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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.  
Prayer in the Nave, Tuesday at 5PM  
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.

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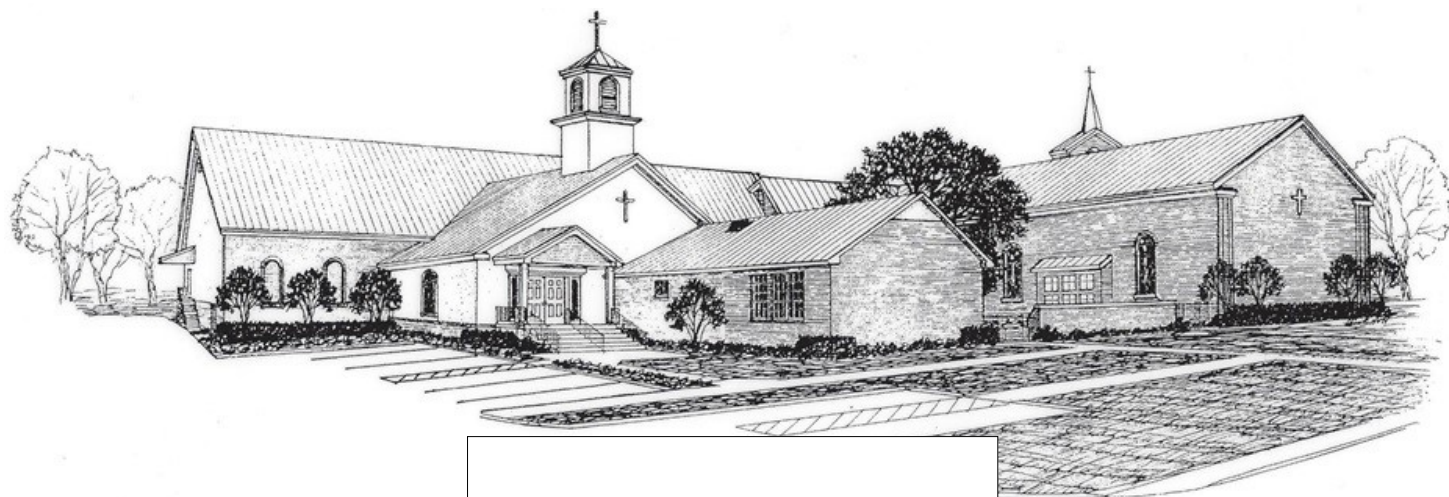
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# Reaching out by God's Grace



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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,

I recently attended the first of a two-part session on cross-cultural relationships. One of the areas of our discussion touched on the concept of "family" in various cultural norms. For some that is quite extended, and for others quite restricted to "nuclear" family. The facilitator suggested a couple of questions to help us frame this: "Who gets invited for Thanksgiving?" or "Who would you lend money?". The concept of "family" is integral to our understanding of what it means to be a Christian. The bible tells us we are children of God and that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. The bible, and the church, does not use that term merely as a metaphor. It is an expression to help us understand the depth of our relationships with one another because of, and through, our baptism. This brings with it the question of what it means to be part of a family. Most families have some degree of imperfection, and some are downright dysfunctional. However, for most of us there is some sense of what it means to be in relatively healthy and life-giving family. Each of us can come up with a list of things, which might include such things as: affection, commitment to one another, shared experiences, good communication, concern for one another, and mutual contribution to the household/family life. All these things also apply

to our Christian family. Christians are not a group of individuals who choose to meet together to learn and to worship. We are integral parts of one another. Paul also uses the image of a body to describe this relationship (1 Corinthians 12). He tells us that we each have gifts from the Holy Spirit that are to be used for the good of the family. None of us has all the gifts. All of us have need one for another. There are times where it feels that the church can verge on the dysfunctional side of categories of families. I don't mean in the sense of the perpetration of evil, though this sadly does happen at times (a byproduct of a being filled with broken humans). What I mean is that sometimes we treat our family not as a family, but as a dispenser of products and services; a place we go in order to receive something. Indeed, we do receive a great deal from church - from the Holy Spirit - be being with each other. But if that is the summation of our interaction, we have failed to be the church and a part of the family God has made us to be. "Church" is not a place we attend, an experience we receive, a building, an association, Sunday Morning, or a service provider. It truly is who we are. The measure of this family isn't so much our participation on Sunday (something mandated in the book of Hebrews), but by

our participation in the corporate life of the church outside Sunday and in our sharing of our everyday lives with each other. Sometimes that might be taking opportunities for education. It might also mean contributing so that someone else has the opportunity to receive. It is certainly in the participation in the ministries of the church. God has given us a mission and supplies, through us together, all the necessary gifts and resources to accomplish it. While you may not *feel* as though you have gifts or are needed, you do and you are! You are a part of the family of God. It is up to all of us together to grow and maintain a healthy family life together.

