



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

“Open Invitation”

Sept. 29, 2024



The Week Ahead		
Sun., Sept. 29	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. 30	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Tues., Oct. 1	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Bible Stories For Grown-Ups - St. John's
Wed., Oct. 2	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells - Sanctuary
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thur. Oct. 3	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 and drink
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bible Stories For Grown-Ups
Fri., Oct. 4	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Oct. 5	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City
	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Fall Craft Fair

World Communion Sunday



“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me.” Matthew 25:35

For World Communion Sunday we will be focusing on helping to feed the children at the Albergue in Galeana Nuevo Leon, Mexico. We have an established relationship with the Mission House there and want to be a blessing to them. We will be dedicating 10% of all the giving from the first week of October through **Sunday, October 6th** which will be **World Communion Sunday**. We want to support the mission by providing meals for the children that stay at the Albergue. \$30.00 a month provides meals for them, and we would like to provide meals for at least a year, which would be \$360.00. Join us in being a blessing to our neighbors in Mexico!

Lord hear our prayers...

- 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
- 9-15 Debbie Collins, Bobby Edrozo, Gary and Liz, Barb & Denny Holt, Dan Koster, Marika Simpson
- 9-22 Linda Adams, Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, Linda Cooper, Olga Ferraro, Pat Fletcher, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Billy Jack Rife, Sharon Rouleau, Philip Shama

Those in Care Facilities: Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Dorothy Blankenship (Regal Estates), Grace Boyd (The Forum at The Woodlands), Mary Jinkins (Sodalis), Carol Spealman (Magnolia Crossing), Pam Syers (La Vita Bella), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates)

Those Who are Homebound: 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

Address: 8200 25th Ave N, Texas City 77591

(409) 655-5348 · Fax (409) 655-5810

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsUmcTexasCity>

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>I Believe This is Amazing Grace</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Raise a Hallelujah</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		Isaiah 55:1-5
Sermon	"Open Invitation "	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Holy Spirit</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

**Please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Hymn to Peace</i> arr. Paxton	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
*Choral Introit	<i>Christians, We Have Met to Worship</i> arr. Larsen	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	UMH # 98
*Affirmation of Faith	<i>A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada</i>	UMH # 883
<p>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, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.</p>		
*Gloria Patri		
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		
Choral Amen		Chancel Choir
Offertory Music	<i>He is Exalted</i> arr. Larsen	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i>	UMH # 399
Scripture		Isaiah 55:1-5
Sermon	"Open Invitation "	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		

*Closing Hymn	<i>In the Garden</i>	UMH # 314
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>God Be With You Till We Meet Again (vs 1)</i>	UMH # 672
<p>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 met, till we meet at Jesus feet; till we meet till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.</p>		
Postlude	<i>Victory in Jesus</i> arr Smith	Sophie Chapman, Piano

**Please stand as you are able*

 <p>WAYS TO GIVE</p>	<p>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. <i>"Thank you for your generosity!"</i></p>	 <p>WAYS TO GIVE</p>
--	---	--



SOCKTOBER
 Small socks.
 Big socks.
 Even in between socks.
 Orange socks.
 Blue socks.
 As long as they are **new socks.**

SOCK DRIVE
 Socks are the items least donated to homeless shelters and are desperately needed. Help us make this year the best **"SOCKTOBER" EVER!!!**
 A small act of love, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our un-housed neighbors. During October we will be collecting new socks that will go to benefit the Galveston Street Ministry & the Galveston Central UMC Clinic. Please think of this easy way to help those in need as you're shopping!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 We need volunteers to work at our upcoming Craft Fair! If you are available to help, please sign up in the foyer. Your help is truly needed.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED
 We are in need of **baked goods** for our Craft Fair, if you are able to donate, please sign up in lobby - Thank you!

ST. JOHN'S UMC
 8200 25th Ave N, Texas City

FALL CRAFT FAIR

VENDORS

CRAFTS

FOOD & DRINKS

& FUN!!!



1st SAT in OCTOBER 10am-2pm
COME SHOP AND JOIN THE FUN!!!

Sermon Notes

1. Read Isaiah 55:1-5 and Matthew 11:25-30. Who is being invited? Are you included? _____
2. Read Luke 14:15-24. Why didn't people accept the invitation? What are some reasons why you decline some invitations? _____
3. What stops you from extending invitations? Who can you invite to the "table"? _____