

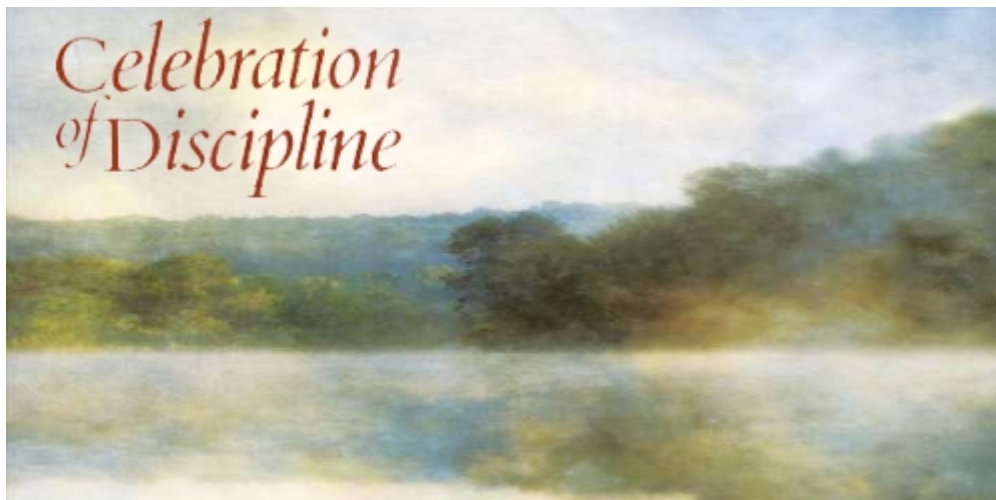
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Sing to the Lord a new song, for He does marvelous things

Psalm 98:1



Spiritual Disciplines

On Sunday mornings during the season of Lent, starting March 10th at 10:40 in the church conference room. 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.

The three categories of inward, outward, and corporate disciplines include things like meditation, fasting, simplicity, solitude, and worship. Please join us as we discover together the different ways God gives us to be in relationship with Him.

Parish News

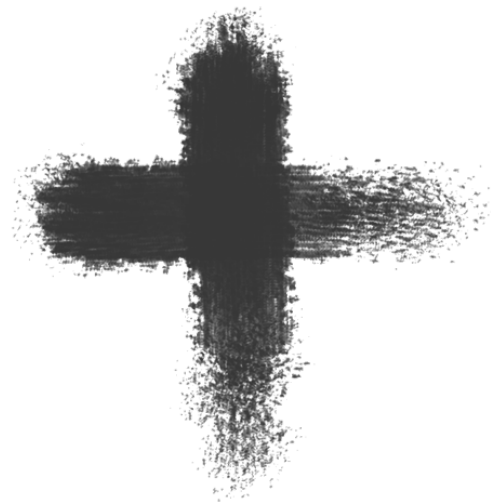


Pancake Supper

Please join us on Tuesday evening, March 5, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. in Buckner Hall for our Annual Pancake Supper. Recommended donation is \$5 and all proceeds will go toward Adult and Youth Missions for 2019.

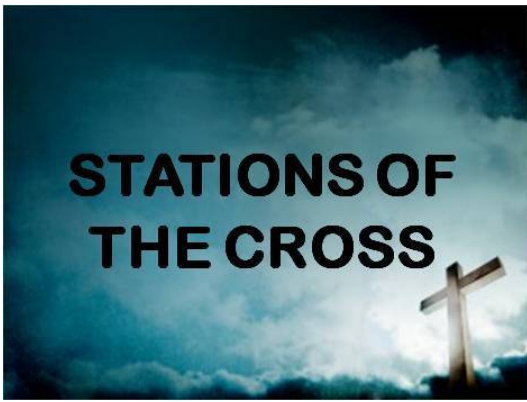
Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, March 6th, our Ash Wednesday Service schedule is as follows: Imposition of Ashes at 7 a.m. and 12 p.m.. Imposition of Ashes with Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m. Please mark your calendars.



Stations, Soup, and Series

Wednesdays in Lent, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, we will have Stations of the Cross, followed by a Soup supper (potluck), and then



our Lenten Series in Buckner Hall. Please consider joining us for fellowship and study, beginning on March 13th.

Praying by Hand - An Anglican Guide to Prayer Beads - Lenten Series

In this class, we will explore the history of prayer beads and take a look at them in our Anglican/Episcopal tradition. We will see how beads have enhanced prayer for centuries, and we will explore how they may be useful to you in your personal prayer life.

During the course you will create your own prayer to use during your prayer time AND you will make your own set of beads to use. We will have a special blessing on all of them by Fr Brian on Easter Day.

Come join us for this 4-week series, beginning on Wednesday, March 13th, and see how Anglican Prayer Beads might make your personal walk with God even better!



Youth Spring Break Service

Spring Break is almost here and you know what that means - time for our



annual Youth Service & Play Adventures! From 9am-4pm Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (March 11th-13th) the youth will be meeting for volunteer and fellowship opportunities including the Galveston County Food Bank and our very own Providence Garden. Please see Meghan for the required paperwork and to sign up. The deadline to register is Sunday, March 10th!

Threads of Comfort

Threads of Comfort is returning to its roots! We have received a large donation of both fabric and yarn and are planning to return to the original mission to make prayer shawls and prayer blankets. **The difference is that this time, these will be made available to the congregation to be used in whatever capacity they may be needed, to provide comfort to someone in need.**



To be successful we need your help! Would you be willing to sew, knit, crochet, or make a fleece no-sew tied blanket in your spare time in the comfort of your home, and donate to this effort? Feel free to pick up fabric or yarn at your convenience. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Melodie Keener at 832-226-9226 or melodiekeener@gmail.com.



