



# *The* CROSS CURRENT

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

*Psalm 98:1*



## **Fall Schedule Changes**

Beginning on Sunday, September 1, we will begin our new Worship Schedule and welcome the Rev. Bob Flick to our Sunday morning Worship Team.

8:00 a.m. Rite I

9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Christian Formation for all ages

10:30 a.m. Rite II in the Nave

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship in Buckner Hall

The Youth have a new schedule as well:

Jr. High 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Sr. High 6:00-8:00 p.m.

6:00-6:30 p.m. Fellowship and dinner together.

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## Parish News

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### Fall Rally Day

Rally Day is August 25th. This will be the start of our new service schedule, and will include a blessing of students, teachers, and backpacks, a celebration of ministries in the parish hall with breakfast, and a few surprises between services, and much more. Join us for the exciting Sunday!

Our service schedule on this day:

8:00 am Rite I

10:30 am Blended Worship in the sanctuary.



## Are You Called to Serve?

With support from the rector, the vestry has decided to hold vestry elections in October (instead of the Annual Parish Meeting in January). Those elected will begin their 3 year term in January of 2020. Elections will be held in between services on Sunday morning, October 27<sup>th</sup> in Buckner Hall. If you are interested in submitting your name or someone else's, please contact any member of the vestry or the church office for proper vetting. We will elect 4 new vestry members this year.

All candidates must be an adult communicant in good standing, which is defined by the canons as the following:

- Adult: any communicant sixteen years of age and over
- Communicant: a member of this Church who has received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year
- Good Standing: any communicant of this Church who for the previous year has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God

**LEMs Needed**

This Ministry is one of serving the people, while assisting the Rector during services. You will read the lesson, lead the prayers, and serve the wine at communion. We are in need of additional Lay Eucharistic Ministers to join. If you are interested or called to serve, please contact Greg Decker, Beth in the office, or Fr. Brian. We will be scheduling a training for all who participate in this ministry, new and a refresher for all others.



## Calling All Singers

Right now, our adult choir is taking a well-deserved break, but we will be starting up again soon. Regular rehearsals resume on Thursday, August 22nd at 7:15PM. We welcome new members and would love to have you join us. Music-reading ability is helpful, but not required. We're having a choir retreat on Saturday, August 17th from 10:00-12:00 at the church which would be a great time for you to check us out. Dennis.

[music@stchrischurch.org](mailto:music@stchrischurch.org)

## Annual Youth Beach Day

The Youth's final summer festivity is a play day at Stewart Beach on Wednesday, August 7th! We will meet at the church at 9:00am to carpool down to Galveston together. After a few hours of playing, we'll head to The Spot for a late lunch.



Pick up will be back at the church at 4:00pm. This event is free! Please sign up with Meghan by August 4th so that we can have enough seat belts for everyone!



## Children's Ministry Workday

Save the Date: We will have a big Children's Ministry workday on **Saturday, August 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, so mark your calendars now. We will be cleaning up, painting, etc., our Sunday school classrooms to help make them more inviting to for our littles. We need volunteers to help with this task. Please consider coming and helping out. Many hands make for light work. Contact Julie at [childrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:childrensministry@gmail.com) for more details and to let her know you are available to help.

## Annual Backpack Donation

Beginning Sunday, July 28th, for 4 weeks, we will be collecting backpacks and supplies to support our friends at League City Elementary. The backpack and supplies will be blessed on Sunday, August 25th, and then delivered to the school. Keep a look out for more information and specific details as to what is needed. Please see Ally for additional questions.





## Youth Schedule Changes

Beginning on August 4th, due to our increased attendance and age range, the Sunday night schedule will be switching back to separating Jr. High and High School ages. The Jr. High students will meet from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and the High School students will meet from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The overlapping time will be when dinner is served for all students together. Please make note on your calendars for the upcoming changes.

## Bishop Visitation

On Sunday, August 18th, Bishop Monterroso will be visiting St. Christopher, and we will share in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Reception. If you are interested in one of these sacraments, please contact Fr. Brian in the church office at either [office@stchrischurch.org](mailto:office@stchrischurch.org) or 281-332-5553.



