

THE BANNER

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✠ **A NEW JOURNEY TOGETHER** ✧ Please make plans to attend the Parish Meeting on Sunday March 2, 2010, following the 10:30a.m. service. The Vestry will be sharing important information concerning the transition period facing the St. George's family and answering questions from the congregation. Lunch will be served before the meeting. Childcare will be provided.

During this time of transition, we are pleased to have the Rev. Ken Kesselus with us to lead our worship services May 2 and the following Sunday, May 9. Rev. Ken Kesselus is a retired priest, who lives in Bastrop, Texas.

✠ **MOTHER MARYAM FOUNDATION** ✧ Mother's Day cards, all-occasion cards, an African lunch...are some of the ways the Outreach Committee has chosen to raise funds and awareness for the clinic in the village of Zawrat in Northern Sudan. This is our third year of working with the Mother Maryam Foundation to raise money to provide health care for a place lacking even basics like polio vaccinations. The clinic is now built and operational, and will be fully functional once the fence, promised by the local government, is built. Our current goal is to raise enough money for the hand washing station in the clinic and fund the sanitation education initiative in the village school.

Outreach is offering beautiful cards featuring village scenes. They will be for sale following the 10:30a.m. service through May 16 with a minimum requested donation of \$5. The big event will be a **luncheon** following the 10:30a.m. service on **May 16**. The children from our day school and from KidsWord will sing during the service, and Awad Abdegedir will speak briefly about the importance of the clinic in village life. There will be a lunch following in Kleberg, featuring Sudanese food. Awad will have slides showing the construction of the clinic and will be available for informal conversation and to answer questions.

We are hoping that St. George's will support this project with the generosity we have come to expect. If you have questions or would like to help, call *Sarah Campbell* at 569-3081.

✝ **A NIGHT FOR ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL** - Sunday, May 2, 6 - 9 p.m. at Threadgill's South on West Riverside Drive. This is a major fundraiser for the Day School with funds going towards the construction of an outdoor bathroom next to the playground. The fundraiser is featuring, dinner, music and a silent auction with an amazingly long list of wonderful goods, services, restaurants and even 2 tickets to ACL. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple for advance sale. \$35/\$55 at the door.

✝ **OUTREACH UPDATE** ✝ Our Outreach meeting scheduled for May 9 will be an e-mail meeting since it is Mother's Day. Our June meeting will be Sunday, **June 13**, at noon in the library.

The Christopher House Basket 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 millersm@grandecom.net or 220-5821.

In addition, collection baskets are 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.

Trinity Center Streets – The next opportunity to serve our downtown neighbors is Sunday afternoon on **June 13**. Contact Terry O'Donnell to sign up to serve.

The Foster Girls joined us in April to celebrate 3 of their birthdays. We had planned to have picnic on the grounds of the Elisabet Ney museum but they were under construction and the weather was miserable that day so we held a light luncheon for them in Kleberg where they received presents, cake and ice cream. Afterwards they went to the Elisabet Ney museum. Then we took them to the museum where they had a great time exploring all the nooks of the historical home. Hopefully they noticed the sculptures of Ms. Ney as they went by. I want to thank Sarah Campbell, Hollie and Spencer Gordon, Roberta Tisdale and Katie Carnes for making it a special day for the girls.

We are very pleased that three of the girls will be graduating from high school this year and we hope they will be able to join us as we honor our own high school graduate/s. If you have any ideas for inexpensive outing the girls would enjoy or are interested in joining us on an 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, nationally recognized as a secure environment, shelters victims of abuse who must flee with nothing more than the clothes of their backs. Please contact Pat Ford at pat@patfordassociates.com or 497-2264 for more information.

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 837-0644 or gwall9407@austin.rr.com Peace, Gayle Wall

† **GRADUATING SENIORS** ✖ If you have a senior graduating from high school this year, please contact Jan Phillips at 926-3784 or janwp22770@aol.com. Graduating seniors will be honored at the 10:30 a.m. service on a Sunday, May 30.

Graduates of high school, college, junior college, graduate school, etc., will be named in the Prayers of the People on Graduation Sunday and in the next issue of *The Banner*. If you have a name to submit for the list, please contact Alice Nelson, mzlsnlsn@gmail.com or James Thomas, in the church office.

† **CONGRATULATIONS** to Kristi Couvillon-Wise and John Wise on the birth of their daughter, Vivienne Grace Wise, on April 22. She weighed 8 lbs 15oz.

Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence among them, O God, and give calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, loveable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

† **OUR SENIOR SEMINARIAN** Deborah Hughes-Habel will graduate from the Seminary of the Southwest at its 59th commencement, 10:00 a.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (corner of Mesa and Steck in northwest Austin). Everyone is welcome to attend.

† **THE DAY OF PENTECOST**, or Whitsunday, is celebrated 50 days after Easter Day and this year falls on Sunday, **May 23**. Pentecost has its origins in Judaism as a festival of thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest. On Pentecost, the Christian church remembers the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples of Jesus, and we celebrate the fruits of the Spirit in each of us and the sharing of our gifts with our community and the world. At the 10:30 service, the congregation will be invited to participate in a simultaneous reading of the Gospel in remembrance of the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection. Readings in the following languages will be provided: French, Spanish, German, Latin, Scots, and English. The Gospel will be read in our common language of English immediately after the multilingual reading. It is appropriate for those who desire to wear something **red** on Pentecost as a symbol of the fire of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is noted as one of the four most appropriate days in the Church year for baptism (along with All Saints', the First Sunday after the Epiphany, and the Easter Vigil).

If you or someone you know desires to be baptized, contact the church office ASAP.

† **SUMMER KIDSWORD** ✖ It's that time of year when we begin to think about summer KidsWord. To give our wonderful teachers time in church with their families and to give others a chance to spend time with our sweet children, we ask members of the parish family to sign up to teach a KidsWord class for one or more Sundays this summer. We can provide materials and lesson plans, or you can create your own. Talk to Jan Philips for more information or to sign up. First come, first served. Jan's email: janwp22770@aol.com

✠ **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, sparksfly@austin.rr.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 02 Potluck luncheon and parish meeting after 10:30 service
May 02 St. George's Day School fundraiser, Threadgill's, South, 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
May 30 Graduation Sunday and potluck luncheon
June 19 Nancy Ricketts to be ordained as a deacon in Houston

✠ BIRTHDAYS IN THE MONTH OF MAY ✠

James Wall- 4th Michele Pain- 4th Alice Nelson- 9th Warren Linam-Church- 16th

Julie Hallmark- 27th Kelly Puckett- 28th

✠ CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BASKET DELIVERIES FOR APRIL ✠

May 02-08 Paul & Kathryn Pew
May 09-15 Denise Hope
May 16-22 Pat Booker
May 23-29 John & Frances Rickard
May 30-June 5 Mikail Doty

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

Paul Pew *Music Minister*
James Thomas *Parish Secretary*
Deborah Hughes-Habel
 Senior Seminarian
 Laura Colangelo
 Day School Director

Vestry

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)

at a glance...

- * Church parish meeting
- * Mother Maryam Foundation
- * 2010 high school graduates
- * Congratulations
- * Day School Fundraiser
- * Mark your calendar

The LORD shall give strength to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Psalm 29:11

The next issue of *The Banner* will go
out on June 1st. Deadline for news is
Sunday, May 23rd.
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