



# THE CHRONICLES

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>1ST SUNDAY @ Advent</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Watch for God's saving work in the world and your life.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Set aside a time each day in Advent for prayer.</p> <p>"Dear God..."</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Read 1 Corinthians 13:12. Clean a mirror and take a look. What do you see?</p>	<p>1</p> <p><b>World AIDS Day</b> Pray for all who live with AIDS and for those who care for them.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Read Sunday's Gospel: Mark 1:1-8. Do you think John the Baptist be treated today?</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Make a list of what you will <b>give</b> this Christmas. Include some handmade gifts.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>2ND SUNDAY @ Advent</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Make a commitment to be patient this season.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Feast of St. Nicholas Pray for the children of the world and find a way to support a ministry that supports children.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pray for those far from home.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Wake up to laughter and joy. Make someone smile today.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Prepare for Sunday's Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28. How do you respond when asked about your faith?</p>	<p>10</p> <p>This Christmas we read the Gospel of Mark. There are 16 chapters. Read one chapter a day starting today and finish Christmas Day.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>3RD SUNDAY @ Advent</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pray for the food earth God has given us and for the wisdom and will to conserve it.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Help someone who is hungry. Mother Theresa said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one."</p>	<p>14</p> <p>This is a lonely season for some. Visit or call someone you know is alone.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Cultivate hospitality and an open, welcoming heart.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Get ready for Sunday: read Luke 1:26-38. What does it take for Mary to say "Here am I, the servant of the Lord."</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Find a quiet place away from the noise of the season and sit in silence.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>4TH SUNDAY @ Advent</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Wake up to God's presence in all parts of your life, even the messy ones.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Take a walk in the moonlight.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Hymn 563, Stanza 5 "How shall we love thee Holy, hidden Being If we love not the world which thou hast made?"</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Listen to Messiah.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Be awake to beauty in the world around you and in the people around you.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p>

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**The Rev. Robert P. Goolsby**  
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If you or someone you know needs prayer, the Daughters of the King maintain a prayer list. Cards are available in the Sanctuary. The prayer will remain on this list for one month unless noted. For the Prayers of the People, please contact Parish Administrator. Unless otherwise noted, the prayer will only be added for one week.

**PASTORAL CARE**

If you or someone you know needs a home or hospital visit or Holy Communion, our Pastoral Care Team is available. Lay Eucharistic Visitors are available to offer communion. Please call the office to be added to the visitation list. In case of Pastoral Emergency, please call 281.636.7224.

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**FUNDRAISER OR OUTREACH CAMPAIGN**

If you or your organization have a fundraiser or outreach campaign you wish to offer to the congregation, you must have approval from the church office. Please contact Gladys at 713.465.6015 or gladys@stchrishouston.org for more information.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you wish to add an announcement to the weekly bulletin please submit it in writing by the Tuesday before you wish it published. Submitted announcements are subject to approval. Please bring it to the church office or email jill@stchrishouston.org.

**NAME TAG/CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGE**

Submit name tag request or contact information changes in writing to the parish office.

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Thanks to Wilma Melendez (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-24-2010

**THIS IS LIKE TOTALLY THE COOLEST THING THAT HAS EVEN HAPPENED IN THIS STABLE!**

**FEASTING ON  
GRATITUDE**

**Feast ~ Celebrate  
Worship ~ Fellowship**

As we come to the close of another harvest time and stewardship season, we prepare for another season, the season of Advent. The days are now shorter and cooler (hopefully), the sign of the end of another year, and in blessed anticipation for a new year; we wait again.

Advent is the season for waiting. I am reminded of the "four W's of Advent:

**Watch** – for signs of God's love (we look for the color blue, a symbol of hope; or purple, a symbol of royalty).

**Wait** – like Mary, enjoying the anticipation of the coming Christ and asking, "For what can I give thanks for today?"

**Wonder** – ask wondering questions: What did the shepherds think? What did the angels sound like? I wonder if I would run to the Baby.

**Walk** – with Joseph. Trusting in God as you repent and seek to live a new life and walking from now on in God's holy way.

