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All Saints celebrates a “cloud of witnesses”

BY BETSY DENSON

For Dean Barkley Thompson, All Saints’ Day, celebrated on November 1, is special.

“Priests are supposed to say that their favorite feast day is Easter Day, or Pentecost, or Christmas, but All Saints’ Day is mine,” he said. “I love it because it intends to remember all the saints, known and unknown. It’s not all about famous people.”

In the Prayer Book lectionary selections for All Saints’ Day, there is a passage from the Apocryphal Book of Ecclesiasticus that reads in part: “Let us now sing the praises of famous men ... Some of them have left behind a name, so that

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Sunday,
November 1



others declare their praise ... But of others there is no memory; they have perished as though they had never existed; they have become as

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A community centered in love

BY RISHER RANDALL JR.

Alice and I view our pledge as a gift to God, an act of gratitude for all our earthly blessings. We feel that all we have has been provided by God and that sharing some of what He has given us with Christ Church Cathedral is the best and most direct way for us to express our gratitude.

LOYALTY SUNDAY
Sunday, November 8

Certainly, it is difficult to increase
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If we ever harness love

If we’re looking for things about which we can agree — and I surely hope in these days we are looking for things about which we can agree —

then I believe we can all, as Episcopalians, Christians, and people of general goodwill, give thanks for the Episcopal Church’s Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. I count it one of the blessings of



THE VERY REV. BARKLEY THOMPSON

my life that I have known Bishop Curry now for more than a decade. When I served as the rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Roanoke, Virginia, he was the Bishop of North Carolina. We invited Bishop Curry to St. John’s to lead an evangelism service, and he knocked us out of our pews with his powerful preaching. Since my arrival at the Cathedral in 2013, we’ve hosted Bishop Curry here, as has the Seminary of the Southwest, my alma mater in Austin.

Bishop Curry became an international celebrity of sorts on May 19, 2018, when he preached at the wedding of Harry Windsor and Meghan Markle, now the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. He knocked people out of their pews then, too. It was something to watch the jarring juxtaposition of Bishop Curry’s preaching with the staid formality of the British nobility. Since then, Bishop Curry has been all over the airwaves, serving as an ambassador for the Episcopal Church and for the Gospel of Jesus.

This message, and this reading of the Gospel, is not new to Bishop Curry. On the back of an offering envelope I have scribbled notes that I furiously jotted down while hearing him preach at the

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In-Person Sunday Worship continues in the Cathedral

The Cathedral opened for in-person Sunday worship in September, following Diocesan guidelines for safety and social-distancing. Parishioners must register in advance, as services have limited attendance.

See what we’re doing to keep everyone safe, and learn how to register at:
christchurchcathedral.org/worship/sunday-services.



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seminary way back in 2013. As I reread those notes, my heart soars, and I almost find myself lifted from my seat again.

Let me share with you now what Bishop Curry said then. And let's see if, perhaps, this is something else upon which we all can agree. Let's see if this is something for which we'd be willing to put everything on the line, even to sacrifice if necessary.

Bishop Curry began, "Let us transform the world into something more akin to God's dream and less akin to our nightmare." He let that sit for just a moment. Bishop Curry then

began to weave the Passion story. "In the Gospels," he said, "Jesus' talk of love increases as he gets closer to the cross. As Judas slithers away, as Peter denies, even as he hangs on the cross, Jesus speaks love. Why? Because, what is it that raises Jesus from the dead, that transforms him, that remakes the apostles from cowards to martyrs? It is love, God's love."

The Bishop concluded by quoting **Teilhard de Chardin**: "If we ever harness love, it will be as if we rediscovered fire. In the end, love wins. Believe that, or trust that, or just hope that, and you will live differently."

May it be so, now and always.

Fall Neighborhood Gatherings

BY BETHANY PODGORN, MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY LIFE

Blessed are those who dilly dally.

Our lives have become incredibly efficient since March. It is now normal to order groceries online and only be in the parking lot for five minutes to pick them up. Many of us working from home can roll out of bed and into a meeting faster than we ever imagined possible. When we go to an in-person worship service, we stand in line, provide our names and registration slips, then 45 minutes or so later, we walk directly to our cars. Purposefully and blessedly, we have denied ourselves the slow moments of interaction that happen between all of these events that truly make up much of our lives. We have denied ourselves the art of dilly dallying — unstructured time when we make space to linger, visit, and see where a conversation or a day may lead us. A certain amount of dilly dallying is good for the soul.

