

# THE BANNER



**St. George's  
Episcopal Church**

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Easter • Ascension

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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  
11:15 am Coffee Hour

**The Rev. Ann McLemore**  
Interim Rector

**Dia Park**  
Music Minister

**Mikail McIntosh-Doty**  
Office Administrator

**Jerri Thompson**  
Day School Director

**Josh Beckham**  
**Ramón Treviño**  
**Sandra Villalaz-Dickson**  
**Dale Curry**  
**Brad Dieringer**  
**Spencer Gordon**  
**Brad Barcus**  
**Belinda McGhee**  
**Samantha Stevens**  
Vestry

**Brad Dieringer**  
Senior Warden

**Dale Curry**  
Junior Warden

**Samantha Stevens**  
Financial Secretary

**Ashley Carrera**  
Treasurer

**Bridgette Beinecke**  
School Board Liaison

## Mark Your Calendars

<b>Tue 5/3</b>	Choir Meet-up	<b>Tue 5/17</b>	Choir Meet-up
<b>Sun 5/8</b>	Mother's Day	<b>Tue 5/24</b>	Choir Meet-up
<b>Mon 5/9</b>	Vestry Meeting (Wright House)	<b>Sun 5/22</b>	SGEC Graduation Sunday
<b>Tue 5/10</b>	Choir Meet-up	<b>Wed 5/25</b>	Wednesday Weavings
<b>Wed 5/11</b>	Wednesday Weavings	<b>Thu 5/26</b>	ASCENSION DAY
<b>Sat 5/14</b>	Women's Book Group	<b>Sun 5/29</b>	Sunday after Ascension
<b>Mon 5/16</b>	School Board Meeting (Wright House)	<b>Mon 5/30</b>	Memorial Day (church offices closed)

## St. George's Events Calendar

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## Feast Days

2 <b>The Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James</b>	19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988
3 Elisabeth Cruciger, Poet and Hymnographer, 1535	20 Alcuin of York, Deacon and Abbot, 804
4 Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387	21 Lydia of Thyatira, Coworker of the Apostle Paul
5 Martyrs of the Reformation Era	23 Rogation Day (V); also 4/23-35
9 Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop and Theologian, 389	24 Jackson Kemper, Bishop and Missionary, 1870
11 Johann Arndt and Jacob Boehme, Mystics, 1621 and 1624	25 Bede, Priest and Historian, 735
13 Frances Perkins, Social Reformer, 1965	26 FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
17 Thurgood Marshall, Public Servant, 1993	28 Mechthild of Magdeburg, Mystic, c.1282
	31 <b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>

## Interim Rector's Corner



Dear St. George's Family:

Greetings,

Easter is a season! It is still Easter and yet we hurry along with our lives, our filling calendars. Our readings from the Gospel throughout Easter are attempts to prepare us, just as the disciples were being prepared to be reinforced by their teacher, their Lord, their friend, Jesus.

Jesus made sure that the apostles understood through his post-crucifixion appearances that that what was promised has transpired! Yet, the disciples (like us) were reminded that the ultimate coming back, returning, of Christ is a date in the future unknown to any of us. And, that is a good thing. In that light, we are called to live lives that are our best attempts to be walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

As we walk in these footsteps do we find ourselves stretching and accommodating to be exactly in the footprints; or, do we do our best to walk with our prints side-by-side with the prints of Jesus?

Last week, I found footprints in my front yard. Upon closer inspection I realized that these were the footprints of a deer who must have enjoyed a late-night snack from my garden. Do we, too, wait until the dark to do our scrounging about under the cover of darkness? Or are we proud to walk up straight leaving our prints for the daylight and the sun? Where are each of us during this season of Easter?

Easter season comes to an end on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Pentecost is the day of great celebration! All are invited to wear red to church that day! Pentecost is the anniversary of our being gifted with the Holy Spirit! And, who is the Holy Spirit you may ask? Check page 852 in the Book of Common Prayer Catechism, "The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, God at work in the world."

God at work in the world! When asked by others how do we indicate that we recognize the Holy Spirit in our lives and God at work in the world? Once again, we turn to our Catechism, "We recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and are brought into love and harmony with God, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation."

Love and harmony with all creation, our neighbors, and with one another—that is our effort, our homework to prepare for the Pentecost season of summer! My prayer is that each and every one of you are able to take this assignment seriously. For if you do, I believe you will see a change in your lives!



Blessings to all of you.