Advent is the beginning of a new Christian year. Advent literally means,

"Coming", which derives from the Latin, *adventus*. Each Advent we wait. We wait for the coming of Christ, the One who is coming into the

**LET EVERY HEART  
PREPARE HIM ROOM.**

world. We do this by preparing our hearts for God's love to come in. We do this through repentance and the acknowledgement that we need God's abundant love and grace in our lives, so that we too can share this love with others.

The humorous bumper sticker that reads "Jesus is coming, look busy" is very appropriate for this season of Advent. Throughout the season, we are reminded by scripture that Christ comes to us at the unexpected hour. "Keep awake, beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come – what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." Jesus repeats these words and themes to make the point that the ruler and King of our lives is never far away. We are called therefore to prepare for him a place in our lives – by self-examination and by removing those barriers between us and Him so that He can truly be the King and Lord of our lives.

Remember the "four W's" and "let every heart prepare him room." I challenge each of us to set extra time aside for God in prayer, worship and devotion. Read the *Day By Day* booklet found in the Narthex (lobby of the Church), as well as the scriptures.

I especially encourage you to attend worship services for each Sunday in Advent, as it prepares us for the joy of Christmastide.

God bless you this Advent and Christmas season. May the Child you await grant you the peace and eternal joy that only he can bring.

In Christ's love,




**PROFILES OF DUTY  
AND HONOR  
TO GOD AND COUNTRY**



Evelyn Fisher White  
*Pharmacist's Mate Third Class  
United States Coast Guard*

**The Distaff Side**

The events of December 7, 1941, forever changed the course of history of The United States. We were plunged into a catastrophic war that altered the lives of millions of Americans. A monumental wave of patriotism ensued after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and men from all walks of life flocked to the recruiting offices including a future president. We were indeed united in a common cause.

Not to be denied the opportunity to serve, women wanted to be a part of the war effort. The government quickly recognized this and created the opportunities many women were seeking. One such program was the SPARs of The United States Coast Guard. Evelyn enlisted as an Apprentice Seaman on 28 August 1943 and was sent to Palm Beach,

**SHE DID WHAT HAD  
TO BE DONE**

Florida for basic training "boot camp"

After "boot camp" she was assigned to San Diego, CA for training as a Pharmacist's Mate. Upon completing this course she began her duties as such. All enlisted personnel who were medically trained were designated Pharmacist's Mates. Women in the USCG and the USN at that time, were not allowed sea duty. But by performing these assignments stateside they freed up their male counterparts to serve on ships of the line.

Her job in "sick bay" was to assist the doctors as required, taking vital signs and general information, dispensing medication etc. She worked with both admitted patients and outpatients. I guess it's safe to say she did what had to be done within her scope to get her patients back to duty status as quickly as possible. I'm sure many a sailor was comforted by her great smile, charming wit and pleasant personality. And who knows, perhaps one of the men she freed up for sea duty was the Pharmacist's Mate who performed an emergency appendectomy aboard a submerged submarine in the Pacific, saving that sailor's life.

Evelyn eventually was promoted to Pharmacist Mate Third Class and completed The Coast Guard Institute Course for that Rank. She received her Honorable Discharge on November 27, 1945 having served her country with distinction for over two years.

While in the service she met and married her husband George White, a fellow Coast Guardsman. They reunited after the war, eventually settling in Houston in the late fifties. George was in the pipeline construction business and his job took them all over the world.



Evelyn is a long time member of St. Christopher's and has served the parish well. While in the USA, she was always very active in Daughter's of The King and the Thrift Shop and ready to lend a helping hand when and where needed.

**SEMPER PARATUS**

\* The US Coast Guard Women's Reserve began recruiting in 1942. The acronym SPARs stands for the Coast Guard motto Semper Paratus and it's English translation, Always Prepared. Along with the WACs (Army), WAVES (Navy), and WASPs (Air Corps), and WAFs (Air Force), the SPARs allowed American women to serve in the armed forces long before women were allowed in the regular military.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SOCIAL CLUB**  
*(Formerly Young Adult Group)*  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

It's time to open up your calendars and set aside time for fun and fellowship with your St. Christopher's family. If you are in your 20s – 50s (or just feel like it), married or single, and want to enjoy an evening of bowling, food and fun, you're invited.