The Fall Neighborhood Gatherings have always been a meaningful space to gather without an agenda and enjoy each other's company, but the craving for this experience is stronger than ever. Whether you're at the point that you're comfortable gathering in an outdoor space or you're planning on keeping a greater distance for a while,

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Meeting needs in challenging times

BY JULIE FALCON, CHIEF ADVANCEMENT OFFICER

In its 13-year history, The Beacon has built a solid reputation of stepping up to serve during challenging times and the COVID-19 pandemic is no exception. Over the last eight months, we have been extremely grateful for the prayers and support of our mission as we continue to navigate a new sense of normalcy.

In mid-March, The Beacon's meal service was expanded from five to seven days a week and distribution shifted to outside of the facility. Anyone in need of food was provided two meals: one hot meal and one sack lunch. The expansion was necessary to help fill the absence of other food services that were available prior to the pandemic. At its height, our daily census number for meals reached just over 500 people. Shower and laundry services also continued, but on a limited basis to ensure social distancing inside the facility.

In late September, the Day Center re-opened for inside meal services and is equipped to serve up to 90 individuals, five days a week. Showers, laundry services, and pastoral care are also in place for our clients seeking respite and a return to normalcy.

Other Beacon programs have also varied their operations during the pandemic. Our Beacon Law staff are working remotely, following up with clients via phone and email, and submitting documents and filings to the courts electronically. The legal aid team has opened a web-based referral system to the general public and is taking new cases.

Brigid's Hope continues to provide services to the women enrolled in the program, some of these are in person and some have been shifted to be delivered remotely. These services include individual check-ins,

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The Alternative Giving Market kicks off Sunday, November 15

The Alternative Giving Market (AGM) is an event held once a year, by the Christ Church Cathedral Mission and Outreach Council with the purpose of gathering local, non-profit agencies to share the wonderful charitable work taking place in our community, and to help us understand how we can address their needs.

This year we will be gathering online November 15 during the Dean's Hour at 2 p.m. to introduce the participants and share their stories. We hope you will plan to join us!

AGM

**Kickoff 2 p.m.,
November 15**

AGM is a great opportunity to express the true meaning of Christmas by giving to help those people truly in need. With each donation, a Christmas gift card will be provided to you which can be given to your family and friends as a Christmas gift or gift of thanks.

100% of the generous gifts will be presented to those agencies designated by you. All gifts are, of course, tax deductible. Please see the insert inside this issue of The Bulletin, or visit christchurchcathedral.org/agm for more information.



Annual Wreath Sale to support Cathedral Choir

The Cathedral Choir's annual Wreath Sale began October 11, offering Cathedral members an opportunity to support the Choir while bringing holiday cheer to friends, family, and business associates. Online ordering and direct shipping makes this effortless and safe. The annual sale benefits the Cathedral Choir Scholarship Fund which, since 1997, has provided assistance to members wishing to participate in the choir's trip abroad every 3 years. Please make a purchase before sales end November 8. Learn more at christchurchcathedral.org/wreathsales

OUR CATHEDRAL FAMILY

We celebrate with

✠ **Kate Hartman** and **Rishi Modi**, who were married in the Cathedral on September 26.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to

✠ to the family of **Maria Alicia Chavez**, who passed away on September 12, 2020. Maria is grandmother to member **Robert Flores**.

✠ to the family of **Thomas Howard Bartholomew** who passed away on September 27, 2020. Thomas is father to members **Susannah Bartholomew** and grandfather to **Luce** and **Phoebe Tysor**.

✠ to the family of member **Dorthyle Nicholl Headrick**, who passed away on October 1, 2020. Dorthyle is mother to **Charles Headrick**, **Gardner Headrick**, **Faith White**, and **Mary Headrick**.

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar

✠ on Sunday, October 4, were given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Phyllis Keese Webb** by her family.

