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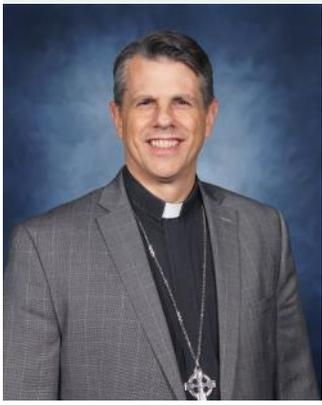
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RECTOR'S PAGE

The State of American Christianity

The Pew Research Center published an article just a few weeks ago entitled: “In U.S., Decline of Christianity Continues at Rapid Pace: *An update on America's changing religious landscape.*” Here are the two opening paragraphs of the article:

“The religious landscape of the United States continues to change at a rapid clip. In Pew Research Center telephone surveys conducted in 2018 and 2019, 65% of American adults describe themselves as Christians when asked about their religion, down 12 percentage points over the past decade. Meanwhile, the religiously unaffiliated share of the population, consisting of people who describe their religious identity as atheist, agnostic or “nothing in particular,” now stands at 26%, up from 17% in 2009.

Both Protestantism and Catholicism are experiencing losses of population share. Currently, 43% of U.S. adults identify with Protestantism, down from 51% in 2009. And one-in-five adults (20%) are Catholic, down from 23% in 2009. Meanwhile, all subsets of the religiously unaffiliated population – a group also known as religious “nones” – have seen their numbers swell. Self-described atheists now account for 4% of U.S. adults, up modestly but significantly from 2% in 2009; agnostics make up 5% of U.S. adults, up from 3% a decade ago; and 17% of Americans now describe their religion as “nothing in particular,” up from 12% in 2009. Members of non-Christian religions also have grown modestly as a share of the adult population.” (You can read the whole article at pewforum.org).

These are some fairly depressing statistics. I think that it is safe to say that the secularization of Western culture is proceeding at an alarming pace. Does this mean that we should despair as Christians? Absolutely not. We serve the King of Kings who promised, “I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matt 16:18) Christians do not despair; we live in hope.

What these statistics should do is convince us of the need of our witness in the culture now more than ever. What is lost in these dismal numbers is that there are certain churches and denominations which are growing. The Reformed Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in North America fit into this category. Among those that are growing are the churches that have a strong commitment to the teachings of Holy Scripture and a traditional view of the Christian faith. May the Lord strengthen us in these commitments! And may He work through us to reach a culture that is by and large, walking away from God, and as they do so, are becoming filled with despair as they go. Our community needs us to speak the truth in love. They need us to share the good news of Christ's saving grace. May our Lord help us to stem the tide and reverse these trends. May we be found faithful servants of our Master here at Church of the Holy Communion.

Holy Communion Christian Academy

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Teachers of
HCCA at
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SPIRIT DAY AT HCCA!



The Cathedral and Youth Choir by Candace Bawcombe



Jake Magargle, Brian Brown, Joe Woodwell

New Gentlemen in the Cathedral Choir

The Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir have three new voices to add to the tenor and baritone sections! We are thrilled to welcome them to our Wednesday evening rehearsals, Sunday morning choral opportunities in worship and all the upcoming Christmas music we will be singing at Christmas Lessons and Carols! These men are sharing their time and talent with CHC! Please thank them for their new commitment to singing and helping to lead the liturgy.

Youth Choir News

Our Youth Choir has participated in two Youth Choir Retreats since September. Our next retreat is Saturday, November 16 from 10:00a- 12:30pm in Miller Hall.

Ever wonder what are we doing in these retreats besides singing?

1. We are talking about the importance of the anthems we are learning and why we are singing them on specific Sundays.
2. We are discussing the liturgical year and learning the difference between Lent and Advent!
3. We are learning treble clef note reading and writing.
4. We are learning solfege and how to sight-read with this method.
5. We are learning English diction used in vocal music.
6. We are learning time signatures and rhythm.

The Youth Choir will sing at Christmas Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 22 at 6:00pm. Please plan to hear them Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 at the 5:30pm service.

If you have a child interested in joining the Youth Choir it is not too late! Please contact Candace Bawcombe at candace@holycommuniondallas.org.



This month, the Endowment Committee wants to take the opportunity to highlight some of the ways parishioners can provide a legacy gift to the church upon their death. First, you may leave a gift to the church in your will. Gifts can be made in cash for a specified use or ministry or they may be set up via a testamentary trust and the income used for a designated purpose. Investments and property may also be designated to be given to CHC as a gift through a will. An attorney, preferably an estate attorney, should be consulted to construct your estate plan, which will include your will and any trust instruments. Second, you may select CHC as a beneficiary on your personal or group life insurance, annuity products, IRA/401ks, accidental death and dismemberment policies, or via a transfer of death (TOD) on your bank or investment accounts. Gifts set up in this manner go directly to the church shortly after your passing. Third, you may transfer the title of a residence or house to CHC. Such a residence could bear the name of the donor and serve as a residence for one of the clergy or staff members of the church. The donor may also elect that the residence be sold and the proceeds go directly to CHC. If you need further information, brochures are available in Lunt Hall that outline the various ways to leave a legacy gift to the church. As always, contact the church office for additional information. Next month we will highlight ways parishioners can tithe to CHC on a regular basis.



**Are you Technical Savvy
or willing to learn?
We Need You!**

We are looking for a couple of good folks (two, at least) who have an interest in helping with Audio/Visual needs at CHC. If you would enjoy helping record various talks (including Sunday sermons, monthly events (such as Wine, Women, and Wisdom/Theology-On-Tap), annual events (such as Lessons & Carols), etc) to make them available via the website or email, this job might be for you. On-the-job training will be provided! Hours are dependent on your schedule and timing of the particular event. Contact the church office (972-248-6505) or email gennie@holychurchdallas.org you are interested.

