



THE CHRONICLES

Special points of interest:

- Stewardship Drive is in full swing.
- Oct 10th is Fall Family Celebration Sunday. Come see the Magic Show following the 10:30 service and enjoy a special time together.
- Vestry Elections are October 17th.
- Pumpkin Patch is here again!
October 17th—31st. Consider volunteering to sell pumpkins or just stop by and pick up your fall décor.



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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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STEWARDSHIP

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Now we must stop and take stock as to what the Lord did give.

First the almighty and heavenly Father gave us life. What is that worth to you? Think only God can make a life? Many people with their test tubes are trying, but they are beating a dead horse, and they are walking on holy and dangerous ground.

The Almighty also gave us an ever-living soul and our Holy Spirit. What are they worth?

The almighty heavenly Father gave us the most wonderful gift, His Beloved Son. How can you put a value on that?

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



Christ, our beloved savior, gave us the opportunity to have life everlasting. Oh my, Oh my, Oh my. How can we atone for that?

To receive these multitude of gifts we must stand on the love of God and His mercy and forgiveness. There is no way that we can earn even a small blessing, but we must try. We must give of ourselves and our time, talent, and treasures. The Bride of Christ on earth, "The Church", does require and need all of these.

"Give in secret and you will be rewarded openly."

Now is the time to stop and take stock of what we are giving. In my opinion, most of us do not give

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REPORT FROM THE BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

MIKE LESKIN

The Annual Bishop's Conference on Stewardship discussing the many aspects of stewardship: was held at Camp Allen August 6th and 7th. what it is, what it isn't and how we, as a Father Bob and a delegation from St. community of faith, should practice it.

Christopher's attended. The delegation was comprised of Joyce and David Archibald, John Dagleish and myself. The highlight of the conference was Bishop Andy Doyle's presentation. It was entitled "The Divine Economy." Bishop Doyle explained how

This remarkable gathering consisted of stewardship is a process in the life of the church,

workshops, breakout sessions and speakers - all

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S FINANCIALS

August 2010

Annual Budget Pledge Income Goal

\$250,000

Actual Year to Date Pledged

\$246, 104

Year to Date Actual

\$147,646

2010 Stewardship Program

105 Pledges Received

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.

If you wish to add a prayer to the Prayers of the People, please fill out the form provided in the church office at 713.465.6015 or jill@stchrishouston.org. This form can be picked up or emailed to you upon request. 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. Pastoral Care visit the ill and homebound. 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are available for dedication to special occasions (birthdays, anniversaries, in thanksgiving, in memory of, or for the glory of God). If you would like to order Altar Flowers, contact the church office at 713.465.6015 or email gladys@stchrishouston.org. Dedications are \$50.00.

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If you wish to reserve any space on the parish property for a personal or organizational event, a building reservation or meeting request form must be filled out and approved at least five business days prior to the event. Reservation forms are available in the office or can be emailed to you. Contact the church office at 713.465.6015 or gladys@stchrishouston.org.

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. Requests can be emailed to gladys@stchrishouston.org.

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

Sunday Services

8:00 AM	Rite I Eucharist
9:15 AM	Christian Education
10:30 AM	Rite II Eucharist
	Children's Chapel

Parish Office

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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

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Hours

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

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S LEADERSHIP

VESTRY

Siobhan Dagleish	Senior Warden
Lee Thackeray	Junior Warden
Ralph Clemons	Fellowship/Outreach/Thrift Shop
Larry Pless	Fellowship/Outreach
Mike Leskin	Stewardship/Generosity/ Day School/Outreach
Ellen Valentine	Inreach/Outreach
Joe Knisel	Family Ministries/Outreach
Ruby Bradford	Worship/Outreach
Jeanene Trout	Christian Education Liaison
Gladys Pace	Clerk/Staff Liaison

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Ralph Clemons	Chair
Lee Thackeray	Junior Warden
Ralph Talley	Sexton
Gladys Pace	Parish Administrator
David Archibald	
Chuck Gach	
Candy Leskin	
Ellen Valentine	

DAY SCHOOL BOARD

John Dagleish	President
Marchelle Cipra	Director
Father Bob Goolsby	Rector
Mike Leskin	Vestry Liaison
Trudy Singleton	Parent Representative
Lee Eriksen	
Jean Fischer	
Patrick LaVergne	
Lee Thackeray	

