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"But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;" 1 John 2:1

The Advocator

FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER

Instead of my usual article, I would like to take this time to share with you the following letter I received from our Bishops' regarding the border situation in Texas.

God Bless you;

Tom



***The Episcopal Diocese
of West Texas***
The Bishop Jones Center

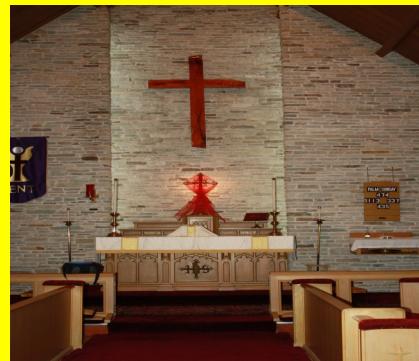
Office of The Bishop The Rt. Rev. David M. Reed

June 20, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you, and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We, like many of you, have watched and read with increasing dismay and frustration



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Letter to the Diocese June 20, 2018

the federal government's use of family separation as a blunt instrument of immigration policy along our border with Mexico. We have been embarrassed and angered to see our political leaders point fingers at each other while children and their mothers (it's almost always mothers) are taken away from each other. We can imagine little that could be more heart-breaking or traumatizing-for children or parents-than to be forcibly separated with no awareness of when, or if, we would see one another again.

The situation remains fluid and complex, and by the time you read this it could have changed several times. Still, we feel strongly that we should speak to you about these events unfolding within our diocese.

We believe that this policy, with its stated aim of deterring people from crossing into the United States illegally, is contrary to the Gospel and grieves the heart of Jesus.

We are not advocating for "open borders," or uncontrolled immigration. A nation has a right and a duty to protect its borders. Also, we understand that our country's immigration laws are political dynamite and have been problematic for decades. Further, the Border Patrol did not create this crisis. The women and men serving along our border are professionals who treat those they apprehend with dignity and respect; they are aware of the hardships and trauma so many have endured to reach our country; and they save many lives. They are now trying to enact a policy that came without a plan .

We have communicated with almost all of our clergy in the Valley and elsewhere along our border. We have also communicated with our Presiding Bishop's staff, with other bishops and with leaders of other churches. A summary of what we have learned includes this:

+The complexity of the situation , and the political demagoguery, make it very difficult to understand what is actually going on. We must be circumspect in our consumption of news and social media, with careful attention to how politicians, activists and reporters use words and images.

+ Supplies are NOT needed at this time. Please don't send things to the border or to our churches . We will let you know if that changes .

+A number of charitable organizations and legal advocacy groups are looking for volunteers, primarily those with legal and/or language skills. Two of our Valley churches provide office space for ministries that serve refugees seeking asylum and those seeking legal immigrant status.

A link to several such organizations is here: www.te xastri bune.org/ 2018/ 06/ 18/ heres-list-orga nizations-a re-mobiizin g- help-sepa rated-immigrant-child/

+Some of our clergy are seeking approval to provide pastoral care in detention centers. If approved, the Diocese will support them in that ministry and share, as appropriate, their reports.

+Our law enforcement people on the ground are affected by all this. They are not sitting at a safe distance, but are in the middle of it. Be mindful of them in your prayers .

+Consider writing or calling your state and national elected officials. It is one of the great privileges of living in our country. Pray for our leaders.

+Most of the people being apprehended are Central Americans hoping for asylum . Our diocese and several parishes are actively involved in mission work in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Helping rebuild communities that are stable and safe reduces the urgency of fleeing to the U. S. Pray for and support mission work in Central America .

As with most social and political debates in our land, the people in our churches hold a wide spectrum of views on immigration laws, policies and enforcement. Dialogue and debate stand at the heart of democracy and are essential to our freedom. Anglicans historically have received a special charism for providing holy ground upon which we can gather and seek the Spirit's wisdom. And yet, as

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Eucharistic Ministers

July 1

Celebrant – Rev. Tom Turner
 Eucharistic Minister – Cookie MacCord
 Lectors —Bruce & Gail Hoffman
 Oblationers – Andy & Aaronette Housley
 Usher – Phil MacCord

July 8

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
 Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman
 Lectors: Phil MacCord & Juliette Wood
 Oblationers: Steve & Eddie Findley
 Usher: Steve Findley

July 15

Celebrant – Rev. Tom Turner
 Eucharistic Minister – Steve Findley
 Lectors – Roge & Liz Hoffman
 Oblationers – Andy & Aaronette Housley
 Usher – Phil MacCord

July 22

Celebrant – Rev. Tom Turner
 Eucharistic Minister – Cookie MacCord
 Lectors —Clif Hammock & Phil MacCord
 Oblationers – Bruce & Gail Hoffman
 Usher – Andy Housley

July 29

Celebrant – Rev. Tom Turner
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Christians, we are all commanded by our Lord to love one another as he loves us, and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves—whether that neighbor is a church member whose politics you can't stand, or a politician you distrust, or a poor woman and her child from a distant land. Jesus says they are all our neighbors.

