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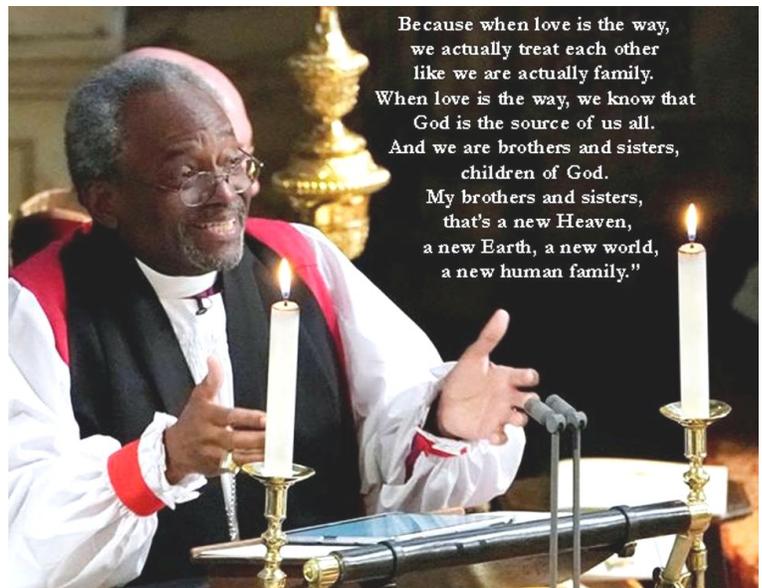
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Pentecost

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Dear Beloved of God,

I pray you may know the Hope of Christ within you. No question about it, we are living in difficult times. Despair is on the rise along with violence. It is all too easy to become overwhelmed and feel there is nothing that can be done. As people of faith, hope, and love we have what the world needs — Jesus Christ. As such, there is something you can do. **Love God, Love Your Neighbor, & While You Are At It, Love Yourself!**



At the recent Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on Saturday, May 19th, Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States — challenged us all with a message of love! If you want to have your faith stirred up, I commend you to listen or read this sermon. It is on our website at www.stgeorgetc.org. Just click on the photo of him or there is a live link on our e-newsletter under sermons.

Here are some excerpts for you:

The late Dr. Martin Luther King once said, “We must discover the power of love, and when we do that we will make this old world a new world. For love, love is the only way. There is power in love, don’t underestimate it. Don’t even over sentimentalize it. There is power, power in love.

If you don’t believe me, think of the first time you fell in love. The whole world seemed to center around you and your beloved. Well there is power, power in love. Not just in its romantic forms but in any form, any shape of love.

There is a certain sense when you are loved and you know it, when someone cares for you and you know it. When you love and you show it, it actually feels right. There is something about it and there is a reason for it. The reason has to do with the source. We were meant and are meant to be lived in that love, that is why we are here. Ultimately, the source of love is God himself. The source of all our lives.

There is an old mid-evil poem that says, where true love is found — God himself is there. The New Testament says it this way, Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God and those who love are born of God and know God. Those who do not love, do not love God—why? For God is love. There is power in love. There is power in love to help and heal when nothing else can. There is power in love to lift up and liberate when nothing else will. There is power in love to show us the way to live. Set me as a seal on your heart. Set me as a seal on your arm for love is as strong as death.

But, love is not only about a young couple. The power of love is demonstrated by the fact that over a billion people watched a prince marry his beloved. But it's not just about a young couple who fell in love who we rejoice with, it is more than that.

Jesus of Nazareth was asked on one occasion by a lawyer to sum up the essence of the teachings of Moses. And he went back to the Hebrew scriptures in Deuteronomy and Leviticus. Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it — Love your neighbor as yourself. Everything Moses said, everything the prophets said, everything that is in the scriptures, everything that God has been trying to tell the world — LOVE GOD! Love your neighbors and while you're at it — Love yourself! Someone once said, Jesus began the most revolutionary movement in all of history — a movement grounded in the unconditional love of God for the world. A movement mandating that people live that love and in so doing to change not only their lives but the very life of the world itself. I'm talking about some power, real power, power to change the world. If you don't believe me, there were some old slaves in Antebellum South who explained the dynamic power of love and why it has the power to transform — they explained it this way. They sang a spiritual song even in the midst of their captivity — it's one that says there is a balm in Gilead — a healing balm, something that can make things right, there is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul. One of the songs says if you cannot preach like Peter and you cannot Pray like Paul you just tell the love of Jesus, how he died to save us all. Oh, that's the balm in Gilead; this way of life, they got it!

