

# THE BANNER



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Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:45 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
with KidsWord &  
YouthWord

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert  
Rector

Anne Weaver  
Music Minister

Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski  
Office Administrator

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Vestry

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Bridgette Beinecke  
Junior Warden

Ada Pewitt  
Financial Secretary

Sandra Villalaz  
Treasurer

Ashley Carrera  
Clerk

## Mark Your Calendars

Thu 11/1	All Saints' Day	F-Su, 11/9-11	Parish Retreat
Sat 11/3	Women's Book Group	Mon 11/12	Vestry Meeting
Sun 11/4	All Saints' Sunday Generosity Sunday Daylight Savings Ends	Sun 11/18	Parish Meeting
Wed 11/7	Wednesday Weavings	Wed 11/21	Wednesday Weavings
		Thu 11/22	Thanksgiving

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## Feast Days

- 1 All Saints
- 2 Commemoration of All Faithful Departed
- 3 Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600
- 7 Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739
- 10 Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461
- 11 Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397
- 12 Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836
- 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
- 19 Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231
- 20 Edmund, King of East Anglia, 870
- 22 Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963
- 23 Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100
- 25 James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk, 1935
- 28 Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawaii, 1864, 1885
- 30 Saint Andrew the Apostle

## Rector's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

It's hard to believe, but November is already here. I always look forward to this month. November brings our annual parish retreat at Wellspring Retreat Center in Blanco, TX. I hope you will join the parish in this relaxing and fun time in the hill country. It's always a great opportunity to get to know each other better and to enjoy a time of respite from all that is happening in the world around us. See the article on page 4 for more information, including how to register.



November also brings anticipation for the holidays that are fast approaching. Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. I hope that you are able to share in the changing of the seasons here at St. George's.

I would like to give a special thank you for everyone who has been instrumental in maintaining our community during this time of transition as Kleberg Hall, our primary social gathering space, hosts two of the school's classrooms while waiting for its new building. Such changes to the usual use of our space can be frustrating, and those who are helping during this transition have done so with grace and care. Unfortunately, the process is still moving slower than we would like, and we continue to work with the city to appropriately obtain permitting. The school board and vestry have been working very hard to move the process along, and for that I am thankful. I ask that we all continue to have patience and care as we live into this process.

May each and every one of you know God's love for you this month and continue to recognize God's blessing and grace upon you.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K.L.J.S." followed by a stylized surname.

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert

## Deacon Intern's Corner

Greetings St. George's!

My name is Jim Enelow, and I'm your deacon intern for the 2018-2019 school year. I have been a UT professor in the Government Department for the last 30 years and will retire when I'm ordained to the diaconate in June 2019. I hope to remain at St. George's after that, if St. George's and the Diocese are willing.



I was raised in Los Angeles, where I graduated from an Episcopal secondary school, attended college in Michigan and New York, and have lived in Texas since 1989. My wife and I raised two children here; both are now grown and living out of state, one in Portland and the other in Brooklyn.

I look forward to getting to know you. I feel very welcome at St. George's and am grateful to be a part of your church. Please let me know what I can do to serve you. I have experience in outreach ministries, which I hope to use for the betterment of St. George's and God's kingdom. Thank you for letting me be a part of your community.

## All Saints' Day / Día de los Muertos



Rituals around the certainty of death and the care of the dead are universal. The many Christian traditions around the observation of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are related to other customs of veneration for one's ancestors practiced worldwide, through events such as the Roman custom of the Lemuria, the Celtic Samhain, the Chinese Ghost Festival, and the Japanese Bon Festival.

All Saints' Day – November 1<sup>st</sup>, but often celebrated the following Sunday – is the day the Church honors all Holy Ones, known and unknown. Our English word “saint” literally means “holy.” In the broad sense, all we who are baptized are included in this category, but from the beginning of the Christian tradition, certain of the faithful whose lives were exemplary have been held before us as our models and guides. While we have information about many Saints, and we honor them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung Saints, whom we celebrate on All Saints' Day. The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, more commonly known as All Souls' Day, falls on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This day is set aside to remember those who have died to whom we have a more personal connection – not necessarily those whose lives are held up as models for all Christians, but those whose lives, and deaths, have personally affected us.

