
AUGUST 3, 2025

THE PALMER

The latest news and updates from Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church



BLOOD DRIVE AT PALMER TODAY

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be at Palmer Sunday, August 3 from 11 AM to 3 PM in St. Bede's Chapel. The need for donations is particularly crucial in the summer months when schools are on break and peoples' schedules are changing. All successful donors will receive a voucher for a free pint of Blue Bell Ice Cream, a T-Shirt and A1C Testing.

REEL THEOLOGY - O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?

Our next Reel Theology discussion will be about the movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" this evening, 7 to 8 PM on Zoom. Join us for the movie even if you can't make the discussion! To join the discussion group on August 3, visit palmerchurch.org/meetinglinks.

JERUSALEM PEACEBUILDERS INTERFAITH EVENT AUGUST 10

Jerusalem Peacebuilders invites you to a special interfaith event at Palmer on Sunday, August 10 at 6:30PM. This will be a program of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian music in the Nave followed by a dinner in the Parish Hall with youth from Jerusalem and Houston who have been attending Jerusalem Peacebuilders Camp. Everyone is invited but please RSVP at palmerchurch.org/jpb or by emailing dkurtinesbcglobal.net so that we can prepare a place for you. There is no charge, but you can make a donation at the event visiting jerusalempeacebuilders.org.

SERVE SUNDAY AUGUST 24

Save the Date for Serve Sunday on August 24! Join fellow Palmers in serving our community in projects on and off campus. Visit palmerchurch.org/servesunday for a list of service projects.

ART GALLERY SUBMISSIONS

Submit Art for the Next Parish Hall Art Show September 1 is the firm deadline for the next Parish Hall Art Show, One Bread, One Cup: Art for All Saints. Selection for the show includes considerations of space availability and coordination with the show's theme. We will consider up to three pieces per artist. Image content should be appropriate for a spiritual space. All art pieces must be in two-dimensional media only, weigh no more than 25 pounds, and be wired and ready-to-hang using the Parish Hall's installed hanging system. For submission details, see <https://palmerchurch.org/arts/>.

Summer 2025 FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION, 9:00-9:45 AM

- **August 3** - Sacraments and Sacramental Rites: Confession the Rev'd Neil Willard
- **August 10** - Sacraments and Sacramental Rites: Healing
- **August 17** - Sacraments and Sacramental Rites: Ordination
- **August 24** - Community Partner Connection (Serve Sunday) TBD
- **August 31** - Q and A with the Rev'd Allen Junek

POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND, 11:00 AM-NOON

Children and their families are invited to POP over to the Palmer Playground on Sundays after church for Popsicles on the Playground! Join us every Sunday in July and August as Palmer's Children's Ministry provides organic frozen fruit popsicles. It's a fun and refreshing way to connect with other families after church!

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- **August 3** – Gulf Coast Blood Drive
- **August 10** – Jerusalem Peacebuilders Interfaith Event
- **October 3-5** - Men's Retreat
- **October 5** – Blessing of the Animals
- **October 26** – Parish in the Park
- **November 7-9** – Parish Retreat
- **November 16** – Covenant Sunday

HELP NEW HOPE HOUSING KIDS SUCCEED AT SCHOOL

Most local schools start in August and many sale prices begin in July, so now is a great time to look for school supplies bargains. The children and families living in New Hope Housing communities can use our support. We can help ensure that these children have what they need to succeed in school. Please bring only NEW items to the bin placed in the coffee room in the church office. Palmers' generosity can make a big difference in helping young students participate fully in their classes. More information is available at www.newhopehousing.com. Questions may be directed to Joan Glover at gloverjb@live.com.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AND WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

meets at 7 AM in person and on Zoom. Contact The Rev'd Neil Willard rector@palmerchurch.org

Tuesday Women's Bible Studies

meet at 7 AM in person and on Zoom and at 3:30 PM on Zoom. Contact info@palmerchurch.org

Wednesday Bible Study

(open to everyone!) meets at 12 Noon on Zoom and in-person in room A102. Contact The Rev'd Neil Willard at rector@palmerchurch.org

OTHER WEEKLY MEET-UP GROUPS

- Women's Spirituality (Mondays noon in A102)
- Meditation on Zoom (Mondays and Wednesdays, palmerchurch.org/meetinglinks)
- Gentle Yoga Every Thursday (except Third Thursday) in St. Bede's at 9:30 AM
- Palmer Writing Group (On Zoom)

For Children's and Youth Ministries
contact Roger Hutchison at
cym@palmerchurch.org

MONTHLY EVENTS AND MEET-UP GROUPS

- Parish Potlucks or Community Meals
- Third Thursday Outing Hosted by the Older Adults Ministry (All are invited!)
- Social Hour with the Rector at Valhalla on the Rice Campus at 5 PM (Second Thursday of the month)
- Dinner and Discussion (One Friday of the Month)
- Downtown Lunch, Noon at Treebeard's in the Cloister (Fourth Tuesdays)
- Reel Theology Movie Discussion at 7 PM on Zoom (First Sundays)
- Creative Arts Community
- Photography Group
- Palmers Assisting Reentry (PAR)
- Daughters of the King Prayer Group
- Board Game Group (Last Wednesday of the Month)

Palmer's Nursery is located in the front office at the end of the staff hallway. You can also access it by the door in the breezeway that leads to the offices. It is open Sundays and for special events.