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# The Banner

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
AUSTIN, TX





# St. George's Episcopal Church

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## Sunday Schedule

10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:45 am Coffee Hour

## Sunday Bulletin

# November Events

## St. George's Pub Club

NOV. 6 , AT B.D. RILEY'S  
6-8 P.M.

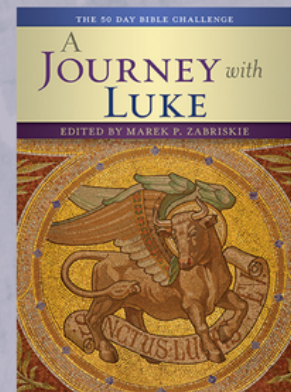
BRING A FRIEND!

## Wednesday Weavings

6:30-8 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 1

Wed. Nov. 15



## Choir Practice

Every Tuesday

7-8:30 p.m.



## St. George's Nursery

*For crawlers through fours  
from 10 am - noon on Sundays.*

*Follow the signs on campus, and please  
register children via the QR code!*



# Parish Retreat: Nov. 10-12

Each fall, St. George's gathers for a time of rest, relaxation, and community-building at the beautiful Well Spring Ranch in the Texas Hill Country. Please join us from **Friday, November 10, through Sunday, November 12, 2023**. The retreat is dedicated to enriching our communal bonds as we enjoy times of worship, recreation, social activities, fellowship, and great food! We'll have plenty of free time to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Texas Hill Country. The Ranch offers a tranquil atmosphere, incredible views of the surrounding hill country, comfortable accommodations, and a lovely chapel.

## **COST:**

**Friday - Sunday:** \$75 per person (children 10 and under are free)

**Saturday only:** \$35 per household

**Maximum cost per household:** \$200

Scholarships are available; please don't let costs keep you from coming!

Contact Fr. Matt at [matt@saintgeorgesAustin.org](mailto:matt@saintgeorgesAustin.org) for more information.

**[Register Here](#)**



# Feast Days

November 2023

1 - All Saints Day

2 - All Souls' Day

3 - Richard Hooker, Priest. 1960

7 - Wilibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739

10 - Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461

11 - Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397

14 - Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784

16 - Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093

17 - Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200

18 - Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680

20 - Edmund, King of East Anglia, 870

23 - Thanksgiving and Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100-R

25 - James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest & Monk, 1935

28 - Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii

30 - St. Andrew the Apostle



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# Letter from the Rector

REV. DR. MATT BOULTER

## KNow Thyself

“Know Thyself.” It is impossible to overstate the importance of this maxim, carved over the entrance to the Temple of the Oracle at Delphi, to the mind of Socrates, to the heart of Jesus, to the daily, practical reality of living as a Christian.

Which is why a central part of the formation which anyone seeking Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church will undergo is an emphasis on “self-awareness.” Self-awareness, for example, of one’s “bedside manner,” the way one “comes across” to those she is ministering to, or simply interacting with. The way I respond to another – a friend, a spouse, a co-worker – “in the moment” can reveal volumes (and layers) about what’s going on deep inside of me.

But, equally, self-awareness is the solitary discipline of examining one’s own life: one’s motivations, attitudes, tendencies, and habits. Ancient Christians practiced the discipline of examining the conscience, in which, perhaps before bed time, one slowly “replays” the videotape of the day. Why did I say that to this person? Did I really harbor that grudge? Did I really drink that much at that party? (Was that really healthy? Was it really even, if I’m honest, fun?) How can I choose to live better tomorrow?

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It's not about beating yourself up; it's not about a "guilt trip." It's about being honest, and taking the first steps toward honesty. The kind of honesty which is best achieved in relationship with a trusted friend or spiritual director who has traveled further down the road than I. The kind of honesty which my "addictive self" tends to hide from. The kind of honesty which is forged only in a community of love, service, and mutual submission.

As we close out another stewardship campaign and look toward the future, I know that this matter of self-awareness is something about which I feel a certain sense of conviction. My prayer is that I will gain maturity and "go deeper" in this area, and, by God's grace, be able to lead my Christian community in the same.

Faithfully,

Matt+



# Parish Updates and Announcements

## St. George's Court - Birthday Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteer teams to host a birthday party on Nov. 4 and/or Dec. 2 for the residents of St. George's Court, our affordable housing program for the elderly and disabled. Parties are at the Court from 11:30 am-1:30 pm and include a light lunch, a cake, and bingo! For more information or to volunteer please email Adrea Sparks at [andregalsparks@gmail.com](mailto:andregalsparks@gmail.com).

## Outreach H-E-B Giftcards

The Outreach Committee will continue to support St. George's Court and Casa Marianella for Christmas. We will provide \$20 gift cards from HEB for each resident of the Court and of Casa. You can start now to buy cards at H-E-B, or donations can be made online or by check with "Christmas" in the memo line. We will also host a Christmas feast for the Court with food donations provided by our members. Date announcement and further details will be forthcoming.



## Wednesday Weavings

St. George's Wednesday night adult discussion group, Wednesday Weavings, continues in November with gatherings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. All are welcome to join the group for a simple meal, a short time of centering prayer, and discussion on a reading from the Gospel of Luke. We are using Forward Movement's devotional book, *A Journey With Luke*, to guide our conversation. This month we will meet on Nov. 1 at James and Gayle Wall's home and on Nov. 15 at Sarah Campbell's home (hosted by the folks with houses too small for our gatherings). If you come, please bring a contribution for the salad bar meal (for example, fruit, vegetable, or crunchy toppings). We hope to see you there! Each week's reading stands on its own, so you don't miss anything but the good company and conversation if you can't always come. For more information or for a copy of the reading, contact Frances Rickard at [fajrickard@gmail.com](mailto:fajrickard@gmail.com).

## SAFE Bags

Here is the schedule of events for the next SAFE bag delivery:

**Jan. 7:** Sew-in - During Coffee Hour in Kleberg Hall. Lunch will be served!

**Jan. 14:** Bag filling - During Coffee Hour in Kleberg Hall

**Jan. 21:** Blessing of the bags and time with friends from SAFE

## Visit to SAFE Campus

We are thrilled to share with you that our entire congregation has been invited to visit the SAFE campus after church on **Jan. 21, 2024**. This is an honor and a sign of trust to be invited to their gated community. We're hoping you plan now since this will take at least a couple of hours with travel and presentation. We will carpool over and have a light lunch while hearing a presentation and overview. Then, we will have a tour of the impressive campus. So mark those calendars now! Address and directions will be provided in a timely manner.

# Hands4Hope

St. George's will participate again this year in El Buen Samaritano's seasonal drive to alleviate food insecurity and provide holiday meals for underserved families. EBS is accepting donations starting now, and giving is easier than ever. Use the QR code below or in the announcement section of the pew sheet to make an online donation. Scroll down and click on St. George's on the "affiliated entity" tab. Paper slips will be available in the narthex and in pews for those who prefer not to give online. We look forward to celebrating generously together! If you have questions, contact Carolyn Moreau at [moreaucarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:moreaucarolyn@gmail.com).



*"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9-11*

El Buen Samaritano will **provide food to over 2,500 families** through holiday meal distribution events and help over **20,000 individuals** through our year-round food access programs.

#### How You Can Make a Difference

**Donate Today:** Your grateful heart can deliver hope and dignity to provide a meal for a family to prepare, serve and gather together.

**Spread the Word:** Share our campaign with your friends, family, and social networks. Your voice can amplify our impact.

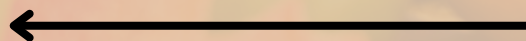
**Volunteer:** If you're looking for a hands-on way to make a difference, consider volunteering with us at our Holiday Meal Distribution events in November and December.

To learn more, visit [www.elbuen.org/donate](http://www.elbuen.org/donate) or contact our Development team at [development@elbuen.org](mailto:development@elbuen.org)

Thank you for choosing to love and nourish our neighbors this holiday season!



## Donate Here



## Support St. George's Episcopal School

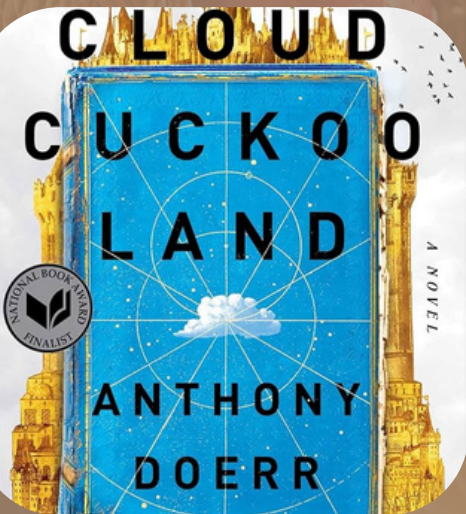
Hi, St. George's Parishioners! Many have asked me how they can show support for the school, so I wanted to share this link to some fun SWAG. We'll be happy to leave your items in the Wright House for you to pick up on a Sunday. Just drop us an email ([info@stgeorges-austin.com](mailto:info@stgeorges-austin.com)) after purchasing these fun items and we'll make that happen. Thank you in advance and enjoy the hats and t-shirts.

-Jerri

## Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will **not** meet this month because of the conflict with the Parish Retreat dates. The December book *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr is over 600 pages, so this break will give everyone time to start reading it. All women of St. George's are welcome at next month's event, even if you haven't finished the book.

For more information, contact Alice Nelson at [mzlsnlsn@gmail.com](mailto:mzlsnlsn@gmail.com) or Sarah Campbell at [cowmarket2@gmail.com](mailto:cowmarket2@gmail.com)

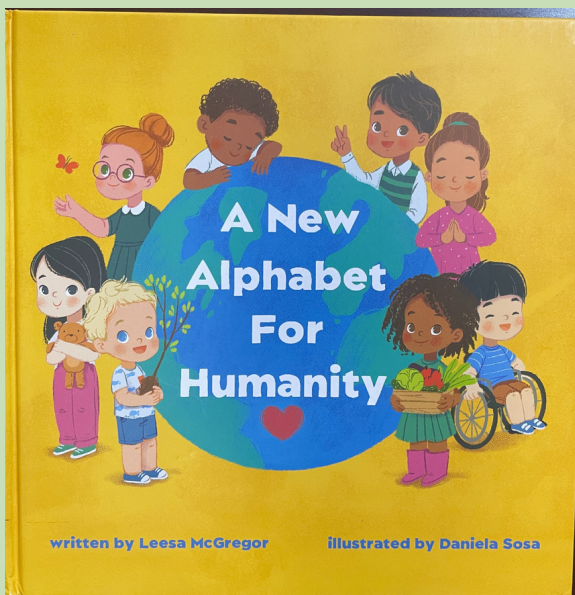


# St. George's Episcopal School

## Welcome Grandparents!

November is a month to teach children about Thanksgiving and what it means to be thankful. For very young children, this can be a difficult concept because, after all, when you're 1,2, or even 3 years old, the world revolves around ONLY you. This, however, can work to our advantage, because what better way to teach thankfulness, gratitude, and kindness than to focus on what makes you happy? By setting a good example, modeling manners, being positive, and helping others, we set the standard for our children and give them a great start to love themselves so they can love others. When we love others as we love ourselves, showing gratitude becomes a natural way of thinking and doing.

Today children need good examples of how to love ourselves, so loving others is natural. I came upon this book and bought it instantly to share with the children in our school. I'm thankful for this author who shines a light on the virtues necessary to live a happy and fulfilled life. I use this book as a reminder to be that example for others.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Jerri Thompson, M.Ed.  
Head of School

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# Let's Celebrate

## Birthdays

Gabriel Moreau (Nov. 5)  
Kyle Landry (Nov. 8)  
Justin Braun (Nov. 15)  
Mary Stewart Miller (Nov. 16)  
Eleanor Bandholz (Nov. 17)  
Dustin Worcester (Nov. 20)  
Ed Crawford (Nov. 21)  
Susan Dolan-Henderson (Nov. 21)  
Bailey Tipps (Nov. 24)  
Christie Curtis (Nov. 24)  
Bridgette Beinecke (Nov. 25)  
Laura Henkel (Nov. 27)  
Jenna Moeller (Nov. 27)  
Ellen Scarborough (Nov. 28)  
Terry O'Donnell (Nov. 30)

## Anniversaries

Joe & Ashley Carrera (Nov. 1)  
Ashley & Kent Ibsen (Nov. 11)

## **BANNER DEADLINE**

The deadline for news and article submissions for the December issue of *The Banner* is

**Monday, Nov. 27**

please email your submissions to [admin@saintgeorgesAustin.org](mailto:admin@saintgeorgesAustin.org)

## **LINKS**

St. George's Episcopal Church

St. George's Episcopal School

St. George's Court

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas

The Episcopal Church, USA

The Lectionary

Camp Allen

Episcopal Relief and Development