Día de los Muertos, the traditional Mexican celebration of these two days, can actually be traced further back than the arrival of Christianity in Mexico. The Aztecs celebrated a festival for the goddess of the underworld, Mictecacihuatl, and many indigenous cultures of Mexico honor the Lady of the Dead, sometimes portrayed today as La Catrina, a skeleton woman wearing a fancy hat. When the Spanish arrived in Mexico, bringing Catholicism with them, the traditional Mexican celebrations of Mictecacihuatl and the Lady of the Dead, through which ancestors were honored, merged with the Catholic observances of All Saints' and All Souls' Days. Celebrations often feature altars honoring those who have died with marigolds, sugar skulls, favorite foods or beverages, and other mementos of the dead. Families often visit the gravesites of deceased family members, where they bring offerings, or ofrendas, hold vigils, and even have picnics and parades as a way of celebrating the life of those who have gone on before them.

These celebrations of All Saints', All Souls', and Día de los Muertos are tied in with the belief in the Communion of Saints, that all of God's people, in this earthly life and in the various states of the larger life, are connected in one communion. The Saints are not divine, nor omnipresent or omniscient. However, because of our common communion with and through Jesus Christ, our prayers are joined with the heavenly community of Christians. At St. George's, we observe this sacred time with a special altar. On **All Saints' Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, all are encouraged to bring pictures and/or mementos of loved ones who have died, to be placed on the altar. A sign-up sheet will also be available if you would like your loved one's name added to the list of those remembered.



## Parish Retreat

NOVEMBER IS HERE! JOIN US FOR THE PARISH RETREAT!

### REGISTER ONLINE!



Each fall, St. George's gathers for a time of rest, relaxation, and community-building at the beautiful Well Spring Retreat Center in the Texas Hill Country. This year's retreat will be held from **Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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 with

incredible views of the surrounding hill country, comfortable accommodations, a lovely chapel on the highest point, and a gorgeous and inspiring Umlauf sculpture of Jesus. It also provides easy access to view a remarkable geological phenomenon called the Narrows, created by the Blanco River rushing through a narrow limestone canyon.

**Accommodations:** Motel-style rooms (preference given to families with children) and dormitory-style rooms. (There are no single occupancy rooms.) All participants are asked to bring their own bedding.

**Cost:** The cost of the retreat includes accommodations, all Saturday meals, and Sunday breakfast and lunch (meals are not provided on Friday, so please plan to eat before you arrive or bring your own dinner). Scholarships are available; please don't let cost keep you from coming! Contact Kevin Schubert for more information.



	Adults	Children
Friday – Sunday	\$45.00	\$25.00
Saturday only	\$25.00	\$10.00
Maximum cost per family		\$125.00

**Deadline:** The deadline to register for the retreat is **Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – don't delay!

More information is available on the St. George's website at [www.sgchurch.org/parish-retreat](http://www.sgchurch.org/parish-retreat). Join us for a relaxing weekend in a beautiful setting, with our wonderful community!

## December *Banner* Deadline

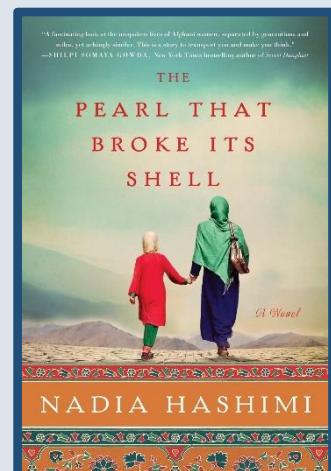


The deadline for news for the December issue of *The Banner* is **Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).

## Women's Book Group

Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, at the **home of Frances Rickard**. We will discuss ***The Pearl that Broke Its Shell***, by Nadia Hashimi. 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 **512-762-8349** or [sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com) with any questions, or if you want to join the fun. Happy reading!



## Daylight Savings Ends



It finally feels like fall, which means that Daylight Savings Time is coming to an end! Early on the morning of **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** (or on the evening of **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**), remember to **FALL BACK** and set your clocks back one hour. Otherwise, you'll wonder where everyone is when you arrive at church on November 4<sup>th</sup> ready to celebrate All Saints' Sunday!

