

THE BANNER



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Season after Pentecost

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Sunday Schedule

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

Tue 7/6 Weekly Choir Rehearsal begins
Sat 7/10 Women's Book Group
Mon 7/12 Vestry Meeting
Wed 7/14 Wednesday Weavings
Mon 7/19 School Board Meeting
Wed 7/28 Wednesday Weavings

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

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Feast Days

1 Pauli Murray, Priest, 1985	22 Saint Mary Magdalene
2 Moses the Black, Monastic and Martyr, c.400	23 John Cassian, Monastic and Theologian, 435
4 Independence Day (United States of America)	24 Thomas a Kempis, Priest and Mystic, 1471
6 Eva Lee Matthews, Monastic, 1928	25 Saint James the Apostle
8 Priscilla and Aquila, Coworkers of the Apostle Paul	27 William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909
11 Benedict of Nursia, Monastic, c.543	28 Johann Sebastian Bach, Composer, 1750
14 Argula von Grumbach, Scholar and Church Reformer, c.1554	29 Mary and Martha of Bethany
17 William White, Bishop, 1836	30 William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833
19 Macrina of Caesarea, Monastic and Teacher, 379	31 Ignatius of Loyola, Priest and Spiritual Writer, 1556
20 Maria Skobtsoba, Monastic and Martyr, 1945	

Interim Rector's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

As we come out on the other side of Fourth of July celebrations it is hard to believe that 2021 is half over! We are starting the second half of the year! In our Nineteen Steps towards calling a new rector (see the article on page 6), we are on Step 7: the Parish Profile Committee has been formed and plans to have a Profile in the next few weeks.

When the profile has been completed, it will be sent to the diocesan transition office for approval. With this approval, the position will be publicly announced, and the active search will begin. The timeline for this process is always different, as each congregation has different needs and attributes, and we are on schedule for our own process. Many thanks to the Profile Committee for their diligent work!



An update on our physical campus: Kleberg Hall has a new ceiling, all new interior paint, and a fresh new floor. On **Sunday, July 11th**, we will host our first Coffee Hour there since March 2020! This opportunity to once again be together and enjoy one another's company in Kleberg and the playground area is a moment of grace and celebration for us.

On July 11th, we will also welcome the choir back into the church and resume full congregational singing. Masks are required for those who have not been vaccinated and encouraged for those who have. We are also still maintaining social distance and sitting every other pew. Remember that we have children under 12 and members with health issues who cannot be vaccinated. If you are not yet vaccinated but could be, I would encourage you to do so, and to pray about this decision if you are uncertain.

In case you have not been by the campus lately, the fences around the Church and the Wright House are still up. The Austin Police Department is working on the case of the break-ins and thefts. We've sustained thousands of dollars of theft and damage between broken stained glass windows and doors, and stolen altar linens, vestments, computer and sound equipment, candlestick holders, offering plates, and more. We are taking advantage of this time period to have some work done on the church building, and we are in the process of getting estimates for some of the repair work.

Although we believe that the break-ins and damage have all been done by one person, the five cameras around the campus have shown us just how much is going on during all hours of the day and night on this campus! Unfortunately, quite a few people regularly dispose of trash on our grounds, which I often pick up. But we have also learned from the cameras that many neighbors use our campus to walk their dogs or just take walks with their families, and we want to keep that option open, safe, and available.

On **Sunday, September 19th**, Bishop Jeff Fisher will be with us for an official Episcopal visit. If anyone would like to be baptized or confirmed, this would be a wonderful Sunday to take advantage of those sacraments. If you are interested, please contact me at **769-257-2377** or mclemore.a@gmail.com, and I would be delighted to meet with you. (Please hold off on choosing godparents until we've had the opportunity to discuss their role and responsibilities.)

Speaking of sacraments, St. George's is very proud of The Rev. Joel McAlister, who was ordained a deacon on June 26th at Christ Church Cathedral in Houston, where I served as one of his presenters. In approximately six months Joel will be ordained a priest. Joel and Laura were members of St. George's and we have been his sponsoring parish throughout his ordination process. Congratulations, Joel!

