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CHURCH OF ST DUNSTAN

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Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. and LIVESTREAM via Facebook
Virtual Morning Prayer: Mondays at 11 a.m.
Adult Study: Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
Women's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.
Men's Bible Study, 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.
Prayer in the Nave, Tuesday at 5PM

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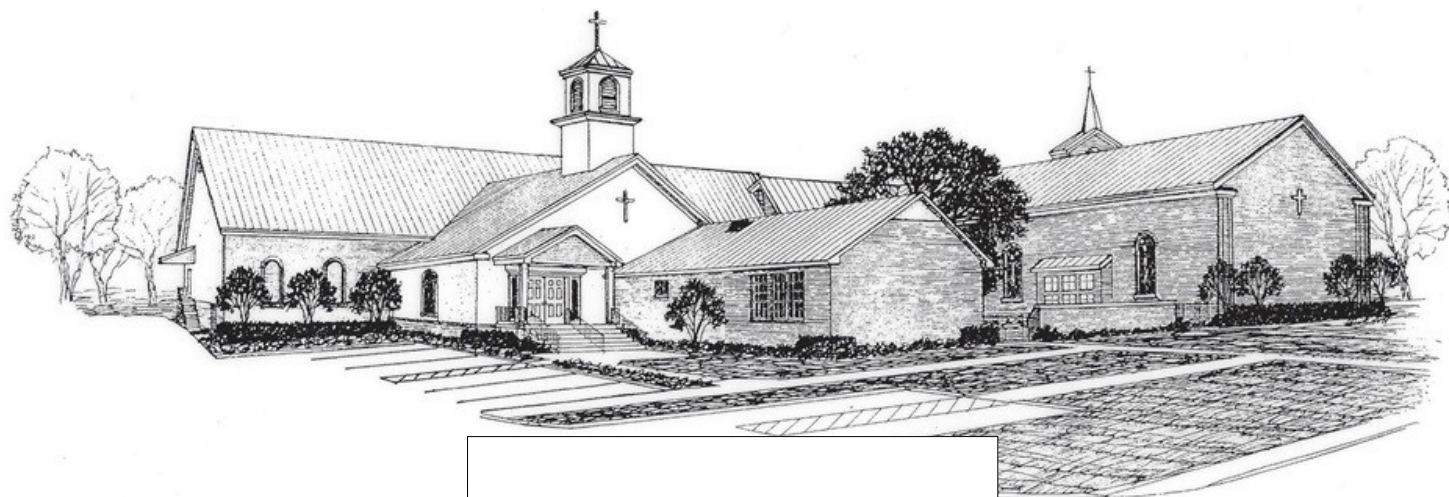
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Reaching out by God's Grace



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- ◆ Established in 1947, The Church of Saint Dunstan was named for St. Dunstan who was the Archbishop of Canterbury, statesman and reformer circa 909-988
- ◆ The Rt. Rev. Fraser W. Lawton is the 7th Rector at St. Dunstan
- ◆ The Church of Saint Dunstan is part of the Diocese of Dallas and has been designated a pro-Cathedral working with congregations in Northeast Texas
- ◆ St. Dunstan is home to parishioners from five counties: Wood, Smith, Rains, Van Zandt and Hunt

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SCRIPTORIUM

THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN

A LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The epistle ("letter") reading on a recent Sunday was from Paul's letter to the Romans. It was from chapter 8, and addressed what, and how, it is to live by the Spirit and to see sin defeated in our lives. In verse 19, he introduces an interesting thought: the situation of creation in the place of salvation history. He told them that creation had been subjected to futility and was in bondage to sin and decay. It is, he said, waiting "with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God." We are continually bombarded with near-panic messaging about the climate and natural disasters. All sorts of actions and legislation are put before us as solutions for the situation. For some people, especially younger ones, it seems, the weight of the constant outcry is overwhelming to the point of despair. There are various theories about the changes we perceive in the climate and the weather effects we experience, each with its degree of reasonableness and support. We may each research and have our own opinions as to the situation and best solutions. However, what is almost always left aside is the reality of the affect of sin and human spirituality on the world around us. Western minds, being so much wiser and scientific, tend to see this

concept as superstition and, at best, quaint. However, the scripture tells us that creation, too, paid the price for human sin and rejection of God. This is foundational to Paul's words to the parish in Rome. God's promise of redemption also has a component that affects creation. There are several instances in scripture where we read God's sovereignty over, and sometimes use of, nature. So how do these two things go together? Whatever conclusion we may have as far as climate and solutions, they are incomplete without two things. The first is that the world, the climate, and its final disposition is in God's hand and according to His plan and time. Christians ought not panic or despair at the state of the natural world. (We absolutely need to be wise and good stewards - pollution, abuse of creation, etc., are not inconsequential because of the truth of God's sovereignty!). Paul tells us that creation has been "groaning" while waiting for the revelation of our salvation (Romans 8:22). Why would this be? It meant that history had now turned towards its consummation in the new creation. It also meant that hope had arrived. With God's children, the earth is now populated with the invasion of salvation. Just as there was a spiritual affect for evil, so there is

for hope. As we hear and see the cry of hearts in the face of the message of despair, we are called to respond. The solution to the situation in the world is only in God. A key component in our response is to cry out to God. We need to ask Him to deal with the underlying cause for what is wrong. We intercede for this world and its population. We need to ask God to remove any barriers to people hearing and receiving the gospel. We need to ask Him to send workers into the harvest. Let us ask Him to stir the hearts of His people across this land to cry out to Him for repentance and revival. There is hope for the world - Jesus.

