



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

“ Altogether Seeking”

January 5, 2025



The Week Ahead

Sun., Jan. 5	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., Jan. 6	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Closed
Tues., Jan. 7	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Closed
Wed., Jan. 8	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Closed
	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Youth, 8th-12th grades - Bible Study at St. Johns
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells - Sanctuary
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thur. Jan. 9	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Closed
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch
Fri., Jan. 10	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Jan. 11	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

Sermon Notes

1. Read Luke 2:39-52. Why was young Jesus in the temple? What was he seeking? _____
2. In what ways do you seek to know Jesus? _____
3. Are there any new habits that you would like to add to your daily walk with God? Is there anything you need to give up or cut back on? _____

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to Cheryl Jones on the passing of her father on December 28.

- 12-8 Debbie Collins, Gary and Liz, Teresa Haak-Benigar, Barb & Denny Holt, Dan Koster, Marika Simpson, Jason Wilson
- 12-15 Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, Linda Cooper, Jerry Cooper, Lela Hill, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Martha Loisey, Billy Jack Rife, Pam Scoggin, Betty Wilson
- 12-22 Bruce Austin, Bobby Edrozo, Joan Hutchinson, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Elgin & Joyce Vyvial, Janis Wright
- 12-29 Suzanne Bowron, Aaron Doss, Tammy Dawson, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Mercedes Harris, Breeze Hunter, Heather Lopez, Linda Masters, Danny Morgan, Melissa Patrick, Tammy Wilson, Sid & Marlene Young

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

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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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	<i>This is Amazing Grace</i>	Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs	<i>I Thank God You Are Good</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Graves to Gardens</i>	Praise Band
*Scripture		Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon	"Altogether Seeking "	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>The Revelation Song</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

**Please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Give Me Jesus</i> (arr. Austin)	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Congregational Introit	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i> (vs. 1)	UMH # 158
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i>	UMH # 237

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 sins 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.

Ministry Moment		
Pastoral Prayer		
Offertory Music	<i>Where The Stable Light Shines</i> (arr. Raney)	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		

*Scripture		Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon	"Altogether Seeking "	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>In The Bleak Midwinter</i>	UMH # 221
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	UMH # 665
Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.		
Postlude	<i>Joyful, Joyful</i>	Sophie Chapman, Piano

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Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 and then follow prompts.
"Thank you for your generosity!"



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If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for a Sunday service in memory of or in honor of someone, sign up on the Flower Calendar in the foyer. Please also contact Ingrid Clark at 409-655-5348 to give her the information for the bulletin. Cost is \$50.00 per Sunday for each arrangement.

JANUARY STOCK the SHELVES
COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

WE ARE COLLECTING

FOOD:

- Whole grains like pasta
- Rice
- Oatmeal
- Dried or canned beans
- Canned Soup

Goods: (for men, women and children)

- Hats
- Scarves
- Gloves

Share the warmth

Galveston County Food Bank
Mobile Food Distribution
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22ND
AT FIRST UMC LA MARQUE
1825 HOWELL AVE
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
PLEASE ARRIVE AT 7:00 AM TO HELP.



The Wesley Challenge: Begins Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025

Join the Wesley Challenge - 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith. We will spend three weeks working through twenty-one questions that will engage our physical, spiritual, and emotional lives toward a renewed commitment to God and others. If you are interested in being part of small group, sign up in the foyer, do the challenge on your own, or gather your own group to do the challenge together. Contact Pastor Stephanie or Rev. Cindy Riddick for more info.



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