

September 2020

Dear Beloved of God,



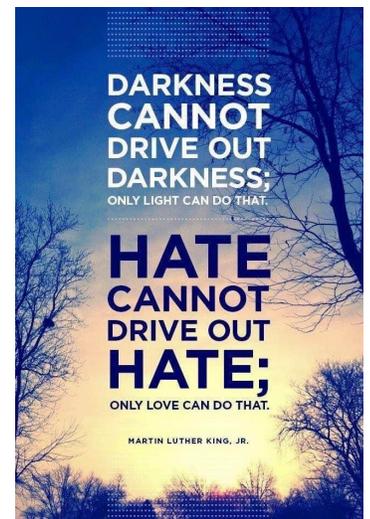
As spiritual beings on a spiritual path—Do you know where are you on your journey? We are living in interesting times. There is so much changing—it can be daunting!

One way to manage the constant change is to fix our eyes and faith on the changeless one - Jesus. The reality is we are either moving toward or away from God and the nature of this world is to distract and pull us away from God.

While it may seem counterintuitive, the way through these times is to be more intentional and clear about what we can and cannot change and to ask God to give us the wisdom to know the difference.

For instance, the growing racial tension in our country may be troubling to you and yet you may not feel you have any real power to change the situation. The fact is we can all start with something simple. What if we began by journaling or just reflecting on when we first encountered racism. How did you feel? What were the messages you heard growing up? What was your parents and grandparents stand on racism? While being self reflective is uncomfortable, it is something we can do right now. If you feel especially bold, you might have conversations with family or friends. From here we can authentically begin to listen to others stories and experiences with racism.

We will love as much as we allow ourselves to be loved by God and ourselves. Be compassionate with yourself but don't stay where you are. God means to transform us from one degree of glory to the next. I think of this as baby steps towards the healing and the transformation we need in the world. But, it starts with us tending to our own hearts and souls.



I hope you will join me and even share your stories with me because together we can be more of who we are meant to be.

This Fall, I hope you will join me as we examine where our story, God's story and the story of the Israelites intersect what we can learn by listening to the various viewpoints and experiences.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Robin⁺

Pastor Robin +
Rector, St. George's

You don't have to grieve alone

Grief Support Group

*Help and encouragement after the death
of a spouse, child, family member, or friend*



**Quin Hall
St. George's Episcopal Church
510 13th Ave. N., Texas City, TX**

**Tuesday, September 29th
6:30 – 8 PM**

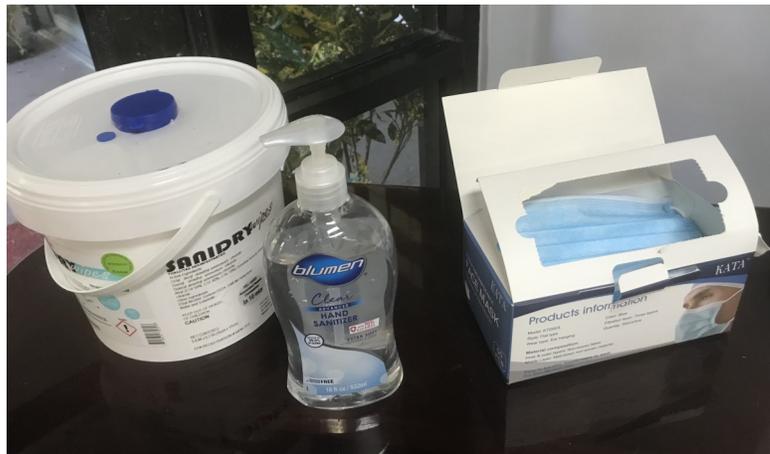
**To sign up or get more information call:
David Kautz 979-824-2484 or
Pastor Robin 832-922-7022 or 409-945-2583**

BACK TO CHURCH IN-PERSON

We held a church-wide clean up Saturday, August 29th;
As we get ready to return to church in-person on
Sunday, September 13, 2020
11 a.m. *(Please arrive by 10:50 a.m.)*

Online services on Facebook and Zoom will continue at 9:30 a.m.
for those who do not feel comfortable coming back just yet.

*Safety precautions are being put in place for worshipping in person together
and taking communion. Here are just a few . . .*



- All are asked to wear masks while in the building
(We have some masks for those who don't have one)
 - Keep social distance 6 feet (2 arms length)
 - Sanitize hands often
 - You pick up your own paper bulletin
- The service time will be shortened to limit exposure to others.
(Between 30-45 minutes)
- Communion will be brought to each person by the priest prepackaged. They may remove their mask and consume after the priest passes.