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Siobhan Dagleish	Senior Warden
John Aikman	
Gwen Aldridge	
David Archibald	
Dana Thackeray	
Van Valentine	
Gladys Pace	Staff Liaison

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

John Dagleish	Chairman
Mike Leskin	Vestry Liaison
Gwen Aldridge	
David Archibald	
Joyce Archibald	
Dana Thackeray	
Van Valentine	

THRIFT SHOP BOARD

Peggy Bailey	Chairman
Ralph Clemons	Vestry Liaison
Nell Downum	St. Christopher's
Bonnie McKay	St. Christopher's
Margaret Caddy	Houston Hospice
JoAnne Swinney McLaughlin	Houston Hospice

VISIONING COMMITTEE

Clyde Sloan	Chairman
Candy Leskin	Building
Jeanene Trout	Outreach
Gwen Aldridge	Youth
Michael Thorpe	Youth
Becky Hubert	Worship & Music



RECTOR'S PAGE

As we enter this fall season, I find things getting quite busy around the parish. Classes are starting, bible study has started, and the Stewardship "season" is in full swing as are the ministries of St. Christopher's. It's a time of new beginnings it seems. Even when we consider the requests that the church is receiving for baptisms and weddings, I see new beginnings for others. We are seeing new babies going to their new homes and changing the homes of their new parents. Students leaving home and finding new ones amid the college chaos to graduating seniors returning home to seek and discern what new beginning they will embark on.

If we recall the Gospel lesson from September 12, we hear Jesus' message about repentance. As we enter the season when things are being "geared up" again, like Christian Education, Bible Studies and Stewardship, I am reminded of Jesus coaxing us back into relationship with God; calling us to return home. Repentance is all about starting anew; starting fresh. Starting again. Returning home to God. Jesus instructs us that as the shepherd who lost his sheep and found it he rejoiced, just as the woman who lost her coin rejoiced when she found it, so is there joy in the presence of the angels of God when just a single sinner repents, or returns to him.

This is the miracle of the Christian faith: that it is never too late for new beginnings and it is never too late to return home. The new life found in Jesus' resurrection establishes this. Sin and death no longer have dominion over us because we are constantly being searched out by God to begin again, to amend our lives and return to him. As Christians, we are called to be like Christ who was the Image of God incarnate. H. King Oehmig says it so warmly, "Coming to Jesus is coming Home."

I encourage you to respond in gratitude to the Shepherd who always calls us back to the fold; back to our home. I encourage you to strengthen your spirit through Christian education, worship, service, alms giving and through your relationships with others. When we repent, we are not just apologizing to God our Father, rather we agree to amend our lives, change our ways to be different people. Different from who we were and more like him who calls us his own. As St. Paul says, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect (Romans 12:2).

Blessings and peace to you,

Bob+

FATHER BOB'S OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 2 HAPI Family Pet Festival with Animal Blessing
- 4 Circle of Care
- 5 Staff Meeting
Bible Study
Organ Dedication, Co-Cathedral
- 6 Day School Chapel
Healing Service
- 7 MAM CC Meeting
- 9 Daughters of the King Quiet Day
Soccer Shootout
- 10 Fall Family Celebration Sunday
Magic Show and Luncheon
- 11 School Board Meeting
- 12 Staff Prayer
Bible Study
Thrift Shop Meeting
- 13 Day School Chapel
Healing Service
- 16 Pumpkin Delivery
Parent's Night Out
- 17 Vestry Election
Pumpkin Patch Opens
- 18 Outreach Meeting
- 19 Staff Meeting
Bible Study
St. James Tea
Finance Committee
- 20 Day School Chapel
Healing Service
- 21 Ministry Leadership
- 23 Blackburn/Stevens Wedding
The Great American Songbook Choir Fundraiser
- 26 Staff Prayer
Bible Study
Vestry Meeting
- 27 Day School Chapel
Healing Service
Clericus
- 29 Clergy Group
- 31 Youth Sunday
Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

OCTOBER EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

11:00 AM Blessing of the Animals
Outdoor Chapel

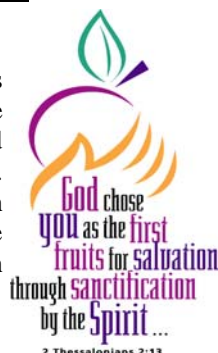


11:00 AM - HAPI Family Pet
3:00 PM Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

First Fruits Sunday

Fresh Fruit, Vegetables and other donations are collected and donated to Mission of Yahweh. This ministry outreach is sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women.



