

THE BANNER



**St. George's
Episcopal Church**

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Pentecost; Season after Pentecost

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

Sunday Schedule

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

The Rev. Ann McLemore
Interim Rector

Dia Park
Music Minister

Mikail McIntosh-Doty
Office Administrator

Jerri Thompson
Day School Director

Josh Beckham

Rob Blech

Ramón Treviño

Dale Curry

Brad Dieringer

Spencer Gordon

Belinda McGhee

Sandra Villalaz

Vestry

Brad Dieringer

Senior Warden

Dale Curry

Junior Warden

Samantha Stevens

Financial Secretary

Ashley Carrera/Frances Rickard

Treasurer

Bridgette Beinecke

School Board Liaison

Mark Your Calendars

Sun 6/5 Pentecost

Wed 6/8 Wednesday Weavings

Sat 6/11 Women's Book Group

Mon 6/13 Vestry Meeting

Sun 6/19 Father's Day

Mon 6/20 School Board Meeting

Wed 6/22 Wednesday Weavings

Wed 6/21 First Day of Summer

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

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Historic and Feast Days

1 Justin, Martyr, 167	14 Basil of Caesarea, Bishop and Theologian, 379
2 Blandina and Her Companions, the Martyrs of Lyons, 177	15 Evelyn Underhill, Mystic and Writer, 1947
3 The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886	16 Joseph Butler, Bishop and Theologian, 1752
4 John XXIII (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli), Bishop and Church Reformer, 1963	17 Marina the Monk, Monastic, 5th century
5 Pentecost	18 Bernard Mizeki, Martyr, 1896
6 The 1 st Book of Common Prayer 1549	19 Adelaide Teague Case, Educator, 1948
8 Melania the Elder, Monastic, 410	20 Alban, Martyr, c.304
9 Columba of Iona, Monastic, 567	24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
10 Ephrem of Nisibis, Deacon and Poet, 373	26 Isabel Florence Hapgood, Ecumenist, 1923
11 Saint Barnabas the Apostle	28 Irenaeus of Lyons, Bishop and Theologian, c.202
12 Enmegahbowh, Priest and Missionary, 1902	29 The Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Interim Rector's Corner



Greetings,

We have arrived at that time when our "season" of being together is coming to an end. This first Sunday in June is Pentecost. The time we begin the long green season, the longest season of the church year.

Part of this season you all will be in your own season within a season, as you continue to prepare, in a different way, for the arrival of your new rector. September 1, 2022 will start a whole new chapter in the book of the life of St. George's. This is not a continuation from before; this is a NEW season. This is a time to learn about your new rector and his family. Also, this is a time to help them learn about you all. A great start is to wear name tags on Sundays, at least for the first month or so after his arrival. That is one of the greatest gifts of love to a new rector!

Between my departure and the arrival of Fr. Matt; the Senior Warden, Brad Dieringer, will be in charge. Clergy for the 12 Sundays are covered and arrangements for clerical pastoral care will be available. In case of an emergency, Brad will be your contact person. Mikail will continue to help in the office; Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

I take you all back to the Holy Cow survey and how the results found that St. George's is a chaotic church. A challenge to such a chaotic church is that the congregation work together to form an umbrella to which they gather, as one, under a common vision, purpose, and mission in 2022 and beyond.

Thank you for those who have been willing to try new things. My hope is that you continue to challenge one another out of old comfort zones and into God's call. As you transition; keep your church and your church leadership in your prayers. This Interim ministry has not just been a place holder; but, a time to explore, stretch and grow in new directions. It is in taking these steps that the church flexes and is able to act and not just react to the call of the community around it, as demonstrated by Jesus Christ. A challenge to each one of you is to try something new over the next 12 weeks based on the questions:

- Who is God calling you to be?
- Who is your neighbor?
- What is God calling you to do?

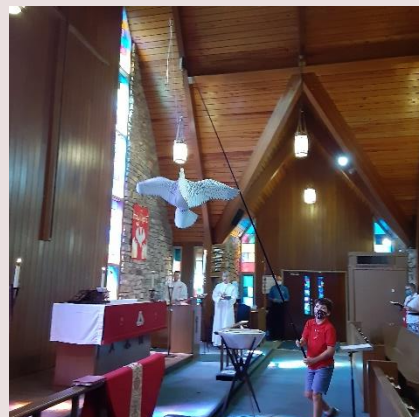
My blessings and hopes for all of you as you evolve into this new chapter, and the new season of St. George's Episcopal Church 2022 .

Faithfully,

Ann +

The Rev. Ann McLemore

P.S. – Ann+'s Dove at our Pentecost Celebration on June 5th (under Patrick Dieringer's steering).



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 Rector is selected by the Bishop.
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 the 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 September 1st, 2022.

