

THE BANNER



**St. George's
Episcopal Church**

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June 2020



Season after Pentecost

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

Sunday Schedule

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

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert
Rector

The Rev. Jim Enelow
Deacon

Mi-Young Kim
Music Minister

Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski
Office Administrator

Jerri Thompson
Day School Director

Josh Beckham
Bridgette Beinecke
Rob Blech

Melissa Brackin
Ed Crawford

Brad Dieringer
Hye Na Lucy

Stefan Schuster
Samantha Stevens
Vestry

Melissa Brackin
Senior Warden

Ed Crawford
Junior Warden

Samantha Stevens
Financial Secretary

Ashley Carrera
Treasurer

Brad Dieringer
Clerk

Ed Crawford
School Board Liaison

Mark Your Calendars

- Mon 6/8 Vestry Meeting
Wed 6/10 Wednesday Weavings
Sat 6/13 Women's Book Group
Mon 6/15 School Board Meeting
Sun 6/21 Father's Day
Wed 6/24 Wednesday Weavings

Click on the following links to find:

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Feast Days

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

Rector's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

After church on May 31st, Pentecost Sunday, many of us gathered for our traditional Fifth Sunday Potluck via Zoom. I greatly appreciate all of you who logged in to hear updates regarding St. George's during this time of pandemic and our plans for regathering. For those of you who weren't able to attend, I've included some highlights below.



First and foremost, I want to thank all who have played a part in the upkeep of St. George's over the past several weeks while we've have moved to virtual gatherings. A special thanks to our vestry, school board, staff, clergy, choir, lectors, and treasurer. Without your dedication and commitment, St. George's would not be in the healthy place in which we find ourselves. I also want to thank all of you who have been able to contribute financially. We are currently healthy and stable, and I am very grateful for your contributions.

I also want to thank our newly formed Regathering Task Force. These ten individuals have provided their expertise and courage to devise a plan for re-entry to in-person worship. This plan has been developed and is now at our regional Bishop's office for recommendations and approval. Once we receive this approval the church office will share the plan with the entire congregation. But simply put, the plan states that once it is safe to return to in-person worship, St. George's will begin with one worship service held at outside on Sunday mornings. All participants will be required to follow very particular safety precautions, including face masks, contact tracing procedures, and social distancing. Folks in the vulnerable population (over the age of 65 and/or health issues) are strongly encouraged to continue to meet virtually for the worship service. We will be offering virtual live worship in perpetuity. And, for that matter, if you prefer to stay home for any reason, you are encouraged to continue to worship with us online. There is no pressure for anyone to return to in-person services until you feel comfortable doing so.

I greatly appreciate all of you who were able to complete our online survey. The results will continue to be helpful for the Task Force to devise and implement our plan. It is clear from the results that our parishioners are very mindful of the health and safety of our community. More communication regarding these results will also come from the Task Force soon.

May all of you have a blessed month this June. I pray that you are safe and well and that you continue to join us virtually on Sunday mornings. If there is anything you may need during this time, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert

July Banner Deadline



The deadline for news for the July issue of *The Banner* is Wednesday, June 25th. Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.

Deacon's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

I'm writing this letter four days before my wedding to Cynthia Caruso, but by the time you read it, I will be a married man.

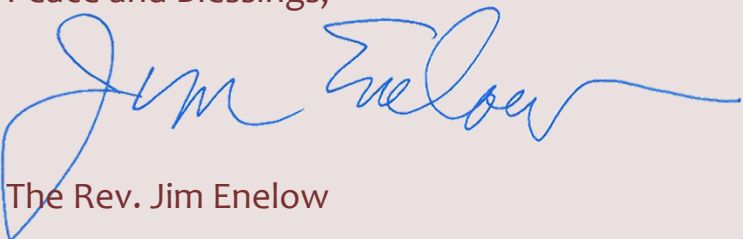
It's exciting to begin a new chapter of my life with a woman I deeply love. Cynthia and I have known each other for eight years. When I met her, I was a parishioner at All Saints' Episcopal Church, and she was a seminarian intern from the Seminary of the Southwest. She was ordained to the priesthood in 2013 and then hired by All Saints', where she has worked until recently. I have worked with Cynthia in several capacities, and I have come to know her quite well.



