

# THE BANNER



## St. George's Episcopal Church

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Season after Pentecost

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### Sunday Schedule

10:30 am [Holy Eucharist Rite II](#)  
Online/In-person  
11:15 am Zoom Coffee Hour

**The Rev. Ann McLemore**  
*Interim Rector*

**Mi-Young Kim**  
*Music Minister*

**Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski**  
*Office Administrator*

**Jerri Thompson**  
*Day School Director*

**Josh Beckham**  
**Rob Blech**  
**Ed Crawford**  
**Dale Curry**  
**Brad Dieringer**  
**Hye Na Lucy**  
**Belinda McGhee**  
**Samantha Stevens**  
*Vestry*

**Brad Dieringer**  
*Senior Warden*

**Ed Crawford**  
*Junior Warden*

**Samantha Stevens**  
*Financial Secretary*

**Ashley Carrera**  
*Treasurer*

**Belinda McGhee**  
*Clerk*

**Bridgette Beinecke**  
*School Board Liaison*

### Mark Your Calendars

<b>Wed 6/2</b> Wednesday Weavings	<b>Sun 6/20</b> Father's Day
<b>Sat 6/5</b> Women's Book Group	<b>Mon 6/21</b> School Board Meeting
<b>Mon 6/14</b> Vestry Meeting	<b>Wed 6/16</b> Wednesday Weavings
<b>Thu 6/17</b> Presentation of CAT Survey Results	<b>Wed 6/30</b> Wednesday Weavings

### [St. George's Events Calendar](#)

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### Feast Days

1 Justin, Martyr, 167	15 Evelyn Underhill, Mystic and Writer, 1947
3 The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886	17 Marina the Monk, Monastic, 5th century
4 John XXIII (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli), Bishop and Church Reformer, 1963	18 Bernard Mizeki, Martyr, 1896
8 Melania the Elder, Monastic, 410	19 Adelaide Teague Case, Educator, 1948
9 Columba of Iona, Monastic, 567	20 Alban, Martyr, c.304
10 Ephrem of Nisibis, Deacon and Poet, 373	24 <b>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b>
11 <b>Saint Barnabas the Apostle</b>	26 Isabel Florence Hapgood, Ecumenist, 1923
12 Enmegahbowh, Priest and Missionary, 1902	28 Irenaeus of Lyons, Bishop and Theologian, c.202
14 Basil of Caesarea, Bishop and Theologian, 379	29 <b>The Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul</b>

## Interim Rector's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

It's hard to believe that it's already June and summer is upon us! Last week, the electricity went out at my home for 24 hours; how quickly I was reminded of the difference between losing electricity in June as compared to a rare winter storm in February!

It may feel like we are not making a lot of progress during this time of transition, but we really are, on many fronts, some we never even considered! As of May, the vestry is once again meeting in person, on campus. It is important that the lay leadership be aware of changes and improvements to be able to lead the congregation through this time of returning to church and to the campus.

Not only the vestry, but all the congregation needs to be aware of some difficult times we have been through since April 28. The church has been broken into six times since then, almost certainly all by the same person. They have gained entry by breaking sections of stained glass, which have now been boarded up. The Paschal Candle was destroyed, and multiple items were stolen, including the white frontal, two fair linens, the two new candlestick holders, two of my personal chasubles, and multiple books. In response, we now have three cameras covering the front and back, and we have a temporary fence around the church property. (Those living under I-35 still have water access at the curb outside of the fence, but we no longer have any electric outlets on the outside of any buildings. This change was recommended by APD, our Bishop, and insurance company.) Then, on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, Wright House was also broken into, and a few items were taken – a Bible, a pillow, and a soft drink! We now have a new camera covering the Wright House front porch area. As I mentioned in a sermon a couple of weeks ago, we will not be governed by fear, anxiety, or anger. We are taking some precautions, many of which are part of the daily routine for many churches.

