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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY  
CONFIRMATION WITH BISHOP DENA HARRISON

APRIL 17, 2011



Grace Freeman, John Greer and Ruben Salas received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Rock Beauseigel and Robert Hagen were Received as members of the Episcopal Church. Megan Alexander, Ruth Alexander, Madeline Greer and Bonnie McKay Reaffirmed their faith.

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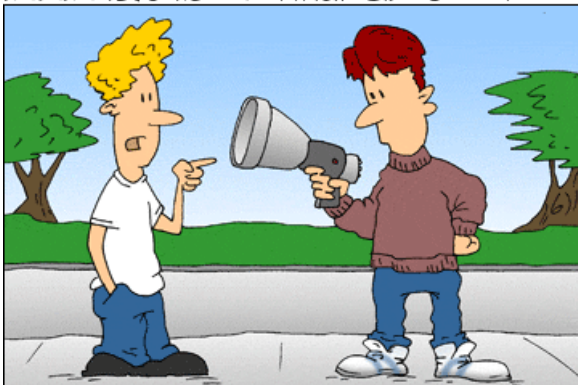
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I REALLY DOUBT THAT MEGAPHONE IS GOING TO GET YOUR PRAYERS ANSWERED ANY FASTER

### **PRAYER REQUEST**

If you or someone you know needs prayer, the Daughters of the King maintain a prayer list. Cards are available in the Sanctuary. Fill out a card and place in the offering plate to be added to this prayer list. Once added, the prayer will remain on this list for one month unless noted.

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**The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle**  
**Bishop of Texas**  
**The Rev. Robert P. Goolsby**  
**Rector**

**Sunday Services**

<b>8:00 AM</b>		<b>Rite I Eucharist</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>		<b>Christian Education</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>		<b>Rite II Eucharist</b>
		<b>Children's Chapel</b>

**Parish Office**

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Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
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 Fax: 713.465.2086

**Day School Hours**

Full Care 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
 Mother's Day Out/Preschool 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
 Pre Kindergarten 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
 After School Program 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Thrift Shop**

Manager: Claudia Langerud  
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Phone: 713.467.7743  
 Fax: 713.465.2086

**Hours**

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



**FATHER BOB'S**

**CALENDAR**

**April 18—20**

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Chapel  
(Monday-Wednesday)

**Wednesday, April 20**

Noon Service for Healing with Eucharist (Chapel)

**Maundy Thursday, April 21**

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist service  
*Prayer Vigil begins immediately following*

**Good Friday, April 22**

Noon Good Friday Service  
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**April 23      HOLY SATURDAY**  
6:30 PM      Easter Vigil

**April 24      Easter Day**  
8 AM      Festive Rite I service  
w/ Communion and  
Choir

9:00 AM      Easter Brunch  
10:00 AM      Festive Rite II service  
w/ Communion and  
Choir

*Following the service*  
**St. Christopher's Eggstravaganza**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**

**APRIL**

- 3 Confirmation Class
- 4 Circle of Care
- 5 Staff Meeting  
Bible study
- 6 Day School Chapel  
Healing service  
Taize
- 7 Leaving for personal trip
- 13 Return to office  
Healing Service  
Taize
- 14 Ministry Leadership Class  
50 th anniversary Mission of Yahweh
- 15 Clergy support group
- 16 Breakfast with confirmands  
Confirmation Rehearsal  
Worship Committee  
Family Movie Night/Kid's Night In
- 17 Palm Sunday & Confirmation  
Bishop Harrison visit
- 18 Morning prayer
- 19 Morning prayer  
Staff Meeting  
Bible study  
Finance committee
- 20 Morning prayer  
Healing service
- 21 Maundy Thursday
- 22 Good Friday
- 23 Easter Vigil with Baptism
- 24 Easter Services and festivities
- 25 Office closed
- 26 Staff meeting  
Bible study  
Vestry
- 27 Day School Chapel  
Healing service  
Clericus  
Outreach meeting
- 28 Capital Campaign Committee

