

THE BANNER



**St. George's
Episcopal Church**

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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

In person

Online ([www.facebook.com/
StGeorgesEpiscopalChurch/live](http://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesEpiscopalChurch/live))

11:30 am Coffee Hour

Mr. Brad Dieringer

Senior Warden

Dia Park

Music Minister

Mikail McIntosh-Doty

Office Administrator

Jerri Thompson

Day School Director

Ramón Treviño

Sandra Villalaz

Brad Barcus

Dale Curry

Brad Dieringer

Spencer Gordon

Belinda McGhee

Vestry

Brad Dieringer

Senior Warden

Dale Curry

Junior Warden

Samantha Stevens

Financial Secretary

Frances Rickard

Treasurer

Bridgette Beinecke

School Board Liaison

Mark Your Calendars

Tue 7/5	Choir Rehearsal	Sun 7/17	Thank you BBQ for Search Committee (in Kleberg)
Sat 7/9	Special Women's Book Group Meeting with movie (5 pm – 9 pm)	Mon 7/18	School Board Meeting
Mon 7/11	Vestry Meeting (with guest Father Wade)	Tue 7/19	Choir Rehearsal
Tue 7/12	Choir Rehearsal	Wed 7/20	Wednesday Weavings (@ Wright-Giles House)
Wed 7/6	Wednesday Weavings (@ The Rickards)	Tue 7/26	Choir Rehearsal

www.sgchurch.org/calendar

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Feast Days

1 Pauli Murray, Priest, 1985	21 Maria Skobtsoba, Monastic and Martyr, 1945
2 Moses the Black, Monastic and Martyr, c.400	22 Saint Mary Magdalene
4 Independence Day (United States of America)	23 John Cassian, Monastic and Theologian, 435
6 Eva Lee Matthews, Monastic, 1928	25 Saint James the Apostle
8 Priscilla and Aquila, Coworkers of the Apostle Paul	26 The parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
11 Benedict of Nursia, Monastic, c.543	27 William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909
14 Argula von Grumbach, Scholar and Church Reformer, c.1554	28 Johann Sebastian Bach, Composer, 1750
19 Macrina of Caesarea, Monastic and Teacher, 379	29 Mary and Martha of Bethany
20 Elizabeth Cadi Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman, Social Reformers.	30 William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833

Incoming Rector's Corner: An Invitation to Being Human Together

Looking back at various points and in various seasons of my life, there have been times when I have thought and said (out loud, even!) that the only thing I believe in is the Body of Christ, that is, the Church. (Of course, the church is not primarily an “institution”; it is primarily a community.) I suppose it’s kind of an extreme statement, but I hope it communicates something of my theology, and how I see the world. For me the community of Christ--the eucharistic community--is everything. All else grows out of, flows out from, the love between these sisters, brothers, and friends. Put it this way: if Christ is real, and if the Gospel is true, then being Christian ought to make us more fully human. (“The glory of God is the human being, fully alive,” said St. Irenaeus.)

I experienced this truth in my early 30’s as a church planter in the St. John’s Community in Northeast Austin, where the eucharistic community consisted of Latino folks (many of whom were undocumented) “doing life” with white, upwardly mobile tech industry types. I experienced it for the last twelve years at Christ Church in Tyler, where “establishment” Episcopalians embraced and celebrated newer younger (less affluent) families who previously could not even spell “Episcopalian.” And, now, finally, I am truly beginning to experience it in the context of St. George’s in East Central Austin.

I’d like to share three ways in which St. George’s is already making me (and the family) more fully human: embrace, home, and rest.

First, embrace (being desired). I’m convinced that the deepest need of every human heart is to be fully known and fully loved/accepted. That is, each one of us needs to feel desired. (This need is closely related to what Plato calls *thumos*, and it’s a central theme in C. S. Lewis’ *The Weight of Glory*.) Lucky for me: the beautiful folks on the St. George’s search committee and vestry have made me feel just that: desired. I’m head over heels about coming to St. George’s (or, to quote Father Gregory Boyd of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, “heels over head”).