Note: Our own The Rev. Dr. Susan Dolan-Henderson will provide *pastoral care* for the months of June and August. Her number is 512-771-1746 and she will be holding office hours on Tuesdays from 9:30-2:30 at the Wright-Giles House. The Rev. Merrill Wade will do so in July.



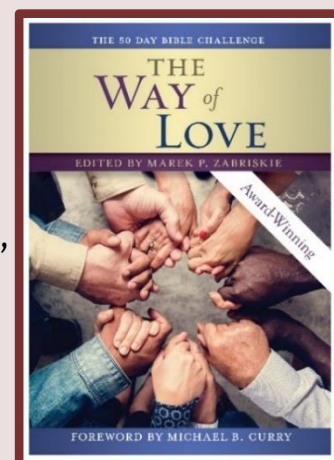
July Banner Deadline

The deadline for news for the July issue of *The Banner* is Tuesday, June 28th.

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

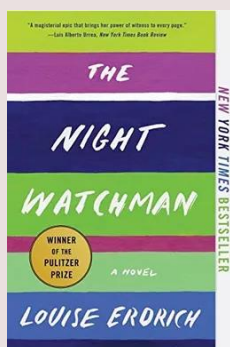
Wednesday Weavings

St. George's adult discussion group, known as Wednesday Weavings, meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in different homes. **This month, we will gather on June 8 at Jan Phillips's home, and on June 22 at John and Frances Rickard's home.** We share a simple meal, discuss a selected reading for the evening, and close with a brief Compline service. We are currently reading from *The Way of Love*, a Forward Movement publication, which offers fifty 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.



Because we discuss a different reading each time, feel free to come any Wednesday you can. Please bring a contribution for the salad bar meal (for example, fruit, vegetable, or crunchy toppings). Frances Rickard emails an RSVP spreadsheet and a copy of the reading before each gathering. 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. Perhaps the summer months will offer some extra time in your schedule to give Wednesday Weavings a try!

Women's Book Group



Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, June 11th**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, at the **home of Belinda McGhee (13313 Gene Allen Rd 78727)**. We will discuss *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. 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.

Save the Date: Plans are underway for a movie, book and pizza afternoon/evening featuring *The Joy Luck Club* on **July 9th**. Details will be announced when finalized. The event, like the book group, is open to all women of the parish. Please contact Sarah Campbell at cowmarket2@gmail.com or Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com with any questions. Happy reading!



FIND School for Spiritual Direction and Formation

FIND

Have you ever wanted a more formal continuing education experience? You might consider **FIND - School for Spiritual Direction and Formation** if you are seeking ways of understanding your own spirituality as well as how this type of education can foster growth in a variety of ministries. Courses in the three-year school are designed to fit into busy schedules by meeting for one Saturday a month from September-May plus a June overnight retreat. FIND offers hybrid classes so that a person may elect to attend in person in Bryan, Tx, or attend virtually via Zoom.

FIND – School for Spiritual Direction and Formation is accepting applications through June 30 for the Class of 2025. The school, hosted by Middleway Urban Monastery in Bryan, Tx, features hybrid courses in monthly Saturday classes for clergy and lay people. Those who cannot attend in person may attend via Zoom. We are diverse and ecumenical without educational or age limits. Visit www.schoolforspiritualdirection.org for more information or email info@schoolforspiritualdirection.org.



Celebrating our Graduates

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

Congratulations to all our graduates!

Royce Blech,
son of Mary
Stewart Miller
& Rob Blech,
from
McCallum HS
(Austin) to
Hendrix
University
ARK.

**Sutton
Stevens,** son
of Samantha
and Hal
Stevens,
graduating
from St.
Michael's
Catholic
Academy and
going to
University of
Sewanee in
Tennessee.

Mae Stevens,
daughter of
Samantha and
Hall Stevens,
graduating
from Texas
State
University.

**Rebecca
Bracken,**
daughter of
Melissa and
Dewey
Bracken, is
graduating
from
University of
Colorado at
Boulder.

Matt Puckett,
son of Suzette
and Kelly
Puckett is
getting his

MDiv from
Union
Theological
Seminary in
New York.

Faith Chang,
granddaughter
of Sarah
Campbell and
the late
Charles Webb,
graduated
from the
University of
Michigan,
college of

Biomedical
Engineering,
on April 30.

Ellie Chang,
granddaughter
of Sarah
Campbell and
Charles Webb,
will graduate
from Notre
Dame High
School, San
Jose CA on
June 4.

**Ellen
Scarborough,**
daughter of
Martha Paull,
the late Joe
Scarborough
and step-
father Ed
Crawford, is
earning a
Doctorate in
Audiology
from the
University of
Iowa.