✠ on Sunday, November 1, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her brother, **Joe Head** and their parents, **Jane** and **Jack Head** and **Mary Louise** and **Robert Thurmond** by **Julie** and **Bob Thurmond**.

✠ on Sunday, November 8, are given to the glory of God in honor of their grandchildren **Grace**, **Camille**, and **Lily Holland**, **Ann Greathouse**, and **Barrett Colvin** by **Antha** and **Bill Holland**.

✠ on Sunday, November 15, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of his parents **Nellie J.** and **Floyd W. Robinson Sr.** and in honor of his mother's birthday and his parents' anniversary by **Floyd W. Robison Jr.**

The flowers in the floor vases

✠ on Sunday, October 4, were given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Bill Renfro** by his family.

Light up the New Year with these suggestions from the Cathedral Bookstore

Although 2020 won't end until December 31, the church year ends in November. A fresh, new year dawns as Advent begins on Christ the King Sunday, November 29, and we start preparing our hearts and homes for the coming of the light.

In the bookstore, we think the light can't come quickly enough this year. So we asked: What if we decided to end 2020 according to the church calendar instead of the secular? And what if we treated November like

Advent's advent, and used it to nourish our spirits, rather than focusing on stuff and stuffing? What if we used this confluence of the end of a challenging calendar year and the beginning of a hopeful church year to take a deep breath and center?

This year has forced us to take stock of everything. Where we've always been able to provide a rich buffet of books and gifts in the past, 2020 has pushed us to look at what's most important now. What can we provide

that our community most needs? For a while that was as prosaic as hand sanitizer and masks, but thankfully we've been able transition to thoughtful books from Cathedral programs, prayer books to use as you make your homes for faith, and uplifting reads like **Presiding Bishop Curry's Love Is the Way**.

Things are looking up, but it's been a long year. This November, we're focusing on being thankful and trying to get centered. We're

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Blessing of the Animal, Fall Gatherings, and more
IN PICTURES



Above: Making Our Home for Faith podcast.



Above, below: Blessing of the Animals



Above, below: Fall Neighborhood Gathering in person.



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thankful that we've been able to find new ways to connect with readers, and thankful that so many of you are utilizing our website. We're thankful for the impetus to explore new ways of being the Cathedral Bookstore so that, going forward, we'll be able to combine the best of what this year has taught us with the bookstore's 38 years of tradition.

And we're going to get centered gently. Many of us feel more scattered than usual, so we're getting our inspiration in snippets, really good tidbits that we can read in the morning before the house wakes up, or in the evening before bed. Whether you're just now coming up for air or you've been able to be more disciplined in your devotional reading, consider joining us to explore the seasonal offerings in *Paraclete's* lovely collection *Thank God: Stories of Gratitude, Harvest and Home*. Recalling an old Eastern European proverb

that says, "Who does not thank for little, will not thank for much," it challenges us to live in ways that praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Reflections come from a variety of authors, including **Henry van Dyke**, **Abraham Lincoln**, and **Louisa May Alcott**, as well as from songs, psalms, and prayers.

After Thanksgiving, we'll turn to **Sarah Arthur's** *Light Upon Light: A Literary Guide to Prayer for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany*. Arthur, who has several other masterfully curated collections, provides what one reviewer called "a literary treasure trove and devotional feast." Offering daily and weekly readings to guide us through all the liturgical seasons of the coming winter, it includes classic authors like **Andersen**, **Dickens**, and **Eliot** and more contemporary ones like **Frederick Buechner** and **Gary Schmidt**. Poets include **Donne**, **Herbert**, and **Rossetti** and newer voices like **Scott Cairns**, **Susanna Childress**,

Gratitude for family stories

BY THE REV. BECKY ZARTMAN

When my youngest brother was in second grade, his teacher gave the class an assignment. The students were to write the things for which they were thankful on a picture of an ear of corn, color it in, cut it out, and put it on the wall in their classroom. At the Thanksgiving holiday, the students brought the corn pictures home.

