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CHURCH OF ST DUNSTAN

800 N. Johnson ♦ P. O. Box 81 ♦ Mineola TX 75773

Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. and LIVESTREAM via Facebook
Virtual Morning Prayer: Mondays at 11 a.m.
Adult Study: Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
Men's Bible Study, 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study, each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.
Prayer in the Nave, Tuesday at 5PM

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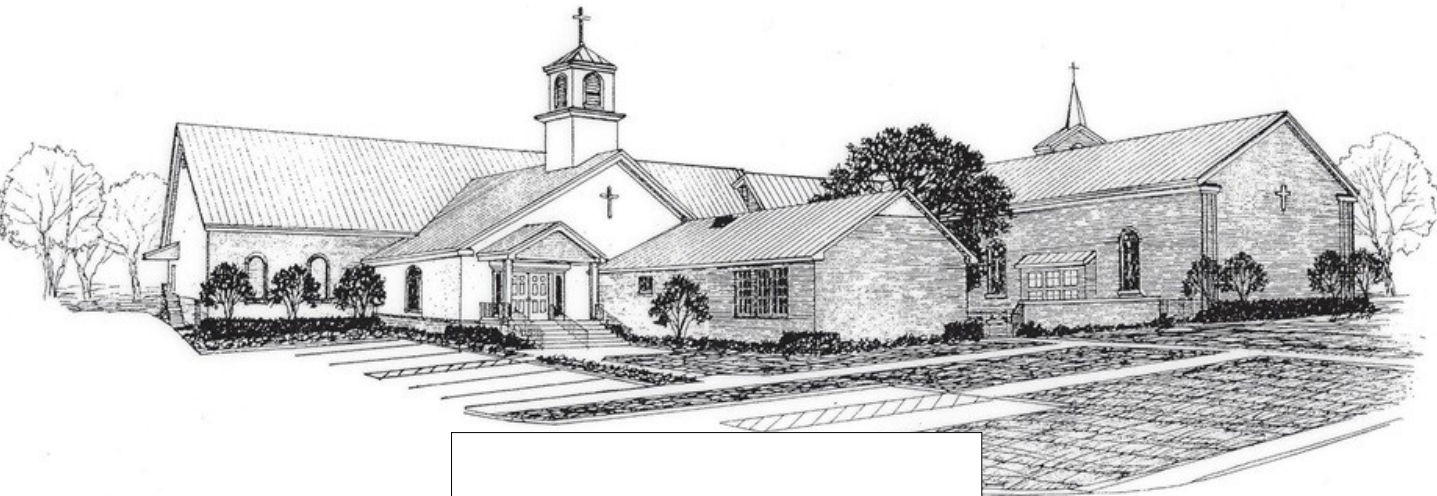
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Reaching out by God's Grace



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- ◆ Established in 1947, The Church of Saint Dunstan was named for St. Dunstan who was the Archbishop of Canterbury, statesman and reformer circa 909-988
- ◆ The Rt. Rev. Fraser W. Lawton is the 7th Rector at St. Dunstan
- ◆ The Church of Saint Dunstan is part of the Diocese of Dallas and has been designated a pro-Cathedral working with congregations in Northeast Texas
- ◆ St. Dunstan is home to parishioners from five counties: Wood, Smith, Rains, Van Zandt and Hunt

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SCRIPTORIUM

THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN

FROM OUR RECTOR:

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Next month, on Pearl Harbour Day, St. Dunstan's has its Annual Parish Meeting. For some reason, this does not seem to fill many parishioners with joyful anticipation and delight (yes, you should read that with a bit of a sarcastic note). Many people dread meetings. Yes, this is definitely "a meeting" with reports, budgets, and discussions with differing viewpoints. However, it's inappropriate to reduce that gathering to just another meeting, something to be avoided. This isn't simply a plea to show up and vote. It's an invitation to think about what it is to be part of the church (whether or not it leads you to be there). Without any doubt, we do want more and more people to be a part of our congregation and to be together in worship on Sundays. The point of that isn't a large attendance, but to see as many people as possible to have a transformative encounter with the Living God and to become a part of the company of disciples – the church. The church isn't simply an institution (though we are organized and have structures), nor something someone simply "attends", as though it is an event or experience. The church isn't a service provider (though we are agents of grace and care in our communities). We certainly aren't a club. We are an outpost of the Kingdom of God, walking together as believers in The Way, and to display the Gospel in and to the world. It demands of us a sharing of our lives, gifts, and hearts with one another. This is where the meeting comes in: every family needs to have ways to work together, opportunities to reflect, and to plan. The Annual Parish Meeting is about these organizational things, but also more than that. It is to reflect on what has happened. It is to plan how to steward what God has given us to carry out our mission – our "why" – in the year ahead (Matthew 28). It is also very much about committing ourselves to one another and to our discipleship. So, yes, I am encouraging you to attend the meeting and to participate in it. As you do, please do so prayerfully. We don't simply make decisions, but seek discernment. We want to be led by the Holy Spirit. We want to be united together in Christ Jesus. This is a supernatural thing that comes as we submit together to Him and give ourselves to Him and to one another.

The Lord be with you,

+Fraser



The Rt. Rev. Fraser Lawton

SAVE THE DATES:
Ongoing...

