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From the Rector:

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn:

Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer)

The book *Children at Risk* recounts the story of the terrorist bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut. Hundreds of Americans were killed or wounded as they slept.

A few days after the tragedy, Marine Corps Commandant Paul Kelly visited some of the wounded survivors in a Frankfurt, Germany hospital. Among them was Corporal Jeffrey Lee Nashton. Jeffrey had so many tubes running in and out of his body that a witness said he looked more like a machine than a man. Yet he survived.

As the commandant neared him, Jeffrey, struggling to move and racked with pain, motioned for a piece of paper and a pen. He wrote a brief note and passed it back to Commandant Kelly. On the slip of paper were but two words -- "Semper Fi". The motto of the Marines. It means "forever faithful."

With those two simple words Corporal Nashton reminds us of the sacrifice of those first Colonial patriots. And the many thousands of Americans whom they have inspired to work and fight and even die to preserve the liberty we enjoy, and the freedom of others throughout the world.

Their love for this country is the standard. Thomas Jefferson wrote that "Patriotism is not a short and frenzied burst of emotion but the long and steady dedication of a lifetime."

As we prepare for Independence Day weekend, we thank God for the men and women who have given so much to enable us to live in this land of liberty. And we pray that we, as a country, will more faithfully live up to the commitment to 'liberty and justice for all' that we profess.

May the Lord bless you with a joy-filled Fourth of July weekend!

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,

David T

from the associate rector...

The Rev. Ted Welty, *Associate Rector of Christian Formation*

ONE NATION UNDER GOD...



"Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

-Winston Churchill.

In a few days we will celebrate that great American holiday, the Fourth of July, the day that we commemorate our separation from England in order to form a government that would insure that each one of us has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I am proud to be an American. Most days, I can't think of a place where I would rather live. As we complete the first decade of the third millennium, I'll be honest with you; I am increasingly concerned about the direction of our country. And here is why.

Author George Barna says that there are lessons to be learned from the fall of countries like ancient Greece and Rome and more modern examples like the Soviet Union and the British Empire. He says that a nation self-destructs when:

- Its people cannot hold a civil conversation over matters of disagreement because they are overly possessive of their values and beliefs and too unyielding of their preferences
- Public officials and cultural leaders insist upon positioning and posturing at the expense of their opponents after the exchange of competing ideas – even though those opponents are fellow citizens with an assumed similar interest in sustaining the health of the nation
- The public cannot agree on what constitutes goodness, morality, generosity, kindness, ethics, or beauty
- A significant share of the electorate refuses to support legally elected officials who are faithfully upholding the Constitution and diligently pursuing the best interests of the nation
- People lose respect for others and refuse to grant them the measure of dignity that every human being shares
- The population embraces the notion that citizens are accountable solely to themselves for their moral and ethical choices because there are no universal standards and moral leaders

Does all of this sound a little scary. It should, because it seems to me that this is the way our country is going. So where do we turn? Our Pledge of Allegiance states that we are "one nation under God;" that is where we find our hope, bowing in supplication to our God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe that the promise that God made to the people of Israel in Old Testament times is still valid today. II Chronicles 7:14...*if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.* From the National Council of Churches 1958 Independence Day Proclamation: "We urge that people in every community come together that they may worship their Maker and solemnly commemorate the historic principles by which our founding fathers established our great republic. Such convocations should be dedicated to a humble appraisal of our privileges, blessings and duties as a nation...The Fourth of July should be a day of gratitude, reminding of the noble inheritance we have received, and of the costly sacrifices that have been made in behalf of the doctrine that all men are created free and equal. Let it be our prayer that there may be fostered among our people the spirit of true religion and of patriotism at its noblest and best, so that America's cities and countryside may gleam "undimmed by human tears."

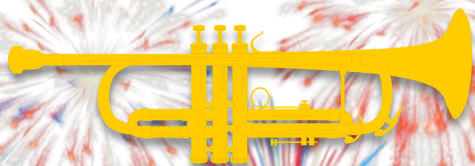
Happy Fourth of July! God Bless America!

