



THE PALMER

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WARDENS' FORUM

Today, October 18, at 11:30 am — Plan to stay after the 10:00 am service for a Wardens' Forum in St. Bede's Chapel. Topics will include the church budget for 2027 and our upcoming capital campaign. You'll also hear from our new Director of Operations, Pam Harvey!

FOCUS GROUPS

Six Opportunities This Fall — 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 will be conducting a series of focus group meetings:

Wednesday, October 21 at 5:30 – 6:30 pm – Room A102

Thursday, October 29 at 5:30 – 6:30 pm – Room A102

Sunday, November 1 at 11:15 am – 12:15 pm – Room A102

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.

SUPPORT THE BEACON

Over the Next Month — The Beacon is a central hub of services for folks experiencing homelessness. Clients wear scrubs while clothes are washed and dried. So they are asking for donations of new or gently used scrubs. If you have any to donate, please bring them to Deacon Mary Reddick in the church office over the next month.

FALL FORMATION

SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION

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

10/18 - Anything but Ordinary: Jacob Wrestles at Peniel with the Rev'd Katherine Tuttle

10/25 - Anything but Ordinary: Joseph's Brothers Sell Him into Slavery with the Rev'd Katherine Tuttle

11/01 - Anything but Ordinary: Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers 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.

Parish Picnic in the Park

Next Sunday, October 25, 11:30 am, in Hermann Park —

After the 10:00 am service, we'll be having a potluck meal at the pavilion across the street in Hermann Park. Bring a dish to share with others, and know that you can bring those items, including things that need to be refrigerated, to the kitchen or to the front of the church office earlier in that morning. And don't worry about getting those items you've dropped off across the street to the park after worship because someone will do that for you. Then, after the picnic, enjoy that beautiful park on the other side of Fannin Street.

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 pledge 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.

Explore More at Palmer



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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