

December 2012 + Issue 12-12 + Advent into Christmas

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## + THE RECTOR'S CORNER

Advent is here! This coming Sunday marks the first Sunday of the season of Advent, a church season in which we are urged to prepare and anticipate the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. In the midst of our culture and society's hustle & bustle Advent invites us into a radical notion of reflection and slowing down in order to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming. I invite everyone to visit this website, [www.adventconspiracy.org](http://www.adventconspiracy.org). It's a site that invites us to turn Christmas and the preparation of Christmas upside down through the way we worship, spend less, give more, and love all! All too often we miss the important design of the Advent season due to the preparation of buying Christmas gifts, planning and attending Christmas parties, and familial engineering in order for all to go well. The Advent Conspiracy invites us to slow down and enjoy necessary preparations with Christ in mind, so that we can have a more memorable experience of the season.

As for me, Advent has traditionally been a season in which I personally take a respite from the busyness of life. Five friends and I annually take a retreat at the beginning of Advent. Our Advent Retreat affords us (especially the four Episcopal priests in the group) a time of reflection, rest, and seclusion. Each year we look forward to venturing into the Texas Hill Country to bask in God's creation. And each year I return from the retreat with a renewed sense of mission and gratitude for my ministry in the church.

Advent is also a season in which St. George's provides multiple opportunities for communal building. Look in this publication for articles about The Pink Candle Party, Advent Lessons & Carols, and Neighborhood Caroling. I pray that each and every one of you receive in this season a time of reflection and slowing down as we await the coming Christ. God bless you all!

-The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert

## + GUEST PREACHER, THE REV. PATRICK SANDERS – DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

St. George's will welcome The Rev. Patrick Sanders as a guest preacher on December 2. Patrick serves as the rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Southaven, MS. Patrick is a regular attendee of the annual Advent Retreat in which Kevin attends as well. Patrick is a very dynamic preacher that St. George's will be well served to experience.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. GEORGE'S

*Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>*

8:00 am – Holy Eucharist Rite I (No Music)  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist Rite II, with Lessons & Carols  
7:00 pm – Children's Christmas Pageant

*Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

10:30 pm – Christmas Eve Service, Holy Eucharist Rite II (With Music)

*Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 am – Christmas Day Service, Holy Eucharist Rite I (No Music)

### + A NEW CHURCH YEAR +

The First Sunday of Advent began **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Advent is celebrated as a season of preparation and anticipation. During these four weeks before Christmas, our worship, hymns, and readings focus on the coming of Christ--not only his coming as a babe in Bethlehem, but also at his Second Coming, and his coming into our lives today and every day. We mark this season in a variety of ways that you'll notice during the worship services and also with some special times for our parish family to be together. For those who follow the lectionary readings, Advent signals a switch to Year C for the Sunday readings and Year 1 for the Daily Office. For more information on the lectionary, see pages 888 & 934 in the Book of Common Prayer. Later this month, visit the parish website (Worship / Current Season) for ways you can observe Advent at home. Have a blessed Advent!

### + POINSETTIAS FOR ST. GEORGE'S

St. George's will be adorned with Christmas flowers and other decorations for our Christmas celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord and throughout the Christmas season. If you wish to make an offering for poinsettias, we invite you to do so. Complete one of the forms available on Sunday mornings of Advent and place it with your cash or check in the alms basin or mail it to the church office. Names of donors, along with any memorials or thanksgivings (optional), will be published in the Christmas service bulletins. Be sure to **turn in your card by noon on Monday, December 17**, to have your name appear in the bulletin. Suggested donation is \$15 per plant. Make checks payable to St. George's, note "Poinsettias" on the memo line.



### + NAME TAGS

In celebration of advent season, starting **December 2**, St. George's will provide name tags before the service for everyone to fill out and wear. Ushers will be available at the beginning of the service to distribute name tags and offer any assistance. We look forward to this opportunity to make St. George's an even more open and inviting community!

## + AN ADVENT SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

\* *Kidsword* : For all the Sundays in Advent we will be practicing music and using the Orff instruments and drums during Kidsword. Children and Youth can pick up a CD of songs and a songbook starting this Sunday. If at all possible it would be really beneficial to have everyone come every Sunday this month!

