

# THE BANNER



## St. George's Episcopal Church

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July 2018



Season after Pentecost

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### Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
with KidsWord & YouthWord

**The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert**  
Rector

**Anne Weaver**  
Music Minister

**Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski**  
Office Administrator

**Jerri Thompson**  
Day School Director

**Bridgette Beinecke**  
**Ashley Carrera**  
**Melissa Eason-Brackin**

**Hollie Gordon**  
**Denise Hope**

**Mary Stewart Miller**  
**Frances Rickard**  
**David Savage**  
**Stefan Schuster**  
Vestry

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Senior Warden

**Denise Hope**  
Junior Warden

**Ada Pewitt**  
Financial Secretary

**Sandra Villalaz**  
Treasurer

**Ashley Carrera**  
Clerk

### Mark Your Calendars

- Sat, 7/7** Bishop Curry in Austin
- Sat, 7/14** Women's Book Group
- Mon, 7/9** Vestry Meeting
- Sun, 7/22** Coffee Hour Celebration for Joel McAlister
- Sun, 7/29** Outreach Meeting
- Sun, 7/29** Fifth Sunday Potluck

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- [July Activities Calendar](#)

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### Feast Days

<b>4 Independence Day</b>	<b>22 Saint Mary Magdalene</b>
<b>6 Jan Hus, Prophetic Witness and Martyr, 1415</b>	<b>24 Thomas à Kempis, Priest, 1471</b>
<b>11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540</b>	<b>25 Saint James the Apostle</b>
<b>17 William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836</b>	<b>26 Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>19 Macrina, Monastic and Teacher, 379</b>	<b>27 William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909</b>
<b>20 Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1902; Amelia Bloomer, 1894; Sojourner Truth, 1883; and Harriet Ross Tubman, 1913, Liberators and Prophets</b>	<b>29 Mary and Martha of Bethany</b>
	<b>30 William Wilberforce, 1833</b>
	<b>31 Ignatius of Loyola, Priest and Monastic, 1556</b>

## Rector's Corner



Dear St. George's Family:

I have recently returned from a spectacular vacation with my family to several National Parks in Utah. We had a wonderful adventure which I truly value and for which I am very thankful. Upon my return, with the beginning of a new month, I am excited about many things happening here at St. George's. Great things are on the horizon!

The most immediate of these is The Episcopal Church's General Convention hosted by the Diocese of Texas here in Austin. Beginning this Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, and continuing through Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, our great city will be inundated by thousands of Episcopalians! There are two articles in this publication regarding the convention, and ways in which you can be involved. If you are planning to volunteer, I want to extend you a special thanks! One of the great benefits of the convention being in Austin is that we will have visitors from around the greater Episcopal Church this coming Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will be in attendance as we greet our visitors and welcome them to our great church.

Another exciting development at St. George's in the next few months is the construction of a new classroom building for our fine school. The building will be located on the northeast gravel parking lot of our campus. It will consist of two brand new classrooms and greatly needed storage space for the school. This building is clear sign of the health and vitality of our wonderful school, and I am thrilled to see this progress. Progress brings with it challenges, however, so I ask that over the course of the next few months we are all patient, compassionate, and flexible. The construction will cause some changes to St. George's regular mode of operations. Though we began planning this building way back in the fall, construction has not begun yet. (If you have ever been involved with a construction project involving the City of Austin, you will understand why the process has been a bit slow!) Despite the fact that the building to house them does not yet exist, the two new classrooms are already enrolled in full for the fall of 2018, and they will need space to meet. The school and church offices are working together to devise a plan to utilize Kleberg Hall for both classrooms until the new building's completion, which will require moving some church functions to other locations. The church vestry will finalize and approve the plan at the July vestry meeting, after which we will inform the parish of the changes to our utilization of space. I hope to have that news to you as soon as possible.

The last great development I want to share concerns my sabbatical in 2019. After 12 years of ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church without taking a sabbatical, I have been approved by the diocese to do so. Sabbaticals for ordained clergy are recommended every seven years. Time away from parish ministry affords clergy the opportunity for rest, relaxation, and personal and vocational development. After lengthy discussions with the diocese and the vestry, we have determined that my sabbatical will be a total of 20 weeks from April 22 to September 9, 2019. During my time away, I plan to travel both with my family and individually, and spend some quality time at home. The regular day-to-day duties of the rector and the leadership of Sunday worship will be covered by supply priests, parish volunteers, and the church staff. I look forward to this rejuvenating time on sabbatical in 2019.

I pray that the month of July brings you numerous blessings. I look forward to these exciting things on the horizon for St. George's, and hope to see you soon at church!

Peace,

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert

## August *Banner* Deadline



The deadline for news for the August issue of *The Banner* is **Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).