8:00 AM Rite I Service
9:15 AM Christian Education
10:30 AM Rite II Service
Children's Chapel
Noon Episcopal Youth
Noon Daughters of the King
2:00 PM Sunshine Kids

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
10:00 AM Senior Exercise
10:30 AM Bible Study with
Father Bob

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:00 AM Day School Chapel
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Group
12:05 PM Healing Service
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 AM Daughters of the King
Day of Quiet
4:00 PM Soccer Shootout



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Fall Family Celebration Day

8:00 AM Rite I Service
9:15 AM Christian Education
10:30 AM Rite II Service
Children's Sermon
Noon Magic Show with
Magician Jamie Salinas
and Kid-Friendly Lunch



5:00 PM **Chronicles Deadline
for November
Newsletter**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:00 PM Day School Board
Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

10:00 AM Day School Chapel
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Group
12:05 PM Healing Service
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

10:00 AM Episcopal Church
Women Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:00 AM Pumpkin Delivery



6:00 PM Family Movie Night &
Kid's Night In

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

2011 Vestry Elections



Loose Plate Offering Collection for Rector's Discretionary Fund

8:00 AM Rite I Service
9:15 AM Christian Education
Lord of the Streets
Packet Assembly
10:30 AM Rite II Service
Children's Chapel
Noon Episcopal Youth

OCTOBER EVENTS



Pumpkin Patch Opens and continues daily through Oct. 31.

Noon - 6:00 PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

Pumpkin Patch 9:00 - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Pumpkin Patch 9:00 - 6:00 PM

9:30 AM Staff Meeting

10:00 AM Senior Exercise

10:30 AM Bible Study with Father Bob

6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Pumpkin Patch 9:00 - 6:00 PM

10:00 AM Day School Chapel

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Group

12:05 PM Healing Service

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Pumpkin Patch 9:00 - 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Pumpkin Patch 9:00 - 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Pumpkin Patch 9:00 - 6:00 PM

7:00 PM The Great American Songbook

Choir Fundraiser



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Pumpkin Patch Noon - 6:00 PM

8:00 AM Rite I Service

9:15 AM Christian Education

10:30 AM Rite II Service

Children's Chapel

Noon Episcopal Youth

Chronicles Distributed

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

Pumpkin Patch 9:00 - 6:00 PM

8:00 AM Senior Bus Trip

The Painted Churches

Lunch at Paddy's



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Pumpkin Patch 9:00 - 6:00 PM

9:30 AM Staff Meeting

10:00 AM Senior Exercise

10:30 AM Bible Study with Father Bob

7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Pumpkin Patch 9:00 - 6:00 PM

10:00 AM Day School Chapel

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Group

12:05 PM Healing Service

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Pumpkin Patch 9:00 - 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Pumpkin Patch 9:00 - 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Pumpkin Patch 9:00 - 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Pumpkin Patch Noon - 6:00 PM

8:00 AM Rite I Service

9:15 AM Christian Education

10:30 AM Rite II Youth Service



Noon - 4:00 PM

Games and Activities

4:00 PM

Costume Contest

6:00 PM -
8:00 PM

**Trunk
Treat**



COMING IN NOVEMBER . . .



Pumpkin Patch clean up 11/1

Election Day 11/2

EYC Field Trip 11/6

Renaissance Festival

Veteran's Day 11/11

Game Night 11/20

Day School Thanksgiving Feast 11/23

Thanksgiving Day 11/25

Dinner in Latham Hall



Family Movie Night

&

Kid's Night In

Saturday, October 16th , 6:00 PM

Latham Hall



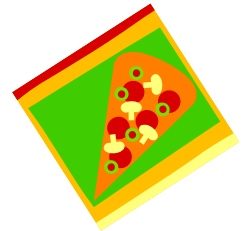
Come as a family and enjoy a movie with heart

Or children ages 3 and up are invited to attend Kid's Night In.

