

Deadline to submit articles for "The Epistle" is the 15th of each month.

Aug. 11 • 11:30 a.m. • Worship Committee Meeting

Aug. 16 • 5:15 p.m. • Vestry Meeting

Aug. 27 • 11 a.m. • Memorial service for The Rev. Horace Choate

Aug. 28 • Calling all EYCers! Monthly EYC will resume Aug. 28.
More details coming soon!

Save the Date:

Rally Day • Formation will begin for all ages Sept. 11 at 9:20 a.m. We have some exciting classes coming — look for information in the September Epistle.

Confirmation/Reaffirmation/Inquirer's Class Resumes this Fall

Are you interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and the way of life it offers? Whether you're considering joining the church or need a refresher course, come join us as we learn more about the faith, worship, practices and governance of the Episcopal Church as well as the traditions, programs and fun that Saint Paul's brings.

The course will be taught by Fr. Austin immediately at 6:30 p.m. the Wednesday after Labor Day following Wednesday night meal. Interested young people must be rising ninth graders for the 2022-23 school year unless family makes special arrangements with Fr. Austin. All ages will begin the course together and we will split up into two groups as needed. Dates for the classes and confirmation are:

- September7
- September14
- September21
- September28
- October5
- October 9Confirmation



For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations." -Isaiah 61:11

One of the lasting "Good Friday" images actually came the day after Christmas.

When I attended seminary in Manhattan, it was wonderful to be in New York for the Christmas season, at least the secular shopping part. It was also fun to buy a small, way overpriced tree and put it in our studio apartment on "The Close" (cloister). December 26 though, was a different story. Countless trees were stacked along the streets waiting to be picked up, while Anglicans somehow tried to hold those 12 days. Those trees brought so much joy, now they were waiting to be hauled away.

Stepping into the nave as our carpet was taken up felt the same way to me. This old carpet was stacked like those trees, after it had brought so much joy for so long to so many yet now it was ready to be picked up and hauled away. The end of an age, so to speak and reflective of so many emotions in the life of the church in these days. We are getting ready to come back, some of us coming back to a nave with our restored wooden floors, while some of us are getting into the habit of returning to church. Please consider this an invitation if this applies to you.

It is only fitting, then, that the Feast of the Virgin Mary falls in the middle of August. The day celebrates the grace and power of God in a human life, and in the church; what extraordinary and truly marvelous things God can do when we are receptive to God's call.

The carpet was laid in the 1960s. This has been confirmed by Sally Neville who sang in the children's choir the first

Sunday the carpet was in place. She remembered the day because she got sick on all the brand new red carpet. Sixty years is comparable to saying "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Faith and trust — Mary's total faith in her Lord and Saviour. Faith and trust that we will breathe anew in our worship space, that it will be spirit filled. Faith and trust that we can let go of some things and haul them off with the carpet. Faith and trust that letting go of these things we may find new ways to serve, love, and make our hearts sing.



Some might say that Mary was nothing more than a woman who simply happened to be chosen as the Mother of Jesus. I hope if this is the case, the church may find ways to let go of that feeling like old carpet.

Mary is the first to say yes to God's call, "The Mother of the Church," and "full of grace," Mary is the model of Christian discipleship. At Cana at Galilee, she told the waiters, "Whatever He says, do it."

She found total freedom from always trying control everything and everyone, and let it be and let God, all the way to witnessing her Beloved son cross.

St. Paul's is stirring up too. Someone has already said of the floor "I love to think of all the people that have walked on these floors before us." As we come back to our worship space and back to formation, we are the ones who walk on those floors, we are this generation of God's own in the world. The shoots of grace are sprouting up. God needs the Church to be like Mary, willing to let go of "old carpets" and see where the Spirit moves in God's church. God longs for us to say "let it be" to the next chapter, and open to haul off whatever needs to go.

Austin



EYCers had a grand time at Geyser Falls recently. From left, bottom: Remy Stump, Caroline Lewis, Simmons Davis and Rosemary Stump. From left, top: Molly Honeycutt, Olivia Lewis, William Davis, Ann Revere Davis, Reese Stump and Jack Martin.

Fifteenth Lambeth Conference Convenes

Late July and early August, bishops from all around the Anglican Communion will convene for the Lambeth Conference for prayer and reflection, fellowship and dialogue on church and world affairs. The conference takes place around every ten years since 1867 and takes place at the University of Kent, Canterbury Cathedral, and Lambeth Palace in the UK.

With the theme of “God’s Church for God’s World - walking, listening and witnessing together,” the conference will explore what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world. Below is part of a message for attendees, written by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

“As you prepare your hearts and minds for this gathering, I pray that we all reflect on the draft Call on Anglican Identity, which states that Anglicans “belong to a tradition that seeks faithfulness to God in richly diverse cultures, distinct human experiences, and deep disagreements.” That call also states: “The Anglican Communion is a gift from God. Governed by Scripture, affirming the ancient creeds, sacramentally centered and episcopally led — Anglicans seek to be faithful to God in their agreement and in their disagreements.”

Without ignoring those things on which we deeply disagree, I pray that we will approach this gathering with an even deeper sense of what unites us: the love of Jesus Christ and his calling to serve God’s world.”

This is a good reminder for Anglicans always and everywhere.

Camp Bratton-Green Reunion

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Reunion of the Holy Family on August 12-13. The festivities will begin on Friday night at 7 with a camp-music concert. There is a first-come first-serve overnight option for that evening. The concert will also be available as a Facebook live-stream on the CBG Facebook page!

