

October 2011 + Issue 11-10 + Season after Pentecost

## ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## + ST. GEORGE'S STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES – OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> – NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

It is that time of year when St. George's focuses on financial stewardship. During this season we investigate, as individuals and family units, how we will provide for our great church for the upcoming year. Over the next several weeks we will hear some stories from some of our members during the 10:30 service. These stories will help us relate the ways in which St. George's is an integral part of the wider community as well as how St. George's provides a place for God's word to be a valuable impact to our members. Next week you will receive a letter from our stewardship chairs, Sarah Campbell & Check Webb. Included in this letter will be a pledge card for the 2012 budget year. We have also made it easier for you to turn in your pledge cards as well! On the St. George's website is a link to an online pledge card and can be found at <http://sgchurch.org/ministries6.asp>. All financial information, whether submitted by mail, offertory basin or online, is strictly confidential. Only James Wall, the financial secretary, will know the amount of your pledge, and he needs to know for your tax records. This is a very important time of year for St. George's as we continue to do God's work in the world, and gain a better understanding of the church's finances for 2012.

## + STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES FORUM – OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 9:15 AM

Want to hear more about how St. George's uses your offerings to further the parish's mission? Then come to Kleberg Hall on Sunday, October 23, at 9:15 a.m. (between the two worship services)! Members of the vestry will be available at this time, during the annual pledge drive, to answer your questions, as well as update you on the status of the 2011 budget and our dreams for the 2012 budget. All are welcome!

## + ST. GEORGE'S: CORE VALUES AND VISION

At its September meeting, the Vestry adopted a new mission statement for St. George's, along with the five core values that best define our common life together. Thank you to the ministry leaders of St. George's--and to our facilitator, Mary Parmer--who gathered on Saturday, August 27, to do the groundwork of determining the core values and mission statement. Thanks also to the smaller task force that worked to define the core values and what they mean for St. George's. The work of both these groups was invaluable for the vestry as it finalized and adopted the core values and mission statement that appear below and that also can be found on the parish website (click on [Who We Are / History and Core Values](#)). I hope to see many of you at the Vision Workshop on **Saturday, October 15 (9:00 am - 1:00 pm) in Kleberg Hall**. All are welcome! Mary Parmer will be with us again to guide our conversations, as we explore our future work together as the body of Christ. -- Faithfully, *Frances Rickard, Senior Warden*

### MISSION STATEMENT

To worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

### CORE VALUES

- ***Worship***  
As Episcopalians, we hold that how we pray and worship God is central to who we are and what we do. While the *Book of Common Prayer* and the *Hymnal* are the central cohesive elements of our prayer life, we strive to provide a variety of worship services and approaches to assist all who seek a closer relationship with God.
- ***Outreach***  
Helping those in need is at the heart of our understanding of the Gospel as we reach out to the larger community of the city, the nation, and the world.
- ***Community***  
We believe that as church we become the body of Christ. Our goal is to build a diverse and inclusive community that recognizes the unique contributions of each member to bring about the greater good seeking to strengthen the bonds that join us in God's work.
- ***Acceptance***  
Our church encompasses people in different places on their journey of faith and understanding, including many who do not come from a Christian background. Aware that no one has all the answers, we seek dialog with people of other faiths to bring the Holy Spirit into a broken world.
- ***Lifelong Learning***  
We think that faith, reason, and tradition are worthy of lifelong study. We believe that by following these paths of study we draw closer to God. We have found that the more that we know about our faith, the more God's grace manifests in our daily lives and our interactions in the lives of others

## + THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00 AM

All are invited to join the Thursday morning Bible Study, which takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at **10:00 am**. The next bible study will take place on **October 13<sup>th</sup>** at Pat Booker's home (11500 Highview Drive). If you would like more information or need directions, contact Carolyn (474-8811; cpowe@att.net) or Pat (474-4423; patter78703@yahoo.com).

## + ST. GEORGE'S FALL GRACE SERIES: WEDNESDAYS 6:30 – 8:00 PM, OCT 26 – NOV 16

Twice a year (Fall and Spring) the St. George's community gathers for a four-week teaching series. The evening begins in Kleberg Hall with a potluck meal at 6:30 pm, followed by a lecture and discussion. The evening concludes at 8:00 pm. Four different presenters from our community will teach the Fall Grace Series. The schedule of presenters is found below. More information about each presenter's topic will be available soon. Come and enjoy an evening of good food, excellent teaching, and great fellowship!

