

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH NEWS  
DECEMBER 2018



The Central Texas Master Singers in concert Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at St Chris



Our red oak tree at the church and our beautiful Angel Tree!





**Celebrating Baptisms  
November 18<sup>th</sup>  
Congratulations, Ryan,  
Josephine & Jasmine!**



## A note from Beth Bodkin, Senior Warden

Greetings from the Sr Warden

First, thank you all for the wonderful, sad, beautiful, well-meant send off for Mother Jan in August. Even though it was sad to see her go, we did a good job of celebrating her future.

Also, thank you for a very nice "Thank You, Jesus" luncheon after our service of celebrating three baptisms. Congratulations to Ryan, Josephine, and Jasmine. Thank you to the men for setting up the tables. Thank you to those who set up the dinners. Thank you to those who cleaned up afterwards. Thank you to all who brought food.

Now as we look to the future, my wish for St. Chris is that we maintain the sense of community and family so carefully nurtured by Mother Jan. We can do this by working and worshipping together also by supporting Extended Family, Men's Prayer Breakfast, Ladies' Night In, and the Lunch Bunch. We have a supply priest for Sunday mornings all the way to Christmas and a hard-working vestry. We must stay together, show love to each other and God will lead us through this time of transition.

Your vestry is being educated in the process of transition. The search for a new rector will not begin for a while. We will keep you informed as much as possible. (Some things are confidential)

So, let us keep the good work going. Invite your friends and acquaintances to a loving church. God bless you all. -Beth

**Annual Stewardship Campaign - Hope Grows Here** – It is not too late to turn in your pledge cards for 2019. Complete your pledge card and place it in the offering basket or in our Treasurer's office or send it to the church when you are able.

*Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*



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## Deployment Packing



*Come help us pack boxes to send to our deployed soldiers Thursday, December 13th at 10:00 a.m.*

*For information contact Kate: [Kadyj78@gmail.com](mailto:Kadyj78@gmail.com)*

*If anyone would like to head up this ministry, please contact Debbie in the office at [st.chris.killeen@gmail.com](mailto:st.chris.killeen@gmail.com) or Kate at the above address.*

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## **Extended Family:**

Join us on Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of December for a gathering of fellowship and fun at a combined Christmas party with Vintage Hearts and Ultreya at 6pm.

At Kathy Hull's' home (4913 Lakeshore Dr., Harker Heights)

For info contact Kathy: [cashkmh@yahoo.com](mailto:cashkmh@yahoo.com)

## **Daughters of the King**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9:30 a.m.

For information contact Pam: [pamelaclancy60@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelaclancy60@yahoo.com)

## **Wednesday Lunch Bunch**

Join us every Wednesday at noon to talk Bible or life or anything but politics. Bring your lunch, a friend, your knitting (!) - come as you are able. For more info contact Beth at [busybeth6@gmail.com](mailto:busybeth6@gmail.com)

## **Order of St. Luke Prayer Stations**

Each Sunday, members of the Order of St. Luke will have prayer stations in the Children's chapel and in the Sacristy area during communion. You are welcome to come for prayers after taking communion.

## **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. for food, fellowship and prayer. For more information contact Barnett:

[bcarthey@hot.rr.com](mailto:bcarthey@hot.rr.com)



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

## **BINGO!**

Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. as we help the residents at Indian Oaks Nursing Home play BINGO. We need your help. All are welcome!

For more information contact Kate at [kadyj78@gmail.com](mailto:kadyj78@gmail.com)

**Advent Calendars** – There are advent calendars for both children and adults available to take home at the church. They have activities on them to do at home. The calendars are an insert in the pew sheets on Sunday and some are available in the narthex.

