



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

"Clarity"

May 4, 2025



The Week Ahead

Sun., May 4	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Treehouse Kids Sunday School
	9:30 am - 0:30 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 - Starting new study, "Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets"
Mon., May 5	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Tues., May 6	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Wed., May 7	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	7th - 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. May 8	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch - bring your lunch & drink & items for food pantry
Fri., May 9	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., May 10	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

Sermon Notes

1. Why do you think St. John's exists? What are we called to do? _____
2. What does the community know about us? What do they see us valuing most? _____
3. What is the single greatest purpose our church serves? _____

Lord hear our prayers...

- 4-06 Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, Stefanie Campbell, Roger Hawkins, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Billy Jack Rife, Pam Scoggin, Bryan Sullivan, Betty Wilson
- 4-13 Bruce Austin, Cheryl Hadley, Joan Hutchinson, Leslie Jobe, Rebecca Maya, Allison Morgan, Sheri Reznicek, Phil Roberts, Gary Scoggin, Sheila Treybig, Anna Walker, Maurice White, Glenda Williams
- 4-20 Anselin, Brent Baird, Suzanne Bowron, Joyce Canada, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Mercedes Harris, Jason Harvey, Baylor Hollister, Heather Lopez, Edna Loudermilk, family and friends of Mozelle Lubojasky, Linda Masters, William Sowell, Tammy Wilson, Sid & Marlene Young
- 4-27 Zack Cash & family, Debbie Collins, family and friends of Jack Cooper, family and friends of Bobby Edrozo, Gary and Liz, Teresa Haak-Benigar, Paul Fournier, Barb & Denny Holt, Dan Koster, Justin Kouba, Rae Ann Newton, Jason Wilson, Bill & Kathy Wurzlów

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)

Those Who are Homebound: Alice Blanton, Dannie & Edna Day, 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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<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsUmcTexasCity>

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>Praise This is Amazing Grace</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Thrive</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		Matthew 16:13-20
Sermon	"Clarity"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Build My Life</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

**Please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>In The Garden</i> arr. Hayes	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>Alleluia</i> arr. Purcell	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	UMH # 451

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.

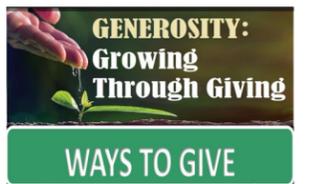
Ministry Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Offertory Music	<i>Master, Let Me Walk With Thee</i> arr. Raney	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		

Scripture		Matthew 16:13-20
Sermon	"Clarity"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	UMH # 405
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>Victory in Jesus</i> arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, Piano

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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!"



MAY MEALS IN A BAG !!!
Take a bag ... Fill the bag
Return the bag .. Feed people in need!



The GSM Community Food Pantry is now open!!!

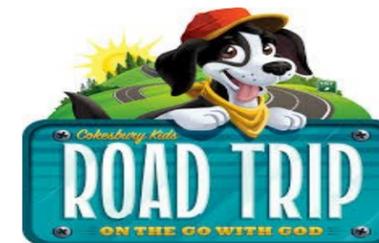
1825 Howell Ave., Room 210, La Marque, TX 77568



1st Wed. of each month (5/7/25) 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

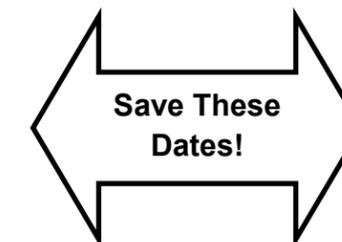
>> St. John's is volunteering on the 1st Wed. of each month. <<

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



VBS July 14th—18th, 2025

Registration information will be available soon.
VBS is for kids ages 4 thru 5th grades.



Family Fun Night at Nessler Water Park
Sunday, July 6 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm