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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

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Mark Your Calendars

Wed 3/4 Lenten Series
Thu 3/5 Lenten Concert
Sun 3/8 Daylight Savings starts
Sun 3/8 Christopher House
basket sale
Mon 3/9 Vestry Meeting

Wed 3/11 Lenten Series
Mon 3/16 School Board Meeting
Sat 3/21 Women's Book Group
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Sun 3/29 Fifth Sunday Potluck

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Feast Days

1 David of Wales, Bishop, c. 544	19 Saint Joseph
2 Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672	21 Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Liturgist, and Martyr 1556
3 John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788	24 Oscar Romero, Archbishop and Martyr, 1980, and the Martyrs of El Salvador
7 Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs, 202	25 The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary
9 Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop and Theologian, c. 394	26 Harriet Monsell, Monastic, 1883
10 Harriet Ross Tubman, Social Reformer, 1913	28 James Solomon Russell, Priest, 1935
12 Gregory the Great, Bishop and Theologian, 604	29 John Keble, Priest and Poet, 1866
15 Vincent de Paul, Priest, and Louise de Marillac, Monastic, Workers of Charity, 1660	31 John Donne, Priest and Poet, 1631
18 Patrick of Ireland, Bishop and Missionary, 461	

Rector's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

We are entering into a new season of the church this month. We began our trek towards Easter Sunday at the end of February with Ash Wednesday, and we continue in the season of Lent throughout March, as we investigate ways to grow closer in our relationship with God through Christ. This is our primary responsibility during the season of Lent. This season affords us dedicated and purposeful time to consider the ways in which Christ is currently in our lives, and ways that we can build upon and strengthen that relationship.



It is customary during the season of Lent to develop a personal discipline. The sixth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew encourages us to develop disciplines centered on prayer, fasting, and alms-giving. Some may decide to give something up, while others may decide to take something on, and there may be folks that decide to do both. I encourage you to utilize the offerings of St. George's this month, such as the Lenten Series led by our very own Mikail McIntosh-Doty (see the article on page 4). Whatever discipline you choose is between you and God, in order to strengthen your relationship with God.

I pray that the season of Lent and the discipline you commit to create space for joy, love, and peace to fill your soul. March is a month of new growth. We see it in our natural surroundings, and I pray you are able to see it in yourself and your beloved communities. St. George's and I will be here throughout this month to help and encourage new growth to be realized.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin LJ Schubert".

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert

April Banner Deadline



The deadline for news for the April issue of *The Banner* is Thursday, March 26th.

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

Daylight Savings Time

On Sunday, March 8th, somewhere in the United States, someone will walk into church thinking they're a few minutes early, looking forward to worshipping with their community, only to discover that the service is almost over. Don't let this happen to you! On **Saturday, March 7th**, don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead before you go to bed, and get ready to spring forward!



Deacon's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

Lately, I have been receiving emails from some of our neighbors in the homes surrounding us about our neighbors who are living underneath I-35. Some of these folks are critical of our efforts to assist our homeless neighbors, and some are supportive of what we are doing. I have responded to all the emails sent personally to me, and to quote one of my emails, we seek solutions "which are fair and just to all parties." As the Gospel tells us, we are all members of Christ's body. There are no second-class citizens in the kingdom of God. That includes our homeless neighbors, the folks living in the homes around us, St. George's School, the members of our parish – everyone. Being a part of God's kingdom means finding ways in which we can all live together in peace, justice, and mutual respect. I welcome your input regarding the best ways of doing that. I believe that the best way to do it is by being in relationship with each other, listening to and respecting everyone's concerns and working together. In other words, I believe that we should spend more time getting to know each other and have open, honest discussions about what we can do to allay people's concerns, while also helping those living near us who are in dire poverty. I know we are proud of our history at St. George's of helping the "least of these." I hope you will join with me in continuing the work we have done, while respecting the concerns of those who see us, in the words of one email, as "encouraging the homeless campers to stay on the street."