- 1) **Sun. Dec. 2 (Advent 1)**: Before church at 9:30am, Youth meet to plan Pink Candle Party and participation in Pageant. Includes discussion of music.
- 2) **Sun. Dec. 9 (Advent 2)**: After church Youth meet with Paul to go through instrumental music and receive sheet music for at-home practice.
- 3) **Sun. Dec. 16 (Advent 3)**: Pink Candle Party at 9:30 Youth set-up in Kleberg, party for everyone starts right after church.
- 4) **Sat. Dec. 22 @ 10 a.m.** - Pageant rehearsal in the Sanctuary. First we'll practice the special songs with all instruments and singers. Then we'll assign/complete cast list and walk through the script (blocking). Next, find costumes and do complete rehearsal, with 1st verses of hymns. Last is instruments' rehearsal with Paul, as needed.
- 5) **Sun. Dec. 23 (Advent 4)**: Pageant Service in the Sanctuary (service starts at 7 pm.)
  - 6:00 **Musicians** rehearsal starts.
  - 6:30 **Everyone** (all pageant participants) in place to do special songs.
  - 6:45 **Costumes**, if you don't have them on yet - they'll be in the green room (aka youth room) downstairs.
  - 7:00 **Musicians' prelude**: strings ensemble starts, then the service with everyone.  
After the service, brass/wind ensemble plays.

## + THE ANGEL WREATH PROJECT

Each year we provide a \$10.00 HEB gift card for each resident at St. George's Court. The court provides low income housing for the elderly. There will be small stockings on the bulletin board by the north entrance of the church. Please take as many as you want and purchase a \$10.00 gift card for each stocking. There will be a clip board next to the angel wreath. Please write your name next to the name of the resident who's stocking your choose. Return the stockings to the church by **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will give the stockings to St. George's Court at their Christmas Luncheon.



## + WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 1-3:00 PM

At the next Women's Book Group gathering we will be discussing "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson. We will meet on **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-3:00pm at Sarah Campbell's home**. If you would like directions or more information, please contact Carolyn Moreau at [carolynmoreau@austin.rr.com](mailto:carolynmoreau@austin.rr.com).

## + A CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE

St. Hildegard's Community will be hosting a Celebration of the Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe on **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**. The celebration will take place in Kleberg Hall and will include a beautiful mystical liturgy with special music led by Mary Ermev, followed by festive refreshments. All are invited and feel free to invite others. Childcare will be available.

**+ HALLELUJAH HOUR! – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

On **December 11<sup>th</sup>** from **5:00-6:00pm**, the Evangelism Committee will host Hallelujah Hour at the **Draught House Pub & Brewery** (4112 Medical Pkwy #100, 78756). Normally, Hallelujah Hour meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. However, since the fourth Tuesday of the month is Christmas day, we will not meet for this second gathering. We will return to our normal schedule in January. This event serves our community as a social gathering to know one another better outside the church walls. All are welcome to attend!

**+ THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00 AM**

The Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet on Thursday, December 13, at Ruth Crawford's house (1308 Ludlow Ter., 78723) at 10:00am, followed by lunch. Please join us!

**+ THE PINK CANDLE PARTY - SUNDAY, DEC 16<sup>TH</sup>, AFTER THE 10:30AM SERVICE**

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** St. George's Youth and KidsWord will host the **Pink Candle Party**, our annual luncheon and fund raiser. "What's up with the Pink Candle?" It has been an old tradition in the Anglican Church and the Catholic Church to observe the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent as "Gaudete Sunday", or "joy" Sunday. The pink candle used to be called the Mary candle and reminded us of Mary's joy at the impending birth of her child.

At St. George's we started having a party on this Sunday to begin preparing for the celebrations of Christmas. Eventually, the event was passed to the youth to host, but it is for the whole parish to enjoy. The youth make and serve the food, decorate and set up crafts, and dutifully recruit the choir director to play piano and lead us in songs of the season.

It's a lot of fun and your donation will fund some great activities for St. George's youth. Thank you for supporting our youth and please join us in Kleberg Hall following the 10:30am service!



**+ NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS CAROLING - SUNDAY, DEC 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00PM**



Please join us on **Sunday, December 16**, for hot chocolate and neighborhood Christmas caroling. We will meet in the church, then will walk through the surrounding neighborhood singing our favorite Christmas tunes. All are welcome!

