

# SAINT JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Creating a community where  
God's love changes people  
and God's people change the world.



### Sunday Morning Worship

July 11 & 18: 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

### Sunday School

9:55-10:50 a.m. (some start earlier - see brochure on information table)

### July 11 & 18, 2010 Newsletter

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### Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed Fridays

## Summer Mission Trips *by Valerie Vogt*

Summer is a great time of fun. From swimming at Barton Springs to eating a snow cone, there are so many great things to enjoy in Austin. For our children and youth, summers are an especially important time of rest. They have a break from the busy school year and can enjoy family vacations and summer camps.

One of the reasons I love summer so much is because of the mission trips. Saint John's has a wonderful tradition of summer youth mission trips. I was impressed by how hard our students worked on their mission trips last summer. Their hearts and hands were open wide to helping all those they met. Not only did the students work incredibly hard, the junior high students learned a tremendous amount about worldwide poverty and hunger issues and the senior high students learned about special needs individuals. As the newly hired Director of Student Ministries and Missions, I was impressed not only by our students, but also by the support of the entire congregation for the youth mission trips. Your prayers and financial support were a blessing for the students and all those we served.



The senior high students will be traveling to Galveston July 11 - 16 to help with construction. There are still so many who have great needs because of Hurricane Ike. While there, we'll be working with One Mission: Galveston, a faith-based organization that has focused its efforts on helping to rebuild Galveston. The junior high students will be spending time right here in Austin. We're partnering with First UMC and Westlake UMC for our July 18 -22 mission trip. Parker Lane UMC will be our overnight hosts. We'll learn more about the city we live in and the people who are here, then spend a morning at a retirement community serving the residents. We'll also learn more about environmental issues and homelessness in Austin. There is so much need and so much to learn about our own community.

I am so excited about our youth mission trips. Thank you for the support you've given us so far and thank you for your prayers for us while we're on our mission trips. We're looking forward to sharing what we learn with our church family.

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- 1 *We believe in:* making disciples of Jesus Christ for transformation of the world.
- 2 *We live by two kinds of holiness:* Personal, Social
- 3 *We follow three simple rules:* Do no harm, Do good, Stay in love with God
- 4 *We work in four areas of focus:* Develop leaders, Create places for new people, Eliminate poverty, Improve health globally

## SUNDAY, JULY 11 & 18 IN WORSHIP

**Sunday, July 11,** Rev. Georjean Blanton will share the message "Supernovas: Burning Hearts or Heartburn?" with scripture reading from Luke 24:13-32. Special music shared by Harvey Caughey and Cina Crisara.

**Sunday, July 18,** Rev. Paul Escamilla shares the message "Your voice is calling to me" with scripture reading from 1 Kings 19:4-18. We will have a VBS wrap up and the children will sing their favorites from their week at "Galactic Blast."

**Calendar**

**Sunday, July 11**

1200p SPR, 5900 B  
1200p VBS Decorating  
430p Prayer Group, A  
530p UMYF, Offsite

**Monday, July 12**

900a VBS through Friday  
930a Senior Adult Steering, 211  
530p Aerobics, YH  
530p Al-Anon, A  
600p Radical Hospitality, Offsite  
615p Renaissance Service  
630p Book Study, 5900 B

**Tuesday, July 13**

930a UMW Circles, 5900  
230p Tai Chi, 5900B  
630p Book Study, 5900 B  
700p Get Acquainted Meeting, Offsite

**Wednesday, July 14**

930a Staff Meeting, 211  
1045a Cokesbury, MR  
530p Aerobics, YH  
700p Get Acquainted Meeting, Offsite  
730p Debtors Anon, A