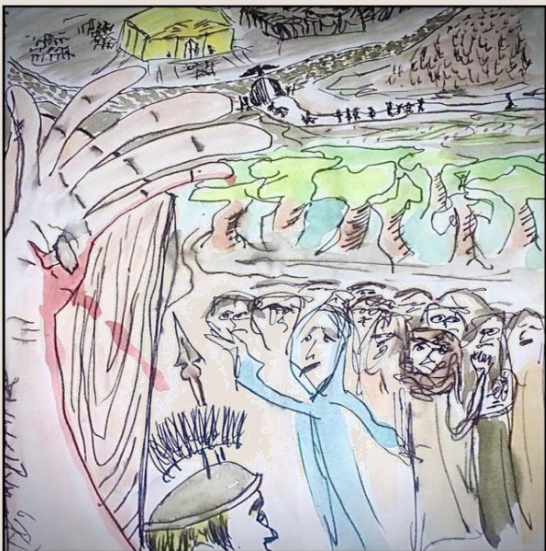
Thank you for your continuing support for this important ministry.

Peace and Blessings,

The Rev. Jim Enelow

Lenten Concert

Love One Another



Original songs by *James Derkits*; performing with *Billy Tweedie*

The Rev. James Derkits, rector of Trinity by the Sea in Port Aransas, will perform a concert of his original work, "Love One Another," at St. George's, on **Thursday, March 5th, at 7:00 pm**. He will be accompanied by the Rev. Billy Tweedie, rector of Resurrection here in Austin. "Love One Another" is made up of songs of Jesus' Incarnation, Teachings, Passion, and Resurrection; because this is a Lenten concert, it will include only the first three parts. James has been writing music for nearly 30 years. While on sabbatical from Trinity by the Sea, he is touring and performing these original songs at several Episcopal Churches, sharing his work with a variety of congregations. We are privileged to be able to host him here at St. George's.

Lenten Series

Engaging Our Faith Tradition(s) as We Walk with Jesus towards Calvary

Join us in Kleberg Hall on Wednesday evenings during Lent (**March 4, 11 & 25, and April 1**), from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**, for a Lenten series facilitated by **Mikail McIntosh-Doty**. Each night we'll explore different aspects of our own faith journey and the faith journey(s) of the broader church(es) as we enter the Lenten period of the church year. We'll start by challenging each other to move beyond our comfort zones and end up imaginatively walking with Jesus during his final days up to the crucifixion. The series will include lots of discussion and interaction and a wee bit of homework over the long break in the middle (we won't meet during Spring Break). Instead of giving something up this Lent; our Wednesday nights will be a time when we focus on doing something new. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck meal before the discussion.



3/4 Getting Beyond “We’re reasonable; they’re idiots!” Stepping Outside Our Algorithmic World View

Advent and Lent focus on the journey as well as the destination. If Advent focuses on the “waiting for God” part of the journey, Lent focuses on the “preparing me (us) for the trial to come (and the joy beyond the trial).”

3/11 What Do We (I) Believe? An Exploration of the Creeds

We'll look at creeds as communal statements of our faith and personal creeds for individual use.

3/25 The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Prior Engagements with Religion

We'll be discussing how our earlier engagements with religion may have been challenging for us in some circumstances and practices, and yet finding what is worth salvaging (or transforming and engaging anew) from those past experiences.

4/1 Were You There? Walking the Stations with Jesus

As a sort of “jump start” for Holy Week, we'll have 4 to 5 stations with props to help us explore Christ's crucifixion journey, and we'll use Ignatius of Loyola's spiritual practice of “imagining” yourself there with Jesus.

Mikail McIntosh-Doty is long-time member of St. George's who wants to put some of her degrees to work for the congregation. She has Master's Degrees in Library Science, American History, and Religion, and is currently the University Librarian at Concordia University Texas (LCMS). She grew up Roman Catholic and loves her Catholic roots, but she came to feel truly at home in the Anglican Communion after working in the library at the Seminary of the Southwest and becoming friends with the staff, faculty, and seminarians there. Since 1994, St. George's Episcopal Church has truly been her home.

Outreach Trip to Guatemala



Since 2018, members of St. George's have travelled to Guatemala in March as part of a mission trip for HELPS International, leading a field trip for fifth graders from William M. Botnan Experimental School, a Christian elementary school run by HELPS International in the remote indigenous village of Santa Avelina. Carolyn Moreau has participated both years, accompanied by Hollie and Spencer Gordon in 2018 and by Mary Stewart Miller in 2019. Carolyn has been asked once again to lead the trip and to raise money so that the children and their school chaperones can attend. Carolyn and her son Gabriel will be going as your representatives this year.

