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THE PALMER

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

REEL THEOLOGY

Today, November 1, at 7:00 pm — Join us for a discussion on Zoom of the film *The Old Oak* (2023), directed by Ken Loach. The film is free on the Kanopy app through the Houston Public Library or available to rent on Amazon Prime or Apple TV for $3.99. Find the Zoom link to use for tonight's discussion at https://palmerchurch.org/meetinglinks/

FOCUS GROUPS

Three Remaining Opportunities — As we approach Palmer's centennial in 2029, we're thinking about campus enhancements to support our mission for the *next* century. So the Vestry has engaged Jim Klote and Associates to help us prepare for a capital campaign. Glendon Smith, a senior executive with that firm has been on-site at Palmer since last week. Many of you have attended meetings to learn from and provide input to the Restoration Taskforce. To ensure everyone has an opportunity to learn about our campus needs and to provide input, we're conducting a series of focus group meetings:

Monday, November 2 at 5:30 – 6:30 pm – Room A102
Sunday, November 8 at 11:15 am – 12:15 pm – Room A102
Tuesday, November 10 at 5:30 – 6:30 pm – Zoom

Reserve your spot in a focus group by emailing either Pam Lovett at pamlovett@sbcglobal.net or Mike Soika at mike.soika@gmail.com.

WREATHS & GARLANDS

Next Sunday Is the Last Day to Order — The Women's Retreat is once again selling fresh, fragrant Christmas wreaths and garlands in support of their annual retreat. Stop by the table in the breezeway on Sunday mornings to place an order in person, or place an order online anytime at https://palmerchurch.org/womensretreat/ (scroll down to the bottom). The deadline for orders is November 8.

FALL FORMATION

SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION

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

11/01 - Anything but Ordinary: Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers with the Rev'd Katherine Tuttle

11/08 - Anything but Ordinary: Moses and the Burning Bush with Deacon Mary Reddick

11/15 - Introduction to the Ten Commandments

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.

Dinner & Discussion

Friday, November 13, at 6:30 pm — All are welcome at the next Dinner & Discussion in the parish hall for a potluck dinner and to hear Valentina Huang, Associate Organist, talk about her musical journey from China to Houston. Valentina is a doctoral candidate at Rice's Shepherd School of Music studying under Palmer's Organist and Artist-in-Residence, Ken Cowan. After dinner, we will move to the church and choir loft to hear Valentina talk about and play our Fisk organ. Please bring a dish to share with about six people, plus $3 each to cover beverage costs. No RSVPs required! Contact Betty Key at bettykey@sbcglobal.net for more info.

We Are Palmer

Covenant Sunday is coming! Mark your calendar for a celebration on Covenant Sunday, November 15. We will place symbols of our stewardship pledges (i.e., our estimated financial giving to Palmer for the next calendar year) on the altar during our worship together, and celebrate afterwards with a lovely brunch in the Parish Hall. Pledges support over 80% of Palmer's budget, so please make yours now for 2027.

There are pledge cards in the pew rack in front of you that you can take with you, or you can visit the church website to make your stewardship pedge online here: https://palmerchurch.org/stewardshipandgiving/

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