**Poinsettia Order Forms** – The order forms are an insert in your pew sheets. There are also some available in the narthex. If you would like to give one in memory or Thanksgiving of a loved one or for blessings received, fill it out and pay \$10 for each plant ordered by December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**LADIES' NIGHT IN** celebrates Christmas on **Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 6 – 7:30. It's time for fun and fellowship and food! We will be having a cookie recipe/cookie exchange and making a cookie gift jar. A sign-up sheet for the craft project will be on the bulletin board in the narthex. Bring a food of your choice to share. We'll start by sharing our Pot Luck meal and then join in the fun of our cookie exchange. Also, bring a wrapped gift to exchange (less than \$10), if you would like to participate. Contact Callie Koelling at (651) 208-1324 or [calliekoelling@gmail.com](mailto:calliekoelling@gmail.com) with your RSVP. We hope you will join us!

All women are invited. **Childcare is available for 5 and under by reservation in our office or on the bulletin board in the narthex.** Please feed the children before coming to the program in order to avoid food confusion in the nursery.

**Parish Elections! Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00am to noon.**

### **St. Christopher's Preschool Christmas Program**

Wednesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the nave with a reception in the parish hall.

**MINISTRY LEADERS!** Please email your ministry report for 2018 to our office, [st.chris.killeen@gmail.com](mailto:st.chris.killeen@gmail.com) as soon as possible. We are working on our Parish Report for our Parish Annual Meeting on Sun., January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Outreach Auction Dinners** – There is still room to sign up for our Outreach Auction dinners located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Many different dinners and dates to choose from!

**Christmas Eve Services** – A reminder that the 6:30pm service is a family service. Children can dress as angels, shepherds, Mary/Joseph, and barn animals for the family service. The 10:00pm service (time changed from last year-1/2 hour earlier) will have incense and the choir will perform.



### **December Mission of the Month**

Our Mission of the Month for December is the **Angel Tree**. Help celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ by adopting an angel from our tree. Each angel represents a child who has a loved one in prison. Beginning November 25<sup>th</sup>, we hope you can take an angel, purchase the gift described on it, wrap it, stick the angel tag on it, and then return it to the tree by Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We will sort and deliver the angel gifts on the weekend before Christmas. Want to help with the sorting and delivery? Contact Judy at [judymacwillie@gmail.com](mailto:judymacwillie@gmail.com). May God Bless You and Merry Christmas!

## HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

Dec 2, 8:15, 10:30 9:30am	<b>Services of Holy Eucharist – Advent Begins</b> Choir Rehearsal
Dec 3, 6:00pm	Ladies Night In Christmas Party
Dec 5, Noon	Lunch Bunch
Dec 6, 5:30pm	Education for Ministry
Dec 8, 8:00a	Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Dec 9, 8:15, 10:30 8:00a to Noon 9:30a	<b>Services of Holy Eucharist</b> Parish Elections Choir Rehearsal
Dec 10, 7:00p	BINGO at Indian Oaks Nursing Home
Dec 12, Noon	Lunch Bunch
Dec 13, 10:00a	Deployment Packing for soldiers
Dec 13, 5:30p	Education for Ministry
Dec 15, 9:30a 6:00p	Daughters of the King Combined Vintage Hearts/Extended Family/Ultreya Christmas party at Kathy Hull’s home
Dec 16, 8:15, 10:30 9:30a	<b>Services of Holy Eucharist</b> Choir Rehearsal
Dec 17, 6:30p	Vestry Meeting
Dec 19, 11:00a Noon	Preschool Christmas Program Lunch Bunch
Dec 20, 5:30p	Education for Ministry
Dec 22, 8:00a	Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Dec 23, 8:15, 10:30	<b>Services of Holy Eucharist</b>
Dec 24, 6:30p 10:00p	<b>Christmas Eve Family Service</b> <b>Christmas Eve Service w/incense &amp; choir music</b>
Dec 24 & 25	Christmas Eve & Christmas/Office Closed
Dec 30, 8:15, 10:30	<b>Services of Holy Eucharist – Lessons &amp; Carols</b>
Dec 31 & Jan 1	New Year’s/Office Closed

COMING UP IN JANUARY

January 13<sup>th</sup> Parish Annual Meeting and **Chili Cook-off!!!!**

(Time to look through the chili recipes to find your favorite. Could you be the winner this year??)



