

The CROSS CURRENT

A St. Christopher Episcopal Church Publication

January 2019

Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord.

Lamentations 3:40

**ANNUAL
PARISH
MEETING**



Annual Parish Meeting/Strategic Plan

Our Annual Parish Meeting – **Sunday, January 27th**. We will gather in Buckner Hall at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and our meeting. At this time, we will elect new vestry members and hear a special presentation regarding the launch of our strategic plan for 2019 and beyond. Immediately after, we will all gather in the sanctuary for a Super Service. Please come join your St. Christopher family on this very important Sunday.

Parish News



Diocesan Council 2019

Diocesan Council is the annual business meeting of the diocese, held every February. Delegates Needed to represent St. Christopher – Thursday evening, February 21st through Saturday midday February 23rd in The Woodlands, Texas. This year we will be electing a new Bishop Suffragan, due to the retirement of the Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison. If you are interested in participating, or for more information, please contact Fr. Brian.

Baptism of our Lord

On Sunday, January 13th, on the day we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, we will celebrate baptisms of new members during services. Please contact Fr. Brian or the church office if you are



interested, or just want more information about baptisms.

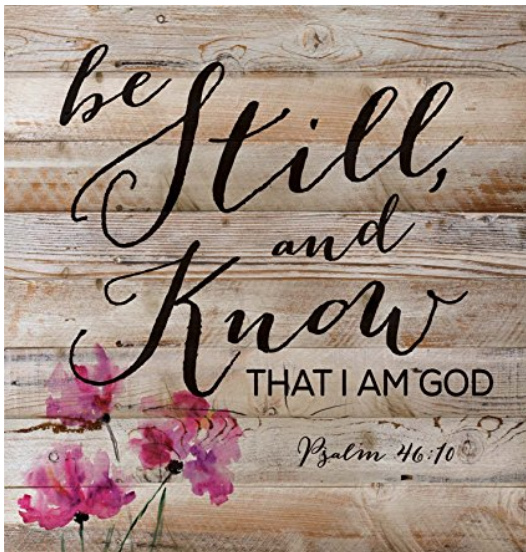


Serendipity Supper

Our January Serendipity Supper will take place at the home of Jim & Dianne Hammond, on Friday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m. The entree will be a chicken dish. Please bring a side dish and come enjoy the fellowship!

Youth Mid-Winter Retreat

The Youth are heading to San Antonio for a fun playday at Fiesta Texas the weekend of January 18th through the 20th for their annual Mid-Winter Retreat. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels.



Women's Retreat

Save the dates: March 15th-17th. We will have our Annual Women's Retreat at Camp Allen. Our theme this year - "Be Still and Know". Add this to your calendar, and keep an eye out for details about registration. We are looking for women who wish to be a part of our kitchen team. If you are interested, please contact Kim or Beth for more details.

Meet The Rev. Nancy DeForest. She will be our speaker for the Women's Retreat. Nancy has been ordained clergy in the Diocese of



Texas since 1996.

Nancy is also an experienced retreat and workshop leader whose ministry draws people into the saving, healing and loving presence of the blessed Trinity. Her heart sings with the love of her Savior, Jesus Christ and she invites others to join in praise of His compassion and goodness, allowing themselves to be transformed by His gracious and powerful Spirit.

Women's Night at the Urban Easel

Do you need a night out? Save the date! Saturday, February 2, 2019, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Join us for a fun night of instructor-led painting! No experience necessary! Look for a sign-up sheet outside the Welcome Center and an email with an online sign-up to come in January. Cost is \$30 per person. Snacks will be provided. BYOB. Check out the [Urban Easel](#).



Youth Mission Mystery Dinner Returns

Save the Date! On Friday, February 8th, the youth of St. Christopher will host their Mission Mystery Dinner. Join us for a night of fun as you decode your mystery menu to see what's for dinner! Tickets go on sale starting January 27th: \$10 for adults

and \$5 for children under 12. All proceeds go towards the youth summer mission trips!

Interfaith Caring Ministries

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January/February Donation Item is Tuna. Please place your donations in the box outside the Welcome Center.



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

2018 St. Christopher Family Recap



Call for Pictures

In 2018, our St. Christopher family was 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!

Threads of Comfort

Thanks to all those who have supported Threads of Comfort by making baby blankets at home. We have now donated over 100 blankets to Anchor Point and another 30-40 to

the nursing school and hospitals in Honduras. We have recently had several large donations of fabric so feel free to pick up some supplies to work in the convenience of your home. For more information or questions, please feel free to reach out to Melodie at (832) 226-9226 or Melodiekeener@gmail.com. Thank you again for a wonderful and successful year in ministry!



Pajamas and Groceries

Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in loading and delivering blessings to the families at League City Elementary School on Thursday, December 13th! Over 135 pairs of pajamas and pillows were distributed among the students and 36 families received a pantry full of basics to help them through the 2 week Christmas Break.

Providence Garden

We have had an extremely productive Fall in the orchard this year! Over 1000 pounds of assorted Satsumas, Sweet Lemons, Mandarins, Grapefruit and Navel Oranges have been harvested and shared with local area non-profits, including League City Elementary School, Interfaith Caring Ministries in League City, The Bridge family crisis shelter in Pasadena, Bay Area Turning Point family crisis shelter in Webster, and Lighthouse Christian

Ministries food pantry in Baycliff.

In partnership with League City Elementary school we have started a container garden for their Habitat Club. On Monday afternoons we teach the Texas A & M Jr. Master Gardener curriculum as an outreach project of our own Providence Gardens. The students are learning how to grow their own food, make sound nutritional choices, and stay healthy through physical activity. We have 24 students this semester and will continue in January until school lets out for the summer. We need volunteers to help prepare the lessons, prepare snacks and tastings, and to help care for the garden and secure donations.



We are looking forward to a productive spring and are recruiting volunteers now. Please let Ally know if you are interested in volunteering or donating supplies to either project.

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Upcoming Events

- JAN 02 Office Reopens - Regular hours
- JAN 11 Serendipity Supper
- JAN 12 Providence Garden Workday
- JAN 13 Baptisms
- JAN 18 Youth Mid-Winter Retreat (18-20)
- JAN 21 Office Closed - MLK
Vestry Meeting
- JAN 27 Annual Parish Meeting
- FEB 01 Serendipity Supper

FEB 02 Women's Painting Night
FEB 08 Youth Mission Mystery Dinner
FEB 09 Providence Garden Workday
FEB 18 Vestry Meeting
MAR 05 Annual Pancake Supper
MAR 06 Ash Wednesday
MAR 15 Annual Women's Retreat (15-17)
MAR 18 Vestry Meeting

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

Extended Episcopal Events

Camp Allen, Navasota, TX

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

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)

- Elijah, by Melissa Spoelstra

THURSDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

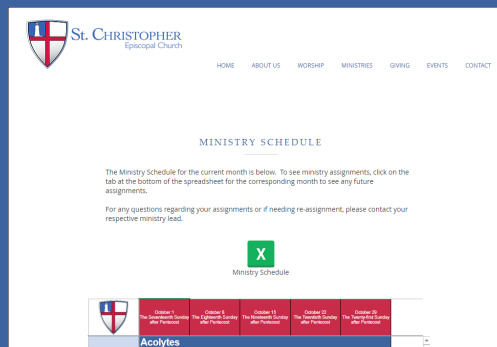
Women's Bible Study (Julie Howell's Home)

- Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God, by Francis Chan (Beginning October 18th)

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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