



November 2020

Dear Beloved of God,

As we have been Walking in the Way of Love the past few years, we have grown in our spiritual practices and our connection to God, our neighbor and one another.

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8



Our stewardship theme for this year, **“Doing What Love Requires,”** focuses on the complex times in which we find ourselves. This is our opportunity to remind you that your financial pledges are a crucial investment in the life and ministry of the church *with over 80% of our income coming from pledges.*

Recalling the prophet Micah, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminds us that as followers of Jesus, we must ask ourselves and our communities **“What would love do?”** Answering this question is our life’s work, and we are privileged to stand among the saints who have done what love required of them in their time and place. Now it is our turn to answer the question and focus on the many ways in which we can respond in love to the needs around us. We need you in the pledge category.

Over the past few months, when our physical buildings have been closed, the courageous and necessary work of ministry has continued while requiring more time and resources. We’ve seen love in action — distributing food in the form of Kidz Pacz and Meals from Cooking For Christ, offering a witness for justice, standing in solidarity with marginalized communities post Hurricanes, reaching out to the isolated and to those who have lost jobs and livelihoods. We have been love in action as many of you have helped offer prayer and hope online and words of encouragement to our school families, teachers and most recently our first responders. We have sustained one another in countless ways, from delivering groceries to focusing on and sharing compassion to caring for our youth, elders, and caregivers. Despite the restrictions of stay-at-home orders, your leadership and members quickly identified opportunities to continue to worship, learn, study, and be in fellowship with one another AND share Hope while serving our neighbors! *(see images on page three)*

St. George’s has been in existence for 107 years with countless Saints passing on the faith they were given to future generations. Over these many years, St. George’s has played a key role in being a catalyst to gather others in the community for those no one else was serving. While we are an older congregation and it might be tempting to think we have little to offer our community, this is not the truth. Your super power as a church is the faithful prayers of its members, knowing from experience we will get through this, and demonstrating God’s love with food and care—Not to mention the Hope you have as believers in Jesus Christ. These are things the world needs so desperately right now! And by being online, we are reaching between 500-800 people a month.

All of November, the focus is on giving thanks during our noonday services on Facebook. You might consider joining us there in giving thanks for all the many Saints who have shared the faith with you! It might just stir up your Faith and give you purpose.

We remember those whom have passed in the last couple of years and all those who have gone before us. We pray they rest in peace and perpetual light with all the saints and God comfort and protect their loved ones, in Jesus Name. Amen.

Celebrating and remembering Our Saints who have gone home this past year or so:

Jo Butler	Peggy Tolson	Leah D’Ascenzo
Gil Goodwill	Jean McKnight	John Jacobson
Lloyd Criss, Jr.	Lenny Cianciotto	Nancy Ramirez Sims
John “Ivy” Bones		

We thank God for their faith and faithfulness to pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ to us in word and deed. May we follow their example as a way to honor them!

In Hope,

Pastor Robin+

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Please consider giving your Christmas Gift early and/or your November/December pledge early.

P.S. Please turn in your pledge cards by Sunday, November 15th, so it can be prayed over and blessed at our 11 AM service. We will then have an ingathering after church — join us for our chili luncheon.

What being a member of St. George’s and the meals mean to me



I strongly believe that the Church is an institution which enormously provides the strength, courage and hope to sustain a sense of normalcy. This is particularly true during this time of undergoing unrest, loss of jobs, and fear of the coronavirus.

The meals help provide additional nutrition supplements to my daily meals. They serve as a source to let me know that the Church and its people care. I look forward to seeing the faces of those who deliver the meals. Thank you for your prayers, and thanksgiving of yourselves and service.

Bennie Matthews

Love God — With Worship & Prayer



Worshipping In-Person and Online reach more people and glorify God.

Below: Members leading prayer & sharing Good News M-F at Noon



Love our Neighbors — With Hope, Prayers, and Food Distribution



As We Love Ourselves — Teaching the Way of Love, Sharing food, and Safe Gatherings



First Picture: Youth Group safely gathering during the summer for VBS.



Left: Members preparing and helping put together the Cooking for Christ Meals.

Impact of the Pandemic and Our Response

The Pandemic, which brought many changes to our lives, has changed our church, too. Our clergy, staff and members have risen to the challenges the change has brought and chose to add online services, bible study, and noonday prayer (five days a week) to encourage your faith and others during this difficult time. Members rose up to cook and deliver meals with information packets to help us stay connected. These packets contained tools for joining in worship and growing spiritually, as well as, a newsletter keeping you informed and providing ways you can help us live into our mission. All these activities and all that we do these days is intentionally aligned with our mission statement: Love Jesus, with all our heart, soul, strength and mind while loving our neighbors as ourselves. We then know and share this Love and Hope courageously with others. Your leadership is proud of you.

These activities are what support our faith community and bring benefits to our members and the wider community. As a faith community, we are unlike any other service organization. We, unlike the world, come together in love even though we hold differing views and beliefs. We come together because of our love for Jesus Christ and gratitude for his redeeming love because we know we are sinners in need of a savior. This is the community of unconditional love and acceptance.

