

THE BANNER

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ✧ SERVICES at ST. GEORGE'S

April 1 **MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7:00p.m.** Service in the church, with foot washing (optional), Holy Eucharist, shared meal of fruit, bread and cheese, followed by stripping of the Altar. Bring fruit, cheese, bread, wine or juice to share at the agape meal. Childcare available.

Gethsemane Vigil ✧ From the end of the Maundy Thursday service until the start of the Good Friday service, you are invited to keep watch with the sacramental bread and wine reserved from the Good Friday service, in remembrance of Jesus' plea to his disciples to "stay awake for one hour with me". A sheet will be available on which you may sign up for one-hour shifts during the hours of the vigil.

April 2 **GOOD FRIDAY - 12:05p.m.** Good Friday service, with Eucharist from the reserved Sacrament followed by lentil soup lunch. Childcare available.

April 3 **EASTER VIGIL - 7:00p.m.** Our first celebration of the Resurrection is this ancient liturgy, in which we recall by candlelight our salvation history through the Old Testament stories, renew our baptismal vows, and proclaim "Alleluia" at the news of the risen Christ. Bring bells to ring! Childcare available.

April 4 **EASTER DAY -** Services of Holy Eucharist at 8a.m. and 10:30a.m. The 10:30a.m. service will include choral music, flowering of the cross, and baptisms followed by children's Easter egg hunt and reception. Childcare available

Children should bring flowers for the cross, and leave at least one dozen plastic eggs for the egg hunt in a designated box in the church office before the service begins.

✠ **OUTREACH UPDATE** ✠ Our first Outreach meeting for 2010 is now scheduled for Sunday, April 11 at noon in the library.

The African Fundraiser will commence **April 18**. The Sudan Health Clinic was ready to open but quickly realized that a few last minute details needed to be added, one of which was a fence to keep the animals out. Evidently, camels are very curious creatures! When that is done, the clinic will be ready to open. Preliminary plans for the Sudan fundraiser include the sale of all occasion cards including a selection for Mother's Day. In preparation for Mother's Day, a list will be compiled of those women in your life you would like to honor. The list will be read on Mother's Day during the Prayers of the People. The fundraiser will end with an ethnic luncheon on **May 16**. Awad Abdelgadir from the Mother Maryam Foundation will attend and the children of St. George's Day School will sing for us on that same day. The proceeds will go towards a specific need for the clinic still to be determined.

Christopher House basket deliveries have been scheduled for the spring and summer. I want to thank everyone who helped make this project such a wonderful success. Our new project leader, Mary Stewart Miller, did an outstanding job coordinating this venture. We are grateful to KidsWord and the EYC for assembling the basket goodies; Chuck Webb for obtaining our baskets; Ruth Crawford for donating the cups, cards, novelty baskets and linens; James, Alice, and Frances for publishing our articles and delivery schedules in *The Banner*, on our website and in the weekly pew sheets; everyone who brought the reusable baskets back from Christopher House; Stephen and James for their financial expertise; the parish community and Fr. David for their unwavering support. Especially, I want to thank all who offered your donations of money, time and effort that make these deliveries possible.

The delivery schedule for the next six months is posted in Kleberg Hall, the church narthex, the church office and published in the calendar section of *The Banner* and on our website. Mary Stewart will contact you the week before your scheduled delivery. If you have any questions, contact Mary Stewart Miller at millerms@grandecom.net or 220-5821.

Baskets will be on the entry tables to the church to collect travel size containers of lotion, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes (no razors or dental floss please) for families at Christopher House who do not receive a basket. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Trinity Center Streets was well served in March by Roberta Tisdale, Spencer and Hollie Gordon, Walter and Adam Moreau, Luke Stevens, Evan O'Donnell, Ralph Hausser, Belinda McGhee and led by Terry O'Donnell. We are thankful to them for representing St. George's by honoring and serving Christ in offering hospitality and a warm meal to the downtown homeless community. Look for another opportunity to serve this ministry June 13, pending confirmation from Trinity Center.

The Foster Girls will enjoy a picnic at Zilker Gardens mid-April to celebrate spring and belated birthdays and take a "portrait" picture of each girl. If you're interested in joining us on the outing, contact Katie Carnes at katie.carnes@bakerbotts.com or 847-8789 or Hollie Gordon at hlemond@austin.rr.com or 922-2190.

