

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH NEWS

JUNE 2018



Vacation Bible School will be held earlier this year. The days will be June 11 through June 14. The day will begin at 9:00 and conclude at 12:00. We will again combine with St. Martin's from Copperas Cove. Children invited will be entering kindergarten and fifth grade this coming school year.

The morning will open with songs and a message from Mother Jan and Mother Paulette. The kids will move through four stations - Bible Discovery, Tropical Treats, Outside Games (which will include water activities), and Imagination Station. The day will close with music.

Registration forms will be in the Narthex. We are looking forward to another great session.

Cam Baker 254 760 8106
Darcie Horne 919 619 3675



Congratulations! Councilman Michael Blomquist



Congratulations! Nancy Fisher
a Teacher of the Year



Preschool students are writing cards to go in the boxes they packed for our deployed soldiers.



Pentecost Celebration!



Welcome Tulip!



Preschool Fun Day!

Meet our graduates!

Rhonda Beth Bowling received her Associate of Science degree in Nursing at Trinity Valley CC in Athens TX.

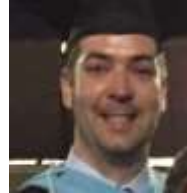
Benjamin "Ben" Hess graduated this year from Texas A&M (College Station) with a Master of Education Degree in Educational Administration.

Dr. Gareth "Indy" Jones graduated this year from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, earning a Ph.D. in Physics/Astrophysics

Benjamin D. Lathrop graduated this year from Central Texas College earning his Associate of Applied Science in Diesel Equipment Technology.

Rebecca "Becky" Sparks graduates this year from Iona School of Ministry. She will be ordained a Deacon on June 23, 2018.

1SG Edgar Stone graduated this year from Excelsior College earning his Associate Degree in Applied Science, Administrative / Management.



A LETTER FROM MOTHER JAN

Welcome (almost) to Summer!

Yes – It's hot. But it's not ice. Not snow. Not frozen pipes and Texas, thank God, has mastered use of the miracle called Air Conditioning. Plus it does cool off during the night. And more than blessed warmth, summer brings a change in pace and a break from some of the busy-ness, with longer days and a even the memory's of childhood's different. What will you do with your summer time this year?

For lots of us, summer means travel. Pay attention as you go, making memories to hold and share and savor in days to come. If you're not a journal writer, this might be the year to start, capturing glimpses of the days on paper or maybe a blog. Each day can be a journey, even watching the world move from our own homes.

Maybe this summer's time will give you a chance to begin something you've been meaning to do. Change something at home, cook something new, empty a closet, write a letter (email!), call an old friend.

And in this summer, find some time with God. Whether a few minutes marveling at each morning, or added silence at the end of your prayers, use these days to open your heart wider to the goodness that is Creation. Take time to listen for the Holy.

I invite you, too, to be with us here at St. Christopher's every Sunday. Lots of us are. And, having been there, I know there are times in our lives when we get out of the habit of the regular gathering to which Jesus calls us. If that's happened to you, let this summer's time bring you back to our gathering – coming to Jesus' table to be healed, renewed, restored, and powered up for the week to come – every week. It's harder to find God when we're not used to God in every week's life. Come – strengthen that relationship. And bring the children as you are able. Knowing God is a great gift to a child, that they might realize that no matter what happens, they are not responsible for the pain of the world – and above all, that they are never alone. Bring the children to the habit of hope.

Want to talk about God and God's people together? Beginning on July 11th, we'll gather at noon in our Parish Hall to eat our lunches and talk and visit. Friends allowed. Politics, not so much!

And finally, in this summer, do at least one thing you can't really imagine doing. Sing in public! Go down that waterslide – the really big one. Throw a party – even a little one. Dance in your

backyard. Make a new friend. Do something very kind for someone - in secret. Name your own. Just do something joyful, fearlessly, and celebrate Creation!

God bless you in every day,

Jant

P.S. Got summertime photos to share? Send one to my cell phone and I'll put it on our facebook page.



Are you called to listen?

Might you want to be part of our St. Christopher's Pastoral Care work?

A team is forming.

Please contact Mother Jan, janicejones2@aol.com, to talk about this possibility.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING - Wednesday June 6th, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

OUTREACH DINNERS - We still have spaces for 2 of our Outreach Dinners!

Saturday, June 2nd at 5:30 p.m. Mexican Fiesta 5 seats

Saturday, July 7th at 5:30 p.m. Wine Dinner 4 seats

Interested? Every dollar you spend goes directly to our outreach ministries!

ALTAR GUILD TRAINING - We will hold a training for our Altar Guild on Sunday, June 10th at 9:30am sharp.

SAVE THE DATE, our own Becky Sparks will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday morning, June 23rd, at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Houston. You are invited to attend. We will help arrange carpools for this as the time nears. God bless Becky as she continues in this holy work.

Register now for the Best Preschool in Central Texas, right here at St. Christopher's. Forms are available at church or contact Preschool at 254-526-8380.



