

LIVE STREAM Sunday at 10a

CHURCH OF ST DUNSTAN

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

Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. and LIVE on Facebook
Virtual Morning Prayer: Mondays at 11 a.m.
Bible Study: Wednesday at 11 a.m., Parish Hall & Virtual
Women's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.
Men's Bible Study, 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

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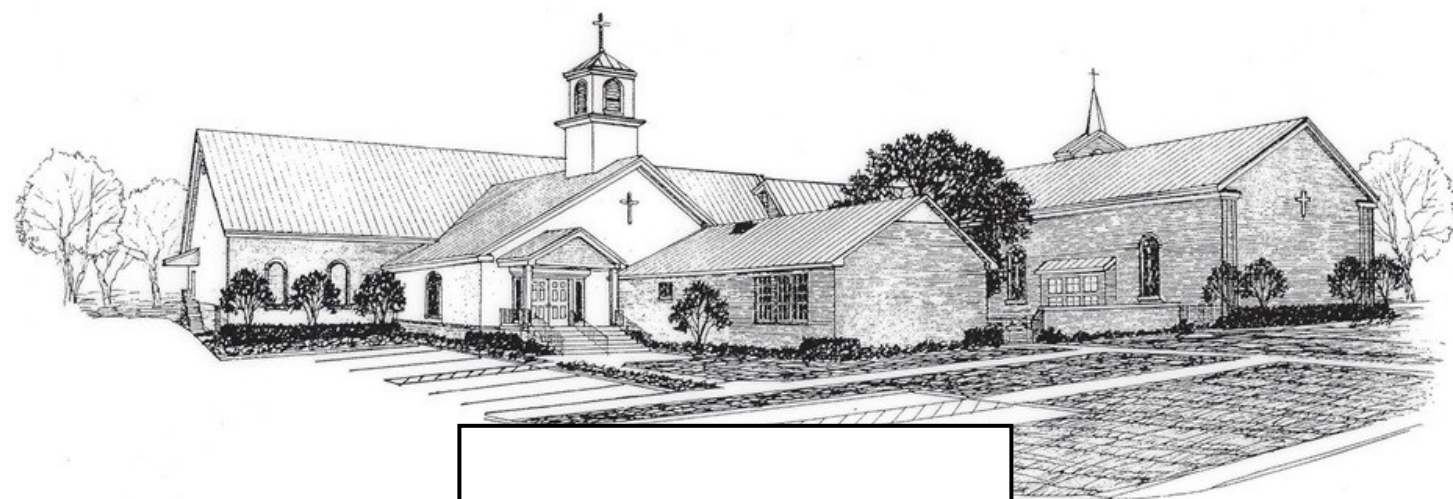


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Celebrating 79 years in 2026!

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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 a pro-Cathedral working with other congregations in Northeast Texas

♦ St. Dunstan is home to parishioners from six counties: Wood, Smith, Rains, Tarrant, Van Zandt and Hunt

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THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Mondays at 11AM—Morning Prayer via Zoom**
- **Wednesday at 11AM, Romans Bible Class, Parish Hall & via zoom**
- **Wednesdays, 2PM—Intercessory Prayer, locations posted on bulletin board**
- **Wednesdays, 5:30PM—Ladies' Bible Study**
- **2nd & 4th Saturdays, Men's Bible Study at 8:30AM Sunday service 10AM and via Facebook.**
- **JUL 2: OFFICE CLOSED**
- **JUL 4: HAPPY Independence Day!! Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation**
- **JUL 5: GRILLED HOT DOGS, CHIPS & TRIMMINGS served after the service.**
- **JUL 18: 10AM, APNET Bible Study at St. Francis in Winnsboro**
- **JUL 18—2-4PM, 90th Birthday celebration for Nancy Bogan in the Parish Hall—cards welcome!**
- **JUL 19: POTLUCK SUNDAY**
- **JUL 21: Grace Chapter DOK meets at noon**
- **JUL 25—Vestry meets**

