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THE PALMER

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

COVENANT SUNDAY

Today, November 15 — This is a celebration of our collective financial support for Palmer's ministry and mission goals for 2027. Stay for a lovely brunch in the parish hall following the 10:00 am Choral Eucharist. Thank you to the over 150 Palmer households that have together already made stewardship pledges, which are estimates of financial giving, of over $1.3 million for the year ahead. Making your pledge on or before Covenant Sunday gives two gifts: your spiritual commitment and your support for the Finance Council in creating a balanced budget for 2027. Help us reach our $2 million goal!

FOOD DONATIONS

This Week — This month the Emergency Aid Coalition is requesting items that 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. You can still drop these off at the church office for Deacon Mary Reddick.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET & YARD SALE

Next Sunday, November 22 — The Alternative Gift Market returns this year and will kick off next Sunday 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. Also on November 22, there will be a yard sale as a result of the campus clean-up crew having identified supplies surplus to Palmer needs. Palmer's surplus can also be your stocking stuffer treasure! Come browse the items and pick up a bargain.

FALL FORMATION

SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION

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

11/15 - "Why church?" with the Rev'd Neil Alan Willard and the Rev'd Allen M. Junek

11/22 - Introduction to the Ten Commandments

11/29 - Advent Wreath Making

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!

Third Thursday Outing

Thursday, November 19, at 10:00 am — Please join us for a private boat tour with the Buffalo Bayou Conservancy this Thursday, November 19, from 10:00 to 11:30 am. This will be a docent-guided boat tour, and there is a suggested donation of $20 per person to help cover the cost of both the boat rental and the tour guide. Due to the boat's size, we have a limited number of spots (24) so please RSVP! A carpool will gather at Palmer at 9:00 am, or you can meet us at 1019 Commerce Street in Houston at the Allen's Landing boat launch at 9:45 am to ensure an on-time departure. For any questions or to RSVP, contact the Rev'd Katherine Tuttle at parishlife@palmerchurch.org.

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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