**+ GREENING OF THE CHURCH – SUNDAY, DEC 23<sup>RD</sup>, AFTER 10:30AM SERVICE**

Christmas is coming! And one of the great Christmas traditions here at St. George's is the greening of the church. We'll gather after the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy on **Sunday, December 23**, to decorate our church for the Christmas season. We had lots of hands to help last year and this year we hope to see more. This is an excellent way to serve the community and get to know your fellow parishioners. If you want to join us, please email Scott Hoffman at [texanpurdue2002@yahoo.com](mailto:texanpurdue2002@yahoo.com) or talk to him after church. Thanks!

## + THE STORY OF THE DEC. 23 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - 7:00 PM

On **Sunday, December 2**, we begin the season of watching and waiting and preparing for the celebration that marks the coming of the Christ Child into our world, the season of Advent. It is our custom at St. George's for children to present a pageant of the Christmas story for our families and all who wish to see it through the eyes of a child. . . remembering that Jesus said, "anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will not enter it." The pageant is for little children, but it is also for us all.

## + EPIPHANY SERVICES - SUNDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:00AM AND 10:30AM



This year the celebration of Epiphany falls on a Sunday. The Epiphany service is a church festival celebrating the revelation of Jesus Christ to the entire world as represented by the coming of the Magi to worship the Christ child. The 10:30am service will include a special liturgy with children & youth participation.

## + OPPORTUNITY FOR BAPTISM - THE EPIPHANY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

The next opportunity for Baptism at St. George's will be **Sunday, January 6 at the 10:30 a.m. service**. If you, your child, or someone you know desires to be baptized, please contact Fr. Kevin ([kevinljshubert@gmail.com](mailto:kevinljshubert@gmail.com) or 454-2523).

## + ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup>, AFTER 10:30AM SERVICE

St. George's annual parish meeting will take place **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**. On this Sunday we will have brunch together and take care of some church business. The annual parish meeting is the time we elect members of the Vestry, select Diocesan Council delegates, hear reports on various parish activities, and discuss other church business.

## + PLEDGE UPDATE

If you haven't already turned in a pledge card, it's not too late! The Vestry will adopt the 2013 parish budget at its December meeting. We would love to have the most accurate picture of pledge income we can get by that time, so that we can prepare the best budget possible. Currently, we have 55 pledges for \$137,034. That includes 11 new pledging units, which is wonderful! For comparison's sake, we had 55 pledges for \$152,115 when the budget was drafted last year. As you can see, we are still shy of the total pledged for 2012. So, if you haven't pledged already or if you wish to increase the pledge you have already turned in, please prayerfully consider doing so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available on the tables at either entrance to the church. You can also pledge via the parish website. Click on [Ministries / Stewardship](#).

## + ST. GEORGE'S PARISH RETREAT 2012

In November the parish enjoyed a spectacular retreat at the Wessendorff Ranch in Blanco, TX! A special thanks to all who helped with this wonderfully planned and executed retreat! The 2013 Parish retreat has been scheduled at Wessendorff Ranch on November 15-17.

## + 2013 PARISH DIRECTORY

It's time to prepare our 2013 directory! So we can update your contact information, please complete the Information Request form. This form can be found on the tables at each entrance to the church or a link to the on-line version can be found here: [Contact Request Form](#). If you have any questions, please contact the church office (stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com or 512.454.2523). The last day to turn in forms is **Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Thank you!

## + ONE IN THE SPIRIT: TRAVEL TALES THAT BROUGHT US HOME

Our seminarians, Seth and Susanna, have published their blogs from this summer's trip to Kenya as an e-book and curriculum! The book contains their blog entries, updated and now featuring study and reflection questions. It's available on Amazon.com, and the link is found here: [One In Spirit](#). It can also be found by typing in "One in the Spirit" into the Amazon search engine. The seminarians will be happy to answer any questions about the book or its suggested uses. Thanks for all of the support they have received from the St. George's family!

## + MISSION FUNDING

Mission Funding is the way that St. George's joins with other congregations in the Diocese of Texas to reach out to help others, together doing more for those in need than we could do alone. Mission Funding is a line item in our parish budget each year; the funds go to the Diocese for use in the ministries we have designated. At its November meeting, the Vestry voted to designate \$7,500 from the 2013 parish budget for diocesan mission funding. That amount was pledged in response to a request for \$11,478 and is the same amount we pledged in 2012.