My mom was fishing stuff out of my brother's backpack when, all of a sudden, she starts laughing hysterically. I went over to see what she was laughing about, and then I started laughing. My brother had written, "I am thankful for cornbread and lightbulbs." Now, we all knew that my brother is no wordsmith. Even as a seven-year-old, he was an engineer, through and through. But still, couldn't he have come up with something better than cornbread and lightbulbs? Anything? Like, he must have been looking at the ear of corn, and thinking, "Huh. Corn. I can't just write corn, can I? Well, I like cornbread. That's a good start, but that's not enough. Can't stop there." So, he looks around, anything in the classroom? "Hmmm ... Despite these humans who are my friends and my teacher, my loving home, my parents, my grandparents, my siblings, and our dog who loves me the best out of the whole family — what else is there to be thankful for? Oh, I know, LIGHTBULBS. You know, I am thankful for lightbulbs, come to think of it." And so, he writes, very diligently, "and lightbulbs."

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Hines Center Board votes to cease operations after five years of faithful ministry

In February the board of trustees of the Bishop John E. Hines Center for Spirituality and Prayer had just launched a new operating model that amplified the Hines Center's mission to "nurture spirituality through spiritual practices, prayer, and opportunities for Christian, interfaith, and secular dialogue and community" by taking Hines Center programming into the workplace of downtown businesses and corporations. It was an exciting new vision for the center. Along with the rest of the world, those plans, as well the Hines Center's robust onsite programming at 500 Fannin, came to a screeching halt with the March arrival of the novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. After six months of faithful and diligent effort by Executive Director **Danielle Fanfair** and the Hines Center board to keep the Hines Center operating, the board decided in September to suspend all Hines Center operations indefinitely. **Dean Barkley Thompson** offered, "This is a lamentable outcome, but it is in no way a failure. The COVID-19 pandemic is unprecedented, and I am grateful that the Hines Center was able to operate as long as it did under such conditions. For five years, the Hines Center enabled people — including those who otherwise had no spiritual community — to encounter the divine in the urban downtown. That is a legacy to be celebrated, and I am grateful for it."

The idea for a spirituality center had percolated at Christ Church Cathedral for several years when, in 2014, the Cathedral's vision plan "A Future Filled With Hope" called for the center to become a reality. After a subsequent nine-month feasibility study, the Cathedral vestry approved the creation of the center. At the suggestion of parishioner and eventual center board member **Nancy Powell Moore**, the center was named in honor of **The Rt. Rev. John E. Hines**. Bishop Hines served as rector of Christ Church, Bishop of Texas, and Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. He was a champion for spiritual growth as well as reconciliation among all people, and thus his name was the perfect fit for what became the Hines Center.

The Hines Center opened its doors in January 2016, providing labyrinth walks, centering prayer sessions, yoga classes, icon writing workshops, mindfulness training, and more. Among its most successful programs was a summer concert series entitled "Song + Story," which was sponsored in part by Saint Arnold Brewery, Cameron Management, and The Esperson Building, and featured Houston musicians of all genres and different cultural backgrounds who sang, played, and shared stories of the spiritual inspiration for their music. For the first time in their careers, these artists engaged in contemplative practices with their audiences, and have since added those practices to their shows.

In an expression of gratitude, Executive Director Danielle Fanfair wrote to Hines Center patrons, "You joined us, and we laughed, cried and we breathed, together. We talked through our anxieties with professionals, learned to meditate our way through quarantine, and journaled our way to peace. We are so thankful to you, joining us from every part of Houston and beyond. You made our center come alive. *I am especially proud of how your presence made it so that every kind of person, representing every culture, generation, ability and faith tradition felt at home in our center.*"

Hines Center board president **Katie Barnes** added, "Everyone's spiritual journey is unique, and I am proud of the Hines Center's role in providing a spiritual resource and home to those who are seeking for greater meaning. I am grateful for leadership of Dean Thompson, Danielle Fanfair, **Ted Dom**, our donors, and my Hines Center board members for their commitment to supporting this unique spiritual space."

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though they had never been born, they and their children after them. But these also were godly men, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten; their wealth will remain with their descendants, and their inheritance with their children's children our ancestors in their generations."

"I love that sentiment that we are all saints," he said. "The reading affirms that we each have a real and enduring impact on the life of the Church."

Canon **Kathy Rock Pfister** also sees the feast day as a call to action.