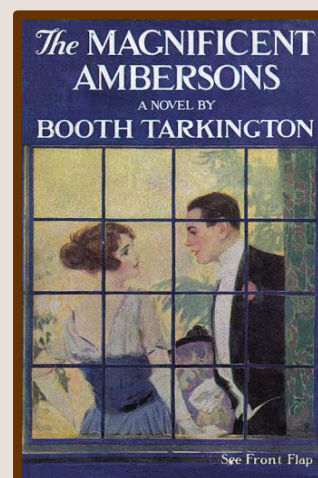
The fifth graders will be traveling the week of March 16th to Quezaltenango, Guatemala's second largest city, also known as Xela. The students really look forward to this trip. In spite of a day-long bus ride, they get up early the next day to see the sights. It's a wonderful opportunity to broaden their horizons by seeing big city life and visiting a university, a secondary level trade school, the zoo, and cultural sites, and by having a sports and cultural exchange with another elementary school in the area.

If you are able, your support is needed to make this trip a success. The trip needs financial support to cover lodging, transportation, meals, entrance fees, local community organizer fee (she sets everything up for our visits). By March 6th, we need to send a check to HELPS for \$5986. Currently, we have funds promised/requested of about \$4,567 (from the diocese, Outreach, an individual donor, the Vestry, and funds remaining in the Mission trip account from last year), leaving \$1,418 that is needed. Make checks payable to St. George's with "HELPS Mission Trip" in the memo line, or visit the [St. George's Donation page](#) and indicate the amount of your gift in the appropriate section (*Outreach, HELPS Mission Trip*). We also need supplies for the evening arts and crafts, including the team murals the children create to share highlights from their week with their families and school. You can see what's needed and sign up on our [Guatemala Student Supplies spreadsheet](#).

Please contact Carolyn Moreau at moreaucarolyn@gmail.com for more information or with any questions.

Women's Book Group

Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, March 21st**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, at the **home of Frances Rickard**, and co-hosted by Anne McGonigle. We will discuss *The Magnificent Ambersons*, by **Booth Tarkington**. 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 sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com or 512-762-8349 with any questions, or if you want to join the fun. Happy reading!



Christopher House Basket Sale



St. George's has a long-standing ministry of delivering hospitality baskets to the families of patients at Christopher House, who are in their final illness. The baskets contain necessities and also items to help pass the time. The families have often been summoned with little notice or time for preparation, so the baskets provide a useful gesture of support.

Outreach will be selling hospitality baskets for Christopher House following the 10:30 service on **Sunday, March 8th**. Our goal is to deliver two baskets each week to the facility, and a map and instructions are included in the bundle with the basket. The baskets are \$10 each, and before delivery the donor is requested to add edible snack items like nuts, cookies, fruit or crackers.

Please consider buying a pair of baskets for delivery on the date of your choice. This is a nice way to honor someone you love, perhaps on their birthday or the anniversary of their death. A calendar and sign-up sheet will be available at the time of the sale. Lexie and Katie McGhee are in charge of the basket program and the sale. If you would like to participate, but won't be at the 10:30 service on March 8th, let one of them know and they can make arrangements to get the baskets to you. Contact them with any further questions. You can reach them by phone or text outside of school hours – Katie at **512-704-3524**, and Lexie at **512-905-8559**.



Fifth Sunday Potluck

This year, September 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, March 29th**, 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!



Holy Week and Easter at St. George's

Easter Lilies



St. George's will be adorned with Easter lilies for our celebrations of the Resurrection of our Lord. We invite you to make an offering for lilies, perhaps in a loved one's memory, or in thanksgiving for a person or other blessing in your life. Donation forms will be in the Sunday bulletins throughout Lent until Palm Sunday, or you may complete our [Online Easter Lily Donation](#) form. Completed forms and donations may be placed in the alms basin or mailed to the church office. Names of donors, along with any memorials or thanksgivings, will be listed in the Easter service bulletins. Be sure to turn in your form by **Monday, April 6th** to have your name and dedication listed in the bulletin. The suggested donation is **\$20 per plant**. Make checks payable to St. George's (with "Easter Lilies" noted in the memo line), or donate online by visiting the [St. George's Donation page](#) and indicating the amount of your gift in the appropriate section (*Other Designated Gifts, Altar Guild, "Easter Lilies" in the notes section*).

