

NEEDS THIS WEEK

Give Blood: It takes ONE hour of your time to help THREE people. We will host our bi-annual drive on Sunday, August 29 in Wendt Hall from 9:00am-1:00pm. Use the following link to sign up: [Commit For Life Schedule](#).

FOCUS THIS WEEK

Elevator: The elevator is out of service. If you require the elevator to go upstairs, please be aware that it will NOT be available Sunday, August 29. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Bulletin: Please visit the link below for a printable copy of this week's bulletin or view the PDF attached to this email – [August 29](#).

Women's Retreat: The retreat is being postponed. We will let you know when a new date is selected.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Fort Bend County Fair Parade: It is almost time for this year's parade! This year St. John's will pass out water bottles to help everyone stay hydrated! We need your help to make this event a success. Please donate individual bottles of water by Sunday, September 12. In the next week, please be on the lookout for a link to help label the water bottles, as well as a sign-up to hand out the water on Friday, September 24.

Jelly Jars: It is time to start preparing for holiday jalapeño jelly. If you have 4oz or 8oz jars you'd like to donate, please drop them off in the church office.

Smith Santa Shop: We are looking for supplies and items to stock the Smith Elementary Christmas Store. The students will earn tickets to purchase gifts for parents. Our goal is to teach "giving to others." Below is a list of suggested items. Donations can be dropped off in Room 105 or the church office.

- coffee mugs
- jewelry (broken is okay but no crosses)
- toiletries (regular and travel size-lotion, bath gel, hand sanitizer, shaving cream and after shave)
- bath scrubbers
- fingernail brushes
- playing cards
- men's socks
- gloves
- baseball caps
- flashlights (small and large)
- tape measures
- makeup bags
- fuzzy socks
- pretty notepads and pens
- dominoes
- tweezers
- nail clippers
- lipstick/lip gloss or lip balm
- nail polish
- emery boards
- hand mirrors
- ribbon (all colors and widths)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Choirs: Children's Choirs for ages 4 through 5th grade will begin Wednesday, September 1 from 4:00-5:00pm. Forms can be picked up from the church office. For more info, please contact Tim Benson at tim.benson@stjohnsumc-richmond.org.

Youth Choirs: Handbells for teens grades 6 through 12 will begin Sunday, September 12 at 1:00pm. If your teen would like to participate, please contact Tim Benson at tim.benson@stjohnsumc-richmond.org.

Box Tops: Smith Elementary participates in the Box Tops for Education program offered by General Mills. You can help Smith out by clipping the Box Tops for Education coupons found on General Mills product packages and turning them in to the church office.

ADULTS

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Meeting: Please join us on Thursday, September 2 at 7:00pm for our monthly support group meeting. We will be meeting in Wendt Hall so that we can social distance. We encourage our current members and potential members to join us for this meeting. Our meeting will last one hour, and in accordance with the Alzheimer's Association guidelines, masks are required. Please visit our group's Facebook Page (Richmond-Rosenberg Alzheimer's Support Group):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RichmondRosenbergAlzheimersSupport/>

Women's Book Club: Our next book is *Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott. It's a Cold War spy thriller of the "woman kind". "A thrilling tale of secretaries turned spies, of love and duty, and of sacrifice—inspired by the true story of the CIA plot to infiltrate the hearts and minds of Soviet Russia, not with propaganda, but with the greatest love story of the twentieth century: Doctor Zhivago." Copies of this novel, from the Fort Bend County Library system, are available at the church in the copy room. Sign out a copy and when finished, return it to the church for the next reader. Discussion will be on Saturday, September 4 at 9:30am in 105. **Please note the date change.**

Lay Servant Academy: Our in-person Lay Servant Academy is back! We have 3 upcoming opportunities on September 18, October 23, and February 5, 2022, all of which will be held at Faith UMC in Richmond. Each session will be a ONE-DAY class on a Saturday. Click [this link](#) to register for any of the dates/classes you'd like. If you have any questions, please contact Claire Kincannon at 281-499-3700. We hope to see you there!

Flower Calendar: If you would like to place flowers on the altar in celebration of or in memory of your loved one, please click [here](#) to review available dates or stop by the church office. **Remaining dates for 2021 include September 19 and October 17.**

Hospitality Time: Please sign up to bring goodies one Sunday during your birthday month! (For example, if your birthday is in August, please sign up for one of the Sundays in August.) We ask that your contribution be in the Gathering Room (105) by 9:15am on your chosen Sunday. **Everyone is welcome to join us for Hospitality Time in the Gathering Room.** Please click [here](#) TODAY to sign up!

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.