Of the \$11,478 requested from the diocese, 37% of that amount was designated as our portion for the Episcopal Church of the United States of America (ECUSA). Therefore, the Vestry voted to designate 37% of the \$7,500 pledge, or \$2,775, to ECUSA. The remaining \$4,725 was designated to various ministries within the diocese. You may recall the poster in the narthex where you were invited to vote for the ministries you wanted St. George's mission funding to go to. Following are the results of the voting, plus the amount designated by the Vestry for ECUSA. The amount allocated to each ministry was based on the percentage of votes cast for that ministry. Thanks to everyone who voted!

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Amount Designated</b>
ECUSA	\$ 2,775
El Buen Samaritano	\$ 1,345
Camp Allen Children-at-Risk Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,268
Prison Ministry	\$ 884
University of Texas Mission	\$ 653
HOPE Project	\$ 576
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>

St. Hildegard's Community contributed an additional \$1,500, making a total pledge of \$9,000 to diocesan mission funding for 2013.

## + VESTRY NOTES

At its November meeting, the Vestry voted to pledge \$7,500 toward diocesan mission funding in 2012 (see related article elsewhere in this *Banner*). We also received the report of the Audit Committee, which audited the 2011 financial records of St. George's and St. Hildegard's; and discussed the status of 2013 pledges received thus far. Work on the 2013 parish budget has begun and will be presented to the Vestry for adoption at its December meeting.

It's hard to believe we are coming upon the last Vestry meeting of the year. Three of our members – Ralph Hausser, Ramón Treviño, and I -- will be completing our terms this month. At its December meeting, the Vestry will approve a slate of nominees for three-year vestry terms to begin in 2013. The nominees will then be presented to the parish for a vote at the annual parish meeting on January 13. On behalf of the retiring members, it has been an honor and a privilege for us to serve the people of St. George's over the past three years.

Faithfully,

*Blessings, Frances Rickard, Senior Warden*

## + WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Congratulations to the newest members of our St. George's family who were confirmed, received, or reaffirmed by Bishop Andy Doyle on Sunday, November 11!



*Shown from left to right: Carolyn Porter, Rector Kevin Schubert, Janine Borrelli (and Vegas Borrelli), Ellen Thibodeaux, Lin McMillan, Amy McMillan, Stephanie Meldrum, Matt Meldrum, and Bishop Andy Doyle.*

*Almighty God, send them forth in the power of the Holy Spirit to perform the service you set before them, that they may serve you in this life and dwell with you in the life to come. Amen.*

## + CONGRATULATIONS!

To Hal and Samantha Stevens and siblings, Luke, Mae and Sutton, on the adoption of Jeremy on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>!

To Gabe and Janine Borrelli and big sister, Vegas, on the birth of Ayla June Borrelli on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>!

*Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence with them, 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.*

## + *Hildegard's Illumination: Hospitality*

*"You are encircled by the arms of the mystery of God." Hildegard of Bingen*

Hospitality was on my mind this past month in reflecting on recent community experiences. We had the privilege of hosting a memorial service for a family whose teenaged son died unexpectedly. His parents were close friends of one of our families and it was natural for them to invite their grieving friends into our community during this time. Although this very lovely family didn't have a church home, they were encircled by a large, loving community of friends and family who were also grieving. So at this tender time we were privileged to offer gifts of ritual and physical space to a very loving community, much larger in size than we are ourselves. We decided to hold the service in the church to make it easier to host the potluck lunch afterwards. The Altar Guild was generous with their time, Suzette graciously helped Mary with music, and Ruth shared the beautiful flowers from Sunday. The hospitality we were extending came not just from us but also from our larger parish family. I realized we were all participating in a larger hospitality of the mystery of God.

Serendipitously I was reading *Wounded Prophet* by Michael Ford, a biography of Henri Nouwen, the Dutch Roman Catholic priest and influential 20<sup>th</sup> Century spiritual writer. Ford reflected on the Judeo-Christian concept of hospitality that Henri developed in his book, *The Wounded Healer* noting how giving hospitality helped people break through fear and anxiety and evoked generosity and new openness: "Hosts need to feel at home in their own houses, creating free and fearless places for unexpected visitors. Hospitality is the ability to pay attention to guests (concentration) and create an empty space where the guests can find their own souls (community). For Nouwen this is real healing ministry because it takes away the illusion that wholeness can simply be given by one to another. It does not remove the loneliness and pain of the other but invites them to recognize their loneliness on a level where it can be shared."