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Dec 1 Barnett Carthey  
Dec 6 Nancy Fisher  
Dec 7 Christine Bell  
Dec 7 Christina Walton  
Dec 9 Stephen Bodkin  
Dec 10 Jaxon Herring  
Dec 11 Joan Ott  
Dec 12 Stephanie Rudesheim  
Dec 12 David Sands  
Dec 13 Jeff Gailey  
Dec 13 Whitt Campbell  
Dec 13 Jada Callendar  
Dec 15 Kaleb Dinsmore  
Dec 15 Raymond Williams  
Dec 16 Cam Baker  
Dec 17 Elizabeth Carlton  
Dec 21 Amy Gonzalez  
Dec 21 Vanessa Delgado-Robinson  
Dec 22 Nancy Moncure  
Dec 25 Patrice Wilson-Davis  
Dec 26 Emily Carlton  
Dec 26 Xzavian Delgado-Robinson  
Dec 27 Dave Wood  
Dec 29 David Fischbacher  
Dec 30 David Crawford  
Dec 30 Judy Steine

## **Happy Anniversary**

Dec 6 Paul and Judy Harris  
Dec 17 James and Janet Culver  
Dec 18 Steve and Renee Cook  
Dec 20 Jenny and Larry Taylor  
Dec 27 Gene and JoAnne Wentworth  
Dec 28 Callie and Jared Koelling  
Dec 31 Eric and Barb Prall



## **Ministry Schedule:**

### **Vestry of the day:**

Dec 2 – Pam  
Dec 9 – Michael  
Dec 16 – Melvina  
Dec 23 – Mai  
Dec 24 – 6:30 - Larry  
Dec 24 – 10:00 - Beth  
Dec 30 – Barb

### **Lay Eucharistic Visitor:**

Dec 2 – Dustin Howard  
Dec 9 – Grace Kim  
Dec 16 – Debbie Hargreaves  
Dec 23 – Michael Blomquist  
Dec 30 – Judy Harris

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

Dec 2 – Debbie Hargreaves, Chris Messing  
Dec 9 – Adwoa Pobee-Addy, Penny Gillespie  
Dec 16 – Jared Koelling, Callie Koelling  
Dec 23 – Steve Bodkin, Kathy Stone  
Dec 24 – 6:30 – Karla Faulkner, Chris Messing  
Dec 24 – 10:00 – Pam Clancy, Melvina Hart  
Dec 30 – Nichole Gailey, Pamela Cabana

### **Ushers:**

Dec 2 – Nichole, David, & Children  
Dec 9 – Carol Carter, Lenore Guyton  
Dec 16 – Adwoa Pobee-Addy, Jasmine, Courtney  
Dec 23 – Mary Wilson, Jim Wilson  
Dec 24 – 6:30 – Royce & David Crawford  
Dec 24 – 10:00 – Holly & Dave Miller  
Dec 30 – Steve Bodkin, Kathy Stone

### **Lay Eucharistic Ministers:**

Dec 2 – Rich Fisher, Larry Taylor, Jasmine Addy  
Dec 9 – Steve Bodkin, Scott Clark, Barb Snipes  
Dec 16 – Larry Taylor, Cam Baker, Grace Kim  
Dec 23 – Judy Harris, Jay Sproul, Jayne Doxsey  
Dec 24 – 6:30 – Larry Taylor, Scott Clark,  
Barb Snipes  
Dec 24 – 10:00 – Rich Fisher, Judy Harris,  
Naomi Fisher  
Dec 30 – Rich Fisher, Dustin Howard,  
Naomi Fisher