We welcome your thoughts and ideas about what will help you feel safe to return to in person worship!

Walking in New Life and Love as we practice Jesus' Way

Our Mission: To 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.

Our Mission Vision Team helps train teams in the Way of Jesus

(submitted by

The MV Team continues to meet biweekly. In the last month, we formed and trained the Into the World Team and Caring for Each Other Team. Each team consists of the following: Leader, Chaplain, Communication, Plan Keeper, Coach, and MV Liaison.

Invite, Welcome, Connect Team

We courageously invite others into relationship with us as individuals and our worship community, through social media, mail, and in-person. We have a robust newcomer welcoming and integration process fully in place to receive, welcome and want to connect. Encourage members to engage and participate in worship on a regular basis.

Completed:

Courtyard flower beds
cleaned up and mulched
Entire church property
mowed and edged
Garden of Hope cleaned
Replaced American flag
Removed AT&T dish

Future Maintenance:

Paint white fence
Repair playground equipment
Pressure wash stone on church
Remove sidewalk around tree in courtyard
Garden of Hope: remove wood box, replace
raised boxes
Clean inside of church by 09/13/2020
Replace carpeting in hallway and entryway

Into the World

We are stewarding our resources and collaborating with others to serve the good of our greater community.

ITW recently formed and we had our orientation on Sunday, August 2nd. The team members are: David Kautz, Sharon Willingham, Eleanore Wuthrich, Raquel Balderas, and Justin Troxclair. Our first meeting was Sunday, August 16th and we plan to meet again on Sunday, August 30th.

At the meeting, we focused on the first goal and discussed the various outreach programs we currently have at St. George's as well as some we've had in the past.

For our next meeting, we plan to bring a list of programs/events to discuss in more detail to see what's worked and what hasn't or what we would like to see. Besides the programs, we talked about updating the website to incorporate all that we are doing and to make the donation link more visible for people to find. The last idea brought up was creating a page on our website and possibly on Facebook for those who have attended St. George's in the past; a place for them to reconnect through conversation and even see pictures taken in the past.

Your input is welcome. You can send us ideas, photos, and /or stories of a favorite memory while at St. George's to hope@stgeorgestc.org.

Caring For Each Other

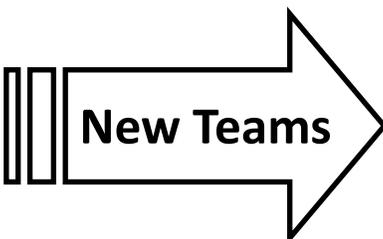
Love each other through caring relationships by supporting each other, staying in touch, identifying needs, sharing time and resources, and having fun and fellowship.

Our team was recently trained in the Jesus Model for ministry. With Hurricane Laura and Marco posing a threat, we saw the need to shore up our phone tree to check on folks. We called those who live alone to ensure they had support and an option to evacuate if desired. ***We would like to get Emergency contact numbers, so Pastor Robin can reach out to your next of kin if we can't reach you. We will be calling to get this information for future emergencies, so we can know you are safe.***

Emergency Contact Form (Example)

Name	Emergency Contact	Relationship	Phone Number
St. George's	Pastor Robin	Rector	(409) 945-2583

We also will be helping promote a new GriefShare course beginning Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall with masks and social distancing. We are also helping get a mom's group started. Stay tuned for dates. We will be supporting the New Youth Group as well.



	Caring For Each other	Into the World
Leader	Marie Carlson	David Kautz
Chaplain	Byron Hambrick	Justin Troxclair
Communication	Lynn Koepp	Raquel Balderas
Plan Keeper	Kim Ford	Eleanore Wuthrich
MV Liaison	Susan Dunn	Sharon Willingham
Coach	Pastor Robin	Pastor Robin

Ambassadors of Hope Youth Group

Now that our VBS camp is finished, we have continued to meet with our youth group adding families and friends. The youth are leading boldly — teaching us crafts like how to make slime and friendship bracelets.

Holy Resiliency and persistence has been the theme for August.

The message is a good one for all of us! Never give up!

God is with you and for you!



Top Pictures: Youth Group out in the Garden of Hope and picking things to take home.

Bottom Left Picture: Elaine one of our youth has the kitty love covered from mask to shirt. Nothing like the unconditional love of pets.

