



# THE CHRONICLES

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## GIVING IS . . .



### GRATITUDE

My family has celebrated happy times with you, like the baptism of our daughter, Lauren. You have also prayed for us in times of need like during my mom's long illness and death.

I am so grateful to be a part of this parish family. So I joyfully participate in the opportunity and contribute to St. Christopher's.

*Chris Lolley, with wife Diane and daughter Lauren*



### RESPONSIBLE

Over time I have come to understand that accepting Christ also requires accepting new responsibilities. One of the major responsibilities is trying to share the good things in my life with others. Giving to our church helps me with this obligation and gives me the satisfaction of being an active participant in our Christian community.

*Van Valentine*



### LOVE

I give in response to God's Unbounded Love.

*Mike Leskin*



### HEALTHY

It's only when I give fully of my time, talents and treasure that I can be a healthy member of the family of God here at St. Christopher's.

*Ann Seitz*



...ALL LIFE, INCLUDING MONEY, IS A GIFT AND THE ONLY WAY TO HONOR SUCH A GIFT IS TO GIVE IT AWAY.

*WILLIAM STRINGFELLOW*

## FEASTING ON GRATITUDE

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**  
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 Bishop of Texas  
**The Rev. Robert P. Goolsby**  
 Rector

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 10:15 AM Rite II Eucharist  
 Children's Chapel

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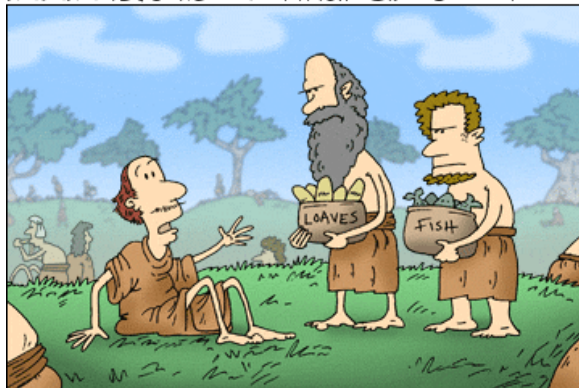
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If you wish to add an announcement to the weekly bulletin please submit it in writing by the Tuesday before you wish it published. Submitted announcements are subject to approval. Please bring it to the church office or email jill@stchrishouston.org.

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

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(See Matthew 14:14-21)

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I'M ON A NO-CARB, VEGETARIAN DIET

**FEASTING ON GRATITUDE**  
**Feast ~ Celebrate ~**  
**Worship ~ Fellowship**

Karla and I recently had some family members from out of town stay with us in our home. One of them, who helped us get settled into our new home three years ago, reminded me of our working together and that it was almost exactly three years to the date: October 2008 — October 2011. We agreed that it felt like much longer than just three years ago.

If you were here when Karla and I arrived (because there are several new members at St. Chris who weren't), then you remember that we arrived at the same time as Hurricane Ike. Our first Sunday together was without worship services because of flooded streets and power outages. Many people in Spring Branch, Kingwood (where we lived at the time), and other places around Houston went weeks without electricity. In the midst of all this chaos, Karla and I were moving to a new home in order to begin our lives with the good folks at St. Christopher's. It was indeed a chaotic time and needless to say (or perhaps *needful* to say) quite a stressful time. It is no wonder why three years seems like such a long time ago! With God's grace, we "weathered the storm" and began our journey with you.

Over these three years I have seen many amazing things happen at St. Christopher's. As I come to work each day, I ponder all that has been accomplished in just the last 36 months. It is really remarkable!

- Each year your Thrift Shop reaches more families in need while increasing profits.
- Each year your Day School increases enrollment and revenues enabling the school to serve more families, increase salaries, and even purchase a second, new school bus.
- Each year, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) continues, with your help, to make hundreds of

snack packs for Houston's homeless for Lord of the Streets Church. They also host a quarterly soccer game called the "Soccer Shoot-Out", inviting neighborhood kids to play soccer on the church field, and then treating them to a free meal and prizes in Latham Hall.

