

**WE'RE
SO GLAD
YOU JOINED
US TODAY!**

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship at St. John's United Methodist Church.

You are welcome and celebrated in this faith community!
If you are a first time attendee or a long-time member;
If you are black, brown, white or anything in between;
If you are gay, straight, bisexual, lesbian, or transgender;
If you are a Native American or an immigrant friend;
If you are male or female, young or old, abled or differently-abled, rich or poor;
No matter what you believe or doubt;
No matter where you are on life's journey;
You are a gift of the Creator God. Together, we are family of God,
because we are gathered in the name of the One who makes us one.



St. John's has been affiliated with Reconciling Ministries Network since 1998, when we adopted a statement affirming the sacred worth of all God's children, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. We celebrate our diversity and welcome all people to join us in our journey together toward greater understanding and mutual respect.

We welcome children and enjoy their participation in all aspects of congregational life. For caregivers of small children, a changing table is available in the front bathroom and the library is open if you need a quiet place to tend to your little one. A nursery with certified workers is available for infants through age 5 at the southeast corner of the building if you need respite. Ushers will be glad to direct you to any of these resources.

Meet Our Staff.

To contact a member of our staff please call 806-762-0123, visit us online, or send us an email at openminds@stjohnslubbock.org

Rev. Josh Stueve
Senior Pastor

Clint Barrick
Organist

Kyle Collins
Director of Communications

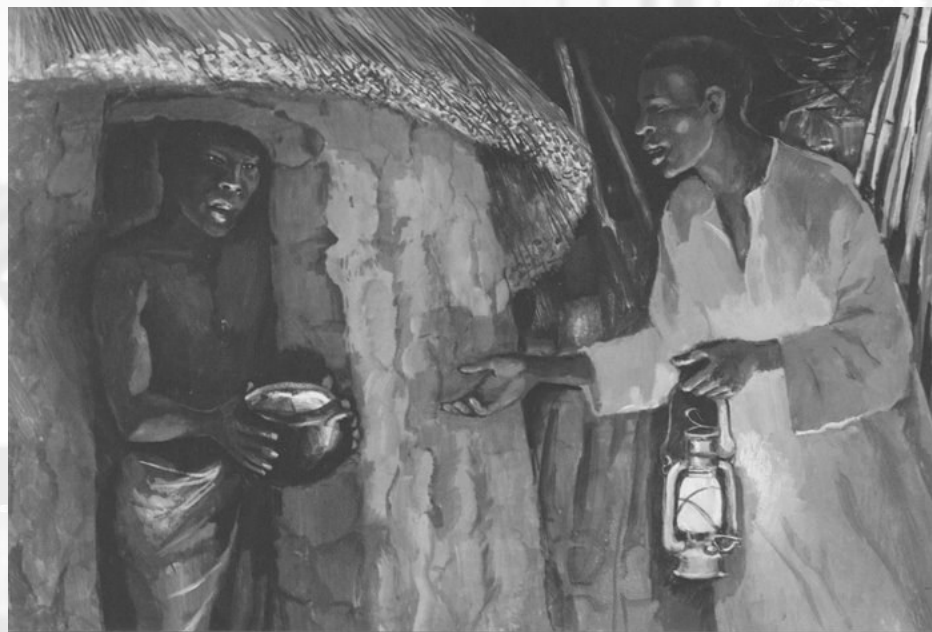
Rev. Ann Akin
Associate Pastor

David Cranford
Facilities Manager

Dr. Alan Zabriskie
Director of Music Ministries

John Dotts
Assistant Facilities Manager

Trish Hernandez
Director of Childcare Ministries



From the Lectionary *The Inisistent Friend* JESUS MAFA

Vie de Jesus Mafa (*Life of Jesus Mafa*) was an initiative undertaken in the 1970s to help teach the gospel in Northern Cameroon. French Catholic missionary François Vidil worked with Mafa Christian communities in Cameroon to create an enormous catalogue of paintings depicting the life of Jesus as an African man. The plan was to build a resource that would help Mafa people to teach from the Bible in a way that connects with their community.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound
Jane Haynes
Bob & Donna Albin
Gary Cunningham
Francine Niziyimana
(*Welcome Corps Sponsor*)
Scott Drake
(*Cousin of the Vines*)
Peter Lovett
(*Jeannie's Brother*)
The Family of Steve Vestal
Angus & Janis Scott-Fleming
(*Ian Scott-Fleming's Brother*)
Lily Pierce
(*Craig's Granddaughter*)