SafePlace collection bins at the church entryways await the arrival of unopened packages of underwear for women and children, diapers and pull-ups, shoes and socks, infant and children's clothing, new or gently used towels, pillows and twin-size sheets. SafePlace is nationally recognized as a secure environment, sheltering victims of abuse who frequently have fled some kind of violence with nothing more than the clothes of their backs. Contact Pat Ford at pat@patfordassociates.com or 497-2264 for more information.

Any Baby Can Food Bags - Tradition was the first thought that came to mind when asked about our outreach to Any Baby Can (ABC). Our relationship began in the early 1980's with Emily Vargas, a member of St. George's Episcopal Church, who originated CEDEN. St. George's initiated the Food Bag Project in response to a desperate need of food for CEDEN's clients. Pat Shoop, a parishioner at St. George's, volunteered to help with the project.

ABC grew and flourished and St. George's continued the Food Bag Project in one form or another for many years. At one point another program took over. The project was resumed a few years ago at the request of Any Baby Can's caseworkers that needed additional resources for their clients in a crisis situation. It is now a budgeted item for our Outreach Committee, and fundraisers and donations cover the cost.

Our current project leader, Stephanie Savage, works closely with the staff at Any Baby Can to ensure that what we provide meets their current needs. Twice a month Stephanie and her devoted volunteers, Chuck Webb, Alice Nelson, and Hollie Gordon take turns shopping for very specific items and delivering bags of shelf stable food to ABC for the social workers to have on hand for their clients with proven needs that are not being met elsewhere.

This project will continue as long as there is a need and we have the financial resources to meet that need. We feel we make an impact on a local level and 100% of our donation goes directly to those in need. What we are able to do seems so little but ABC makes us feel that it is quite important to them. As any long term relationship must share a mutual bond, we continue to feel needed. Any Baby Can's gracious expressions of their gratitude make us feel our efforts are extremely appreciated. And that is what has kept us devoted in our commitment to this project over the years. If you would like to become an ABC shopper, contact Stephanie Savage at ssavage@grandecom.net or 459-7679.

We welcome new members to the Outreach Committee. If you feel called to participate in one of our ministries or would like to sit in on a meeting, please contact me at gwall9407@ustin.rr.com or 837-0644. Peace, *Gayle Wall*

✠ **OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS** are extended to the family of Margot Ward who died March 6. As remembered by Fr. Hoster, "Margot was an amazing and wonderful person. A native German, as a young woman, she fled her home town with another fraulein and made her way on foot from what would quickly become the Soviet zone of East Germany to distant Bavaria. A few years later, she met and married an American Air Force officer, resettled in Austin in the 1950's, and became a pillar of St. George's. She was beloved among us, and will be missed".

May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

✠ **FAREWELL TO DAVID AND TERRIE** ✠ We will mark over 20 years of ministry by David and Terrie Hoster at St. George's on Sunday, **April 25**. This will be their last Sunday in church before David retires. A reception will be held in their honor following the 10:30 a.m. service that day. A letter has been mailed to the congregation with this and other information regarding ways in which we will honor and celebrate their time among us. If you did not get a copy of the letter and would like a copy sent to you, please contact Frances Rickard at jrickard9x@aol.com or 346-5216. Remember to look for pictures of parish events from the last 20 years and e-mail them to Andrea or Grant Sparks at andregalsparks@gmail.com or grant.sparks@usdoj.gov; or give print photos to Frances Rickard.

✠ **EYC GREEN SPACE** ✠ The combined St. George's/ All Saints EYC group is planning their 2010 summer mission trip, this time to New Orleans! They are going July 11th - 16th to help with the summer program at St. Anna's Episcopal Church. Adam and Gabriel Moreau, Luke Stevens and Ellen Scarborough will be helping with their summer children's program, helping cook, paint and whatever else is needed to help this church get back on its feet from Hurricane Katrina. These four youth, along with Sara Scarborough, also spruced up the EYC room downstairs in the church on March 20th. They are looking for donations of a gently used couch, any beanbag chairs or a gently used rug, approximately 8' x' 10'. Come and visit our new "green space"!

✠ **SAFE GUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN** ✠ A gentle reminder that if you work with children or youth under the auspices of St. George's (Kidsword, EYC, Foster Group Home for Girls, Acolytes) the Diocese requires that you take the Safeguarding God's Children course once every 5 years. Click on this link to see classes offered soon and to register. http://www.epicenter.org/edot/CF_Safeguarding_Gods_Children.asp

Please let Andrea Sparks know if you plan to take a class or if you have any questions about whether you should, andregalsparks@gmail.com.