Blessings to all of you!

Ann +

The Rev. Ann McLemore

August *Banner* Deadline



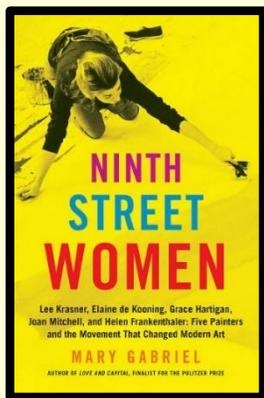
The deadline for news for the August issue of *The Banner* is Friday, August 30th. Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.

Summer Schedule

Jennifer will be on vacation with her family from July 18th through August 2nd. Her voicemail and email will not be checked in her absence, so please contact the Rev. Ann McLemore (769-257-2377 or mclemore.a@gmail.com) directly with any emergencies. Jennifer will respond to her messages when she's back in the office.



Women's Book Group



Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, July 10th**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, at the **home of Jan Phillips**. We will discuss *Ninth Street Women*, by **Mary Gabriel**. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com or 512-762-8349. Happy reading!

The Return of Coffee Hour!

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, July 11th**! We will celebrate several milestones in our emergence from the pandemic that day – among them, congregational singing of all hymns, the return of an in-person choir, and an in-person coffee hour in Kleberg Hall after the 10:30 am worship service!



St. George's School has returned Kleberg Hall to its pre-2019 configuration, complete with new paint and new flooring in the main space. You'll certainly want to come check it out. The first coffee hours of the new era will be somewhat limited in scope – coffee and finger foods that do not require utensils or serving pieces. The Vestry will host our first Coffee Hour on the 11th, featuring a cool summer treat and other deliciousness. Don't miss it if you can help it!

Going forward, we will ask that two or three households make a commitment to host Coffee Hour each week. That responsibility will include set-up and clean-up, as well as providing finger-food snacks. A sign-up sheet will be available at coffee hour on July 11th, so please be generous with your time and find a Sunday on which you can help out. Complete instructions for coffee hour hosting are available on the Kleberg refrigerator or upon request.

We're looking forward to some wonderful conversation, coffee, and refreshments on July 11th. See you then!

Photos Needed!

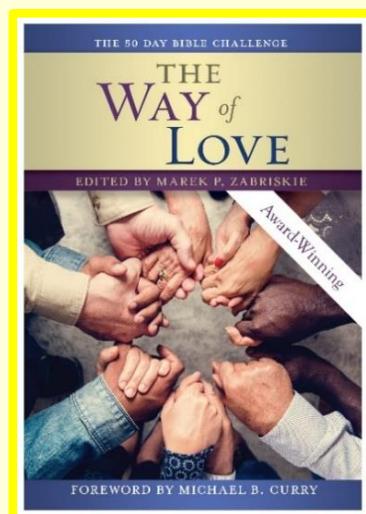


The Parish Profile Committee (made up of Sarah Campbell, Frances Rickard, Mary Stewart Miller, and Brad Barcus) is hard at work using the information from the Church Assessment Tool (see article on page 6) to create a Parish Profile, which will then be made available to clergy throughout the Episcopal Church as part of our search process. The Profile will include photos, and we need your help. If you have any recent photos that help express who St. George's is, please send them (no more than five, please!) to Mary Stewart Miller at millermarystewart@gmail.com no later than **Monday, July 12th**. For really up-to-date images, feel free to take photos while at church!



Wednesday Weavings

St. George's adult discussion group continues to meet every other Wednesday. In July, we plan to have one in-person meeting and one Zoom meeting, On **July 14th**, we will gather in the front room of the **Wright-Giles House from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** for a bring-your-own supper (optional), a discussion on the selected reading for the evening, and Compline service. On **July 28th**, we will meet **via Zoom from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**. We may continue to use this hybrid approach for the time being, so as to ensure that as many who want to participate can continue to do so. We will solicit feedback and continue to assess how best to move forward as we go along.



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 reading before each meeting, as well as the Zoom invitation for the 28th, 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.

