

THE BANNER



St. George's
Episcopal Church

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Lent

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Sunday Schedule

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:45 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
with KidsWord &
YouthWord

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert
Rector

The Rev. John Brewer
Deacon

Anne Weaver
Music Minister

Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski
Office Administrator

Jerri Thompson
Day School Director

Ashley Carrera
Raul Carrera
Brad Dieringer
Denise Hope
Claire Irwin
Clayton Kelley
Mary Stewart Miller
Frances Rickard
David Savage
Vestry

Brad Dieringer
Senior Warden

Raul Carrera
Junior Warden

Sandra Villalaz
Financial Secretary

Frances Rickard
Treasurer

Claire Irwin
Clerk

Mark Your Calendars



Wed, Mar 1 Ash Wednesday
Wed, Mar 8 Lenten Series
Sat, Mar 11 Women's Book Group
Mon, Mar 13 Vestry Meeting
Mon, Mar 20 School Board Meeting
Wed, Mar 22 Lenten Series
Wed, Mar 29 Lenten Series

Click on the following links to find:

[March Lay Ministry Schedule](#)

[March Activities Calendar](#)

Ash Wednesday Services

March 1st • 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm



Ash Wednesday serves as a reminder of our mortality, and it initiates the season of Lent in the church calendar, a season of penitence and fasting. The observance of a holy Lent includes prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, as well as self-examination and repentance. Join us as we journey together into this holy season.

Feast Days

- David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544
- Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672
- John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788
- Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202
- Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 394
- Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604
- James Theodore Holly, Bishop of Haiti, and of the Dominican Republic, 1911
- Patrick, Bishop and Missionary of Ireland, 461
- Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386
- Saint Joseph**
- Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687
- Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1556
- James De Koven, Priest, 1879
- Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop and Missionary of Armenia, c. 332
- Óscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, 1980, and the Martyrs of El Salvador
- The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines, and of Western New York, 1929
- John Keble, Priest, 1866
- John Donne, Priest, 1631

Rector's Corner

Dear St. George's Family,

March has always been one of my favorite months of the year mainly due to the weather we enjoy here in Austin. Although this year, due to the unseasonable warm weather we have had in February, spring seems to already be here!



Because of the date of Easter, March also marks the beginning of the season of Lent this year. I hope that you and your family will be able to begin your Lenten disciplines of prayer, alms-giving, and fasting by attending one of our two **Ash Wednesday** services held on **March 1st**, at **12:15 pm** and **7:00 pm**. The season of Lent gives us an opportunity for self-reflection as we evaluate how our words, actions, and motives fit with Christ's own, ultimately strengthening our relationship with God.

March can also be a rather busy month as we enjoy spring break, SXSW, and all the other great opportunities Austin affords us. I hope that you and your family will take part in the great things that St. George's offers as well. You can learn more about these opportunities in this *Banner*.

May this month be a blessing to you and your family. And, as always, I hope to see you all soon at church!

Peace,

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert



March *Banner* Deadline



The deadline for news for the March issue of *The Banner* is **Monday, February 27th**.

Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.

Wednesday Weavings

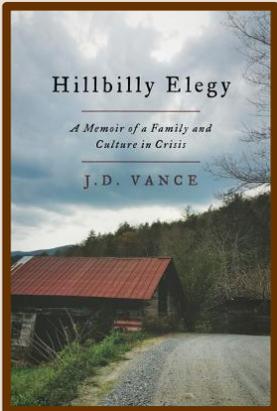
The St. George's adult discussion group, Wednesday Weavings, will be on hiatus during Lent. We hope you'll join us again after Easter! For more information, contact Frances Rickard at fajrickard@gmail.com.

Lenten Series: *The Torah of Jesus*

Join us in Kleberg Hall on Wednesday evenings during Lent (**March 8, 22, 29, and April 5**), from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**, for a series of lectures by Dr. Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, professor of Church History at the Seminary of the Southwest. Through Dr. Joslyn-Siemiatkoski's commentary on the rabbinic wisdom text *Pirkei Avot*, we can learn about the interconnectedness of Torah and the Gospels. Join the St. George's community as we explore what Torah meant to the rabbis and Jesus alike. Each week we will examine a few parallel passages from *Pirkei Avot* and from Scripture in order to explore what Torah might mean for us. Feel free to invite anyone you know who might be interested in Jewish-Christian relations and understand how Jesus and the community he was a part of understood the Torah. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck meal before the lecture.