**Thursday, July 15**

700p Get Acquainted Meeting, Offsite  
700p AA, A

**Friday, July 16**

1200p Girls in Grace, A  
530p Aerobics, YH

**Saturday, July 17**

No Events Scheduled

**Sunday, July 18**

1230p Missions, 5900 F  
430p Prayer Group, A  
530p UMYF, Offsite

**Monday, July 19**

100a Mom's Coffee, 5900  
200p Get Acquainted Meeting, Offsite  
530p Aerobics, YH  
530p Al-Anon, A  
630p Book Study, 5900 B

**Tuesday, July 20**

230p Tai Chi, 5900B  
600p UMW Exec. Meeting, 5900 F  
630p Book Study, 5900 B  
700p Get Acquainted Meeting, Offsite

**Wednesday, July 21**

900a Staff Meeting, 211  
1045a Cokesbury, MR  
12:10 Communion Service  
530p Aerobics, YH  
730p Debtors Anon, A

**Thursday, July 22**

900a Postal Pros  
1000a Senior Adult Movie Morning, 208  
600p MFSA Exec., YH

This summer, in addition to the two youth mission trips, I'll also be traveling to the Republic of Guinea and Liberia. Kari McDonald and I will travel to West Africa August 1 - 9. We have been invited by The Liberia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church to learn more about the Health Program of the Guinea Ministry. We will work with Ganta United Methodist Hospital, one of The United Methodist Advance Specials and a mission partner of Saint John's. We will also spend some time in the Diecke Province, Republic of Guinea, working with the clinic, school, and church ministry that has been maintained by the Liberia Annual Conference for 20 years. We'll learn more about our mission partners, their schools, clinics, hospitals, and churches. We are excited to share pictures and all of what we learn with Saint John's. It is our desire to help support the church and its work in the Republic of Guinea and Liberia and to help grow our relationship with our mission partners.

I am so excited for the opportunity to serve alongside our youth and to go with Kari to the Republic of Guinea and Liberia. We go as members of the Saint John's family. We are proud to represent you on our trips and we covet your prayers and support as we serve.

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## WEEKS OF JULY 11 & 18

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### VBS Blasts Off this week!

3-2-1 ... It's time for Vacation Bible School at Saint John's UMC. More than 130 "space rangers" and volunteers will be in our awesome church next week for lots of praise and fun as part of "Galactic Blast," this year's VBS theme. Thanks to the designing magic of Jessica Schumacher, the kids will feel as if they have been transported to another galaxy to learn about God's grace and power.



Please remember to keep all of the organizers, volunteers and especially these precious children in your prayers next week. This is an incredible time in the life of this church. Many thanks to all of the people who have donated their time over the past month making "Galactic Blast" an out-of-this-world experience.

From the neon "space walk" in the children's hallway to our "mission control station" in the sanctuary, the next five days promise to bring these children closer to God and each other. When that happens, it truly will be a mission accomplished.

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### WomenCare - a new beginning! - July 15

A mission of Saint John's UMC, WomenCare, will now partner with Simpson UMC and will continue to help women-in-need, beginning on July 15. The WomenCare gathering will be the same (Breakfast, Devotional, and Program); yet Simpson's Clothes Closet and a Wesley Nurse will be added. Our gathering times will change to "Third Thursdays," and we will meet at Simpson, 1701 East 12th Street, at 10:00 -12 noon. Gatherings will be facilitated by Rev. Pat Thomas, Saint John's; and Sharon Skaggs, Wesley Nurse at Simpson, UMC. WomenCare is funded by the Juanita Peterson Grant which is housed and administrated by the Austin District, UMC. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact Pat Thomas, pthomas@stjohnsaustin.org, or 452-5737

## Mom's Coffee - July 19 & 26

Mom's Coffee, Saint John's newest United Methodist Women's Circle, is a casual group of Moms with young children (babies through early preschool) who meet twice a month for coffee, conversation, and a well-deserved break while our kids are in free (FREE!) childcare.



**What do we do?** Projects (such as arts/crafts, scrapbooks, baby books, etc), book studies on issues of social justice and parenting and informal playgroups at the church and in the community. We are currently studying *Child of Mine: Feeding With Love and Good Sense*, by Ellyn Satter.

