

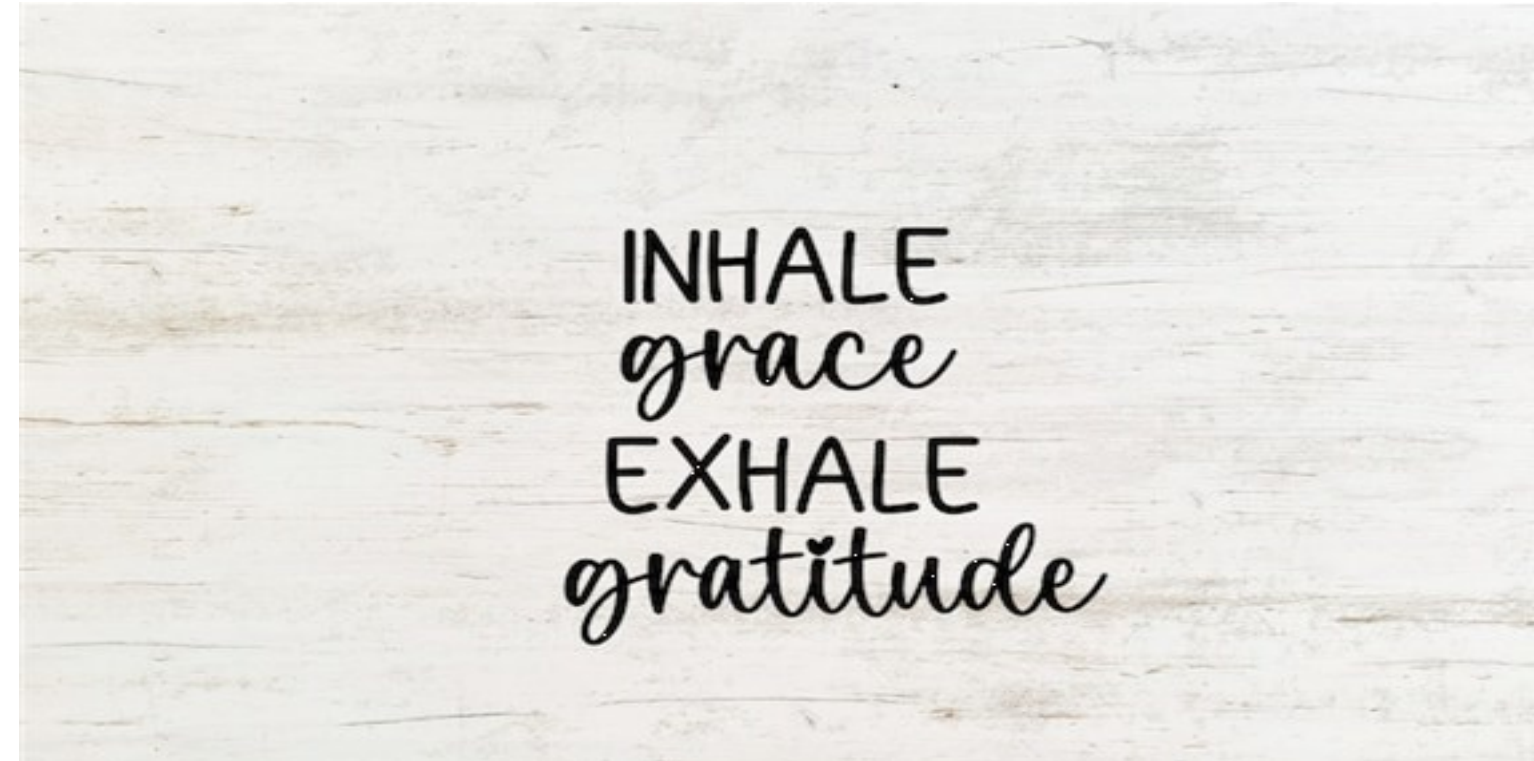


ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

“Hearts That Are Fixed”

October 20, 2024



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.

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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

The Week Ahead

Sun., Oct. 20	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., Oct. 21	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Tues., Oct. 22	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Bible Stories For Grown-Ups - St. John's
Wed., Oct. 23	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. 24	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Women's Bible Study - St. John's
	11:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch - Beyond Burger, 10510 Emmett Lowry Expy., TC
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bible Stories For Grown-Ups
Fri., Oct. 25	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Oct. 26	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

Daily Prayer

Read chapters 1-4 in the Letter to the Hebrews.

Holy God, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Book of Common Prayer (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007), 101.

Lord hear our prayers...

Christina Sympathy to Sheri Reznicek's family. Sheri's brother-in-law's brother, Wayne Wright, passed away on October 11.

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, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Debbie Vyvial, Elgin & Joyce Vyvial, Judy Ward, Janis Wright

10-6 Mechelle Alvarado, Amy Bell, Suzanne Bowron, Tammy Dawson, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Brittany Guidry, Mercedes Harris, Roger Hawkins, Heather Lopez, Linda Masters, Danny Morgan, Dani Patterson and family, Jason Wilson, Tammy Wilson, Sid & Marlene Young

10-13 Debbie Collins, Gary and Liz, Barb & Denny Holt, Maac Hughes, Sr., Dan Koster, Philip Shama, Marika Simpson

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.

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs	<i>Anything Is Possible</i> <i>Everlasting God</i>	Praise Band
Bible Presentation	Weston Wickey	
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Ministry Moment		Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering		
Scripture		Hebrews 3:1-19
Sermon	"Hearts That Are Fixed"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Gratitude</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

**Please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord</i> arr. Smith	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>Christians, We Have Met to Worship</i> arr. Larsen	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>From All That Dwell Below the Skies</i>	UMH # 101
*Affirmation of Faith	<i>(Sara Ewing Merrill, 2004)</i>	

We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself. We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible. We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive.

*Gloria Patri		
Ministry Moment		Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		
Offertory Music	<i>Your Still, Small Voice</i>	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i>	UMH # 600

Scripture		Hebrews 3:1-19
Sermon	"Hearts That Are Fixed"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Oh How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH # 170
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace</i>	UMH # 668
Let us now depart in they peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen.		
Postlude	<i>I Want Jesus to Walk With Me</i> arr. Shackley	Sophie Chapman, Piano

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 Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 and then follow prompts.
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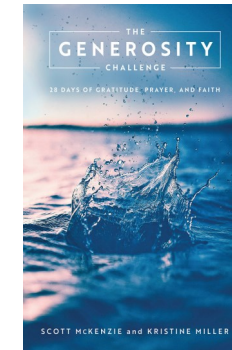
This is your mission,

Plan one Sunday to attend one of these churches with a couple of your friends and then head to lunch to discuss your observations. At each church, you will take note of how you were greeted, the feel of the worship service, the quality of printed materials (gather these and bring them back to share) and anything else that caught your attention. Review these observations with your friends over lunch. You will be contacted at a later time to debrief what you learned.

Here are list of the churches to choose from: League City UMC, First UMC-Dickinson, Bay Harbour UMC, Moody UMC, Watershed Church, Aldersgate UMC.

Sign up in the foyer this Sunday!

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**The Generosity Challenge:
28 Days of Gratitude, Prayer, and Faith**

5 Week DVD Study
 Leader:
 Rev. Cindy Riddick
 Mondays at 11AM or 7PM

Begin the challenge on October 21st
 Class starts Monday, Oct. 28th
 at 11AM or 7PM

Sign up at the information
 in the foyer today!
 Books are \$14.00



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 TODAY** we invite you to grab a few of the prepack-aged sweets/treats and take them with you out into your neighborhood. Join us for this fun outreach.