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THE PALMER

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET & YARD SALE

Today, November 22 — The Alternative Gift Market kicks off today in the courtyard after the 10:00 am Choral Eucharist. This is a popular way to solve the problem of what to give as a present for the hard to buy for person, and, you can support Palmer's outreach ministries with the purchase of that gift! The acknowledgement of the donation as a gift comes with a brightly colored postcard with a bow and a candy cane to make it the ideal stock stuffer. There will also be a yard sale as a result of the campus clean-up crew having identified supplies surplus to Palmer needs. That surplus can also be a stocking stuffer treasure! Come browse the items and pick up a bargain.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Next Sunday, November 29 — Make your own Advent wreath in the parish hall during the 9:00 am hour or after the 10:00 am Choral Eucharist! The church will provide the greens. You can bring your own candle ring and candles, or purchase a kit from the church for $15. Contributions towards the cost of the greens are welcome. You can pay ahead of time at palmerchurch.org/donation/ and type "Advent Wreath" in the memo line. Then bring that receipt with you!

NEW HOPE HOUSING CHRISTMAS EVENT

Saturday, December 5 — Volunteer to help with the Berry Merry Christmas event on this date from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. It's a Christmas celebration with our New Hope Housing unit, which is called the Berry unit. We need helpers serving food, assisting with shopping and wrapping gifts, as well as assisting with crafts and frosting sugar cookies. We plan to host a fun day for the families in this unit, while also preparing them for their own celebrations. Contact Deacon Mary Reddick at deacon@palmerchurch.org to be a part of this event.

FALL FORMATION

SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION

9:00-9:45 am | St. Bede's Chapel

11/22 - Introduction to the Ten Commandments

11/29 - Advent Wreath Making

12/06 - The Ten Commandments, Part I

Parenting Circle

Sunday Mornings, 9:00-9:45 am, in the Canterbury Room, located above St. Bede's Chapel on the second floor — Parents are invited to gather for support and conversation while the youngest children are in the Nursery or attending children's choir practice in Holy Cross Children's Room.

Carnevale 2027

Sunday, February 7, 2027 — This will be the date for Palmer's second Carnevale celebration prior to the beginning of the season of Lent, with festive masks and costumes, food, and entertainment. We are seeking more volunteers to help with the campus-wide festivities, both for advance planning and for help on the day of the celebration. Interested? Contact either the Rev'd Katherine Tuttle at parishlife@parlmerchurch.org or Susan Alexander at susanpal@mac.com for more information. Thank you!

Christmas Flower Dedications

The beauty of flowers in the church and in the chapel reflects the joy, hope, and new life we celebrate at Christmas. The floral arrangements that grace our altars are made possible through the generous gifts of the members and friends of Palmer. You are invited to contribute toward these special arrangements with a suggested gift of $125 — or any amount you feel called to give — for flowers in the church, the chapel, or the columbarium. Gifts may be given in honor of, thanksgiving for, or in memory of someone dear to you or a major life event. Please complete the online form at https://palmerchurch.org/flowerfund/ or fill in a Christmas Flower dedication envelope that you can find at the entrances into the church.

Sunday Worship & Bible Studies

Sunday Worship Schedule
8:00 am and 10:00 am

Bible Studies
Tuesday Men's at 7:00 am
Tuesday Women's at 7:00 am and 3:30 pm
Wednesday Parish-wide at 12 pm

For locations, Zoom links, and contact information, scan the QR code or visit palmerchurch.org.

More Ways to Connect
Women's Spirituality · Meditation · Yoga · Writing Group · Rice Student Ministry

Monthly Gatherings
Potlucks · Social Hour · Dinner & Discussion · Reel Theology · Creative Arts · Photography · Third Thursdays · Game Group

Nursery
Palmer's Nursery is located in the front office at the end of the staff hallway, with access through the breezeway. It is open on Sundays and for special events.

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Large-print editions of the Book of Common Prayer are now available at the Welcome Table.

Questions about The Palmer insert? Contact Sue Howard at showard@palmerchurch.org