Let your kids have a night of fun while you enjoy a night out.

Join us in watching "Monsters, Inc." and some fun activities.

Enjoy pizza, popcorn and a special treat!



Kid's Night In reservations must be received by Thursday, October 14th. Limited spaces available. Call now.

For more information, please contact Jill Center at 713.465.6015 xt 225 or jill@stchrishouston.org.

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not simply a program that happens at a certain time of year.

Stewardship is a whole-life, generous response to a life-giving, generous God and to God's unbounded, unending grace.

As St. Christopher's Stewardship Campaign gets underway, let us ask ourselves, "What is our response to God's grace? What does God need from us? What Great Dream has God planted in our hearts?"

You will be hearing more about stewardship in the weeks to come. Let us all prayerfully consider what our response will be, both individually and as a parish, to God's unbounded, unending grace in our lives.

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anywhere near enough in answer to the great gifts that we receive. Actually, there is no way that we can justify our measly effort. We could give all and it would still not come up to the "Gifts of God".

So how do we arrive at a gift giving? The only way is to examine our heart and mind and do the best that we can. If you do your best, then there is nothing else required of you. But are you doing your best? The only way to tell, is to look into your heart and soul, and then decide. When you sacrifice, God is well pleased.

Remember the widow and her mite. Everyone that gives to the Church, after self examination, knows that they can do just a little more.

May "the Almighty God" guide us in our effort to reach our final goal! Amen.

Give until it hurts, and then give just a little more, and then it will feel good.



Congratulations to Our Teachers!



This Month's Birthdays



Gail Musgrove, our Pre-K teacher, celebrates her 21st anniversary at the Day School this fall.
Thank you, Gail, for your many years of hard work and dedication.



Maria Salas celebrates 2 years in the Little Lambs Room (newborn - 12 months).



Monica Cadavid celebrates her 3rd anniversary as Doodlebug teacher (18 - 24 months).

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| <u>October 4</u>
Adrian Isaaccura
Logan Ramos | <u>October 23</u>
Ainsley Kinloch |
| <u>October 10</u>
Nico Hidrobo | <u>October 26</u>
Samuel Krauss |
| <u>October 13</u>
Grace Gabriel | <u>October 28</u>
Norah Wiseman |
| <u>October 22</u>
Ms. Patricia | <u>October 30</u>
Ms. Mary R. |
| | <u>October 31</u>
Ms. Maria C. |

Butterflies



(above) Storytime



(below) Dress up is fun.



Art work

SINGING AT CHAPEL WITH FATHER BOB



Two little "Caterpillars" doing their finest artwork.



Pre-K hard at work!





The Pumpkins are coming!



Pumpkin Patch

Sunday, October 17th - Sunday, October 31st

Hours:

Monday - Saturday 9 AM - 6 PM

Sunday Noon - 6 PM

Sign up to sell pumpkins in the church office.

👑 Volunteers are needed!

Please contact Jill Center at 713-465-6015 or jill@stchrsihouston.org to volunteer.

Pumpkin Delivery Day: Saturday, October 16th @ 8:00 AM

We need people, wheelbarrows, and pallets!



Fall Family

Celebration Sunday



October 10th

You and your family are invited to join us for a day celebrating the time we spend together. Everyone is welcome.

Invite your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors.

Kid-Friendly Lunch to be served following 10:30 service



**Come at Noon
and See The Magic Show
Featuring Jamie Salinas
A show for all ages.**

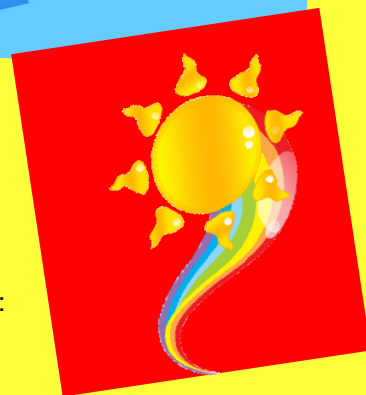
Sonshine Kids

- Movie
- Crafts
- Games
- Snack

**October 3rd
2 - 4 PM**

In the Youth Room
Ages 3 - 10

Contact Jill for more info:
713-365-6015 xt 225
jill@stchrisihouston.org





EYC meets Sundays at Noon in the Youth Room.