Faithfully,

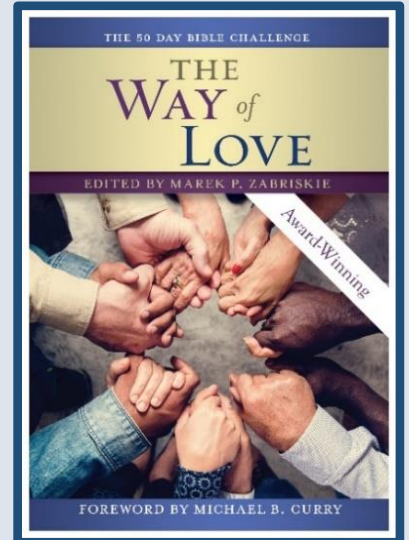
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The Rev. Ann McLemore

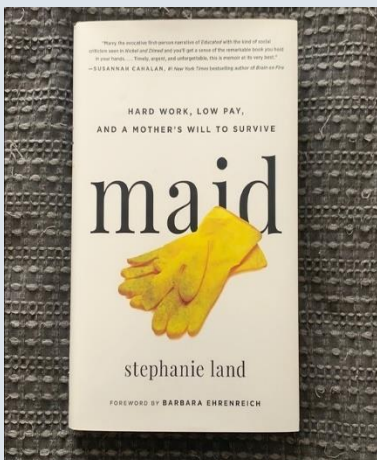
PS – Our fields filled with rain lilies on the day of Ralph Hausser's Memorial Service and interment in our Memorial Garden. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Wednesday Weavings

Wednesday Weavings is an adult discussion group that meets every other Wednesday, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, now in person after months of Zoom gatherings during the pandemic. All are welcome to share a simple meal, discussion on a selected reading for the evening, and a brief concluding worship service of Compline. **In May, we will gather at the home of Bridgette Beinecke on May 11, and at the home of Hollie and Spencer Gordon on May 25.** The group is currently reading *The Way of Love*, published by Forward Movement Publications. Each reading stands on its own, so you can join the group anytime and never fall behind. More information will be provided in the Sunday bulletin before each gathering. Contact Frances Rickard ([fajrickard@gmail.com](mailto:fajrickard@gmail.com)) with any questions or to be added to the group's email list. We hope you'll give Wednesday Weavings a try this month!



## Women's Book Group



Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, at the **home of Jan Phillips**. We will discuss ***Maid by Stephanie Land***. 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. To be added to the list, or with any questions, please contact Sarah Campbell at [cowmarket2@gmail.com](mailto:cowmarket2@gmail.com), Alice Nelson at [mzlsnlsn@gmail.com](mailto:mzlsnlsn@gmail.com) or Sandra Villalaz at [sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com) or 512-762-8349. Happy reading!

## Celebrating Our SGEAC Community Graduates

On **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, St. George's will offer a blessing to celebrate those graduating or moving forward in their educational journey. We will offer a blessing for those who are graduating from high school, college, or any other certificate or degree program. If you or your child are graduating from any such program, please contact Mikail in the church office at [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com) so that we can honor them during the service.





## Outreach Ministry Highlights

### SAFE Alliance

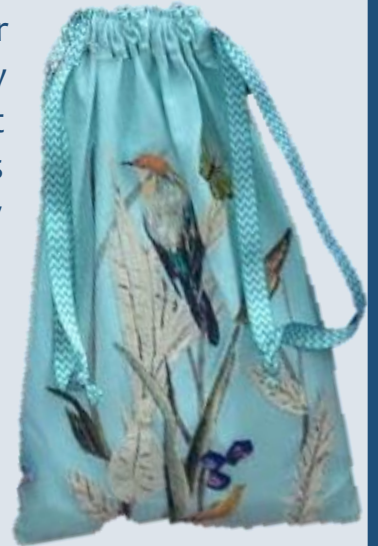
**SAFE** | stop abuse for everyone

A merger of Austin Children's Shelter and SafePlace

Our Outreach Ministry Highlight for the month of May is the **SAFE Alliance**. The SAFE Alliance exists to stop abuse for everyone by serving the survivors of child abuse, sexual assault and exploitation, and domestic violence. They work to ending violence through prevention, advocacy, and comprehensive services for individuals, families, and communities that have been affected by abuse. For more information about SAFE and opportunities to get involved, visit their website at [www.safeaustin.org](http://www.safeaustin.org). St. George's has had a long and fruitful relationship with SAFE. Our primary ministry with them is creating approximately 450 comfort bags each year, to be given to women and men who are undergoing clinical exams for and official reports of sexual assault.

Thanks to the dedication of several of our parishioners, even during the pandemic, we have continued to create and fill bags.

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry! Contact Sarah Campbell ([cowmarket2@gmail.com](mailto:cowmarket2@gmail.com)) or Alice Nelson ([mzlsnlsn@gmail.com](mailto:mzlsnlsn@gmail.com)) with any questions.



## 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, and we need more delivery people! **CH has said they are getting more families that are coming to the facility and are in need now of two (2) bags per week.** So the weekly donation is now \$20 and you take two bags to CH on your assigned day.

