

The Week Ahead		
Sun., Oct. 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
	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Youth Group, 5th-12th grades
	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Y’All
Mon., Oct. 6	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Tues., Oct. 7	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Wed., Oct. 8	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	5:30 pm -	Youth Bible Study, at the church
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thur., Oct. 9	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Woman’s Bible Study
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag - bring your lunch and drink
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study - adult classroom, led by Rusty McClellen
Fri., Oct. 10	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Oct. 11	8:30 am	Men’s Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

Sermon Notes ...

- Lord hear our prayers...
- 9-7

Brent Baird, Melody Box, Leon Cogburn, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Dan Gilliam, Mercedes Harris, Deborah Krenek, Heather Lopez, Linda Masters, Aimee Stadfelt, Tammy Wilson
- 9-14

Denny Alsip, Jim Barb, Ron and Debbie Collins, Aaron Doss, Gary and Liz, Linda Glosek, Teresa Haak-Benigar, Charles Hamilton, Barb Holt, Dan Koster, Rae Ann Newton, Jason Wilson
- 9-21

Lupe Aguilar, family and friends of Nezzie Blair, Janet Brandon, Roger Hawkins, Dean Jones, Paul Mobley, Cindy Price, Billy Jack Rife, Sandy Salazar, Debbie Sandling, family and friends of Carol Spealman, Betty Wilson
- 9-28

Bruce Austin, Christine & Ron Bailey, Peggy Blizzard, Joan Hutchinson, Karen Robertson, Sheri Reznicek, Phil Roberts, Sheila Treybig, Bill Wurzlow

Those in Care Facilities: Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Dorothy Blankenship (Regal Estates), Grace Boyd (The Forum at The Woodlands), Mary Jenkins (Sodalis), Betty Wilson (Sodalis)

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.

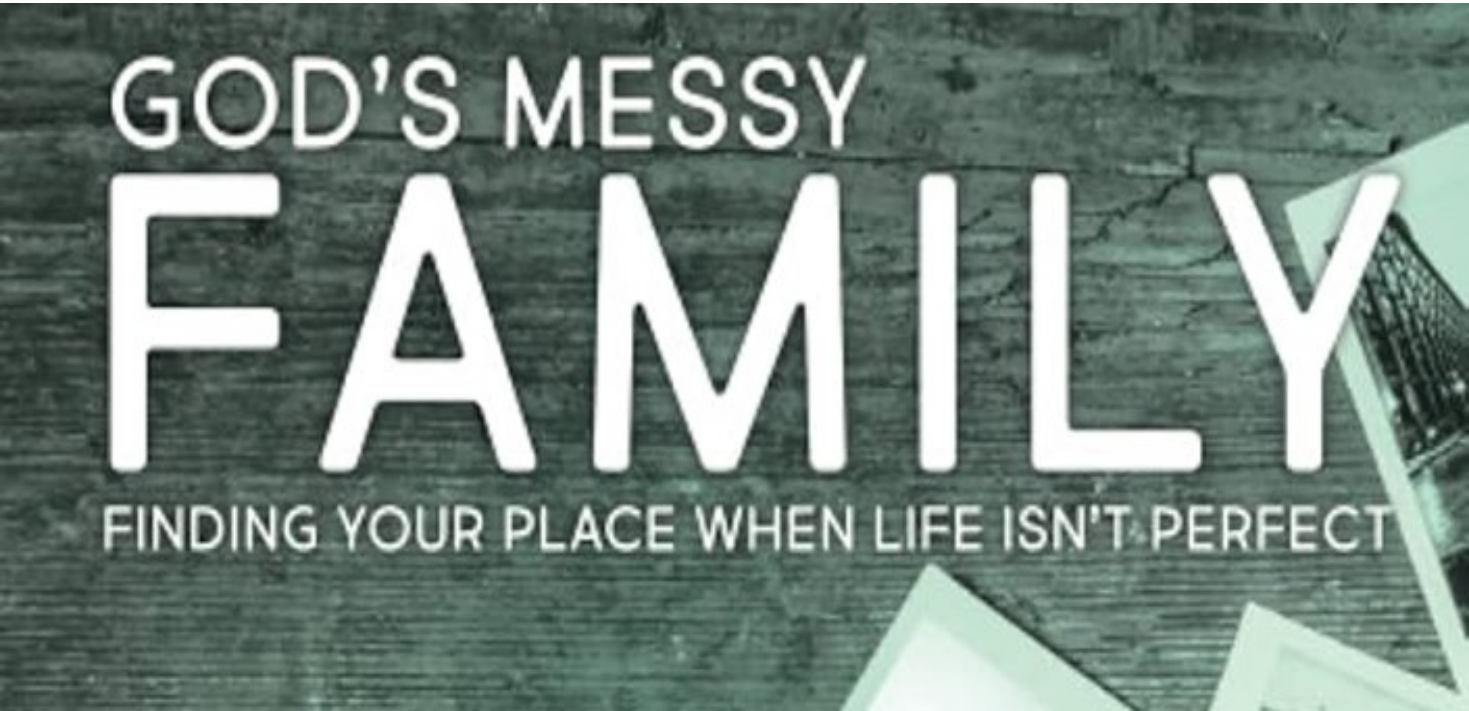


ST. JOHN’S

A United Methodist Congregation

“The Gap Between What God Says
& What You Say”

Oct. 5, 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
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	Praise	Praise Band	
	Take You at Your Word		
Children’s Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick	
Ministry Moment			
Pastoral Prayer			
Tithes & Offering	My Jesus	Praise Band	
Scripture		Genesis 15:1-6	
Sermon	"The Gap Between What God Says and What You Say"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes	
Holy Communion			
Invitation to Christian Discipleship			
*Reflection Song	Holy Forever	Praise Band	
Benediction			
*Please stand as you are able			

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	Praise God in His Sanctuary	arr. Smith	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting			
Choral Introit	Christian We Have Met to Worship	arr. Larson	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom		UMH # 508

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		Rev. Cindy Riddick	
Offertory Music	Your Still, Small Voice	arr. Lantz	Chancel Choir
*Doxology			
Scripture		Genesis 15:1-6	

Sermon	"The Gap Between What God Says and What You Say"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	UMH # 474
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	Go Now in Peace	UMH # 665
Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.		
Postlude	Joyful, Joyful	arr. Austin
		Sophie Chapman, Piano
*Please stand as you are able		



The flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God,
by Suzanne Alton
in loving memory of her mom, Carol Spealman.



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Pastor Stephanie has started a new sermon series based on Jacob Armstrong's book, “God's Messy Family: Finding Your Place When Life Isn't Perfect”.

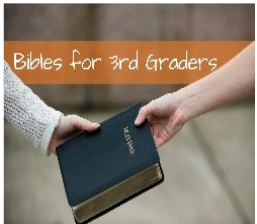
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On Sunday, October 19
We will present our third graders with their own Bible as a gift from St. John's UMC. This is such a special day in the life of our church and these young people. We don't want to miss anyone, so please contact Rev. Cindy Riddick at CRiddick@stjohnsumctc.org or 409-655-5348 if you have a 3rd grader in your family.



SOCK DRIVE - Socks are the items least donated to homeless shelters & are desperately needed. Help us make this year the best **“SOCKTOBER” EVER!!!**

A small act of donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our un-housed neighbors. During October we will be collecting new socks that will go to benefit the Galveston Street Ministry & the Galveston Central UMC Clinic. Please think of this