Christopher House Baskets/Bags



Delivery people needed! St. George's has a long-standing ministry of delivering hospitality baskets (now bags) to the families of patients at Christopher House. We need more delivery people! To be a part of this ministry, sign up for one or more weeks on the [Online Christopher House Basket Calendar](#). A \$10 donation is requested per basket/bag (currently you deliver two (2) bags, so \$20), and you can also add a

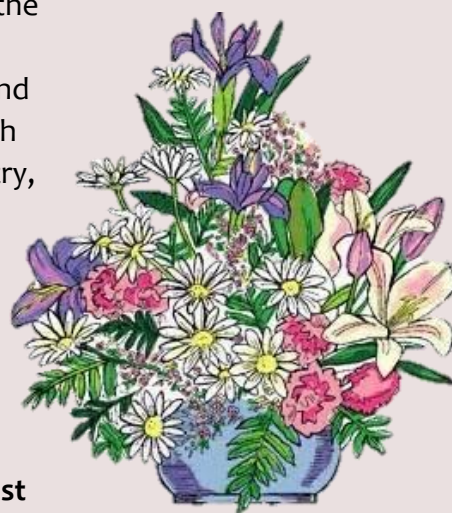
note and other goodies (nothing perishable) when you are ready to deliver. Perhaps you'll have some extra time in your schedule this summer to participate in the Christopher House Basket ministry. **The following summer weeks are still available: July 17-23, July 24-July 30, July 31-August 6, August 21-August 27, and August 27-September 3.**

You can make the donation online via the [St. George's Donation Page](#) (click on the "Christopher House Basket" tile), made out to "St. George's Episcopal Church," with "Christopher House Baskets or Bags" in the memo line. Then, contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com to make arrangements to get two bags before your delivery week. Delivery includes no patient contact, and only brief outdoor and masked contact with a staff member until pandemic protocols change.

2022 Altar Flowers/Candles Calendar

Have you noticed the beautiful arrangements of flowers that appear in the sanctuary each Sunday? The spring and early summer flowers have been extraordinary! Our St. George's Flower Guild members offer their time and talent to arrange the flowers to bring beauty into our worship space each week. If you are interested in trying your hand at the Flower Guild ministry, we would love to have you. Please contact Frances Rickard at fajrickard@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions.

Besides enhancing our worship, the Sunday altar flowers offer St. George's parishioners an opportunity to donate funds for the flowers, often in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life. **The following Sundays are still open on our flower donation calendar during the summer months: June 26, July 17, July 24, and August 14.** You can sign up to donate funds for the altar flowers for any of these Sundays, either (1) on the paper flower chart that is hanging on the bulletin board inside the north entrance of the church OR (2) on the [online calendar at this link](#). A donation of \$35 is requested. You can make your payment with a check to St. George's (note "Altar Flowers" on the memo line) or online on our [St. George's giving page](#) (click on the "Altar Guild" tile).



News from the School



The 2021-2022 School Year has come to a close, so our focus is now on the Summer Camp program. We're off to a good start with many happy feet running and splashing around. We have some of our alumni students back for the summer too. It's great to see their families again and how much they've grown. One little guy looked up at me and said, "Hi, Ms. Jerri, do you remember me?" How nice it is to serve these families and provide a loving atmosphere where they feel



connected to something and someone.

The importance of human connection is so important. It's a value we share with all the children here through how we play, teach chapel, fellowship, and develop secure attachments. The children surprised me during our last chapel together by answering a rather complex question...How do you express or show the Golden Rule? So many had the perfect answer, i.e. *be a nice friend, give them a hug, share your toys, tell them it's okay if they are sad, just be*

nice. How sweet are those answers. I feel confident that this church and school are preparing children with the values we hope to see in ourselves and others. Here are some pictures from our first days of summer school 2022:

Have a blessed summer,

Jerri Thompson, M.Ed.

Jerri Thompson
Head of School



SGEC Memorial Garden

Looking for a new volunteer activity? How about volunteering to help our Junior Warden with keeping our memorial garden alive and thriving during our hot summer months. Reach out to Dale Curry at 512-999-2362 or sgecvetry4DNC@gmail.com if you are willing to even do an hour a week. We'd love to have your help.



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:

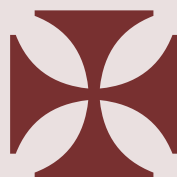
Scott Bush (Jun 1)	Martha Paull (Jun 14)
Erik Stallman (Jun 2)	Ainsley Blood (Jun 16)
Nancy Carrera (Jun 3)	Gayle Wall (Jun 16)
Emme Corcoran (Jun 3)	Jennifer Bigbee (Jun 17)
Anna Doty (Jun 4)	Walter Long, Jr. (Jun 20)
Stephanie Savage (Jun 4)	Carson Blood (Jun 23)
Jonathan Brackin (Jun 6)	Molly Powers (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!



Note: *Summer Hours* at the *Church Offices* may be a little irregular. Nonetheless Mikail will largely be here from 9:30-2:30 Monday-Thursday unless noted in the *Sunday Banner*. Call her at 512 454 2523 or email her at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com or make an appointment if something needs attention.

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](#)