Did you know? — **God has increased our influence since the Pandemic began!** At the beginning of the Pandemic, we were reaching up to 835 people a Sunday online! Around thirty people are viewing the noonday prayer services each week. **We are inviting you to be “All In” in participating in some way in the life of this community for the love of God.**

We expect to be able to worship on Sunday and can do so in person now with safety precautions on Sundays at 11 a.m. Being part of this community of faith, we expect to be able to come together to have fun, to share meals and to be made aware of what is happening in the community. We want to have a priestly presence each Sunday for worship, when we want our children baptized, or married, or when we are sick and/or in the hospital, or to tend to us and our families at the time of death. We want prayers for our needs and to know when prayers are needed by others in the community. We need someone to challenge and encourage us to grow in our faith our whole life long and to not give into fear. We need to hear the Good News of God’s redemptive love, grace, and His plans for a hope for our future each week. That is what our priest does for us with the help of staff and the leadership team. This is your church. How might we together envision it continuing — thriving even in the midst of this Covid pandemic, to reach not only our members but those who do not yet know about God’s love that might find us on the internet?

As we review where we are financially Year-to-Date and plan our mission and ministries for next year, ***we need you to join us and let us know how are you able to help us further our mission.*** We need to know what your commitment is as a member? Are you going to sit on the sidelines or are you going to be “All In?” Whether you are homebound or in the at-risk group for Covid or able to be here in person, there are many ways in which you can contribute and make a real difference for St. George’s and not only help usher in future Saints into the fellowship, but train up new disciples in the way of love.

Look at What We Can Do Because of Our Clergy and Lay Employees

Lay Employee Cost includes:

Salaries and Wages, Contract, payroll tax expense, etc.

(Lay Employees: Raquel and Greg Contract: Beth Rogers)

Raquel:

Online Sunday Services ~ 1 hr for set-up, videoing/monitoring Zoom and Facebook, playing music, responding for the people, and putting equipment back

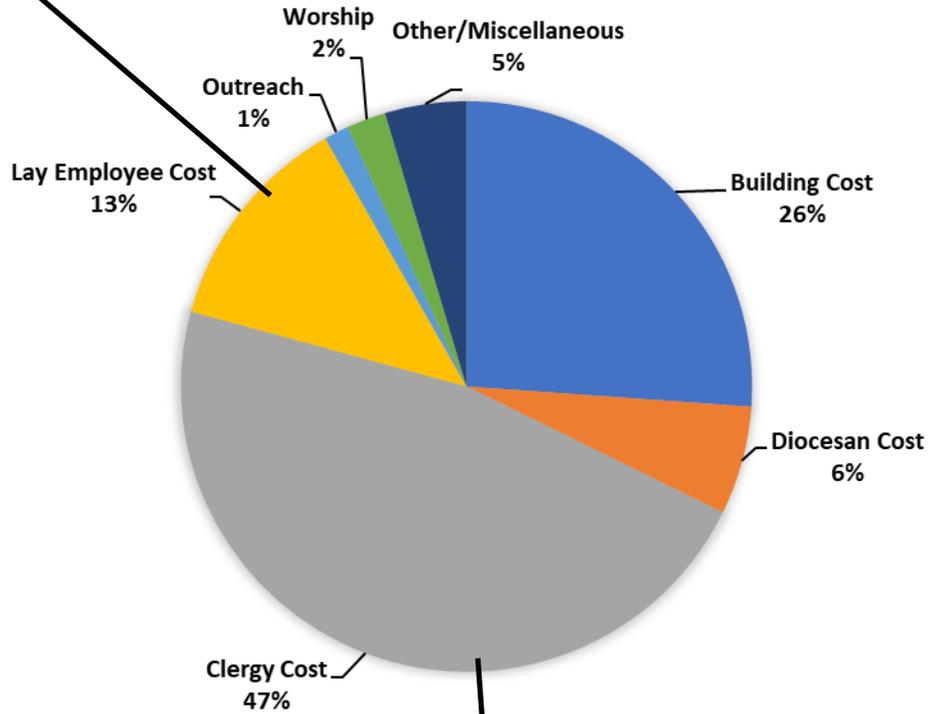
Daily Noonday Prayer ~ 30 min. for set-up, videoing, and uploading

Other tasks: Weekly enewsletters, monthly newsletters, updating & maintaining website, bulletins (online & in-person Sunday Services, funerals, etc.), other documents/flyers (Stewardship, GriefShare, etc.), Youth Group