Women's Book Group



Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, March 11th**, from **4:00 to 6:00 pm** (note the time change!), at the home of Stephanie Savage. We will discuss *Hillbilly Elegy*, by J.D. Vance. All St. George's women are welcome to attend; this group is open and welcoming of all. We hope you can join us for interesting conversation, delicious snacks, and our book discussion. Please contact Sandra Villalaz at **512-762-8349** or sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com with any questions, or if you want to join the fun. Happy reading!

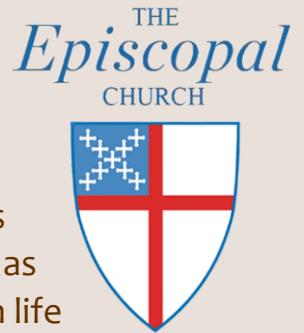
Report from Diocesan Council

The St. George's Council delegation – the Rev. Kevin Schubert, the Rev. John Brewer, Raul Carrera, Brad Dieringer, Joel McAlister, and Frances Rickard – attended Diocesan Council in February at the Convention Center in Galveston, where they were part of the organizational and decision-making body of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas; it meets annually and comprises lay and clergy members representing all the parishes and other ministries of the diocese. For more information on what happened at the 2017 Diocesan Council, please visit www.epicenter.org/council.



Discovery Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of St. George's? Are you a member of St. George's who would like to learn more about the church? If you answered yes to either of these questions, or you're just curious, you are invited to attend the St. George's Discovery Class on **Saturday, April 1st**, from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**, in Kleberg Hall. The class will help you become familiar with St. George's and the Episcopal Church as we discuss church polity, history, biblical interpretation, and our common life in community. All youth and adults are encouraged to attend. This class will be the first of two offerings (the date of the second class has not yet been determined) in preparation for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation by Bishop Harrison on Sunday, September 17th. Attendance at only one of the classes is necessary to become a member of St. George's. If you are interested in attending the Discovery Class, please **RSVP** to the church office at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com, by **Thursday, March 30th**. If you have any questions regarding the class, please contact the Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert at kevinljschubert@gmail.com.



After completing the Discovery Class, those who wish to may participate in the sacrament of Confirmation, or the rites of Reception or Reaffirmation in September. **Confirmation** is a mature, public reaffirmation of the Christian faith and of the promises made at one's baptism. **Reception** is the rite by which those already confirmed in a different Christian tradition are received into the Episcopal Church. **Reaffirmation** is a rite in which adult Episcopalians who have already been confirmed or received may publicly reaffirm their faith and baptismal vows. All three are administered by a bishop because bishops serve as symbols of the wider Church and its continuity throughout the centuries.

St. George's Women's Retreat



Ladies, the upcoming Women's Retreat is your chance to join other energetic, talented women of St. George's for a relaxing, rejuvenating weekend! The retreat will be held the weekend of **April 21st to 23rd**, at Well Spring Center at Wessendorf Ranch in Blanco, Texas. This Women's Retreat is planned to allow us to build relationships and enrich our overall community as we unwind, rejuvenate, and relax. The retreat is very low-key and loosely organized. We eat well, laugh, sleep, meditate, walk, nap, and, most of all, enjoy each other's company. Anyone who wishes may bring a gift of expression to share with the group – yoga, painting, a game, or whatever you would like to share.

The cost for the weekend, which covers all meals and facility fees, is \$50.00. Please don't let cost be an issue – alternate arrangements can be made. We don't want anyone to stay away! If you can't make it for the whole weekend, you're welcome to join us for any portion of the time that works for you.

Please contact Sandra Villalaz at sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com or **512-762-8349** with any questions, or if you're interested in attending. We hope you'll consider joining us!



Christopher House Hospitality Baskets



In the fall of 1999, Paul Sahs, a longtime member of St. George's Episcopal Church, came to Hospice Austin's Christopher House. His beloved wife, Martha, along with Christopher House caregivers, ministered to Paul during his final days. Donna Parker and

Michele Pain, members of St. George's, visited Paul and Martha on numerous occasions. They observed that these were times of peaceful idleness for both Paul and Martha. An idea was born to provide items of basic daily necessities for families whose loved ones were living out their final days at Christopher House. Since then, St. George's has regularly provided hospitality baskets for families of patients at Christopher House.