## Worship Survey

As a new school year begins, we are discerning the possibility of adding Morning and/or Evening Prayer to our worship schedule. Below is a link to a survey we are asking all members of St. Christopher to consider. As you are able, click the link and take this very brief survey... Thank you! Please [Click Here](#).

## Providence Garden Update

We received a huge seed donation from a company called adaptive seeds in Oregon. This will allow us, to not only have an awesome fall Garden at the church, but also to share with League City Elementary. These seeds will also go toward LCE Habitat Club, and building a new Garden in their new school space. Contact Ally Hardick at [Imc@stchrischurch.org](mailto:Imc@stchrischurch.org) if you would like to volunteer.



## Breakfast, Donuts and Fellowship

Throughout the Summer, we will have doughnuts every morning during fellowship. If in the fall you wish to provide breakfast, please contact Ally for schedule of available dates.



We will begin a "take and go" breakfast, once again, beginning in September. If your ministry or family is interested in hosting, please contact Ally Hardick for available dates.



## Diocesan ECW Communicator Needed

The Diocesan ECW is looking for a convocational communicator for the

Galveston and Southwest Convocations. This is an appointed position to fill a 2 year term. The primary job duties are centered around forwarding emails to churches to provide reminders of upcoming deadlines, mailing out reminders and ECW calendars, and planning a spring spiritual gathering for these convocations. You will also be a part of decision-making, with regards to outreach grants and programming. Board meetings usually occur at Camp Allen in January and October. The October meeting is right before the annual retreat, and all fees are paid for by the EDOT ECW. The most computer skills required are basic word processing skills for mail outs and to be able to operate gmail for email distributions. Please contact Natalie Brady for questions/interest at [natalieb81@gmail.com](mailto:natalieb81@gmail.com).

## **Interfaith Caring Ministries**

Interfaith Caring Ministries Donation drive item for August is Paper Products: Toilet Paper, Napkins, & Paper Products. Please place any 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](mailto: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](#).*

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## Upcoming Events

- AUG 07 Youth Beach Day  
Life Line Screening
- AUG 17 Children's Ministry Workday
- AUG 17 Choir Retreat
- AUG 18 Bishop Visitation
- AUG 19 Vestry Meeting
- AUG 25 Rally Day/Kickoff Sunday
- AUG 29 Sunday School Teacher Training
- SEP 02 Office Closed - Labor Day
- SEP 13-14 Youth Lock-In
- SEP 16 Vestry Meeting
- SEP 26 IWC Roundtable
- SEP 28 Days for Girls Sewathon
- SEP 29 Stewardship Begins

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

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## Extended Episcopal Events

Camp Allen, Navasota, TX

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

St. Andrew's, Pearland

- 2nd Annual [Pumpkin Pups](#) Charity Dog Contest, September 21

St. Thomas the Apostle, Nassau Bay

- [Our Sister's Keeper](#), Photography Exhibition, through Mid-August
- [Icon Workshop](#), August 5th-9th

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## 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 Sermon\*  
10:30 Christian Education for all ages  
11:30 Holy Eucharist Contemporary in Buckner Hall\*

*\* A sermon for children is now given every Sunday*

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## Christian Education

SUNDAYS at 10:30 a.m.

Children through 5th grade

- Feasting on the Word

Adults

- How We Got the Bible (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)

- The Case for Easter, by Lee Strobel

THURSDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

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

- The Lamb of God, by Nancy Guthrie

*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.

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## 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.



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## 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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## Online Giving

[Click here](#) to automate your pledge offering and other gifts for God's work.

OR, paste this address to your browser:

<https://StChristopher.breezechms.com/give/online>

OR, go to [www.stchrischurch.org/giving](http://www.stchrischurch.org/giving)

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*Have an event or article you would like to see included in a future issue of The Cross Current newsletter? To submit your request and information, please [click here](#). The deadline for submissions is one week before the first of the month.*



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