He died to save us all. He didn't die for anything he could get out of. Jesus did not get an honorary doctorate for dying. He didn't, he wasn't getting anything out of it. He gave up his life; he sacrificed his life for the good of the others. For the well-being of the world, for us. That is what love is. Love is not selfish and self-centered. Love can be sacrificial, and in so doing becomes redemptive. And that way of unselfish sacrificial, redemptive love changes lives and it can change this world.

If you don't believe me, just stop and imagine for a moment. Think and imagine — think and imagine a world where love is the way. Imagine our homes and families when love is the way. Imagine neighborhoods and communities where love is the way. Imagine Governments and nations where love is the way. Imagine businesses and commerce when love is the way. Imagine this tired old world when love is the way, unselfish, sacrificial love, redemptive when love is the way. Then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again. When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever flowing brook. When love is the way, poverty will become history. When love is the way, the earth will become a sanctuary. When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside there will be war no more. When love is the way, there is plenty good room for all of God's children because when love is the way, we actually treat each other like we are actually family. When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all and we are brothers and sisters, children of God. My brothers and sisters, that's a new heaven and a new earth, a new world, a new human family.

And De Chardan said, fire was one of the greatest human discoveries in all history. He then went on to say, if humanity ever captures the energy of love, it will be the second time in history that we have discovered fire.

Dr. King was right — We must discover love, the redemptive power of love and when we do that we will make of this old world a new world. My brother, my sister, God loves you. God bless you and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

Hope and Love,
Pastor Robin+

SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!

- Every Sunday:** **Worship** at 8 & 10:30 @ Church
9:15 Listen for a fresh word from God in Parish Hall
- Tuesday, June 5th** **Lunch at Rigos at 12:30** (*first Tuesdays of the month*)
- Saturday, June 9th** **Cooking & Crafting w/St. George's & Chef Jimmy**
(*second Saturday of the month*)
Come all ages & let your creativity out from 12-2 p.m.
- Sunday, June 17th** **Father's Day Blessing & Celebration after services**
Return Baby Bottles with Change for the Pregnancy and
Parenting Support Center @ 8 & 10:30 services
- Saturday, June 23rd** **Fish Fry & Games Night**
RSVP at 409-945-2583.
- Sunday, July 1st** **4th of July Celebration after services**
Hot dogs and ice cream!
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COOKING CLASS

This summer, during our June, July, and August classes, we will be distributing Kidz Pacz. Let us know if you or anyone else is interested, so we can request more Pacz. Forms will be available at the church office. For more information, go to <http://www.galvestoncountyfoodbank.org/copy-of-childrens-nutritional-outre>



General Convention . . .

is the governing body of The Episcopal Church that meets every three years. It is a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese. During its triennial meeting deputies and bishops consider a wide range of important matters facing the Church. In the interim between triennial meetings, various committees, commissions, agencies, boards and task forces created by the General Convention meet to implement the decisions and carry on the work of the General Convention.

Want to know more about the General Convention and what it is? Go to <http://www.generalconvention.org/about-the-general-convention>

A Note from Beverly Ross



After an all too brief Springtime, we find ourselves facing several months of hot and humid weather. In spite of this, St. George's remains involved in a number of upcoming activities, which can always use your support and participation. First of all, we celebrated and honored 3 graduates on Sunday, June 3rd after the 10:30 service with cake and gifts. The honorees are Roxanne Balderas, a graduate of TCHS, Kristen Gundermann, granddaughter of Don Gundermann and a graduate of UT, and James Hanna, grandson of Sandy Tompkins receiving his 3rd Master's degree in Public Policy from UH. Please join us in showing your support and pride in their achievements by praying them into their next step.