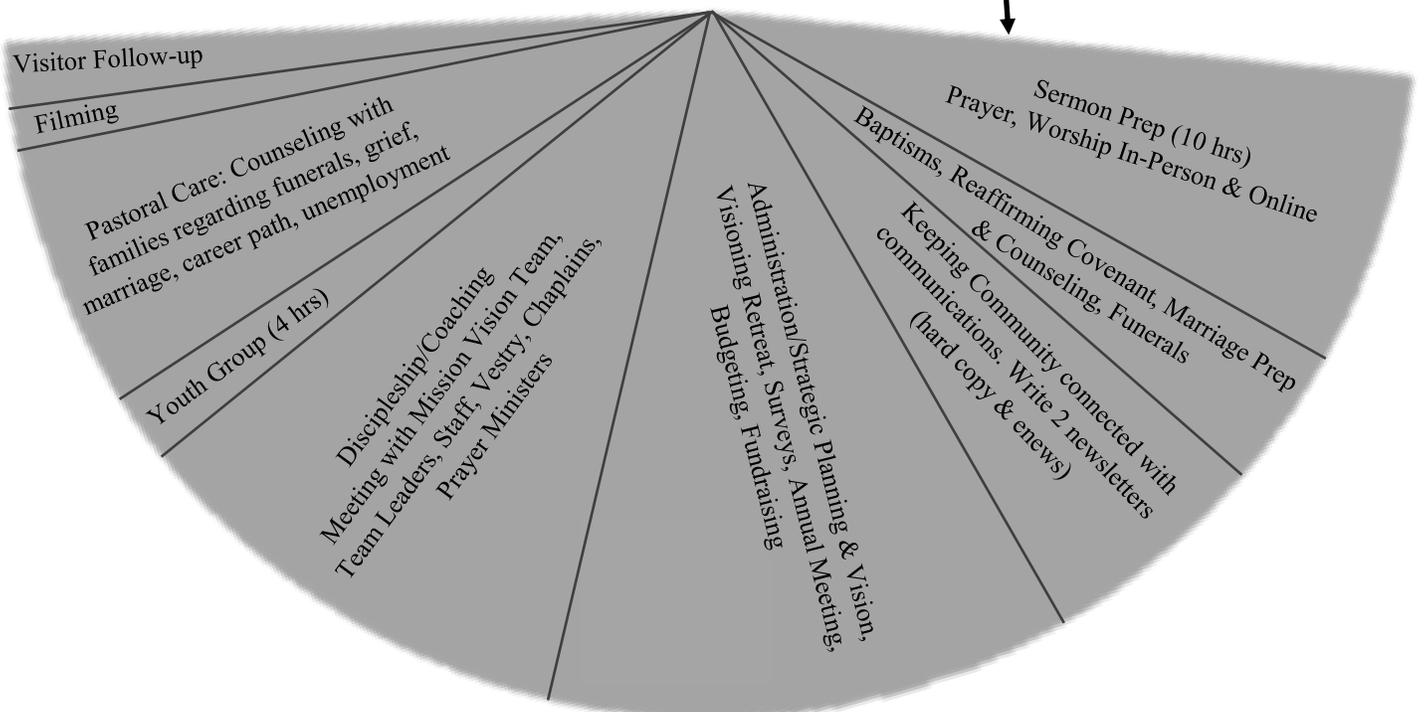
Greg: Cleans the Building

Beth: Records music for both in-person and online worship services \$200/month unbudgeted

2020 EXPENSES: ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE
AS OF OCTOBER 2020



Full Time Clergy Ministry Includes



Love God

Sunday Services In-Person Now! Sundays at 11AM.

In-Person services now at 11 AM w/safety precautions. Room for 20+ more guests. Not ready for in-person? Take time to join us online at 9:30 AM on Facebook Live or at your convenience later on – service will still be available to watch.

Special thanks to new LayReaders: Lynn Koeppe, Sandy Tompkins, Byron Hambrick, David Kautz, and Sharon Willingham. Let us know if you are willing to volunteer by calling Pastor Robin at 832-922-7022.



Worship Music

Special thanks to Beth Rogers who is recording music and singing to lead our worship virtually and in-person! This has been such a gift and was not part of our budget; you can make a donation to help is continue to offer music.

Pictured above: Beth and her husband are wearing the tie-dye shirts we made during one of our youth group classes to celebrate Bill's brothers 70th birthday.

Noonday Prayer

"It is such a comfort to be able to come and pray with you all." Bob Hern – Galveston.

Special thanks to these folks for offering their time and energy to lead prayer for our members and the wider community on Facebook. Offering Good News one message, one prayer at a time. Thank you: Jim Deslatte, Eleanore Wuthrich, Haynes Dunn, Susan Dunn, Kent Ross, Beverly Ross, Lynn Koeppe, Rip Howell, Doug Mullen, Marie Carlson, David Kautz, Olive Krell, Sandy Tompkins, David Schlegel, and Ashley Tompkins.



Pictured to the right: Raquel is getting ready to start Noonday Prayer for David Kautz on Facebook Live.

Opportunities to Share Your **Love** of God & Lead

Share our Online Services – Share Good News!

If you have Facebook, you can share our online services with friends and family. Just go to our Page: St Georges Texas City and find the video you want to share by clicking share. You can choose from the options there.

Become a Reader for our Online Sunday Service (9:30AM)

Volunteers carry the cross at the beginning and at the end of the service, read the old testament reading, and read the prayers. Training provided. Call Jim Deslatte at 409-945-6919, if you would like to help.

Noonday Prayer (12 PM)

Volunteers lead Noonday Prayer on Facebook. (*A bulletin can be sent to you*) Most services are recorded live, but you can request to pre-record noonday prayer beforehand. Video training provided. Text Raquel at 409-739-5118 or email her at raquel@stgeorgestc.org, if you are interested in videoing during the week.

