



# THE PALMER

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### PARISH POTLUCK TODAY

Today, we invite everyone to join us for our **Parish Potluck in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 am Liturgy**. If you are visiting, forgot to bring a dish, or weren't able to contribute this month, please come anyway. There is always a place for you at the table, and we would love to share a meal with you.

### STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministers commit to confidential one-on-one visits with an assigned care receiver, typically once a week for approximately one hour to serve as an empathetic companion for anyone experiencing any type of loss or life transitions, including loss of a loved one, illness, job loss, or divorce. Palmers may apply for the free training consisting of 50 hours of workshops offered on a weekly basis each fall, in which experienced Palmer trainers demonstrate listening and supportive skills. To apply or to refer care receivers contact Laurie Rigby at [laurie@rigbylaw.com](mailto:laurie@rigbylaw.com) or text at (713) 818-4511.

### NEWCOMER CLASSES

Whether you're new to Palmer or have been here for a while and would like to learn more, you're invited to join us for our **Palmer Newcomer Classes**. Over three Sundays—September 6, 13, and 20, from 11:30 pm –1 :00 pm in St. Bede's Chapel—we'll explore Palmer's life, worship, ministries, and community, with plenty of time for conversation and connection. Lunch is included, and childcare will be provided if needed. We hope you'll join us! Contact: The Rev'd Katherine Tuttle at [parishlife@palmerchurch.org](mailto:parishlife@palmerchurch.org) or register online at [www.palmerchurch.org/formation](http://www.palmerchurch.org/formation)

# FALL FORMATION

## SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION

9:00-9:45 am | St. Bede's Chapel

**8/30** - Atonement Theories with The Rev'd Katherine Tuttle and The Rev'd Allen Juneke

**9/6** - Anything but Ordinary: A Child Promised to Abraham and Sarah with The Rev'd Katherine Tuttle

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## Education for Ministry (EFM)

Our Education for Ministry group meets on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 at Palmer. The group includes participants in EFM's 4-year program as well as the 1-year survey course which EFM introduced last year. The four-year program includes Old Testament, New Testament, church history, and spirituality and ethics. The one-year course provides an overview of these topics. EFM is an adult Christian formation and education program developed over 50 years ago by the School of Theology at Sewanee, one of the Episcopal Church's seminaries. If you think you might be interested, please contact Mac Hall at (334)315-4629.

## Vestry/Lay Delegate Nominating Committee Will Meet

The Nominating Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, to start considering the names of potential candidates for open positions on Palmer's Vestry as well as Lay Delegates and Alternates to represent Palmer at Annual Council. The Nominating Committee consists of the five members who will be rotating off the Vestry, and one member from each of the other Vestry "classes." The five members rotating off the Vestry are: Rosine Hall, Betty Key, Sheeba Koshy Thomas, Tom Van Arsdell, and John Wallace. The members representing the other Vestry classes are Ken Alexander and Jackie Campbell. Tom will be the Nominating Committee Chair. The Rector and assisting clergy may attend the meetings but not vote. Please contact any of these members with any suggestions for Vestry members or Annual Council lay delegates or to let them know if you personally have an interest in serving.

## Sunday Worship & Bible Studies

### Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am and 10:00 am

### Bible Studies

Tuesday Men's at 7:00 am

Tuesday Women's at 7:00 am and 3:30 pm

Wednesday Parish-wide at 12 pm

For locations, Zoom links, and contact information, scan the QR code or visit [palmerchurch.org](http://palmerchurch.org).

### More Ways to Connect

Women's Spirituality • Meditation • Yoga • Writing Group • Rice Student Ministry

### Monthly Gatherings

Potlucks • Social Hour • Dinner & Discussion • Reel Theology • Creative Arts • Photography • Third Thursdays • Game Group

### Nursery

Palmer's Nursery is located in the front office at the end of the staff hallway, with access through the breezeway. It is open on Sundays and for special events.

### Explore More at Palmer



[palmerchurch.org](http://palmerchurch.org)

Large-print editions of the Book of Common Prayer are now available at the Welcome Table.

Questions about The Palmer insert? Contact Roger Hutchison, Director of Communications and Family Ministries at [roger@palmerchurch.org](mailto:roger@palmerchurch.org)