"All Saints' Day celebrates the heroes of the faith," she said. "It is an invitation. These are holy women and men whose lives teach us how to live holy lives in our own context. We don't pray to them, but we venerate them and are inspired by them."

Canon Pfister recalls the 20th century hymn 'I Sing a Song of the Saints of God' with lines like, "You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too."

She likens the study of the saints, as well as the remembrance of departed loved ones, as a rumination on how to live a holy life.

"The miracle is that the more that we imitate Christ, the more we become our own truest selves," she adds. "It's not a conformity but actually amplifies your uniqueness."

The 11th edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* said that the feast of All Saints, on its current date, can be traced to **Pope Gregory III** (731-741). It is thought that churches in the British Isles began celebrating All Saints on the first of November at the beginning of the 8th century in syncretism with the Celtic festival of Samhain.

"Samhain was a pagan harvest festival," said Dean Thompson. "But pagan people also celebrated the blessings of all their ancestors as part of their bounty. There was wonderful synergy, providential one might say, that when Christianity came, Samhain and All Saints shared a date on the calendar."

Celtic tradition also holds that on All Hallows Eve, October 31, the veil between the living and the dead became porous and that benevolent spirits could visit — as well as malevolent ones. That's when people started dressing up in costume to take the sting out of the idea.

In the contemporary celebration of All Saints' Day at Christ Church, the baptism of parishioner's children plays a big part.

CENTERED IN LOVE, from cover one's pledge in austere times. However, we feel it is important to be steadfast and to give the first fruits. That is to say, it is the first check we write from the household budget, not the last. We will make do with what is left.

There are many reasons why we have steadfastly attended and supported CCC over the years. We appreciate its history and location in the center of the city and celebrate the diversity of our community. However, the most important and distinguishing feature of our community is its unified focus on Jesus Christ and the love for one another which emanates from that faith.

The love is felt all the time and is illustrated in an experience we encountered in late 2017. Violent murders of innocent people had just taken place in Las Vegas and Sutherland Springs south of San Antonio. All around the country, people were somewhat nervous and on edge. During the 9:00 service — which we routinely attend—a disheveled but ultimately harmless man barged in and started shouting in the middle of Dean Thompson's announcements. Barkley allowed this verbal intrusion to run its course and then descended from the pulpit, in a gentle manner and communicating empathy for this man. He then put his arm around him and escorted him out of the sanctuary. When Barkley returned, he told us that we are a community centered in love. For me, the experience was an epiphany for something I subliminally already knew. It demonstrated that CCC practices what it preaches. And all of us in attendance witnessed that it works. Love really does conquer all things and produces peace and harmony.

Hopefully, you feel that love as we do and that it will inspire you to reciprocate with a generous pledge to the EMC. After all, CCC is our spiritual home and it is OUR responsibility to take care of it.

This year, due to the pandemic, baptisms have been moved to a special, dedicated service on a date later in November.

In reference to the tradition of baptism on All Saints, Canon Pfister refers to the "great a cloud of witnesses" that Paul speaks about in Hebrews 12:1 and the idea that the living and the dead are in one communion of fellowship in Christ's body.

"We're all connected to that cloud of witnesses, [and] surrounded by their faith, and their hope," she said. "Baptism into that mystical body of Christ is a part of that too. It is a great chain of being. You are a part of your own family, and a part of a much larger family — past, present, and future."

"Through baptism, we graft new saints into the Body of Christ," adds the dean.

While All Saints' Day is a part of the universal Christian landscape the same way that all Christian denominations recognize the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, the day traditionally has increased significance for Anglicans.

"Episcopalians observe it in a bigger way," said Dean Thompson.