Children's Ministry Update



Following Easter Sunday, St. Chris will be transitioning out of providing a Children's Chapel during the 9:30 worship service. After careful consideration and discussion, we have decided to transition into new methods for delivering the Word to our precious children of St. Christopher. After Easter, we will now be providing Children's Sermons during the service on a weekly basis, so that our kids can grow in the love of Christ alongside their parents! We hope this will nurture the seeds of a lifelong relationship with the church as they grow. In doing this, we also hope to expand and grow our Acolyte program in the traditional service. Ideally we would like to transition the Children's Chapel space into a haven for families and parents to join in fellowship and formation with one another as well. The dedicated Children's Library will remain in the room as it is. We hope you will pray for us as we embark on this new journey in Children's Ministry! If you have questions or are interested in volunteering for Children's Ministry, please contact Julie Hoeltzel at childrensministry@stchrischurch.org.

Venture Honduras - With a Purpose

Come discover what a week in Honduras might be like this summer,

on Sunday, March 10th at 1:00 p.m. in The Welcome Center. The 2 Greg's (Decker & Oliver) are hosting an Enquirers Gathering for this year's expedition mission trip to southern Honduras with Living Water International (June 16-23). They will share what this type of an international mission trip is like and how your participation makes a significant difference in the lives of so many people. If you are apprehensive, curious, or ready to sign-up, come for this informational meeting, and come see how the Lord leads you.



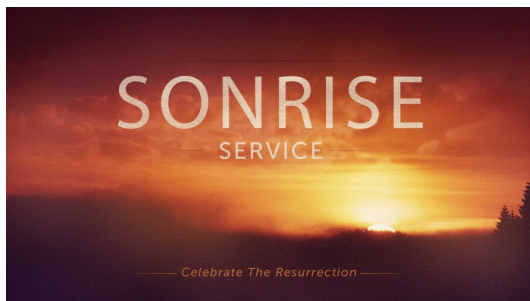
Acolyte Training

A new acolyte training session and 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.

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!

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19th Annual Easter SonRise Service

Planning has already begun for this year's Easter SonRise Service. In conjunction with Life Fellowship, St. Christopher is actively participating in the leadership and planning for this year's community Easter celebration. This is a major community outreach event with ~ 600 in attendance for the past few years! Be part in offering the Gospel of Jesus' resurrection and the love of God to this large assembly, many of which are not church goers. **Please contact Greg Oliver** if you are

interested in being part of this major event, or have questions.

Spring has Sprung

We are well on our way to another amazing season in the garden! Thank you to Eagle Scout Anthony LaMorte with troop 609 for adding 8 raised beds with permanent trellising in January. This literally doubled our growing space overnight. We were fortunate to receive grant funds from St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Women and several seed and plant donations. We had an extremely productive Fall gardening season resulting in approximately 1000 pounds of citrus being shared with the families at League City Elementary school and weekly harvests of organically grown produce shared with the families residing at Bay Area Turning Points family crisis shelter.



Our off campus container garden project at LCE is thriving as we work through Texas A & M's Jr. Master Gardener Curriculum. Our Invite Welcome and Connect team is looking for help creating our visitor gifts for Sunday mornings. We gather occasionally to create fresh tasty goodies with seasonal produce from the garden, for example marmalade, pickles etc. We maintain our garden on Friday mornings from 9-11 am and all are welcome. We are in need of some



tools, cat litter tubs, wheelbarrows etc, so when you are doing your Spring cleaning in the garage keep us in mind. Contact Ally Hardick with questions about volunteering, crafting tasty treats, or donating. lmc@stchrischurch.org/ 281-332-5553



ECW Scholarship - Deadline Approaching

Scholarship opportunity available to female Episcopalians in good standing with their parishes. This scholarship can be used towards degree programs or certifications. Please see the [WEBSITE](#) for application and registration information. Deadline is March 31st for the Fall Semester.

Interfaith Caring Ministries

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March Donation Item is Feminine Products. 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

- MAR 02 Serendipity Supper
- MAR 05 Annual Pancake Supper
- MAR 06 Ash Wednesday
- MAR 09 Providence Garden Workday
- MAR 10 Daylight Savings
 - Honduras Mission Trip Enquirers Meeting
- MAR 11 Youth Spring Break Service and Fellowship
- MAR 14 Youth Spring Break Service and Fellowship
- MAR 13 Youth Spring Break Service and Fellowship
 - Stations, Soup, and Lenten Series
- MAR 15 Annual Women's Retreat (15-17)
- MAR 18 Vestry Meeting
- MAR 20 Stations, Soup, and Lenten Series
- MAR 27 Stations, Soup, and Lenten Series
- APR 03 Stations, Soup, and Lenten Series
- APR 06 LPA Day Retreat
- APR 10 Taize Service
- APR 13 Parish Workday
 - Providence Garden Workday
- APR 14 Palm Sunday
- APR 15 Vestry Meeting
- APR 18 Traditional Maundy Thursday Service
- APR 19 Good Friday Service
- APR 21 Easter Sunday with Baptism
- APR 27 Together at the Table
 - Acolyte Training

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)

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

THURSDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

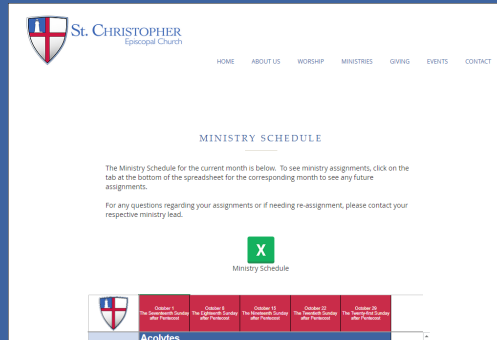
Women's Bible Study (Julie Howell's Home)

- 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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