Next on the calendar is our summer Fish Fry—a gathering of community on June 23rd at 6 p.m. This year, we are including our wider community to join us for our Fish Fry; therefore, we ask for “all hands on deck” as we strive to make this event a fun and annual event. Contact Susan Dunn at (409) 797-4968 to find out where you can best be of service.

This week, we have the opportunity to practice that hospitality that St. George's is known for, as we welcome youth from out of state who will be working to restore Harvey homes. They will be using Quin Hall and kitchen during their stay June 3-9th. You can get to hear their stories on Wednesday, June 6th at a joint dinner at First Christian Church at 6 p.m. Call the church office to see what you can bring.

Volunteers are still needed at the 79th General Convention in Austin, July 5-13th. To sign up, go to <http://bit.ly/GenConReg2018>. This can also be found in our newsletter.

Let us all be focused and praying for the health of our church, which currently is in need of an infusion. Please consider making your pledge current and if able, to increase it. I think we would all like to think that St. George's will still be vibrant far into the future, but reality is—it won't happen without everyone's help, both physically and financially.

We are few in number, but mighty in the faith! Please join us in spreading Hope for the future!

St. George's and
Senior Warden
Beverly Ross

Opportunity to *Love* through Service

Signs of Hope for Santa Fe

Requests have been made to help out in Santa Fe by taking Signs of Hope supplies for teens to do at Range Park on Tuesdays to gather. If you would like to help facilitate this work, please contact Pastor Robin at (832) 922-7022

Teaching Garden Club

Wednesdays (*June 6th to July 18th excluding July 4th*)
10-11 a.m.

Volunteers: Put out snacks for 3rd & 4th Graders

The Food Bank's Amanda and Jade will be leading the program with us. Join the fun!

Galveston County Food Bank

Thursdays
1-4 p.m.

Volunteers: Sort food — there's a task for everyone

Jean McKnight — 94 years young goes each week. She says, "It's fun to be with others & help out!"

Fish Fry

Saturday, June 23rd
6-9 p.m.

Volunteers: Set up Quin Hall beforehand, Help clean up afterwards, etc — there's tasks for everyone.



Change for Change Campaign

Don't forget to fill up your baby bottle! Empty baby bottles can be found at the back of the church. Please return them by Father's Day (June 17th). Funds help the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Center.

Housing Mission Groups

this summer from Kansas, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Houston. These youth will be working to restore homes through Galveston County Recovers — staying at night at St. George's, Pastor Robin will commission them as ambassadors of Hope.

Galveston County Recovers

Blessed to Bless Others . . .

We Helped Kick off a Summer of Hope for volunteers coming to Galveston County to restore homes and hearts this summer.



Pastor Robin took Signs of Hope, prayer shawls, and healing music cds by Beth Rogers to “love on” and bless the agency leaders of Galveston County Recovers.

Over 50 organizations come together every other week to work together to help Galveston County Recover from

Hurricane Harvey. They are all on one of the working groups to help better coordinate recovery efforts. We kicked off the Summer of Hope by Pastor Robin naming each of these leaders as Signs of Hope to the wider community. She thanked them for their tireless work and let them know God sees how hard they are working. The gratitude was palpable. Each was also given a blessing and bracelet with #SignsofHope to remind them what they are doing matters. This summer, each volunteer will be given a bracelet and invited to name when they see a team member being a #SignsofHope. We also invite you to name Signs of Hope in the world as you see them!

Painting with a Purpose -

To get Signs of Hope ready to be given to Homeowners working to restore from Harvey.



These boards were transformed into Signs of Hope by members of this community & 6 area churches. They will be given by the 1,000's of Hurricane Harvey Volunteers to the Homeowners they help rebuild this summer.

Declaring Hope & Restoration . . .

Scripture says our words have the power to give or take life. St. George's is boldly declaring Hope & Restoration over what the world might say is hopeless — like restoration of the high percentage of homes lost to Hurricane Harvey or the growing abuse of drugs and alcohol by our youth especially at graduation and even in the face of the school shooting in Santa Fe. We declare there is hope in the midst of these situations in Jesus Christ. He came to redeem & save the hopeless. He triumphed over death itself, so we are boldly putting out Signs of Hope declaring restoration.