**MAY**

- 1 Town hall
- 2 Circle of care
- 3 Staff meeting
- 4 Day School Chapel  
Healing service
- 5 Redeveloper's Group
- 8 Mother's Day
- 9 Day School Board
- 10 Staff meeting  
Thrift shop meeting
- 11 Day School Chapel  
Healing service
- 12 LOTS Luncheon
- 16 Outreach meeting
- 17 Staff meeting  
Finance committee  
SBVO Civic Association
- 18 Day school chapel  
Healing service
- 19 Ministry leadership class
- 20 Clergy support group  
Coppock - Beauseigel Rehearsal
- 21 Coppock - Beauseigel Wedding
- 22 Spring Family Celebration Sunday
- 23 Day School Recital in Latham Hall  
Vestry
- 24 Staff meeting
- 25 Pre-K graduation  
Healing service  
Clericus
- 30 Memorial Day  
Office closed
- 31 Staff Meeting

## RECTOR'S PAGE

As we prepare to renovate and restore of our worship space, we must be reminded of the truth behind this work, and all that we do at St. Christopher's: our relationship to God in Jesus Christ. Following this foundational reason for our purpose as a faith community, we are further called into relationship with others; including those we know and those whom we have yet to meet. It all comes down to this: Stewardship. Yes, the time, talent, and treasure of each of us combined and used toward a common goal for the glory of God. The Rev. Lance Ousley, Stewardship Chair for the Diocese of Texas, says that for him, "stewardship is everything that I do after I say, 'I will with God's help,'" as we proclaim in our baptismal covenant.

At the last Confirmation class, we discussed vocation and stewardship. After learning about Church history, sacraments, liturgy, the Bible and the Prayer Book, we discussed putting all of this knowledge to use through our duty of being stewards of God's creation. I gave this illustration: Imagine you borrow a friend's car. Do you sit down with your friend and write a contract that outlines the details in case of an accident? Do you contractually agree on the specific condition in which the car is to be returned? Of course not. Under ordinary circumstances your friend (ok, this is probably a really good friend!) would let you borrow the car without any specific conditions, other than a few details you might need to know about the car.

Now, wouldn't you, as a faithful and grateful friend, return the car with a full gas tank and maybe even have it cleaned? Without a contract or verbal agreement, you know the proper way to handle someone else's property. This illustration has a covenantal tone to it, meaning that there need not be a written contract because you and your friend have honor for one another and you act under the covenant of your relationship. If we as Christian stewards believe that all things come from God and that all things are God's, then what does that say about our handling of *someone else's property*—God's property?

The Christian Steward regards all that she or he has as God's. And as stewards of God's creation, with the knowledge that all we have is a gift from God, and is indeed still God's own, then we are to be faithful and grateful people. God has given us so much—with no strings attached; just the opportunity to respond in gratitude with all that we have and all that we are. Yes, we are called to give a percentage of the wealth entrusted to us and return it to God, the standard being ten percent, but we are called to do even more! The other ninety percent is also God's and we are still called to be responsible stewards of the abundance that remains. Remember the common statement said at many church services, including our own, when we say, "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." This comes from 1 Chronicles 29:14, which reads, "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you."

The place that we enjoy and worship in each Sunday needs attention. We have a choice. We can choose to be fearful and be of the mind that God is not involved or concerned with the ministry and mission of St. Christopher's, or we can be faithful and rejoice in the reality that God does care and is very much interested in our common life, our mission, our ongoing ministry, and our future! We are always called into deeper faith—never into deeper fear. Our God is a God of love, life, and abundance, not one of fear, death, and scarcity.

The Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann, theologian and Biblical scholar, says, "Entertain this proposition: We are, all of us, a mixture of love and fear:

We go back and forth between them;

When we are addressed in love, we are able to be open, receiving, peaceable, ready to be concerned for others;

When we are overpowered by fear, we are likely to be hidden and closed, either cowering or aggressive, agitated and anxious, mostly preoccupied with ourselves;

We go back and forth, trying to sort it out, yearning for love, reacting to the power of fear.