Second, home (being connected). In more ways than one, St. George’s (already) feels like home. My wife Bouquet has a keen and mysterious mystical sense, and long before we moved to Tyler she had some kind of a strange, ineffable attraction to St. George’s. So, when this opportunity emerged for me to be a candidate for the rector position, in Bouquet’s mind it was from the beginning a “done deal.” (Very, very mysterious.) But beyond that, I remember wandering into St. George’s on a Sunday morning (circa 2007, just after leaving my more conservative, evangelical denomination) and hearing a David Hoster sermon on Genesis 32 (Jacob wrestling with the “angel”) which moved me profoundly and irrevocably. These are just two ways (among many) that St. George’s, for the Boulters, feels like home, like coming home. (And, yes: being home makes us more human.)

Third, rest (being at peace). Two things spring to mind here. First is the myriad of ways in which the Boulters will breathe a deep sigh of relief upon getting back to Austin. Everything from my fourteen-year-old being in a more trans-friendly environment to being able to return to my favorite old running trails. As my best friend (and Austin “Eastsider”) Richard

Yu put it just the other day: “You guys will be able to breathe more easily once you get back.”

Yet, there’s another dimension of rest I want to draw out, and it’s this: I have a strong hunch that the people of St. Georges’ are in need of ... rest. Thanks to COVID, thanks to being rector less for a good while, thanks to various and sundry other challenges ... the folks of this parish, and especially the valiant leadership, need to rest.

God willing, rest is coming. That’s a top priority of mine, for you. (Please, God!) We have tons of good and ample hard work in front of us, yes. But all in due time. There can also be a time and a place for recovery, for rejuvenation. Letting the fields lie fallow for a season. Many have sacrificed, and my prayer is that I can lighten their load.

“Come unto me, all who are weary,” Jesus tells us, “and I will give you rest.”

Blessings to all of you!

Father Matt

The Rev. Dr. Matt R. Boulter

Incoming Rector at SGEAC Fall 2022

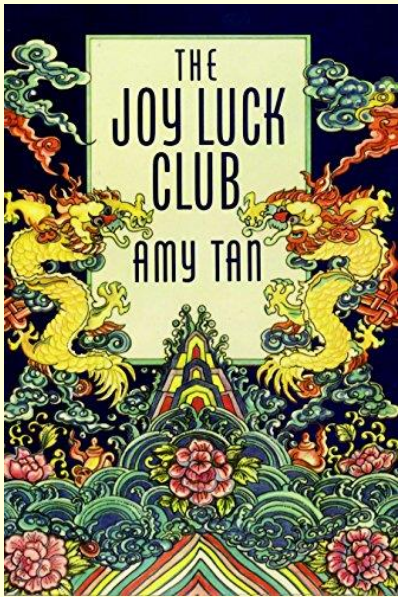
Check out Father Matt’s introductory video at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVw-88fMN4Y&authuser=0>



August *Banner* Deadline



The deadline for news for the August issue of *The Banner* is Tuesday, July 26th. Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.



Women's Book Group Discussion, Pizza, & Movie

Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, July 9^h**, from **5:00 to 9:00 pm**, at the home of Sarah Campbell. We will discuss *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan, have pizza, and then watch the movie. All St. George's women are welcome to attend – even if you haven't read the book or if you don't regularly attend the book group meetings! This should be a fun break during the heat of summer. If you have questions, need directions to Sarah's house or want to be added to their email list, ask Alice Nelson, mzlsnlsn@gmail.com or Sarah Campbell, cowmarket2@gmail.com. Happy reading!

PASTORAL CARE in July with The Rev. Merrill Wade

Unless they must change, Father Wade's church office hours in July will be:



Tuesday - July 5 - 9:30am - 3:30pm

Monday - July 11 - 11:30am - 9pm (including meeting with our Vestry)

Monday - July 18 - 9:30am - 3:30pm (Rev. Wade has an early flight to Birmingham the next morning returning Saturday July 23; Susan+ has offered to pick up this time, so call her at 512-771-1746 if you need a priest this week.)

Tuesday - July 26 - 9:30am - 3:30pm

Call 512-454-2523 (2) to leave a message or email merrill76@utexas.edu to set up an appointment.