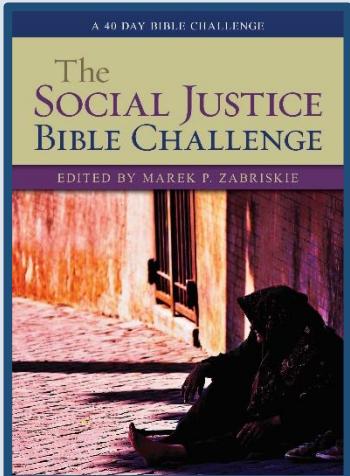
## Generosity Sunday

Throughout October, we observed our annual season of stewardship at St. George's, Transforming Generosity, during which we have prayerfully considered our financial commitment to St. George's in the year ahead. During this season, many of the scripture readings and sermons have reflected this theme, particularly focusing on stewardship as a spiritual practice and an act of generosity. We have also heard from several parishioners about their personal approach to giving. An insert in the bulletin each week has addressed a different way that we as individuals and as a community can live more fully with a spirit of generosity. On **All Saints Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate Generosity Sunday and give special thanks for God's goodness and grace in our lives, offering our pledge cards on the altar as symbols of our dedication of our lives to God's service. For more information or to pledge online, visit our website at [www.sgchurch.org/stewardship](http://www.sgchurch.org/stewardship).



*transforming  
generosity*

## Wednesday Weavings



St. George's Wednesday night adult discussion group, Wednesday Weavings, continues in November with a gathering on the first Wednesday of the month (we will not be meeting on the third Wednesday of November, as it is the night before Thanksgiving). All are welcome to join the group for a simple meal, a short time of centering prayer, and discussion of a reading from the Forward Movement publication, *The Social Justice Bible Challenge*. This month we will meet on **November 7<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Herb & Sandra Dickson, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.** 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! For more information or for a copy of the book, contact Frances Rickard at [fajrickard@gmail.com](mailto:fajrickard@gmail.com).

## Election of Diocesan Council Delegates

The 2019 Diocese of Texas Diocesan Council will be held in The Woodlands, Texas, from Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and we want St. George's to be represented there! In order to elect our delegates to Diocesan Council, we will hold a brief parish meeting **after the 10:30 service on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, in Kleberg Hall.**

St. George's delegation to Diocesan Council consists of four elected delegates and two alternates, each of whom serves a three-year term. Any adult member in good standing may serve as a delegate, and anyone interested is encouraged to put your name forward as a nominee. If you would like more information about Diocesan Council or about what being a delegate entails, please contact The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert at [kevinljschubert@gmail.com](mailto:kevinljschubert@gmail.com). Please plan to join us on November 18<sup>th</sup> to help elect our parish's representatives!



## Thank You!



Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. It takes so much work and so many talents to bring this project to fruition. And it is so powerful to hear the testimony from the nurse-advocates at SAFE about how meaningful our gift is to survivors and how it helps their work. Truly a sign of hope at a time of pain. Our thanks and love!

A huge thank you to the many parishioners who helped in so many ways to make the beautiful bags that we blessed and sent on to SAFE on

~ Sarah and Hollie

## Hands for Hope

IT'S TIME TO MAKE HUNGER TAKE A HOLIDAY!

Twenty percent of Central Texans have trouble putting food on their tables, and their food insecurity affects every aspect of their lives – from health to work and school. A quarter of children in Texas live in households that struggle to afford food. Imagine how hard it is not knowing where your next meal will come from, or how you will take care of your children.

El Buen Samaritano's annual **Hands for Hope** Thanksgiving meal distribution event is **Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Each year at Hands for Hope, more than 1,000 low-income families receive Thanksgiving care packages that include a frozen turkey, a pie, stuffing, and all the trimmings to prepare a delicious meal at home. Hands for Hope is an extension of the year-round food pantry operated by El Buen Samaritano.

