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Bread & Belonging Bible Study Begins This Week!

Gather with us weekly throughout the academic year for Bread & Belonging: Bible Study Together – a time of scripture study, fellowship, and prayer. Following the lectionary readings, we'll explore the Bible alongside reflections from a wide range of theologians and pastors, listening for wisdom from many voices. This class will be led by Shelley Walters, Javi Lopez-Schulze, and Midge Epstein. Visit bit.ly/sjbreadbible to register for the full 28-week course; OR visit bit.ly/breadseptstart for the first five-week session. Email shelley@stjohnsaustin.org with questions.

Luau Luncheon and Hands & Hearts Silent Auction

Sunday, September 27, 12 p.m.

Join us in the Great Hall after 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, September 27, for the Luau Luncheon and Hands & Hearts Silent Auction! Co-sponsored by the Mental Health team and the Hospitality team, this event will include a silent auction featuring one-of-a-kind art from Saint John's members, themed gift baskets, and "Hands and Hearts" services such as personal baking, organizing, and Enneagram coaching. The luncheon is by "love donation" and will feature delicious pulled pork sandwiches and a wide variety of sides. Proceeds from the auctions and the lunch donations will go to support Austin Clubhouse. Register now at bit.ly/sjluauluncheon to join us in celebrating our congregation's birthday and in raising funds for a worthwhile cause! If you are interested in donating a work of art or a service for the auction, you can reach out to Pat Ross at patross111017@gmail.com no later than Monday, September 21.

The Pumpkin Patch Returns!

Volunteers Needed for Unloading on Sunday, October 4

It's almost pumpkin patch time! The annual unloading of the pumpkin truck will happen Sunday, October 4 after the 11 a.m. worship service. We'll have two unloading parties: 12-2 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. Breakfast tacos will be provided to help fuel the hard work! Even if you can't carry pumpkins, we still need help with setting up our patch! Please sign up to volunteer to unload the truck and work some shifts by going to

bit.ly/sjpumpkinpatch2026. If you have questions about volunteering, please contact Jennifer Heath, jennifer.heath@utexas.edu.

La Posada Providencia Mission Trip

Sunday, October 11 - Thursday, October 15

Saint John's has been invited once again to send a mission team of 8-10 persons to La Posada Providencia, located in San Benito, TX, from Sunday, October 11 to Thursday, October 15. Our Risk Taking Mission and Service Committee has approved the trip. Work may include: organizing supplies, clothing and furniture in the Pavilion; painting in the Carolina Volunteer House; and light landscaping. The team also plans to visit the Good Neighbor Settlement House in Brownsville and hopes to meet with pastors serving residents in the colonias along the Texas-Mexico border. If you would like to participate, please contact Emma Lea Mayton at emayton@gmail.com.

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Hilary Marchbanks, Senior Pastor
Rev. Randy Knighten, Outreach Ministries Pastor
Brett Arnold, Liturgist
Cina Crisara, Music Ministry Specialist, Song Leader
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Gary James, Sound Technician
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Ed Snouffer, Director of Music Ministry
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Connect Team

Brooks Barlow (9 a.m.)
Karen Hale (11 a.m.)

Liturgy Notes

Greeting is by Rev. M Jade Kaiser of *enfleshed*.
The Morning Prayer and Offertory Prayer are from
A Sanctified Art.



Ways to Give

We offer many ways to give to support Saint John's.

1. Text "SJUMC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit stjohnsaustin.org/giving to make an online donation using a credit/debit card, or bank draft.
3. Church members may log on to their mySaintJohn's account via the web or by the Realm Connect app.
4. Leave a donation in the offering plates as they are passed or in the offering box located in the Gallery, or mail a check.



