

CUTHBERT CONNECTIONS

Building the Kingdom of God—Together!

Come experience the transforming power and accepting love of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME

Welcome to St. Cuthbert! We are glad you are here to worship today. If this is your first time to join us, be sure to stop by the Welcome Desk to take home a fresh baked treat!

During the service, children ages four through second grade are invited to participate in **Children's Church** by following the Children's cross. They will return during the exchange of the peace. Children through age five are welcome in the nursery.

We welcome all baptized Christians to join in receiving **Communion**. Those not baptized are invited to receive a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Prayer Teams are available during Communion and after the service for those who have specific prayer needs or desire anointing with oil and prayers for healing. You will find the Prayer Team in the room in the back corner of the Sanctuary on the choir side.

TAKE NOTE:

Tuesday, October 3

5:00 p.m. Book Discussion: *A Wrinkle in Time*

Saturday, October 7

10:00 a.m. Book Discussion: *A Wrinkle in Time*

Please visit stcuthbert.org for a complete calendar of events.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for The Rev. Warren Miedke by Mariyn Miedke; and for the wedding of our daughter, Keisha, by Corliss and Ulysses Fogg.



Sunday Morning Services:
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion & Children's Church
9:10 a.m. Christian Formation for everyone
Nursery available 7:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

PSALM 25:1-8

Hallelujah!

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;

**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.

MATTHEW 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."



We at St. Cuthbert will be intentional to: Captivate visitors with the love of Christ; Connect people to the love of Christ; experience the transforming power and accepting love of Jesus Christ through Community ministry groups; and Commission leaders to build the kingdom of God—together!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Today at 4:00, all pets and their people are invited to a Blessing of the Animals, with a parade and craft. Animals must be suitably restrained on a leash or in a cage. For questions or more information, please contact Kim Houghton.

A WRINKLE IN TIME

Everyone is invited to a book discussion of *A Wrinkle in Time* on either Tuesday, October 3, at 5:00 OR Saturday, October 7, at 10:00. We will discuss the book and create tesseracts. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For questions or more information, contact Gail Jackins.

FLU SHOTS

Flu shots will be available next Sunday, October 8, for all those over 14 years of age. Your insurance will be billed, so the cost will vary. Pneumonia and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccines will also be available.

IFEST

Plans are underway for the Twelfth Annual International Festival, which will be held on Saturday, November 4. Country and Volunteer sign-ups continue. Visit the IFest table in the front hallway for more information or to be a part of this great Festival.

HOTLINE UPDATE

All the homes of our families affected by Harvey are now remediated and dry, thanks be to God. The HOTLine is exploring ways to provide long-term support and care to these families. Please continue to pray, especially for all the children who have experienced the turmoil of Harvey. Watch this space and the e-minder for upcoming ways to help.

CAN THE CORNER

The Youth Group is distributing brown paper bags for you to fill with items needed by Cypress Assistance Ministries (CAM). Get a bag, fill it up, and bring it to church with you next Sunday. For questions or more information, contact Kim Houghton.

LOOK THROUGH YOUR CLOSET

On Sunday, October 15, we will have a Wedding Breakfast during the Christian Formation hour at 9:10. We will enjoy a potluck wedding-theme breakfast and learn about the parable of the wedding banquet. Start looking through your closet for your most recent bridesmaid dress, flower girl dress, tuxedo, or your wedding gown to wear! Since St. Cuthbert is an international parish, we hope to see many examples of wedding attire from lots of countries. For questions or information, contact Gail Jackins.



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