Gethsemane Prayer Vigil

From the end of the Maundy Thursday service on **Thursday, April 9th**, until the start of the Good Friday service at **noon on Friday, April 10th**, you are invited to keep watch with the reserved sacraments, in remembrance of Jesus' plea to his disciples to "stay awake with me one hour." To participate in this vigil, please sign up for a **one-hour shift** on the sheet on the bulletin board by the Church entrance.



Flowering of the Cross



The Flowering of the Cross is an Easter tradition at many churches, including St. George's. In it, a bare cross is gradually decorated, often by children, with multiple flowers, until it is largely or entirely covered. When completed, the brightly flowered cross is a reminder of spring and symbolizes the new beginning heralded by the risen Christ. Children are invited to bring **flowers** with them to the 10:30 service on **Easter Sunday**, in order to participate in this tradition during the choral preludes at the beginning of the service.

Easter Egg Hunt

Please help us make the Easter Egg Hunt an exciting activity for all our children! We would appreciate **donations of filled plastic Easter eggs** (they can be filled with candy, stickers, small toys, etc.). They can be dropped off at the Wright-Giles House during church office hours (Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm), or brought any Sunday (up until the beginning of the 10:30 service on Easter Day).



Cookie Reception



Join us for a cookie reception after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday! Coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter morning will take place at the Wright-Giles House during the Easter egg hunt. If you would like to **contribute cookies for the reception**, please deliver them to the front room of the Wright-Giles House before the service. Platters will be available for you to put your cookies on, or you may bring your own platter. Cookies only, please! We will not be setting out plates or eating utensils. Contact Frances Rickard at fajrickard@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

Good Friday Offering

*Jesus said to Thomas, "Do not doubt but believe."
~ John 20:27*

In the year 46CE it is recorded that a famine descended upon Jerusalem. It is also recorded that St. Paul learned of this and decided to raise funds among the churches he had established in Galatia and Greece to bring relief to the "saints" in Jerusalem. Christianity was in its infancy, and significant debate was under way about how Jewish a believer had to be to be a follower of Jesus. St. James, leader of the church in Jerusalem, and St. Paul, apostle to the Gentiles (as he came to be known), struggled with how to resolve this tension. Paul's letters and the Book of Acts are full of the details of this identity crisis.

And then there's the famine... Despite the issues surrounding whether or not baptism was enough to demonstrate one's faith in Christ, there were the real and ongoing needs of the "saints" in Jerusalem. St. Paul knew of the need of his sisters and brothers in Christ in the Holy City and wrote (and no doubt preached) extensively to encourage others to be generous from their own pockets to provide for the needs of others – in this case, the "saints" in Jerusalem.

St. Paul recognized the spiritual benefit of the connection between the gentile followers of Jesus, spread at that time throughout modern Turkey and Greece, with the faithful in the land where Jesus was born, lived, died and rose again. St. Paul would never use a term like "solidarity" to describe the importance of this relationship with the believers in Jerusalem, but that is what he sought. He sought a sense of solidarity, a unity of spirit beyond the categories of "Jew" or "gentile" – indeed being neither male nor female, but one in Christ Jesus.

The Good Friday Offering carries on a similar witness as a tangible connection between Christians in the Episcopal Church and Christians throughout Jerusalem and the Middle East who welcome our prayers, advocacy, and financial support in keeping the faith alive through their ministries of education, health care, pastoral care and hospitality throughout the Land of the Holy One. For more information, visit the [Good Friday Offering](#) page of the national church's website.

To participate in the Good Friday Offering, make checks out to "St. George's Episcopal Church," with "Good Friday Offering" on the memo line, and place them in the alms basin (or mail them to the church) any time during Holy Week (including Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday).