Eli is baptized. God bless him and Rustin, Linda, Lorelei, and Adeline.



Archdeacon Thomas baptizes grandson Jameson in our celebration of Pentecost.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 2 Alice Bieler
June 4 Holly Dinsmore
June 6 Sky Sparks
June 7 Bobbie Maguire
June 7 Terah Kurz
June 7 Tim Delgado-Robinson
June 12 Ryker VanMeter
June 13 Shay Chambers
June 15 Anthony Gonzalez
June 18 Sally Williams
June 19 Hayden Peacock
June 19 Casey Craig
June 20 Bill Chamberlain
June 21 Rick Jones
June 21 Paul Harris
June 22 Adwoa Pobee-Addy
June 22 Ritchie West
June 24 Virginia VanMeter
June 26 Elizabeth Laramie
June 26 Jay Sproul
June 27 Don Hopkins
June 27 Larry Taylor
June 28 CJ Hess
June 29 Abigail Mason
June 30 Kelsey Kurtz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

June 1 Barnett and JoAnn Carthey
June 4 Casey and John Craig
June 11 Rich and Nancy Fisher
June 15 Don and Bobbi Hopkins
June 24 Matt and Mari Hess
June 27 Bill and Bonnie Chamberlain

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Join us on the 2nd and
4th Saturday of the
month at 8:00a.m. for
food, fellowship and
prayer.

For more information
contact Barnett:

bcarthey@hotmail.com

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 to
Extended Family:
A gathering of fellowship and fun.
June 16th at Mies' home
1814 McGinnis Ct, Harker Heights
For info contact Kathy: cashkmh@yahoo.com

Ministry Schedule:

Vestry of the day:

June 3 – Melvina

June 10 – Will

June 17 – Mai

June 24 – Barb

Lay Eucharistic Visitor:

June 3 – Dustin

June 10 – Cheryl

June 17 – Judy

June 24 – Dustin

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

June 3 – Jared Koelling, Julianne Loving

June 10 – Melvina Hart, Jeff Hogan

June 17 – Penny Gillespie, Pamela Cabana

June 24 – Holly and Dave Miller

Ushers:

June 3 – Holly and David Miller

June 10 – Mary and Jim Wilson

June 17 – Steve Culver, Debbie Hargreaves

June 24 – Nichole, David and Family

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

June 3 – Will Horne, Naomi Fisher, Jayne Doxsey

June 10 – Rich Fisher, Grace Kim, Cam Baker

June 17 – Judy Harris, Scott Clark, Becky Sparks

June 24 – Will Horne, Steve Bodkin, Kelley Raspberry

Acolyte:

June 3 – Will Horne

June 10 – Rich Fisher, Asia Fisher, Hayden Peacock

June 17 – Judy Harris

June 24 – Will Horne

Children's Chapel:

June 3 – Barb, Melvina

June 10 – Mary, JoAnn

June 17 – Sue, Barb

June 24 – Judy, Jenny

Bread Bakers:

June 3 – Linda Wood

June 10 – Sue McLendon

June 17 – Kathy Hull

June 24 – James Culver

8:15 Lectors:

June 3 – Mai

June 10 – Pam

June 17 – John

June 24 – Kate

8:15 LEM:

June 3 – Dave

June 10 – Mai

June 17 – Pam, Becky

June 24 – Judy

Altar Guild:

June 3 – Team C

June 10 – Team D

June 17 – Team A

June 24 – Team B



Did you know... That you are part of a very generous church?

You are – And it is just one more good thing about St. Christopher's. Each year through this church, more than \$25,000 is given to those in need from your weekly offerings and by passing on the proceeds of your purchases at our Annual Auction. Both are commitments to our work in the world – giving away one of the hardest things for people to give away – cash. Could we use that money for something right here? Yes, we could. And are we as a church called to give to those in need? Yes, we are, just as each of us is called to give, in thanks for all we are given.

The general rule for giving is 10% of what we receive; whether that's net or gross is more detail than we need. It's a tithe defined in Old Testament standards. Each family would bring the first 10% of all they would gather and earn to be used for the work of the Kingdom of God. Now before you say "That's an old rule" be careful. Jesus said give it all... And remember, our giving is not a grumbling chore, but a gift of Thanks for each day and all we have and all we are given.

Each week, you and our church receive lots of requests for help. Delivered by the post office, email, "Go Fund Me" pleas, telephone solicitations, and in-person requests can tug at our hearts. The need is overwhelming. We're keenly aware that we can't 'fix' the world alone, yet we are called to be part of meeting its needs. So we choose to focus on a group of request in each year, in the hope of making a difference as we are able.

At St. Chris, we have a longstanding Outreach Committee, led by Kathy Hull, that evaluates the needs presented us and recommends ten agencies/organizations each year for our funding. Many are long-standing, such as our commitment to support AWARE Central Texas in its hope of building safer families. Some, such as our support of the Greater Killeen Free Clinic, have been moved onto the list as other needs diminished. We support work as local as our Preschool, giving to its Tuition Assistance Fund, and as global as our ongoing support of Honduras Good Works, ministering to those far away. The Committee's list is brought to the Vestry each year as it is the Vestry's job to make final decisions about all church spending. It's an orderly and thoughtful process: a hopeful and holy process, recognizing that we can not do all things – but we can have an effect in some. You can be proud of this thoughtful work and rejoice in the generosity that continues through this church!