- **Mondays at 11AM**—Morning Prayer via Zoom
- **Tuesdays at 5PM**—Hour of Prayer in the Nave
- **Wednesdays, 11AM**—Bible Study
- **1:30PM**, Intercessory Prayer, see Lee or Veronica for info
- **Wednesdays, 5PM**—Ladies' Bible Study
- **2nd & 4th Saturdays—8:30AM**, Men's Bible Study
- **Sunday service 10AM** and live stream, Facebook and on our website

THIS MONTH:

- **NOV 1: 10AM-5PM, Youth Event:** Friends on the Ranch @ Mtr. Cynthia's, Grand Saline
- **NOV 7: 11AM-2PM, ECW Stew Luncheon & Gift Basket Sale**, Parish Hall
- **NOV 7&8: Diocesan Convention**, Dallas
- **NOV 15: 10AM**, Vestry meeting
- **NOV 15: APNET Bible Study**, St. Francis, Winnsboro
- **NOV 18: Noon**, Grace Chapter DOK meeting
- **NOV 19: 2PM**, APNET Council meeting
- **NOV 22, Noon-2PM, Fiesta for Bp. Sumner, Goodbye picnic on the Green**
- **NOV 27: THANKSGIVING DAY—OFFICE CLOSED**

The **St. Dunstan Annual Parish meeting** will take place **Sunday, December 7th** following the service. This will be a POTLUCK Sunday.

Bios for Vestry nominees will be in the December newsletter. Two seats will be vacated at the end of December. Two new Vestry members will be voted on at the Annual meeting on the 7th. There will also be voting for 2 delegates and one alternate to the 2026 Diocesan Convention and for 2 APNET council positions representing St. Dunstan.

Our Annual Parish meeting sets the stage for the coming year in the life of the Parish and elects our leadership for 2026. Each confirmed member of the Parish in good standing and above the age of 18 is entitled to one vote. (See page 3 for information on Vestry)

ACOLYTE, ALTAR GUILD AND LECTOR SCHEDULES

Acolytes for November:

- 2 Tommy & Karen Campbell
- 9 Milton H. / Kathi Ladewig
- 16 Chuck & Mary Lu French
- 23 Milton H. / Lee Spence
- 30 Tommy & Karen Campbell

Lectors for November:

- 2 Mary Achziger
- 9 Kathi Ladewig
- 16 Mary Lu French
- 23 Lee Spence
- 30 Diana Davault

Altar Guild for November:

- 2 Lee Spence / Kathy Dillon
- 9 Cazzie Husbands / Margie Jennings
- 16 Reggie Askins / Anita Reese
- 23 Marcia Smith / Wendy Gholson
- 30 Bonita Howell / Ruth Ann Rodieck

Media Team for November:

- 2 Cazzie Husbands / Christine Brosky
- 9 Wesley Smith / Lee Desmond
- 16 Marcia Smith / Mary Achziger
- 23 Chuck French / Jonathan McBurnett
- 30 Wesley Smith / Christine Brosky

GOODBYE PICNIC ON THE GREEN

The Diocese has organized a fond farewell for Bishop George Sumner and Stephanie with a global parish picnic on the lawn at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Dallas. The event will be held from noon until 2PM on Saturday, November 22nd.

Bishop Sumner will be retiring at the end of this year. He and Stephanie will move to the Boston area where he plans to enjoy reading, writing books and attending Red Sox games.

The parish picnic will feature specialties from African, Latin American, Asian and

American dishes. If you would like to help with the food items, they are still looking for parishes to fill in potluck signup slots to complete the picnic menu. Call Cazzie at 214.826.8310 for more information or edod.org.

Bishop Sumner has asked that in lieu of gifts, contributions be made to support the work of Fr. Jeff Boldt and his wife Jenn, our missionaries in Egypt. Thanks to a generous donor, every dollar given will be matched up to \$50,000, allowing the Boldts to remain fully funded through 2026. †



ECW STEW LUNCHEON & GIFT BASKET SALE

Over 35 gift baskets in a variety of themes are ready for your holiday shopping! On Friday, November 7th from 11AM to 2PM, the Parish Hall will be filled with the anticipation of auction items, priced baskets and meals being enjoyed.

Beef or chicken stew will be served with cornbread and a dessert. Iced tea and coffee will accompany the lunch that

will be served from 11:30AM-1:30PM. Tickets are still \$10!

A majority of the baskets are at a fixed price. The ladies hold back several items for the silent auction, always bringing competitive bidding and excitement to the day!

This event is a major fundraiser for the Episcopal Church Women. Their efforts address many Church & community needs throughout the year. Get your tickets today!



SAVE THE DATE!!

APNET BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM
St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
 This service will be in remembrance of those we are grieving and will give support for all who have experienced a loss and are having a hard time during the holidays. It will also be a lead-in to the Spring 2026 Grief Recovery Program.

VESTRY, A MINISTRY

At the Annual Parish Meeting on December 7th, all qualified voters will elect two new Vestry members. Qualified voters, as specified in the Canons of the Diocese, are those confirmed members of the Parish in good standing and over the age of 18.

Vestry members serve for a period of three (3) years and must have been a financial contributor of record for at least one year before the election takes place and meet the qualified voter specifications.

Vestry members oversee the business aspects of the congregation; the construction and application of a budget, payment of bills, including the Diocesan Assessment, care of the facilities, and relations with its clergy and employees. They are to support the Rector and other clergy as called and assist the Rector in furtherance of the Gospel. Under the direction of the Rector, Vestry members meet monthly to conduct the business of the Parish and the vision for its future growth.

Prayerfully consider your role in helping shape the future at St. Dunstan.



Vestry: Taking care of business at The Church of St. Dunstan

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- NOV 2 Kay Stephens
- 4 Lee Spence
Ruth Ann Rodieck
- 5 Ray Pendley
- 6 Sara Long
- 10 Jill Russell
Ayleigh Clayton
- 15 Tommy Campbell
- 18 Bob Stephens
- 24 Polly Clayton

Birthdays:

- 25 Mary Lu French
- 26 Michael Perkins
- 30 Linda Connell

Anniversaries:

- NOV 25 Edie & Michael Perkins
- 26 John & Barbara Jarvis
- 27 Richard & Lorraine Evans