The Lord be with you!

+Fraser



The Rt. Rev. Fraser Lawton,
Rector and Assistant Bishop,
Diocese of Dallas

SAVE THE DATES:

THIS MONTH: Ongoing...

- **Sunday service 10AM and live stream on Facebook**
- **Mondays at 11AM—Morning Prayer via Zoom**
- **Tuesdays at 5PM—Hour of Prayer in the Nave**
- **Wednesdays, 11AM, Bible study**
- **Wednesdays, 1:30PM, Intercessory Prayer, see Lee Spence for info**
- **Wednesdays, 5PM—Ladies' Bible Study**
- **2nd & 4th Saturdays—8:30AM, Men's Bible Study**
- **AUG 9: Mineola Ministerial Alliance meets**
- **AUG 12: Men's Bible study**
- **AUG 12: 10AM—2:30PM, Introduction to Prayer Ministry, Parish Hall (see page 3 for details)**
- **AUG 15: Grace Chapter DOK meets at noon**
- **AUG 19: 10AM, Vestry meets**
- **AUG 25-SEP 3: Bishop Fraser on vacation**
- **AUG 26: 8:30AM, Men's Bible Study**

ACOLYTE, ALTAR GUILD AND LECTOR SCHEDULES

Acolytes for August:

- 6 Howard & Kathi Ladewig
- 13 Milton H. / Lee Spence
- 20 Chuck & Mary Lu French
- 27 Howard & Kathi Ladewig

Lectors for August:

- 6 Diana Davault
- 13 Lee Spence

20 Pam Duncan

27 Kathi Ladewig

Altar Guild for August:

- 6 Reggie Askins/Anita Reese
- 13 Bonita Howell / Mitzi Pearce
- 20 Lee Spence
- 27 Nancy Bogan / Cazzie Husbands / Margie Jennings



REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG!



Main nametag racks in place

Two new nametag racks have been installed! The rack pictured at left holds the majority of attendees. It has been placed on the column aside the ascending hallway to the church near the Courtyard. The main nametag rack allows for easy access for those entering from the double red doors and from the office door. A second rack has been placed adjacent to the closet on the Hall Street side. This second rack is accessible to those entering from the Hall Street parking area.

If your nametag is not in the main group, please check the rack nearest Hall Street or contact the office if your nametag has inadvertently been omitted.

After the service or coffee hour, nametags can be placed on the entry table, usher's table or placed back in the rack. The tags will be reset alphabetically in time for the next service. It is hoped that the new rack placement is more in line with current foot traffic patterns and will improve use. †

SUMMER OF CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

It has been a real treat this year to hear about the travels of both Bishop Fraser and Veronica and the posting of Diocesan Missionaries, Dr. Jeff and Jenn Boldt. The experiences of Bp. Fraser and Veronica as they traveled to various areas in South Sudan were a powerful reminder of the effectiveness of prayer and deep faith. It is always amazing to see that in some of the poorest areas, the people have the most gentle and

giving of hearts. Such was the experience relayed by Veronica in her telling of her time during the Pastor's Wives' conference. The presentation by The Rev. Jeff Boldt and his wife, Jenn was equally compelling. Coming from a Mennonite background, it was particularly interesting to hear his perspective on the cultural differences once in Cairo. In addition to Fr. Jeff's busy teaching and Jenn's counseling schedules, they nurtured four active

children. It was very grounding to hear their inspirational encounters of faith and adaptation both as missionaries and parents in Egypt. †



ST. DUNSTAN HOSTS PRAYER TEAM TRAINING

It's around the corner! On **Saturday, August 12th**, the Church of St. Dunstan will host an APNET event, **Introduction to Prayer Ministry** from **10AM to 2:00PM**. This program is an excellent opportunity to learn and experience how to pray with and for others. There is no charge for the workshop but registration is requested so an accurate lunch count can be obtained.

Introduction to Prayer Ministry is open to all APNET congregations. Call the office to sign up at 903.569.2478.

ECW FALL SALE IS BACK!

The ladies at St. Dunstan are already at work on the Stew Luncheon and Gift Basket sale. The date for the sale has been set for Friday, November 10th.

Items for Gift baskets are being collected and sorted. Multiple themes will provide for a variety of gift baskets, from "I Love my Pet" to Gardening, Christmas and everything in between! Several of our ladies are well versed in crafting gift baskets on a

professional level. Samples at the July meeting heightened the level of excitement for what will be a great ECW fundraiser.

The stew luncheon will offer a choice of beef or chicken. The meal will be served with cornbread and a dessert. The November event is the main fundraiser for the ECW. All proceeds are used to fund community outreach projects as well as in Parish needs. Support includes scholarships for par-

ticipation at Camp All Saints and other needs in our church community. †



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- AUG 3 Karen Campbell
- 8 Milton Husbands
Peggy Bratton
- 15 Mary Achziger
Carol Foster
- 27 Jim Lea
- 30 Andy Spence
Diana Davault

Anniversaries:

- AUG 9 Karen Dorris and Damien Andrus
- 12 Bishop Fraser & Veronica

*Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary
to all!*