We have written this to you not to throw more fuel on an already roaring fire, but in the fervent hope that the light of the Gospel will shine ever more brightly on this heart-breaking situation; that God's people will "walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us;" and that we will pray and act together for the sake of the children who are wondering where their mothers are, and the mothers who are wondering where their children are. We write in humility, praying that God will renew in us all a longing for his kingdom, and will strengthen us by his Spirit to "seek first his kingdom, and its righteousness."

Thank you, and God bless you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

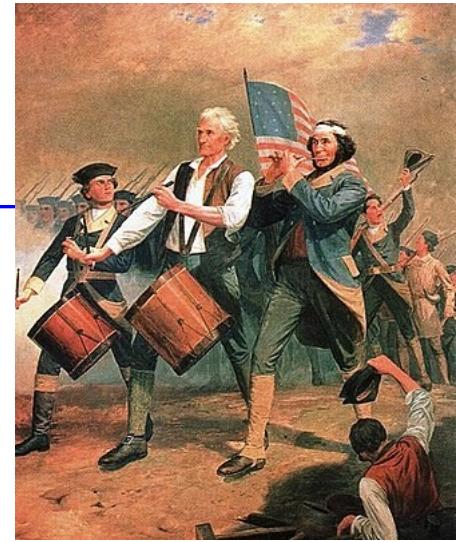
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Independence Day

BACKGROUND

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the [Declaration of Independence](#), a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:



The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

Coincidentally, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected as President, also died on July 4, 1831. He was the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872; so far he is the only U.S. President to have been born on Independence Day.

Taken from: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(United_States))



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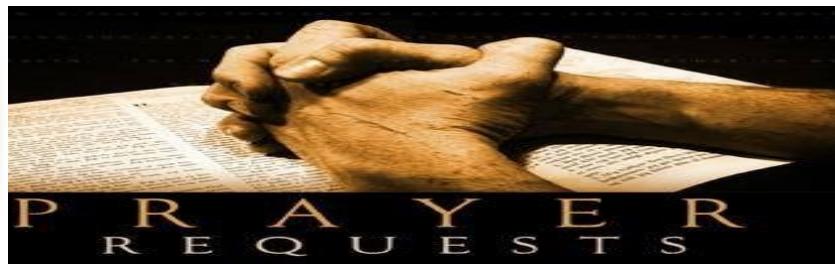


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 9am HE Rite I 10:30am Bible Study	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Debbie Gone	
8 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 9am HE Rite II - Holy Baptism 10:30am Bible Study	9	10	11	12	13	14
Debbie Gone						
15 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9am HE Rite II 10:30am Bible Study	16	17	18	19	20	21
Debbie Gone						
22 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 9am HE Rite II 10:30am Bible Study	23	24 <i>August News-letter input due to Cookie NLT today!</i>	25	26	27	28
29 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 9am HE Rite II 10:30am Bible Study 5th Sunday Community of Churches Luncheon (Hosted by the Presbyterian Church)	30	31				

Tom Gone

Cookie Gone

Debbie Gone



Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

Ashton Adams, Lydia & Marie Bertrand, Charles Bowen, Denise Bowen, Sue Brown, Mike Carper, Cindy Case, Aspen Coffee, Kathleen Eddlemon, Gracie Fields, Mike Fields, Bill Findley, Jeff Fuchs, Robin Fuchs, Melba Gafford, Anita Garcia, Marisol Garcia, David Garza and family, Gilbert Garza and family, Gwen Guinn, Aaron Henson, Natalie Hoelscher, Oralia Hughes, Carolyn Hunter, Kelly Hunter, Fern & Johnny Johnson, Kristin Johnson, Jill Kirby, Juanice Kirby, Lewis Kutschke, Darla Lee, Josh Lofton, Lee Lozano, Gerri Ann Martin, Bea Sharp Miller, Sandra Morin, Ned & Kathy Morris, Jack Muller, Joseph Muschella, Mickey Myane, Richard Myers, Aubryanna McGee, Beatrice Nwosu, Susan Paul, Ramon Perez, Stephanie Poole, Shirley Powers, Bill Reed, Joye Reed, Jesse Richardson, Pearl Riddle, Gregg Robertson, Delores Rodriguez, Isaul Santos, Irene Seidel, Kenny Sharp, Jan Sierman, Bud & Jimmie Alice Smith, Dewey Smith, Karen Smith, Avery Stein, Nick Stokes, Bill Storgion, David Sullivan, Dr. Bandeira Texeria, Martha Tigerina, Brenda Timmons, John Timmons, Lainey Topacio, Carl Walker, Jesse Wells, Bonnie Whitley, Jane Wieser, Susie Wilkerson, Clare Wonders, Carey Woods and Cinco Woods