**When do we meet?** Twice-a-month on select Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. Our upcoming dates are July 19 & July 26

**Where do we meet?** Moms meet across the street from the church at 5900 Wynona, while our kids play in the nursery in room 102. For childcare reservations, please contact Stacy Sparks at [ssparks48@gmail.com](mailto:ssparks48@gmail.com) one week in advance, if possible. For more information and to get on the Mom's Coffee email list, contact Ruth Airhart [artpants2001@yahoo.com](mailto:artpants2001@yahoo.com).

700p Get Acquainted Meeting, Offsite  
700p AA, A

### Friday, July 23

1000a IFD, 5900  
1200p Girls in Grace, A  
530p Aerobics, YH

### Saturday, July 24

No Events Scheduled

A, B, C = Annex Classrooms (5906 Wynona)

FH = Fellowship Hall

GH = Great Hall

MR = Music Room

Sanc. = Sanctuary

YH = Youth House (5908 Wynona)

5900= 5900 Wynona: F=Front B=Back

Happy  
Birthday!



## Third Wednesday Noon Communion Service - July 21

We invite you to join us for Third Wednesday Noon Communion Service on July 21, in Saint John's Chapel, 12:10 – 12:45 p.m. Together we will experience Scripture readings, Silence, Reflections, and Holy Communion. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. John Anderson will bring the message. If you have questions, please contact Pat Thomas or John Anderson.

July 13: Pamela Walker

July 16: Emma Cunningham, Jennifer Drum, George Frock, Diane King

July 17: Carolyn Beaird, Flora Hankinson, Tom Spencer, Gabe Sudduth, Warren Thompson

July 18: Kay Brock, Lauren Sisco, Ida Stewart

July 19: Warren Alverson, Bill May

July 20: Kari McDonald

July 21: Luke Jurbergs, Jane King, Teresa Moad

July 22: Curtis Jones, Mark Kavanaugh, Will Youngdale

July 23: Carol Biggar, Briana Medina, Stephanie Stone

July 24: Rowland Curry, Toby Sudduth

July 25: Jessica Schumacher, Susan Shaw, Valerie Vogt

July 26: Sam Cunningham, Jessica Ewing

## Senior Adult "Movie Morning" - Thursday, July 22

There are many activities designed especially for Senior Adults at Saint John's. Weekly activities include Tai Chi, Low Impact Aerobics, and singing with the Cokesbury Choir. There are day-trips or tours almost every month. On the first Thursday every month there is an opportunity to learn new table games (and enjoy playing some old ones.) The NEW monthly activity will be a chance to see a movie on a Thursday morning here at church. We will be able to project the movie onto a screen so that you can watch in air-conditioned comfort while you munch on popcorn, lemonade or other snacks. Afterwards, if you bring a sack lunch, we can discuss the movie while we eat together. There will be no charge.



The first "Movie Morning" is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, at 10:00 am in Room 208. The movie being shown is "The Bucket List" with Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson. The story is about a blue-collar mechanic and a billionaire hospital magnate who meet for the first time as hospital room-mates, where they are both diagnosed with cancer. Suggestions for future movies are welcome.

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**News by Email** - Contact the office by phone or email and give us your email.

### Newsletter Deadlines!

Newsletter submissions are due the previous Thursday (yes, 10 days before!) for inclusion in the following Sunday's newsletter. Articles may be edited for style and length. Submit to [holly@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:holly@stjohnsaustin.org) or leave your article in the staff mailbox outside of the church office.

## SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays, 2:30: Tai Chai Class

Wednesdays, 10:45am: Sing with the Amazing Grays

Low Impact Aerobics Class: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 5:30 - 6:30

Movie Morning in Rm. 208, on 4th Thursdays, beginning July 22, 10 am

July 29: Trip to LBJ Library to see Cronkite exhibit; lunch at Hoovers.

