

Through faith and discipleship, Island in the Son UMC connects everyone to God, each other, and the world, by proclaiming the Word through prayer, worship, study, and service to others.

"Teach me, Jesus!"
A new school year has begun and in



classrooms all over, students begin the task of learning new things. At every level of life, as a student, we are introduced to new concepts, new subject matter, new skills, and a new way of re-





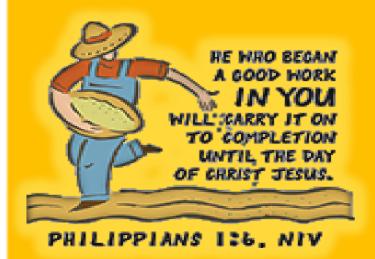
looking at things we thought we already knew. As humans, we have been created to be life-long learners. Long after we grace the inside of the schoolhouse or university, we continue to learn and grow in all areas of our life. This includes our life of faith. I recently heard on the radio the DJ say that she felt she was always under construction. Living in



the Corpus Christi area with all the constant road construction, this quip comes with a vivid picture of what it looks

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(and feels like) to be forever incomplete. But that is precisely how god works in us. God likes our raw messiness and works and forms us over time. Philippians 1:6 says, "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." Until God completes our story, we are blessed (yes, I said blessed) to remain in a state of construction. Each day brings an opportunity for something new to be formed in us and around us. This month in worship, we will be focusing on several of Jesus's teachings in Matthew as a reminder to each of us that, as we continue to learn. we will continue to be under construction until God's promise of completion for all creation is fulfilled. Keep learning my friends. Keep learning. Amen.

Pastor Lisa Rush







Single Board will reconvene Monday,
Sep 11, 1 PM
in the Sunday
School Room



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

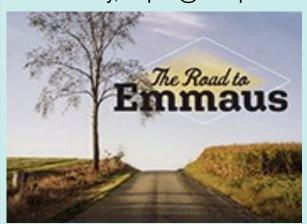
September 4	Pegge Tholen
September 7	Cindy Frank
September 11	Vince DuBeau
September 18	Mary Lou Robertson
Happy Anniversary	•
September 13	Richard & Trina Allen

Don't see your special day mentioned here? It just means we don't have it on record. Please let us know the date so we can update our database.

Weekly Email Updates

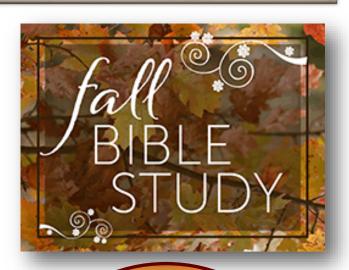
Each Thursday, an email "update" is sent from the church with information about the coming Sunday's message and other announcements regarding activities and events. If you are not currently getting these emails and would like to, please contact the church office, 361-749-0884 or islandintheson@yahoo.com.

Emmaus Meal and Fellowship Saturday, Sept 9@ 6:00pm.



Come share a meal followed by praise, worship and communing together at the Lord's Table at Grace United Methodist Church.







Bible Study / Prayer Meeting

We will be restarting our weekly **Bible Study on** Oct 4,2023.

For more information contact **Janice Morris**, 512-923-0250 or **Connie Burrus**, 512-923-3130.

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES AT IITS

- ◆ Bulletins in basket by Celebration Center Entrance
- Eye Glasses & Hearing Aids in the Lion's Club box on top of the Timon's wooden donation box in the foyer
- Aluminum Pop Tabs in the Ronald McDonald House box in the foyer (NO CANS, PLEASE!)





THIRD SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

All are invited—bring a dish to share!

Our monthly potluck will be held immediately after the worship service on

Sunday, September 17, 2023.

All are welcome to our Potluck Meal!

ToAnn Smith + Lila Bradshaw Hospitality Co-Chairpersons

An Ecumenical Outreach Ministry For the Homless and Needy Families

Timon's Ministries

non-profit organization

The Island in the Son UMC collects canned goods/nonperishable items on the

1st Sunday of each month

to help supply the Timon's Ministries Crisis Pantry. Bring your donations to IITS and drop them in the Timon's basket in the foyer.

Timon's Ministries Crisis Pantry

Timon's can always use the following items to give to their Crisis Pantry Clients:

- ♦ 1 lb. packages of 100% whole grain rice & pastas
- ♦ 1 lb. packages of beans
- Small canned meats for weekly packages
- Pop-top, ready to eat individual servings of food/soup
- Small Deodorants and Razors

Timon's Ministries is located at 10501 SPID (in Flour Bluff next to Pizza Hut)



IITS Health Watch

Our "health" report for **July 2023**

Prayers: We celebrated answered prayers and joys in worship, including: recovery from illnesses and surgeries, birthdays, and wedding anniversaries, Father's Day and Day of Pentecost.

Presence: July average attendance: Worship32 Sunday School0

Gifts: July

General Offering Received:

As of **07/31/23**\$65,171 % of offering goal \$144,554 45%

Monthly Income & Budgeted Expenses

Income Received\$8,275 Budgeted Expenses......\$14,384 Net income.....\$-17,271

Apportionments paid as of **07/31/23** 70%

Service: Congregational and community care; Bless the Kids Project; lunch service, food pantry, and communion for Timon's Ministries.

The IITS UMC invites you to join in an ongoing effort to provide clothing/food/school supplies to area students who may not eat during weekends or school breaks without our help. Donations of healthy, nonperishable, food and snack items or monetary gifts are greatly

appreciated.

Checks can be made payable to Island in the Son UMC; all donations will go



directly to "Bless the Kids". Food donations can be placed in the designated container in the church foyer. For more information, contact Lance Jameson.



NITED METHODIST SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
W S	SUNDAYS HEN WEARE TOgether	29	30	31	Timon's	DAY:
3	Office Closed ALL YOUR HEART, as welden for the July	5:00 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	AP/Payroll Chks	7	8 Timon's	Emmaus 9 Community Fellowship Dinner 6pm
10	11	12 5:00 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	13	14	15 Timon's	11:30-1:00 16 District Church Pienic
3rd Sunday Potluck Luncheon	18	19 5:00 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	20 AP/Payroll Chks	21	ZZ Timon's	
24	25	26 5:00 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	27	28	Z9 Timon's	30 Homemade

Holidays and Observances: 4: Labor Day

The names listed are "greeters" and are "clean up." You may trade with other greeters, or if you need a substitute or have questions, please contact JoAnn Smith at 361-949-7114.



September 3

Rex Wright & Rosanna Delzotto

September 17: Kathy Merchant & JoAnn Smith

September 10: Deborah & Gordon Foerster

Connie Burrus & Lila Bradshaw September 24:



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Celebration Worship Service at 10 AM Sunday School at 9 AM

The "Beach Treasures" monthly newsletter is EMAILED to the majority of our recipients. To be added to the email list or to get a mailed copy, please call the church office. DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IS THE 20TH OF THE PRECEDING MONTH; please email to the church at email address islandintheson@yahoo.com.



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September 3
Matthew 16:21-28
"Labor of Love"

September 10

Matthew 18:15-20 "It Takes a Village"

September 17

Matthew 18:21-35 "Debit Forgiveness"

September 24

Matthew 20:01-26

"The Last Shall Be First"

Worship in