Usher for In-Person Service (11 AM)

Ushers welcome people in, direct them to the sign-in sheet and to where the bulletins are located, and which pews are available. During the service, ushers would bring the offering plate forward. Instructions will be provided. Call Susan Dunn at 409-797-4968, if you are interested. It can be once a month or every other month.

Sharing The Love of God

In the happy moments, praise God. In the difficult moments, seek God.
In the quiet moments, trust God. In every moment, thank God.

Grace is when God gives us what we don't deserve, and mercy is when God doesn't give us what we do deserve.

God Grant me the serenity to accept people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, and the wisdom to know . . . "IT'S ME!"

P.S. I watch every minute of the Sunday 9:30 AM service, not just the first 7 1/2 minutes, Thanks.

Helen Kelemen

Loving Our Neighbors

Caregiver Connection with UTMB

Make sure to join us Tuesday, November 10th from 11-12:30 PM for our November Caregiver Connection! It will be Grief in the face of Covid and Care for Caregivers

LMSW, Andrea Zaito will be talking on the nature of grief and coping methods based on the grief recovery method. She will speak to the unique grief of caring for someone with dementia. Social distancing in Quin Hall; space is limited so please RSVP to Pastor Robin at 832-922-7022.



In October, we had Alice Williams from Center for Aging at UTMB present on what is dementia and what it is not and making plans for anyone over 18. You can find the links to these documents on our website: <https://www.stgeorgestc.org/alzheimers-disease/>

Supporting our 1st responders

We continue to do what we do best – pray!
For October and November, we are appreciating and praying for 1st Responders.

You can purchase a yard sign to show your support. (Cost is \$6 per sign) Available at the back of the church.

Pictured to the Right: Letting one of our own, Willie Creel, know that we are praying for him.



Earlier in October, 1st Responders were given a cup of coffee and pastry on us at the coffee Connection in appreciation of their services. 10 churches, through Servolution Mainland, donated \$100 each to buy 1st responders a cup of coffee and pastry.

Thank you to all First Responders!
We appreciate you and we're praying for you!

Opportunities to **Love** Our Neighbors

Volunteer with 4B Disaster Response Network

General Info

- No experience necessary.
- 4B will provide an experienced team leader to give you direction.
- Volunteers under 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult and **NO** volunteers under the age of 12.
- Meet at the 4B Warehouse, 144 Park Ave, League City 30 minutes before your shift begins.

SATURDAY SERVE

Serve on **any** Saturday (except holidays). Bring some friends too! Shifts are 8-12PM and 12-4 PM.

WEEKDAY VOLUNTEER

Looking to volunteer during the week? Shifts are 8:30-12PM and 12:30-4:30PM.

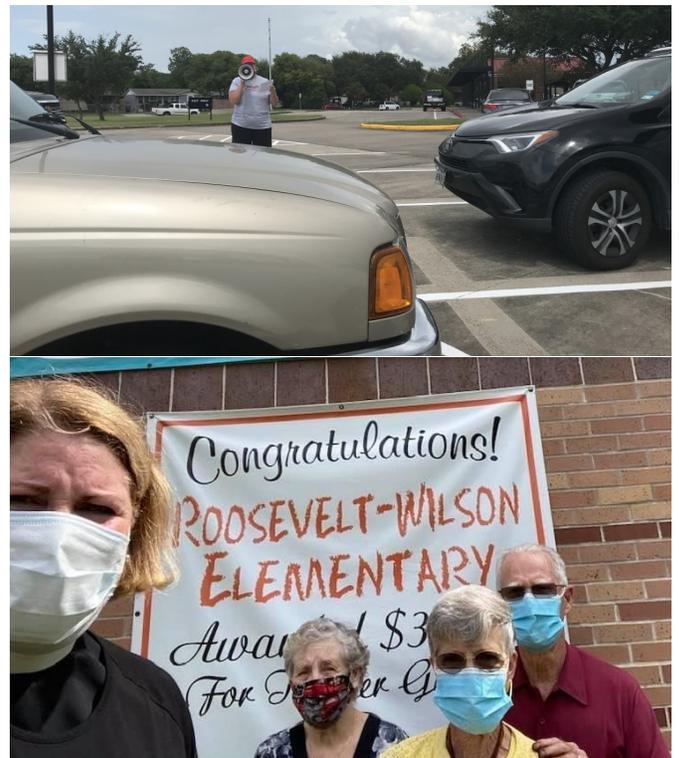
Volunteer by going to <https://4bresponse.org/volunteer/> or let us know and we can sign you up!

United in Prayer for a Great School Year

We continue to pray on the *second Sunday of the month for our neighboring school* and all involved there for God's best this year. May our faith be stronger than our fears. Will you pray for your neighboring school or even all the schools and homeschoolers, too?

Join us this Sunday, November 8th at 2:15 PM (in-person at Roosevelt Wilson's parking lot or from home). If you can't make it this month, join us next month on Sunday, December 13th.

(You can also give towards this – total cost \$150 for yard signs)



As We **Love** Ourselves — St. George's

Cooking for Christ Meal Deliveries

We continue to deliver meals every month. The next delivery will be the first week of December. You will receive a text or call with more information.