In happier news, worshiping together in person and being back in the church on Sundays has been wonderful! It has been such a blessing to begin to meet some of you that I have only met on Zoom! As part of returning to church, lay ministries that have been on hiatus since last spring are now kicking into gear again, and we are taking the opportunity to implement a new system for scheduling and coordinating those ministries (see the article on page 5 for more information). Our 10:30 am Sunday morning service no longer requires online reservations, but we still ask worshipers to wear masks and maintain social distance. As conditions change, we are continuing to re-assess our practices for communion, congregational singing, and other elements of the service in light of health and safety concerns.

Throughout 2021, we have five focus points to help guide our transition process. We began with HERITAGE in February and March and moved on to LEADERSHIP in April and May. As we move into June, our focus shifts to the MISSION of the church. (The final two focus points will be CONNECTIONS and FUTURE.) As we move back on campus, our focus becomes our call to serve off campus!

In June, the school will be refurbishing Kleberg Hall with a new interior paint job and new flooring, and handing it back over to the church. In-person Coffee Hours in Kleberg will soon be a reality!



Back in March, many of you completed our Church Assessment Tool, a survey which collected information from parishioners about who we are and how we hope to develop in the future. In June, the results of the survey will be presented to the Vestry and then to the congregation (see the article on page 4 for more information). The Parish Profile Committee will use those results as they develop St. George's Parish Profile using an outline the diocese has in place. When the Profile has been completed and approved by the Bishop, we will be able to publicly announce the position as being open.

I invite everyone to hold St. George's, the transition process, and our campus and buildings in your prayers. God is preparing your next Rector. Trust in God.

Faithfully,

*Ann +*

The Rev. Ann McLemore

## July *Banner* Deadline

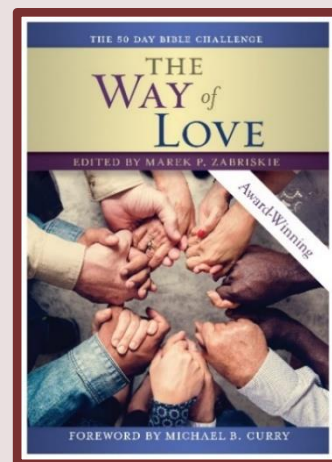


The deadline for news for the July issue of *The Banner* is Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

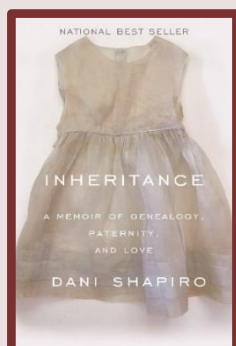
Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).

## Wednesday Weavings

St. George's adult discussion group continues to meet every other Wednesday, from **7:00 to 8:00 pm**. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and a closing service of Compline. This month we will meet on Wednesdays, **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, **June 16<sup>th</sup>**, and **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. We are continuing our study of *The Way of Love*, a Forward Movement publication edited by Marek Zabriskie. The book offers 50 meditations, each consisting of a Scripture reading, reflection, discussion questions, and prayer. The meditations are divided into seven sections based on seven spiritual practices for a Jesus-centered life: Turn, Learn Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest. Frances Rickard will send out the Zoom invitation along with the reading and/or video before each meeting to the group's email list. If you are not on the list and would like to receive the email, or if you have any questions, please contact Frances at [fajrickard@gmail.com](mailto:fajrickard@gmail.com). The Zoom screen has plenty of room for all who want to join us!



## Women's Book Group



Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, at the **home of Sarah Campbell**. We will discuss *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love*, by **Dani Shapiro**. Since Austin has moved to Stage 2 in terms of COVID risk, the meeting will be held indoors, with masks optional. All St. George's women are welcome to attend – even if you haven't read the book! We hope you can join us for interesting conversation and our book discussion. Please contact Sandra Villalaz at **512-762-8349** or [sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com) with any questions. Happy reading!