## OUR PRESENCE:

Attendance Sunday, July 4

Renaissance Service	16
Worship 10:00a	246
Worship Total	262

## Worship Service CD's Available

If you know someone who would like a CD on a weekly basis, give the name to Jeanette Ball. We also need people to deliver them to our homebound. Sunday's Worship CDs are available for pick-up in the church office on Thursday mornings, and a limited number of CDs are available for anyone on Sundays in the Gallery.

## Large Print Hymnals Available

Large print hymnals are available on the usher carts that are near the sanctuary entrance. If you know someone who has special needs, please let the church know. We will do our best to accommodate them.

## Upper Room Devotional

The July/August issue of the Upper Room daily devotional is available for \$1.50 each on the Information table at the front entrance to the church.

## Men's Clothes Closet

The United Methodist Men deliver clothes to ARCH every week. The "Clothes for Homeless Men" donation basket is in the gallery.

## Save Your Tabs!

Save the pull tabs on your fruit, veggie and meat cans, as well as soda cans and put them in the specially marked "Ronald McDonald House" boxes attached to the can recycle containers around the church. Ronald McDonald House receives money for these tabs to support their "home-away-from-home" for families of children with serious illnesses.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Family Night at Pease Park - July 25

Pull out the picnic basket and horseshoes! It's almost time once again for Saint John's Family Night. This time, we'll meet at Pease Park from 6:30 - 8 p. m. for water fun, food and great fellowship among the beautiful surroundings of one of Austin's best-kept secrets. In addition to basketball courts and playgrounds for all ages, Pease is home to a small water park that is great for kids of all ages. Make



plans to join us for this authentically Austin evening. Bring your own food and blankets, and enjoy a great evening among friends.

Pease Park is located at 1100 Kingsbury in the Enfield area. For more info, contact [tracy@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:tracy@stjohnsaustin.org).

### Seniors to See Walter Cronkite Exhibit - July 29

Senior Adults and their friends have planned a visit to the LBJ Library on Thursday morning, July 29 to see the Walter Cronkite exhibit. At noon they will plan to go to Hoover's on Manor Road for a delicious home-style lunch before returning to Saint John's. The church bus will leave for the library from the White Rock parking lot at 9:00 am (Please park your cars there too.) Please sign up on the clip board in the gallery. The cost is only \$5.00 (for the transportation fund) and the lunch is "on your own."

### Parent Meeting for Youth Events - August 29

Please mark your calendars now! On August 29 at 6:00 p.m. we will have a parent meeting to discuss the upcoming Pumpkin Patch (October 4-30th), the possibility of a senior high ski trip, and possible dates for our summer 2011 mission trips. The students enjoy pizza and a movie while we meet. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Your input is vital to the success of our fundraising and planning.

### Mamma Jamma Ride - September 25

I hope your bikes have not been collecting dust since the Hill Country Ride for AIDS this spring. The Mamma Jamma Ride Against Breast Cancer is coming on September 25. Start thinking about signing up and getting some miles in on your bikes. If you're not a regular cyclist, this ride has routes for all levels and



the money raised goes to support ten local charities that serve those in central Texas with breast cancer and their families. Go to <http://www.mammajammaride.org/> and register under the Saint John's team. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Sparks at [cmsparks@gmail.com](mailto:cmsparks@gmail.com) or 452-3730.

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# CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

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## Children's Events

**July 12 - 16, 9:00 – 12:00:** Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, July 25:** Family Night at Pease Park (see article pg. 4)

**Saturday, August 21:** Children's Ministries Volunteers' Evening Out

**Sunday, August 22:** Back-to-School Bash

### *Children's Sunday School*

This **Sunday, July 11**, our children will be learning how we care for others through Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan. On **Sunday, July 18**, we will explore the value of being with Jesus as illustrated in His visit to Mary and Martha.