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 continue to practice social distancing, but masks are now optional (but encouraged) for those who have been vaccinated, and we are no longer requiring pre-registration. We have begun to go forward to the altar rail to receive communion. As of Sunday, July 11th, we will welcome the choir back to the church in person, and we will once again allow full congregational singing.

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!

New Organ for St. George's

In December 2019, we reported that St. George's was looking at replacing our existing organ with a computerized digital organ. Feedback from the announcement was positive, so we started moving in that direction, until the diocese requested that all capital improvement projects be halted as we focused attention on "doing and being church" during the global pandemic. During 2020, our organ continued to deteriorate; Music Minister Mi-Young Kim is no longer able to play it for our services. As we



are emerging from the pandemic, capital improvements are allowed once again, and the Vestry has approved the installation of a new Hauptwerk digital pipe organ for St. George's.

Danny Brooke, with Organ Technology, is completing the adaption of a Galanti organ console for us. As you can see in the accompanying photo, it is a walnut console, with three new keyboards and touch screens installed. The full system includes the console, pedals, a computer, Hauptwerk software, and studio-quality speakers. Although the system does not use pipes to make the sound, some of our organ pipes will remain in place for aesthetic purposes. To hear some sample Hauptwerk organs, please visit their website at www.hauptwerk.com/listen.

In addition to the console, some construction work will be needed to install the speakers, make other adjustments to the back of the sanctuary, and remove the current organ console. At this point, we do not have an estimated completion date, but watch *The Banner* for updates. Please contact John Rickard with any questions at john@p3consulting.us.

Nineteen Steps to Calling a New Rector

Just as there are 19 steps in the Wright House up to the Rector's Office, there are 19 steps for the congregation going through the process of preparing for and calling a new rector. The whole congregation is invited to be part of the process of each of these 19 steps, the ultimate goal being the arrival of a newly called rector on Step 19! The steps are:



- 1. The Rector announces that s/he is leaving.
- 2. Supply clergy lead worship; work out interim priest arrangement.
- 3. The Interim priest arrives; work out Interim Rector arrangement.
- 4. The Interim Rector arrives and begins transition work.
- 5. The congregation completes a survey provided by the diocese.
- 6. The results of the survey are shared with the congregation.
- 7. The Parish Profile Committee is formed and generates a Parish Profile.
- 8. When the profile is ready, the diocese approves it.
- 9. The Profile is circulated locally and nationally for six to eight weeks.
- 10. The Search Committee is formed and prepares for interviews.
- 11. The Search Committee reviews applications and holds interviews.
- 12. Zoom visits or (if safe and possible) in-person visits are held with the candidates.
- 13. The Search Committee narrows list to one or two finalists and presents them to the Vestry.
- 14. Throughout the work of the Parish Profile and Search Committees, transition and interim work are taking place.
- 15. The Vestry reviews the name(s) from the Search Committee.
- 16. The Vestry votes to extend a call to one candidate.
- 17. A call goes out to the new Rector.
- 18. A Transition Team is formed to welcome the new Rector and his/her family.
- 19. The new Rector arrives.

Church Assessment Tool Presentation



Thanks to all who attended the recent presentation by Holy Cow Consulting, summarizing the results of the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), the survey made available to all members of St. George's in March (see steps 5 and 6 above). If you were not able to attend, the session was recorded, and you can view it at this link: www.tinyurl.com/5bepdhma. The next step in our search for a new rector will be for the Profile Committee (made up of Sarah Campbell, Mary Stewart Miller, Frances Rickard, and Brad Barcus) to prepare our Parish Profile about our parish history, ministries and programs, budget, parish life, and goals. The profile will then be made available to clergy who may be interested in a call to serve as our rector.

Ministry Leadership Teams

Most of our lay worship leaders were on hiatus from March 2020, when we stopped worshipping together in person, until we began to do so again in April of this year. As these ministries begin to function again, we are taking the opportunity to implement a new system for scheduling and coordination. 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 or 512-454-2523.