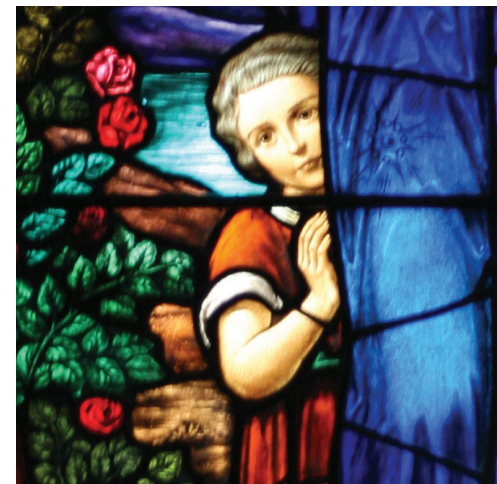
2021 EMC | Loyalty Sunday | Nov. 8

Support the ministries of the Cathedral by making a pledge this fall. We hope you will faithfully consider offering your financial support by pledging to the Cathedral's 2021 Every Member Canvass (EMC), a true investment in future mission and ministry.

November 8 is Loyalty Sunday, the day by which we hope to have all pledges returned. On that day, during each service we'll say a special blessing for the pledges we have received.

Ways to make your pledge:

- Return the pledge card you received by mail to 1117 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77002.
- Make a pledge over the phone at 713-590-3338 or by email by contacting Minister for Stewardship **Karen Kraycirik** at kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org.
- Pledging online is easy. Learn more at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/emc



Youth Sunday

Join Christ Church Cathedral Youth November 15 as they lead Youth Sunday during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Youth will have the opportunity to be lectors, acolytes, participate in the choir and preach. This is a great opportunity for our youth to be leaders in our church. If you have any questions about the program or feel called to participate please contact **Marcia Quintanilla**, Minister for Youth at mquintanilla@christchurchcathedral.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit christchurchcathedral.org or call **713-222-2593** to learn more about these and other events at the Cathedral.

- Registration recommended
- ▲ Registration required
- × Registration closed
- ★ Childcare available (3 mo. to 12 yrs.)
- 👤 Bring a friend!

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1 SUN

Youth Service Day
7-10:45 a.m., The Beacon

Virtual Coffee Hour ▲
10-11 a.m., Zoom

Dean's Hour Matinee: A Conversation with Secretary of State James Baker
2-3 p.m. Facebook premiere

The Anglican Way ×
6:30-8 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 2 MON

All Souls Day ▲
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Cathedral

Fall Neighborhood Gathering ▲
6-7:30 p.m., Live Oak Friends Meeting House

Rising from the Ashes: Moving Through Grief Towards Peace ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 3 TUES

The Body and the New Testament (Men and Women) ▲
7-8 a.m., Zoom

Women's Evening Bible Study ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

Youth Seed Group ▲
6:30-8 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 4 WED

Men's Morning Bible Study ▲
7-8 a.m., Zoom

Women's Morning Bible Study ▲
9:30-11 a.m., Zoom

Dean's Book Club, You're Not Listening: What You're Missing and Why It Matters by **Kate Murphy**. ▲
6:30-8 p.m., Zoom

Cathedral 20s & 30s Wednesday Night: Enneagram and Spiritual Growth ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 5 THUR

The Body and the New Testament (Men and Women) ▲
12-1 p.m., Zoom

Amazing Women of Faith ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 6 FRI

Cathedral 20s & 30s First Friday Fellowship ▲
7:30 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 8 SUN

Dean's Hour Matinee: The End of the World: From the Bible to the Present, Session 4 ▲
2-3 p.m., Zoom

The Anglican Way ×
6:30-8 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 9 MON

Fall Neighborhood Gathering ▲
6-7:30 p.m., Levy Park, Pavilion

Rising from the Ashes: Moving Through Grief Towards Peace ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 10 TUES

The Body and the New Testament (Men and Women) ▲
7-8 a.m., Zoom

Women's Evening Bible Study ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

Community of Hope International Monthly Gathering — "Circle of Care" ▲
6-8 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 11 WED

Men's Morning Bible Study ▲
7-8 a.m., Zoom

Women's Morning Bible Study ▲
9:30-11 a.m., Zoom

Youth Root Group ▲
6:30-8 p.m., Zoom.

Cathedral 20s & 30s Wednesday Night: Enneagram and Spiritual Growth ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 12 THUR

Alzheimer's Association/Dementia Support Group ▲
11:30 a.m., Zoom

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one-on-one remote therapy sessions, and case management check-ins weekly with every participant to ensure that they have the resources they need as well as any program or housing updates.

