

THE PALMER

The latest news and updates from Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church



COVENANT SUNDAY IS JUST 2 WEEKS AWAY



The Palmer we want depends upon the Palmer budget we support. The pledge of every Palmer will help our church grow and serve in 2026. Thank you, Palmers, who have already made 89 Stewardship pledges for 2026 totaling \$1.1 million, 57% of our goal. Join them now by pledging palmerchurch.org/stewardship/#Pledge or returning a pledge card. Over 80 percent of Palmer's financial resources come from annual pledges. Your generous Stewardship Pledge is a spiritual opportunity to join Palmer in spreading the love of Jesus Christ. **Then come for the celebration on Covenant Sunday, November 16**, when with trumpet and song we will place symbols of our Stewardship Pledges on the altar, and enjoy a lovely brunch following the 10 am service in the Parish Hall.

REEL THEOLOGY - WHAT DREAMS MAY COME

Our next Reel Theology discussion will be about the movie "What Dreams May Come" on Sunday, November 2, 7 to 8 PM on Zoom. To join the discussion group, visit palmerchurch.org/meetinglinks.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE PARISH RETREAT NOVEMBER 7-9



Everyone is invited to Palmer's Annual Parish Retreat at Camp Allen November 7-9. Please be sure to join us for this special weekend of formation, fellowship and fun! This parish weekend is for people of all ages. Situated on 1,100 acres in the serene piney woods of the Navasota area, Camp Allen provides a place to relax, refresh, and refocus. Visit palmerchurch.org/parishretreat.

DINNER AND DISCUSSION NOVEMBER 14 - THE PALMER CHANGE BELL RINGERS

Everyone is welcome to attend Dinner and Discussion on Friday, November 14, at 7 pm at the home of Jan and Jere Ahrens to hear Palmers John and Peggy Raish, Guy Streatfeild, Sarah Bitner, Allen Nunley, and Carl Classen discuss the art of change bell ringing and to see a video of them in action. Please bring a potluck dish to share with about 6 people and \$3 each to cover expenses. For more information, contact Ken Alexander (ken.alexander@mac.com).

CHRISTMAS GREENERY



Support the Palmer Women's Retreat and prepare for the holidays by purchasing greenery to festively decorate your home. Order now at palmerchurch.org/womensretreat. Deadline for ordering is November 4, the wreaths will be delivered around November 26. Questions? Email womensretreat@palmerchurch.org.

Fall 2025



FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION, 9:00-9:45 AM

- **November 2** - Face of Our Faith: Queen Vashti
- **November 9** - Face of Our Faith: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

SUNDAY MORNING PARENTING GROUP

Parenting Group meets from 9-10 AM in the Canterbury Room upstairs in the Autry House Building at Palmer. If you are seeking encouragement and community in your parenting journey, you are welcome here. For info contact [Roger Hutchison](mailto:Roger.Hutchison@cym@palmerchurch.org) at cym@palmerchurch.org.

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PreK (with school experience) to 5th grade, Sundays from 9 to 9:50 am in Holy Cross Children's Room. Questions? Contact Courtney Daniell-Knapp at acourtneydaniell@gmail.com.

PALMER YOUTH GROUP

Palmer Youth Group meets Sundays 11:30 AM - 1 PM in the Youth Room. Contact [Roger Hutchison](mailto:Roger.Hutchison@cym@palmerchurch.org), Director of Children's and Youth Ministry.

THURSDAY 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

palmerchurch.org/midweek

6:00 PM – Fellowship in St. Bede's Chapel

6:30 PM – Common Prayer for Our Common Life with The Rev'd Allen Junek and The Rev'd Neil Willard in A102

6:30 PM – Holy Observing: A Thursday Evening Art & Faith Series with Roger Hutchison and The Rev'd Neil Willard

"COMPETEING IN GOODNESS" FOOD DRIVE WITH THE MINARET FOUNDATION

Palmer is participating in an interfaith food drive hosted by the Minaret Foundation called "Competing in Goodness." Faith communities will come together and compete to raise the most donations benefitting Fair Haven Methodist Church pantry in Spring Branch. Bring non-perishable food items to Palmer now through November 2. The collection bin is located in the coffee/work room in the front office. [Contact Linda Blench at an2xeq@gmail.com](mailto:an2xeq@gmail.com) for more information.

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 1 PM in A102)
- Meditation in St. Bede's Chapel (Wednesdays 6:00 PM)
- 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
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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.