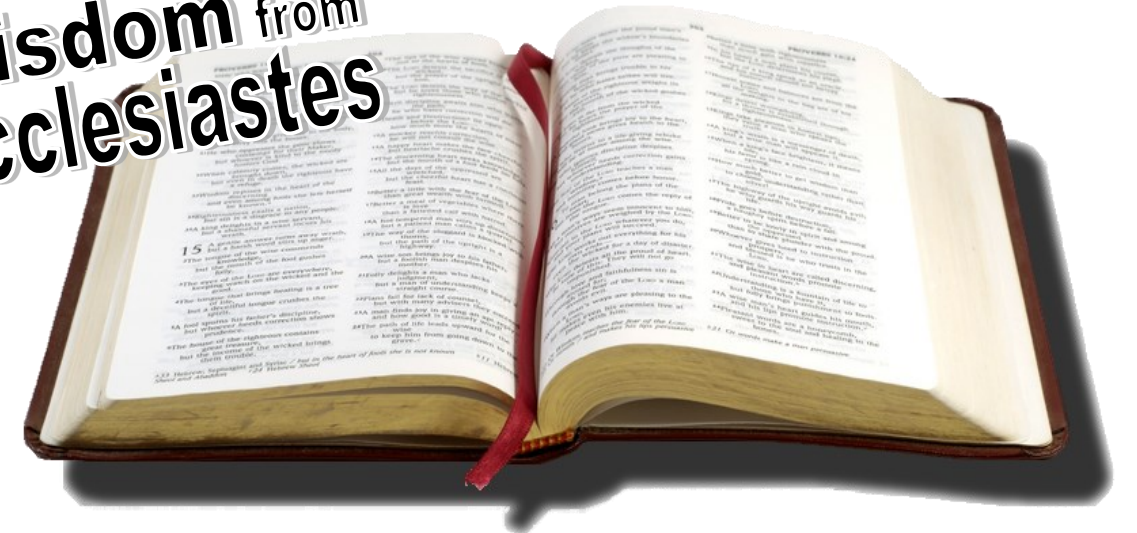
# ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

“Take Life as it Comes”

Sept. 15, 2024

Wisdom from Ecclesiastes



## The Week Ahead

Sun., Sept. 15	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
	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Y'All
Mon., Sept. 16	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Tues., Sept. 17	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Bible Stories For Grown-Ups - St. John's
Wed., Sept. 18	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thur. Sept. 19	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Women's Bible Study - St. John's
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Cottage Meeting - St. Johns
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch - bring your lunch & drink
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bible Stories For Grown-Ups
Fri., Sept. 20	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Sept. 21	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 - local gas stations - local restaurants**

### Lord hear our prayers...

- 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
- 9-8 Mechelle Alvarado, Amy Bell, Randy Crawford, Tammy Dawson, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Mercedes Harris, Roger Hawkins, Heather Lopez, Clint Knudson, Linda Masters, Amy Smith, Tammy Wilson, Sid & Marlene Young

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

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

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

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs	<i>Glorious Day Joy of the Lord</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Gratitude</i>	Praise Band
Scripture <span style="float: right;">Ecclesiastes 7:1-13</span>		
Sermon	"Take Life as it Comes"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Trust in God</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction <span style="float: right;">*Please stand as you are</span>		

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>He Leadeth Me</i> arr. Shackley	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
*Choral Introit	<i>Christians, We Have Met to Worship</i> arr. Larsen	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</i>	UMH # 79
*Affirmation of Faith	<i>A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada</i>	UMH # 883
<b>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.</b>		
*Gloria Patri		
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		
Offertory Music	<i>Shout to the Lord</i> arr. Zschech	Dale Robertson, Soloist
*Doxology		
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Dear Lord and Father of Mankind</i>	UMH # 358
Scripture <span style="float: right;">Ecclesiastes 7:1-13</span>		
Sermon	"Take Life as it Comes"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Closing Hymn	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i>	UMH # 399
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>God Be With You Till We Meet Again</i> (vs 1 & refrain)	UMH # 672
<b>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, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.</b>		
Postlude	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> arr. Austin	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 Kay Smith's birthday.



**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](mailto:kim.bourgeois@hotmail.com)  
Vendors & Craft Booths, Food and Bake sale!!!

**Vendors** (Space rental \$40.00 / +\$5.00 for table / +  
\$5.00 for Electricity)

**Good Samaritan Ministries  
Community Food Pantry  
is now open!!!**



1st & 5th Wed. of ea. month 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
3rd Wed. of ea. month 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The food pantry address is:  
1825 Howell Ave, Rm 210, La Marque

There are opportunities to partner with GSM Food Pantry and volunteer opportunities as well. Please help spread the word. Volunteers can sign up for shifts to serve at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A9AD2AA0F94-46799021-gsmfood#/>

### Sermon Notes

1. Read Ecclesiastes 5-8. What kinds of things has the king seen? Have you seen or wondered about similar circumstances? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Think about the foolish things you have done in your life. Why did you do those things? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How can growing in Christ help ground you in wisdom? How can being connected to friends at church help? \_\_\_\_\_