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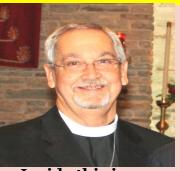


We continue with "in-Church" services. Fully vaccinated persons are permitted to go without masks if they choose to, however, all who have NOT been vaccinated must still wear a mask and socially distance.

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

The Advocator

FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER



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There was not a lot to recap for September – a holiday for Labor Day, several other special days and generally reaching the end of Summer – traditionally, but not temperature-wise.

There are a couple of notable days in October: Columbus Day on the 10th and, of course, Halloween on the 31st. On the 30th there will be a dedication of the new lodge and Chapel of the Holy Family at Mustang Island. All are invited.

I will be attending Clergy Conference at Camp Capers on the $17^{\text{th}} - 19^{\text{th}}$. I anticipate hearing more about the Diocesan transition moving toward the election of a new Bishop and will pass along that information when I return.

Moving into this time of year we begin to think more intensely about Stewardship. I am relatively certain that the first thought is about what amount of money we will give this year – will we do the same as last year, can we do more, must we do less.

The Pledge Cards have been distributed and it is requested that they be returned on, or before, the 9th of October.

I know you have heard many times that our Stewardship is more than money - <u>it is about all that we do with all that we have.</u>

Of course, it is about money, and we all recognize that our Church cannot operate without the necessary funds to pay various bills and salaries.

In addition, we use the money for outreach, mission and ministry in various ways and means.

FROM THE HEART (CONT'D)

Many, perhaps most - maybe all - divide our time, talent and treasure among community, family and church, which, of course, is the way it should be.

But I will reiterate that as Christians we are to put God first – that is, giving of our first fruits. You have heard it before, and you will hear it again, that we should not decide all other demands on our time, talent and treasure and then determine what we will give to God through the church.

However, you may decide what you will pledge, whether it is a tithe, a proportionate amount of your income or another method, please prayerfully consider making that decision as the first offering for the coming year.

The point is this: 6 The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Cor. 9)

Tom



Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off let the Church help.

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Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

Compiled by MAX Bowen

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

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At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

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The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

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This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

VESTRY will meet at 5:15pm on Tuesday, October 11th. WOA/MOA will meet on October 30th following

coffee hour. (WOA will be presenting Slate of 2023 Officer's for consideration).

Please check the weekly pew sheet for updates of any scheduled meeting.

Timeline for Electing Next Diocesan Bishop

September 19, 2022 Diocesan Profile published

September 26, 2022 Nomination Process opens

October 10, 2022 Nomination Process closes

October 2022 Nominating Committee conducts interviews of nominees and makes reference calls; background checks conducted

November 1, 2022 Nominating Committee invites selected candidates to Discernment Retreat

November 14-17, 2022 Discernment Retreat - Nominating Committee and Consultant on retreat with selected candidates

December 18, 2022 Final slate of candidates for Bishop Coadjutor published

January 27-29, 2023

Discernment Forums, previously called "Walk-Abouts," will take place in the Rio Grande Valley, Corpus Christi and San Antonio regions; *times and locations to be determined*

February 18, 2023 Election of a Bishop Coadjutor at the conclusion of Diocesan Council in Corpus Christi

Summer 2023 Consecration of the Bishop-Elect; *time and location to be determined*



Worship Schedule OCTOBER 2022

Liturgical Constant Ministers

OCTOBER 2

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman Lectors: Julliette Wood & Bruce Hoffman Usher: Andy Housley

OCTOBER 9

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman Usher: Andy Housley

OCTOBER 16

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Juliette Wood Usher:

OCTOBER 23

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman Usher:

OCTOBER 30

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman Lectors: Clif Hammock & Bruce Hoffman Usher:



Rest Your Mind

I know you have been laying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs", "Huggies," and "Pampers', while undergarments for old people are called"Depends".

Well here is the low down on the whole thing.

When babies crap in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em, Hug'em and Pamper' em. When old people crap in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will!

Glad I got that straightened out so you can rest your mind.



A pastor giving a children's sermon on vestments asked: "Why do you think I wear this collar?" One kid answered: "Because it kills ticks and fleas up to 30 days?" There was a moment when Moses had the nerve to ask God what his name is. God was gracious enough to answer, and the name he gave is recorded in the original Hebrew as YHWH.

Over time we've arbitrarily added an "a" and an "e" in there to get YaHWeH, presumably because we have a preference for vowels.

But scholars and Rabi's have noted that the letters YHWH represent breathing sounds, or aspirated consonants. When pronounced without intervening vowels, it actually sounds like breathing.

YH (inhale): WH (exhale).