**300 Houston**



**Saturday, December 3rd, 5-7 PM**  
**\$35/person includes everything:**  
**bowling, shoes, food, soft drinks and tip!**

The lanes are reserved so call or email Jill Center in the office at 713.465.6015 or [jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org) by Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Ready, Set, Snow!**  
**Holiday in the Pines**

**Dec. 9-11, 2011**

**Camp Allen**  
 Conference & Retreat Center

Take a break from the holiday hustle & bustle and join us in the piney woods for a weekend retreat. Give your family the gift of great memories as you remember the reason for the season and enjoy all that Camp Allen has to offer!

**packages**

family (max. 2 people)	\$465
couple (max)	\$335
additional child	\$95
single adult	\$200

Rates include two nights hotel lodging, meals, and most activities. A nominal fee is required for activities marked with an (\*). Children 2 and under are free & participants over 14 are charged as adults. The retreat begins Friday at 5:00pm and concludes Sunday at 1:00pm.

**activities**

- |                       |               |                        |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| playing in the snow   | ladies tea    | scavenger hunt         |
| archery               | massages*     | campfire & smores      |
| canoeing              | snake classes | christmas caroling     |
| horseback riding*     | bird classes  | photos with santa      |
| holiday arts & crafts | train rides   | fishing                |
| guided nature hikes   | zip line      | discovery dome         |
| gingerbread houses    | giant swing   | stuff & fluff animals* |
| wagon rides           | rock climbing | skeet shooting         |
| moon jump             | orienteeering | pony rides*            |



**register**

Contact Dawn Haggett at: [dawn@campallen.org](mailto:dawn@campallen.org) or 800-334-CAMP. Online registration available at:

[campallen.org](http://campallen.org)

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 LUNCHEON 12:00 P.M.

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**THE SHOP**  
*(located in the Christian Education hallway)*  
**HOLIDAY SALE**



**Christmas decorations are up!**  
**Come and do your shopping early and**  
**save!**

**50% Off all items over \$10\***

**Open 9-10 AM Sundays**

See Maxine Askew, Shop Manager, for more information

*\*excludes all James Avery items*

## DECEMBER EVENTS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

5:00 PM Social Club Christmas Party at 300 Houston

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

#### FIRST FRUITS SUNDAY

Donations of fresh fruits and vegetables and other food items are collected, blessed and delivered to Mission of Yahweh, a local ministry that assists mothers and children in need.

8 AM Rite I  
 9:15 AM Christian Education  
 10:15 AM Rite II w/ Baptism  
 10:15 AM Children's Chapel  
 11:30 AM Daughters of the King  
 11:30 AM St. Nicholas Party and Outreach Project



Donations of gently used and new toys and children's clothes can be dropped off during the St. Nicholas Party in Latham Hall. These items will be wrapped and sent to Mission of Yahweh for Christmas presents.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

2:45 PM Senior Bus Trip: Santa's Wonderland  
 6:30 PM Stewardship Comm.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 9:45 AM Senior Exercise  
 11:00 AM Bible Study w/ Fr. Bob

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl  
 10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
 12:05 PM Healing Service  
 1-3 PM Recovery Mission  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

1-4 PM Private Rental of Latham Hall

6:00 PM Family Movie Night & Kid's Night In: *Home Alone*  
 6:30 PM Fellowship Dinner: The Aikmans

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

#### SECOND SUNDAY - RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

8 AM Rite I  
 9:00 AM Christian Education  
 10:15 AM Rite II  
 10:15 AM Children's Chapel  
 4:30 PM Christmas Caroling



### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

6:30 PM Day School Board Mtg.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 9:45 AM Senior Exercise  
 11:00 AM Bible Study w/ Fr. Bob  
 1:00 PM Thrift Shop Board

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl  
 10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
 12:05 PM Healing Service  
 1-3 PM Recovery Mission  
 6:00 PM Finance Committee  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

#### THIRD SUNDAY—LORD OF THE STREETS OUTREACH

8 AM Rite I  
 9:00 AM Christian Education  
 10:15 AM Rite II  
 10:15 AM Children's Chapel  
 11:30 AM Episcopal Church Women  
 11:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Party