Part of our call is to extend hospitality to those like this family who are spiritual but not religious. One in five Americans now put "None" when asked about religion. I believe that a large part of this religious homelessness is connected to the seismic shift in science and an evolving world-view that hasn't yet found expression in our prayers and hymns. I'm confident that the mystery of God who encircles us will help us find the new language. In the meantime the encircling arms of God find ways in the here and now. Our own experience gave us an appreciation of the beauty of community already present in this family's life. Learning more about their son gave us a glimpse of a special boy who "placed smiles like flowers on the altar of the heart" in John O'Donohue's words and we were blessed.

St. Hildegard's has been an 'unexpected visitor' and St. George's has created a free and fearless place, an empty space where guests (us) can find our own souls (community). This has been true long-term as well as the way we've been given the space this year to envision our next steps. In our envisioning process more of our members have gained a greater appreciation of your long-term hospitality. As Advent approaches I think about the church being pregnant, bringing Christ into the world for a still-new century. We carry the ancient lineage of Christian faith and practice but we don't yet see the face. When the time comes perhaps others will see traces of First Century Christianity, of monastic forms, of our Jewish heritage newly configured for a new consciousness.

May the expectation and promise of Advent bless you this year!

Judith

## + THE WOMEN AND FAIR TRADE FESTIVAL

When: **December 1 and 2, 2012; from 10AM to 6PM, both days**

Where: In "The Old School," 1604 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78702

**What and who:** Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera is promoting economic justice in our community this holiday season by sponsoring its 9th annual Women and Fair Trade Festival. Eight cooperatives, formed by women adversely affected by globalization, will come from all over the world to tell their stories and sell beautiful handmade crafts, toys, pottery, jewelry, clothing, textiles, and ethnic weavings. Activist organizations, art lovers, university students, avid shoppers and the broader Austin community will learn about fair trade, enjoy **live music** and shop at the same time.

On Saturday, December 1 at noon, **Mayan weavers** from Jolom Mayetik in Chiapas will present a woven collection of some of the 89 symbols used in traditional weaving.

On Sunday, December 2 at 2PM **poets and writers** will give voice to transcultural vision and experience, Liliana Valenzuela to host.

Come to shop, listen, learn, dance, celebrate.

Musicians confirmed: Leticia Rodriguez; Mauricio Callejas; Alexis Ordoñez; Amie Maciszewsky; Francisco Chavez; Las Gabacha-chas; Kunitan; Vanessa Lively; Amanda Hickey & the Bruises; Kiko Villamizar.

Poets/writers confirmed: Liliana Valenzuela; mónica teresa ortiz, ire'ne lara silva, Nadine Saliba, Natalie Goodnow, Kelsey Shipman, readers of Palestinian poetry organized by Haithem El-Zabri

## + RADICAL CHRISTIAN LIFE



**RADICAL  
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equipping ourselves for social change

RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 25-26, 2013

The Radical Christian Life Event with Joan Chittister and Richard Rohr was postponed due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy on Trinity Wall Street where the conference was to take place. The actual conference is now being held Dec 7-9.

St. Hildegard's Community could not accommodate that change in dates and has elected to offer it **January 25-26, 2013**. We will have recordings of the talks and the sermon and the creative work sessions will continue as originally planned.

Because the conference will no longer be a live webcast but a recorded one, we are lowering the cost at a sliding scale of \$35 - \$75. CEU Credits and Some Scholarships are available. Please register by Jan. 15.

For more information and to register:

[www.hildegard-austin.org](http://www.hildegard-austin.org)

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# Annual Fund Drive

Help make our dreams come true.



St. George's Episcopal School's Annual Fund steps in where tuition leaves off, making improvements to the school and enriching the daily lives of our students.

Thanks to the past generosity of St. George's families like yours, along with alumni families and church parishioners, these four wishes have already been fulfilled:



**1. School Library:** In 2009, a library filled to the brim with books was created to serve as a resource to children, parents and teachers. More than 4,000 books are currently in the St. George's collection.

**2. Outdoor Bathroom:** In 2010, an outdoor bathroom was built so that children playing on the playground would have easier access to restroom facilities.



**3. Music Together Program:** In 2011, this musical enrichment class was added to the curriculum at St. George's allowing all students to participate in this internationally recognized early childhood music and movement program.

**4. Building and Grounds Improvements:** In 2012, gate locks and a fire alarm system were added to increase the safety of students and staff at the school. The 30-year-old flooring was replaced in each classroom and directional signage was installed.

This year, we are still dreaming about making additional playground improvements such as providing shade structures and improving the overall safety for our students while also providing for a secure future for our school.

