

THE BANNER

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St George's has successful launch for new International Outreach Initiative

After a single service on Rally Day, parishioners and guests were served a Nicaraguan luncheon hosted by the Outreach Committee with consultation and finishing touches offered by Maria Farahani, owner of Fara Café, an Austin based coffee company. Over 60 people enjoyed a luncheon followed by a provocative presentation, *Why Cancer: Why Nicaragua* by John Doty, MD, Executive Director of [Austin Samaritans](http://AustinSamaritans.org).

The rate of cancer mortality in Nicaraguan women, age 30 – 60, is nearly ten times that of the United States. The women of Nicaragua are dying in the prime of their lives. These women oftentimes die without the benefits of accessing health care—even the most basic of pain management. For this reason, your Outreach Committee has committed to raising \$2500 for Austin Samaritans to fund cervical cancer screening efforts for the women of Nicaragua.

\$2500 will fund cervical cancer screening for 250 women or cancer treatment for 5 women. Think about saving that many lives of young mothers—mothers who are needed to raise their children and needed by Nicaragua to stabilize their society. To date, approximately \$1500 has been collected. Most of the funds were raised as free will offering for the luncheon. Other funds were raised by the purchase of coffee from Fara Café, Christmas cards and note cards.

We appreciate your generosity for all Outreach projects. We pray for your continued generosity for this life saving service! **You can donate by: a check with “Nicaraguan Outreach Project” noted in the memo line; purchasing Christmas Cards or Thank You note cards; ordering Fara Coffee.** The cards and coffee will be available for ordering or purchasing following Sunday services. If you miss your chance on Sunday, you can contact Sandra Villalaz at 762-8349 or Sandra.villalaz@cancer.org to arrange a purchase.

A display describing the community building work of Austin Samaritans is on the bulletin board in Kleberg Hall. Please take the time to visit and see the kind of work that has been accomplished by Austin Samaritans and understand why Outreach has selected this organization to fund.

Gratefully yours, Sandra Villalaz

✝ **ST. GEORGE'S DAY SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL** ✝ The St. George's Episcopal School Fall Festival is **Sunday, October 18th** from 12 - 2pm. There will be games and booths for kids, food and drinks for adults, and entertainment for all by the Biscuit Brothers! Tickets for the concert are **\$10** for adults and **\$5** for kids. Tickets for games, booths, and food are separate. Please come join us to celebrate and raise money for our amazing school!

✝ **ST. GEORGE'S EYC UPDATE** ✝ St. George's now has a sufficient number of middle and high school aged students to have its own EYC. We will meet the **first Sunday of every month after church, 12:15 - 1 pm in the library**. During our first semester we will study Christian religions, assist with the Angel Tree project and enjoy fellowship with each other. Fr. David Hoster will be our first speaker, **Oct. 4th**, for a question and answer session on big ideas, EYC-style. At our **Nov. 1st** meeting, we will be learning about other Christian denominations. We would love to hear from our fellow St. George members. If there are any former Methodists, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Baptists, Quakers, Evangelicals, etc, who are willing to talk with our young people for 5 - 10 minutes about how their former denominations differ from what Episcopalians believe, we would greatly appreciate hearing your story. Thank you for considering this. If interested, please call Martha Paull at 472-8565.

✝ **DAY OF THE DEAD** ✝ The “**Day of the Dead**” may sound like a horror movie title to some, but it is a holiday celebrated in Mexico and in some parts of South America and the U.S. At St. George's we celebrate the day on All Saint's Sunday (**this year, November 1**) with a special altar at the front of the church. It is a time to remember our friends and relatives who have died, but still live on in our hearts. It is a day of the year when the distance between them and us is shortened, the veil between us and the afterlife is thinner. It is a day when we can feel a closer connection to them.

We will be “building” the altar on Saturday, **October 31**, from **9:00 to 11:00 AM**. Everyone is invited to come and participate for the whole time or any part. Please bring pictures and/or mementos of loved ones to church on Sunday to place on the altar. Also part of the tradition is to place on the altar some object that is familiar to that person, like a favorite book, playing cards, can of soda, etc.

✝ **FALL RETREAT AT WESSENDORF** ✝ Do not delay in making plans to join your fellow parishioners in the lovely Texas Hill Country, **NOVEMBER 13 – 15**.

This year's theme is “Holy Life in a Demanding World”. Fr. Hoster and the members of the Vestry invite you to a wonderful weekend that promises an opportunity of fellowship and relaxation in the beautiful surroundings of the Texas Hill Country. The Saturday morning program will be an intergenerational affair to include a hands-on project (think glue, magazine pictures and poster board), a discussion and of course, Fr. Hoster's special Wessendorf brand of scripture and prayer. There will be plenty of time set aside for visiting, partaking of the delicious meals, music and hiking to the Narrows.

Registration letters will be mailed this week. Copies will be available in church and in Kleberg.

✝ **THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE** usually meets the third Sunday of each month in the library at noon. Our meeting time for October and November will be the **second Sunday of each month** so we can enjoy the fun activities of the school and the church this fall. This committee is dedicated to making the world a better place for those in need in our local community as well as those across the nation and around the world. We welcome new members; whether you participate on a monthly basis, serve on a one-time project, or simply sit in on our meetings, your input and presence are appreciated. **We hope to see you October 11th and November 8th!**

Christopher House – Our appreciation goes to Carolyn Moreau who once again has completed an amazing drive for Christopher House. She will be contacting those who offered to deliver hospitality baskets when it is time for your delivery. My deepest thanks go also to all who committed to deliver the hospitality baskets. If you have any questions regarding your delivery, contact Carolyn Moreau at carolynmoreau@austin.rr.com or 330-0639.