Children in Kindergarten – 5th grade meet at 9:50 a.m. in room 101 for music. All children may be picked up in their designated classroom between 10:50 and 10:55.

- 3 and 4 years (Rm. 105 - drop off in 106)
- K – 5th grade (Rm. 103)

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## Youth Events

**Sunday, July 11:** MYF is going to the movies! We'll meet for ice cream at Coldstone and enjoy a movie at Gateway. Email Valerie, [valerie@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:valerie@stjohnsaustin.org), for more details.

**Sunday, July 18:** MYF is going swimming. Come join the fun! Email Valerie [valerie@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:valerie@stjohnsaustin.org) for more details.

### *Youth Sunday School:*

**Sunday, July 11:** Junior and Senior High will be meeting together for our study of Acts. Youth House 10-10:50am

**Sunday, July 18:** Junior and Senior High will be meeting to continue our study of Acts. Youth House 10-10:50am

### Found

Black laptop or carrying case with shoulder strap and "Net Dynamics Education Services" printed on it. Contains small black notebook with Post-it notes and various business cards and printed information from various businesses in and around Austin. If you are missing this bag, please contact the church office, or look in the lost and found box under the desk outside the church office.

### WAYS TO SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic

Consider volunteering for the Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D). Volunteers perform every step in the production process, including setting up textbooks, operating recording equipment, reading, quality control checking, and duplicating. No special knowledge is needed, as RFB&D will train. Volunteer opportunities are also available in areas of outreach, development and special events. Informational tours of about an hour are available. For information, call 323-9390.

#### New Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Caregiver stress is a closely related issue of Alzheimer's disease. One core service of the Alzheimer's Association – Capital of Texas Chapter is to provide support to caregivers through volunteer facilitated support groups. Support groups provide an avenue for caregivers to share common experiences in a safe environment and learn from others. Renaissance Village, 11279 Taylor Draper Lane, Austin, TX 78759. Every 1st Friday at 6:30 pm. Contact: Dina D'Angelo, 512-924-8683 or [dina@olivercompany.com](mailto:dina@olivercompany.com).

### OUR SERVICE

#### Open Hearts Volunteer Opportunities in this week's newsletter

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## NEWS & NOTES

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### Would You Like to Help Plan Senior Activities?

Have you discovered that at least half the fun of a trip often comes in the planning and anticipation? Well, those of us who help plan the day trips for Saint John's Senior Adults find this to be true. But we don't think that the fun should be limited to the same group of people all the time. Actually it is time for some of our present planners to rotate off the committee, so we need to recruit new committee members with fresh ideas. If you would like to join this lively group of seniors, meeting usually an hour or so one morning a month, please contact Jeanette Ball (452-5737, [jeanette.ball@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeanette.ball@sbcglobal.net)) or Gene Jarman (921-2850, [genejarman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:genejarman@sbcglobal.net))

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### Thank You for Sunday Morning Snacks

Thanks to these generous and talented folks who provided snacks on Sunday mornings in June: Zada Doherty, Mary and Ron Faithfull, Betty and John Anderson, Jessica and Rick Schumacher, Carol Middleton, Loretta Turner and Virginia Warrington.

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### Newsletter Schedule in August

Due to summer schedules, we will not have a newsletter issue the week of August 8. Please keep this in mind if you have an activity coming up you would like publicized. Submit articles to [holly@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:holly@stjohnsaustin.org) or leave articles in the church staff mailbox.

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### Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you would like to provide a flower arrangement for the chancel area in the Sanctuary on one of the following Sundays, please contact Diane Randle, 346-2342. August 22; October 3, 24, 31; Nov. 21.

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### Platters Needed for Hospitality Table

As you know we serve goodies every Sunday from our Hospitality table. As time has gone by, platters have gotten broken, they have disappeared, or have become unusable. In addition, we now have classes in houses across the street and platters are needed there for service. In this time of recycling and reusing, would you please peruse your cabinets and consider donating any glass platters you no longer use? If you would be willing to donate platters, please bring them to the church and put them in the kitchen with a note saying they are a donation.