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## Church Assessment Tool Presentation

Please join us on **Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 pm, via Zoom**, for a presentation and discussion of the results of the **Church Assessment Tool (CAT)**, the survey which was made available to all members of St. George's in March of this year. Representatives from Holy Cow Consulting, an organization that works with churches and other non-profits to conduct organizational assessments, will first present the results to the



Vestry and the Parish Profile Committee, and then to the whole congregation on June 17<sup>th</sup>. We want as many St. George's parishioners as possible to attend this event; it will include an opportunity to ask questions and share thoughts about what these results mean for our transition process and the next rector we will call to St. George's. We are very excited to be able to take this next step toward creating our Parish Profile!

An email with the Zoom link for this meeting will be sent out to the parish email list. To be added to the list, please contact Jennifer in the church office at [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com) or 512-454-2523.

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## In-Person Worship



It's been wonderful to be back in the church and back together for Sunday morning worship. We hope that you can join us there! We are continuing to take measures to be safe, and our policies evolve as the situation changes. We are no longer requiring pre-registration (we will re-assess if Austin's infection rate increases or if the attendance at the 10:30 service increases to unsafe levels). We ask that worshipers continue to wear masks and maintain social distance. As conditions change, we are continuing to re-assess our practices for the distribution of communion, congregational singing, and other elements of the service in light of health and safety concerns.

The 10:30 service continues to be accessible via both Zoom and Facebook Live, so if you don't feel safe coming back to in-person church just yet or can't make it every Sunday, you can still worship with us!

## Ministry Leadership Teams

Most of our lay worship leaders have been on hiatus since last spring, when we stopped worshipping together in person. As part of returning to church in person, those ministries are now starting up again, and we are taking the opportunity to implement a new system for scheduling and coordinating those ministries. The members of the Altar Guild, Ushers, and Readers/Intercessors have been assigned to one of three teams – Teams A, B, and C – each



of which is scheduled to serve every third Sunday. Each team includes three or four members of each of the ministries, so not everyone on the team is expected to serve each time the team is scheduled. When a team is scheduled, its members communicate amongst themselves to determine which members will be serving on that particular Sunday. By having a simple, repeating schedule, this new system takes the burden of scheduling off the handful of individual people who've been doing it, in many cases for years, and redistributes it among all the members of these ministries. Each team makes its own decisions about how to divide up its responsibilities and can figure out the system that works best for them.

The team members are asked to let Jennifer know by noon on Thursday who will be serving on the upcoming Sunday, so that she can list them correctly in the “Those Who Serve” section of the bulletin. If you have any questions about the new team system or if you'd like more information about serving in any of these ministries, please contact Jennifer in the church office at [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com) or 512-454-2523.



## Celebrating our Graduates

Congratulations to those in our parish family who have completed the current phase of their educational journey.

### Dylan Kadas

*McCallum High School &  
Fine Arts Academy*

son of Madeleine Boyer  
attending the University  
of Florida at Gainesville

### Joel McAlister

*Seminary of the Southwest,  
Master of Divinity*

serving as curate  
at St. Francis, Tyler

### Mi-Young Kim

*The University of Texas  
at Austin,*

*Master of Music  
in Collaborative Piano*

**Congratulations to all our graduates!**

## Outreach Ministry Highlight

Our Outreach Ministry Highlight for the month of June is **St. George's Outreach Committee**. Overseeing all of our Outreach Ministries, the St. George's Outreach Committee exists to provide opportunities to translate our faith into love in action. Whether participating in planning, sewing bags for survivors of assault, donating food, delivering baskets to family members of hospice patients, or striving for social justice in countless other ways, the Outreach Committee exists to shine a light in our community.



For more information, contact Alice Nelson ([mzlsnlsn@gmail.com](mailto:mzlsnlsn@gmail.com)) or Sarah Campbell ([cowmarket2@gmail.com](mailto:cowmarket2@gmail.com)).

## Welcome, Mila!



Congratulations to Joel and Laura McAlister, who welcome a new daughter to the world, and to Max, who welcomes a new sister! Mila June McAlister was born at home on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2:02 am, weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces, and measuring 21.5 inches long. Laura says, “We have loved transitioning to being a family of four. Mila has been a good baby, even letting us sleep for part of the night since birth. Max is so sweet with her. He seems thrilled to have a sibling and he’s excited to teach her all the things he’s learned.”