- Each year the ECW and Daughters of the King ministries fill boxes with toiletries and supplies for the Seafarer's ministry at the Port of Houston — and lots of them!
- For three years we have worked with Partnership for a Drug-Free Spring Branch to host Family Dinner Night in Latham hall. Some 200 people come and eat dinner together with their families in the spirit that kids who eat dinner with their families are less likely to use drugs and alcohol. The dinner is sponsored by a local restaurant and is emceed by Maria Corrales from Telemundo channel 47. We have developed a strong relationship with Partnership for a Drug-Free Spring Branch.
- For the third year we have hosted the Pumpkin Patch fundraiser in your churchyard. Each year we sell more pumpkins than the previous year with proceeds benefitting Children's Ministries. This is also wonderful outreach to the folks in our neighborhood who are greeted by the good people of St. Christopher's.
- We hosted multiple pet adoptions with the Houston Animal Partnership Initiative, bringing in several dog rescue agencies from around Houston, saving many dogs from homelessness and euthanasia, and enriching the lives of many families with a new pet. Each pet adoption day brought the press to St. Christopher's, including FOX 26, Channel 39, and print media.
- In January 2010, we blessed the groundbreaking and held a pet blessing at the Citizen's for Animal Protection's new site on Katy Freeway and Barker Cypress Road. A

year later we joined Mayor Anise Parker and "Great Day Houston" host Debra Duncan to bless CAP's newly completed multimillion dollar facility. (Have you seen CAP's new building?) Also, when their mascot, Dixie the Chihuahua, died they came to St. Christopher's to give thanks to God and have a final pet blessing for her.

- This year was the first year that we have had a line item in the budget for outreach ministries allowing us to give more funds to Memorial Assistance Ministries (which helps thousands of people in need), the Krist Samaritan Center (which offers low income people counseling and mental health care), Mission Yahweh (a shelter for women and children), and the Seminary of the Southwest which educates and forms leaders, here in the Diocese of Texas and beyond, for the Church's ministry.
- The Spring Branch Oaks Civic Association uses Latham Hall four times a year for their neighborhood meeting, as does Spring Woods High School for their "Project Prom" fundraiser.
- We have launched a successful campaign to renovate and restore the interior of St. Christopher's for generations to come.
- Thanks to Chris Bulas and his friends, new Stations of the Cross have been placed across the parish campus offering all people in the community the opportunity for prayer and meditation. (Many thanks to the congregation for supporting Chris' Eagle Scout Project.)
- Recently we initiated a recovery ministry through Episcopal Recovery Ministries for those who are in recovery from addiction in our surrounding community.

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VETERAN'S CORNER

CARL SQUIRES

PROFILES OF DUTY AND HONOR TO GOD AND COUNTRY

SGT. RUSSELL BARRY

*The Kid from The Bronx*

Russell entered the US Army in June, 1944 at Ft Dix N. J. It was then on to Camp Blanding, Florida for Basic Infantry Training. While in basic, Russell volunteered for Airborne training but no action was taken on this request. Upon completion of "basic" it was on to New York for deployment to ETO.

The USS Wakefield was Russell's transport, sailing unescorted to Liverpool, England. He recalls a General Quarters alert three days out as the ship took a zig-zag course to avoid reported U-Boat activity in their area. That got

everyone's attention. From Liverpool it was on to Southampton for the eventual Channel crossing to Le Harve, France and a "reppo deppo" (Replacement Depot) for assignment to a combat unit. Events accelerated from this point.

Russell and a group of other replacements boarded a train one evening, destination unknown, just somewhere in France. At the first stop that night, he and another GI got off the train and were picked up by a waiting truck that took them to field headquarters of the 327<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry Regiment assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He finally got his wish! Airborne.

The 327<sup>th</sup> was on the move. Russell was

AIRBORNE FOREVER

introduced to a 57mm Anti-Tank Gun for some on the job training as part of the gun crew. This time the targets were real, German Panzer Tanks. At this point in the war, the 327<sup>th</sup> was a battle tested unit. Having landed at Utah Beach on D

-Day, fought in Operation Market Garden and at Bastogne, they suffered many casualties. As a replacement, Russell had to gain the trust and confidence of these battle weary GIs. Not an easy task but he did it. This mutual trust gives true meaning to the term "A Band Of Brothers."

Russell was sent to Rheims, France for Glider Infantryman Training and then rejoined the unit on their pursuit of the German Army, now in a withdrawal mode back to the Homeland. This took

them thru the Alsace Region in France where they engaged the retreating German Army on many occasions as they fought their way up to Southern Bavaria and Berchtesgaden. As the war ended the 327th took on the role of Army of Occupation, eventually in Werfen, Austria. Too numerous to relate in this article, Russell has many stories to tell and will gladly share with anyone interested in knowing more about the life of a combat infantryman at war.



