

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH NEWS
AUGUST 2018

On Sunday, August 26th we will celebrate our ministry with Mother Jan at a single service beginning at 9:30 a.m. Childcare will begin at 9:00 a.m. (for K and under) and we will have Children's Chapel. A reception will follow.



Welcome, baby Penelope!



Welcome home, Isaac!



Beginning Friday, August 3rd our office will be closed on Fridays.



We mark the 65th anniversary of the cease fire in Korea. We pray that all wars will cease. God bless the protectors. (Who is this young soldier?) read on to find out.



You are invited to
Extended Family:
a gathering of fellowship and fun.
August 18th at Mies' home
1814 McGinnis Ct, Harker Heights
For info contact Kathy: cashkmh@yahoo.com

Daughters of the King
every 3rd Saturday 9:30 a.m.
For information contact Pam:
pamelaclancy60@yahoo.com

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Join us on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m.
for food, fellowship and prayer.
For more information contact Barnett:
bcarthey@hotmail.com

Our newly forming **Pastoral care team** gathers Wednesday Aug. 6, 1:30 to 4. Interested? Come, or contact Mother Jan.

Safeguarding God's Children class will be held on Wednesday, August 22nd beginning at 9:30 a.m. If you work here around any of our children, have or need a key to the church, you must have this Safeguarding God's Children. Pre-registration is required.

"Blessing of the Backpacks!" School's about to begin and we will ask God's blessing for us in this new school year. On Sunday, August 19th, bring your backpacks, bookbags, calendars - whatever school supplies will be with you each day - and we will include them as in God's blessings.

Ladies Nite In is on hiatus for August as its meeting night is on the first day of school. Look for September's plans in our next issue!

Vintage Hearts: A gathering of empty nesters. Every 3rd Saturday night at 6:00p.m. For information contact Scott: skroeger2011@gmail.com

You are invited!

Sunday – August 19 – Blessing of the Backpacks at our 10:30 service

Sunday – August 26 – *Single service at 9:30* – reception follows

Tuesday – August 28 - Preschool Begins

Sunday – September 16 – Back to Church service & reception – 10:30

Saturday – September 29 – Auction for Outreach! 6:00

Sunday - October 7 – Episcopal Schools Sunday service – 10:30

Sunday – October 14 – Blessing of the Pets – 10:30

Sunday– October 28 after 10:30 service – Trunk 'r Treat!

Sunday – November 4 – 6 PM – Central Texas Master Singers concert

Monday – December 24 – 6:30 Christmas Eve family service

Monday – December 24 – 10:30 Christmas Eve traditional service

We worship together each Sunday at 8:15 and 10:30.

Childcare is available for Kindergarten and under.

Children's Chapel provides a message each week for older children.

A LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR,

Another blank page! Right in front of me – a new beginning for a newsletter – Yet it is also an end. For this is the last newsletter I will share as your Rector and that is strange and confusing.

I have realized in these past weeks, that when we begin something, and when we are in its midst, we seldom think about its end. Rather our thoughts are in the moment – in the planning – in the work and the laughter and the tears – and in the immediate next. But seldom do we think about endings.

Today, though, we recognize that our time together as priest and parish are about to end, And we realize that in between its beginning and this end, we've shared a whole lot of real life!

Let's think back to all that's gone on in these past years. We have a lot to celebrate – and we will! For we are a parish that is strong – and welcoming – that takes care of each other and those beyond our doors too. We are a parish of ministers carrying out the work of Jesus, and that is the greatest sign of health.

As I look around our congregation each week, I am amazed and deeply glad in knowing that so many of us are woven together in our lives. You are ministers: living hands of Jesus, at home as you care for family and friends – and even God's furry creatures. You are ministers of Jesus in the work you do here: in every smile and hug and handshake, in every assuring word and every prayer. You are ministers at the foot of Jesus in listening, in study, in conversation, and in the work of worship and fellowship and giving and service. For as our recent lessons remind us, the church is not the building. The Church is US – the gathering of the people to live as Jesus commands.

Our church is healthy and stable. Our worship is strong – and a holy time - with so many of you now serving in its many components: preparing, welcoming, working within the service, and taking the strength of this community into the world.

Our building is clean and painted, with a refurbished nave and parish hall thanks to so many. We're an energy-conscious parish now, saving thousands of dollars a year through our attention to temperature settings and our building-wide LED lighting. We are financially sound – with just the tiniest margin of black ink each month, thanks to our Treasurer and all of you who help keep costs down and continue in your giving.

Our outreach work remains outstanding as we continue in generosity both within our parish, in our community, and into the world. And we remain diverse in ministries for fellowship and learning and prayer, with each bringing us together in God. Thanks be to God.

The mission that is our Preschool is strong, albeit a little smaller with public preschool available. It is now fully accredited under the high standards of the Southwest Association of Episcopal Schools. We welcome Becca Davis as Head of School for this coming year, and give thanks for Pam Melvin as she moves from this position. God bless our children and all who lead them!

While we will remain a gathering whose numbers will ebb and flow significantly, we are strong, and we are enough, and once again we appear to be on an upswing even in numbers. More important though is the depth of faith and searching and commitment of those who are here. In that measure, we are full and continually filling.

We're going to celebrate our years together with a single service on the last Sunday of August. It will be a strange day for all of us, and we will walk it together, in the joy of knowing that our time together has changed each and all of us, forever. For while love has a beginning, taking root and growing between our lives, it is the one thing that does not have an end. We get to love one another forever.