TBA Lessons & Carols



### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

DAY SCHOOL IN LATHAM HALL ALL DAY THROUGH JANUARY 2ND  
 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 9:45 AM Senior Exercise  
 11:00 AM Bible Study w/ Fr. Bob

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl  
 10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
 12:05 PM Healing Service  
 1-3 PM Recover Mission

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

Office Closes at 2 PM

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

Church Office Closed

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM FAMILY WORSHIP CELEBRATION  
 6:30 PM COOKIES WITH ST. NICHOLAS  
 10:30 PM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP CELEBRATION

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM Christmas Mass

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

Church Office Closed

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

Church Office Closed

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

NEW YEAR'S EVE

**FROM THE PARISH & DIOCESE**

**ST. LUKE’S HOSPITAL  
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

The St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital Auxiliary needs volunteers to assist patients and family members at the hospital’s family waiting areas and hospital information desk. Assignments are available seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The minimum commitment is only three hours per week. Complimentary valet parking is provided. For more information about volunteer activities at St. Luke’s, call the hospital’s Auxiliary office at (832) 355-2102 or visit St. Luke’s Web site at [www.stlukeshouston.com/giving](http://www.stlukeshouston.com/giving).

**DO YOU TAKE PHOTOS?**

We all love participating in the different events and activities around our parish. If you like to take photos or have photos of past events you think might be fun to share, please contact Jill in the church office at 713.465.6015.

If you enjoy taking photographs, consider bringing your camera to the next activity or event you attend and taking pictures.

Photos can be emailed to [jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org) or we can make digital copies if the originals are brought by the office.

By sharing the photos, you are giving the church permission to use them in any printed materials or web designs.

**THE WIRED WORD**

Are you interested in leading a session of our new current event forum? *The Wired Word* links scripture and current events from around the globe.

Instructors are provided summaries and questions to assist in leading discussions.

If you would like to be called on to lead a session, please speak with Father Bob, Ann Seitz or Jill Center.

**THANK YOU**

My family and I would like to thank all of the people at St. Christopher’s for all their prayers and support while Joseph was sick.

When Joseph was in the hospital and not able to work, the kids and I were so worried that he was not going to pull through. And having the leader of our household sick and frail was very hard on us. Through lots of prayer, support, and help from anonymous donors we were able to get through this difficult time. Joseph is back to work now, but will have to continue to see the doctors regularly and will have to get a heart check up once a year for the rest of his life.

We pray for many blessings upon all of the parishioners and Father Bob. We are so grateful for our church family and Father Bob.

With much love,

Angie, Joseph, Sean,  
Chloe and Gwen

**CANDIDATE’S CORNER**

Greetings to my wonderful St. Christopher’s family.

I want to let you know that I have been graciously “adopted” by the good people of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church as their “Deacon-in-Training” for these few months.

It is indeed exciting to experience the growth in faith that is happening for me through this work. Fr. David Puckett has taught me how to serve in the liturgy in roles reserved for deacons. This is an affirmation of my call and feels a bit like a mighty vitamin designed for spiritual growth. It is clear to me that I am walking toward that moment of ordination, vesting my soul as I go.

My assignment is to remain in this

parish through Easter. The rector has resigned, and his last Sunday is December 4. You can appreciate that my experience at St. Christopher’s has prepared me to go through transition with Holy Spirit, and that is what I shall be about. An interim rector is expected to arrive in late January. There are several priests associated with this parish, so I have a rich experience of serving with all of them. As you might expect, each does liturgy a bit differently, so I am perfecting my flexibility.

There are many lay ministries here, and my objective is to meet with, learn from and contribute to as many as I can. This month, for example, I will begin working with the team that prepares the Prayers of the People. This is a diaconal

function so I am excited to begin that work. The team uses a format prescribed by the Book of Common Prayer and makes the prayers specific to current events in the parish, the diocese and the world.

I pray each of you will experience a thoughtful, purposeful Advent in anticipation of the birth of our Savior. May the joy of Christmas then fill your very being as you become fully aware of Christ among us, bringing light into all the dark corners of our lives as well as to all those we meet who are living in darkness. May you experience both the Peace and the Power of his love.

