

Scriptorium

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Letter from the Rector...

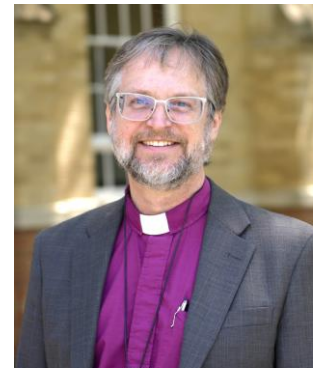
Brothers and Sisters,

I have always been a firm believer in encouraging questions. It is very normal to hear people make a comment suggesting they're a bit embarrassed that they don't know something about the church or the bible, especially if they've been attending for most of their lives. There are all kinds of reasons why a person might not have learned something: it could be no one every made the point of teaching it, you've always heard a word or term but never had an explanation, you mightn't have been interested at the time, or you've never actually thought about it before. The adage that if you have a question ask it, as someone else in the room has the same question is true most of the time. How else do we learn unless we ask? The point of all this is simple – if you have questions about the faith, the church, or the scriptures, ask! Hosea 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...". The situation there was that the people did not know the ways of the Lord or how to follow Him. The

leaders were failing in carrying out their trust. The apostle Paul wrote that we are to mature in the Lord and to grow in the full stature of Christ. All these things require learning and integrating them into our lives. Questions show the desire to grow and are a step of faith. This feels like a season to focus on our growth and to mature and be equipped. This is one of the reasons why we've recently had Morning Prayer for our Sunday morning liturgy. It is to help us learn the prayer book and how to use the daily office and to be able to shape our prayers together, even in the absence of a priest. I hope over the next while to continue to spend time learning together more about our faith, church, and discipleship. This is also part of the point of our Tuesday evening gatherings. They are all about learning, not based only on what I want to talk about, but especially things that people really need and want to explore. These evenings are also about a different kind of learning – to experience the power and presence of God, touching our lives here

and now. Many of you are already involved in at least one bible study or home group. These are places to learn, to ask questions. Don't be embarrassed if you don't know something. Ask and learn. We also need to be equipped together in knowing our faith, to be a disciple, to be able to mentor someone else in their faith, to have a good communal grasp as how to operate our parish at an excellent level. I had originally intended for this column to introduce a series of definition/ explanation of various "church terms". (I was contemplating beginning with the word "parochial"). I'd love for you suggest topics. Let me know what you'd like defined or to explore or have explained.

The Lord be with you,
+Fraser



The Rt. Rev. Fraser Lawton,
Rector and Assistant Bishop,
Episcopal Diocese of Dallas

POTLUCK
SUNDAY
FOR
OCTOBER
WILL BE
HELD ON
THE 17TH

Boots and Blessings Banquet

Trotter House Lindale is holding their annual fundraising banquet on Saturday, October 17th. The St. Dunstan Outreach Committee has selected Trotter House as one of the community outreach activities we support. The event will begin with a silent auction at 5:00 p.m. The banquet will take place at 6:00 p.m.

Two tables are on "hold" for St. Dunstan. If you are

interested in attending, please check with Lee Desmond. Tickets are \$65 per person. So kick up your boots for a cause and come and see what the Trotter House is all about.

The banquet will be held at JAMA, 22393 FM 16 West in Lindale.

The mission of Trotter House is to offer specialized programs and

services to assist women and families who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy or in a difficult life situation. Their services include a variety of counseling options, mentoring and adoption avenues.

Check out their website at <https://trotterhouselindale.com/> 

St. Dunstan Needs You!

There are many ways to participate in the life of the Parish.

From assisting our Rector during services (Acolytes) to setting up and caring for the altar vessels (Altar Guild) right on through to hospitality. Whether you're a greeter or usher welcoming those who worship here and are new to St. Dunstan or setting up for Potluck and cleaning up on those fun

meals together and learning about our fellow parishioners, there's something for everyone!

If you're more tech minded, volunteer to stream services, providing those who are home-bound, recovering or checking out our church with a way to participate in worship.

There is also a need for those who can assist with Sunday School. Nurturing

young minds with the Word is a great ministry.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors bring communion and fellowship to the home-bound and those recovering from surgery or illness.

If you would like to help in any of the aforementioned ministries, talk with Bishop Lawton to learn more about how you can help St. Dunstan grow. 