The Lord's Prayer

Our father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

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Pray for our Military Family

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad; especially; Benjamin, Brittany, Caitlynn, Caton, Drew, Jared, Joseph, Josiah, Luke, Noah, Phillip, Shawn and William. Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils, which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~Amen~





ANNOUNCEMENT's

OUR JULY BIRTHDAYS

During the month of July we will celebrate the birthdays of Aaronette Housley on the 5th, Hunter Broesche on the 6th, Cannon Rogers on the 7th, Steve Findley on the 11th, Pamela MacCord Lemieux on the 12th, Bill Findley and Alex Saenz on the 20th, Dilan Broesche on the 21st, Bette Ash on the 28th, John Sullivan on the 29th, and Patricia MacCord on the 31st.

If we have overlooked someone, please let Debbie, in the office, know.

Birth's, Wedding's, Graduation's, etc.

Anyone that has an announcement for our newsletter is welcome to submit your announcement in writing to Debbie in the office at aliceadvent@sbcglobal.net or directly to Cookie at c.mac51@yahoo.com prior to the last full week of each month for entry into the upcoming issue.

OUR JULY ANNIVERSARIES

During the month of July we celebrate the Anniversaries of Gabriel & Stephanie Hoffman on the 8th, Bruce & Gail Hoffman on the 9th, Brent and Jenna Hoffman on the 16th, and Robert & Cynthia Powell on the 22nd.

If we have overlooked someone, please let Debbie, in the office, know.

**All August Newsletter input due to
Cookie NLT Tuesday, July 24th.**

Volunteer's Needed

Trash & Treasures and the Alice Food Pantry

Located at 311 E Main Street, Alice Texas 78332 is in need of volunteers to help over the summer months.

**If you are interested please contact
Gordon Smith 361-701-3194.**

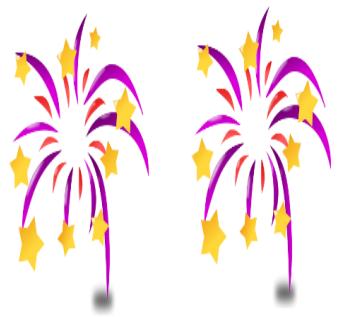
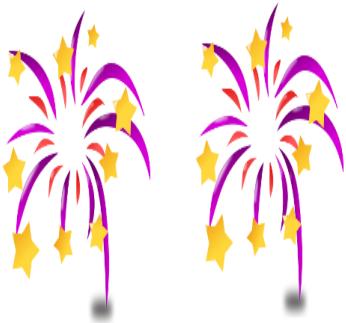
If you have a loved one to add to — remove from the Birthday/ Anniversary list — or just want to correct a name on our list, please contact Ms. Debbie in the office

**VESTRY's next scheduled meeting will be at 5:15pm on Tuesday, August 21st.
WOA and MOA are off for the summer and will meet again on Sunday,
September 30th, following the service.**

Please check the calendar for your scheduled meeting.

From the kitchen of Ethel Edmonds Gaither

Aunt Ethel's Chocolate Chip Cookies



Ingredients:

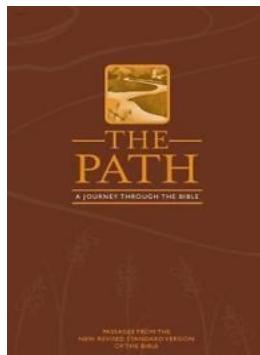
1 box brown sugar
1-1/2 cup sugar
1 pound shortening
1/2 pound margarine
2 tsp baking powder
3 tsp baking soda
3 tsp salt
4 eggs
1/3 cup vanilla
4 oz. fine pecans
12 oz. chocolate chips
9 cups flour

Directions:

Cream brown sugar, sugar, shortening, margarine, egg and vanilla. In another large bowl mix together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add this to creamed sugar and mix well. Add pecans and chocolate chips. Drop by small teaspoon onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes at 350*.