He finally made his way back to Le Harve and the trip back home. This time on HMS Queen Mary. Back in New York, Russell marched with 101<sup>st</sup> in the Victory Ticker Tape Parade. His Regiment later was attached to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne. He was discharged from the Army in August 1946. His military awards and citations include:

### **The Bronze Star**

A United States Armed Forces individual military decoration that may be awarded for bravery, acts of merit, or meritorious service. It is the fourth-highest combat award of the U.S. Armed Forces and the ninth highest military award (including both combat and non-combat awards) in the order of precedence of U.S. military decorations.

### **WWII Victory Medal**

A decoration of the U. S. military created by an act of Congress in July 1945 commemorating military service during WW II and awarded to any member of the U.S. military who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946

### **Army of Occupation Medal**

A military award of the U.S. military which was established by the U.S. War Department April, 1946. The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in either Germany or Japan

### **Glider Badge**

A qualification badge of the U.S. Army awarded to personnel who had "been assigned or attached to a glider or airborne unit. Following the close of the Second World War, the Glider Badge was authorized to any service member who had completed glider unit training at the Airborne School. Combat Infantryman Badge

**Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB)** is the U.S. Army combat service recognition decoration awarded to soldiers—enlisted men and officers

(commissioned and warrant) holding colonel rank or below, who *personally* fought in active ground combat while an assigned member of either an infantry or a Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941, created during World War II as primary recognition of the combat service and sacrifices of the infantrymen who would likely be wounded or killed in numbers disproportionate to those of soldiers from the Army's other service branches.

### **European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal**

A military decoration of the U.S. armed forces which was first created on November 6, 1942 by Executive Order 9265 issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The decoration was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) during the years of the WW II.

### **Good Conduct Medal**

One of the oldest medals in U.S. military history, established originally by the Navy in 1869, The Army Good Conduct Medal established in 1941;

awarded to any active-duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service

On his return to civilian life in The Bronx, he resumed his career with ESSO. Joyce and Russell were married in May of 1947. 1961 saw a transfer to Exxon Houston Headquarters. They have been loyal and faithful members of St. Christopher's since 1961. Russell has served on the Vestry and many committees as well as usher and greeter. You might say he is a bit of a legend at St. Christopher's.

In his words, "Airborne Forever!"

*The descriptions of military awards and citations listed are from Wikipedia.*

## **LEST WE FORGET**

**Friday November 11<sup>TH</sup> has been designated Veterans' Day to honor the memory of all the heroic men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of our country in wartime or peacetime. This was initially referred to as Armistice Day to celebrate the ending of WW I, the war that was to have ended all wars, or so they said.**

**The scope of Veterans' Day has been widened to include all wars that the United States has fought in.**

**There will be numerous activities, services and events scheduled around the city for November 11<sup>th</sup> and I urge each of you to attend one or at least take a time out and remember in your own way. Pray for those who are currently in harm's way and give thanks for the countless number of brave souls who made the ultimate sacrifice.**

**-Carl Squires  
Veteran's Day Sunday Services  
November 13th  
8 AM and 10:15 AM**

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl  
10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
Noon All Soul's Service  
1-3 PM Recovery Mission



**Don't forget to Fall Back!  
Set your clocks back 1 hour at  
bedtime on Saturday, November  
5th!**

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

#### **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 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 Episcopal Youth Community

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH **ELECTION DAY**

**Voting All Day in Latham Hall**

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

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

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH **VETERAN'S DAY**



### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH **VETERAN'S DAY SUNDAY 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  
11:30 AM Episcopal Youth Community

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

10 AM Thrift Shop Budget Meeting  
6:30 PM Day School Board Mtg.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM Senior Exercise  
11:00 AM Bible Study w/ Fr. Bob  
6:30 PM SBOCA Meeting  
6:30 PM Finance Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

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

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

6:30 PM Game Night

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH **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 Episcopal Youth Community

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl  
10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
12:05 PM Healing Service  
12:30 PM Office Closed for Holiday



### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH **THANKSGIVING**

Church and office closed  
Noon—3 PM Dinner in Latham Hall

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

Church and Office Closed

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

First Sunday in Advent  
Order Christmas Flowers Today!  
8:00 AM Rite I  
9:00 AM Christian Education  
10:15 AM Rite II  
Noon-7 PM Pumpkin Patch

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM Senior Exercise  
11:00 AM Bible Study w/ Fr. Bob  
7:00 PM Labyrinth

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl  
10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
12:05 PM Healing Service  
12:30 PM Clericus  
1-3 PM Recovery Mission

**COMING SOON  
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

## FROM THE PARISH

### EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

If you would like to donate lunch to the EYC during the months of November or December, please contact Jill Center.