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### Paper Recycling Raises Money!

Please continue to bring your used newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogs, junk mail, and other papers to the Abiti Paper Recycling bin. The large yellow and green receptacle is located across the street in the parking lot of Lamar Middle School. Grace Garden is the host of this recycling project that encourages everyone to stay green while earning money at the same time. Thank you for not only recycling, but also for helping to raise funds for Grace Garden Child Development Center!

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### Want to Help Feed the Hungry This Summer in Austin? For You or For Your Group.

Urban Connection Austin (UCA) is providing a mobile summer food program and taking food directly to the apartments and neighborhoods where there are large numbers of eligible kids. These same students receive free lunches at school during the regular school year. This mobile feeding program will fill a much needed gap in the Austin summer feeding program. It is an easy involvement/commitment and doesn't take much time to make a huge difference. Go to <http://texasfaithandfood.org/UCA>. Questions: please contact Valerie, [valerie@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:valerie@stjohnsaustin.org).

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Saint John's staff and prayer group members pray for these people each week. We encourage you to include them in your prayers as well. To have your prayers of joys and concerns added to the list, please submit them in writing to the office, or to [info@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:info@stjohnsaustin.org). Include your name and phone number.

*Hospital:* Baby Andrew Duderstadt, E. C. Herber, Dorothy Mitschke, De Etta Sayers, Vicki Shapiro

<b><i>Prayers and Concerns:</i></b>	Mary Gielstra	Virginia Montgomery	Georgia Thompson
Saint John's Family	Frank Green	Alan Morris	Ella Jiao Tovo-Hurt
Norma Barber	Joann Hedbawny	Richard Nicklas	Juanita Turner
Nancy Basey	Lin Henneke	Clyde O'Dell	Tonya Turner
Keith Beasley	Elmer Hixson	Dorothy Parker	A. G. Walker
Zach Benaya	Barbara Holmes	Chris Piland	Flo Wojcik
B.J.	Tom Howe	Wade and Rayda Porter	Amy Wright
Bill Callaway	Reva and Jack Jackson	Jenna Richbourg	Dorothea & Vernon Wright
Ashlen Capes	Ollie Jones	Tom Rogers	Cy Zaleski
David Cappolino	Tommye Jones	Steve Rooks	Ben Zieger
Spencer Chaney	Dale Kirtland	Bonnie Schroeder	Jack Zieger
Liam Collier	Beverly Massengale	Audra Smith	
Angela Crisara	Jim McCutcheon	Renee Speed & Jerry Morris	
Phil & Renna Darby	Dora & Charles McDonald	Dan Stokley	
Malcolm Ferguson	Alice Miertschin	Pam Stone	
Gail Fuller & Carrie James	Madeline Millard	Sally Tanberg	

***Military Service:*** Captain Luke E. Barber (Dora Barber's grandson), Shea Browning (Faye Byers' great grandson), Marine Riley Callahan (Jane Wilson's grandson), Eric Clakley (husband of Rachel Richey Clakley), 1st Lt. Dan Cohen (Geneva Curry's grandson), Wesley Iley (Cecil Allert's grandson), Stephen Jarman (Gene Jarman's son), Brandon Kloppe (Elissa Kloppe's husband), Cpl. Justin Kloppe (Elissa Kloppe's brother-in-law), Tech Sgt. Chad Knox (Lynn Lindsay's nephew), SSG (P) John M. Lewis (Nona Gold's great nephew), Michael Scott Meischen, US Navy (Sue Meischen's grandson), Alexandria Ogg (Elissa Kloppe's cousin), Sean Pavelka (Kim Graley's cousin), SSGT Hans Pugh (Tim Pugh's son), Cpl. Peyton Sackett (Randi Wardian's friend), Col. Kenneth Tovo (Kathie's brother), Thomas Walker (Johanna's husband), Chester Wall (Karen Young's nephew), Holden Wilkie (Sally Tanberg's son), Tyler Wilkins (Georjean Blanton's great nephew), Scott Zaleski (Judy & Cy Zaleski's son). Jason Zirkle (Leif Dove's cousin), Megan Montgomery's husband, Mark.