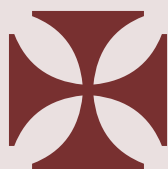
Cynthia is currently waiting for a new assignment, and, of course, I will go with her wherever her ministry takes her. For the time being, I remain your deacon at St. George's and will remain with you as long as I can. We have no idea where God's work will take us, but we look forward to whatever work God has in store for us.

I want to thank the many St. George's parishioners who have congratulated me on my marriage and want you to know that you are close to my heart.

Peace and Blessings,



The Rev. Jim Enelow



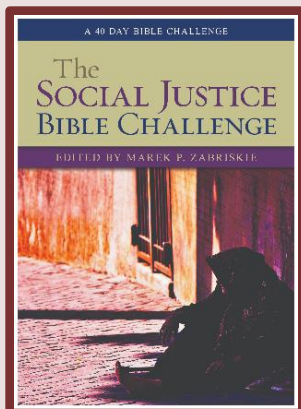
Online Services



Please join us online at **10:30 am** each **Sunday morning** for the **Liturgy of the Word**. Links to the services and worship bulletins will be available on our website at www.sgchurch.org/online-worship, as are links to previous services. (You can watch the livestream directly from the website, even without a Facebook account.) Many parishioners have found that the Facebook feed has better picture and sound than Zoom. Whether or not

you choose to worship on Zoom, you are invited to join the Zoom link (emailed weekly to the parish) immediately after the service for a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners.

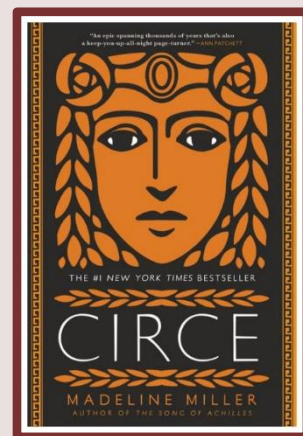
Wednesday Weavings



St. George's adult discussion group is continuing to meet via Zoom, from **7:00 to 8:00 pm** every other Wednesday. All are welcome to join the group for a service of Compline and a discussion on a selected reading for the evening. This month we will meet on Wednesdays, **May 13th** and **May 27th**. The group is currently reading *The Social Justice Bible Challenge*, published by Forward Movement Publications. Each reading stands on its own, so you can join the group anytime and never fall behind! Frances Rickard will send out the Zoom invitation prior to the meeting to the group's email list; to be added to the email list or with any other questions, contact Frances at fajrickard@gmail.com. We hope you can join us!

Women's Book Group

Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, June 13th**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, via **Zoom**. We will discuss *Circe*, by **Madeline Miller**. 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. The Zoom invitation will be sent out to the group's email list prior to the meeting. To be added to the list, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at **512-762-8349** or sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com. Happy reading!



Celebrating our Graduates



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

Katie McGhee

Anderson High School

daughter of Belinda & David McGhee
attending University of Texas, Austin

Lexie McGhee

Anderson High School

daughter of Belinda & David McGhee
attending Texas A&M University

Ethan Worcester

John B. Connally High School

Son of Ronn & Sue Worcester
grandson of Gayle & James Wall

Bryan Callen

*Seminary of the Southwest,
Master of Divinity*

Nelson Mendoza

*Seminary of the Southwest,
Master of Divinity*

Congratulations to all our graduates!

Welcome, Frances!



Congratulations to Ariane and Mark Corcoran, who welcome a new daughter to the world, and to Emme, who welcomes a new sister! Frances Bernadette Corcoran was born on Monday, May 18th and 8:02 am, weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces.

We give thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence among them, O God, 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.



COVID-19 Testing



PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT.