*Good Friday at St. George's
Anglican Cathedral, Jerusalem*

Holy Week & Easter Services

Please join us as we prepare for and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PALM SUNDAY, April 5

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I (no music)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II. This service will begin outdoors. We will take part in the Liturgy of the Palms and process with palm branches into the church. The service includes a reading of the Passion Gospel. (Childcare is available.)

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK, April 6

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, April 7

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)



WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, April 8

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II with Labyrinth Walk. This service will begin outdoors, with participants walking through the Labyrinth on the lawn, generally 15-30 minutes of walking. (no music)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 9

7:00 pm This service includes (optional) foot-washing, Holy Eucharist, a shared agape meal, and the Stripping of the Altar. Bring fruit, bread, cheese, wine, or juice to share at the agape meal.

GETHSEMANE VIGIL, April 9-10

all night From the end of the Maundy Thursday service until the Good Friday service, you are invited to keep watch with the reserved sacraments, in remembrance of Jesus' plea to his disciples to "stay awake for one hour with me." A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm Good Friday service, with meditation, reading of the Passion, and Communion from the reserved Sacrament.

EASTER VIGIL, April 11 (location to be determined; hosted by The Front Porch Project)

8:00 pm The Front Porch Project invites us to join them to celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter. A pluralistic take on an ancient Christian tradition, the evening unites artists and seekers of all faiths and perspectives to celebrate the gift that Easter offers: the hope of coming alive from out of dead things.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I (no music)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II. This service will include choral music and the flowering of the cross, and will be followed by a children's Easter egg hunt and a cookie reception. (Childcare is available.)

Women's Retreat



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retreat

Ladies, this is your chance to join other energetic, talented women of St. George's Episcopal Church for a relaxing, rejuvenating weekend at Well Spring Retreat Center at Wessendorf Ranch in Blanco, Texas, **Friday to Sunday, April 24 to 26, 2020**. If you have a conflicting commitment, perhaps you can come for one of the days or a night and day. This Women's Retreat is planned to allow us to build relationships and enrich our overall community. I hope you will consider joining us.

Please take this opportunity to unwind, rejuvenate and relax. The retreat is very low key and loosely organized. We eat well, talk, laugh, sleep, meditate, play games, walk, nap, and, most of all, enjoy each other's company.

The cost for the weekend, which covers all meals and the facility fees, is \$50.00. If cost is an issue, please don't let it be – alternate arrangements can be made, and we don't want anyone to stay away! Payment can be made by check, made out to St. George's with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line, or online at the [St. George's Donation page](#), in the Women's Retreat section.

We need to let them know how many people are coming by **Tuesday, April 7th** (although payment may be made later than that). Please contact Sandra Villalaz at sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com or 512-762-8349 to register or with any questions.

Cursillo Weekend

A 3-day Cursillo weekend was held at Camp Allen from February 20-23. Two members of St. George's attended – Deacon Jim Enelow, who went as a spiritual adviser, and Spencer Gordon, who went as a pilgrim. It was an exciting weekend meant to explore what it means to practice our Christian faith every day. A Group Reunion will be organized soon, which is a weekly meeting of a small number of Cursillistas who wish to keep their faith active. Ask Deacon Jim if you are interested in joining. You need not have attended Cursillo to participate.



Wednesday Weavings

St. George's adult discussion group, Wednesday Weavings, will not meet during Lent so that we can participate in the Lenten supper and program on Wednesdays in Kleberg Hall. We will resume our study of *The Social Justice Bible Challenge* during Easter season. Contact Frances Rickard at fajrickard@gmail.com if you would like more information about Wednesday Weavings.

171st Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Texas



In early February the clergy and lay delegation of St. George's attended and participated in the annual Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Texas in Waco. Regular business was conducted to elect diocesan board members and General Convention deputies, hear reports from various departments for the diocesan staff, and to approve the budget for the new year. Bishop Andrew Doyle also announced an

exciting initiative and vision of the diocese. The Missionary Vision for Racial Justice initiative commits 13 million dollars to fund racial justice projects to repair and commence racial healing. Read more about this wonderful diocesan initiative in the article below.