All youth ages 11 and up are welcome to join us for this time of fellowship and study.

There will be food, fellowship, fun and study in an open and accepting environment.

All are welcome to come and learn about God, Jesus, and the Episcopal Church and the place they have in your life.

If you are a first timer and are nervous, feel free to bring a friend.

DONATE LUNCH FOR THE EYC!

At each EYC meeting, we share a meal and time of fellowship. Donate a meal and join the youth for a relaxed discussion of what is going on in their lives and their faith. Each donation needs to feed 8 - 10 people.

We need lunches for October, November and December. A sign up sheet is posted on Jill Center's office door or email Jill at jill@stchristouston.org.

Support the youth of St. Christopher's!



Buy a t-shirt designed by our EYC.

All proceeds go toward youth activities and missions.

All Sizes Available. T-shirts can be purchased from Jill Center in the church office or stop by the youth room on Sundays.



Want to Lend a Helping Hand?

The EYC has assembled some "Helping Hands" for handing out to the homeless.

Inspired by the Lord of the Streets Mission, we have attached a snack to a bottle of water for handing out to those in need. These are available at no charge. Just ask a member of the EYC or stop by the Youth Room in the Christian Education Hall.

EYC MUSEUM & MISSION TRIP TO DOWNTOWN HOUSTON



On Saturday August 7, 2010 our E.Y.C. group had a field trip. One of the things we did was at the park in downtown Houston. We passed out water bottles and peanut butter crackers. I could tell by the look of people's faces that they were thankful. Especially, this one big group of homeless people. They smiled with happiness as their hearts filled with love. They were so happy that you could see their eyes sparkle with joy. It was truly a happy moment not just for them, but for me too. It made me feel good to do something for someone besides myself. We eventually gave away approximately 30 peanut butter crackers and 50 water bottles. In the end I was very hot and sweaty, but I enjoyed the experience and was glad I came.

Grace Freeman



Senior Bus Trip
Monday, October
25th

The Seven Painted Churches

The next Senior Bus we will visit four of The Seven Painted Churches in the Schulenburg, TX area.

The cost for this trip will be \$21.50 per person. A buffet style lunch at PADDY'S in Schulenburg is included.

Register Now.

Bus trips are sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of St. Christopher's. To ride the bus you must be 55 or older or the spouse of someone who qualifies.

Watch for further information on the Poster in Latham Hall and The Sunday Announcements

Have any suggestions, questions, ideas thoughts, or comments: please call Carl Squires at 713-467-2552 or e-mail csquires1@comcast.net.

St. Christopher's
Soccer Shootout



SATURDAY ,OCTOBER 9TH
4 - 7 PM

SOCCER FIELDS WITH REFEREES

FREE ADMISSION



ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

FREE HOT DOGS

FREE CHIPS

FREE BOTTLED WATER

SPONSORED BY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



Once again we are taking orders for St. Christopher's Polo Shirts.

A variety of colors are available: red, black, white, brown, light pink and fuchsia.

When ordering, please specify men's or women's sizes. Shirts start at \$19 - \$21.

To place your order, call Gladys in the church office at 713.465.6015. Thank you.

Homeless Animal Partnership Initiative



Upcoming HAPI Adoption Event

HAPI Family Pet Festival

Saturday, October 2nd, from 11am - 4pm

Animals will be available for adoption.

11 AM Blessing of the Animals with Father Bob.

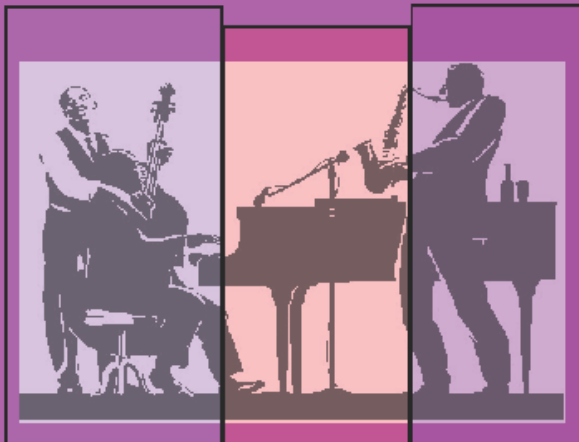
Face painters, balloon animals, and a moon bounce for the kids!!!

