

The Week Ahead		
Sun., March 16	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 - 7:00 pm	Y'All
Mon., March 17	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Closed, Spring Break
Tues., March 18	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Closed, Spring Break
Wed., March 19	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Closed, Spring Break
	10:30am - 12:30pm	8th-12th grades - Bible Study
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells - Sanctuary
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thur. March 20	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Closed, Spring Break
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Water for the Way Study Group
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch-bring your lunch & drink and items for Food Pantry
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Water for the Way Study Group
Fri., March 21	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., March 22	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

- Sermon Notes
1. How may ritual be used to express love and devotion? _____

2. When does prayer become just another religious ritual, rather than a conversation with the living God? _____

3. How can prayer rise above mere communication with God to become communion with God? _____

Lord hear our prayers...	
2-16	Richard Alvarado, Bruce Austin, Bobby Edrozo, Rick Harman, Joan Hutchinson, Leslie Jobe, Trinity Johnwell, Allison Morgan, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Melvin D. Senegal, Jr., Anna Walker
2-23	Lyndsey Ball, the family of Bill Bartholomew, Alan Bonuelos, Suzanne Bowron, Stefanie Campbell, Ron Collins, Riley, Kelsey & Levi Cooper, PJ Cowan, Cheryl Dewey, Aaron Doss, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Mercedes Harris, Breeze Hunter, Heather Lopez, Linda Masters, Mike Miller, Noah, P.S. Potter, the family of Wayne Rochell, Tammy Wilson, Sid & Marlene Young
3-2	Debbie Collins, Gary and Liz, Kelsey Grubbs and her unborn child, Teresa Haak-Benigar, Barb & Denny Holt, Dan Koster, Robert Kurtz, Marika Simpson, Jason Wilson
3-9	Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, Linda Cooper, Liz Cooper, Roger Hawkins, Jim Jakubik, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Billy Jack Rife, Pam Scoggin, Family and friends of Joyce Vyvial, Betty Wilson
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)	
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.	



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

“Though the Righteousness of Faith”

March 16, 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.

Guest Wi-Fi password is: walnut89


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Pastor - Rev. Stephanie Hughes
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Praise Band Leader - Natalie Mendez
Accompanist - Sophie Chapman
MDO Director - Melissa Patrick
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9:30 AM Contemporary Worship			
Welcome		Praise Band	
Welcome and Announcements			
*Worship Songs	<i>I Thank God Goodness of God</i>	Praise Band	
Children’s Moment		Sharon Rouleau	
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick	
Pastoral Prayer			
Tithes & Offering	<i>My Jesus</i>	Praise Band	
Scripture		Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	
Sermon	"Though the Righteousness of Faith"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes	
Invitation to Christian Discipleship			
*Reflection Song	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)</i>	Praise Band	
*Benediction			<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>


11:00 AM Traditional Worship			
Prelude	<i>I Will Arise and Go to Jesus</i>	arr. Hayes	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting			
Choral Introit	<i>Glorify the Lord</i>	arr. Martin	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine</i>		UMH # 166
Affirmation of Faith	Philippians 2:5-11		
We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God; Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.			
*Gloria Patri			
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick	
Pastoral Prayer			
Choral Amen			
Offertory Music	<i>By God’s Hand</i>	arr. Raney	Chancel Choir
*Doxology			
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord</i>		UMH # 285
Scripture		Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	


Sermon	“Through the Righteousness of Faith”	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	UMH # 298
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>Near the Cross</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 joyous celebration of Pastor Stephanie Hughes birthday!

“Happy Birthday, Pastor Stephanie”





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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 4 walks in 2025.

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

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

10% of our giving will be given as a Lenten Offering for our “LIVING WATER” outreach.

LIVING WATER FOR A THIRSTY SOUL



JOIN US! March 9th through April 10th ...

This year, St. John’s is joining people across the United States to take the “10 Day Challenge”. *(We have extended our challenge to 30 days so we can help even more!)*.

Please place your “10 Day Challenge” donations in the water container located in the front foyer. Remember, by giving up all drinks, except water, for ~~10~~ 30 Days, and donating the money that you would have spent on drinks, you will be helping to provided safe water to numerous communities around the world.