Diocesan Racial Justice Initiative

At Diocesan Council, Bishop Andy Doyle presented a Missionary Vision for a Racial Justice initiative that aims to repair and commence racial healing for individuals and communities who were

A MISSIONARY VISION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

\$13 Million Committed to Repair and Commence Racial Healing

directly injured by slavery in the diocese. The initiative includes a \$13 million commitment towards racial reconciliation projects and scholarships for the future training and education of people of color. "The goal is to support the people of our communities who were actually injured by our past actions," said Bishop Doyle. He explained that he recently met with 38 representatives of the Historic Black Churches to invite their future collaboration and support. He worked for many years to dream with leaders and implement this initiative. "I have sought to undergird this work with the best theological and practical ideas in this present moment and from across the church to reinforce and amplify remedies and imagine a different trajectory for our future." He also reminded the audience that the Rt. Rev. Alexander Gregg, the first bishop of the diocese had household slaves. "People don't realize that our first congregation, Christ Church, Matagorda, was built by slaves. This is our truth. It is the truth of this diocese."

The money for the Missionary Vision for Racial Justice Initiative will go to fund the Bertha Means Endowment at Seminary of the Southwest, the David Taylor Scholarship at Seminary of the Southwest, the Pauli Murray Scholarship Fund at Seminary of the Southwest, the Thomas Cain Fund for Historic Black Churches, the Henrietta Wells Scholarship Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), the John and Joseph Talbot Fund for Racial Justice, and the Episcopal Health Foundation Congregational Engagement. Visit the [Diocesan web page](#) for the full announcement, and [click here](#) for more information about these funds.

From the Archives...

Lent through the Years

To continue our look at the parish archives as we observe St. George's 70th birthday year—and as we begin the season of Lent—I thought it might be interesting to take a look back at Lenten programs and observances at St. George's through the years.

Although there are other records in the archives that might document parish Lenten observances (for example, worship bulletins and Vestry minutes), for purposes of this article I chose to highlight our parish news instrument, *The Banner*. The first copy of *The Banner* I've found so far is dated Trinity Sunday, May 28, 1961, when the Rev. Ed Hartwell was rector. Designated as Volume 1, Number 6, the document bills itself as “the weekly bulletin of St. George's Episcopal Church” and was mailed out to parishioners. Numbers 1-5 have not made their appearance as yet in our archival record.

The first Lent to make its way into *The Banner* was Lent 1962. Each Wednesday in Lent featured a covered dish supper (no surprise there!) at 6:00 pm, followed by a worship service and sermon at 7:15. The worship services varied from week to week, sometimes a Litany, other times Evening Prayer, and once the Office of Instruction (as part of preparation for Confirmation that took place that Lent). Each family was asked to bring two dishes for the supper, with coffee, rolls, and milk provided by the Women of the Church. Older children and adults attended the Lenten Service in the church, infants were kept in the nursery, and a movie was shown for small children. The parish librarian, Fannie Belle Kemp, prepared a display to assist parishioners with finding a “good book for Lenten reading.”

50 years ago (Lent 1970) – Under the leadership of the Rev. John Price, Lenten dinners and programs continued on Wednesday evenings. According to *The Banner*, the covered dish supper began at 6:30 pm, followed by a different program each week. Presentations included the “many far-reaching actions and deliberations of the Diocesan Council,” a showing of the movie *The Parable* with discussion, a presentation by the Rev. Joe DiRaddo, musical offerings by the St. George's Choir, and a presentation by Mrs. Ed (Anne) Clark, wife of the former U.S. ambassador to Australia, speaking on the Episcopal Church in Australia and her experiences while living there.

40 years ago (Lent 1980) – The Lenten tradition of Wednesday evening covered dish supper and program continued. This year, the theme of the Lenten programs was *Spiritual Direction*. The rector, John Price, led the first and last programs of the series. The Rev. Sid Gervais, former diocesan Spiritual Director for Cursillo, spoke on spiritual direction by the lay person one Wednesday, and the Rev. Alan Whitman gave talks on meditation and prayer the remaining two Wednesdays.

30 years ago (Lent 1990) – Then under the leadership of the Rev. David Hoster, St. George's 1990 Lenten suppers and program continued on Wednesday evenings. In a change from the usual covered dish pot-luck suppers, the meal was provided each week, so parishioners did not need to bring food. The theme for the program series was *The Way of the Cross*, featuring small group discussions, with a separate program for children.