Keep praying for the love, and strength, the vulnerability and courage of the Rector who will come. Pray for our Beth as she leads you and our Vestry through this time. Pray for one another, take care of each other, and take tender care of this beloved community: God's Church. Pray for me too, remembering that I love you – for always.

God bless and keep you, each and all – That's what God does! *Jan+*





We bid farewell to Pam Melvin after 4 years of service as Head of St. Christopher's Episcopal Preschool. We will miss her.



We welcome Becca Davis as the new Head of St. Christopher's Episcopal Preschool for the 2018-19 school year.

Our Preschool registration continues with registration material available in the narthex. Register your little one today for a year in The Best Preschool in the area, according to the Killeen Daily Herald's readers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug 1 Shawn Collins
Aug 4 Norm Sliva
Aug 6 Isabella VanMeter
Aug 10 Ed Stone
Aug 10 Linda Spach-Korepta
Aug 14 Sarah Sands
Aug 15 Renee Cook
Aug 16 James Culver
Aug 18 Lenna Foster
Aug 18 Hillary Cangelosi
Aug 18 Melvina Hart
Aug 19 JoAnne Wentworth
Aug 21 Bobbi Hopkins
Aug 21 Mary Schappell
Aug 22 Michele Sands
Aug 22 Ed Kasper
Aug 24 Beth Bodkin
Aug 25 Barbara Sliva
Aug 30 Nichole Gailey

Happy Anniversary

Aug 4 Norm and Barbara Sliva
Aug 7 Ed and Cheryl Stone
Aug 23 Janice and Rick Jones

The young soldier on page 2 is our own Bill Chamberlain! (in Korea.)

Mission of the Month

The Killeen Free Clinic is our Mission of the Month for August. The clinic provides medical care for those with limited access to health care services. They print a great deal of documents and are asking for donations of copy paper. If you want more information or are interested in volunteering your time, please contact our St. Christopher's point of contact Lenna Barr at lennabar@gmail.com.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

August 1, Noon	Wednesday Lunch Bunch
August 2, 3:00pm	Safeguarding God's People
August 5, 8:15 & 10:30	Services of Holy Eucharist
August 8, Noon	Wednesday Lunch Bunch
1:30pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting
August 10, 10:00am	St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and Preschool at Hood Howdy
August 11, 8:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
August 12, 8:15 & 10:30	Services of Holy Eucharist
August 13, 7:00pm	BINGO at Indian Oaks Nursing home
August 15, Noon	Wednesday Lunch Bunch
August 18, 9:30am	Daughters of the King
6:00pm	Vintage Hearts at Janet Stein's home
August 19, 8:15, 10:30	Services of Holy Eucharist - Blessing the backpacks
6:30pm	Extended Family at Doris' home
August 20, 6:30pm	Vestry meeting
August 22, 9:30am	Safeguarding God's Children
Noon	Wednesday Lunch Bunch
August 25, 8:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
August 26, 9:30am	Services of Holy Eucharist - One joint service today
	Retirement Celebration!
August 27	KISD First Day of School
August 28	Preschool First Day of School

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Just scan this code box and it will take you to our webpage. Then go to the DONATE
button and follow the instructions.



Ministry Schedule:

Vestry of the day:

Aug 5 – Melvina
Aug 12 – Will
Aug 19 – Mai
Aug 26 – Barb

Lay Eucharistic Visitor:

Aug 5 – Cheryl
Aug 12 – Dustin
Aug 19 – Grace
Aug 26 – Grace

10:30 Lectors: (listed in order of reading)

Aug 5 – Adwoa Pobee-Addy, Pamela Cabana
Aug 12 – Nancy Fisher, Cam Baker
Aug 19 – Nichole Gailey, Penny Gillespie
Aug 26 – Pam Clancy, Cam Baker,
Cam Baker - Psalm,
Mai Smith- Prayers of the People

Ushers:

Aug 5 – Carol Carter, Marilyn Hennes
Aug 12 – Holly and Dave Miller
Aug 19 – Mary and Jim Wilson, Lenore Guyton
Aug 26 – Adwoa Pobee, Jasmin Addy

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

Aug 5 – Rich Fisher, Naomi Fisher, Jasmin Addy
Aug 12 – Will Horne, Scott Clark, Naomi Fisher
Aug 19 – Steve Bodkin, Larry Taylor, Grace
Aug 26 – Rich Fisher, Jayne Doxsey, Barb Snipes

Acolyte:

Aug 5 – Rich Fisher, Courtney Addy, Kya Fisher
Aug 12 – Will Horne
Aug 19 – Steve Bodkin
Aug 26 – Naomi Fisher, Courtney Addy, Asia Fisher

Children's Chapel:

Aug 5 – Sue McLendon, Melvina Hart
Aug 12 – Cam Baker, JoAnn Carthey
Aug 19 – Barb Snipes, Jenny Taylor
Aug 26 – Mary Wilson, Sue
McLendon

Bread Bakers:

Aug 5 – Sue McLendon
Aug 12 – Kathy Hull
Aug 19 – James Culver
Aug 26 – Beth Bodkin

8:15 LEM:

Aug 5 – Mai
Aug 12 – Michael Blomquist
Aug 19 – Pam Clancy
Aug 26 – N/A

8:15 Lectors:

Aug 5 – Pam Clancy
Aug 12 – Joan Ott
Aug 19 – Mai Smith
Aug 26 – N/A

Altar Guild:

Aug 5 – Team D
Aug 12 – Team A
Aug 19 – Team B
Aug 26 – Team C