



# THE PALMER

*The latest news and updates from Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church*



## COVENANT SUNDAY IS COMING



As of October 22, 73 Palmer households, including those of every Vestry member, have made a 2026 Stewardship Pledge, totaling over \$930,000, 49% of our goal. Pledges support over 80% of Palmer's budget. Every pledge adds directly to what Palmer can do in spreading the love of Jesus Christ and serving the community that serves us. Please make your pledge now for 2026, and join us on Covenant Sunday, November 16 when we will place symbols of our stewardship pledges on the altar. We will then celebrate with a lovely brunch following the 10 am service in the Parish Hall. Pledge at [palmerchurch.org/stewardship/#Pledge](https://palmerchurch.org/stewardship/#Pledge)

## PALMER IN THE PARK PICNIC TODAY

The Parish Potluck is today in Hermann Park following the 10 AM. Join the company of your fellow parishioners in the park pavilion that has been reserved for this gathering located just across Fannin Street.

## 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](https://palmerchurch.org/parishretreat).

## ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, AND REQUIEM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Our All Saints' Day Service will be held on Saturday, November 1 at 12:00 PM in the Nave. Our 28th Annual Roy Jones Memorial Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 1 during the 10 AM Eucharist. You are invited to list the names of departed loved ones in the day's order of service. Please submit names at [palmerchurch.org/allsaints](https://palmerchurch.org/allsaints) no later than Tuesday, October 28. Be sure to give the complete spelling of the name of the person you wish to list and also include your phone number in case we have questions.

## 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](https://palmerchurch.org/womensretreat). Deadline for ordering is November 4, the wreaths will be delivered around November 26. Questions? Email [womensretreat@palmerchurch.org](mailto:womensretreat@palmerchurch.org).

# Fall 2025

## FORMATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### ADULT EDUCATION, 9:00-9:45 AM

- **October 26** - Community Partner: Blood Drive
- **November 2** - Face of Our Faith: Queen Vashti

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rector@palmerchurch.org)

## OTHER WEEKLY MEET-UP GROUPS

- Women's Spirituality (Mondays 1 PM in A102)
- Meditation in St. Bede's Chapel (Wednesdays 6:30 PM)
- Meditation on Zoom (Mondays and Wednesdays, [palmerchurch.org/meetinglinks](http://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](mailto:Roger.Hutchison@cym@palmerchurch.org) at [cym@palmerchurch.org](mailto: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.