

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:

Wednesday, August 2

10:00 a.m. Communications Meeting

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.



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.

1 KINGS 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

PSALM 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your Name.

Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.

ROMANS 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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!

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PRIEST

Please give a big St. Cuthbert welcome to our guest priest, The Rev. Steve Ferguson. Welcome Father Steve!

Y'S OPERATION BACKPACK

The Y's Operation Backpack provides backpacks and school supplies to children in our community. You may pick up a list of supplies in the front hallway. Drop off the filled backpack in the YMCA box. The deadline for contributions is Wednesday, August 9. For more information, visit ymcahouston.org/operation-backpack.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

All parishioners are invited to participate in writing a devotion for the 2018 Lenten Devotional project. You may sign up to write a reflection based on a passage of scripture at the table in the front hallway. The devotions will be available in Lent of 2018. For questions or more information, please contact Gail Jackins.

JUNE FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Month	YTD
Need	\$61,242	\$423,690
Giving	\$53,804	\$414,645
Pentecost*	\$32,680	\$32,680
Net	\$25,296	(\$9,045)

*An additional \$32,500 is in a designated account for the August mortgage payment.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Cuthbert is hosting a Blood Drive today. A mobile unit is in the parking lot until 12:30. To donate, you must be at least 17 years of age, at least 110 lbs., and in good general health. Save a life - donate blood!

YOUTH GROUP WELCOME PARTY

All youth entering 6-12th grades, their parents, and all youth group volunteers are invited to the Semi-Annual Youth vs. Adults Trashketball game next Sunday, August 6, from 4:00-6:00. We will welcome the incoming 6th graders and send off the class of 2017 graduates with one of our favorite Youth Group games. Come score some points for your team and meet this year's greatest new additions! For questions or more information, please contact Kim Houghton.

PRAYER GARDEN BRICKS

The Memorial Prayer Garden committee is offering personalized bricks to be placed as memorials in the Prayer Garden. The bricks will be incorporated into the overall garden design. Two sizes are available: 4 x 8 bricks are \$30 each and 8 x 8 bricks are \$50 each. Scripture stones are also being offered. Choose your favorite Bible verse and it will be etched on either river rock or granite. Stop by the table in the front hallway for more information or to place your order.



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