The Episcopal Church of The Advent



Bible study continues as we read “The Path” and explore the bible through this writing. Come join us on Sunday morning after the 9:00am service and coffee hour.



Advent is sponsoring a Blood Drive on August 3rd, 2018.

11:00am to 1:00pm.

200 North Wright St., Alice, TX

Please mark your calendar to give blood or to help Bruce Hoffman cook lunch (Sausage wraps) for donors.

Spread the word!

PLEASE NOTE: You must wait eight weeks between blood donations.

Please schedule accordingly! Thank You

Our Continuous Community Need:

Clothing Donations:

Alice Trash & Treasures: 311 E Main Street, Alice Texas 78332

Food Donations:

The Alice Food Pantry: 311 E Main Street, Alice Texas 78332 .

Volunteer of your Time: Contact Gordon Smith at any time **361-701-3194.**



FROM AROUND OUR DIOCESE

July 5-13 The General Convention of the Episcopal Church Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas

The 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be held in Austin July 5-13. Bishops Reed and Brooke-Davidson and a deputation from the Diocese of West Texas will attend. A communication plan will be established soon. All reports on the events and actions of General Convention for the diocesan family will be posted at www.dwtx.org/general-convention. Here you will also find links to stories published, the Episcopal Church Media Hub with live-streaming of the worship services and both the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, and legislative resources.

August 5-10 Music in the Mountains Duncan Park, Colorado

Calling all **church music leaders** to attend **Music in the Mountains**, a retreat at Duncan Park for church choir directors and other church music leaders. This retreat will focus primarily on classical choral music. Arrive at Duncan Park in time for supper on Sunday (6:00 PM, 8/5), then enjoy four full days of camaraderie, music workshops, free time, guided trips, and delicious meals at our mountaintop retreat. The retreat leader, Charles Webb is a pianist, organist, composer, educator, and musician of unique versatility from the Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington, Indiana. He will address topics including ways to incorporate music in workshop, techniques to sing better and serve better, new music introductions, and more. Registration is open online soon.

2018 Summer Camp Season

Camp Capers, Mustang Island Conference Center, and Duncan Park starts May 31st!

REGISTER

[Download all summer dates here](#) or [visit the Camps & Conferences page](#).



From one Kitchen to Another

Ingredients

- 1 package (15.25 ounces) Pillsbury Strawberry Cake mix
- 3 large eggs separated
- 1/2 cup (equivalent of 8 tablespoons or 1 stick) salted butter melted
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract separated
- 1 package (8 ounces) full-fat cream cheese
- 1 large lemon
- 4 cups powdered sugar



In a large bowl, mix together the strawberry cake mix, 1 egg, the butter (melted), and vanilla extract. Mix until completely combined and press into the bottom of the prepared pan.

Directions

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F. Generously spray (with cooking spray) and lightly flour a 9 x 13 pan.

In another bowl beat together the remaining vanilla extract, remaining 2 eggs, softened package of cream cheese, the zest and juice of one lemon (about 2 tablespoons juice), and the (gradually added in) powdered sugar.

Beat until completely smooth and creamy.

Pour mixture over the cake layer and spread to an even layer. Place the cake in the oven and bake for 45-55 minutes. It will still be rather gooey in the center and when you cut out pieces -- that's the point of it!

Allow to completely cool and then enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 1 pound cubed beef chuck
- 2 cups beef broth
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 cup peeled baby carrots
- 1 cup peeled/diced potato's
- 4 oz. small white mushrooms
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/2 tsp thyme
- 2 Tbls flour
- 1-1/2 cup red wine



Directions:

Combine cubed beef, carrots, potato's, 1-3/4 cup beef broth, onion, and garlic in a large pan and bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer 2-1/2 hours or until meat is tender. Add mushrooms, salt, pepper and thyme. Bring to a boil. In small bowl mix flour, 1/4 cup beef broth and red wine. Stir into boiling mixture. Reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

June Challenge 99 SOLUTION

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God Bless America!



July Sudoku Challenge 173

Complete the grid to the right, such that every row, every column, and the nine 3x3 block each contain the digits



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"The Vestry is the body of elected parishioners called to cast vision, care for finances and property, and collaborate with the Rector in servant leadership of the church."

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Our Mission at Church of the Advent is to reach out to our community through the ministry of our members to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and to minister to those in need. Within our congregation, our mission is to promote individual and group worship, provide Christian Education for youth and adults and foster fellowship through our extended family in Christ by increasing participation and stewardship, time, talent and treasure.