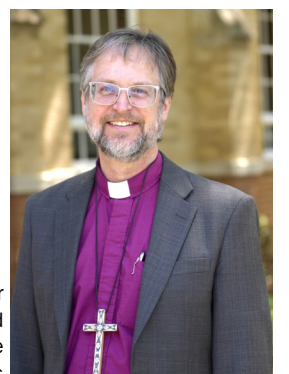
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am one of those people who almost never fills out surveys; I find requests for a rating from business, health care, etc., very annoying. Most of the time, they are looking for a way to use feedback to promote themselves. "Likes", five-star reviews, and the like help the vendor to appear attractive and worthwhile. Sometimes, though, there really is an intent to use the feedback to improve the service or product. The church is not a business, and much of the way the business world operates doesn't apply to us. Sometimes we can use their insights to our benefit. I recently read an article by The Very Rev. Kevin Martin in which he discusses the church as having both a "front door" and a "back door". He isn't referring to a literal "door" but things that draw people into the congregation—the front door; but also things that lead people to leave a congregation—the "back door". Most parishes don't actually know specifically what has drawn people into the church, and, even more so, why people leave. Often, their departure is silent. A congregation benefits in multiple ways by understanding these things. It isn't simply a case of improving provision of some sort of service. The church is most certainly not a service provider or purveyor of a product. We are in the business of making disciples and being the Kingdom of God in the world. Still, understanding what brings people in and what leads them to leave helps us. It shows us where we may be deficient as a family or in some measure of community or discipleship. There may be things we don't see clearly. We want people to express their needs and to help us see where something may be

amiss. This isn't to encourage complaining, gossip or back-biting. It is to address a deficiency or concern. It is for growth and maturity. Even more so, we want to discern where God is at work and to fully cooperate with the Holy Spirit. This enables us to build on our strengths, and identify and correct our weaknesses. We also want to have gratitude and strengthen what is good and right. The motivation is to better be the body of Christ and to live out the gifts of the Spirit and to grow in His fruit. One of the chief causes for people leaving is either a lack of relationships (and a place to connect) or wounded relationships. If you feel something is amiss, reach out. As a community, we need to tend to our relationships and to proactively care for each other. We're a family of human beings and sometimes we'll disagree or make mistakes. That's ok. We deal with it with grace and love. Does St. Dunstan's have an "open back door?" If so, let's join together to close it. Even more, let's keep the front one open!

The Lord be with you,

+Fraser



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

ACOLYTE, ALTAR GUILD, LECTOR & MEDIA SCHEDULES

HAVE AN INTEREST IN BECOMING ACTIVE IN ANY OF THE MINISTRIES AT ST. DUNSTAN? THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM TO INCLUDE THOSE WISHING TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN CHURCH LIFE.

Acolytes for July:

- 5 Chuck French / Lee Spence
- 12 Tommy & Karen Campbell
- 19 Milton Husbands / Kathi Ladewig
- 26 Chuck & Mary Lu French

Lectors for July:

- 5 Lee Spence

- 12 Mary Achziger
- 19 Kathi Ladewig
- 26 Mary Lu French

Altar Guild for July:

- 5 Marcia Smith/Wendy Gholson
- 13 Reggie Askins / Anita Reese
- 19 Keisha Little/Maddie Little
- 26 Cazzie Husbands / Kathy Dillon

Media Teams for July:

- 5 Christine Brosky
- 12 Wesley Smith
- 19 Chuck French
- 26 Marcia Smith

Prayer Teams for July:

- 5 Veronica Lawton/Patti Corbett
- 12 Lee Spence/Christine Brosky
- 19 Mitzi Pearce/Mary Lu French
- 26 Christine Brosky/Veronica Lawton

Sunday School for July:

- 5 Karen Campbell
- 12 Lee Desmond
- 19 Karen Dorris
- 26 Karen Campbell

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- JUL 6 Chester Clayton
- 9 Howard Ladewig
Steve Holm
- 11 Lorraine Evans
- 12 Tim Boswell
Marcie Vail
- 16 Barbara Stockton
Patti Corbett
- 19 Barbara Jarvis
- 22 Nancy Bogan
Barbara Mays



- 22 Suellen Holm
- 30 Janice Morton
- 31 Chuck French

Anniversaries:

- 8 Gail & Willis Lawton
- 11 Tim & Celia Boswell
- 18 Tommy & Karen
Campbell
- 22 Howard & Kathi
Ladewig
- 25 Ray & Shirley Dean

BITS AND PIECES

SAVE the DATE JULY 18th

On July 18th from 2-4PM in the Parish Hall we will celebrate Nancy Bogan's 90th birthday as well as her great granddaughter's birthday who will be turning 2!
Nancy Bogan for many years was very active in our Parish, serving on Altar Guild, ECW, DoK and in the office.

