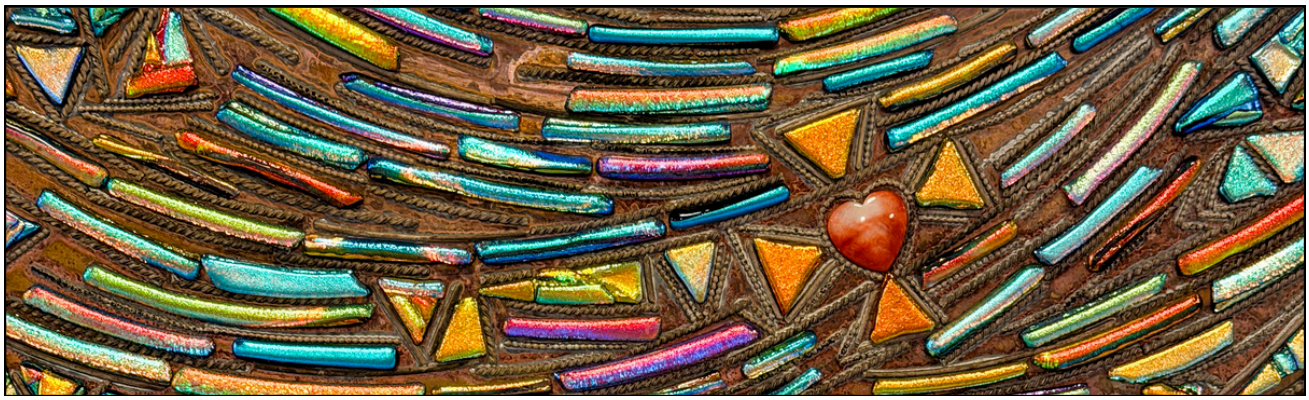
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THE PALMER

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

COVENANT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, November 15 — During worship, we will place symbols of our stewardship pledges (our estimated financial giving to Palmer for the calendar year 2027) on the altar. Then, after the 10:00 am servie, we'll celebrate with 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, or you can visit the church website to make your stewardship pedge online here: https://palmerchurch.org/stewardshipandgiving/

FOOD DONATIONS

Next Sunday, November 15 — This month we're asking that food donations for the Emergency Aid Coalition be dropped off at Palmer next Sunday, November 15. These requested items will be used for either Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner for their clients since families who receive food may do so every two months: canned mixed fruit, mashed potato packets, boxed stuffing mix, mushroom soup, canned mixed veggies, and canned yams. Thank you!

LAST FOCUS GROUP

One Remaining Opportunity — As we approach Palmer's centennial in 2029, the Vestry has engaged Jim Klote and Associates to help us with a capital campaign for campus enhancements to prepare us for the *next* century. 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 these needs and to provide input, there will be one last focus group meeting on Zoom on Tuesday, November 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Reserve your spot by emailing Pam Lovett at pamlovett@sbcglobal.net or Mike Soika at mike.soika@gmail.com.

FALL FORMATION

SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION

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

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

11/15 - Introduction to the Ten Commandments

11/22 - The 10 Commandments 1-3 with the Rev'd Katherine Tuttle

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.

Wreaths & Garlands

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

Social Hour with the Rector

Canceled This Month — Due to activities on the campus of Rice University, our normal gathering there with the Rector at the picnic tables outside Valhalla at 5:30 pm on the second Thursday of the month will not be taking place in November!

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.

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