To participate, please sign up for one or more weeks on the calendar hanging on the bulletin board in the north entrance to the church; the current calendar covers the months of **February through May**. For a donation of \$10, you will receive a basket of necessities, and you are encouraged to personalize the baskets with fresh fruit, baked goods, sachets, a handwritten note, or anything else that you think would be enjoyed and appreciated. The baskets may be delivered to the Christopher House office any day of the week you select; there is no direct patient contact. Checks should be made out to St. George's, with "Christopher House Baskets" in the memo line; cash should be in an envelope marked "Christopher House Baskets." Payment can be placed in the alms basin or brought to the office. Baskets can be picked up at church on Sundays, or at the office during regular office hours.

Our goal is to deliver two baskets per week, so we need a lot of participation from our congregation! Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry, whether or not you have ever done so in the past. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Spies-Maxwell.

Southwest Showdown BBQ Fundraiser



The Southwest Showdown is an annual barbecue cook-off **benefitting Episcopal Relief & Development** and organized by students of the Seminary of the Southwest. This year's cook-off

will at the **Seminary of the Southwest** (501 East 32nd Street) on **Saturday, March 4th**, starting at **11:00 AM** and lasting as long as the food does! Sample world class brisket and ribs – competitors range from seasoned professionals to backyard barbecu'ers. Come out to enjoy an afternoon of fun – good food, music by The Deer, a bouncy house and petting zoo – all to support a great cause. (And you even get to vote on the best barbecue!) Tickets are available at the door (credit cards accepted) for \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under age 5 to 12 (children 4 and under eat free), or \$20 for a family. Soda, water, and beer is separately available for purchase. More information is available at www.southwestshowdown.com. Come join the fun!

Seasonal Liturgical Changes

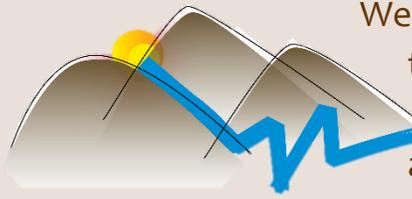
When you come to the 10:30 Sunday service throughout Lent, you may notice that the service of Eucharist seems to have changed quite a bit. Most Episcopal churches make a number of changes to the liturgy at the beginning of a new liturgical season, to mark our movement through the church year. Our services generally include a number of sung parts known as service music, which stay the same from week to week during a liturgical season, unlike hymns, which change weekly. Service music can include a *Gloria*, *Kyrie*, or *Trisagion* (BCP p. 356) at the beginning of the service, a *Presentation Hymn* as the offering is brought forward, a *Sanctus* (“Holy, holy, holy,” BCP p. 362) during the Eucharistic Prayer, a *Fraction Anthem* as the bread is broken, and a musical setting of the *Lord’s Prayer*. For each liturgical season, Father Kevin and our Music Minister Anne Weaver work together to choose service music that is appropriate to that season. The beginning section of the 1982 Hymnal contains a wide variety of service music, all designated with an “S” before the number. But not all the service music we use comes from the Hymnal. St. George’s has been privileged in the past to be able to use service music written especially for us by Anne Weaver. This year, Anne has written new settings of the *Trisagion*, the *Sanctus*, and the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God,” used as a *Fraction Anthem*) specifically for use during Lent. We will begin using her new settings on Ash Wednesday, and continue to do so throughout Lent.



New service music is not the only change to our regular Sunday Eucharist. The Book of Common Prayer includes four different Eucharistic Prayers (BCP pp. 361, 367, 369, and 372), and we generally change to a different prayer for each season. During Lent, we will be using Eucharistic Prayer D. Each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes an acknowledgment of God’s glory, the *Sanctus*, a recitation of God’s work throughout history and particularly through Christ, a version of the Words of Institution (the words of Christ at the Last Supper), an *epiclesis* (a call to the Holy Spirit to come upon and transform both the bread and wine and the gathered congregation), and then concludes with the Lord’s Prayer. But each uses different language and has different emphases. Prayer D also includes a section which can be expanded in a variety of ways to include the different concerns of different communities (BCP p. 375). During Lent, we will incorporate the concerns usually articulated in the Prayers of the People into the Eucharistic Prayer, so we will not have a separate Prayers of the People after the Nicene Creed. Instead, we will observe a shared silence for silent prayer after the Nicene Creed, as a reminder of the Lenten call to prayer. Throughout Lent, we will also begin each service with the Penitential Order, including the Decalogue (BCP pp. 350-353), as a reminder of our call to follow God’s teaching, and of the confessional and penitential nature of Lent.