Outreach Ministry Highlight for July: HELPS International



HELPS International works to address the root causes of poverty in Guatemala by focusing on four key areas: agriculture, community development, education, and health care. St. George's involvement with HELPS has been primarily with the educational aspect of their work. The barriers Guatemalan children face to make it into classrooms are very high, and most children receive only four years of formal education. For several years, the St. George's Women's Book Group has sponsored a child in the village of Santa Avelina to attend HELPS International's elementary school there. In more recent years, the parish's partnership with HELPS has expanded to include financial and hands-on support for a spring field trip for fifth graders to visit the university, trade school, and museums in a neighboring city to inspire them to continue their education and break the cycle of poverty. For more information on HELPS International, visit their website at www.helpsintl.org.

August Outreach Meeting

Now that we are reopening and regathering, it's time for an Outreach meeting! Please join us at **9:00 am on Sunday, August 15th**, in the **Wright-Giles House**. The shared work of keeping the parish programs running during the pandemic shutdown and staying in touch by Zoom and email has been rewarding. But we are excited to meet in person to discuss our current our programs, what is needed, and what people feel called to work on.



Wondering if you're a member of Outreach? You are! All members of our congregation are part of our outreach work. Please consider attending and let us know what you would like to see us do in the coming months. For more information, contact Alice Nelson (mzlsnlsn@gmail.com) or Sarah Campbell (cowmarket2@gmail.com).



Christopher House ~~Baskets~~ *Bags*



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 (except now they are bags with handles), and we need more delivery people! To be a part of this ministry, sign up for one or more weeks between now and December 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 placing 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 to make arrangements to get a bag 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 Altar Flowers/Candles 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 offertory basket or mail them to the church office.



Lost and Found



This casserole dish was left in Kleberg after a potluck or Lenten supper in the early months of 2020. If it belongs to you, contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com or pick it up in Kleberg at Coffee Hour on Sunday, July 11th. We will find a new home for it if it is not claimed, so please speak up if it is yours. Thanks!

News from the School

We have had an amazing start to Summer Camp! We are at capacity almost every week this summer. It has been so wonderful to welcome back Alumni from the previous year and get to know new faces as well. Our waitlist for the fall of 2021 has been growing steadily since the beginning of summer. With the size of the waitlist, we expect to fill the new building once it's completed.

Our children have been able to enjoy a variety of activities and on-site field trips this summer including: a Princess who read fairy tales, a ride on Thomas the Tank Engine, splash days, and a Fourth of July celebration with hot dogs from The Hot Dog King and snow cones from Kona Ice. And there is much more to come!

We are also thankful to have Kleberg back in its original configuration. The renovations look great, and it has given us a welcome retreat from the summer heat in the afternoons. Thank you for all your support during our time of transition on campus! We look forward to what the rest of the summer will bring.





July Birthdays & Anniversaries

We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:

Emma Jane Braun (Jul 2)	Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski (Jul 18)
Eddie Terrazas (Jul 2)	JT Sparks (Jul 18)
Margaret Tipps (Jul 2)	Walter Moreau (Jul 20)
JT Kerrigan (Jul 3)	Josh Poage (Jul 23)
Ashley Ibsen (Jul 5)	Hal Stevens (Jul 24)
Brad Dieringer (Jul 7)	Lillie Tipps (Jul 25)
Benjamin Lucy (Jul 8)	Charlotte Tipps (Jul 27)
Aidan Cormier (Jul 9)	Philip Doty (Jul 30)
Athena Navarro (Jul 9)	Ann McLemore (Jul 30)
Evan O'Donnell (Jul 16)	Peter Stuart (Jul 30)

And a happy anniversary to:

Ariane & Mark Corcoran (Jul 3)
Philip Doty & Mikail McIntosh-Doty (Jul 5)
Josh & Anne McGonigle (Jul 7)
Samantha & Hal Stevens (Jul 11)
Carolyn & Walter Moreau (Jul 13)
Fred & Michele Blood (Jul 23)
Brad Barcus and Ryan Lee (Jul 24)
Hollie & Spencer Gordon (Jul 31)



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](#)
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