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 **ST. JOHN'S**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 3

10:30 a.m.

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The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service

ENTRANCE

**Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick
This is the Hour of Banquet and of Song Sidney Watson (1903-1991)

*Opening Prayer Rev. Bobby McMillan
Let us enter into worship praying together:
Ancient of days, we enter your presence to remember and rejoice. We come looking for your steadfast faithfulness and your loving care. May we be a people who seek reconciliation and genuine forgiveness with one another. In remembrance and gratitude for your mercy and your grace, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn No. 617 The United Methodist Hymnal
I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayers of the People Rev. Josh Stueve
God, in your graciousness/mercy
Hear our prayers

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in Heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Act of Praise Jan Davis, tenor
Morning Has Broken

*Gospel Reading - Matthew 18: 15-20, p. 20, N.T. Rev. Bobby McMillan
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Ann Akin

Affirmation of Faith No. 882 The United Methodist Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version Rev. Josh Stueve

*Gloria Patri No. 70 The United Methodist Hymnal

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
My Eternal King Jane Marshall

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Please approach the altar using the center aisle.
You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please speak your name to the servers so that you may receive the bread and cup by name. We receive by intinction. (As you receive the bread, hold it until the cup is offered. Dip the bread into the cup and then eat.)

*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.
**Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

When you are ready, you may return to your seat using the side aisles. If you are unable to come to the altar, please tell an usher so that we may serve you in your seat. Our communion bread is now vegan, free of dairy, egg, and gluten.

All people gathered to worship God are invited to receive the bread and the cup.

Communion Stewards: Jeff Watson & Robby Vestal

Invitation to the Table & to the Offering Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

The Great Thanksgiving The United Methodist Hymnal
Musical Setting D, pg. 23

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music for Communion St. John's Choral Scholars
Hear My Prayer arr. Moses Hogan

Here, O My Lord Eleanor Daley

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise, God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

Reception of New Members Rev. Josh Stueve
We rejoice to welcome you as members of Christ's Holy Church, and we bid you welcome to St. John's United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

*Hymn of Faith, No. 549 The United Methodist Hymnal
Where Charity and Love Prevail ST. PETER

Benediction Rev. Ann Akin
You have come to this Table in faith; go in peace.
Know the God of peace goes with you.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude Clint Barrick
Rigaudon Andre Campra (1660-1744)



Altar flowers are given by Mary Hamilton in celebration of Mike Hamilton's 85th birthday.



Diez y Seis de Septiembre

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day at St. John's! Savor the mouthwatering flavors of authentic Mexican enchiladas provided by Sylvia.

Sunday, September 17 @ 11:30 a.m.

Since this is a catered event, we can only prepare food for the exact number of people who RSVP. Plates are \$15 per adult and \$6.00 per child. **Please RSVP using the QR code or sign-up sheet in the hallway.**



Disciples Bible Study

The Disciples Bible Study will hold their initial meeting on Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's in room 111.



United Women in Faith



Next Meeting: September 9 11:00 a.m.

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, September 9, at 11:00 a.m. UWF will also host the Lubbock District Meeting at St. John's on Saturday, September 23.

Game Day Parking

Save the dates! Your help is needed to work the parking lot on TTU football game days.
Saturday, September 9—Kickoff at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 16—Kickoff at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 30—Kickoff TBD

Contact Jay or Coleen Sedberry at jay.and.coleen@gmail.com