Ham and Chili Fundraiser Pick Up Dates:

CHILI PICK UP is Sunday, November 15th (10-2PM)

HAM PICK UP is Saturday, November 21st (10-2PM)

Drive through the alley for pickup



Susan, Sharon, and Patricia preparing Chili!



Sprucing up our playground

Repairing and replacing the roof

Meyer Lemons Abound—Bearing much fruit!

Fruit tree donated in honor of Tom Crump by his family. Pick up some in Quin Hall or harvest your own straight from the tree in the corner of the Garden of Hope.



Celebrating the Hope of Resurrected Life w/Nancy Ramirez Sims' Family & Friends



A hybrid service with a handful of members were present with Nancy's daughter, Treasure and about 28 people online via Zoom. Junior Warden, Rip Howell went the extra mile to get a crepe myrtle tree and dug a hole so we could put Nancy's remains to rest her under the tree. Treasure wanted to leave a bit of beauty where her mom found so much love and transformation. May Nancy's soul rest in peace with all the saints.

Opportunities to **Love** on St. George's With just a Little Effort

**Buy your gifts at AmazonSmile
and Amazon donates!**



Make a big difference with little effort. List St. George's as beneficiary on your Amazon Smile Account. Shop for gifts at smile.amazon.com/ch/74-60210811 Amazon will give a percentage of sales to St. George's. You purchase what you need and they give over and above to St. George's! Invite family & friends to sign up!

To choose St. George's, without the link, you can go to smile.amazon.com and click Get Started. It will lead you to the pick your charity page. Type in St George Episcopal Church; then scroll down until you see St George Episcopal Church Texas City, TX. Click Select.

St. George's Work Day

Tuesday, November 17, 2020
10 AM to 2 PM

Help us organize and clean up our building inside and out! We have small jobs for all abilities. Lunch provided.



Branded Hope Signs – A Gift that keeps on giving . . .

Give the Gift of Hope and Prayer with our branded Hope Signs! You can purchase a sign for yourself or a friend, for a donation of \$15-25. You can order online through our website www.stgeorgestc.org by clicking Give at the top! (You should see the red heart icon). Once you donate, you can pick up your Hope Signs after church on any Sunday.



Opportunities & Resources for Our Neighbors & Ourselves

Grief in the face of Covid and Care for Caregivers

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Tuesday, November 10th from 11-12:30 PM
Quin Hall with social distancing

Dealing with Loss and Grief in a Pandemic

The much-anticipated Community of Hope International Webinar, “Dealing with Loss and Grief in the Midst of a Pandemic,” is in sight. Produced in collaboration with the Episcopal Church Foundation, the webinar features Rebecca Roesch, LICSW and Resilient Scholars Project Director at The Wendt Center for Loss and Healing; Rev. Laura Masterson, Associate Rector for Outreach & Welcome at Christ Church Cathedral; and the Rev. Dr. Lynn Ronaldi, Rector Pohick Episcopal Church. All three are COHI chaplains and distinguished professionals. They will discuss the challenges we will face in the 2020 holiday season and possible interventions through science, faith, and Benedictine Spirituality.

Wednesday, December 2nd at 1 PM
Quin Hall with social distancing or on Zoom (*See below for Meeting ID & Password*)

GriefShare

You are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each is “self-contained,” so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. Each week your GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects. After viewing the video, you and the other group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week’s video seminar and what is going on in your lives. During the week you will have the opportunity to use your workbook for further personal study of the grieving process and to help sort out your emotions through journaling. Your group will spend time discussing questions and comments from the workbook study. *Book cost is \$25. Scholarships available.*

Tuesdays from 6:30-8 PM (Ends in December)
In Quin Hall with masks and social distancing and/or online via Zoom.

Zoom Information

Meeting ID: 977 818 3721
Meeting Password: 328259



Grief Resulting from Covid-19

What is grief & Strategies to Manage it

By Andrea Zait

Grief is the normal and natural reaction to significant emotional loss of any kind. The result of unwanted changes to your life. Grief is unique to each individual and their reactions are their own. Grief is reaching for someone who has always been there, only to find when I need them one more time, they are no longer there. This can include your job or daily routine and the people you share your day to day life with that you have not been interacting with. In this time of COVID-19 everyone has suffered some type of loss to some degree or another.

Let's unpack some of this information; while the range of emotions associated with grief is varied as there are people and personalities, there is no list of feelings that would adequately describe one person's emotions, much less an entire society. Grief is individual and unique. As every relationship is unique, so are the feelings and thoughts each person will have about the relationship that's has been altered by death, divorce, or in this case all the changes we have experienced in relation to loss of our daily routines, jobs, personal contact, no ability to celebrate the positive life events like graduation, moving to another phase of our life, or mourning those we have lost to the disease itself.

The problem is that while grief is normal and natural, most of the information passed on within our society about dealing with grief is not normal, natural or helpful. Grief is the emotional response to loss, but most of the information we have learned about dealing with loss is intellectual.