Thanks to Marie Carlson for sharing you cat mask!

Bottom Middle Picture: Senior Warden, Susan Dunn plays with Decker Ford while his Big sister Lulu teaches us to make slim!

Bottom Right Picture: Harvesting and then tasting watermelons harvested from the Garden of Hope.



Getting Our Property “TIP TOP” Part 2

Thank you Rip, Haynes, and Kent for removing the satellite dish and disposing of it! Big shout out to Haynes and Rip for starting the removal process of the uneven concrete sidewalk, around the tree with the help of Rip's son B.J.



Updating our Website

We are currently updating our website. If you see something that you feel needs to be updated, let us know by calling the church office at (409) 945-2583 or by emailing us at hope@stgeorgestc.org. We value your input.

Here are the things we are working on now:

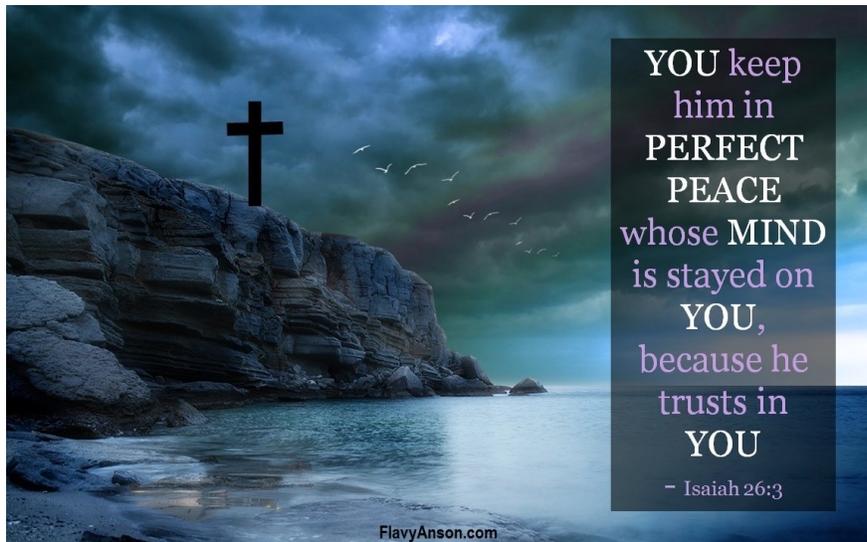
- Adding pictures to the Vestry Page
- Fixing the About St. George's Page (Mission Statement/Core Values)
- Adding current programs/events (Mask Making, Cooking For Christ, GriefShare, and Youth Group)



Cooking for Christ Update

We will be distributing meals once a month on the 1st Sunday of the Month.

**Next Cooking for Christ Delivery
Sunday, October 4, 2020**



Mask Making

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 **10-1 PM**



On Saturday, August 29, 2020 we celebrated the life and faith of Lenny Cianciotto, Jr. at St. George's.

May he rest in peace and with perpetual light.

Please remember Carolyn and Lenny's family in prayer as they grieve.

Ways we can serve our neighbors



We will be gathering for a day of community prayer over our local schools. On Sunday, September 13th, Servolution Mainland Sunday, we will partner with the community to pray over every school in the Texas City, La Marque and Dickinson area.

We will also have yard signs available through TNT for a small fee that the community can post in their yards - to let families, teachers, administrators know God's got their back and so do we. We stand in Hope that we will get through this because God is with us and for us! (\$5—Let Pastor Robin know.)

The day of prayer will be held similar to "See You at the Pole" with the main difference being we will remain in our cars. A designated person from each church will pray over the campus each church has adopted for the prayer initiative. The designated person will have a bullhorn or portable mic so everyone will be able to hear.

We also invite those who cannot make it out to a specific school campus to pray at home at 2:00pm on Sunday, September 13th. The whole idea is uniting our communities in prayer over our schools.

**St. George's will be going to
Roosevelt Wilson
Sunday, September 13, 2020
2.p.m.**

Join us at 1:45 p.m. *to pray in-person from your car* or at home. Over 15 churches in Texas City, LaMarque, and Dickinson are adopting a school to pray over. We will the pray over the administration staff at 2:45 p.m.

Ways we can serve our neighbors in the path of Laura.

We pray God give them strength and grace to walk through the loss, grief and restoration in the days, months and years ahead of them. May they know they are not alone. In Jesus name, Amen.