Brueggemann comments then on 1 John 4:18 which reads, "Perfect love casts out fear." The Epistle writer refers to God's unconditional, abiding love given us in Jesus of Nazareth, the full disclosure and enactment of *God's positive regard for us* and for all our neighbors. Where the God of the gospel comes, lives are transformed and we have the freedom and courage to live a self-surrendering life, and we do so in gladness. Jesus always comes and says, "Fear not," and invites us to fall back in trust, so safe, so valorized that we need not think about ourselves. He comes and says, "My peace I give to you." Fear is indeed cast out.

To conclude a rather lengthy, yet very important message, I hope that in prayer and in faith you come to realize that God really wants what is best for his children and the life of his Church. As children, missionaries, and heirs of God's providence, we are called into a promising life and future. There are several people involved, (the Vestry, and the Building, and Capital Campaign Committees) in the prayerful, deliberate, and responsible progression of this mission to renovate and refresh our church. We believe it is a step of faith and nothing less than an act of stewardship. The Vestry has approved moving forward with a Capital Campaign, which will be underway this year, hopefully to be kicked off in the fall.

Therefore, the Vestry and I invite you to a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, May 1 at 9 a.m. in Latham Hall to discuss this exciting and faith-filled endeavor. I am also leaving Sunday, May 8 open for a continuing discussion if we need it. I look forward to our conversation.

With love,



## FROM THE PARISH

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



All women in the Episcopal Church are members of the ECW.

In order to give a greater number of members the opportunity to attend meetings, **we have moved our meetings to the third Sunday of each month at 11:30 am.**

Please prayerfully consider the following:

1. Volunteers are needed to help set up the tables for the Lord of the Streets (LOTS) packet assembly. Peggy Bailey sets up the tables on the third Saturday of the month. Please contact Peggy if you can assist her.
2. Donations to help defray the cost of the LOTS packets are always welcome. Cash or checks (made out to St Christopher's with LOTS in the memo line) may be placed in the basket on the table where the packets are assembled or sent into the church office.
3. If you have any ideas or requests for speakers or topics, please contact Mary Frances Townsend.
4. Please remember to bring fruits, vegetables or other items for The Mission of Yahweh (a shelter for homeless women and children) on the first Sunday of each month.

### THE SHOP

The Shop has been re-opened and is staffed to assist you. There are seasonal items in addition to items suitable for birth and Baptismal gifts. The Shop also has an assortment of religious items for your home and gift-giving. You will be pleased and amazed at what is offered. If you are a crafter, please consider donating one of your handmade items to The Shop. All profits are collected by Episcopal Church Women and fund outreach including Lord of the Streets and

Mission of Yahweh. Come in and browse. We're here to help you.

### Hours of Operation

Sunday 9:00 AM – 10 AM  
Tuesday and Wednesday  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### SENIOR BUS TRIPS



### Saturday May 7

We're heading to The Liberty Opry House in Liberty, TX for an evening of Country Gospel music performed by the Opry ensemble and an outstanding Gospel Trio. This promises to be a fun evening. We will depart at 3:00PM. Dinner will be at Ann's Seafood Restaurant in Liberty prior to the show. Menu prices range from \$8 to \$12 per person. Cost for this trip is \$12 pp. All seats are reserved and prepaid so I will need firm commitments 2 weeks in advance. Should be back at St. Christopher's no later than 11:30 PM.

### Monday June 13

This is our "Carmen Darlin" trip to Huntsville, TX. We will meet our tour guide at the Sam Houston Statue visitor's center for a tour of local historical sites. A break for country style lunch and then a visit and tour of the Prison Museum. I have not personally made this trip, but have gotten several great reviews. Looking forward to it. More details and cost as the date draws nearer.

Look for sign-up sheets and posters in The Narthex and Parish Hall. Feel free to call me, Carl Squires, for more information at 713-467-2552

### Christian Education News

Thank you to all who attended the two Adult Christian Education series this spring led by Debbie McCart and Jill Center.



### Town Hall with Father Bob

Sunday, May 1st, Father Bob will hold a Town Hall meeting during the Christian Education hour in Latham Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. The discussion will center on renovation information and questions from parishioners. The meeting will continue, if needed on Sunday, May 8th.