The majority of incorrect ideas about dealing with loss can be summed up in six myths which are so common that nearly everyone recognizes them. Most people have never questioned whether or not they are valid. The misinformation is best described as follows:

Time heals all wounds
Be strong
Replace the loss

Grieve alone
Don't feel bad
Keep busy to avoid the pain and feelings.

Just looking at the myth that "time heals all wounds" creates the idea that a person just has to wait and they will feel better. We have known people who have waited 10, 20, 30, years, and still didn't feel better. We know that they would tell you that not only had time not healed them, but that it had compounded the pain. The other myths carry equally unhelpful messages.

What are some solutions you ask?

Recovery from loss is accomplished by discovering and completing all of the undelivered communications that accrue in the relationships. We are all advised to "let go" and "move on" after losses of all kinds. Most of us would do that if we knew how. Completion of pain caused by loss is what allows us to let go and move on. It is almost impossible to move on without first taking a series of actions that lead to completion. Before taking the actions to complete, it is important to look at and often dismiss some of the ideas or myths that have been taught to us about loss but are not working.

Sometimes when we have been in pain a long time we develop a relationship with that pain. We need to realize that pain does not equal love that love equals love and our goal should be to get back to that place where our memories of the situation do not turn painful, to remember our loved ones as we knew them in life rather than death, and to be able to have a continuing life of meaning and value even though our lives have been dramatically altered by the event (COVID - 19) or death of a loved one.

I encourage you to exam your feelings of anxiety, depression, anger and sadness to determine how this relates to grief during this time. I hope that you understand that some of the more destructive behaviors that we engage in such as over use of drugs, alcohol, food and retail therapy can be signs that we are not addressing and coping with grief. I encourage you to keep an open mind, to use your heart over intellect, and to discourage your need to always be right and use your logic vs your spirit soul and your intuition; what is in your heart.

Andrea M. Zaitte, MSSA, LMSW, CMC, C-ASWCM A to Z Geriatric Care

November is National Family Caregivers Month

I want to take a moment to recognize and honor each of you that is providing care and support for a family member. Thank you for your willingness to step up and give of your time, love and energy in caring for your family's most precious members. Your care in helping them to maintain their dignity and quality of life truly makes a difference. Your willingness to make the tough choices that are in their best interest is a testament to the bond between family members that no disease or illness can break.

Be sure to take a few moments for yourself today. Stop and take 10 deep breaths. Give yourself some time to reflect on how caregiving has made a positive impact on you, in spite of the many challenges you face each day. Know that you make a difference in this world.

Below is a schedule of online programs being offered by the Alzheimer's Association. These programs are free and available to anyone in need just by registering on-line or by calling the Alzheimer's Association Help Line at 1-800-272-3900. — Alice L. Williams, MS, LBSW

Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia:

Monday 12 PM CT Wednesday 6 PM CT 4th Saturday 12 PM CT

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's:

Monday 6 PM CT Tuesday 12 PM CT

Effective Communication Strategies:

Tuesday 6 PM CT Friday 12 PM CT 2nd Saturday 1 PM CT

Understanding & Responding to Dementia Related Behavior:

Wednesday 12 PM CT Friday 4 PM CT 2nd Saturday 12 PM CT

Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body:

Thursday 12 PM CT

Programas en español:

Thursday 6 PM CT 4th Saturday 1 PM CT

Normal Aging

Not Normal Aging

Forgets names momentarily	Forgets their child's name
Makes an occasional error in their checkbook	Has trouble with familiar recipes or monthly bills
Forgets appointments or events, remembers later	Forgets important dates or events
Occasionally needs help with the microwave	Has trouble driving to familiar locations
Momentarily confused about the day of the week	Loses track of dates, seasons and passage of time
Vision changes due to cataracts	Has difficulty with reading, judging distance, or colors
Struggles finding the right word, but remembers later	Calls familiar things by the wrong name
Sometimes misplaces things such as glasses	Puts things in unusual places, such as keys in the fridge
Sometimes makes bad purchasing decisions	Shows exceptionally poor judgment with money
Weary of work, family, social obligations	Withdraws from hobbies, social events or sports
Irritable when a routine is disrupted	Shows extreme anxiety or anger with change of routine
Forgets conversations	Asks for the same information over and over
Thinks things through slowly	Has trouble following or joining a conversation
Forgets why they went into a room, but then remembers	Doesn't recognize familiar places
Able to recall an incidence of forgetfulness	Doesn't remember incidence of memory loss
Worries about memory, but no one else does	Relatives worry about memory loss

See the signs. Start a conversation.

Don't ignore the signs that could point to Alzheimer's disease. It's important you find the words to talk about it with your loved one. Early treatment can often make a big difference in quality of life.

For information on what to look for, visit dshs.texas.gov/alzheimers.



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Love Teams: What We've Been Up To

Mission and Vision Team

The Mission and Vision team meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. We continue to support each team with training, coaching and support—helping them live into gathering as Jesus did with his disciples.

We had special training of the different team roles this past month—Leaders, Communications coordinators, Plan Keepers and Chaplains to help everyone understand their role on the team.

Anyone and everyone are invited to attend. It's fun and safe as we social distance. All are welcome. You can join a team's effort without having to attend meetings. For more information, contact Sharon at 409-739-6967.