ECW Stew Luncheon & Gift Basket Sale

It's that time of the year when the leaves begin to turn and our thoughts linger on comfort food and the coming holidays! ECW has just the thing, a good 'ol fashioned Texas Stew with plenty of colorful and exciting gift

baskets for every age and style.

To give everyone time to down the stew luncheon, there is a silent auction of select gift baskets. Of course, many baskets are priced just right to

sell. These make wonderful birthday or Christmas gifts for that special person in your life.

Help support community outreach and our special Parish needs. 

Ministry Schedules for October

October 4	Acolytes: Tommy Campbell / Patti Corbett Jr. Acolytes: Abby Forshaw / Seth Forshaw Lector: Patti Corbett Altar Guild: Reggie Askins / Anita Reese Prayer Team: Veronica Lawton / Christine Brosky Media Team: Christine Brosky Ushers: Don Gholson / Jack Dillon Sunday School: Karen Dorris
October 11	Acolytes: Tommy & Karen Campbell Jr. Acolytes: Abby Forshaw / Seth Forshaw Lector: Lorraine Evans Altar Guild: Kathy Dillon / Cazzie Husbands Prayer Team: Mary Lu French / Patti Corbett Media Team: Chuck French Ushers: Richard Evans / Jeff Wright Sunday School: Karen Campbell
October 18	Acolytes: Chuck & Mary Lu French Jr. Acolytes: Abby Forshaw / Seth Forshaw Lector: Mary Lu French Altar Guild: Keisha Little / Maddie Little Prayer Team: Mitzi Pearce / Christine Brosky Media Team: Wes Smith Ushers: Jim Lea / Don Gholson Sunday School: Karen Dorris
October 25	Acolytes: Milton Husbands / Wendy Gholson Jr. Acolytes: Abby Forshaw / Seth Forshaw Lector: Wendy Gholson Altar Guild: Marcia Smith / Wendy Gholson Prayer Team: Mary Lu French / Patti Corbett Media Team: Marcia Smith Ushers: Chuck French / Stan Brosky Sunday School: Lee Desmond

If you are unable to serve on the date you are scheduled, please contact a member of your team to arrange for a replacement.

Birthdays

- ❖ 10/3 – Marilyn Merritt
- ❖ 10/4 – Myrna Pendley
- ❖ 10/5 – Barrett Reese
- ❖ 10/6 – Mitzi Pearce
John Jarvis
- ❖ 10/9 – Angela Walters
Michel Langlais
- ❖ 10/10 – Ayleigh Clayton
- ❖ 10/11 – Lee Desmond
- ❖ 10/23 – Jeff Taylor
Kathi Ladewig
- ❖ 10/28 – Chip Chilton

& Anniversaries

Celebrating Anniversaries this month:

- ❖ 10/8 – Angela & Larry Walters
- ❖ 10/12 – John & Barbara Mays
- ❖ 10/31 – Lee & Andy Spence

*Blessings on your special
occasion for many years to
come!*

*If you have any
changes to
your directory
information,
please
complete the
yellow form on
the clipboard
in the Parish
Hall or call the
office to
update.*

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LIVESTREAM Sunday at 10AM

Sermons on the Web!

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Reaching out by God's Grace

October Dates to Remember

Oct 3: 10AM, APNET
Council meeting to be
held at St. Wm. Laud,
Pittsburg

Oct 7: 5-7PM,
Children's service

Oct 17: 5PM til, Boots
& Blessings Fall
Banquet for Trotter
House Lindale will be
held at JAMA, 22392
FM 16, Lindale – see
article pg. 2

Oct 18: POTLUCK
SUNDAY following the
service – bring your
favorite dish to share

SAVE THE DATE:

November 6: Diocesan Leadership Day
begins at 1PM, 5100 Ross AV, Dallas

November 7: EDOD 2026 Convention
begins with registration at 7:30AM, Episcopal
School of Dallas. Clergy and delegates will
be registered through the office. Check with
the office if you would like to attend.

NOVEMBER 10: 2PM, Home group leaders
meet

NOVEMBER 13: 11:30AM-1:30PM ECW
Stew Luncheon & Gift Basket Sale, Parish
Hall. Tickets \$10 per person. Check with any
ECW member to purchase tickets or contact
the office.