

# *The* CROSS CURRENT

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September 2019

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

*Psalm 98:1*



## **Fall Schedule Changes**

As we live into a new season, The Rev. Jim Nelson will join us on staff as Assisting Priest, beginning September 22nd.

Our new Sunday Worship Schedule as follows:

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

New Sunday Youth schedule:  
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.

Weekday Morning Worship:  
Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

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## Parish News

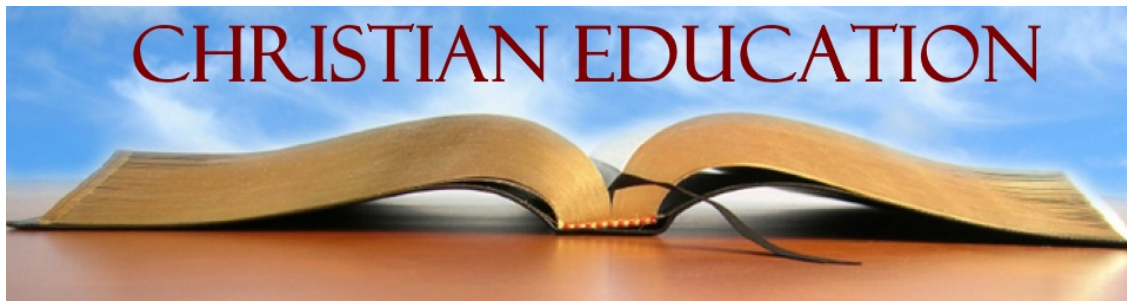
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### Columbarium Presentation

What is a Columbarium?

A Columbarium is a structure, typically a wall of brick, stone, granite, marble or other material containing niches used to hold the cremated remains of the departed.

If you are interested in learning more about our Columbarium ministry, please join us at one of our presentations this weekend, Saturday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m. or Sunday afternoon, September 8th at 12:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. We will meet in Buckner Hall, to hear more about this project and pre-sale. Niches will be available for sale after the presentation. If you cannot attend and still want information, there is a sign-up sheet outside the Welcome Center. If you have further questions, please contact Greg Decker.



## **New Christian Education Offerings for the Fall**

### **Sundays at 9:15 a.m. - Christian Education Hour**

#### Adult Offerings:

Christianity and World Religions - Church Conference Room

The Prison Letters of Paul - Classroom 1

The Way of Grace - The Lounge

#### Children

Feasting on the Word - Classrooms 3 and 5

#### Youth

Growing with God - Classroom 6

### **Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. - The Conference Room**

Women's Bible Study - The New Testament You Never Knew

### **Thursday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. -- The Home of Julie Howell**

LIFE Ladies - The Lamb of God

Beginning September 19th - Revelation



## **MDO Back in Session for the Schoolyear**

Our MDO schoolyear begins on Tuesday, September 10th. Please note that on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. we will have as many as 60 kiddos on campus. Should you need to access the campus for any

reason during these hours, you must come through the church office.

## **Growth Group Opportunity**

Beginning Tuesday, September 10th, 6:45-8:45 p.m., there will be a new growth group opportunity at the home of John Lothrop. This will include a simple pot-luck type dinner and a scripture study, using the African method. Space is limited, so this time will be first come-first served. There is a sign-up sheet outside the Welcome Center.



## **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.



## Annual Youth Lock-In

Our annual fall Youth Lock-In will be September 13th from 6pm-9am! Join us as we explore weird stories of the Bible on this Friday the 13th! Of course, expect lots of food & games & crafts as well! Please see Meghan

to get the required paperwork to sign up for this free event.

## Days for Girls Sewathon

Our next Days for Girls Sewathon is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Buckner Hall. We will gather, as a group of women from around the diocese, to sew, fellowship, and serve girls around the world. Please come join us to learn about this ministry. There are many facets of making these Days for Girls kits. You do not need to sew. We will have a sign-up sheet outside the Welcome Center for participation, as well as to sign up to bring a food item to feed all of our volunteers. For questions, please contact Fran Lantz at [flantz947@att.net](mailto:flantz947@att.net).