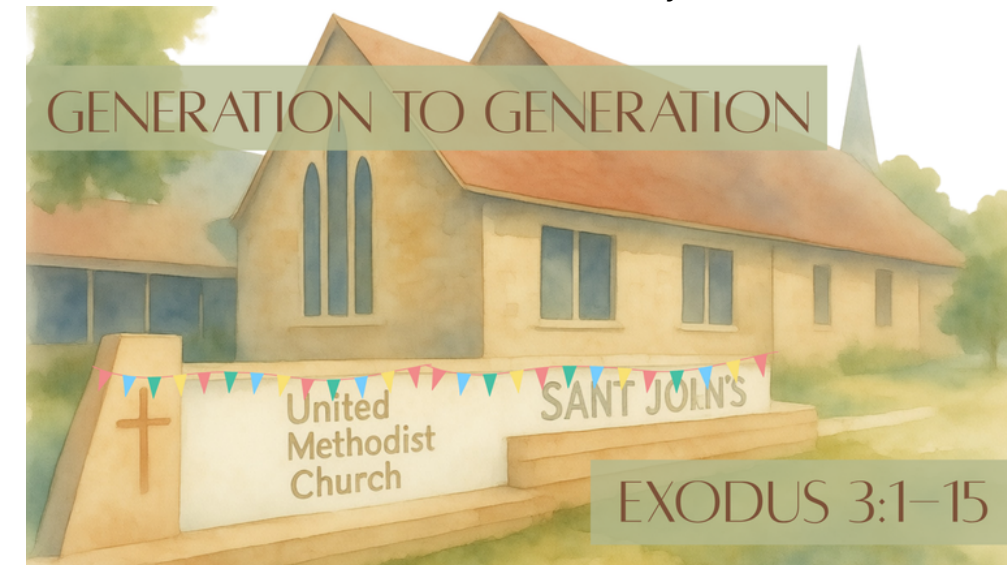
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at Saint John's, see our newsletter at
stjohnsaustin.org/newsletter.**

Saint John's United Methodist Church

*At Saint John's United Methodist Church, we affirm
that all persons are of sacred worth, and we welcome
everyone, without exception, to participate fully in the
church's life and ministry.*



Birthday Sunday

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Children Are Always Welcome at Saint John's!

Nursery care is available during worship in Room 106.

Children and families are invited to explore the
Worship Wonder Library in the back of the sanctuary for
materials to use during worship.

Children's Sunday School is offered during the 10 a.m. hour
(between services) in rooms 119 and 103.

*Difficulty hearing in the Sanctuary? Please ask an usher for a
listening device or see the pew card for information about using
the AudioEverywhere phone app.*

Gathering Music

Ed Snouffer, piano

"Holy Ground"

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Welcome

Rev. Randy Knighten

Introit Chancel Choir

“Go Down Moses”
Go Down Moses, way down in Egypt’s land,
Tell old Pharoah, let my people go.
When Israel was in Egypt’s land, let my people go.
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.
Go Down Moses, way down in Egypt’s land,
Tell old Pharoah, let my people go.

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***Greeting** Responsive, led by Brett Arnold

Oh God, your community is not one of solo actors who save the day.
It is one of community,
of lineages and ancestors,
of movements and relationships, deep and broad.
We live into this faith by stepping into the power you have given us.
In the spirit of this tradition, let us gather.
Amen.

***Opening Hymn** All

“When In Our Music God Is Glorified” UMH 68
(Lyrics are in your hymnal.)

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Morning Prayer All, led by Brett Arnold

God of the ages, in scripture we hear stories of people like us – ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow. We hear stories of people who were old, young, new to faith, lifelong believers. Just as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember all the ways you walk with us. We are listening. We are grateful. Amen

Children’s Time Izzy Lopez

Children are invited to stay in worship with their families. Activity bags are available to keep hands busy, and the Bethlehem Room and Nursery are available.
During the 10 o’clock hour, children age 4 - 3rd grade will meet in room 103. 4th and 5th graders will meet in room 119.

Prayers of the People Rev. Knighten

The Prayer of Jesus All, led by Rev. Knighten

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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.

Words of Life Brett Arnold

Exodus 3:1-15

Message for Today Rev. Hilary Marchbanks

“Generation to Generation”

***Response** All
“Holy Ground” TFWS 2272

**We are standing on holy ground
And I know that there
Are angels all around
Let us praise Jesus now
We are standing in his presence
On holy ground**

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Offertory Prayer All, led by Brett Arnold

God of Moses, you made a path for the Hebrew people through the Red Sea, and you continue to make room for us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Teach us to care for our neighbors with our prayers, service, and gifts, so this world and generations after us may know your love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Offertory Chancel Choir
“O For a Thousand Tongues”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

O for a thousand tongues to sing!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye mute, your loosened tongues employ,
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

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***Song of Thanks** All

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94
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We Continue Our Worshipful Work Rev. Knighten

***Sending Hymn** All

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH 64 vv 1, 2, 4
(Lyrics are in your hymnal.)

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***Benediction** Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks

***Sharing the Peace of Christ** Rev. Marchbanks

***Postlude** Ed Snouffer, piano

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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TFWS denotes “The Faith We Sing” hymnal.*


Sanctuary Flowers
This week's flowers are given by
Brett and Erin Arnold
in celebration of their anniversary.
To sign up to provide Sanctuary flowers, please email
Rebecca Witte at rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org.