MISSING OUR E-MAILS?

St. Dunstan regularly sends out invitations to the Rector's bible study, Morning Prayer, and updates or changes to the schedule. If you are not receiving these, check to see if the e-mail is in the trash or junk folder. Be sure to mark St. Dunstan in your settings as a safe sender so our e-mail distributions are not blocked as spam. ✉

AUGUST 1st—10AM APNET Council meets

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THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN
We need volunteers to provide brunch items or finger foods. Please call the office to let us know what you will bring.

ST. DUNSTAN MINISTRIES

Here is a quick guide to the ministries at St. Dunstan for those who are called to be active in our Parish. The summary also includes DoK and ECW. **You are invited to participate in any of the ministries or studies at St. Dunstan.**

Acolytes*: Acolytes serve to assist the priest at the altar during the service. They light the candles, carry the processional cross, hold the Bible during the reading of the gospel and administer the wine during communion. They also read the Creed and Prayers of the People. Acolytes are scheduled on a rotating basis and are actively seeking new acolytes.

Altar Guild*: AG members prepare the church and altar for all liturgical services, maintaining the linens, silver and related objects. Teams are assigned as available to address the needs of the services. Speak with any current AG member to join.

Greeters: Volunteers greet those who enter our doors for Sunday services and special events. The first impression of our church by new members is based on who they were greeted as they enter our doors for worship.

Healing Ministry Team*: A relatively new ministry at St. Dunstan, the Healing Ministry Team is trained to intercede for individuals seeking physical, emotional, or spiritual restoration from God. As conduits of God's healing power, team members pray in pairs to provide a confidential and safe place as they call on the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Landscaping: Volunteers plan and maintain the church grounds, providing a peaceful setting for reflection in the Courtyard. Love gardening or need to pull a few weeds to work off frustrations of the moment? Come on down....

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV)*: A LEV is a licensed lay person who has been authorized and trained to take consecrated bread and wine to members of the Parish who cannot attend due to illness, infirmity or age. LEVs are a vital pastoral link to homebound Parishioners.

Lectors*: Lectors read the Old and New Testament readings and lead the Psalm appointed for the day.

Safety Team*: The safety team monitors the entrances during service times and complies with safety protocols for churches. The safety team is also trained to provide support during weather and medical emergencies.

Sunday School/Nursery*: Volunteers provide faith based instruction that is age appropriate during Sunday service. A nursery is available for newborn and toddlers during mass time.

Ushers: Ushers welcome all who come to worship, receive and present the offerings and prepare the altar rail for communion. They serve at funerals and weddings as needed.

Grace Chapter Daughters of the King*: DoK is a lay Order of women who take vows to follow the rule of a Life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. Founded in 1885, DoK has grown to be an international order with chapters throughout the Episcopal churches. Grace Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The current President is Sharon Langlais. To inquire about becoming a member, speak with any DoK member. They always wear the Cross of the Order.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW): ECW hosts the annual Stew Luncheon & Gift Basket sale to support local outreach and special needs within our Parish. Outreach includes providing foodstuffs for the Food Pantry Ministry at St. Paul's, a joint ministry initiative. Outreach also includes assistance to various community relief organizations. Each quarter, the Good Sisters Committee provides food for volunteer staff at Grace Community Clinic. ECW also assists with scholarships to Camp All Saints when requested and funds various church projects within the Parish. Currently, they are collecting items to assist The Trotter House in Lindale. Items needed are posted on the Bulletin Board in the hallway. All women in the Parish are members of this group and encouraged to attend.

Bible Studies: The Bishop conducts a study of Romans on Wednesdays at 11AM. APNET Intercessors pray for each of the APNET churches alternating locations on every Wednesday at 2PM. The Women's Bible study is held each Wednesday at 5:30PM. The Men's bible study group meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30AM. There are now several home study groups. Ask if there is one near you if you'd like to join one!

***Several of the ministries require training and/or certification as well as safe church courses.**

...Serve One Another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10 in part.