We are joining St. John's Methodist Church in collecting supplies to take to Orange, Tx and Lake Charles, LA.

Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated!

Priority:

Large blue tarps/plastic sheeting and fasteners such as washered roofing nails
parachute cord/rope
Heavy duty trash bags
Bleach
Laundry Detergent
Household cleaner
36-50 clothespins
Work Gloves
Dust or surgical mask
Durable kitchen gloves
Sponges w/scrubber backing
Dish soap

Other Supplies:

Paper towels
Paper plates and cups
Plastic utensils
Flashlight
Mosquito Repellent
Charcoal
Lighter fluid
Manual can opener
Strike-anywhere matches

Baby Supplies:

Baby food items
Diapers
Wipes

Personal Hygiene Supplies:

First aid kit
Toilet paper
Moist towelettes
Bar soap
Hand sanitizer

Zero Prep Foods:

Dry cereal
Canned fruits
Canned vegetables
Ready to eat canned soups and meats
Canned pasta
Canned beans
Peanut Butter Crackers
Nuts
Granola and energy bars

St. John's Methodist will be collecting all week and taking everything next Saturday.

Here are the drop off hours at St. John's Methodist:

Monday & Thursday 9am-6pm
Tuesday 9am-2pm
Wednesday 1pm-6pm
And Friday 10am-6pm

Family Preparedness

From the
Diocese

1 Plan what you'll do



2 Gather your supplies



3 Know what's happening



1. Make a Plan

- Family Emergency Plan
 - Share a written plan with someone who lives a distance away
 - A completed plan is useful for all kinds of emergencies which may involve leaving you home; information like . . .
 - Name and Address
 - Medical, Homeowner/Renter Insurance
 - Out-of-town meeting place
- For Regions affected by Hurricanes
 - Learn your evacuation zone
- COVID-19 Considerations
 - Check current levels of risk
 - Social distancing is especially important if you are going to a shelter or have others staying with you during a hurricane

Let Your Pastor Know your
Emergency Contact

2. Get Prepared

- Assemble a Disaster Supply Kit in advance so you are prepared, whether you shelter in place or evacuate
- Pets—kennel, food, water, leash, shot records, pottie pads
- Keep cars gased up, cash on hand, manual can & bottle openers, medicine, phone chargers, battery radio, flashlights, etc.

3. Stay Informed

- National Hurricane Center <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
- National Weather Service <https://www.weather.gov/>
- Galveston County—Office of Management <https://gcoem.org/x-hurricanes/>

Ways you can connect online with us!

If you need tech support, even a device, let us know!

Sunday Service FB or Zoom @ 9:30 AM;
Website & YouTube after the Service

Sun. Coffee Hour
Zoom @ 10:15 AM

Sun. Bible Study
Zoom @ 11 AM

Coffee Hour via Zoom

Sundays

10:15-10:45 a.m.



Bible Study via Zoom



M-F Noonday Prayer
Facebook @ 12 PM

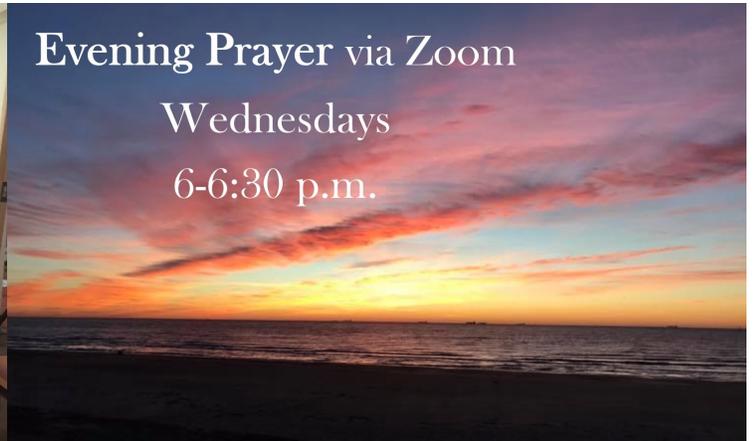
Wed. Evening Prayer
Zoom @ 6 PM



Evening Prayer via Zoom

Wednesdays

6-6:30 p.m.



Facebook (FB) Page:
St Georges Texas City

YouTube Channel:
St. George's Texas City

Zoom Information:
Meeting ID: 977 818 3721
Password: 328259

You can call in with this number:
Call +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)