So a baby's first cry, his first breath, speaks the name of God.

A deep sigh calls His name – or a groan or gasp that is too heavy for mere words.

Even an atheist would speak His name, unaware that their very breath is giving constant acknowledgment to God.

Likewise, a person leaves this earth with their last breath, when God's name is no longer filing their lungs.

So when I can't utter anything else, is my cry calling out His name?

Being alive means I speak His name constantly.

So, is it heard the loudest when I'm the quietest?

In sadness, we breathe heavy sighs. In joy, our lungs feel almost like they will burst.

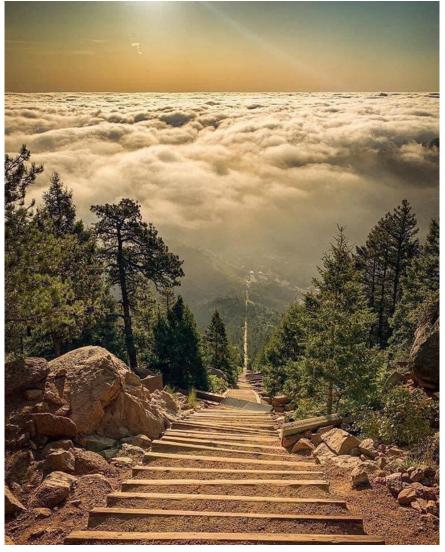
In fear we hold our breath and have to be told to breathe slowly to help us calm down. When we're about to do something hard, we take a deep breath to find our courage.

When I think about it, breathing is giving him praise. Even in the hardest moments!

This is so beautiful and fills me with emotion every time I grasp the thought. God chose to give himself a name that we can't help but speak every moment we're alive.

All of us, always, everywhere. Waking, sleeping, breathing, with the name of God on our lips.





The link at the end of the blurb is for registration and donations. If you donated last year, we appreciated it and used the donations to reduce the cost \$50 per person, to give scholarships, and to bring in quality keynotes and mental health speakers. We would be grateful if you are able to donate this year.

LGBTQ+ Family Camp

A cohort of Texas Episcopal churches are hosting a retreat for LGBTQ+ folks (individuals, couples, and families) at Camp Capers from December 9-11. Leaders will help to facilitate conversations and support individuals and families as they wrestle with their queer identity and faith. We hope this weekend is a time to celebrate and create space to learn, process, and be in fellowship with individuals, couples, and families. Programming will be provided for all ages including adults, youth, and children. Register today: <u>https://linktr.ee/prideconnections</u>

The Reverend Kendrah McDonald (she/her) Associate Rector All Saints' Episcopal Church 209 W 27th St Austin, TX 78705 512-476-3603

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." — 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Please know that Monday & Saturday are my days off, and I do not look at my email.

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed at the next worship service, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10' Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' Genesis 3:10 reads, 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.' The oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve.

It was an Apple with very limited memory.

Just 1 byte and everything crashed!

October 2022

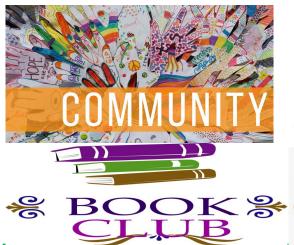


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17th Sunday after Pen- tecost 9:00am HE Rite I						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
18th Sunday after Pen- tecost 9:00am HE Rite II Pledge Cards Due today	Columbus Day	5:15pm Vestry				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
18th Sunday after Pen- tecost 9:00am HE Rite II	Clergy Conference	Clergy Conference	Clergy Conference	5:15pm Book Club		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
20th Sunday after Pen- tecost 9:00am HE Rite II	All final input for the November Newsletter due to Cookie					
30	31 Halloween					
21st Sunday after Pen- tecost	Watch out for the					
9:00am HE Rite II 11:00am WOA/MOA	kiddos tonight					

Tom Gone

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Debbie Gone



On October 20th at 5:30pm There will be a discussion on "<u>Unorthodox",</u> by Deborah Feldman.

Book club will meet in the Library. Masks are not required if you have been fully vaccinated. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to join in.

Please observe CDC rules.