### Sunday, May 15th

A 4-week study of the Anglican Covenant will begin. Please join Father Bob in Latham Hall during the Christian Education hour if you wish to gain a deeper understanding of the Anglican Covenant.



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and calls while

I have been ill and recovering from surgery. I am looking forward to being back in service soon. Thanks again.

*Becky Hubert*

Thank you, Ralph Talley, for all of your dedication and hard work in preparing the grounds for Easter.

*Father Bob, Mike Leskin  
and Lee Thackeray*

## APRIL EVENTS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD

#### 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  
9:00 AM Christian Education  
For all ages  
9:00 AM Confirmation Class  
10:00 AM Rite I  
10:00 AM Children's Chapel  
11:30 AM Youth Group

### TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
10:00 AM Senior Exercise  
10:30 AM Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH

- 10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry  
12:05 PM Healing Service w/  
Eucharist  
6:30 PM Simple Supper  
7:15 PM Taize Service  
8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH

**GUEST PRIEST: Patricia Vasquez**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING FOR RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- 8 AM Rite I  
9:00 AM Christian Education

- 10:00 AM Rite II  
10:00 AM Children's Chapel  
11:30 AM Youth Group  
Noon Episcopal Church Women



### TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
10:00 AM Senior Exercise  
10:30 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Labyrinth

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH

- 10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry  
12:05 PM Healing Service w/  
Eucharist  
6:30 PM Simple Supper  
7:15 PM Taize Service  
8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

- 10:30 AM Confirmation Rehearsal  
6:00 PM Family Movie Night:  
"Tangled"



### SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

#### PALM SUNDAY



**LOOSE PLATE OFFERING FOR BISHOP DENA HARRISON**

#### **THIRD SUNDAY- LORD OF THE STREETS OUTREACH**

- 8 AM Rite I  
9:00 AM Snack Pack Assembly  
10:00 AM Rite II with Confirmation/Reaffirmation/Reception  
11:30 AM Reception in Latham Hall



### MONDAY, APRIL 18TH

- 7:00 AM Morning Prayer

### TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH

- 7:00 AM Morning Prayer  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
10:00 AM Senior Exercise  
10:30 AM Bible Study

## APRIL EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH

- 7:00 AM Morning Prayer  
10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry  
12:05 PM Healing Service w/  
Eucharist  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST



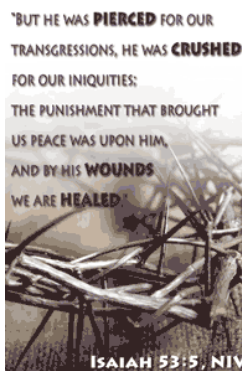
- 7:00 PM Service with Eucharist  
Followed by All-Night Prayer Vigil

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND

- Noon  
Good Friday Service  
7:00 PM  
Stations of the Cross



**OFFICE & DAY SCHOOL  
CLOSED**



### SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD



- 6:30 PM Holy Easter Vigil with  
Baptism  
Reception following worship

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH



# EASTER

- 8 AM Rite I  
9:00 AM Breakfast  
10:00 AM Rite II  
10:00 AM Children's Chapel  
11:30 AM Egg Hunt



### MONDAY, APRIL 25TH

**OFFICE & DAY SCHOOL  
CLOSED**

### TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
10:00 AM Senior Exercise  
10:30 AM Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH

- 10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry  
12:05 PM Healing Service with  
Eucharist  
12:30 PM Clericus  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH

- 10:00 AM THE BIG EVENT



## SIDEWALK SALE

Supporting Houston Hospice  
and St. Christopher's Youth

Craft Vendors

Thrift Shop Items

Children's Activities

Refreshments

## MAY EVENTS

### SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

#### **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  
 9:00 AM Town Hall  
 9:00 AM Christian Education for children  
 10:00 AM Rite II  
 10:00 AM Children's Chapel  
 11:30 AM Episcopal Youth Community  
 11:30 AM Daughters of the King  
 2:00 PM Sonshine Kids

