The Messenger

The Gathering

A relaxed Saturday evening worship celebration

5:00 - 6:00pm the third Saturday of the month

Rev. Greg Kennedy preaching series
New Beginnings

September 17 * Duke City Sound

October 15 * Music: Vinyl, jazz ensemble

November 19 *Music: Still Waters, gospel duo

*At the conclusion of the service we invite you to stay and hear more from our special music guests.

The Gathering is an alternative worship service. It is meant to try to meet the needs of persons who can not come to church on Sunday because of work or other obligations; who would feel uncomfortable coming into the sanctuary on Sunday morning for whatever reason; and/or a way to introduce friends to St. John's in a low key way.

The service is not contemporary or traditional. It will have elements of both in it. The service itself will be about 30 minutes long followed by a concert featuring the musical group that is helping with worship that evening.

DAN E. SOLOMON, Retired Bishop and President of Texas United Methodist College Association and Bishop-in-Residence at McMurry University will join us as our guest preacher on September 18.

Wednesday Night Supper starts September 21

5:15-6:15

Reservations Required

September 2011

Weekly: Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 Worship Celebration
9:45 - 10:45am Sunday School
4:00 - 5:30pm Fiesta Ringers
5:30 - 7:30pm God Squad
5:30 - 7:30pm UMYF

Tuesday and Thursday

10:00 am - Noon Food Pantry

Wednesday

6:15pm Chancel Choir

THIS MONTH

Saturday, September 17
5:00 PM NEW SATURDAY WORSHIP
THE GATHERING
Sunday, September 18
BISHOP SOLOMON guest preacher
Wednesday, September 21
Tuesday, September 27
7:15 AM UMM Breakfast

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S RETREAT - Oct. 1 8:30-3:30
October 4 - 8 Photos for directory
October 8 UMW Rummage Sale
October 15 - 5pm The Gathering worship service

Living in Joyful Abundance Women's Retreat

October 1, 2011

8:30-3:30

What are the secrets to living in joyful abundance?

How do we help others feel a sense of belonging?

How do you light the darkness, the shadows, that life can bring?

Facilitated by Marilyn Oden an award winning author

Reservations due by 9/16/11

REGISTRATION $ 20.

Nursery available by reservation

Denise.info@sfstjohnsumc.org

SENIOR CITIZENS RETREAT - October 10 - 14
Bible Study led by Dr. Don Holladay " The Apocalypse of John"
Sacramento Assembly Camp Contact info@sacramentoassembly.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR SEPTEMBER

Christmas in September?

Why not?

A wonderful opportunity is coming up this month for you to buy stunningly beautiful Christmas cards at a very reasonable price and at the same time support our own Bag 'n Hand Food Pantry.

We know that you will want to participate in this opportunity to buy 12 Christmas cards with envelopes for only $10 and no sales tax. The kick-off for the campaign will be Sunday, September 18, at both services.

You can purchase cards with a Christmas greeting inside or plain on the inside for you to personalize on a home computer or to use as note cards. Proceeds from the sale of the cards will directly benefit our Food Pantry. At $10/ package of 12 we hope everyone will buy at least one or two packages and that many of you will want more. These are lovely cards for your own personal use or they make a nice gift. This is a synergistic opportunity to buy something beautiful and useful and at the same time support our mission to feed the hungry in Santa Fe.

DISCIPLE 1 Bible Study is coming This fall!

It is a 34 week overview of the great themes of the Bible.

The class will meet from 5-7:30 Sundays.

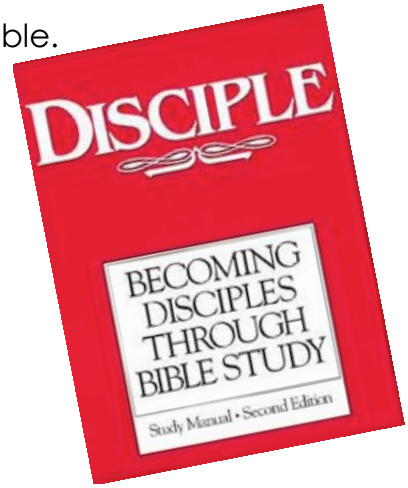
It is video and discussion base with homework which includes daily Bible reading.

The class meets for 2 1/2 hours.

Ruth D'Arcy and Heather Kemp will teach.

Material costs apply.

Contact Janet Dennison at 982-5397 or Janet.programs@sfstjohnsumc.org



Do you ever see people and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way!. There is no cost to have your photo taken for the church directory and you will receive a free 8 x 10 and directory. The dates are October 4 - 7, 1-8pm and Oct 8, 10 am - 5pm. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall, the Narthex and at the church office. The sooner you sign up the more choices you have for dates and times. We need volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping contact Denise in the office.

We need you to make our new family album complete!

Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location.
In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Portraits are valued family keepsakes. Watch for more information coming soon about the opportunity to schedule your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you!

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Each family will receive a
Complimentary 8x10 Portrait
& Directory for participating

Exciting Products
turn your portraits into cherished memories

Products may vary

Welcome to ***Kristen Perkins*** our new **Director of Youth Ministries.** She is a recent graduate of **McMurry University.** We are so very happy she will be in ministry here with us at St. John's

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A very Happy Birthday to all of you September. Please let us know of any changes we need to make.

Ed Bearden	14
Bruce Kidman	14
Luke Russel	14
Wendy Russel	14
Franklyn Bruch	16
Jon Sward	16
Brenna Thompson	17
Bob Burdette	20
Mary Anne Soto	21
Fran Marvel	22
Sue Land	22
Hayden Rector	24
Rhonda Rodriguez	24
Daniel Beaty	25
Carla Jo Twibell	26
Judy Reed	27
Paul Moore	28
Steve Lamoreaux	28
Mark Dennison	28
Mary Medina	29
Darlene Muniz	30
Matthew Vance	30
Tim Gilmore	30