Blessings in Christ,
Ted+

music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist*

Well, the summer has now begun. The Chancel Choir will continue to fill the choir stalls through July 3 and then they will be off for six weeks. We have started the time where we **sing your favorite hymns**, so if you have a request please email me at jford@christchurchtyler.org to get your hymn on the list.



Jeremy McBain, trumpet, will join us on Sunday, July 3, 2022 for our service. The Chancel Choir will sing two anthems for the day and they will be: *America, the Beautiful*, arr. Craig Curry and *I Vow to Thee, My Country*, arr. James Kirkby.



YOU!
Yes, **YOU**
are
the
CHOIR
these
next
six
weeks!

Summer singing tip for **YOU**:

Remember that it is much easier to sing if you will hold the hymnal up and sing over it. If you will stand straight it helps one to breath deeply which allows you to sing louder and easier. It is also helpful if you will stand so that your feet are even with your shoulders. I can't wait to hear you!

children's ministry

Tina McGee / Director of Children's Ministries



TYLER
MISSION WEEK!

youth ministry
Laura Albea / Director of Student Ministries

We had four crews serving St. Paul's Children's Services, PATH, Promise Academy, Champions for Children, and VBS. Thank you students and adults who gave your time to make Tyler better. Also, a big thank you to the Beatys for hosting a lake day! They treated all of us to a great afternoon of food and fun!



Christ Church Tyler
one church / two campuses

Celebrations!

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2022

Sunday, July 3rd

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
Picnic in the Parish Hall presented by ECW after the 10:00am service!
Fried Chicken & all the fixin's

SOUTH CAMPUS
Picnic in the Pavilion 12:15pm!
BBQ chicken
chips, watermelon & brownies
AND: Big Wave water slide for kids!

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

6/30 Jackson Willis, 7/5 Michael Konieczsky, 7/6 Chester Clayton,
7/17 Evan Birdwell, 7/17 Tripp Noteware, 7/19 Allen Hansen



Let's welcome...THE REV. TIM KENNEDY

He is the **new Senior Chaplain at All Saints Episcopal School**, and he will also be serving at Christ Church. For the last three years, Fr. Tim served as the Middle and Upper School chaplain at The Episcopal School of Dallas (ESD) where he also taught sixth grade religion and Upper School U.S. government. Before this he served for five years as the chaplain at Washington Episcopal School in the Diocese of Washington, where he taught religion to all students ages 3 through Eighth Grade and served as a member of the school's executive team. Chaplain Kennedy was ordained to the transitional diaconate at Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and ordained to the priesthood at All Saints Chapel on the ESD campus. A native of San Antonio who grew up in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, Rev. Kennedy completed all coursework for his Doctor of Ministry in Educational Leadership at Virginia Theological Seminary. Rev. Kennedy earned a B.A. *cum laude* in political science and religion from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where he also served as Student Body President. He holds a Master of Arts in Education and Human Development from The George Washington University. He earned a M.Div. from Yale Divinity School as well as an Anglican Studies Diploma and an Educational

Leadership and Ministry Certificate from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. After college, he worked for over a dozen years for the federal government in Washington, D.C., on Capitol Hill, at the White House, and at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In Dallas, he served as a Worship Assistant at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church; in Washington, D.C., he served as a Worship Assistant at St. Columba's Episcopal Church.

thanksgivings & supplications

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Cynthia, Christi, Charles, John, Jim, Jennifer, Virginia, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Sally, Rhonda, Isaiah, John, Gregory, Russell, Mike, Mark, Linda, Marian, Larry, Paul, Frieda, Suzanne, Diane, Ian, Frieda, Betsey, Gates, Wayne, David, Jerry, Etienne, Marie, Will, Duke, Kim, Paul & Lucy, Savonnah, Edward, Brinley, Yeva, Glenda, Anthony, Ricky, Julie, Jessica, Sue, Carl, Phil, Mimi, Sandy, Greg, Kitty, YK, Dave, Ann, Trinity, Tammy, Sandy, Ivette, Larry

The Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Southern Malawi (Central Africa)

The Episcopal Church:

Dioceses of Northern Indiana & Northern Michigan

Diocese of Texas:

St. Peter's—Leander & St. Stephen's—Liberty

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine with prayer list changes or additions 903.530.8168.