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GIRLS



## ECW Annual Retreat

Registration is now open for our Episcopal Diocese of Texas Annual ECW Retreat. The retreat will take place the weekend of October 11-13 at Camp Allen in Navasota, TX. The theme this year is “Renewed day by day”, taken from 2 Corinthians 4:16. This retreat is open to all women in the diocese. Registration deadline is October 4th through [www.epicenter.org/ecw-annual-retreat/](http://www.epicenter.org/ecw-annual-retreat/).

## Providence Garden Update

We received a garden grant from the Fairlife dairy. A Huge thank you for their generous support. We plan to use the funds to continue our outreach satellite gardening and Jr. Master Gardening Program at League City Elementary. Perhaps, we will even add a few new fruit trees to the orchard.



## Breakfast, Donuts and Fellowship

Our plan is to bring back Sunday morning "Grab-and-Go" type breakfast for the Fall. But we need ministries and/or families to team up to volunteer. For those Sundays we don't have a group signed-up, we will have donuts. Please contact Beth in the church office at [office@stchrischurch.org](mailto:office@stchrischurch.org) or 281-332-5553 for available open dates.



## Interfaith Caring Ministries

Interfaith Caring Ministries Donation drive item for September is Personal Hygiene Products: Bar Soap, Shampoo & Deodorant. 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

SEP 7&8 Columbarium Presentation  
SEP 7 Financial Review - 2018  
SEP 13-14 Youth Lock-In  
SEP 16 Vestry Meeting  
SEP 21 Providence Garden Workday  
SEP 26 IWC Roundtable  
SEP 28 Days for Girls Sewathon  
SEP 28 Providence Garden Workday  
SEP 29 Stewardship Begins  
OCT 5 Parish Life Council  
OCT 11-13 Annual ECW Retreat  
OCT 26 Trunk or Treat  
OCT 27 Ingathering Sunday

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

- 31st Annual [Craft Fair](#) and Pumpkin Patch - October 11th and 12th

St. George's, Texas City

- Grief Share, [Grief Support Group](#), Beginning September 17th

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## Sunday Worship

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 Fellowship and Breakfast in the Welcome Center  
9:15 Christian Education for all ages  
10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Sanctuary\*  
10:30 Holy Eucharist Contemporary in Buckner Hall\*

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

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## Christian Education

SUNDAYS at 9:15 a.m.

Children through 5th grade

- Feasting on the Word

Youth

- Growing with God

Adults

- Christianity and World Religions - Conference Room
- The Prison Letter of Paul - Classroom 1
- The Way of Grace - The Lounge

SUNDAYS at 4:30 p.m.

Youth - Jr. High meets from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. and Sr. High meets from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Buckner Hall, for age appropriate bible study, games, and a shared meal and fellowship at 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)

- The New Testament You Never Knew, by N. T. Wright and Michael Bird

THURSDAYS at 6:30 p.m.

LIFE Ladies Bible Study (Julie Howell's Home)

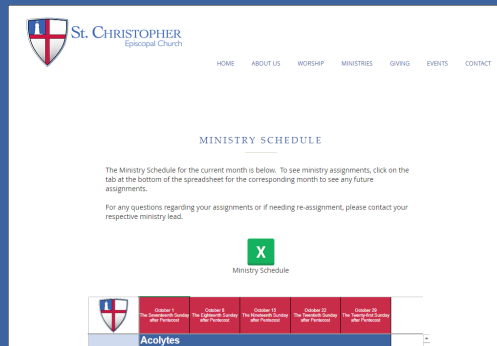
- The Lamb of God, by Nancy Guthrie
- Revelation - The Christian's Ultimate Victory, by John MacArthur

*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

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