AROUND OUR PARISH

FEAST OF BOOTHS



NEW ACOLYTES



Grilling for
Oktoberfest!

Thank you
St. James
Brotherhood
for a great
evening!

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OKTOBERFEST 2019



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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



AROUND OUR PARISH



HALLOWEEN PARTY & MOVIE NIGHT



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 7	7:00pm	Library	Daughters of the Holy Cross (All Women Invited)
Nov. 8-10		Library	Cranmer Theological House Course
Nov. 8-10		Camp Crucis	Annual Women's Retreat
Nov. 9	8:30am		Holy Communion Youth Paint Ball Event
Nov. 15	6:30pm	Miller Hall	Friday Fun Night
Nov. 16	10:00am	Miller Hall	Youth Choir Retreat (10:00am-12:30pm)
Nov. 17		Miller Hall	Holy Communion Youth Gift Project Packing Day
Nov. 22	6:30pm	Lunt Hall	Erev Shabbat
Nov. 23	10:00am	Edman Bldg	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Nov. 24	10:15am	Lunt Hall	Holy Communion Women Bake Sale
Nov. 24	6:00pm		Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist
Nov. 30	12:00pm		St. Andrew the Apostle Eucharist
Dec. 1			North Texas Food Drive (Dec. 1-Jan. 5)
Dec. 1			Dedication of Pledges at 9:00am and 11:15am
Dec. 1	12:30pm	Sweet Basil	Sunday Lunch Bunch
Dec. 2	6:00pm	Miller Hall	Ladies Bunco
Dec. 2	6:30pm	Lunt Hall	Theology on Tap
Dec. 5	7:00pm	Edman Bldg	Daughters of the Holy Cross (All Women Invited)
Dec. 6-8		Library	Cranmer Theological House Course
Dec. 7	10:00am	Miller Hall	Youth Choir Retreat (10:00am-12:30pm)
Dec. 14	10:00am	Lunt Hall	Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 20		Miller Hall	Holy Communion Youth Lock In (6th-12th)
Dec. 21	9:00am	Church	Hanging of the Greens
Dec. 21	12:00pm		St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharist
Dec. 22	10:15am	Lunt Hall	Visit from Santa (No Sunday School)
Dec. 22	6:00pm		Lessons & Carols (5:30pm Pre-concert)
Dec. 24	5:30pm		Christmas Eve Eucharist
Dec. 24	10:30pm		Christmas Eve Choral Cathedral Service
Dec. 25	10:00am		Christmas Day Eucharist
Dec. 26	12:00pm		St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr Eucharist
Dec. 27	12:00pm		St. John the Apostle Eucharist
Dec. 28	10:00am		Prayer Shawl Ministry
Dec. 28	12:00pm		Holy Innocents Eucharist
Jan. 1	12:00pm		Circumcision of Christ Eucharist
Jan. 5	7:45, 9:00, 11:15am		Epiphany (transferred from Jan. 6), Cathedral Service at 9:00am
Jan. 5	10:15am	Lunt Hall	Epiphany Children's Pageant



The Youth (all grades) are doing a giving project for Samaritans Purse-Nov. 17 Please refer to the email sent to parents explaining the gift purchases sign up and packing day for the shoe boxes. The children will prepare boxes during some of the Sunday School class time and the final packing day will be on November 17th in Miller Hall during Sunday School. The boxes will also be blessed by our clergy once ready. Please contact Dcn. Marcus Bell with any questions that arise.

To sign up for items: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d49adaa2fa3f49-items>

God's Mile Project-Helping to Feed The Needy for Thanksgiving (Donate by Nov. 17)

A \$25.00 donation provides: 15-16 pound turkey, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, corn or green beans, rice, cranberry sauce, and fruit cocktail. You may provide a check to Church of the Holy Communion and write "Seven Loaves" in the memo line. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to feed 200 needy families (or more)! Please consider sponsoring a number of families by writing a check for a multiple of \$25 (if you are able). If you would like to donate with credit/debit card, please call the church office at 972-248-6505. If you have questions, please contact Walt Ridlon or the church office. Please make donations by Sunday, November 17.

All Saints Ministry

Parishioners are assigned to a Saint Group based on the zip code of their residence. Your fellow group members help each other on a temporary, short term basis when need arises such as a birth, death, surgery, hospitalization, etc. by sending a card, preparing a meal for the family or helping with transportation. If you are interested in being a leader of your area or if you do not know what Saint Group you are in, please contact the church office 972-248-6505 or Mary Carpenter, the ASM Coordinator, 972-361-0505. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have!





Lisa & Mike Csaszar	Nov 03
Cathy & Werner Heissenhuber	Nov 03
Arlene & David Funk	Nov 04
Jean & Wilson Davis	Nov 05
Barbara & Greg Mathews	Nov 06
Jill & Mike Nowell	Nov 08
Amy & Jack Brady	Nov 09
Candace Bawcombe & Andrew Schast	Nov 09
Jocelyn & Jim Wheaton	Nov 12
Amanda & Jon Fielder	Nov 15
Peggy & Tim Krug	Nov 26
Brett & Fr. Charlie Camlin	Nov 28
Melinda & Michael Brown	Nov 30

Flowers on the Altar

If you would like to remember a loved one on their birthday, anniversary, or a memorial- there is a sign up sheet in Lunt Hall. Your message will be placed in the Sunday bulletin. The suggested donation is \$50.00.