Over Dickinson at the Strawberry Festival



Over youth & families at TC Townhall Meeting with BACODA & Police



Over families by Blessing animals and people at the 6th Street Dog Parade

It was great to share God's love by blessing pets & people with the St. Francis Prayer! Unconditional love comes to mind with dogs and God! Thank you to the St. George's team who helped out: Lloyd Criss, Marie Carlson and Raquel Balderas!



We are Sharing God's Blessings by Sharing our Space

... with Treaux's Gourmet Foods!

Who is cooking M-T-W at St. George's



Treaux's offers healthy meal options, as well as savory entrees, rich desserts, extraordinary sauces & toppings for your favorite dishes and much more! Order meals during the week, for your holiday dinners, or special events! New menu weekly at www.treauxsnet.net

Michele Philips - Owner/Culinary Creator

(409) 457-2645

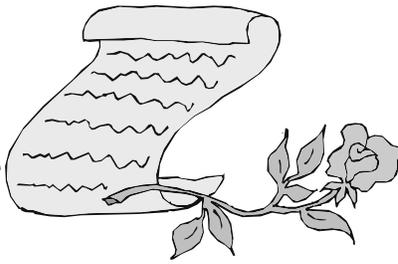
email: michele@treauxs.net

Going out Building Bridges Community Pentecost Service



St. George's members brave the heat and wind to worship with 7 other churches from LaMarque and Santa Fe. A sign of Hope — the body of Christ coming together in community!

Prayer List



OUR CLERGY:

Michael our presiding bishop, Andy, Dena, Jeff, and Hector our bishops, Robin our priest, Joe and Carolann our deacons.

OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Jim Deslatte, Leslie Wilks, Marie Carlson, Bennie Matthews, Kent Ross, Jean McKnight, and Sandy Tompkins.

COMMUNICANTS OF ST. GEORGE'S:

Jo Butler, Tonya & Willie Creel, Don Criss, Marilyn Crump, The Hanna Family, Juanita & Michael, Fran, Joy & Gary Dates, Margie Incalcaterra, Lenny, James & Jacob Moore, Patti Miller, Carol Ann Mills, Mary Monroe, Denny & Jeannie Patterson, Carol & Bob Radler, Joann Schurwon, Sharon & Ernie Willingham, Mary Balderas, the Whites, Brendan, Terrilynn Rotramel, Richard & Mary White, Robert, Rodney, the young refugees and youth everywhere, and all those who have no one else to pray for them.

OUR VESTRY:

Marie Carlson, Haynes Dunn, Byron Hambrick, Rip Howell, Beverly Ross, Greg Williams, Sharon Willingham, Lloyd Criss and Co-Treasurers Jim Deslatte, Fran Monroe, Pledge Treasurers - Jean McKnight; Ann John & Lee Sanders.

POLICE OFFICERS: Willie Creel

FIREFIGHTERS: R.E. Davis

EMS: Rotramel

OUR STAFF:

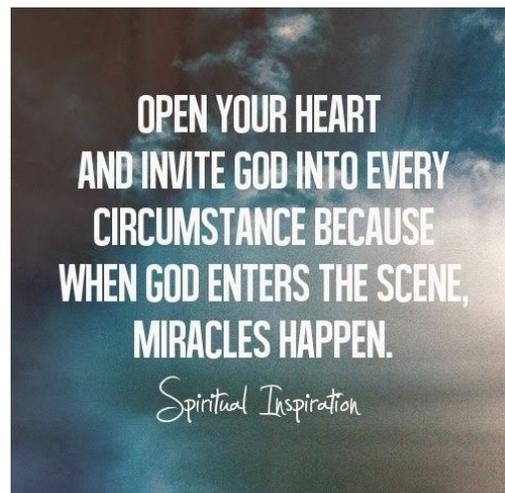
Raquel and Roxanne Balderas, Susan Dunn, Olive Krell, Jean McKnight, Fran Monroe, Mary Ann Reed, Beverly Ross, Sandy Tompkins, and Greg Williams.