The basic movement of the Service of the Word, in which we hear and contemplate the Scriptures, followed by the Service of the Table, in which we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, will remain unchanged, as it does for all services of Eucharist. But changing some of the music and liturgical language can remind us that we have entered a new season and that the church year moves us into different liturgical and spiritual spaces as we journey through the seasons.

Summer Retreat to Duncan Park, Colorado



We have a great opportunity to enjoy some rest and relaxation in the beautiful Colorado Mountains this summer! Along with three other churches – Trinity by the Sea, Port Aransas, and Resurrection, Austin – St. George's is planning a trip to the

Diocese of West Texas retreat center Duncan Park outside of Boulder, Colorado, from Sunday, July 9th through Friday, July 14th. Only ten spots are available for St. George's parishioners, as the facilities are limited. While there we will enjoy various activities such as horseback riding, hiking, rafting, fishing, and just plain relaxing. [Duncan Retreat Center](#) is a wonderfully rustic facility in the mountains near the Indian Peaks Wilderness area. The cost of the retreat (room and board) is \$300 for adults and \$230 for children under 17. Travel costs to and from Duncan Park are the responsibility of participants. If you are interested in going to this retreat, please contact the Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert for further details.



News from the School

Our summer registration is open – tell your friends! We have quite a few families enrolled, but we have space for more. We want to welcome all, so grab your spot now before we fill up! More information about our summer programs is available at www.stgeorges-austin.com.



Registration for the 2017-18 opened in February, and it's been a success! We have a full school, and a healthy wait list. We had a lot of happy parents the day we opened registration, as we registered 20 new families into our school. We also received many wonderful compliments, which is a true testament to the incredible work the teachers do to make our school as sought after as it is. I am very excited to welcome our new families in the fall, and I'm honored to see all the returning families too. I look forward to serving them for the 2017-2018 school year.

In addition, St. George's School and Church will be hosting CPR, AED (Automated Defibrillator), and First Aid classes in Kleberg Hall on the third Friday of every month, from 9:00-11:30 am, beginning on March 17th. Classes are led by professional firefighters, and they are open to the public. Each 2.5-hour class costs \$25 and provides certification valid for two years. To register or get more information, visit the [CPR Resources](#) website.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

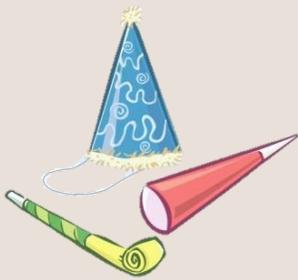


We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:

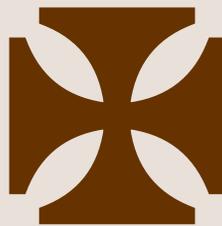
Toni Brewer (Mar 5)	Maddie Sparks (Mar 21)
Carolyn Roseboom (Mar 6)	Christina Fultz (Mar 23)
Elaine Hosage (Mar 9)	Scott Hoffman (Mar 25)
Patrick Dieringer (Mar 9)	Josh Beckham (Mar 26)
Emily Dieringer (Mar 10)	Reeves Ham (Mar 30)
Jeremy Stevens (Mar 10)	David Savage (Mar 30)
Richard Stuart (Mar 11)	James Poage (Mar 31)
Josh McGonigle (Mar 16)	Frances Rickard (Mar 31)
Maddie Kadas (Mar 21)	Kirk Wilson (Mar 31)

And a happy anniversary to:

Dale Curry & James Duran (Mar 1)
Robert Blech & Mary Stewart Miller (Mar 20)



Congratulations and Best Wishes!



Links for Further Information

[St. George's Church website](#)
[St. George's Episcopal School](#)
[The Episcopal Diocese of Texas](#)
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