EYC is open to all youth ages 11 and up. Visitors are always welcome. Contact Jill Center at 713-465-6015 or [jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org) for more information.

### 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

Dear Family and Friends,

Mom (Dorothy Johnson) would like to thank you for all your well wishes and prayers. Her high times are when Get Well cards come daily. Her health is improving slowly. She is now working hard on OT and PT. She is still sleeping a lot. She still is unable to answer the phone in her room. Per doctors orders there are still no visitors aloud. I feel in the next few weeks that may change.

If you would like to send cards or flowers, please send them to:  
Triumph Hospital  
Town and Country  
1120 Business Center Drive, Room 234  
Houston, TX 77043  
or  
Joel' Ann Johnson  
4701 Sanborn Drive  
Houston, TX 77092

Best regards,  
Joel' Johnson

*(The Rector's Page continued from page 3)*

- In the past three years 30 people have joined, newly attend, or have returned to St. Christopher's and you have publicly welcomed many of them in our new Liturgy of Belonging at our intergenerational worship services on fifth Sundays.
- At every event or occasion the hard-working, faithful people of St. Christopher's continue to show up and give 110 percent. I am immeasurably grateful! Especially since this list is not exhaustive and I am bound to hear at least a couple of people remind me of other new and great things we are doing as a parish, that are not listed here.

### Bottom line—this is stewardship.

Your time, energy, talents, gifts, presence, and money are going directly to the Glory of God and for the

ministries of God's Church. They matter. You matter. Don't ever underestimate the importance of your place and presence in this parish. Whether you are new to St. Christopher's or have been here for fifty-five years, you should be proud of your church! We are small, as many Episcopal congregations are, but we are filled with the Holy Spirit and the grace of God, and are strong as ever. We are the parish that *can* and *does!* Thanks be to God.

Our stewardship theme this year is entitled, FEASTING ON GRATITUDE. We do this so well at St. Christopher's, don't we? Feast, celebrate, worship, and fellowship together. It is the time of year to be grateful for being a part of God's family; God's community; God's Kingdom. Think about what this parish means to you and consider once again how far your generosity extends to so many. Then, look into the places where

God has blessed your life, whether in the parish or in your personal life and see what you can share for the Kingdom. By making the decision to offer your time, talents, gifts, and treasure; by making a financial pledge to the ministry of this parish, you will be amazed at how far we can yet go, and how much more we can do.

*'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust\* consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust\* consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