5 years ago (Lent 2015) – Now under the leadership of the Rev. Kevin Schubert, the Lenten programs were renamed the “Grace Series” and were held on Wednesday evenings in Lent, with the exception of the Wednesday during Spring Break. The evening began with a potluck meal, followed by a lecture. That year's supper and programs were shared with members of St. James Episcopal Church and the Dialogue Institute of the Southwest - Austin, with the hosts alternating between St. George's and St. James. The title of the program series was *Common Ground Amidst Our Faiths: Comparing Shared Values and Beliefs among Christianity*

and Islam. After the shared meal, speakers from Muslim and Christian faiths addressed a particular topic, followed by small group discussions.

Unfortunately, the archives does not have a full run of *Banner* issues from 2000 to 2010, so we have no record of Lent programs from Lent 2000 or Lent 2010.* Nevertheless, we can see from the records we do have that St. George's has a faithful tradition of coming together on Wednesday evenings for a shared meal and Christian formation that goes back at least 58 years. The year 2020 will be no different.

~ Frances Rickard, Parish Archivist

* If you happen to have old copies of *The Banner* or other St. George's records filed away at your house and would like to share them with the archives, please don't hesitate to contact Frances at fajrickard@gmail.com.

News from the School



Our school registration for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year is over. I am happy to announce that we only have one Mon/Wed/Fri opening in our toddler class and a few openings in our Pre-K (4s) left. This was our first year to try online registration and it worked beautifully. It was still first come first served, but parents did not have to line up early in the morning to secure a spot. They did however, rise to the occasion at 12:01 AM and jump to be online first. We opened the online system at 12:01 AM, and I was amazed at how many forms we received by 1:00 AM. We also enrolled one new church member and 14 new community members to our school.

I think this is a true testament to the quality of care and education we provide young children. Many schools strive for high quality care in Austin, but to put this into action takes a great deal of commitment, support, passion, and talent. We have a strong team and many who support our mission. St. George's Episcopal School is an inclusive community, inspiring children to love learning by nurturing each child's mind, body, and spirit.

Earlier this month Johanna Hosking (a former parent) and Natalie Fellows reached out to me to see if any of our staff would like to participate in an event called "Baby Day" at the Thinkery. Johanna is a parent education coordinator with [Communities in Schools](#), an organization that provides students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. and Natalie Fellows works with the [First3Years](#), an organization that educates, advocates, and collaborates to advance the healthy development of infants and toddlers. Carmel Sweat, 2a beloved teacher for many years, volunteered her time to help. Here is a quote from the organizers after the event: "We loved partnering with you all! We welcomed over 499 adults and children at Baby Day! I am working on getting photos and will share when I receive them! Thank you so much for your help making Baby Day a huge success!" Just one more way we represent this wonderful church and school here in Austin.



Baby Day at the Thinkery

March Birthdays & Anniversaries



We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:

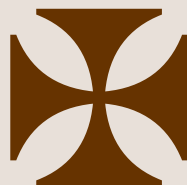
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| Carolyn Roseboom (Mar 6) | Maddie Boyer (Mar 21) |
| Patrick Dieringer (Mar 9) | Maddie Sparks (Mar 21) |
| Elaine Hosage (Mar 9) | Christina Fultz (Mar 23) |
| Emily Dieringer (Mar 10) | Scott Hoffman (Mar 25) |
| Jeremy Stevens (Mar 10) | Stephen Milburn (Mar 25) |
| Soren Schuster (Mar 11) | Josh Beckham (Mar 26) |
| Richard Stuart (Mar 11) | Carey Kerrigan (Mar 29) |
| Josh McGonigle (Mar 16) | Reeves Ham (Mar 30) |
| Fred Blood (Mar 19) | David Savage (Mar 30) |
| Heidi Braun (Mar 19) | James Poage (Mar 31) |
| Alena Navarro (Mar 19) | Frances Rickard (Mar 31) |

And a happy anniversary to:

- Dale Curry & James Duran (Mar 1)
 Robert Blech & Mary Stewart Miller (Mar 20)
 Matt & Christie Curtis (Mar 28)



Congratulations and Best Wishes!



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