- October 26                      The Rev. Susan Dolan-Henderson
- November 2                    The Rev. Josephine Robertson
- November 9                    The Rev. Zane Wilemon
- November 16                  Donna Johnson

## + FIFTH SUNDAY POT-LUCK – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

October has five Sundays, which means we'll have a pot-luck lunch after the 10:30 service on **Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great opportunity for extra visiting time with church friends and visitors. Bring something to share if you can, but if you can't bring anything, don't let that keep you away. There's always plenty to go around! Leave food in Kleberg Hall before the service. Bon appetit!

## + DAY OF THE DEAD ALTAR – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>



The "Day of the Dead" may sound like a horror movie title to some, but Día de los Muertos 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 Saints' Sunday (this year, **November 6**) 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, **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

## + BAILEY LECTURES AT ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH – NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup>

Each year All Saints' Episcopal Church hosts the Bailey Lectures, which are open to the public and free of charge. The series hosts several lecturers, including John Philip Newell, who will present the opening lecture, "A New Harmony: The Spirit, the Earth, and the Human Soul." If you would like more information about this lecture and others in the series, please follow this [link](#) or go to All Saint's webpage, <http://www.allsaints-austin.org/>.

## **+ ST. GEORGE'S ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT**

NOVEMBER 18-20<sup>TH</sup>, WELLSRING RETREAT CENTER

Each Fall, St. George's gathers for a time of rest, relaxation, and community building at the beautiful Well Spring Retreat Center on Wessendorff Ranch in the Texas Hill Country. This year's retreat will be held from Friday, November 18 through Sunday November 20. If you would prefer to only come on Saturday, you are welcome to do so by indicating the one day option on the back of the registration form. Registration forms will be available soon. The retreat is dedicated to enriching our communal bonds as we enjoy times of worship, family and individual recreation, social activities, community building activities, and great food! There will be plenty of dedicated free time to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Texas Hill Country, including the spectacular sight of the famous 'narrows.' The Blanco River flows through the ranch's limestone landscape creating a breathtaking glimpse of what is commonly known as the 'narrows.' Accommodations for families with children will be in motel style rooms with a dormitory arrangement for others when the motel rooms fill up. There are no single occupancy rooms. You are asked to bring your own beverages and bedding to the retreat, as well as snacks to share. The cost of the retreat includes sleeping accommodations and all meals. Scholarships are available; please contact Kevin Schubert for more information. This is a great opportunity to know your church family better as we grow to know God through our common relationships with one another. Come and enjoy a relaxing weekend in a loving restful environment!

### Retreat Cost Breakdown

Friday - Sunday	Adults:	\$45
Friday - Sunday	Children:	\$25
Saturday Only	Adults:	\$15
Saturday Only	Children:	\$10

(Family Maximum cost is \$125)

## **+ REAL STORIES REAL PEOPLE**

We want to hear your stories! Real Stories Real People is a monthly publication of St. George's that seeks to help us grow to know one another and our community together through our shared stories. We need more story tellers! We are all story tellers, and we all have something to share with one another. These stories might be about a particularly important spiritual moment in your life, about how you came to St. George's or the Episcopal church, about how your family has impacted your spiritual journey, how illness or the death of a loved one brought you to a spiritual crossroad. Or you could share with us spiritual practices that are central to your life and how you find nourishment through them. You could tell us about the spiritual experience of seeing your child for the first time, meeting your spouse, or finding out you were a grandparent. There are as many types of stories to tell as there are experiences in our lives. Please consider spinning your own tale for us! If you are interested but unsure of what story to tell, or have any other questions please contact Josephine ([revjosephine@gmail.com](mailto:revjosephine@gmail.com)). She is happy to help with story prompts, questions, and editing help!

## + NEWS FROM ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

### OFF TO A GREAT START!

St. George's is off to a great start this school year! Our lives are filled with music as we have introduced the Music Together curriculum in our weekly music classes as well as daily in our classrooms. All-school chapels, led by Father Kevin, are a highlight of everyone's week. We have also started Monday chapels in the library with Amma Jo for the older classes in order to revisit the bible story from Thursday. These smaller chapels are perfect for reflection and extension of the ideas that Father Kevin introduces in all-school chapel. Dance classes are on Friday mornings when we get up and move! We also have optional Spanish classes on Monday afternoons and optional art classes on Thursday afternoons. We sure do keep busy around here!