The Rev. Dr. Susan Dolan-Henderson will pick up Pastoral Care duties for the time Merrill+ is out in July and for the month of August; The Rev. Janice Jones will be our supply priest for those August Sundays. Details to come in the August Banner or weekly updates in the Sunday Banner at the end of each Sunday's Bulletin.



Maybe talk Father Wade into visiting with you on our nice porch -- if the Texas weather cooperates?

A Vigil in Response to Buffalo and Uvalde



Thursday, June 2nd, 2022

Our Bridgette Beineke alerted us that the Mueller Community was hosting a vigil for the victims of the mass shootings in Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, TX.

Interim Rector Ann McLemore and eight (and one half, our furry parishioner!) members of the SGEC parish showed up for a surprisingly pleasant

walk the evening of June 2nd around the Mueller Lake to the bandstand, one of the last cool nights before summer began in earnest this year.

The evening ended with a very sobering but meaningful holding of pictures and calling out of the names to honor the lives lost.

Two speakers – one from Uvalde and another speaking for the victims in Buffalo -- reminded us that “thoughts and prayers” while a good start, are not sufficient, and that we need to find ways to put thoughts into actions to end this national affliction of gun violence on innocent people.



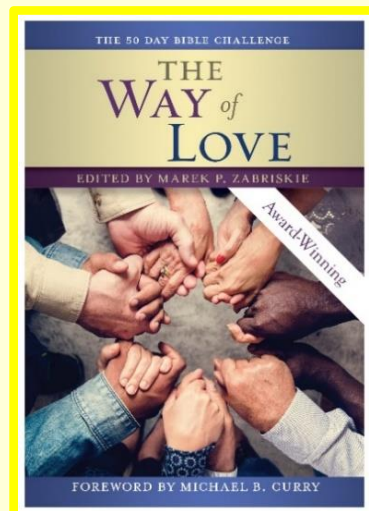
The evening ended with a lone trumpeter, who played “Taps” as dusk fell.



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 locations. This month, we will gather on **July 6 at John and Frances Rickard's home**, and on **July 20 at the Wright-Giles House** on the church campus.

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 edited by Marek Zabriskie, 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!

Christopher House 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 at tinyurl.com/28whs8zw. A \$10 donation is requested per bag (**we are currently asking that you deliver two (2) 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 (visit www.sgchurch.org/ and click DONATE) 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 couple of bags before your delivery week. Delivery includes no patient contact, and only brief outdoor contact with a staff member. SGEN is looking for a new coordinator for this ministry. If interested, talk with Alice, Sarah Campbell, or Mikail at the office.

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 20 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.
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 - 18. The parish hosts a thank you BBQ for the Search Committee and Vestry for all their work. *** [Gratitude for the work of the committee is an important part of this process. 😊 For details, see below.]
 - B.
- 19. The new Rector arrives September 1st.

A big thank you to all our Search Committee Members, those who did the prep work on the Parish Profile, and the Vestry who confirmed the candidate submitted by the Search Committee!!! There is much excitement about the arrival of our new rector in September! We're even throwing a Bar-B-Que to say thank you for all the work and share more information. See next page for details.



BBQ Lunch to Thank the Search Committee!

Our Search Committee did a fabulous job for St. George's in discerning the Rev. Dr. Matt Boulter as our new rector. As we wait for his arrival in September, let us stop and thank the members of the Search Committee for all their hard work! Please come celebrate at a parish-wide BBQ lunch in Kleberg (with AC!) on **Sunday, July 17**, after the worship service. This will be a time to thank the committee members, hear from Search Committee Chair Melissa Brackin, as well as ask questions we might have about the process and our new rector. Barbecue, sides, and dessert will be provided (vegetarian options available). **Mark your calendars and plan to be there!**



OUTREACH UPDATE from Sarah and Alice

SAFE Comfort Bags

The next SAFE delivery is scheduled for **September: Sew-in** on the 11th, **filling** on the 18th and **blessing and visit from SAFE** on the 25th. Meanwhile, we have receive loving and appreciative comments from the survivors we serve as reported by the SAFE Advocates:

- ❖ *They loved it, especially the card and lavender sachet. They said, "Please tell them thank you."*
- ❖ *The survivor said they loved it and read the card, felt really thankful.*
- ❖ *They were amazed to learn that the bags are handmade.*
- ❖ *They loved it and expressed thanks for the support.*
- ❖ *They enjoyed going through it and really utilized the stress ball through the whole exam.*
- ❖ *They were so excited to receive it and repeatedly went through it. When they had a trauma response, they took at the lavender bag and took a few deep breaths with it up to their nose. They even wrote down St. George's name, I think as a reminder to thank them later.*
- ❖ *The survivor was so excited about the lavender sachet! They said that they were going to put it into their pillow tonight. They also commented on how cute the bag was and wanted to learn how to make them themselves. They loved it!*

These lovely sentiments are just reminders of how meaningful this work is, and how blessed we are to work with SAFE.

Holiday Outreach Plans:

Tentative plans are to work with El Buen Samaritano for Thanksgiving food donations, and to have our tree with gift cards for St. George's Court and Casa Marianella at Christmas. We hope Carolyn Moreau will continue as EBS coordinator and that this year we will be able to have an in-person presentation. Andrea has agreed to coordinate Christmas Outreach again this year. Thank you both!

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Other Outreach Plans:

We hope to return to our old practice of getting together in a “mini-retreat” for 2 hours or so to discuss outreach programs that are meaningful and contribute to our mission. We won’t schedule this meeting until our new rector is with us, but **mid-October seems likely**. It will be a good time to look around and see where we think we are needed. We hope to announce a date by mid-September.

We extend thanks to each of you for your commitment to these programs and your visible manifestation of the gospel.

Love, *Alice and Sarah*

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 2022 Online Flower/Candle Donation Calendar at tinyurl.com/t3yuak58 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 (visit www.sgchurch.org and click DONATE), scroll down to the tile Altar Flowers or “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.



News from the School



Jerri Thompson, our wonderful head of school, is on vacation until July 6th, but she and her team of teachers and office staff have done an heroic job of keeping the summer camps at the school going despite Covid flare ups, AC break downs, hot, hot weather, and other life challenges. They are excited to be able to use the new **Beinecke Building**, named in honor of all the stewardship and midwifery that our Bridgette Beinecke provided to make the building manifest and usable, that was finally approved for use in June by the City of Austin. As many of you know, our little school is on the list of about five top schools that provide full-time day care here in Austin.

As always keep Jerri and her team in your prayers as well as the children (and families) that they serve. *Thank you!*

Summer Church Office Schedule

Mikail will be on vacation with her family from July 22th through August 1st. The church office will not be open the week of July 24th, except for the hours when Rev. Wade will be there for pastoral care on **Tuesday, 7/25** (see details above). Her voicemail and email will not be checked in her absence, so please contact Senior Warden Brad Dieringer or The Rev. Merrill Wade directly with any emergencies. Mikail will respond to her messages when she's back in the office on Tuesday, August 2nd. For those of you who will also be traveling to escape the heat this summer, please do so safely. ☺



July Birthdays & Anniversaries



We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:

Emma Jane Braun (Jul 2)	Evan O'Donnell (Jul 16)
Eddie Terrazas (Jul 2)	JT Sparks (Jul 18)
Margaret Tipps (Jul 2)	Walter Moreau (Jul 20)
JT Kerrigan (Jul 3)	Hal Stevens (Jul 24)
Ashley Ibsen (Jul 5)	Lillie Tipps (Jul 25)
Brad Dieringer (Jul 7)	Charlotte Tipps (Jul 27)
Benjamin Lucy (Jul 8)	Philip Doty (Jul 30)
Aidan Cormier (Jul 9)	Ann McLemore (Jul 30)
Athena Navarro (Jul 9)	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
www.sgchurch.org

The Episcopal Church, USA
www.episcopalchurch.org

St. George's Court
www.stgeorgescourt.org

St. George's Episcopal School
www.stgeorges-austin.com

The Lectionary
www.lectionarypage.net

Episcopal Relief and
 Development
www.er-d.org

The Episcopal Diocese of
 Texas
www.epicenter.org

Camp Allen
www.campallen.org