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF COMMUNICANTS:

Pat Moyer, Rosemary, Katherine & Clay, Margaret, Juanita Greene, Sheryl Johnson, Todd, Eden, Derri & Tommy, Jim, Janette & Juliet, Jess, Jennie Norris, Jim, Everett McCann, Sue & Rob Bown, Rodney & Son, Robert Duran, Bernice Flowers, Santa Fe High School, Chase Yarbrough & Family.

OUR BAPTIZED & THEIR FAMILIES:

Grace and Alek, The Figeroa Family, Allen, Vickie, Summer and Avoni, The Hanna Family, The Harris Family, Jessica, Brett, Ayla, and Zayne, Reghan and Liam Thacker, Abigail and Anthony, The Smothers Family, Johnny Aguilera, Lemorris Ford, Kenneth Domingue, Savannah, Isaiah, and Beniece.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sue Blanton 5/30	Don Gunderman 7/26	Frank Schurwon, 10/23	Jeannie Patterson 11/15
Jo Ann Schurwon 5/30	David Wray 7/26	Jeff McKnight 10/29	Sandy Tompkins 11/23
Sharon Willingham, 5/30	Liam Thacker 7/29	Madison Monroe 10/31	Tina Mullen 11/25
Leslie Wilks 6/1	Jim Deslatte 7/30	Kristy Stewart 11/4	Hilda Crump 11/26
Barbara Klaver 6/4	Gary Dates 8/31	Denny Patterson 11/6	Katherine Garrett 11/30
David Schlegel 6/8	Joseph Mills 9/1	Brenda Romero 11/9	
Brent Patterson 6/9	Celia Patterson 9/8		
Venus Ferguson 6/16	Bennie Matthews 9/10		
Cesar Romero 6/16	Rip Howell 9/11		
Patti Miller 6/20	Thomas Crump 9/20	Scott and Lanette 6/17	
Holly Howell 6/26	Lyman Reed 9/22	Lee and Lynn Koepp 7/28	
Grant Dominy 6/28	Davis Blanton 9/26	Frank and JoAnn Schurwon 7/28	
Marie Carlson 6/28	Tracy Gundermann 9/30	Denny and Jeannie Patterson 8/2	
William Don Creel 7/3	Joy Dates 10/1	Lyman and Mary Ann Reed 8/2	
Carolann Mills 7/3	Johnny Aguilera 10/6	Kent and Beverly Ross 8/20	
Marilyn Crump 7/4	Nancy Lee 10/9	Doug and Tina Mullen 8/31	
Deanie Weatherall 7/4	Lee Koepp 10/13	Herb and Eleanore Wuthrich 9/2	
Brendon Moore 7/5	Beverly Ross 10/17	Davis and Sue Blanton 10/5	
Reghan Thacker 7/15	Wayne Moore 10/21	Kenny and Celia Patterson 10/28	
Mary Monroe 7/19	Peggy Tolson 10/21	William and Tonya Creel 11/11	



The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God and

- June 3rd In loving memory of her husband, Alex Matthews by Bennie Matthews
- June 10th In loving memory of the birthday of her father and sister, Earl Wakefield and Ethel Ward by Olive Krell
- June 17th No one is signed up at this time
- June 24th No one is signed up at this time

If you would like to participate in ***providing flowers for Sunday Worship***, please check the ***Flower Chart on the Bulletin Board*** located in the hallway across from the restrooms. For more information, please call Olive Krell 409-739-5479 or the Church office. **The cost is \$35.00 for each Sunday you sign up for.**

**Save the Date
Invite Friends!**

You are invited
To a Friendly All Ages Fish Fry
To Celebrate Summer Fun!

**At St. George's
On June 23, 2018
From 6-9 pm**

(Fish Fry & Activities in Quinn Hall and Outside)

At this Fish Fry, we will:

- Share Dinner
- Enjoy Old-Fashioned Games
- Reconnect with our Church Community & Provide Opportunity for Getting to Know Each Other Better
- Have Fun & Share Hospitality!

We will NOT:

- Ask for any Commitment or Committee Involvement

Donations Graciously Accepted: \$0 – 15 or more
RSVP by June 8th (409) 945-2583

"... Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17



Please have information and schedules turned in before the season of Pentecost is over for the next issue of The Herald.

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