### TUESDAY, MAY 3RD

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 10:00 AM Senior Exercise  
 10:30 AM Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH

- 10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 12:05 PM Healing Service with Eucharist  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

- 3:00 PM Senior Bus Trip:  
 Liberty Opry



### SUNDAY, MAY 8TH



#### **SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING FOR RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- 8 AM Rite I  
 9:00 AM Town Hall  
 9:00 AM Christian Education  
 10:00 AM Rite II  
 10:00 AM Children's Chapel

### MONDAY, MAY 9TH

- 6:00 PM Day School Board

### TUESDAY, MAY 10TH

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 10:00 AM Senior Exercise  
 10:30 AM Bible Study  
 1:00 PM Thrift Shop Board  
 7:00 PM Labyrinth

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH

- 10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 12:05 PM Healing Service with Eucharist  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

- 9:30 AM Safeguarding God's Children  
 4:00 PM Soccer Shootout

### SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

#### **THIRD SUNDAY- LORD OF THE STREETS OUTREACH**

- 8 AM Rite I  
 9:00 AM Snack Pack Assembly  
 9:00 AM Christian Education  
 10:00 AM Rite II  
 10:00 AM Children's Chapel  
 11:30 AM VBS Training



- Noon Episcopal Church Women

### TUESDAY, MAY 17TH

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 10:00 AM Senior Exercise  
 10:30 AM Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Finance Committee

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH

- 10:00 AM Day School Chapel  
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 12:05 PM Healing Service with Eucharist  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, MAY 20TH

- 5:00 PM Coppock/Beausiegel Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, MAY 21ST

- 6:00 PM Coppock/Beausiegel Wedding  
 6:30 PM Game Night

## MAY EVENTS

### SUNDAY, MAY 22ND



### **SPRING FAMILY CELEBRATION SUNDAY**

#### **Guest Priest:**

**The Rev. Canon John Newton**

**Canon of Lifelong Christian Formation for the Diocese of Texas**

- 9:00 AM Christian Education
- 10:00 AM Rite II Family Service
- 11:30 AM Potluck Lunch
- 2:00 PM Private Event in Latham Hall

### MONDAY, MAY 23RD

- 5:30 PM Tumbling & Dance Recital for Day School



- 7:00 PM Vestry

### TUESDAY, MAY 24TH

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
- 10:00 AM Senior Exercise
- 10:30 AM Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH

- 10:00 AM Pre-K Graduation



- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 12:05 PM Healing Service with Eucharist
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, MAY 27TH

### **LAST DAY OF SPRING SEMESTER AT DAY SCHOOL**

### SUNDAY, MAY 29TH

#### **YOUTH SUNDAY**

- 8 AM Rite I
- 9:00 AM Christian Education
- 10:00 AM Rite II w/ Children's Sermon
- 11:30 AM Episcopal Youth Community

### MONDAY, MAY 30TH



#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

### TUESDAY, MAY 31ST

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
- 10:00 AM Senior Exercise
- 10:30 AM Bible Study



#### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Beginning Monday, June 13th, the church office will be closed Mondays through the summer.

The office will resume Monday hours on August 1st.

#### **CHRONICLES DEADLINE**

This is a reminder that all calendar events, articles and information to be printed in the Chronicles is due to the editor by the 10th of the previous month.

#### **DAY SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP**

Beginning Tuesday, May 31st, the Day School will be in Latham Hall from 7 AM to 6 PM, Monday - Friday to accommodate students attending their summer program. Any activity regularly scheduled to occur in Latham Hall during those hours will have to make alternative arrangements with the office. Thank you.

#### **EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK**

Tickets are now available in the church office for the June 28th Astros game. Contact Gladys to purchase or for more information.



Thursday, June 9th —

Sunday June 12th

Vacation Bible School

**BIBLE STORIES**

**LIVELY SONGS**

**EXCITING GAMES**

**TASTY SNACKS**

**CREATIVE CRAFTS**



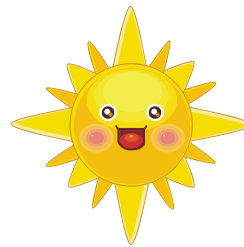
To register, volunteer or get more information contact Jill Center at 713-465-6015 or

**Questions about Children's Ministries?**

Want to be involved?

