

NEEDS THIS WEEK

All Saints Day: On Sunday, November 1, St. John's United Methodist Church will celebrate All Saints Day. If you have a family member who passed away this year, you are invited to send us their picture to be put on a special honor table and displayed during our virtual worship service. You may either send a picture electronically or mail/deliver a hard copy to the church office by October 20. The picture size must be no bigger than 8x10. It can be framed or not framed. Please call the church office for more details at 281-342-6631. Because this ceremony will be on Facebook Live, you may also want to invite others in your family to click in and be part of our worship on this day.

Shopping Bags: We need **LARGE** reusable or paper shopping bags (not small plastic shopping bags). If you have any to donate, please drop them off in the white multipurpose collection box located outside of the Wendt Hall doors.

FOCUS THIS WEEK

Bulletin: Please visit the link below for a printable copy of this week's bulletin or view the PDF attached to this email – [October 18](#).

Jalapeño Jelly: If you are interested in purchasing Fall-themed jalapeño jelly, please stop by the church office during business hours. 4oz jars are \$3.00 each and 6oz jars are \$5.00 each. Please make checks payable to St. John's UMC. All proceeds support mission projects at St. John's.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Jelly Jars: It is jalapeño jelly time and we are looking for 4oz and 8oz jars. If you have some to donate, please drop them off at the church.

Smith Elementary Christmas Store: We are collecting the following items for the Christmas Store:

- Mugs
- Fuzzy socks
- Playing cards
- Men's caps
- Men's socks (dress or athletic)
- Decorative emery boards
- Long lipsticks
- Nail polish (full size bottles)
- 16oz** jars (glass or plastic-peanut butter, jelly, picante sauce, pickle jar, etc. - just needs a lid that will not pop off)

Please drop them off at the contactless drop-off box located at the Wendt Hall doors. We are also in need of monetary donations. If you would like to make a contribution, please mail a check to the church (and mark it "Christmas Store" in the memo line).

ADULTS

Women's Book Study: The November book is *Gods of Jade and Shadow* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia. A magical novel of duality, tradition and change...a seamless blend of mythology and history. A fresh feminist coming-of-age tale that lets the ancient and the new meld and clash. Copies from the public library are available to sign out from the church on Monday and Tuesday mornings during office hours. Discussion will be via Zoom on Saturday, November 14 at 9:30am. Please contact Kay Harlan kay-harlan@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in participating.

Reminder: Please help to keep us informed. If you know of someone in the hospital or who is ill, please call the church at 281-342-6631, or email the church at church.office@stjohnsumc-richmond.org.

Virtual Worship Volunteers: If you are interested in helping with worship, please sign up via the link below. We are following safety precautions when you come into the building to help for the health and safety of everyone!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B45A9AE28AAF85-at-home1>

Online Worship: You can view worship services online on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsumcrichmond>) or <http://stjohnsumc-richmond.org>. Live worship is Sunday at 11am on our Facebook page. After the live service, the video can be viewed on our Facebook page or the website anytime.