

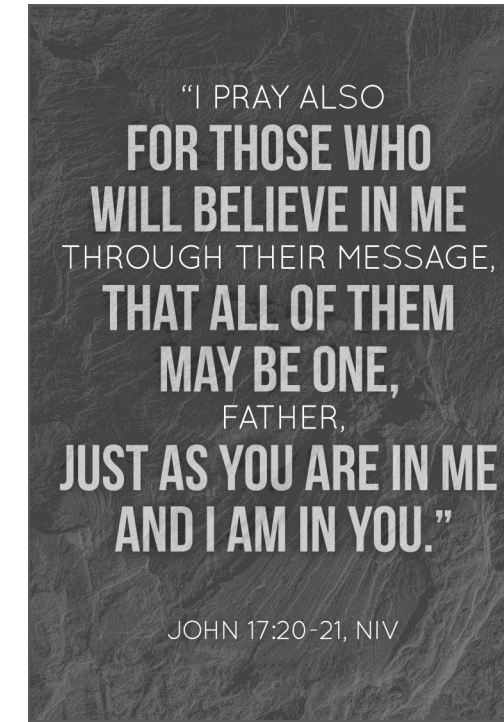


ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

”They May All Be One”

October 6, 2024



The Week Ahead

Sun., Oct. 6	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
	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Youth Service
	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Y'All
Mon., Oct. 7	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Tues., Oct. 8	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Bible Stories For Grown-Ups - St. John's
Wed., Oct. 9	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Board of Stewards Meeting
	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells - Sanctuary
Thur. Oct. 10	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Women's Bible Study - St. John's
Fri., Oct. 11	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
	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Oct. 12	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City
	8:30 am	Youth Walk for Alzheimer's at Blocker

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...

Christian Sympathy to Danielle Patterson and her family on the loss of her dad, Robert “Curly” Varnadore.

- 9-8 Mechelle Alvarado, Amy Bell, 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
- 9-29 Bruce Austin, Ingrid Beguiristain, Joan Hutchinson, the family and friends of Clint Knudson, Shawna Novak, Danielle Patterson & Family, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Debbie Vyvial, Elgin & Joyce Vyvial, Judy Ward, Janis Wright

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: Alice Blanton, Dannie & Edna Day, Mozelle Lubojasky, Mildred McLemore, Marvin Roehl
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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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 Thank God Praise</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Paul Rouleau
Ministry Moment		Natalie Mendez
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Reckless Love</i>	Praise Band
*Scripture		John 17:13-26
Sermon	"They May All Be One "	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>I Speak Jesus</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

**Please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i> arr. Eithun	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	Christians, We Have Met to Worship arr. Larsen	Chancel Choir
*Call to Worship		
From north and south, from east and west, we come: God's people called to the table where simple grace nourishes us. From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers: God's people are called to community, where we lie and serve one another. From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts: God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.		
*Hymn of Praise	<i>O Church of God, United</i>	UMH # 547

Invitation
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

All pray in silence.
Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		Natalie Mendez
Offertory Music	<i>Ave Verum Corpus</i> arr Mozart	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		
*Scripture		John 17:13-26
Sermon	"They May All Be One "	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	UMH # 620
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>I Come With Joy</i> (vs. 5 only)	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>Joyful, Joyful</i> arr. smith	Sophie Chapman, Piano

**Please stand as you are able*



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God,
by Alice Darlington in loving memory of her dad, John Darlington.



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!"



In this Fall outreach event, instead of going door-to-door asking for candy, families from our church will go door-to-door and hand out candy and treats!!! We hope it will help our church people get outside the church walls together to have fun and serve our community. Starting **Sunday, Oct. 20th** we invite you to grab a few of the pre-packaged sweets/treats and take them with you out into your neighborhood. Join us for this fun outreach...Go meet your neighbors...then hand over the neat treat which also contains an invitation to join us for worship! It's so much more fun than playing a trick. Remember, this is an idea to try out with your family to spread goodness to others. Help your children learn to give back to their community, loved ones, and friends, and be invitational!

Sermon Notes

1. Read John 17. What parts of Jesus' prayer are most meaningful to you? What does Jesus say about being one? _____
2. Read Galatians 3:27-28, Ephesians 4:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-13. What do these scriptures have to say about "oneness"? _____
3. Choose one article a day in the daily world news to pray for the people in that part of the world. _____