New opportunities all the time for people of all talents.

Contact Jill Center at 713-465-6015 xt. 225 or [jill@stchristouston.org](mailto:jill@stchristouston.org) to become a part of these exciting ministries.



**Sonshine Kids**  
**Sunday, May 1st**  
**Last meeting until the Fall!**  
**2 - 4 PM in Youth Room**

Children ages 3 to 10  
A time of fellowship, fun and faith building  
Bring the kids.  
Snacks! Videos! Crafts!



**Spring Family**  
**Celebration**  
**Sunday**  
**May 22nd**  
**One service**  
**10 AM**

Celebrating all the members of our church and day school families and honoring our graduates. The guest priest will be the Rev. Canon John Newton, Canon of Lifelong Christian Formation for the Diocese of Texas.

Potluck lunch following service and fun activities for children.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S BIG EVENT**



**Saturday, April 30th  
10 AM - 2 PM**



**Thrift Shop Sidewalk Sale  
Local Arts & Craft Vendors  
Children's Activities  
Refreshments**



*Vendor or craft tables available for rent. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact Jill Center, Director of Children's Ministries at 713.465.6015 or [jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org).*



**SENIORS IN MOTION**

**TUESDAYS @ 10 AM**

**What are the benefits of exercise?**

New information continues to emerge proving that people of all ages and physical conditions benefit from exercise and physical activity. Staying physically active and exercising on a regular basis can help prevent or delay many diseases and disabilities including dementia. NIH (National Institutes of Health) report that even moderate exercise and physical activity can improve the health of seniors who are frail or who have diseases that accompany aging.

**Afraid to Exercise?**

Exercise and physical activity are among the healthiest things you can do for yourself, but some older adults are reluctant to get started. They may be afraid that exercise will be too strenuous, or that physical activity will harm them. Research from the NIH shows that actually the opposite is true:

**Exercise is safe for people of all age groups.**

Older adults hurt their health far more by not exercising than by exercising. An inactive lifestyle can cause older adults to lose ground in four areas that are important for staying healthy and independent: strength, balance, flexibility, and endurance.

**Is it too late?**

Even if you have had an inactive lifestyle, there is good news. It's never too late to improve your health.

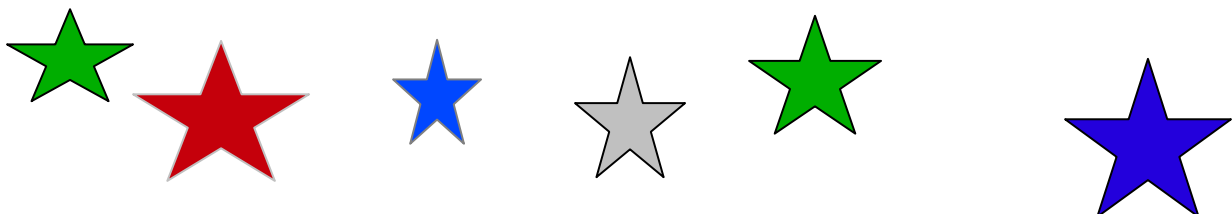
**You are invited to join Seniors in Motion.....Tuesdays @ 10am in Latham Hall.**

**-need more enticement?**

Now is the time to get started..... familiar surroundings with like-minded people.

Try the program free for one class (gratis), and if you like it, come back every Tuesday for only \$6 / class or \$20 / month. If the class is not for you, we are still happy that you stopped in for a visit.