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

Boo Marshall,

&

Kendrick Walker

nephew of Ledell Reed.

UPCOMING:

Sunday, July 3

Independence Day Celebrations

BOTH CAMPUSES

Join us at...

CCD after 10am service

Picnic in the Parish Hall

Fried chicken and all the fixin's

CCS at 12:15pm

Picnic in the Pavilion

BBQ chicken & all the fixin's

Sunday, July 17

Farewell Reception for Tina

9:00am CCD—Parish Hall

Noon at CCS

Sunday, August 7

Farewell Reception for Fr. Matt

9:00am CCD—Parish Hall

Noon at CCS

Sunday, August 14

Blessing of the Backpacks



**Men's Summer
Depth Group**

**Wednesdays
6-8pm at Christ Church South**

Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle

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Sexton, Christ Church South

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Ms. Parker Massey, Mrs. Allison Hernandez *Nursery*

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Class of 2024

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Class of 2024

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In the event of a pastoral emergency, you may reach The Rev. David Luckenbach, Rector, at 903-279-8777, The Rev. Dr. Matt Boulter, 903-944-8494, The Rev. Ted Welty, 903-714-7052 or The Rev. Stephen Stine at 903-530-8168. You may also call the church office, 903-597-9854, during normal business hours.

Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year C BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, July 3

Independence Day Celebration

Deuteronomy 10:17-21, Psalm 145:1-9

Hebrews 11:8-16, Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, July 10

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25

Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 17

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a [10b-14], Psalm 15

Colossians 1:21-29, Luke 10:38-42



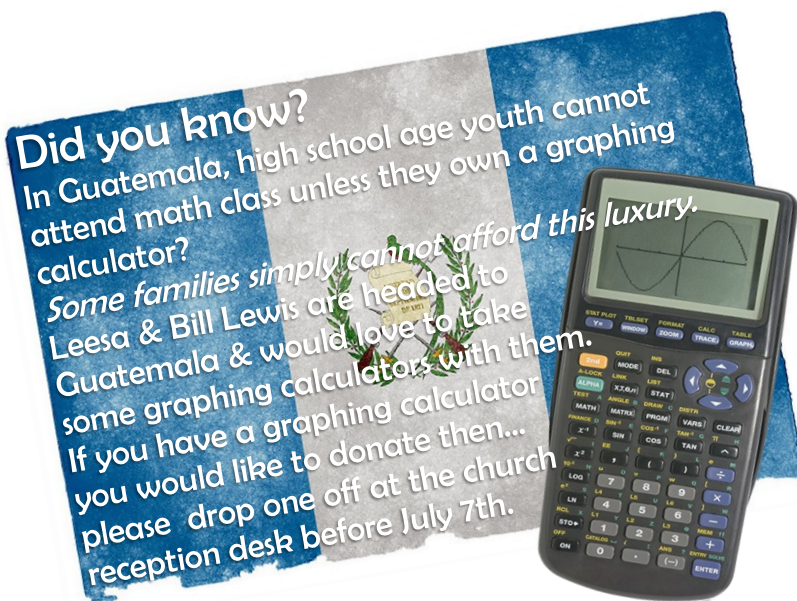
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Worship Schedule

SUMMER Sunday Schedule (5/29/22-9/4/2022)

7:30 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am~ CCD: The Holy Eucharist Rite I

11:05 am~ CCS: The Holy Eucharist Rite II

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