COMPASS program staff continue to sort and distribute mail to clients who have mailbox privileges. These mail deliveries often include important documents and prescription medications that are crucial during this time when there is limited access to other resources and agencies in the community. Additionally, the staff are helping individuals access new ID cards along with quality health care by processing applications for access to the Harris Health System.

The Beacon has also continued its efforts in linking

NOVEMBER 20 FRI

Cathedral College Connection ▲
3-4:15 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 21 SAT

Knitters & Crocheters Circle ▲
10 a.m., Zoom

Cathedral 20s & 30s Friendsgiving ▲
5 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 22 SUN

The Anglican Way ×
6:30-8 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 23 MON

Rising from the Ashes: Moving Through Grief Towards Peace ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 24 TUES

Women's Evening Bible Study: The Body & the New Testament ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 25 WED

Youth Root Group ▲
6:30-8 p.m., Zoom

Thanksgiving Eve Service ▲
6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 29 SUN

Advent Wreath Making Event
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Anglican Way ×
6:30-8 p.m., Zoom

NOVEMBER 30 MON

Rising from the Ashes: Moving Through Grief Towards Peace ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

individuals to appropriate supportive housing and was recently selected as a partner in the Community-wide COVID-19 Housing Program (CCHP). This comprehensive plan is organized in collaboration with Harris County, the City of Houston, the Coalition for the Homeless Houston and several homeless service agencies.

Four new Housing Navigators will be added to The Beacon staff this fall with a goal of providing services to 145 households within a 12-month period as part of this large-scale community homeless housing initiative.

We welcome volunteers to help us serve in our Day Center! Please know that every precaution is being taken to keep everyone safe. For volunteer information or to sign up, go to www.beaconhomeless.org.



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So that year, when it was time to go around the Thanksgiving table and say what we were thankful for, I said "cornbread and lightbulbs." In fact, every year I say "cornbread and lightbulbs" because it's still funny. "Cornbread and lightbulbs" will be funny for eternity. My brother, of course, hates it — which only makes it funnier.

But despite it being eternally funny, seven-year-old kid brother might have some spiritual wisdom for us in this season of upheaval. I won't be getting home for Thanksgiving, to hang out with the 25–40 members of our family who regularly invade my parents' house each year. They won't be gathering together at all, probably. Your plans are probably smashed, too. The places we go and the people we see will not be the places we go and the people we see this year. This is going to hurt. The holidays, already hard for some folks, are going to be even harder. So this year, go small. Really small. Like, cornbread and lightbulbs small. God's grace and loving kindness surrounds us, everywhere we go, in all kinds of ways, every single day, if only we could see and name them. If it's hard to be thankful for the big things in life in the middle of a big chaos, that's okay. Take some advice from a tiny, seven-year-old engineer, and practice being thankful for the little things.



Advent Wreath Making

Please save the date for our Annual Advent Wreath making event Sunday, November 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking garage. Come pick up your **WREATH MAKING** DIY (do it yourself) kit in the parking garage, pay with cash, check or credit (suggested donation \$25).

We will have the recipe for **KariAnn Lessner's** spiced apple cider, **Lucy Chamber's** coffee cake recipe and all the trimmings you will need to take home and make your family's traditional Advent wreath.

Never made an Advent Wreath before? No worries! We'll have experts on-hand to walk you through the assembly process and every family will receive an Advent booklet. Supplies will be available for 120 wreaths.

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we hope you'll join us for the Fall Neighborhood Gatherings. There are still a few events left and the space created for fellowship is for you. See below for details and how to RSVP.

This is your chance to dilly dally. We hope you'll join us.

In-person Neighborhood Gatherings

Monday, November 2, 6–7:30 p.m.
Live Oak Friends Meeting House
1318 West 26th Street
Houston, Texas 77008

Monday, November 9, 6–7:30 p.m.
Levy Park, Pavilion
3801 Eastside Street
Houston, Texas 77098

Virtual Neighborhood Gathering
Thursday, November 12, 6–7:30 p.m.
This event will be held on Zoom

Capacity is limited at each venue. Masks are required. There will be light refreshments. RSVP required. To RSVP Contact **Lisa Cantu** at lcantu@christchurchcathedral.org or call 713-222-2593.