Invite, Welcome, Connect (IWC) Team

The IWC team has been preparing our grounds, beautifying the appearance surrounding the church building. Our first step is inviting the community to our beautiful church. We need to keep it presentable and welcome the busy hands. Contact Lee Sanders, 409-948-4180, or Sandy Tompkins, 409-948-8847, if you are willing to help or know where other places may need a little sprucing up. The Scouts painted our fence, the building has new paint, the flower beds and garden have been cleaned but needs continuous work. New project is the playground equipment, to make it safe for the children to use. Please notice the cement near the tree in front of glass windows in Quin Hall. Cement is gone! Another safety project almost completed. Join us Tuesday, November 17th for a work day (10-2PM). Something for every skill level.

Caring For Each Other Team

The Caring for Each Other Team has met 4 times and has set up a Calling Tree so everyone has an identified contact person. You should be receiving a call from one of these people (to introduce themselves as your contact person): Olive, Helen, Susan, Terrilynn, Beverly, Haynes, Rip, Byron, David S., and Sandy.

They are there for you to give feedback regarding your needs, how the services are for you, to hear what is important to you and prayer requests you might have, and to share impertinent information with you. This is one way for us to stay connected on a regular basis as community.

Into the World Team

Our team has added Cooking for Christ, Servolution Mainland, GriefShare, and Alzheimer's Disease Information on to our website. As one of our team's collaborative ministries, Cooking for Christ has sent out ham and chili forms for our November fundraiser.

The December meal will be cooked and delivered on the first week of December. You will receive a text message or phone call regarding the delivery time. Note: These messages and calls will be sent from our new communication service: CallMultiplier.

Ways to Stay Connected as a Community.

How you can engage . . .

Calling Tree

We have started a calling tree. Our callers are: Haynes Dunn, Susan Dunn, Rip Howell, Sandy Tompkins, David Schlegel, Byron Hambrick, Olive Krell, Helen Kelemen, Beverly Ross and Terrilynn Rotramel. They will be calling to introduce themselves and take comments about our online services. Boxes for comments will be in the church and in Quin Hall. If you weren't called, contact Marie Carlson at 409-948-0265.

Letter Writing

We will be sending out cards to those we pray for each week. Needing 2-4 people to do this ministry from home. We will supply names, addresses, postcards, and stamps. You will need to fill in the blanks and mail.

<p>Grace to You, Your Family or Friend And Peace.....</p> <p>On _____ Prayers were offered for:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>At the altar of St. George's Episcopal Church, Texas City, TX</p>	<p>St. George's The HOPE Church</p>
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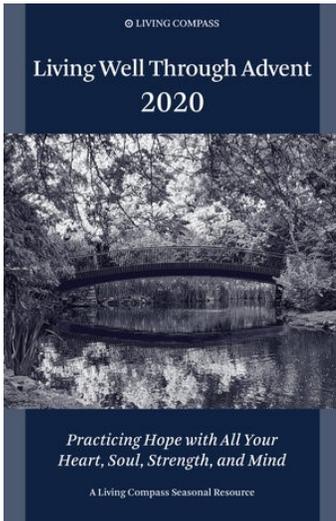
We have signed up for a new communication service: CallMultiplier. If you've received a weird text or call from Oklahoma, it might just be us! Example phone # 409-449-6155. We are using this new service to send out reminders more effectively for team meetings, meal deliveries, and other events. One more way we are trying to stay connected! If you're interested, we will soon have a texting group for receiving Online Sunday Bulletins and Noonday Prayer links. Let us know by emailing Raquel@stgeorgestc.org or by texting Raquel at 409-739-5118.

Workday & Make Advent Bags for Families

Join us on Tuesday, November 17th for a time of socially distanced fellowship and service. Projects for every skill lever are available!

- Prepare Advent Packets for Families
- Organize Needle Nut Closet
- Tidy up Altar Guild and Sacristy
- Help paint, etc.

Join us in practicing Hope this Advent beginning Sunday, Nov. 29th



The seasons of Advent and Christmas are filled with the presence of Hope, if only we remember to pause and open ourselves to receiving this gift. This advent season, our hope and prayer is that you feel supported in your desire to more fully practice your faith in a way that is deeply renewing.

Discussions, based on the Living Well Through Advent 2020 booklet, will be held on zoom at 10:15 AM on Sundays and will be part of our Noonday Prayer Meditation M-F and 12 PM.

Visit LivingCompass.org/Advent to learn more or to sign up for Daily Devotional Emails.

Cooking for Christ Recipe

Stroganoff

- 1lb hamburger or stew meat browned or seared
- 1 bag egg noodles
- 1 small tub sour cream
- 1 block of cream cheese
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 container of broth of choice
- Salt and pepper
- 1 small Onion or hand full of flakes
- 1 clove garlic crushed or sprinkle of dehydrated

Brown or sear meat then add all but noodles and cheese in crock pot on low with broth to make liquid.

Cool 4 hours then add cream cheese to thicken and once melted serve on noodles

Quotes of How St. George's has blessed us . . .

Blessed by all the love, knowing I can call on anyone if help is needed (Secure).