*We give thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence among them, O God, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*  
Amen.

## Christopher House Baskets



**Delivery people needed!** St. George’s has a long-standing ministry of delivering hospitality baskets to the families of patients at Christopher House. As with everything else, the logistics of this have changed with the pandemic, but we continue to deliver baskets, and we need more delivery people! To be a part of this ministry, sign up for one or more weeks between now and June on the [Online Christopher House Basket Calendar](#). A \$10

donation is requested per basket, and you can also add a note and other goodies (nothing perishable). You can make the donation online via the [St. George’s Donation Page](#) under Outreach, or by putting a check in the offertory basket (or mailing it to the church office), made out to “St. George’s Episcopal Church,” with “Christopher House Baskets” in the memo line. Then, contact Alice Nelson at [mzlsnlsn@gmail.com](mailto:mzlsnlsn@gmail.com) to make arrangements to get a basket before your delivery week. Delivery includes no patient contact, and only brief outdoor and masked contact with a staff member.

## 2021 Altar Flowers/Candles Calendar

You are invited to donate altar flowers for one or more Sundays in 2021, or altar candles for one or more months, perhaps in honor of someone, in celebration of an important event, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, or in memory of loved one. To give flowers or candles, visit the [2021 Online Flower/Candle Donation Calendar](#) and enter your name and dedication next to the week or month of your choice. A donation of \$35 is requested. You can make your donation online or by check.

To give electronically, visit the [St. George's Donation page](#), scroll down to "Designated Gifts" / "Altar Guild," and enter the amount of your donation. Make checks payable to St. George's,

with "Altar Flowers/Candles" in the memo line, and place them in the offering basket or mail them to the church office.



## News from the School



I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring weather. It appears that all of our plants and trees made it through the snowstorm and are blossoming brightly. Which is exactly how our school year is ending – brightly. With the help of the Child Care Relief Grant, the Paycheck Protection Program, our incredible staff, and our wonderful families, the school is financially stable and secure.

Now we turn our attention to the Summer Camp program, which is 95% full. We will have seven classrooms and 90 children on campus this summer. Our Summer Camp program is another way that the school's mission is carried out by bringing in new families whose schools close for summer. Over the past several years, our summer program has also brought in new homes for families who enjoyed their time with us so much that they chose to enroll for the school year as well!

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, we closed out our school year with our graduation ceremony, celebrating our 2020-21 class of pre-kindergartners. Thank you to for all your support, and enjoy this adorable snapshot of our Class of 2021!!

Respectfully,

*Jerri Thompson*

Head of School





## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

*We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:*

- |                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Scott Bush (Jun 1)       | Martha Paull (Jun 14)         |
| Erik Stallman (Jun 2)    | Ainsley Blood (Jun 16)        |
| Nancy Carrera (Jun 3)    | Gayle Wall (Jun 16)           |
| Emme Corcoran (Jun 3)    | Jennifer Bigbee (Jun 17)      |
| Anna Doty (Jun 4)        | Walter Long, Jr. (Jun 20)     |
| Stephanie Savage (Jun 4) | Carson Blood (Jun 23)         |
| Jonathan Brackin (Jun 6) | Molly Powers (Jun 25)         |
| Herb Dickson (Jun 6)     | Claire Bush (Jun 26)          |
| Pete Sebert (Jun 8)      | Mae Stevens (Jun 26)          |
| Denise Hope (Jun 14)     | Liam Dolan-Henderson (Jun 30) |

*And a happy anniversary to:*

- Brad & Emily Dieringer (Jun 25)
- Scott & Claire Bush (Jun 27)
- John & Frances Rickard (Jun 28)



**Congratulations and Best Wishes!**



## Links for Further Information

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

[The Lectionary](#)  
[Camp Allen](#)  
[St. George's Court](#)  
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