

The CROSS CURRENT

A St. Christopher Episcopal Church Publication

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Sing to the Lord a new song, for He does marvelous things.

Psalm 98:1



Palm Sunday through Easter Service Schedule

Palm Sunday: April 14th

Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Donuts and Fellowship 9:00 a.m.

Rite II with procession of the Palms 9:30 a.m.

Christian Education for all ages 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary 11:30 a.m.

Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday April 16th - Rite II Evening Prayer with Eucharist, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday April 18th - Traditional Rite II Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19th - Good Friday Service, 12:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: April 21st

SonRise Service at the Kemah Boardwalk, 7:30 a.m.

Traditional Rite I 8 a.m.

Donuts and Fellowship 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Rite II Traditional 9:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary 11:30 a.m.

Parish News

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Episcopal Church 101

Are you new to St. Christopher? Are you new to the Episcopal Church? Are you a life-long Episcopalian that never knew there were pages in the Book of Common Prayer outside of the Rite I and Rite II services? Then this class is for you. Beginning Sunday, April 28th at 10:40 in classroom 1, we will explore together the history of the Episcopal Church, using the Book of Common Prayer as our guide. Over the course of 3 weeks, we will discover our Anglican history and dive deep into things like Sacramental Theology, The Creed, and the Daily Office. For those who are new to the Episcopal Church, these classes will prepare you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Bishop's visit in August. Come join us!

Taize Service

This year we will end our Wednesdays in Lent, on April 10th, at 6:30 p.m. with a Taize service. The Taizé service is a meditative experience of prayer that includes silence and chanting, using simple repetitive words, refrains and melodies. Its purpose is to provide a setting where beautiful traditional prayer can be offered in an ecumenical group, without violating the norms of formal worship. The service is simple and very easy to participate in, whether you sing or not. It is a form of contemplative prayer that allows the heart and mind to relax and to meditate on the repetitive phrases easily allowing the participants to focus on praying for what God places on their heart.

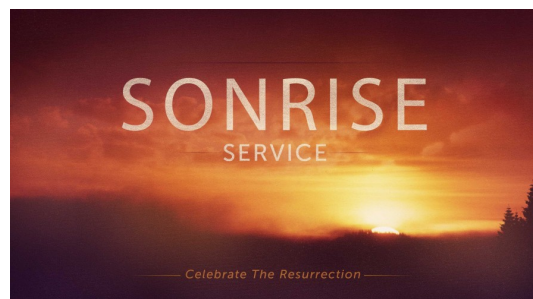


Spring Parish Workday

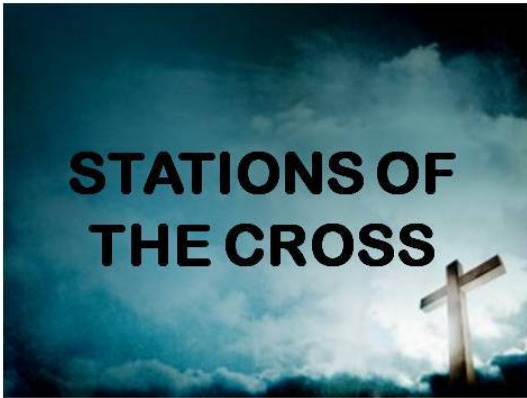
Please join us on Saturday, April 13th for our Spring Parish Workday, beginning at 8 a.m. Come help clean up our campus and help to make it look nice for our Palm Sunday and Easter Festivities.

19th Annual Easter SonRise Service

This year for our Easter SonRise Service, we are responsible for bringing homemade mini-muffins for the hospitality table. Please contact Kim Johnson to let her know of your



willingness to help, and to get specific details.

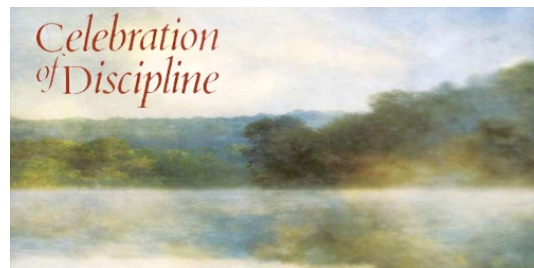


Stations, Soup, and Lenten Series

Our final Stations of the Cross service is on Wednesday, April 3rd, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, then to Buckner Hall for our Soup Supper and final week of our Lenten Series, "Praying by Hand", led by Seminarian Mike Brady. Please bring a pot of soup or salad to share.

Spiritual Disciplines

On Sunday, April 7th, at 10:40 in the church conference room, we will have our last in the series, led by Fr. Brian. Using Richard Foster's book "The Celebration of Discipline" as a guide, we will explore the classic spiritual disciplines that allow us to strengthen and deepen our relationship with God and walk with Christ. It's not too late to join us as we discover together the different ways God gives us to be in relationship with Him.



Together at the Table

Join us for a special "Together at the Table" - Saturday, April 20th, 10 am-1 pm. We will be celebrating Earth Day with a special performance of a



Story Book Opera led by Houston Grand Opera's Artist, Julie Hoeltzel. We will gather in the garden to explore, sniff, taste, touch and observe our Spring organic garden, plant some things in containers, harvest some fresh veggies and herbs and head inside for a Chef led meal to share by Melissa Huerta. Together at the Table is a free event focused on bringing children and families into the garden to learn about growing and eating healthy foods. Providence Gardens is an outreach ministry of St. Christopher Episcopal church serving our neighbors in need since 2008. We are maintained by volunteers and sustained through donations and grants. Please contact Ally Hardick at lmc@stchrischurch.org to sign up for the event or to help out in the future.