Now, all this said, support doesn't just come only in the form of money – You are invited both to volunteer your time and sometimes goods to our work. Right now, the Outreach Auction is looking for workers. Call our office for connections if you want to be part.

And in order for us to do any of our giving, our own church has to be supported. As the letter from our Vestry indicated last month, our church cannot operate – cannot serve people here or in any of the world – without your regular gifts – in Thanks! – for the work we can do.

God's peace and guidance as we seek to serve and love, in Jesus' name!

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH	
June 1, 7:05pm	Round Rock Baseball Trip
June 3, 8:15 & 10:30	Services of Holy Eucharist
June 6, 9:30am	Vacation Bible School Training
June 9, 8:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
June 10, 8:15 & 10:30 9:30	Services of Holy Eucharist Altar Guild Training
June 11, 9:00am 7:00pm	Vacation Bible School BINGO at Indian Oaks Nursing home
June 12, 9:00am	Vacation Bible School
June 13, 9:00am 10:00am	Vacation Bible School Packing boxes for our deployed soldiers
June 14, 9:00am	Vacation Bible School
June 16, 9:30am 6:00pm	Daughters of the King Vintage Hearts at Wilson's home
June 17, 8:15, 10:30 6:30pm	Services of Holy Eucharist Extended Family at Mies' home
June 18, 6:30pm	Vestry meeting
June 23, 8:00am 10:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast Becky Sparks' Ordination in Houston
June 24, 8:15 & 10:30	Services of Holy Eucharist / DOK installation
June 25, 6:00pm	Ladies Night In: When to go to the E.R.
June 30, 10:00am	Honduras Packing Party

June Ministry of the Month

Front Door Killeen (C.A.N.) is a non-profit organization which aims to extend the love of God throughout Central Texas. They encourage families to be self-sufficient while providing necessary services such as utility assistance, employment search, education, counseling referrals, medication assistance and transportation assistance. How can you help? There are many volunteer opportunities and you can also assist by providing much needed office supplies such as 8 1/2 x 11 paper, scotch tape, pens, pencils, markers, folders and other office items. You can learn more about C.A.N. from our St.Christopher's contact, Kathy Hull or checking their web site at www.christianassistance.org. C.A.N. is also supported in part through your weekly giving at St. Chris.



JoAnn and her Godson, Jameson.



Emma Jane and Pam.



God Willing
The Right Reverend C. Andrew Doyle
IX Bishop of Texas
will ordain

Michèle Christiane Bonner
Nicholas E. Earl
David Michael Goldberg
Mary Louise Keenan
Elizabeth Ann Miller
Suzanne Gail Smith
Rebecca Jo Sparks
Nancy S. Wilkes
Korey Janssen Wright

to the sacred order of Deacons
Sunday, the twenty-third of June
Two Thousand and Eighteen
at 10 o'clock

Church of St. John the Divine
2450 River Oaks Boulevard
Houston, Texas

The Bishop and Standing Committee
request the honor of your presence
Clergy: White Stoles

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 11th to 14th, 9 AM – NOON
(Ages: Rising Kindergartners to 5th Graders)



Registration, Authorization, Consent for Medical Treatment, and Release of Liability

I hereby give permission for my child/Children to attend and participate in Vacation Bible School sponsored by St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Killeen, Texas.

I confirm that my child is healthy and capable of participating in this event. I also confirm that my child is covered by medical insurance, or, if medical insurance is not available, I agree that I will be personally responsible for the costs of any medical treatment deemed necessary.

I hereby release, relieve, indemnify, and hold harmless St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and its bishops, clergy, event coordinators, youth leaders, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all liability for any injury, illness, or property damage associated with my child's participation in this activity or travel associated with this event.

In the event that my child should require medical treatment and I cannot be contacted immediately, or if contacting me is not feasible because of an emergency, I hereby give my consent to such treatment.

I understand that photos or videos of my child and others may be taken during the event, and I consent to the use of my child's photo or likeness by St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and / or the Diocese of Texas in promotional materials.

I acknowledge and confirm that the information listed on my child's application is true and accurate.

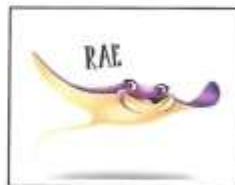
Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Printed Name: _____

Emergency Contact Information: _____

Best contact phone number _____

Alternate phone number _____

Email _____



Name of child/children	GRADE in the Fall of 2018	Known Allergies:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Please attach the Registration Fee of \$10 per child (maximum of \$20 per family) – checks payable to "St. Christopher's" And return to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 2800 Trimmer Rd., Killeen, TX 76542.