

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:

Sunday, December 2

12:00 ECW Ladies Luncheon

3:00 Chess With Friends

4:00 Youth Group

Saturday, December 8

4:00 Cookies and Carols

Christmas Worship Schedule

Monday, December 24

4:00 Holy Communion and Children's Pageant—nursery available

8:00 Holy Communion and Candlelight

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Debra and Paul Rieke by the Rieke family.



Sunday Morning Services:

8:00 & 10:30 Holy Communion & Children's Church

9:10 Christian Formation for everyone

Nursery available 7:50 - 12:30

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JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

PSALM 25:1-9

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.
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

LUKE 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."



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!

VESTRY ELECTIONS

The annual Vestry election is today. Ballots will be accepted after each service. The nominees for the 2019-2022 Vestry are: Pat Ganther, Mike Glasson, Sue McGown, David Prouty, and Paul Tannous. Information about the candidates is available on the board in the front hallway.

LORD OF THE STREETS

Our congregation is invited to donate socks and travel-sized personal care items to be used in gift bags for the Lord of the Streets clientele. Don't have time to collect all those products? A donation of \$10 covers the cost of one bag of hygiene items. All donations should be dropped off at the Lord of the Streets table no later than Wednesday, December 19.

CHES WITH FRIENDS

Chess with Friends will meet today and next Sunday, December 9, from 3:00-4:00. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For questions or more information, please contact Gail Jackins.

OCTOBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Month	YTD
Need	\$56,225	\$706,011
Giving	\$54,095	\$665,327
Net	(\$2,130)	(\$40,684)

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.

COOKIES & CAROLS

Everyone is invited to Cookies and Carols this Saturday, December 8, at 4:00. We will sing Christmas carols and read the story of Jesus' birth. Then, let the cookie decorating begin! Be sure and invite a friend.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The seasons of Advent and Christmas are filled with generosity. The devotional, *Practicing Generosity with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*, helps remind each of us to take time to slow down so that counter-cultural choices may be made during the season of Advent; choices that will help prepare hearts for the true meaning of Christmas. This book is also being explored in an adult Christian Formation class, meeting Sundays at 9:10. You may pick up your free copy on the credenza in the front hallway.



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