For more information, contact James Oxford at

HoustonAPI@gmail.com

David Stevens and the Morris Nelms Quartet present

The Great American Songbook



David Stevens and a swinging quartet of

Austin's finest musicians will present a program from the richest era of songwriting that America has ever seen. Favorites and surprises from Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hart, Duke Ellington, and many more.

The program will include "Embraceable You," "I've Got It Bad and That Ain't Good," "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm," and "At Long Last Love."

Saturday, October 23, 2010

7:00 PM

Doors will open at 6:30 PM.

Admission includes a scrumptious selection of hors d'oeuvres and desserts

Ticket Prices:

\$25.00 in advance / \$30 at the door

Tickets include one beverage

Additional beverage tickets available at event

For more information or to purchase tickets:

1656 Blalock Road, Houston, TX 77080

713-465-6015

info@stchristhouston.org

Sponsored by St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Chancel Choir. All proceeds will benefit St. Christopher's Music Ministry.



A Community Dinner will be hosted by members of our congregation in Latham Hall on Thanksgiving Day from 11 AM - 3 PM.

If you are looking for someplace to enjoy a family style meal, all are welcome to attend.

Volunteers to help with cooking, set up and clean up are welcome. If you cannot attend, but would like to donate food, arrangements can be made.

Please watch for more information to come in Sunday announcements or call Jill Center at 713.465.6015 for more information.



The Episcopal Church Women and Daughters of the King will be working together to assemble packages for the Christmas Gift Box Program for the seafarers at the Port of Houston.

A list of items needed for donation will be on display in the Narthex and Latham Hall.

Look for the collection box or ask a member of the Episcopal Church Women or Daughters of the King for more information.

2011

VESTRY ELECTIONS



Sunday, October 17th

What is the Vestry? It is a committee elected by the congregation to work with the rector and diocese in managing the temporal or secular

affairs of the church. The committee is made up of lay members and is lead by the Rector

Who can serve? Any lay member of St. Christopher's parish in good standing and elected by the congregation.

How long is a term? A Vestry member serves three years.



Fall Bible Studies

Tuesday Bible Study

with Father Bob

10:30 AM

Guild Room

Adult Christian Education

****New Series****

Acts for Everyone

A discussion of the Book of Acts and how it is relevant in our lives today.

Sundays

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HOW MUCH: Rates are \$100 per gramp and \$45 per child. Rates include meals, lodging, and activities (horseback riding is available for an additional fee).

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Anniversaries		John Stucker	10/26
None		Cindy Bamsch	10/27
		Gladys Pace	10/27
Birthdays		Christine Walker	10/29
Agnes Hill	10/3	Mary Roberts	10/30
Lee Etta Sloan	10/5	Richard McCleod	10/31
Jeane Squires	10/5		
Jack Ruffing, Jr.	10/8		
Barbara Criswell	10/9		
Sharon Caico	10/13		
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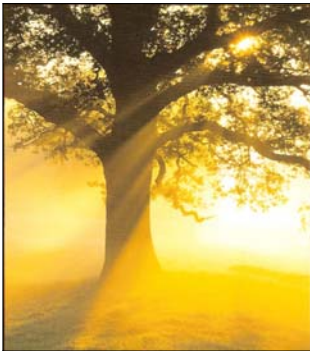
God Gave us Time & Talent to build a life.

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- They cannot be saved for a rainy day. They must be used each day to build our life. When the day is over, we can't go back. Life is a work in progress.
- We alone must use our time and talent. We cannot transfer ownership. We can leave a legacy, but we can't leave our tools.

- They are the means for meeting our daily needs. We may think our treasure on earth is our own making, but where would we be without God's gifts of time & talent?
- While they cannot be saved or transferred, they can be shared and multiplied many times over through the work of the church.
- Worship with us each week to find inspiration for daily living.
- Spend quality time with family and friends to increase your joy of life.
- Be a volunteer. Stay involved to stay young at heart.
- Study God's word with others. You gain more insight.
- Grow in the grace of giving. In giving you find joy.
- Pray and trust God to provide.

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In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:5

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