Keep dreaming with us. Please make a gift today.



**THANK YOU** for supporting St. George's Episcopal School.

Donations can be made to the school office or donated online at [www.stgeorges-austin.org](http://www.stgeorges-austin.org) in the "News and Events" section of the website.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Judith Liro	3 - Brian Wolfe	4 - Louann O'Bannion
5 - Henry Thompson	6 - Alexandra McGhee	6 - Katherine McGhee
8 - Sadie Hollins	15 - Raul Carrera	18 - Belinda McGhee
20 - Alec Nelson	21 - Michael Lozano	22 - Shirley Haulotte
23 - Lesa Sayer	24 - Josefina Castillo	26 - Patsy Chandler
27 - Trevor Thompson	30 - Carroll Fultz	31 - Miriam Long

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 23 - David & Stephanie Savage



### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



December 2 - Outreach

December 9 - Altar Guild

December 16 - Pink Candle Party

December 23 - Martha Paull

### CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BASKET DELIVERY

December 2 - 8: Kathryn Pew

December 9 - 15: Hollie and Spencer Gordon

December 16 - 22: Samantha Stevens

December 23 - 29: John and Frances Rickard

December 30 - January 5: Ruth Crawford

The next issue of **THE BANNER** will go out by **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Deadline for news is **Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please e-mail information you would like included in next month's edition to [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).

## LINKS

<http://www.sgchurch.org/worship4.asp> Lay Ministry Schedule

<http://www.sgchurch.org/events3.asp> The Banner (including past electronic issues)

[www.stgeorges-austin.org](http://www.stgeorges-austin.org) St. George's Day School

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/> The Lectionary - a calendar of current scripture readings

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/> The Episcopal Church

<http://www.epicenter.org> Episcopal Diocese of Texas

<http://www.campallen.org/> Camp Allen

<http://www.stgeorgescourt.org/> St. George's Court

[www.hildegard-austin.org](http://www.hildegard-austin.org) St. Hildegard's Community

[www.ctcinternational.org](http://www.ctcinternational.org) Comfort the Children International

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 1-2	Women and Fair Trade Festival
December 9	Angel Wreath stockings need to be returned to Church Women's Book Group, 1-3:00pm (Home of Sarah Campbell) Celebration of the Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe, 4:30pm (Kleberg)
December 10	Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm (Kleberg Hall)
December 11	Hallelujah Hour, 5-6:00pm (Draught House Pub & Brewery)
December 13	Thursday Morning Bible Study, 10:00am (Home of Ruth Crawford)
December 16	Pink Candle Party, after 10:30am service (Kleberg Hall) Neighborhood Christmas Caroling, 6:00pm (Meet in Church)
December 17	Christmas Poinsettia cards due by Noon
December 23	Lessons and Carols service, 10:30am Greening of the Church, after 10:30am service Children's Christmas Pageant, 7:00pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Service, 10:30pm
December 25	Christmas Day Service, 9:00am
December 31	Deadline to submit <i>Banner</i> news
January 6	Epiphany Services, 8:00am and 10:30am
January 13	Annual Parish Meeting, after 10:30am service
January 25-26	<i>Radical Christian Life</i> Conference hosted by St. Hildegard's

**The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, December 25 through Tuesday, January 1, for the Christmas Holiday.**

**The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert**  
*Rector*

**The Rev. Judith Liro**  
*Associate Rector and Minister to  
St. Hildegard's Community*

**Susanna Brosseau**  
**Seth Olson**  
**Laurence Wainwright-Maks**  
*Seminarians*

**Paul Pew** *Music Minister*  
**Becca Meaders** *Office Administrator*  
**Laura Colangelo** *Day School Director*

*Vestry*  
**Patsy Chandler**  
**Herb Dickson**  
**Ralph Hausser**  
**Scott Hoffman**  
**David McGhee**  
**Mary Stewart Miller**  
**Trevor Thompson**  
**Ramón Treviño**

**Frances Rickard** *Senior Warden*  
**Herb Dickson** *Junior Warden*  
**Patsy Chandler** *Financial Secretary*  
**Stephen Linam** *Treasurer*  
**Ramón Treviño** *Clerk*

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through word, action and service.*

### Sunday Schedule

8:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00am - Contemplative prayer  
9:45am - Choir rehearsal  
10:30am - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Kids Word (Nursery available)  
4:00pm - St. Hildegard's Worship