### **Children's Chapel:**

Dec 2 – Mary Wilson, Heather Peacock  
Dec 9 – Cam Baker, Jenny Taylor  
Dec 16 – Sue McLendon, Barb Snipes  
Dec 23 – JoAnn Carthey, Mai Smith  
Dec 30 – Judy Harris, Melvina Hart

### **Bread Bakers:**

Dec 2 – Sue McLendon  
Dec 9 – Kathy Hull  
Dec 16 – James Culver  
Dec 23 – Beth Bodkin  
Dec 30 – Mary Wilson

### **8:15 LEM:**

Dec 2 – Dave Wood  
Dec 9 – Pam Clancy  
Dec 16 – Judy Harris  
Dec 23 – Michael Blomquist  
Dec 30 – Dave Wood

### **8:15 Lectors:**

Dec 2 – Dave Wood  
Dec 9 – Joan Ott  
Dec 16 – Judy Harris  
Dec 23 – Mai Smith  
Dec 30 – Pam Clancy

### **Altar Guild:**

Dec 2 – Team A  
Dec 9 – Team B  
Dec 16 – Team C  
Dec 23 – Team D  
Dec 24 – 6:30 – Team A & B  
Dec 24 – 10:00 – Team A & B  
Dec 30 – Team C

### **Acolyte:**

Dec 2 – Rich Fisher, Kya Fisher, Hayden Peacock  
Dec 9 – Scott Clark  
Dec 16 – Larry Taylor  
Dec 23 – Judy Harris, Mason Sproul, Courtney Addy  
Dec 24 – 6:30 – Scott Clark  
Dec 24 – 10:00 – Judy Harris, Kya Fisher, Asia Fisher  
Dec 30 – Scott Clark



# 25 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

family activities

1 MAKE CHRISTMAS CARDS	2 FAMILY VIDEO CHRISTMAS GREETING	3 PRINT CHRISTMAS COLORING PAGES	4 MAKE A TEACHER GIFT	5 CRAZY HOT CHOCOLATE RECIPES
6 WATCH A FAVORITE HOLIDAY MOVIE	7 MAKE YOUR OWN ORNAMENTS	8 HAVE A MARSHMALLOW FIGHT!	9 BUY SOCKS FOR A HOMELESS SHELTER	10 MAKE A PINECONE BIRD FEEDER
11 BAKE COOKIES FOR ONE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS	12 TAKE PHOTOS IN THE SNOW	13 CHRISTMAS SONG DANCE PARTY!	14 LEARN HOW OTHER COUNTRIES CELEBRATE	15 DONATE OLD TOYS TO A FAMILY CENTER
16 MAKE A PAPER GARLAND	17 TAKE CUPCAKES TO YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPT.	18 HAVE GAME NIGHT IN YOUR PAJAMAS!	19 READ YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS BOOK	20 TAKE A CAR TOUR OF YOUR CITY'S LIGHTS
21 COOKIE DECORATING PARTY!	22 TAKE A WALK & LOOK FOR ANIMAL TRACKS	23 WRITE YOUR LETTER TO SANTA	24 READ THE CHRISTMAS STORY TOGETHER	25 SHARE ONE THING YOU LOVE ABOUT EACH OTHER!



*Join us at St. Christopher's on Christmas Eve!*

*Our Family Service is at 6:30pm with a "Come to the Manger" pageant for all the children.*

*Our Traditional Christmas Eve service is at 10:00pm with Choir and Incense*

***PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH WHEN:***

- You need information about St. Christopher's
  - You are going into the hospital
- There is a birth or death or other family event
  - ***(254) 634-7474***  
***9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday – Thursday***

DID YOU KNOW...THAT YOU CAN GIVE YOUR OFFERING ELECTRONICALLY RIGHT NOW?

JUST SCAN THIS CODE BOX AND IT WILL TAKE YOU TO OUR WEBPAGE.  
SCROLL DOWN TO THE "DONATE" BUTTON AND CLICK.



*All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own we have given Thee*