— Matthew 6:19-21

# Birthdays

Nov. 2  
Nov. 5  
Nov. 10  
Nov. 22

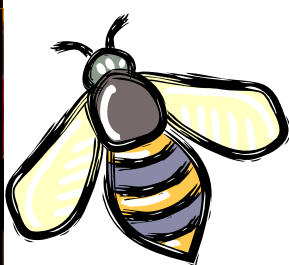
C. Salazar  
Katy  
Caleb  
Elodie



# Caterpillars at play



# Bumblebees



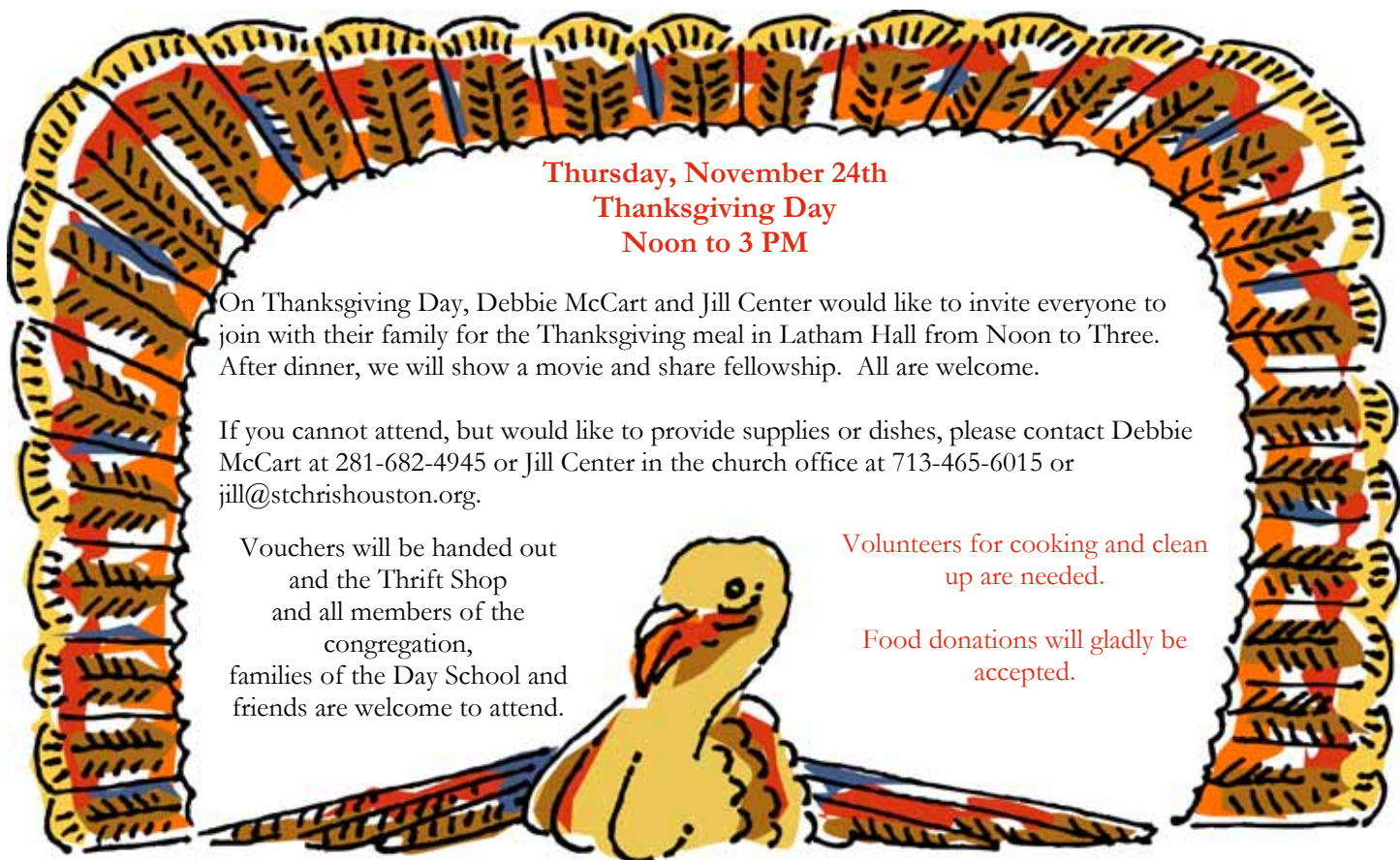
DAY SCHOOL IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH FOR STORY TIME.

PUMPKINS FOR ALL THE CHILDREN AND THEIR CLASSROOMS  
WERE PROVIDED BY A GENEROUS  
DONATION FROM JEANENE  
TROUT. THANK YOU.



**THANKSGIVING FOR ALL**

*Thanksgiving is a time for gathering together and sharing all we have.*



**Thursday, November 24th  
Thanksgiving Day  
Noon to 3 PM**

On Thanksgiving Day, Debbie McCart and Jill Center would like to invite everyone to join with their family for the Thanksgiving meal in Latham Hall from Noon to Three. After dinner, we will show a movie and share fellowship. All are welcome.

If you cannot attend, but would like to provide supplies or dishes, please contact Debbie McCart at 281-682-4945 or Jill Center in the church office at 713-465-6015 or [jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org).

Vouchers will be handed out and the Thrift Shop and all members of the congregation, families of the Day School and friends are welcome to attend.

Volunteers for cooking and clean up are needed.