Zoom or telephone participation will be available for those unable to attend in person; however, attendance is strongly encouraged as group discussions are enhanced when members are personally present. Members will continue to observe guidelines for social distancing and disinfecting the area after use. The reading list and hostesses for 2022 are as follows:

Jan. 20: Mary Jane: The Last Green Valley, Mark Sullivan Feb. 17: Zach: The Stillwater Girls, Minka Kent Mar. 17: Juliette: Breath, James Nestor April 21: Linda: Before We Were Yours, Lisa Wingate May 19: Kristen: Lost City of the Monkey Guide, Douglas Preston June 16: Glenda: Firefly Lane, Kristen Hannah July 21: Aaronette: West with Giraffes , Lynda Rutledge Aug. 18: Judy: The Violinist of Auschwitz, Ellie Midwood Sept. 15: Clare: Where the Crawdads Sing, Delia Owens Oct. 20: Linda: Unorthodox, Deborah Feldman Nov. 17: Glenda: The Great Alone, Kristen Hannah



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In October we celebrate the birthdays of Judy Bruzer on the 1st, Evelyn Jade Martin on the 4th, Brian Wallace on the 16th, Tanner Findley on the 21st, Merritt Wallace on the 24th, and Sean Stewart on the 27th.

ANNIVERSARIES



In September we celebrate the Wedding Anniversary of

David & Annette Wells on the 19th



"We are studying Ephesians and Philippians". Join us in the Parish Hall, on Sundays after the Service.



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





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'=

Bill Acker, Alex Aquino, Anne Bayless, Lydia & Marie Bertrand, Brad Blankerbecker, Buzzy Botard, Jack Bradford, John and Edith Burris. Cindy Case, Bill Christian, Karen Cochran, Terri Davis, Gregg Edlin, Bob Eifling, Garron Farrar, Rhonda Farrar, Delfi Flores, Bill Ford, Billy Fortenberry,

Melba Gafford, Anita Garcia, David Garza and family, Gracie Gruber, Kim Harrison, David Herbert, Aaronette Housley, Andy Housley, Kelly Hunter, Linda Keim, Jill Kirby, Juanice Kirby, Lewis Kutschke, Wayne LeBleu, Darla Lee, Autumn Lemieux, Philip Lemieux, Alex Lopez, Ginette Lynd,

Jeanie Lynd, Jeffrey Lynd, Loyce Maroon, Matt Maroon, Rodney Miller, Ian Milligan, Mickey & Pat Myane, Susan McCarn. Susan Paul, Ramon Perez, Nena Pitts, Shirley Powers, George Reed, Stacey Reed, Beth Roddy, Isaul Santos, Jan Sierman, Jim Siverd, Paulette Southard,

Annette Starr, Virginia Starr, Avery Stein, David Sullivan, Roberta Thomure, Lainey Topacio, John Gust Tsesmelis. Tom Turner, Wayne Waltrip, Jane Wieser, Dale Wilson and Cinco Woods

If you have placed someone on either prayer, please contact Debbie in the office; by email at <aliceadvent@sbcglobal.net>.

Please confirm the names you have on the regular and/or military prayer lists.



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, Caton, Correy, Drew, Jared, Joseph, Noah, Phillip, Sean, 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~



From the kitchen of

Yumna Jawad

Pumpkin Bars

INGREDIENTS

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 eggs room temperature
2/3 cup cane sugar
2/3 cup brown sugar
1 can 15 ounces pumpkin puree
1 cup unsweetened applesauce

INSTRUCTIONS



• Preheat the oven to 350°F.

• Whisk flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. Beat the eggs, sugar, pumpkin and applesauce in another large bowl.

• Gradually pour the dry ingredients into wet ingredients and mix until just combined.

Pour the batter into an ungreased 9×13 baking pan and bake for 25-30 minutes or until set. Remove from the oven and allow the bread to cool completely in the pan set on a wire rack.

Notes

Recipe: Adapted from Paula Deen with modifications to make it healthier like swapping the vegetable oil for applesauce.

Storage: Store the remaining pumpkin bars in an airtight container. They will last up to 5 days in the fridge.

Freezing Instructions: Cool the pumpkin bars completely. Then tightly wrap the entire pan or the bars in plastic wrap or aluminum foil. Then place the wrapped pan or slices in a freezer-friendly storage bag or airtight container for up to 3 months. Thaw in the fridge or at room temperature.

Substitutes: For best results, follow the recipe as is. However here are some common substitutes that would work well in this recipe.

• You can substitute whole wheat flour for the all purpose flour, but the texture will not be as moist.

• To make this gluten-free, use an all-purpose glutenfree flour mix, but again the texture will not be as moist. Do *not* substitute only almond flour or only coconut flour though

- You can substitute the sugar for coconut sugar.
- I swapped the oil entirely for applesauce. But you can use canola oil, vegetable oil or coconut oil instead or swap half the amount.

You can substitute homemade pumpkin puree but I think the taste is better with canned pumpkin.



October 4 marks the start of <u>Yom Kippur</u>, at sundown.
October 9 is Leif Eriksson Day. <u>Who was Leif</u> Eriksson and why was he important?