**For more information, please call Janet @ 832-435-5177**



**Birthdays**

- April 3 Ms. Jennifer
- April 11 Robbie
- April 18 Charlie
- April 18 Ms. Bailey
- April 21 Jarod
- April 29 Luis
- April 30 Cyrus
  
- May 2 Gail Musgrove
- May 13 Daniel K.
- May 17 Matthew Z.
- May 22 Ellie D.
- May 25 Elijah
- May 27 Kamren G.
- May 27 Chase D.
- May 27 Ella StM.
- May 30 Eloise

**We would like to welcome our newest families to the...**  
 Brad & Gloria Jean Clifford and their daughter, Abby to the Doodlebugs.  
 Stephen & Kim Lee and their son, David to the Doodlebugs.

**Welcome back . . .**  
 Derek & Ashley Hudeck and their children, Jackson (Little lambs) &  
 Maddie (Doodlebugs).

We are so glad that you are a part of our family here at St. Christopher's.

**Teacher Anniversaries  
 Congratulations and thank you  
 for your hard work and  
 dedication!**



Jennifer Black  
 3 years  
 (K - afterschool teacher)

**Teacher of the Month  
 March 2011**



**Day School Chapel with Father Bob on Ash Wednesday**

**March 9, 2011**



## EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

### WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?



Have an idea for an outreach project? A bible study? A mission trip? A field trip? Share it today and it could be on the calendar tomorrow. This is your EYC!

Have faith and make things happen.

### CAMP ALLEN SUMMER CAMP

If you have signed up for summer

camp, please have your parents contact Jill Center at [jill@stchrishouston.org](mailto:jill@stchrishouston.org) or 713-465-6015 to verify that all forms have been received and signed. Thank you.

**Episcopal Youth Community** will meet May 1st and May 29th. VBS training will be held May 15th. If you are interested in assisting with Vacation Bible School, you must attend.

In June, EYC will meet on June 5th and June 26th. Vacation Bible School is June 9th—12th. Please check with Jill Center about times and volunteer positions available.

July meeting dates are the 10th, 17th and 31st.

There will be no EYC meetings in August.

Our current Bible Study is God Sightings. We are reading our way through the Bible in a different and fun way. EYC is open to all youth ages 11 and up. Visitors are always welcome.



## LORD of the STREETS Episcopal Church Community of the Streets Outreach



Lord of the Streets is in need of your support. Many of our Episcopal churches in the Greater Houston area participate in the ministries of LOTS, but many are not familiar with us. Our 2011 Annual Lord of the Streets Spring Luncheon, to be held at St. Martin's Episcopal Church-Houston on Thursday, May 12th, 2011 beginning at 11:30am is meant to change that.

Our goal is to present information about Lord of the Streets and our 2011 Spring Luncheon – our only annual fundraising event – to each church in the diocese. Everyone associated with Lord of the Streets takes seriously **our mission**

**statement 'To minister to the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of individuals in Houston, who are homeless, disadvantaged or in transition.'**

To do this takes efficient use of the time, talents and treasure of many individuals. Our committee is working hard to make this event successful.

We would love for your parish, or a small group within your parish (like a Bible study group) to sponsor a table for the 2011 luncheon, at a cost of \$1,000 for 10 seats or to purchase individual tickets for \$100. The benefits of your table purchase will include preferred

seating for 10, as well as name recognition on the event day program.

We need your help to carry out our mission – to minister to the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of individuals in Houston, who are homeless, disadvantaged or in transition.

Please contact Lyl Harvin for further information. She is a parishioner at St. Martin's Episcopal Church and Chair of the 2011 Lord of the Streets Luncheon Committee  
**Call Lyl at 713.622.3873 or email her at [lhavin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lhavin@sbcglobal.net).**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### For those who mourn

#### For our family and friends who are ill and their care givers:

Carol (*sister of Leigh*)  
Nina & Gary (*parents of Jennifer*)  
Wendy (*daughter-in-law of Ruth*)  
Harold & Lois (*parents of Candy*)  
Candy & family  
Jacque & Ralph  
Richard (*husband of Lee*)  
Andrew (*brother of Mary*)  
Olga  
Jennie B. and family  
Misty  
Lon  
Anne  
Magdalene  
Pete (*son of Bette*)  
Brian (*nephew of Bette*)  
Jennifer (*relative of Bette*)  
Janet (*sister of Jean*)  
Elaine and Richard (*friends of Jean*)  
Michael (*grandson of Jean*)