SafePlace collection boxes are located in the church narthex and in Kleberg. The five most needed items are unopened packages of diapers (newborn to 1 yr.) and wipes; unopened packages of children's underwear and socks sized 3-7 for both boys and girls; unopened deodorant, toothpaste, and toothbrushes; pillows and twin-size linens/blankets (clean, gently used items are okay). We will continue to collect the trial size toiletries as well.

The Foster Girls were in church for the Blessing of the Backpacks and to thank us for their Back-to-School gift cards. Jamie, who graduated in May, has her own apartment and started college. We are so happy for her and ask you to keep her in your prayers for her continued success.

Trinity Center is a faith-based organization meeting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of people experiencing poverty and homelessness, our "neighbors." The Center functions as a place of worship, a day resource/drop-in center, a basic needs provider (restrooms, phones, computers and meals), and a place to feel welcome, safe, and heard. Trinity Center is the downtown leader among faith-based organizations serving our neighbors experiencing homelessness and poverty. We honor and serve Christ in our neighbors and volunteers by practicing hospitality and companionship with one another. Trinity Center achieves its mission through:

- ❖ volunteer opportunities that foster compassion, understanding, and acceptance of God's people who are homeless and poor;
- ❖ neighborly hospitality in a caring environment;
- ❖ collaboration with similarly-focused agencies, faith-based organizations, service providers, and partner congregations; and
- ❖ the responsible use of space provided by St. David's Episcopal Church.

As a partner congregation St. George's helps Trinity Center achieve its mission by serving a meal to the downtown homeless community 3-4 times each year. Terry O'Donnell will be seeking volunteers serve an evening meal at St. David's Church to the downtown homeless **the first Sunday in November, which is the 1st.**

✝ **ADULT EDUCATION - Plea for good stewardship of our resources!**

I am looking for a television set with DVD player included or separate with an approximate size of 25"-32" to be used for an Adult Education forum this Fall. If you are willing to loan it for our use during the four week discussion series or better yet donate it to St. George's Church it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at my email dhughes-habel@ssw.edu or 801-864-2567.

✝ **APPLY TO SERVE AS LEM, LECTOR OR INTERCESSOR** ✝ If you would like to serve as a lector (read the scripture during worship services), an intercessor (lead the prayers of the people), or a lay eucharistic minister (LEM) (serve the chalice of wine during Holy Communion) next year, now is the time to let us know. Forms to indicate your preferences are available on the tables at either entrance to the church, or on the parish website at www.sgchurch.org/events.asp. Contact [Jan Phillips](#) if you have questions about serving as a LEM, or [Suzie Keith](#) if you have questions about serving as a lector or intercessor.

✝ **A REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITY!** If you shop at Randall's and use the Remarkable Card, a percentage of your total grocery bill will go to St. George's if you give the cashier the following nonprofit account number: 1809. Once you give that number, it will be entered into the computer system, and your grocery bill at ANY Randall's store will be **credited to the St. George's account**. Proceeds from the Good Neighbor Program, go to the church-operating budget.

Below is a statement of St. George's actual income and expenses compared with the budgeted income and expenses for the first eight months of the year. If you have any questions about this report, please contact Frances Rickard, Treasurer.

YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY – AUGUST 2009

	Actual	Budgeted
Loose offering & pledges	\$107,622.55	\$113,292
Other income*	\$34,494.44	\$36,212
Total Income	\$142,116.99	\$149,504
Total Expenses	\$149,885.16	\$147,637.75
Difference between Income and Expenses	-\$7,768.17	\$1,866.25

*includes donations for altar flowers, building use fees, reimbursements from the day school and St. Hildegard's, etc. This does not include donations to outreach committee projects or other special fund-raisers.

In honor of All Saints Day

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity: We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct	4	EYC meeting
Oct	18	Day School Fall Festival with the Biscuit Brothers
Nov	1	All Saints Day - Day of the Dead
Nov	1	EYC meeting
Nov	8	Ingathering Sunday
Nov	13 - 15	Parish retreat at Wessendorf
Nov	29	First Sunday in Advent
Dec	1	EYC meeting
Dec	13	Pink Candle Party
Dec	24	6:30 Christmas pageant service
Dec	24	10:30 Christmas Eve service
Dec	25	Christmas Day – Holy Eucharist 10a.m. (no music)

Links to:

<http://www.sgchurch.org/worship4.asp> Lay ministry schedule
<http://www.sgchurch.org/events3.asp> The Banner including past electronic issues
<http://www.sgchurch.org/worship3.asp> Sermons via podcast
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*
Deborah Hughes-Habel
Senior Seminarian
Laura Colangelo
Day School Director

Vestry

Alice Nelson *Senior Warden*
Martha Paull *Junior Warden*
Kristi Couvillon-Wise *Clerk*
Ruth Crawford Robert Blech
Andrea Sparks Hollie Gordon
Jan Phillips Hal Stevens

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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Put your trust in God;
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 42:7

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