## Volunteer at General Convention

**General Convention** is this month, and it's your last chance to sign up to volunteer! Many volunteer slots have already been filled, but there are still opportunities if you can help. Most of the remaining shifts do require a degree of mobility or ability to stand in place for a good amount of time. You can sign up directly at <http://bit.ly/GenConReg2018> (case sensitive). Or check it out on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/general.convention.2018.volunteers](http://www.facebook.com/general.convention.2018.volunteers). Contact Frances Rickard at [fajrickard@gmail.com](mailto:fajrickard@gmail.com) with questions or for help with the form.



## Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in Austin



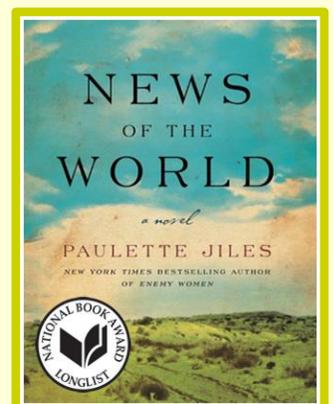
The recent royal wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle raised awareness of our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and of the Episcopal Church. Bishop Curry will preach at a revival-style service that is open to the public during the Episcopal Church's General Convention in Austin this summer. Join your elected deputies, bishops and others at the **Palmer Events Center** on **Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** to hear Bishop Curry, and stay after for Texas Night's old-fashioned backyard BBQ on the grounds. Bring your

congregation, friends, family and your neighbors to help celebrate the Episcopal expression of the Jesus Movement.

The Revival begins at **5:30 pm**, and the Texas Night Backyard BBQ goes from **7:00 to 9:00 pm** with food, drinks, and live music. You may pre-order dinner [here](#) to avoid the lines (bring a copy of your ticket).

## Women's Book Group

Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, at the **home of Sandra Villalaz**. We will discuss *News of the World*, by **Paulette Jiles**. All St. George's women are welcome to attend; this group is open and welcoming of all. We hope you can join us for interesting conversation, delicious snacks, 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, or if you want to join the fun. Happy reading!



## Coffee Hour Celebration for Joel McAlister



After passing many discernment challenges, St. George's parishioner Joel McAlister is now a postulant of the Diocese of Texas and will be starting at the Seminary of the Southwest here in Austin in September. It's been a long time since St. George's sponsored a seminarian, and we'd like to celebrate his accomplishments and send him and Laura off with a special congratulatory coffee hour on **Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. It is traditional for a parish to financially support their postulants in some way during their time at seminary. The vestry has decided that St. George's will pay for Joel's textbooks next year. If you would like to make an additional contribution toward seminary expenses either through cash or a check made out to Joel, you'll have the opportunity to do so on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We know the McAlisters would greatly appreciate it.

## Outreach

Please join us on **Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:30-10:30 am** (between the services) in the **Wright-Giles House**, for our next Outreach meeting. Coffee and donuts provided! Anyone interested in any of our church's many outreach projects is welcome. We will discuss our current projects and new ideas for ways to faithfully engage with and serve our larger community, as we are called to do as followers of Christ. Please contact Hollie Gordon at [gordonhollie3@gmail.com](mailto:gordonhollie3@gmail.com) with any questions.



## Fifth Sunday Potluck

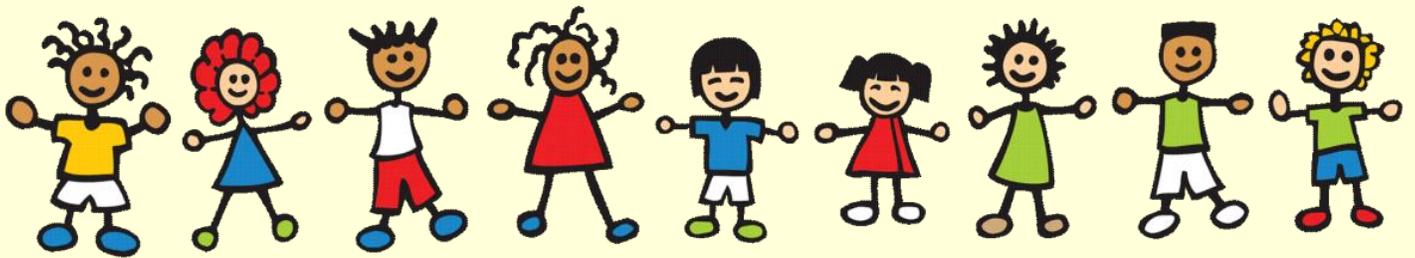


This year, July is one of the months with five Sundays, which means we get a **Fifth Sunday Potluck!** We will gather after the 10:30 service on **Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**, in **Kleberg Hall**, to enjoy good food and fellowship. This is a great opportunity for extra visiting time with church friends and guests. Bring something to share

if you can, but if you can't bring anything, don't let that keep you away. There's always plenty to go around!