Portia

**PORTIA SWEET**

# **Birthdays**



- 1 David M.
- 3 Madeline F.
- 11 Samuel S.
- 12 Emma D.
- 13 Nathan C.
- 17 Bodhi
- 19 Cooper
- 21 Alex
- 21 Christine A.
- 22 Brandon A.
- 22 Emmie
- 25 Megan
- 27 Harper
- 27 Toni P.

**Family Night**  
**at St. Christopher's Day School**

**Family Dinner & Christmas Craft**  
**Latham Hall**

**Thursday, December 1st**  
**6 PM**

A night for family dinner and fun for the families of the day school. Look in your children's folders for more information.

Call 713.465.6035 and reserve your spaces by Monday, November 28th

**HALLOWEEN: ALL TREATS AND NO TRICKS AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S**





**OUR LITTLEST PILGRIMS AND INDIANS**

JESUS, BLESS WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN,  
 FEED OUR SOULS WITH BREAD FROM HEAVEN  
 GUIDE AND LEAD US ALL THE WAY  
 IN EVERYTHING WE DO AND SAY

**Give Thanks and Enjoy the Feast.**



**PRE-K**

**BUMBLEBEES**

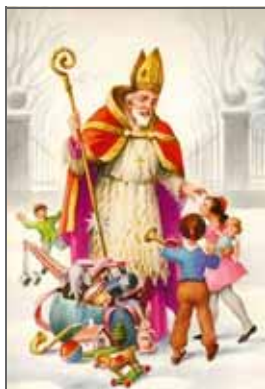
**BUTTERFLIES**





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### St. Nicholas Party and Outreach Project Sunday, December 4th Noon All ages



A special time for the children of our parish, but all are welcome. We will meet at 12 PM in Latham Hall to learn about the true story of St. Nicholas, make some cookies and create small gifts. The gifts we create will be handed out to the special people in our lives in honor of all they do.

We will also be collecting new and gently used toys and children's clothes. These items will be given to Mission of Yahweh to help provide Spring Branch children in need with a blessed Christmas.

If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Jill Center at 713.465.6015 or [jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org).



Sunday, December 18th  
Noon in Youth Room

All age kids and their families  
Bring a dessert to share and a gift to exchange.

There is a \$5 limit on all gifts.

### St. Christopher's Family Christmas Service Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve 5:00 PM

Share Christmas memories and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

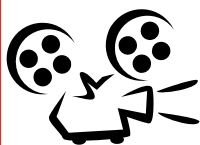
All children who attend the 5:00 service are invited to participate in the Nativity story tableau during the service. Costumes will be provided.

To arrange for a costume for your child, please contact Jill Center at 713.465.6015 or [jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org). Costumes can be picked up at 4:30 on Christmas Eve. If possible, extra costumes will be made available. Please return all costumes to Latham Hall following the service.

Don't forget to stop by Latham Hall following the service to enjoy Christmas cookies and meet St. Nicholas.



### Family Movie Night & Kid's Night In Saturday, December 10th 6:00 - 9:00 PM Latham Hall



Come as a family and enjoy a movie with heart Or children ages 3 and up are invited to attend Kid's Night In, a supervised childcare setting with entertainment built in. Let your kids have a night of fun while you enjoy a night out.

Join us in watching *Home Alone* and participate in some fun activities.

Enjoy pizza, popcorn and a special sweet treat!

To make reservations for Kid's Night In, call Jill Center at 713.465.6015 or email [jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org) by Thursday, December 8th.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Christopher's will joyfully share the Word of Jesus Christ with all people, reaching out in faith, love, and fellowship.

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE



### Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Family Worship Celebration  
6:00 PM Cookies with St. Nicholas in Latham Hall  
10:30 PM Traditional Worship Celebration

### Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day

10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship Celebration

## Special Holiday Church Office Hours

Thursday, December 22nd 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**The office will be closed Friday, December 23rd - Monday, December 26th.**

Tuesday, December 27th 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday, December 28th 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Thursday, December 29th 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**The office will be closed Friday, December 30th and Monday, January 2nd.**

**Normal Office Hours Resume Tuesday, January 3rd.**



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE