

The CROSS CURRENT

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

Psalm 98:1



Youth Mission Mystery Dinner Returns

On Friday, February 8th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Buckner Hall, the youth of St. Christopher will host their Mission Mystery Dinner. Join us for a night of fun as you decode your mystery menu to see what's for dinner!

Tickets on sale now: \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. All proceeds go towards the youth summer mission trips!

Parish News



Diocesan Council 2019

Diocesan Council is the annual business meeting of the diocese, held every February. Delegates Needed to represent St. Christopher – Thursday evening, February 21st through Saturday midday February 23rd in The Woodlands, Texas. This year we will be electing a new Bishop Suffragan, due to the retirement of the Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison. For more information, please contact Fr. Brian.

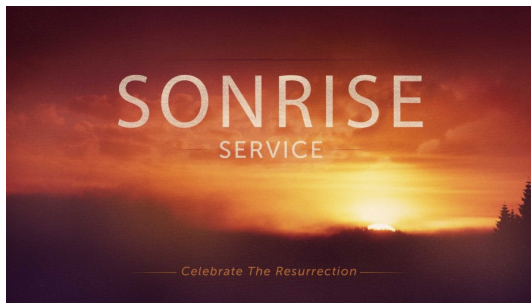
Serendipity Supper

Our March Serendipity Supper will take place at the home of Rob and Paula Kingsbury, on Saturday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. The theme will be Hawaiian. Please bring a side dish and come enjoy the fellowship!



19th Annual Easter SonRise Service

Planning has already begun for this year's Easter SonRise Service. In



conjunction with Life Fellowship, St. Christopher is actively participating in the leadership and planning for this year's community Easter celebration. **St. Christopher co-leads are needed now for: Chair Logistics, Children's Program, Communion, Food & Drinks, Greeters & Ushers, Prayer, Printing, Stage Logistics, and T-Shirt production.** This is a major community outreach event with ~ 600 in attendance for the past few years! Be part in offering the Gospel of Jesus' resurrection and the love of God to this large assembly, many of which are not church goers. **Please contact Greg Oliver by February 9th**, if you are interested in being part of this major event, or have questions.

Kairos Prison Ministry Grows at St. Christopher

A common misconception is that to volunteer with Kairos Prison Ministry, one must go Inside the Walls of a Prison. That is but **one way**. There are many other ways to serve.

Mark your calendars for **February 24, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.** Join the 5 members of St. Christopher who are "*On Team*" at the Luther Unit (Navasota) and the Hobby Unit (Marlin) in the Conference Room.

Hear a short introduction about Kairos and **how you can serve**



without leaving town.

Learn: What Kairos **is** and **isn't**. How Kairos builds and sustains Christian Communities inside the Walls. The “Changing Lives” aspect/mission of Kairos is made Real. See Matthew 25:34-40 in action. There is more than “Prayer Chains”

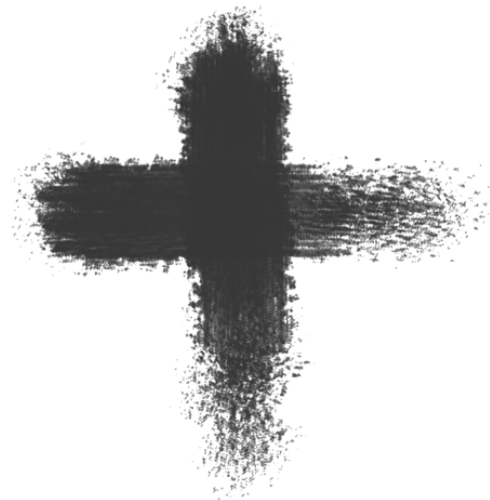


Pancake Supper

Please join us on Tuesday evening, March 5, 2019 in Buckner Hall, from 6-8 p.m. in Buckner Hall for our Annual Pancake Supper. If you are able to help, please see Bob MacGregor, or contact the office. Recommended donation is \$5 and all proceeds will go toward Adult and Youth Missions for 2019.

Ash Wednesday

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



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

If you can relate to being easily distracted or unfocused during



prayer, or if you just flat out forget to pray, then prayer beads could be an effective tool for you. Prayer beads help organize your prayers, focus your thoughts, and offer guidelines of what, how, and when to pray. Having your prayer beads on your bedside table, coffee table, in your pocket, or in your purse will be a visual reminder to pray. They can serve as a powerful reminder that God is present in our daily life.

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

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

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

Youth Spring Break Service

Save the Date for the Youth Spring Break Week of Service & Fellowship!

Jr High and High School students are invited to participate in daily activities March 11th-13th as we serve our community. You can join for all three days, or a mixture of whichever days work for you. All events and meals are free! Stay tuned for more details.



Women's Retreat

Registration is now open for our annual Women's Retreat, the weekend of March 15th-17th, at Camp Allen. Our theme this year - "Be Still and Know". The registration deadline is February 24th. Scholarships are available. If needed, please see Kim Johnson or Beth Beam. Come join us for a wonderful weekend of relaxation, crafts, woods, and fun fellowship!!



Meet The Rev. Nancy DeForest. She will be our speaker for the Women's Retreat. Nancy has been ordained clergy in the Diocese of Texas since 1996.

Nancy is also an experienced retreat and workshop leader whose ministry draws people into the saving, healing and loving presence of the blessed Trinity. Her heart sings with the love of her Savior, Jesus Christ and she invites others to join in praise of His

compassion and goodness, allowing themselves to be transformed by His gracious and powerful Spirit.

Lifeline Screening

Life Line Screening will be here doing health screenings on Monday February 11th, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in Buckner Hall. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment for one of their many health preventative screenings, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word **circle** to 797979 to schedule your appointment.



Interfaith Caring Ministries

Interfaith Caring Ministries January/February Donation Item is Tuna. Please place your donations in the box outside the Welcome Center.

Call for Pictures

In 2018, our St. Christopher family was busy with fellowship, events, and many ways serving our community. There are many of you out there who like to document these happenings. Please share your pictures with us. Send to office@stchrischurch.org. Thank you!



For more information on any items listed in *The Cross Current*, please reach out to a [parish staff member](#) or contact our [office](#).

Upcoming Events

FEB 02 Women's Painting Night
FEB 08 Youth Mission Mystery Dinner
FEB 09 Providence Garden Workday
FEB 18 Vestry Meeting
FEB 21-23 170th Diocesan Council, Woodlands
FEB 23 Vestry Retreat
MAR 05 Annual Pancake Supper
MAR 06 Ash Wednesday
MAR 09 Providence Garden Workday
MAR 11 Youth Spring Break Service and Fellowship
MAR 12 Youth Spring Break Service and Fellowship
MAR 13 Youth Spring Break Service and Fellowship
Stations and Lenten Series
MAR 15 Annual Women's Retreat (15-17)
MAR 18 Vestry Meeting
MAR 20 Stations and Lenten Series
MAR 27 Stations and Lenten Series
APR 03 Stations and Lenten Series
APR 06 LPA Day Retreat
APR 10 Taize Service
APR 13 Parish Workday
Providence Garden Workday
APR 14 Palm Sunday
APR 15 Vestry Meeting
APR 18 Traditional Maundy Thursday Service
APR 19 Good Friday Service
APR 20 Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil with Baptisms
APR 21 Easter Sunday
APR 27 Together at the Table
MAR 18 Vestry Meeting

To see the full church calendar, please [click here](#).

Extended Episcopal Events

Camp Allen, Navasota, TX

- Featured [Events](#) - Winter/Spring
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Sunday Worship

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 Fellowship and Breakfast in the Welcome Center
9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II with Children's Chapel*
10:30 Christian Education for all ages
11:30 Holy Eucharist Contemporary in Buckner Hall*

** A sermon for children is the first Sunday of every month*

Christian Education

SUNDAYS at 10:30 a.m.

Children through 5th grade

- Feasting on the Word

Adults

- The Gospel According to John (Room 1)

SUNDAYS at 5:00 p.m.

Jr. High and Sr. High youth will meet in Buckner Hall from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for bible study, games, and a meal.

WEDNESDAYS at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)

- Elijah, by Melissa Spoelstra

THURSDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

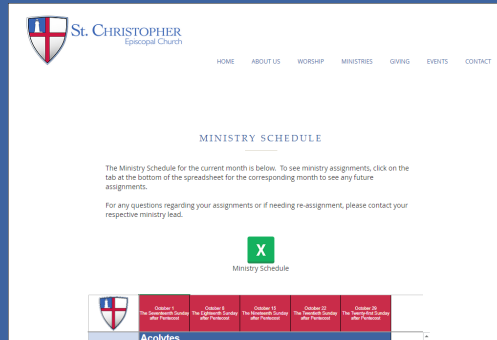
Women's Bible Study (Julie Howell's Home)

- Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God, by Francis Chan

For more information on our Christian Education opportunities, please visit the [Children's Ministry](#), [Youth Ministry](#), and [Adult Christian Education](#) pages on our website respectively.

Ministry Schedule

For the current ministry schedule, please [click here](#). It is password protected for parishioner's privacy. To gain instructions and access, please contact your respective ministry lead.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the Altar Flowers for 2018, please [click here](#) to send the details and text you would like to include in the bulletin.



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OR, go to www.stchrischurch.org/giving



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