

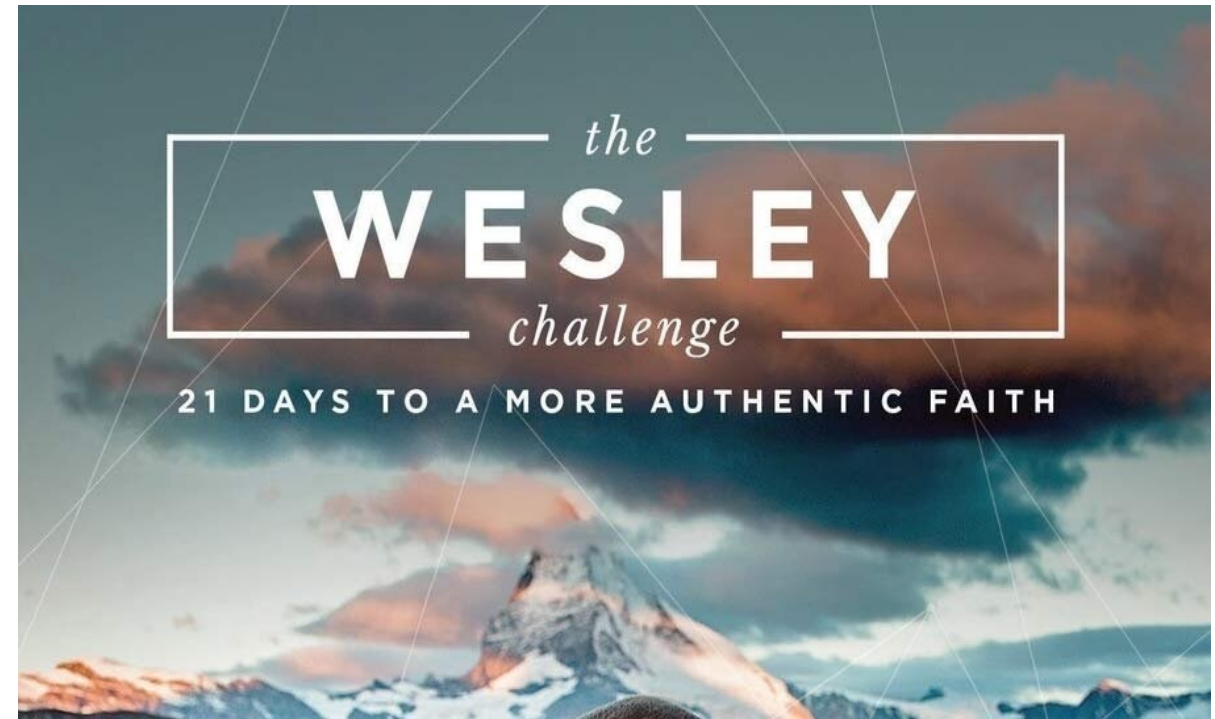


ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

"The Greatest of These Is ..."

January 26, 2025



The Week Ahead

Sun., Jan 26	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
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Youth (5th-9th grades)
	5:00 pm - 8:00+/- pm	Y'All
Mon., Jan 27	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Tues., Jan 28	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Board of Stewards Meeting
Wed., Jan 29	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	8th - 12th Grade Bible Study
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells - Sanctuary
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thur. Jan 30	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch - Potluck - Bring something to share
Fri., Jan 31	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Feb 1	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

The Wesley Challenge Daily Questions

- Today: Do I thank God that I am not like others?
- Monday: Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I am?
than I am?
- Tuesday: Do I confidentially pass on to others what was told to me in confidence?
- Wednesday: Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
- Thursday: Am I honest in all my actions and words, or do I exaggerate?
- Friday: Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment toward,
or disregard?
- Saturday: When did I last speak to someone about my faith?

Lord hear our prayers...

Sympathy to the friends and family of Johnny Baker who passed away on January 16, 2025.

- 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
- 1-12 Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, Linda Cooper, Jerry Cooper, Roger Hawkins, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Martha Loisey, Paxton Reyes, Billy Jack Rife, Pam Scoggin, Betty Wilson
- 1-19 Bruce Austin, Bobby Edrozo, Joan Hutchinson, Leslie Jobe, Allison Morgan, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Elgin & Joyce Vyvial, Anna Walker, Janis Wright

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		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs	<i>Great Things</i> <i>Take You at Your Word</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Trust in You</i>	Praise Band
*Scripture		Luke 18:9-14
Intro Video		
Sermon	"The Greatest of These is ..."	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>What a Beautiful Name</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>His Eye is On The Sparrow</i> arr. Hayes	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>Glorify the Lord</i> arr. Notham	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	UMH # 159
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		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Choral Amen		
Offertory Music	<i>Shout for Joy to the Lord</i> arr. Moore	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>How Can We Name a Love</i>	UMH # 111
*Scripture		Luke 18:9-14
Intro Video		
Sermon	"The Greatest of These Is ..."	Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Closing Hymn	<i>Jesus, Thine All Victorious Love</i>	UMH # 422
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> arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, Piano
		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God,
in celebration of Jacob & Zac Hon's birthday.
Placed by Bob & Sharon Hon.



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!"



Midwinter Camp at Lakeview is February 14-16. All 6th-12th graders can go. The cost is \$150. You only pay \$10 at registration, fill out the scholarship form at the end of the registration process. Register at <https://www.iheartlakeview.org/midwinter>. Mid-Winter Camp is the ultimate weekend retreat for youth, packed with the excitement of summer camp - but with a cooler twist! This February experience combines thrilling activities like polar plunges and quad zip-lining with powerful worship sessions that foster spiritual growth and group connection.



It's like summer camp... only cooler!

The GSM Community Food Pantry is now open!!!



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

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

>> St. John's is volunteering on the 1st Wed. of each month. <<

Volunteers are NEEDED! ... Signup in the Missions area of the church foyer.



Emmaus Walks for 2025

Are you interested in going deeper in your walk with Jesus? Consider the 3-day spiritual retreat called *The Walk to Emmaus*. The local Houston Bay Area Emmaus community is hosting 5 walks in 2025.

The first four are scheduled. For more information contact Rev. Cindy Riddick.

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| Men's Emmaus Walk #105 - April 24-27 | ▪ Spanish Women's Walk #107 - Sept. 4-7 |
| Women's Emmaus Walk #106 - May 1-4 | ▪ Women's Emmaus Walk #108 - Oct. 16-19 |