## Summer Sunday School

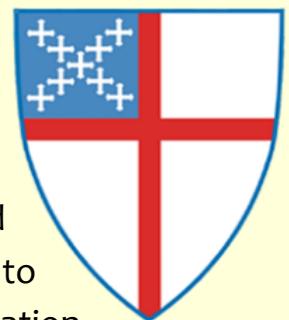
Summer is here, with the many changes it brings to our regular schedules. One such change at St. George's is to our Sunday School programs. To give our wonderful teachers time in church with their families, and to give others a chance to spend time with our sweet children, we ask members of the parish family to **sign up to teach a KidsWord or YouthWord class** for one or more Sundays this summer. If this is not something you've done before, please consider taking this opportunity to explore our shared faith and tradition in a new way. We can provide materials and lesson plans, or you can create your own. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jan Phillips at [janphillips@aol.com](mailto:janphillips@aol.com).



## Discovery Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of St. George's? Are you a member of St. George's who would like to learn more about the church? If you answered yes to either of these questions, or you're just curious, you are invited to attend the Discovery Class on **Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm**, in the Wright-Giles House. Lunch and child care will be provided. The class will help you become familiar with St. George's and the Episcopal Church, as we discuss church polity, history, biblical interpretation, and our common life in community. All youth and adults are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend, please **RSVP** (including information about dietary restrictions and whether you plan to use the child care) to the church office at [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com). If you are interested but cannot attend the Discovery Class, please contact Kevin at [kevinljschubert@gmail.com](mailto:kevinljschubert@gmail.com) to arrange a time to meet with him individually.

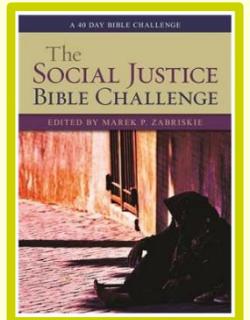
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After completing the Discovery Class, those who wish to may participate in the sacrament of Confirmation, or the rites of Reception or Reaffirmation, Bishop Andy Doyle on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. **Confirmation** is a mature, public reaffirmation of the Christian faith and of the promises made at one's baptism. **Reception** is the rite by which those already confirmed in a different Christian tradition are received into the Episcopal Church. **Reaffirmation** is a rite in which adult Episcopalians who have already been confirmed or received may publicly reaffirm their faith and baptismal vows. All three are administered by a bishop because bishops serve as symbols of the wider Church and its continuity throughout the centuries.

## Wednesday Weavings

Wednesday Weavings, the St. George's adult discussion group, is taking a break during the months of July and August. But we hope you'll join us when we reconvene in September to continue our discussion of the Forward Movement Publication *The Social Justice Bible Challenge*. Contact Frances Rickard at [fajrickard@gmail.com](mailto:fajrickard@gmail.com) with any questions.



## Diocesan Women's Retreat



Save the Date! The Diocese of Texas's 117<sup>th</sup> annual Retreat for Women will be held at Camp Allen, the weekend of October 12-14, 2018. This year's theme is "I Am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" (Psalm 139:14). Plan on a weekend of relaxation, reflection, workshops, Saturday night band, good food & friends, exciting vendors to help start your holiday shopping, and speaker Mary Earle.

## News from the School

St. George's Episcopal School is in full summer mode! Our summer program focuses on recreational and nature play. We have month-to-month themes, and the teachers provide activity calendars



week by week to fit the children's interest. The theme for the month of June was "Books That Come Alive."



We have been enjoying our in-house field trips, starting with The Express Train and Tiny Tails to You! We also received a visit from Milly McSilly and her friend Ruby the Dragon. During the Magic Show the children learned that Ruby is allergic to them, and when she sneezes, smoke blows out of her nose! And let's not forget about our weekly splash days, Friday Pizza Lunches, and refreshing afternoon treats. We cannot wait to see the fun continue with our July theme: "The Artist in Us All"!





## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

*We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:*

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Emma Jane Braun (Jul 2) | Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski (Jul 18) |
| Katie Prentice (Jul 2)  | JT Sparks (Jul 18)                    |
| JT Kerrigan (Jul 3)     | Walter Moreau (Jul 20)                |
| Ashley Ibsen (Jul 5)    | Josh Poage (Jul 23)                   |
| Lori Ham (Jul 6)        | Heather Schubert (Jul 24)             |
| Brad Dieringer (Jul 7)  | Hal Stevens (Jul 25)                  |
| Aidan Cormier (Jul 9)   | Kevin Schubert (Jul 26)               |
| Athena Navarro (Jul 9)  | Wesley Smiser (Jul 27)                |
| Melody Rickard (Jul 13) | Philip Doty (Jul 30)                  |
| Evan O'Donnell (Jul 16) | Peter Stuart (Jul 30)                 |
| Braxton Smiser (Jul 17) | Michael Smiser (Jul 31)               |

*And a happy anniversary to:*

- Ariane & Mark Corcoran (Jul 3)
- Philip Doty & Mikail McIntosh-Doty (Jul 5)
- Josh & Anne McGonigle (Jul 7)
- Carolyn & Walter Moreau (Jul 13)
- Fred & Michele Blood (Jul 23)
- 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](#)  
[St. George's Court](#)  
[Episcopal Relief and Development](#)