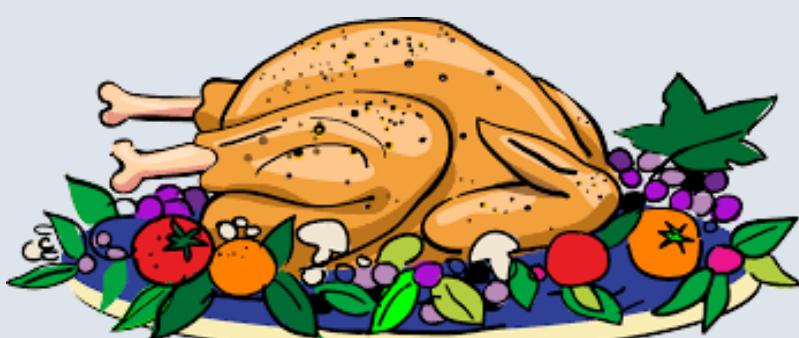
Here is how you can give hope to families in need this Thanksgiving:

- **GIVE.** You may put cash (in an envelope labeled “turkeys”) or checks made out to St. George’s (with “turkeys” in the memo line) in the offering plate, or you can give online via the St. George’s **DONATION** page (under Outreach and *El Buen Samaritano*.) You can also look for the Hands for Hope donation poster in Kleberg Hall, or go to [www.h4h.elbuen.org](http://www.h4h.elbuen.org). Each gift of \$20 provides a Thanksgiving turkey to a family in need.
- **REGISTER FAMILIES.** Spanish speakers are needed to register families to receive a Thanksgiving meal on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, or Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you don’t speak Spanish, volunteers are also needed as runners and to enter registrations into the data system.
- **VOLUNTEER.** Join volunteers from other area Episcopal churches to help assemble and distribute Thanksgiving meal packages to more than 1,000 families on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at El Buen Samaritano’s campus. (Volunteers must be at least 12 years old if accompanied by a parent, or 16 years old if unaccompanied.)

If you would like to volunteer for Hands for Hope or have any questions, please contact Carolyn Moreau at [carolynmoreau@austin.rr.com](mailto:carolynmoreau@austin.rr.com).



**El Buen Samaritano**, which is also St. George’s **Outreach Ministry Highlight** for the month of November, is an outreach of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas committed to helping Latino and other families in Central Texas lead healthy, productive, and secure lives through high-quality and affordable healthcare, education and financial security services. For more information, visit their website at [www.elbuen.org](http://www.elbuen.org).



## Thanksgiving Office Closure

The Church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

May you have a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving!



## Advent Angel Wreath



Outreach Advent Angels needed! This year, St. George's Angel Wreath, an annual Advent project of the Outreach Committee, will be accepting \$20 HEB gift cards for the residents of St. George's Court and monetary donations for phone cards for the residents of Casa Marianella. The Angel Wreath will go up on **Christ the King Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**, and all donations must be received by the **third Sunday in Advent, December 16<sup>th</sup>**.

- To be an angel for a resident of **St. George's Court**, purchase a **\$20 gift card from HEB**, select a stocking from the bulletin board in the Narthex, and place the stocking and gift card in the basket provided on the table by the stairway. You may also donate online by clicking the DONATE button at [www.sgchurch.org](http://www.sgchurch.org) and indicating the amount of your gift in the appropriate section (Outreach, Angel Wreath, enter "St. George's Court gift cards" in the notes section), and Outreach will purchase gift cards in your name.
- To help residents of **Casa Marianella** stay in touch with far-away family over the holidays, place a check made out to St. George's (with "Casa Marianella Phone Card" in the memo line) in the alms basin or mail it to the church office; place cash (in an appropriately labeled envelope) in the alms basin; or donate online by clicking the DONATE button at [www.sgchurch.org](http://www.sgchurch.org) and indicating the amount of your gift in the appropriate section (Outreach, Angel Wreath, enter "Casa Marianella phone cards" in the notes section). Please do not purchase phone cards yourself, as Casa Marianella can get a better rate by purchasing a large number at once.



If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Bigbee at [jlaskow@aol.com](mailto:jlaskow@aol.com).

**The Outreach Committee thanks you for your generosity!**

## Blandy Lecture

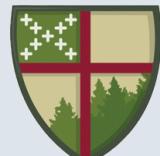


On Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm, at Knapp Auditorium, the Seminary of the Southwest will present its annual Blandy Lecture, which is free and open to the public. This year's speaker is **Ray Suarez**. To RSVP to the lecture, visit the [Blandy Lecture & Alumni Convocation](#) page of the Seminary's website.