### For those who travel

#### Thanksgivings for:

Parish family, Parish ministry leaders

#### For the Ministries of:

ECW  
Altar Guild  
Lord of the Streets

### For the Needs of:

Those recovering from the earthquake, tsunami, and radiation crisis in Japan and those who go to their aid  
Those who suffer from chronic illnesses and their caregivers  
Those countries struggling to change leadership, may it be done in a peaceful manner  
The Capital Funds Campaign and all those who are leading the parish renewal

### For our military family and friends:

Matthew Bieker  
(*Becky Hubert's nephew*)  
Kevin Berry  
(*Joy Gould's Grandson*)  
David Carmichael  
Will Ceron  
Patrick Cunningham  
(*Carter Hood's son*)  
Christopher Esqueda  
(*Dorothy Johnson's grandson*)  
Ryan Freeman  
(*Joy Gould's great-nephew*)  
Brandon Greenfield  
(*Joy Gould's Grandson*)  
Ryan Guedry  
(*Joy Gould's Grandson*)  
Ryan Roberts  
(*Mary's grandson*)  
Scott Rye

Tyler Siegrest  
Chris Trader

### Especially for those deployed:

Rubiel Cadavid  
(*Monica's husband, Day School teacher*)  
Michael Cox  
(*Karla's son*)  
Art Hoffman  
(*Bonnie's grandson*)  
Mickey Rojas  
Dan Mouton  
Joseph Strban  
(*Dale's Son*)  
Robert Townsend  
(*Mary Frances' nephew*)

Please remember all prayer requests are automatically dropped from the list after 30 days.

If you wish to renew your request, please call the church office by the last Wednesday of the month to be printed in the Chronicles. Also new prayer requests are accepted at any time by calling the church office or placing a request in the offering plate.

Please make sure you have permission of the person(s) being added to the list.



## COMERICA BANK OFFICE PERKS PROGRAM

**Comerica Office Perks Program** is a marketing campaign benefiting employers and non-profit organizations, like St. Christopher's Episcopal Church. St. Christopher's has enrolled in this program and parishioners are now offered a new way to support our church. **All employees and members of St. Christopher's who open a new Comerica personal checking account and meet the requirements will earn \$100 for themselves and \$50 for St. Christopher's Office Perks pool.**

To get started, just stop by Comerica and open your personal checking account, register online with the promotion code: StX4099, establish a recurring direct deposit of \$150 per month, and activate either your Comerica check card or Web Bill Pay. Once you have completed 10 total transactions totaling \$250, \$50 is deposited in St. Christopher's account and \$100 is deposited in yours!

**Questions? Contact Gladys in the church office at 713-465-6015 or Comerica at 800-292-1300.**



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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.**

**ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS**

**Anniversaries**

Lee & Dana Thackeray	4/09
John & Madeline Greer	5/16
Russell & Joyce Barry	5/21
Jay & Vonnie Barth	5/27

**Birthdays**

George Ruppenthal	4/03
Allyson Stucker	4/04
Mary Parramore	4/7
Ronda Mote	4/13
Alexanne Pace	4/13
Vance Anderle	4/15
Becky Hubert	4/15
James Johnson	4/15
Charles Gach	4/16
Charlie Center	4/18
Jacque Clemons	4/18
James Buckley	4/20
Joyce Barry	4/21
Nathan Thorpe	4/22
Ryder Derryberry	4/26
Mackie Stucker	4/29

Beverly McGrath	4/30
Jean O'Dell	4/30
E. Bolig	5/03
M. Speller	5/03
Lauren Lolley	5/06
Brittany Alexander	5/07
Russell Barry	5/07
William Hoffman	5/09
John Aikman	5/11
Magdalene Ringh	5/12
Bud Theriault	5/12
Nick Pace	5/13
Ruben Salas	5/13
Taylor Derryberry	5/15
Nicole Devins	5/18
William Coppock	5/22
Ellie Devens	5/22
Ellis Derryberry	5/24
Chase Devens	5/27