Acolyte Training

A new acolyte training session and current acolytes refresher course for current acolytes will be held on April 27, at 10 a.m. If you or your child would like to be an acolyte, please attend this training. If you are unsure about the commitment, please email or talk to Charlotte McCalla at church. The major commitment is the willingness to learn and to show up on time for the date one is scheduled. A child needs to be old enough to carry the



small cross and/or the torch and sit appropriately during the service. This is at least 6 years of age. Perfection is not expected. Please consider this ministry for you and/or your child.



Youth Sunday

Save the Date! May 5th is Youth Sunday! The youth group will be assisting Fr. Brian in the worship services, and we will be honoring our graduates. This also includes college grads so if you have a student graduating, please let Meghan know so we can include them.

Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

Celebrating our Moms, Sisters, Children, and Friends in style! Please join us at the Lakewood Yacht Club (2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Dr. Seabrook, 77586) on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Come dressed in your best. Hats encouraged! Cost is \$20/adult and \$10/child. RSVP and payment due by May 5th. Look for the sign-up outside the Welcome Center. Please see Alice McCalla for payment options.



Youth Fellowship Night

It's time for a night out! On Sunday, April 28th, the youth group will meet



at Putt Putt Funhouse from 5-7pm for a night of fellowship. This event is free and will include dinner! The address is 806 E NASA Pkwy, Webster, TX 77598. Please sign up with Meghan by April 27th.

Parish Picnic

Save the Date: Sunday, May 19th, we will have our Annual Parish Picnic. We will once again gather at the home of the Shaffers for Fellowship, fun, and food! If you are interesting in helping with this event, please contact Ally at Imc@stchrischurch.org. Stay tuned for more details to come.



ECW Convocation Spring Gathering

Please save the date of Saturday, May 18th, for the Galveston and Southwest Convocations ECW Spring Spiritual Gathering. More information to come in the next few weeks regarding the program and registration.

Interfaith Caring Ministries

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April Donation Item is Dry Soup.
Please place your donations in
the box outside the Welcome Center.



Call for Pictures

Our St. Christopher family is always busy with fellowship, events, and many ways serving our community. There are many of you out there who like to document these happenings. Please share your pictures with us. Send to office@stchrischurch.org. Thank you!

*For more information on any items listed in *The Cross Current*, please reach out to a [parish staff member](#) or contact our [office](#).*

Upcoming Events

- APR 03 Stations, Soup, and Lenten Series
- APR 10 Taize Service
- APR 13 Parish Workday
Providence Garden Workday
- APR 14 Palm Sunday
- APR 15 Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner
Vestry Meeting
- APR 16 Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist
- APR 18 Traditional Maundy Thursday Service
- APR 19 Good Friday Service
- APR 20 Together at the Table
- APR 21 Easter Sunday with Baptisms

APR 27 Acolyte Training
MAY 05 Youth Sunday
MAY 11 Mother/Daughter Brunch
MAY 15 Office Angels Luncheon
MAY 18 ECW Spring Spiritual - convocation gathering
MAY 19 Parish Picnic
MAY 20 Vestry Meeting
MAY 27 Office Closed - Memorial Day

To see the full church calendar, please [click here](#).

Extended Episcopal Events

Camp Allen, Navasota, TX

- Featured [Events](#) - Spring/Summer

Sunday Worship

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 Fellowship and Breakfast in the Welcome Center
9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II with Children's Chapel*
10:30 Christian Education for all ages
11:30 Holy Eucharist Contemporary in Buckner Hall*

** A sermon for children is the first Sunday of every month*

Christian Education

SUNDAYS at 10:30 a.m.

Children through 5th grade

- Feasting on the Word

Adults

- The Gospel According to John (Room 1)

SUNDAYS at 5:00 p.m.

Jr. High and Sr. High youth will meet in Buckner Hall from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for bible study, games, and a meal.

WEDNESDAYS at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)

- Entering the Passion of Jesus, by Amy-Jill Levine

THURSDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

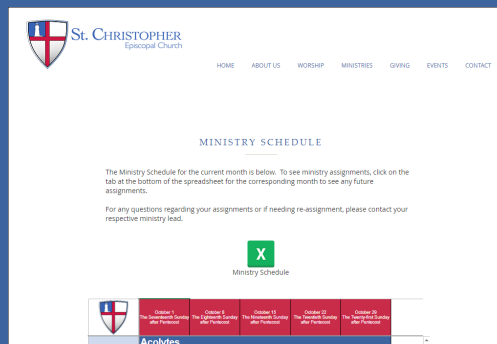
Women's Bible Study (Julie Howell's Home)

- Final Words from the Cross, by Adam Hamilton

For more information on our Christian Education opportunities, please visit the [Children's Ministry](#), [Youth Ministry](#), and [Adult Christian Education](#) pages on our website respectively.

Ministry Schedule

For the current ministry schedule, please [click here](#). It is password protected for parishioner's privacy. To gain instructions and access, please contact your respective ministry lead.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the Altar Flowers for 2018, please [click here](#) to send the details and text you would like to include in the bulletin.



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