### CORE VALUES WORK

The school board retreated to Kleberg Hall on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> to work with Mary Parmer and talk about our core values. It was a good, productive time to spend evaluating who we are, just as the church is doing. We will come together again at the end of October to do some visioning work to think about the future of the school.

### OUR 2011-2012 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Meghan Ackley** - PTF President, Yellow Room

**Brooke Boston** - Parent, Yellow Room

**Melissa Eason Brackin** - Church Member and parent of former students

**Ashley Carrera** - Church Member, former student of St. George's, and Secretary of the Board

**Mark Casstevens** - Church Member

**Melanie Chasteen** - Parent, Blue Room

**Laura Colangelo** - Head of School

**Ralph Hausser** - Church Vestry Representative

**Penny Larkin** - Parent, Blue Room

**Carolyn Moreau** - Church Member, President of the Board

**Terry O'Donnell** - Church Member

**Suzette Puckett** - Church Member

**Kevin Schubert** - Rector/Board Chair

**Ben Sikes** - Church Member

**Megan Truong** - Parent, Purple and Orange Room

**Laura Tweedie** - Church Member - St. David's, Treasurer of the Board

**Sandra Villalaz-Dickson** - Church Member

## + CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Jennifer Long**, who was awarded the Charles J. Cook Award in Servant Leadership last month at the Seminary of the Southwest. The Very Rev. Doug Travis, dean and president of the seminary, presented the award to her in recognition of her work as director of Casa Marianella, which provides emergency shelter for adult immigrants, offering housing and food, English classes, and case management, to nearly 900 people annually.

The citation read by Dean Travis at the award presentation can be found on the Web at [www.ssw.edu/pdfs/Jennifer\\_Long\\_2011.pdf](http://www.ssw.edu/pdfs/Jennifer_Long_2011.pdf).

## + GIFTS CARDS FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Outreach continues to collect gift cards (from HEB, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, or a preloaded Visa gift card) for the fire victims that attend Calvary Episcopal Church in Bastrop. Over 40 families of their congregation have lost their homes. These cards will help the families buy supplies such as shovels, gloves, household cleansers, rakes, shifters, etc. We will also accept money or checks designated for the fire victims and we will then go and purchase the \$25.00 gift card. If you would like a receipt for tax purposes for the gift card donations, please contact Becca in the church office. Please send donations to the church, attention Outreach.

## + ANGEL WREATH PROJECT

Our Angel Wreath project is just around the corner. If you are interested in helping make the small felt stockings that hold the gift cards for St. Georges Court, please contact Hollie Gordon at [hlemond@austin.rr.com](mailto:hlemond@austin.rr.com).

## + *Hildegard's Illumination:*

*Give Peace a Chant on Friday Evening 11/11/11*

John Philip Newell is a poet, scholar, teacher, and Church of Scotland minister widely recognized for his work in Celtic spirituality and passionate about seeking peace in the world and harmony between its spiritual traditions. He made a commitment at the beginning of 2011 that he would call together groups of people from the three Abrahamic traditions to chant for peace together whenever he was invited to lecture. "We as Jews, Christians, and Muslims share a common spiritual descent, yet painful divisions between us lie at the center of much conflict and war in the world today." This is the time to pray for peace.

At John Philip Newell's invitation, a group of us at St. Hildegard's is helping bring together Christians, Muslims and Jews (of the Abrahamic tradition) to chant together for peace Friday evening 11/11/11 at 7pm in Kinsolving Parish Hall at All Saints' Episcopal Church. The chanting will include the words of the Quran, the Hebrew Scriptures and the teachings of Jesus to pray for peace.

**Please join us for this amazing event. Give peace a chant!**

If anyone at St. George's would like to be part of our little work group, let us know. We are contacting Imams, Rabbis, and Christians who can bring members of their communities together for the event. It opens up an opportunity for some wonderful interfaith dialog. Please contact Gretchen Stolfo ([margodeep@yahoo.com](mailto:margodeep@yahoo.com)) or Francesca Wigle ([fwigle@gmail.com](mailto:fwigle@gmail.com)) if you are interested.

John Philip Newell will be speaking at the Bailey Lecture Series November 11, 12, and 13 at All Saints' Episcopal Church. The theme of the lectures is: "A New Harmony: the Spirit, the Earth, and the Human Soul." Information can be found at the All Saints' website.