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, Rector's 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**
- **OCT 5: ECW Workday, Basket assembly**
- **OCT 7: 10AM, Vestry Budget meeting**
- **OCT 11: Mineola Ministerial Alliance meets**
- **OCT 12: 6PM, Healing service, Parish Hall**
- **OCT 15: POTLUCK Sunday**
- **OCT 17: Noon, Grace Chapter DOK meets**
- **OCT 15-21: Bishop Fraser, Cairo**
- **OCT 21: 10AM, Vestry meets**
- **OCT 28: 8:30AM, Men's Bible Study**



## ACOLYTE, ALTAR GUILD AND LECTOR SCHEDULES

### Acolytes for October:

- 1 Milton H. / Lee Spence
- 8 Chuck & Mary Lu French
- 15 Wes Smith/Wendy Gholson
- 22 Tommy & Karen Campbell
- 29 Milton H. / Lee Spence

### Lectors for October:

- 1 Diana Davault
- 8 Patti Corbett
- 15 Kathi Ladewig

22 Pam Duncan

29 Lee Spence

### Altar Guild for October:

- 1 Bonita Howell / Lee Spence
- 8 Shirley Tennant / Angela Walters
- 15 Nancy Bogan / Cazzie Husbands / Margie Jennings
- 22 Reggie Askins / Anita Reese
- 29 Bonita Howell / Lee Spence



## WHERE'S YOUR NAMETAG



Main nametag racks in place

Two new nametag racks are on their way! The additional racks will join the rack installed on the Hall Street side of the Nave. Parishioner names will be placed alphabetically. Signage will indicate "A" through "???" in the racks near the main entryway. Any name beginning after the second posted letter (currently shown as a "?" in the photo at left) will be placed in the Hall Street racks.

As with all things, there will be exceptions. Those who park on the Hall Street side will continue to have their

nametag in the racks near the Nave, regardless of their last name. The two newer racks will accommodate the overflow names from the main entrance racks.

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.

The new racks will allow for better spacing and ease of access. Remember to return your nametag to the rack. †

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

November will be here before we know it and with the cooler temperatures comes our Annual Parish Meeting. This year the date is Sunday, November 19th. November 19th will also be POTLUCK SUNDAY.

There will be two Vestry members that will rotate off. If you have someone in mind that would be interested in helping to guide our parish into the future, please ask that person if they would be inter-

ested in serving on the Vestry and providing the name to the Junior or Senior Warden. Vestry members serve for a three year term. Each year two members complete their term.

The Annual Meeting is also a time to review the past year and present the 2024 budget. The agenda includes election of delegate(s) to the Diocesan Convention and also for APNET Council representatives from

St. Dunstan.

Ministry leaders are reminded to turn in their annual reports on or before November 2nd.

Meeting packets will be distributed ahead of time to allow parishioners to review reports and the 2024 budget prior to the meeting.

It's a great time to explore the way forward, enjoy great food, and get to know one another a bit better. †

## DATES TO REMEMBER

A Healing Service has been scheduled for **Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. The service focuses on healing prayer, anointing and personal prayer for physical and spiritual renewal.



**COMING in NOVEMBER:** Mother Cynthia Moore and her husband are opening their ranch on **Saturday, Nov 18** for a day with the animals. The visiting Bishop from Ghana will be on hand for this event. Open to all Diocesan youth! Hay Rides • Lunch • Rodeo Demos • Farm Games

On November 1st, the young people of the parish are invited to gather for a time of food and prayer. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. for a meal, which will be followed by an evening service. A key part of the evening will be to enjoy each other's company!

The youth and children will be invited to share in the leadership of the service. We plan to continue meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, 5PM–7PM.

## 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. Tickets are \$10.

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 the 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 (photo at right).

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

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



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



### Birthdays:

- OCT 3 Marilyn Merritt
- 4 Myrna Pendley
- 6 Mitzi Pearce  
John Jarvis
- 9 Angela Walters  
Michel Langlais
- 11 Lee Desmond
- 23 Kathi Ladewig  
Jeff Taylor

- 28 Chip Chilton
- 31 Ben Strange

### Anniversaries:

- OCT 8 Angela & Larry Walters
- 12 John & Barbara Mays
- 31 Andy & Lee Spence

*Happy Birthday and  
Happy Anniversary to all!*