Saturday will be a day full of camp activities for all ages. Hit up the pool, the craft shack, and join us for meals (and lunch songs) in the newly air-conditioned dining hall!

The centerpiece of the weekend will be the 10 a.m. Eucharist and dedication of the newly renovated cabins. So come and see the wonderful work that’s been done and reconnect with camp friends!

Feel free to attend as much of the event as you would like but we would request you go to the Gray Center website if you (and/or your family) plan to spend the night or attend any of the activities.

If you have any questions, please email abrampjones@gmail.com.



We Remember in our Prayers

For our Parish family: Don Pringle, DJ Wells, Ducky McCormick, Edgar Morrison, Elaine Sanders, Holly Morgan, Jerry Greene, Jo Van Devender, Margaret Van Dyke, Mary Dunn, Peggy Carrico, Tadley, Virginia Brimble, Wanda Blount and Woodie Abraham.

In our senior living communities: Joyce Welsh, Lora Jones, and Nita Neville.

Extended family and friends: Andi Kushner, Bill Selman, Bill Wright, Billy Murphy, Brooke, Charlotte Chaney, Chuck Fishburn, Clancy, Cory Gaylord, Davey Simmons, David, David & Gina Brown, Diane Dunn, Donna Polizzi, Edesser “Dess” Reid Ward, Rob & Aislinn Ward, Francois DuPlessis, Frances, Frank Baker, Frank Barrett, Freddie Bea Watson, George Farr, Jada Dooley, James, Jan, Jane Wacaster, Jeana Bennett, Jo Nell Brown, Jim Thompson, Jimmy Whitehead, John, Ken Fisher, Kylie Temple, Leland Tew, Lisa Primeaux, Lou Dubose, Mac Thigpen, Martha Hudson, Martha Mazingo, Michael, Michelle Nelson, Mike Covert, Norman, Pat Carver, Randy Moore, Rick, Roger, Sandy Carrier, Tom Schram, Tony Sansone, Wanda Farr, Wanda Scott, Willie Spencer, Wilma Kanagy and Zack Martin.

We pray for those who have died especially: Suzanne Brown; Tony Antoinette Gee, sister of Malcom Gee; and Christopher Dearman.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, for all who serve overseas and their families, especially Andrew Behm, Shum Benson, Connor Covert, Graham Ford, Nick Mullen and Zack Thomas.

We pray for our Bishop Brian and for our Rector Austin.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Aug. 1Eve Morrison, Sarah Katherine Simmons | Aug. 17Bev Pringle, Sarah Woods |
| Aug. 4Bob & Kathy Pigford, Chad Tibbetts | Aug. 18Jim & Amy Cady, Kathy Pigford |
| Aug. 6Rick & Cheri Barry | Aug. 19Austin & Tiffany McGehee |
| Aug. 7Adrian & Mardi Page, Scott Ray, Addyson Sims, Jamie Smith | Aug. 20Merry Jo Rea |
| Aug. 8David & Laurretta Hamilton | Aug. 22Harold Noe |
| Aug. 9Virginia Brimble, Gary & Carolyn Jones | Aug. 23Addie Florey |
| Aug. 10Lauren Graham, Gordon & Sara Mason, Rose Mary Stump | Aug. 24Monica Graham, Mike & Kay Reich |
| Aug. 11AJ Page | Aug. 25Joan Moore |
| Aug. 13Susan Coffin, Julie Stump | Aug. 27Scotty Florey, Austin McGehee |
| | Aug. 29Tucker Dunn |

Services	AUGUST 7	AUGUST 14	AUGUST 21	AUGUST 28
VESTRY COUNTERS	Katie Simmons & Michelle Lewis; Lock Lloyd Gray			
8 A.M.				
CHALICE	John Carrier	Bob Covert	Malcom Gee	John Carrier
READER	John Carrier	Polly Covert	Malcom Gee	John Carrier
USHER	John Carrier	Bob Covert	Malcom Gee	John Carrier
10:30 A.M.	YOUTH SUNDAY			
READER 1	Lucy Simmons	Gary Jones	Mallory Davis	Jerome Kittrell
READER 2	William Davis	Melissa Calcote	Wayne Wustefeld	Bev Pringle
PRAYERS	Jack Martin	Helen Abraham	Stacey Harwell	Bobbie Rea
USHERS	Landon Smith	Marsha Miller	Will Simmons	Laurretta Hamilton
	Hayes Lancaster	Jim Miller	Edie Simmons	Stacey Harwell
ACOLYTES	Ann Revere Davis	Rowan Hanschke	Hardin Hiatt	Britton Dunn
ALTAR GUILD	Gloria Chancellor	Gloria Chancellor	BJ Ray	BJ Ray
	Rainey Breaux	Rainey Breaux	Melissa Calcote	Melissa Calcote
CHALICE	Olivia Davis	Lynn Waddle	Rob Calcote	Gary Jones

EYC Calendar

- Aug. 5 • 5:30 p.m. • Journey into EYC dinner will be held on Friday, August 5 at 5:30 honoring the following new EYC members — Carlyle Breaux, Sadie Reed and Reese Stump. An out to Hype Jump Adventures for the entire EYC will depart immediately after the dinner. Chaperones needed!
- Aug. 7 • 10:30 a.m. • A youth-led Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. service on August 7 will continue the celebration of our new EYC inductees with music by Logan Watrous from Camp Bratton Green.
- Sept. 11 • 10:30 a.m. • Save the Date for Rally Day! Sunday, September 11. There will also be an acolyte training after the 10:30 a.m. service. Lunch provided!