Food donations will gladly be accepted.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

None

Patrick Lavergne 11/15

Chris Lolley 11/16

Cathy Nicholson 11/17

**BIRTHDAYS**

Matt Pace 11/22

Ace Center 11/3

Barbara Shell 11/23

Bonnie McKay 11/3

Madeline Greer 11/24

Clyde Sloan 11/4

Dale Pless 11/24

Alexander Sloan 11/7

Eli Phillely 11/25

Joy Gould 11/8

Grace Freeman 11/27

Debbie McCart 11/10

Carmen Aikman 11/13

Austin Estes 11/13

Jean Fischer 11/13

Ahren Pfrehm 11/14



## VESTRY CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

**THE FOLLOWING SIX MEMBERS OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S ARE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE 2012 VESTRY OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**

### **JOHN AIKMAN**

John and his wife, Carmen, are long time members of St. Christopher's who enjoy being an active part of the community. John is retired from Texaco . He enjoys various volunteer work including previously serving on the vestry, serving as treasurer to St. Christopher's and assistant treasurer at the Thrift Shop. John currently serves on the Finance committee. John and Carmen are proud of their three daughters, all of whom attended St. Christopher's Day School, and their grandchildren. John likes to spend his free time on woodworking and "his boys", three basset hounds.

### **MAXINE FOLEY ASKEW**

Maxine has been a member of St. Christopher's for a little over a year. Maxine is a retired secretary of Spring Branch ISD. Maxine is very active at St. Christopher's as the manager of St. Christopher's Gift Shop and Bible Study. She is enjoying retirement and spends her free time playing bridge, sewing and doing arts and crafts. Maxine is also a cancer survivor. While a whiz at general office work (no accounting, please!) she prefers to spend her free time reading and being creative.

### **BEVERLY BULAS**

No biography available.

### **VIRGINA "GINNY" EVANS**

Ginny has been a member at St. Christopher's for 11 years. She retired from special education and early childhood teaching and at has many community activities. Ginny is currently a Colonial History Special Programs presenter, portraying Betsy Ross along with 6 SAR members and 40 flags. This program has been seen by over 25,000 students in the past 8 years. A 25 year member of DAR, she is the regent of the Tejas chapter, Houston (NSDAR). She works with the VAVS Services of the Michael E. DeBakey Homeless/Pt at Veteran's Hospital. Ginny has many interesting stories from her time working at Club Med International. Ginny is the mother of 6, grandmother of 4 and has one great-grandson. "Betsy" will be giving a special Veteran's Program at the November Episcopal Church Women's meeting on November 20th.

### **JOY GOULD**

Joy has been a member of St. Christopher's for 40 years. Not ready for retirement, Joy is a self-employed real estate agent who volunteers in the church office two days a week. In her spare time, Joy enjoys square dancing and has been the HSRDC District Director for 3 clubs for the last 8 years. She is a member of the Altar Guild, Daughters of the King, Episcopal Church Women,. Always proud of her family, don't forget to ask Joy about her children, grandchildren and great – grandchildren.

### **MADELINE GREER**

Madeline has been a member of St. Christopher's for 17 years. She and her husband John own and operate Grace Medical Gas and Equipment. Madeline's daughter Grace is an acolyte and active member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Youth Community (EYC). She also has a son Gabe. Within the community, Madeline participates in networking events in the healthcare community, attends Grace's student activities at Kahla Middle School (including volleyball, student council, choir and theatre arts), and is active in the different spiritual and fellowship opportunities at St. Christopher's. She enjoys cooking, family outings, fishing, camping and dinner at home with her family.

**Vestry elections will be held on Sunday, October 30th and all members of St. Christopher's are encouraged to attend the 10 AM single service followed by a potluck lunch. Election ballots will be handed out and counted that day.**

PUMPKIN PATCH





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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

### FAMILY DAY DINNER

SEPTEMBER 26, 2011



*Above:* Father Bob with Maria Corrales is an anchorwoman for Telemundo, Houston;

*Below:* Father Bob with Sandy Olsen, Partnership for a Drug-Free Spring Branch

Thank you for again supporting the Family Day Dinner campaign by allowing us to have the evening at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and with your attendance and participation. You are always so gracious and helpful with this celebration of families, and we thank you for all you do.

Kay Crockett

Community Relations Director

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*The Coalition of Behavioral Health Services*

*Partnership for a Drug-Free Spring Branch*



The **Family Day Dinner** is an annual national night celebrating families and encouraging the practice of eating dinner together as a family.

Families who eat dinner together have increased communication, closer relationships and the children are less likely to be involved in drugs or alcohol.