- Francesca Wigle

## + CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BASKET DELIVERY SCHEDULE +

Oct 2-8: Henry Welles  
Oct 16-22: Martha Paull  
Oct 30-Nov 5: Mikail McIntosh-Doty

Oct 9-15: Rob Blech  
Oct 23-29: Mary Spies-Maxwell  
Nov 6-12: David Savage



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



October 1 - Les Carnes	October 1 - Navin Manohar	October 3 - Paul Pew
October 5 - Matthew Jones	October 7 - Arthur Dykes	October 12 - Carolyn Moreau
October 13 - Donna Parker	October 14 - Sandra Villalaz-Dickson	October 16 - Mikail McIntosh-Doty
October 18 -Cassandra Church	October 18 - Sara Liang Scarborough	October 20 - Audrey Sayer
October 20 - Claire Puckett	October 23 - Adam Moreau	October 23 - Mary Spies-Maxwell
October 24 - Mark Casstevens	October 27 - Samantha Stevens	October 28 - Suzie Keith
October 30 - Will Boston		

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 7 - Arthur & Gladys Dykes  
October 17 - Rick & Heather Rodgers Price



### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



October 2 - Outreach Committee  
October 16 - Women's Book Group  
October 30 - Parish-Wide Potluck

October 9 - Choir  
October 23 - Vestry  
November 6 - Lay Eucharistic Ministers

### LINKS

<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](http://www.stgeorges-austin.org) St. George's Day School  
<http://www.lectionarypage.net/> The Lectionary - a calendar of current scripture readings  
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/> The Episcopal Church  
<http://www.epicenter.org> Episcopal Diocese of Texas  
<http://www.campallen.org/> Camp Allen  
<http://www.stgeorgescourt.org/> St. George's Court  
[www.hildegard-austin.org](http://www.hildegard-austin.org) St. Hildegard's Community  
[www.ctcinternational.org](http://www.ctcinternational.org) Comfort the Children International

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 1	Women's Book Group, 3-5pm (Home of Belinda McGhee)
October 2	Confirmation Service, 10:30am service
October 9	Stewardship of Finances Begins
October 13	Thursday Morning Bible Study, 10am (Home of Pat Booker)
October 15	Core Values and Vision Workshop, 9am-1pm (Kleberg Hall)
October 26	Fall Grace Series, 6:30-8pm (Kleberg Hall)
October 30	Fifth Sunday Parish Pot-Luck, 12:00pm (Kleberg Hall)
November 2	Fall Grace Series, 6:30-8pm (Kleberg Hall)
November 5	Building the Day of the Dead Altar, 9-11am (Church)
November 6	All Saints' Sunday (with Day of the Dead Altar)
November 9	Fall Grace Series, 6:30-8pm (Kleberg Hall)
November 11-13	Bailey Lectures (All Saints' Episcopal Church)
November 16	Fall Grace Series, 6:30-8pm (Kleberg Hall)
November 18-20	Parish Retreat (Wellspring Retreat Center)

**The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert**  
*Rector*

**The Rev. Judith Liro**  
*Associate Rector and Minister to  
St. Hildegard's Community*

**The Rev. Josephine Robertson**  
*Curate*

**Susanna Brosseau**  
**Seth Olson**  
*Seminarians*

**Paul Pew** *Music Minister*  
**Becca Meaders** *Office Administrator*  
**Laura Colangelo** *Day School Director*  
**Maria Tello** *Nursery Attendant*

*Vestry*  
**Herb Dickson**  
**Hollie Gordon**  
**Ralph Hausser**  
**Scott Hoffman**  
**David McGhee**  
**Ramón Treviño**

**Frances Rickard** *Senior Warden*  
**Jan Phillips** *Junior Warden*  
**James Wall** *Financial Secretary*  
**Stephen Linam & Rob Blech**  
*Treasurers*  
**Hal Stevens** *Clerk*

### Sunday Schedule

8:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite I  
8:00am - Contemplative prayer  
9:45am - Choir rehearsal  
10:30am - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Kids Word (Nursery available)  
4:00pm - St. Hildegard's Worship

The next issue of *THE BANNER* will go out on **Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>**. Deadline for news is **Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please e-mail information you would like included in next month's edition to [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).

*Worshiping God together, sharing the Gospel, and serving God's children.*