Suarez is a respected journalist, most known for his work with Al Jazeera America and PBS Newshour, and he is the current John J. McCloy Visiting Professor of American Studies at Amherst College. Against the backdrop of a rapidly evolving media landscape, Suarez will deliver a candid and authoritative examination of society, politics and the broad impacts of America's demographic shift to a "minority majority."

## Camp Allen

Next summer may seem far away, but it's not too early to start planning! Registration for summer camp 2018 at Camp Allen is now open. One-week sessions are available all summer long for rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-graders through rising high school seniors. Camp Allen's summer camp is one of the largest summer camp programs in the Episcopal Church. Each summer, over 1900 campers from across Texas come to refocus, relax, and have a blast – and your child can be one of them! [Register here!](#)



**Camp Allen**

AWAKEN YOUR SPIRIT IN THE PINEY WOODS

## Need Help with Health Insurance?



Do you or does someone you love need health insurance for 2019? Foundation Communities offers free information and help with enrollment in the Affordable Care Act. Open enrollment this year November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup> only. In spite of what you may have heard, the Act is intact and all the same insurers are back for next year. Contact [Foundation Communities](#) for the schedule or contact Sarah Campbell ([cwmarket2@gmail.com](mailto:cwmarket2@gmail.com)) or Walter Moreau ([walter.moreau@foundcom.org](mailto:walter.moreau@foundcom.org)).

## News from St. George's Court

As many of you know, St. George's Court suffered an electrical fire in one of the residential buildings in the middle of the night on October 17<sup>th</sup>. All seven residents of the building were able to independently get out in time but the building sustained extensive fire and water damage. All residents were relocated to temporary placements. Re-building is expected to take five to six months. At this time all the basic needs of the residents are being met, but they may need furniture, household items and clothing at a future date. As those needs become known, St. George's Church may be asked to help provide many of these items. Father Kevin will be in touch with the social worker at the Court as needs arise. In the meantime, your prayers are appreciated.



## News from the School



The school is preparing for phase II of our playground renovation. This phase is happening under the big oak tree in the southeast corner. The design will incorporate a weaving wall, a balance bridge, shrubs and flowering plants and grasses, seating and hopping logs, overturned branching tree tee-pees, and a woven nest house. The work will begin this month and be completed by the end of January. Thanks to our PTF committee and all their hard work raising funds to support this amazing project.

The classroom building project is also still in process. Our general contractor will begin digging holes in the gravel lot (on the east side) to locate a water pipe that runs across our property. The holes will be re-filled after the work is done. In order to review and approve our proposed tap plan, the city needs to know the location of the pipe. Once this is done, I will send an update with a timeline of the next steps. Thank you again for your patience and hospitality during this transition!

## November Birthdays & Anniversaries



We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:

- |                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Gabriel Moreau (Nov 5)        | Susan Dolan-Henderson (Nov 21) |
| Leonard Martinez (Nov 6)      | Harper Schubert (Nov 23)       |
| Kyle Landry (Nov 8)           | Bridgette Beinecke (Nov 25)    |
| Laura Cook McAlister (Nov 13) | Christie Curtis (Nov 25)       |
| Justin Braun (Nov 15)         | Martha Sahs (Nov 26)           |
| Mary Stewart Miller (Nov 16)  | Laura Henkel (Nov 27)          |
| Eleanor Bandholz (Nov 17)     | Ellen Scarborough (Nov 28)     |
| Dustin Worcester (Nov 20)     | Scott Lucy (Nov 29)            |
| Ed Crawford (Nov 21)          | Terry O'Donnell (Nov 30)       |

And a happy anniversary to:

- Joe & Ashley Carrera (Nov 1)
- Madison & Michael Smiser (Nov 3)
- Ashley & Kent Ibsen (Nov 11)
- Lori & Reeves Ham (Nov 12)

Congratulations and Best Wishes!



## Links for Further Information

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- [The Episcopal Church, USA](#)

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- [Camp Allen](#)
- [St. George's Court](#)
- [Episcopal Relief and Development](#)