Meals are incredible—not having to worry about next meal—real blessing.

Feel very blessed by St. George's. Blessed by all the prayers and calls.

The meals are great tasting, and it's just like a warm, fuzzy hug.

All of the kindness, compassion, and caring during these difficult days, from people of St. George's.

Meals are a big help.

We invite you to stay strong in faith as we await the elections

Prayer for our Country in these Uncertain Time

Lord, now our country is in distress. We are fighting this Covid-19 pandemic. We are divided by our many differences: by gender, race, money, and age. Heal us Lord. Help us to see how we can celebrate our differences and decide to work together. Help us to say the truth, see the truth, and believe the truth. In Jesus Christ our Lord.

Carolann Mills

Join us as we pray for Our Nation and the Elections

For our Country (BCP 820)

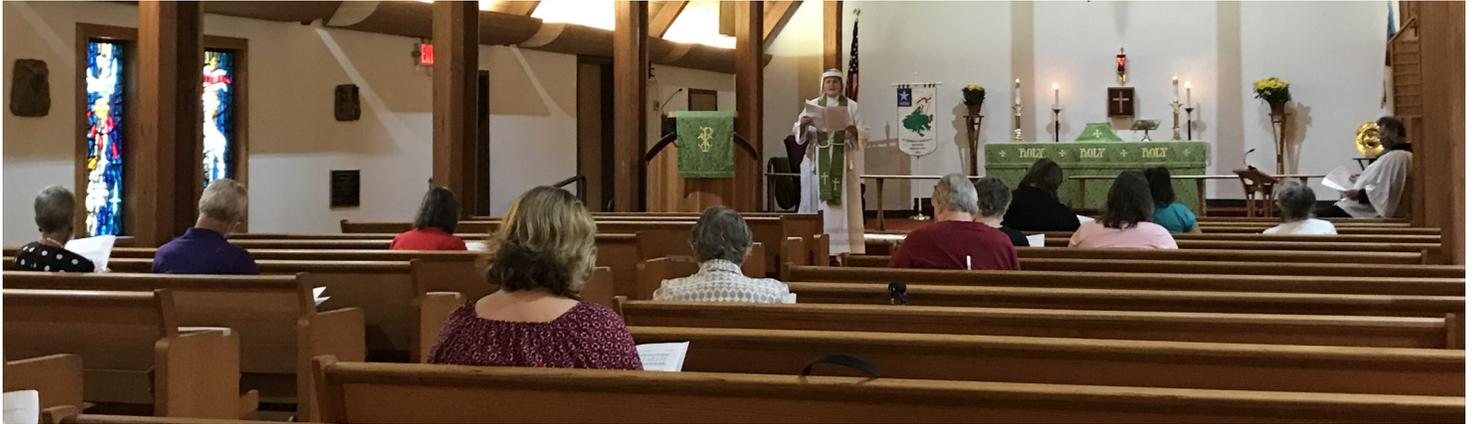
Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Election (BCP 822)

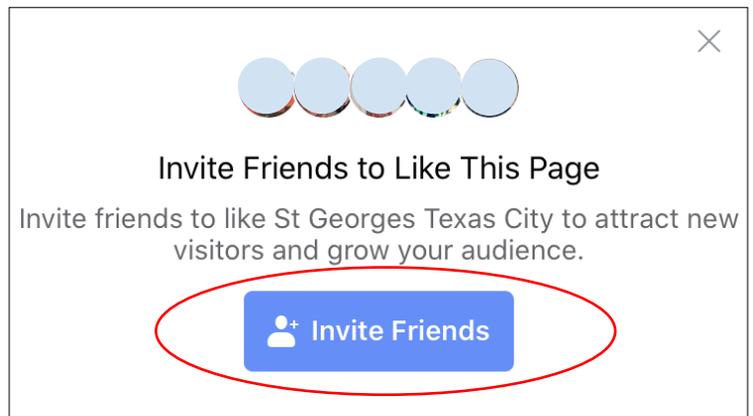
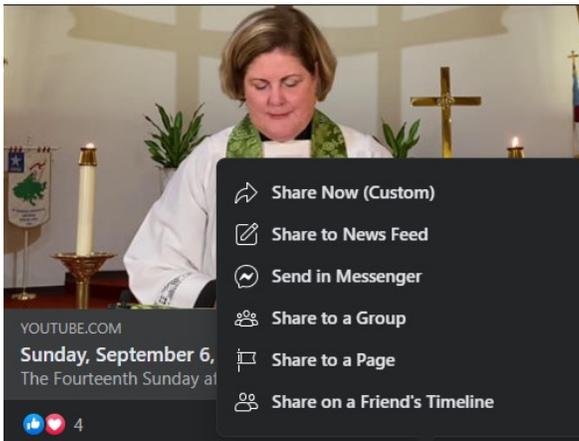
Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (or of this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**We invite you to join us each day at noon
(Monday, November 9th—Friday, November 13th)
In-person at St. George's (in the sanctuary) with masks and social distancing
or on Facebook Live as we continue to pray for our country.**

Join us Sunday Mornings In-Person at 11 AM – Social Distancing w/masks



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