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 bag/basket (\$20 for two bags), 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 look for the "Christopher House" tile, or by mailing a check 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.

## Seminary Commencement & Happenings

The Seminary of the Southwest will hold two ceremonies to recognize and celebrate graduating students and award degrees. An evening service of Eucharist will be held on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in Christ Chapel at the Seminary, and the Commencement Exercises, with Bishop Daniel Gutierrez (Diocese of Pennsylvania) as Commencement speaker, will be held on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. For more information check out the following link: <https://ssw.edu/event/71st-commencement/>



SEMINARY OF THE  
SOUTHWEST

**BTW:** For those who are interested in all things bibliographic, the Booher Library at SSW is being gutted and transformed into a world-class library facility as well as being better integrated into the seminary campus. Right now you can see through the empty building as walls disappear and new entrances are made. Meanwhile, visit the library staff in the Deanery across the street.

## Pentecost on June 5th



*And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.*

~ Acts 2:2-3

The Day of Pentecost recalls the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples of Jesus, empowering them to preach the gospel to people from many different places, backgrounds, and cultures. The disciples who had formerly been confused and frightened after the Ascension of Jesus, not knowing what to do without his physical presence among them, were emboldened by the Spirit, and began to form a community that would be able to carry on in these new circumstances. Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church for this reason. As the contemporary embodiment of the community those first disciples began, we celebrate the fruits of the Spirit in each of us and the sharing of our gifts with our community and the world.

**Join us on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, – [online](#) or [in person](#)** – as we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit among us. We will join together in reading the gospel in languages from around the globe. It is traditional to **wear red** on Pentecost – even if you're at home! – so that the congregation itself becomes a symbol of the flames of the Holy Spirit.

## 2022 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 the tile labeled "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 either mail them to the church or leave them in the offertory basket.

## News from the School

Once again, our campus has sprung to life with the outdoor beauty it holds. I love this time of year here at St. George's. I think it might also have something to do with when I started here 8 years ago (May 1, 2014). The moment I stepped foot on this campus, I knew it was special.

I have much to tell you this month. First, let me start with thanking the School Board and church members for their attendance at A Knight for St. George's. We had a wonderful time together. The event was very successful, after a three-year hiatus. It was very touching to see the parents, staff, church members, and school board members socializing and connecting. I had many parents and teachers (new to our school), beam with pride as they saw what I've been trying to describe and what makes us so special.



The event raised \$9,500. So, together with the other monies raised this year, the school has \$30,000 to spend on our toddler playground renovations. Every year the parents vote on how they want their fundraising money spent and we all decided it's time to "beef" up the toddler playground. I also want to share another blessing the school received. The federal government is still providing grant money for child care centers, who were hit hard during the pandemic. Many schools have had to close their doors, so there's an even greater shortage of quality child care. I'm happy to report that St. George's received a \$532,000 grant.

This grant money will be used to pay off our building loan, replenish the school's reserves, and increase teacher salaries. And perhaps, if agreed by all stakeholders, there will be money to start on the sculpture garden. A vision I have to surround the Beinecke Building with a butterfly and sculpture garden for our families, children, and parishioners to enjoy. As well as honor Bridgette for all her hard work and dedication to this project.

I pray this May is filled with peace for all,

Respectfully,

Jerri

Ms. Jerri Thompson

Head of School



## 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 reviewing 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.

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### RE-UNIFICATION of North Texas with EDOT

For more information about the process of re-unification of The Episcopal Church of North Texas with the Diocese of Texas, check out this link:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2022/04/22/fort-worth-based-episcopal-church-in-north-texas-pursues-reunion-with-diocese-of-texas/>. Meanwhile we pray for the process to resolve for the best for everyone involved.

## June *Banner* Deadline



The deadline for news for the June issue of *The Banner* is Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries



*We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:*

- |                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Matt Curtis (May 2)     | Carolyn Porter (May 16)         |
| James Wall (May 4)      | Jeff Maki (May 17)              |
| Alice Nelson (May 9)    | Frances Corcoran (May 18)       |
| Ethan Worcester (May 9) | Adam Kerrigan (May 27)          |
| Chloe Metcalf (May 13)  | Kelly Puckett (May 28)          |
| Charlie Wagner (May 13) | Grace Stallman (May 29)         |
| Jen Spencer (May 15)    | August Dolan-Henderson (May 31) |

*And a happy anniversary to:*

- Dylan & Rylee Worcester (May 7)
- Melissa & Dewey Brackin (May 18)
- Scott & Hye Na Lucy (May 23)
- Anne & Eric Bandholz (May 27)
- Andrea & Grant Sparks (May 28)
- Claire Jones & Ryan Wagner (May 29)



**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](#)  
[Episcopal Relief and Development](#)