✠ **MANY THANKS TO THE MAR THOMA CONGREGATION** for the gift of new benches replacing the well-weathered benches on the south side of the church. They are ready just in time to enjoy the lovely spring weather in Austin. Mar Thoma is a Christian denomination based in southwestern India, tracing its origins to the missionary activity of [Thomas the Apostle](#). The Austin Mar Thoma congregation worships at St. George's on Sunday afternoons.

✠ **THE ALTAR GUILD** is in need of small (13 oz.) **coffee cans** for use in transferring the altar flowers. Leave cans in the church office or bring them to church and leave them in the sacristy (the far back room in the church where the Altar Guild members do their preparation).

✠ **CHURCH FLOWERS AND CANDLES** ✠ There are still vacant dates on the flower chart posted in the St. George's narthex. If you would like to give flowers for the sanctuary on any given Sunday, or candles for any given month, please print clearly on the sign-up chart so you can be recognized in the pew sheet. Be sure to note if you are giving the flowers or candles in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for some blessing in your life. A donation of \$25 (for either "flowers" or candles") is requested; make your checks payable to St. George's (note "flowers" or "candles" in the memo line) and place it in the alms basin on Sundays or mail it to the church office.

✠ **A Day of Hope**, sponsored by All Saints' (Austin) Bridge Ministry, will take place April 10, 2010. It will feature an afternoon of speakers and discussions, including the Rev. Bill Wigmore, director of Austin Recovery Center (ARC); Mary Boone, LCSW, LCDC, noted intervention specialist; the Rev. Mike Falls, Chaplain at ARC and former Dallas Cowboy; and Ivana Grahovac, program coordinator of UT's Center for Students in Recovery. A Eucharist Recovery Service at 5 p.m. will be followed by a spaghetti dinner and music. For more information, visit www.allsaints-austin.org/day-of-hope .

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Apr 18 Launch of new fundraiser for health clinic in Sudan. See Outreach update.
 Apr 17 St. George's garage sale has been **POSTPONED** until August or September
 Apr 25 David and Terrie's last day in church. Farewell reception after 10:30a.m. service
 May 02 St. George's Day School fundraiser, Threadgill's, Barton Springs Rd, 6 to 9p.m.
 May 09 Mother's Day
 May 16 Special luncheon celebration for the Sudan Clinic fundraiser
 May 23 Day of Pentecost Whitsunday

✧ BIRTHDAYS IN THE MONTH OF APRIL ✧

13 Walter Long	21 Henry Welles	27 Stephen Linam
28 Chloe Carrera	29 Claire Jones	

✧ CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BASKET DELIVERIES FOR APRIL ✧

April 04-10 Samantha Stevens	April 11-17 Ruth Crawford	
Apr 18-24 Martha Paull	Apr 25-May 01 Chuck Webb	

Links to:

<http://www.sgchurch.org/worship4.asp> Lay ministry schedule
<http://www.sgchurch.org/events3.asp> The Banner including past electronic issues
www.stgeorges-austin.org St. George's Day School
<http://www.io.com/~kellywp/> The Lectionary – a calendar of current scripture readings
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/index.htm> Episcopal Life Online
<http://www.epicenter.org/edot/Calendar24.asp?SnID=309494341> EDOT calendar year
<http://www.foundcom.org/> Foundation Communities
www.campallen.org/html/summer.htm Camp Allen registration for multiple programs
www.earth911.org Recycling and other earth friendly information
www.elbuen.org El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission

The Rev. David W. Hoster *Rector*
Paul Pew *Music Minister*
James Thomas *Parish Secretary*
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Laura Colangelo
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Rob Blech *Senior Warden*
Hollie Gordon *Junior Warden*
Andrea Sparks *Clerk*
Ralph Hausser Martha Paull
Jan Phillips Frances Rickard
Hal Stevens Ramon Trevino

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
(with Morning Prayer on
first Sundays)
8:00a.m. Contemplative prayer
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
with Kids Word
(Nursery available)

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“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”

Psalm 118:16

The next issue of *The Banner* will go
out on May 1st. Deadline for news is
Sunday, April 25th.
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