Austin Public Health has launched an online Enrollment Form for COVID-19 testing, available at AustinTexas.gov/COVID19. The online form will allow people to take an assessment to determine eligibility and schedule testing without a referral from a healthcare provider. To access the form, click on the "Take Self-Assessment" button to create an account and complete a questionnaire listing your symptoms. If you meet the criteria you will be referred to testing. Completion of the online assessment does not guarantee referral to testing. Austin Public Health will continue to prioritize healthcare workers, first responders, and people at higher risk for developing severe symptoms. Testing continues to be by appointment-only and tests at the APH testing sites are FREE.

Volunteers Needed

Any Baby Can is participating in [Keep Austin Together](#)'s Supplemental Emergency Food Access Network to bring meals to their clients. They need volunteers to sort and distribute meals to client cars or Ubers which will deliver them to clients. They'll provide protective equipment and enforce social distancing at all meal pick-up events. Contact volunteer@anybabycan.org for dates and times. They also have several remote volunteer opportunities that anyone can do from home. Visit their [Volunteer Page](#) for more information.

News from the School



We are happy to announce that St. George's Episcopal School is reopening on Monday, June 1st. The School Board and Church Vestry have been instrumental in our decision making process, and I can't thank them enough for their wise guidance during this time. Throughout this process, I have remained in close contact with the governmental agencies responsible for creating the guidelines for us to safely reopen. I offered two Zoom meetings for our families to vocalize their concerns and ask questions about the school's 5 Point Plan for Resuming Operations under COVID-19. These meetings were nicely attended and great questions were asked. I have an [FAQ page](#) on our website, if anyone is interested in reading more about the state of our school. I would like to share my opening statement at the parent Zoom meeting as it sums up my feelings about our decision.

Before we begin today, I would like to take a minute to talk about why we are opening. Here at St. George's, we understand that child care is ESSENTIAL and that not every family has a support system beyond us. We already provide families with a sense of peace that they can leave their most precious gift here with us, so that they can earn a living. And we now need to earn your trust and provide assurance during these times that your child will be safe.

Living in Austin is expensive and typically requires a two-income family. I am passionate about providing families with the next-best care they can have, other than being at home with you. We feel as though we are part of their family too, and we take that seriously. We are accustomed to working in an environment that is centered around infection control already, so we have the training and expertise on how to conduct ourselves. We will now have additional training in techniques that will reduce the spread of COVID-19. COVID is here, and we have to learn to live with it. You are blessed to have a school filled with teachers who take it seriously and will do everything humanly possible to keep your child safe. I know it will take time for you to feel secure, and you have my promise that we are ready and willing to do what's necessary to be here for you and your child.

Peace,
Jerri Thompson, Head of School





June Birthdays & Anniversaries

We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:

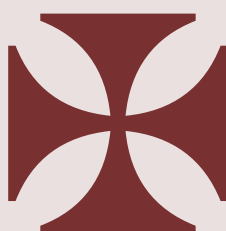
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| Scott Bush (Jun 1) | Martha Paull (Jun 14) |
| Erik Stallman (Jun 2) | Ainsley Blood (Jun 16) |
| Nancy Carrera (Jun 3) | Gayle Wall (Jun 16) |
| Emme Corcoran (Jun 3) | Jennifer Bigbee (Jun 17) |
| Anna Doty (Jun 4) | Walter Long, Jr. (Jun 20) |
| Stephanie Savage (Jun 4) | Carson Blood (Jun 23) |
| Jonathan Brackin (Jun 6) | Claire Bush (Jun 26) |
| Herb Dickson (Jun 6) | Mae Stevens (Jun 26) |
| Pete Sebert (Jun 8) | Liam Dolan-Henderson (Jun 30) |
| Denise Hope (Jun 14) | |

And a happy anniversary to:

- Stefan & Periwinkle Schuster (Jun 11)
- Brad & Emily Dieringer (Jun 25)
- Scott & Claire Bush (Jun 27)
- John & Frances Rickard (Jun 28)



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](#)