***PLEASE NOTE:***

**Prayer requests are listed for one month and then automatically roll off, unless you advise us otherwise.** If you know of a listed concern that no longer needs our prayers, please let us know.

**Please take a moment to write a note, on a Prayer Post Card, to individuals for whom you are praying.** Prayer Post Cards are available in the pews. If you do not know the address, cards may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office for mailing.

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# SAINT JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

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*For a full description of Sunday School Classes at Saint John's, please see the brochure on the table by the front doors.*

## **Companions Class, Annex A**

For progressive 40-something couples, singles and partners. Part of the Reconciling Ministries Network. Contact: Cathy Kyle, 450-0919.

## **Crossroads, Rm. 201**

The Crossroads Class is for young, single, partnered or married adults, 20 - 30 years of age. Crossroads represents where many young adults are: in college/grad school, or recently in the work world, a first or second job... at a crossroads, near a transition. The discussion-oriented class provides support in faith development, relationship building, work-life coaching, with curriculum and focus provided by Dr. Mike Renquist and socials engineered (for the time being) by the Journey Young Adult Class.

## **Discussion Class, Rm. 119**

People in this class consider relevant books and papers within the context of the Bible and our Faith. The class discusses the intersection of current social issues and Christian Faith. Contact: Bill Harris, 454.1052 or [billandlibharris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billandlibharris@sbcglobal.net)

## **Fellowship Class, Rm. 210**

We hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July! Some of our members attended the Sunday service and potluck lunch on the 4th. Other members were with family or out of town, but we were together in spirit.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next Sunday to wish Dora Barber a Happy Birthday.

## **Happy Heretics, 5900 Wynona, Front**

Have you ever wondered what Jesus actually looked like? Was he really a healer? How did his first followers hear his message? What was the Star of Bethlehem? Who was at the Last Supper, and what was the Holy Grail? How was he crucified, and why? Join the Happy Heretics as we hear from leading biblical scholars and archeologists in the National Geographic program, Science of the Bible.

## **Journey Young Adults Class, Rm. 207**

The Journey Class meets Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in room 207 - the first room to the right at the top of the stairs. The Journey Class is a class for adults mostly in their 30s, many starting families (but certainly not required). We discuss spirituality, social responsibility, current events, and our shared story as Christians and as Methodists. Contact Hilary Marchbanks with questions.

## **Open Circle, Annex C**

Singles and couples class that utilizes guest speakers, videotapes and Bible studies in a discussion format. All are welcome. Contact Beth Siever if you have any questions at: [bsiever@austin.rr.com](mailto:bsiever@austin.rr.com).

## **Seekers Class, 5900 Wynona, Back**

Singles and couples in their 30s to 50s seeking to become better disciples of Christ through primarily scripture-based studies. Class time is informal

yet enriching through education, prayer and support for each other. The class also enjoys family-oriented service and social events.

## **Serenity Class, Rm. 206**

Our class serves as a bridge between the church and those of us who struggle with our own compulsive nature, whether it involves work, food, alcohol, drugs, focusing on other people, etc. Whatever is shared within the class remains confidential. We use scripture and the 12-steps of AA as guides for our discussion but the class is not a 12-step meeting.

## **Wesley Class, Rm. 208**

Anyone is welcome to join this class for scholarly, well-researched Bible lectures. The International Lesson Series is the basis for their Bible study and discussion. This class loves to sing! The regular socials provide time for fun and fellowship.