•October 10 is a busy day, with three holidays packed into it:

• **Canadian Thanksgiving**. This holiday shares many similarities with its American equivalent. However, there are a <u>number of things that set the</u> <u>Canadian Thanksgiving apart</u>!

• **Columbus Day (U.S.)**, a federal holiday, is observed on the second Monday in October. It was on October 12, 1492, that Christopher Columbus landed on a small island in the Bahamas, convinced that he had reached Asia. <u>Read more about Columbus</u> <u>Day</u>.

Indigenous Peoples' Day (U.S.)—a holiday that celebrates the history and cultures of indigenous peoples native to what is today the United States. Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated in cities and states across the country, often alongside or in lieu of Columbus Day. <u>Read more about Indigenous Peoples'</u> <u>Day</u>.

October 18 is **St. Luke's Little Summer**. This is a date steeped in folklore. Traditionally, around Saint Luke's feast day, there is a period brief period of calm, dry weather. <u>Learn more</u>.

• October 24 is United Nations Day, which aims to bring awareness to the work of the United Nations across the world.

October 31 is **Halloween (All Hallows' Eve)**! Do you know the true history of Halloween? It's not as frightful as you might think...



In 2022, Halloween falls on Monday, October 31! Did you know that Halloween is an old astronomical holiday?

Halloween, traditionally called "All Hallows' Eve," is celebrated on the evening before the Christian holy day of All Hallows' Day or All Saints Day (November 1). Therefore, Halloween is always celebrated on **October 31**. In England, saints or holy people were called "hallowed," hence the name "All Hallows' Day." The evening—or "e'en"—before the feast became popularly known as "All Hallows' Eve," or, even shorter, "Hallowe'en."

The Celts and Samhain The origin of Halloween can be traced to an ancient festival called *Samhain* (pronounced *sow*-in, which rhymes with *cow*-in), meaning Summer's End. This was a sacred festival celebrated by the ancient Celts and Druids in the British Isles. It marked the end of harvesttime and the beginning of the "dark half" of the year. It was a seasonal marker as the ancient Celts bid good -bye to warmth and light as <u>day length shortened</u>.

Samhein was a "<u>Cross-Quarter Day</u>" that marked the midway between the autumnal equinox (when the sun sets due west) and the winter solstice (when the sun sets at its most northern or southern point on the horizon) at the darkest time of year!

The ancient Celts believed that the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead was at its thinnest during Samhain. This had positive benefits, as it was an ideal time to consider the dead, communicate with the deceased, and also to divine the future. However, the Celts also believed that some spirits (ghosts) could pass through the wall and damage their crops. To mark the event, people would build huge bonfires to burn crops.

The Irish and the Jack-O'-Lantern In later years, the Irish used hollowed-out, candlelit turnips carved with a demon's face to frighten away spirits. The name "Jack-O'-Lantern" comes from an Irish folktale about a man named Stingy Jack who invited the Devil to have a drink with him but wouldn't pay. Jack tricked the devil and made a deal in which the devil couldn't claim his soul but God didn't want Jack in heaven either. Now Jack's stuck roaming the Earth as an evil spirit with his lantern shining the way. The Irish would carve scary faces into turnips or potatoes and place them near doors or windows during Halloween Eve to frighten away Stingy Jack and evil spirits. When Irish immigrants in the 1840s found few turnips in the United States, they used the more plentiful pumpkins instead.

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https://www.almanac.com/content/when-is-halloween

From one Kitchen to Another

Author: Tieghan Gerard

Slice the bread horizontally and vertically to create 1 inch cubes, being careful not to actually slice all the way through the bread.

In a small bowl, combine 2 tablespoons butter, the pecans and brown sugar. Use your hands to mix the butter into the pecans to create a

Sugar. Ose your hands to fink the butter into the pecans to create a crumble. Take the remaining 2 tablespoons butter and insert thin slices into the loaf of bread.Place the loaf on a baking sheet and stuff the brie inside the bread, filling in all the spaces in between the cuts. Add the cranberries and pecans. Transfer to the oven and bake for 15-20 minutes or until the brie is melted and gooey. Serve immediately.





October coloring page



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2022 VESTRY

"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."

Rev. Tom Turner

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Steve Keim

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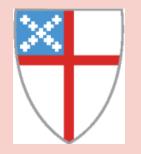
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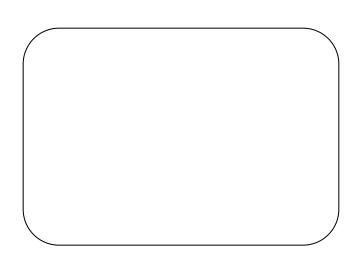
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