

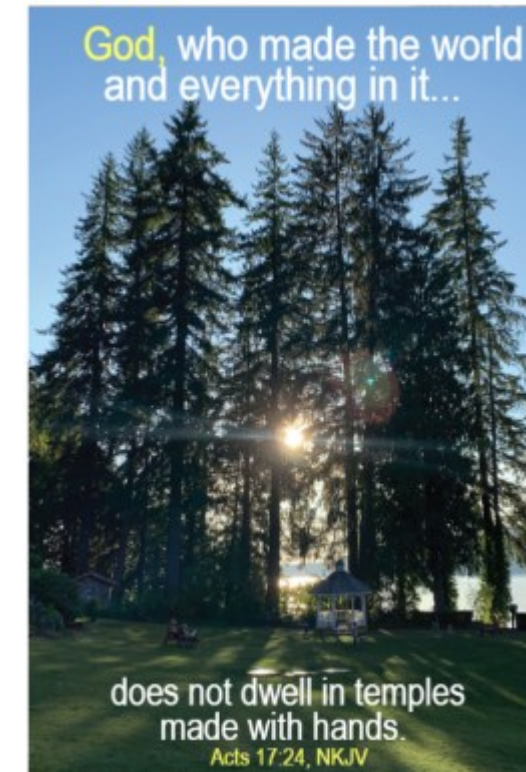


ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

"The Spiritual Life"

January 12, 2025



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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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

The Week Ahead

Sun., Jan 12	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 - 10:50 am	Introduction to Wesley Challenge, Adult Classroom
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Youth (5th-9th grades) "Get to know our Bible" & games
	6:00 pm - 8:00+/- pm	Y'All, dinner (at St. John's) and bowling (at Bowlero)
	Mon., Jan 13	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tues., Jan 14	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Wed., Jan 15	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	8th - 12th Grade Bible Study, St. John's
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thur. Jan 16	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Fri., Jan 17	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Jan 18	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

The Wesley Challenge Daily Questions

- Today: Is Jesus real to me?
- Monday: Am I enjoying prayer?
- Tuesday: Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
- Wednesday: Did the Bible live in me today?
- Thursday: Did I disobey God in anything?
- Friday: Do I pray about the money I spend?
- Saturday: Do I give time for the Bible to speak to me every day?

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to family and friends of Barbara Williams on her passing.

- 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
- 1-5 Debbie Collins, Gary and Liz, Teresa Haak-Benigar, Barb & Denny Holt, Dan Koster, Marika Simpson, Jason Wilson

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.

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs	<i>Praise Grateful</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Ministry Moment		
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>My Jesus</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		Acts 17:22-28
Sermon	"The Spiritual Life"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Holy Forever</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>Christians, We Have Met to Worship</i> arr. Larsen	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> (vs. 1,2,4 & 7)	UMH # 57
Affirmation of Faith	<i>(Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)</i>	UMH # 883

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.

*Gloria Patri		
Ministry Moment		
Pastoral Prayer		
Choral Amen		
*Doxology		
Offertory Music	<i>Renew Us</i> arr. Lantz	Chancel Choir & Suzi Mitchell, Percussion
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	UMH # 157
Scripture		Acts 17:22-28
Sermon	"The Spiritual Life"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		

*Closing Hymn	<i>Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know</i>	UMH # 163
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i> (vs. 1 only)	UMH # 664
Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.		
Postlude	<i>Praise to the Lord</i> arr. Vince	Sophie Chapman, Piano
		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>



WAYS TO GIVE

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!"



WAYS TO GIVE



STOCK the SHELVES
COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

WE ARE COLLECTING

FOOD:

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



GSM
Good Samaritan Ministries
A helping hand in time of need...

Goods: (for men, women and children)

- . Hats
- . Scarves
- . Gloves







Happy New Year!

Staying Connected!

2025 has begun and there are plenty of opportunities for you to worship, study, gather, and serve at St. John's. You can find updated details in our monthly newsletter!

Subscribe at: <http://eepurl.com/g-yxtz>.


If you are already subscribed, please, invite your friends to join. We would like to reach as many people as possible with news about St. John's ministries. Please contact Rev. Cindy Riddick for additional information.



WESLEY challenge


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.



Watch the Wesley Challenge videos on Amplify Media.

- Scan the QR Code.
- Enter the code: **DHVVJR**
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Good Samaritan Ministries
A helping hand in time of need...

The GSM Community Food Pantry is now open!!!

1825 Howell Ave., Room 210, La Marque, TX 77568

1st Wednesday of each month 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 3rd Wednesday of each month 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 5th Wednesday of each month 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

There are opportunities to partner with GSM Food Pantry and volunteer opportunities as well. Please help spread the word.

Volunteers are needed ... Contact Ingrid Clark for details 409-655-5348 ext. 100