



# the Epistle

May  
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A monthly publication of St. Paul's-on-the-Plains Episcopal Church  
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## FROM THE RECTOR

*"Its stump is a holy seed (Is. 6:13)"*

Last fall I trimmed back our hedges at home—they were getting overgrown. Earlier this year they were putting out significant new growth. But then Winter Storm Uri hit in February. And all the old green leaves and all the new green leaves turned brown. I thought my entire hedge was dead.

But then 2 of the 18 showed some tiny signs of growth—little green shoots were coming up at the bottom of these two plants. So I got out the chainsaw and took all the plants down to about 6" stumps. And now 16 of the 18 plants are showing signs of life. It'll be a while until they form a full hedge again. But there is hope.

In the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah, the prophet is told that God will send his people into exile. Their cities will be in ruins, and their land will be devastated. It'll be like a tree that is cut down. But then, at the very end of the chapter, the final few words in Hebrew are like a sprig of hope: "Its stump is a holy seed."

We've been through a long COVID winter, one that has lasted more than a year. But now, we're starting to see sprigs of hope growing in a season of new springtime. Those sprigs have not yet reached full maturity. But we can perceive light at the end of the tunnel. And as more and more people get vaccinated, we can start to increasingly phase-in to greater degrees of normality.

At St. Paul's, we're seeing new growth. Not only have we had the joy of seeing returning members whom we've missed. We've also had a number of new folks who have joined us even in the midst of a long COVID winter, even though their primary experience of St. Paul's at first was through a streamed service on the web (one of them was shocked that I was much taller than I appeared on the small screen!). We're still waiting to greet other returning members who are still waiting for conditions to normalize, but we're getting closer to that day all the time.

There's a newer Easter hymn in our hymnal (#204, sung to the tune of an old French Christmas carol), "Now the green blade riseth." It poetically compares the resurrection of Jesus Christ to new life that arises from seemingly dead seeds. The second verse says,

*In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, thinking that never he would wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

But the final verse speaks of the new life we can experience:

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

May our Risen Lord bring new life and new growth to all of us.

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	Actual		Budget	
	Mar 2021	3 Months	3 Months	Year
<b>Receipts</b>	\$ 33,879	\$ 96,758	\$ 87,391	\$ 349,565
Personnel	13,899	40,440	41,796	167,185
Facility operations	7,488	16,612	14,020	56,080
Administration	4,783	11,575	8,775	35,100
Missions, outreach, & charity	4,757	14,310	14,647	58,589
Music program	5,144	14,451	12,600	50,400
Other disbursements	271	641	1,055	4,220
<b>Disbursements</b>	36,342	98,029	92,894	371,574
<b>Net Change in Unrestricted</b>	\$ (2,463)	\$ (1,272)	\$ (5,502)	\$ (22,009)

There were unpaid bills at March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$74.74 which are not reflected above.

**St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church**

1510 Ave. X  
Lubbock, TX 79401

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Episcopal Church**

**Office Hours: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.**

**Tues, Wed, Thurs**

**Phone: 806-762-2893**

**Thrift House: 10a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Tues through Sat**

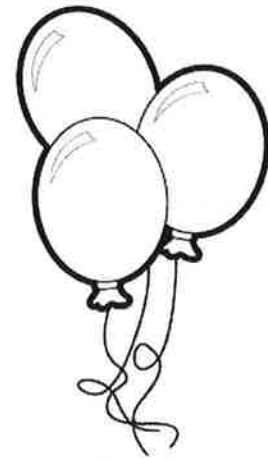
**In person worship services  
8 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.**

**On Sundays, with streaming  
online of the 10:30 service**

**Masks and social distancing  
are required protocol for in  
person worship at this time.**

**May Birthdays**

- William Trotter (1)
- Gordon Jones (3)
- Jim Brown (6)
- Janis Blackwell (8)
- Beth Fischenich (8)
- John Hollins (10)
- Radley Dalton (11)
- Charlie Trotter (19)
- Jo McNabb (20)
- Dick Jorgensen (27)



**May Anniversaries**

- Jeff Lee & Linda Jones (1)
- Stephen & Maureen Chadwick (2)
- Dyke & Becky Ellison (3)

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## **PHASING BACK IN SOME MORE PRACTICES IN OUR WORSHIP**

In the coming month we will resume some more of our past practices that had been dropped or paused because of COVID:

### **Beginning Sunday, May 2:**

1. The clergy and Eucharistic ministers will begin administering communion hosts with sanitized hands rather than tongs.

### **Beginning Sunday, May 16:**

2. We will administer communion hosts to the people at socially distanced stations at the altar rail, and no longer bring it out to the pews.
3. We will add another congregational hymn at 10:30 (so we will now be singing as a congregation at both the beginning and the end of services).

### **Beginning Sunday, June 6:**

4. We will resume reading ALL of our lessons (we've been omitting Old Testament lesson the past 13 months).



## **SUMMER CAMP**

Camp is happening! Mark your calendar! Get ready to register! Invite a friend! Pack your bags and we will welcome you to camp this summer!

Your camp team is planning two super exciting camps! Both of our camps will be held at Ceta Glen near Happy Texas. "I'm a Believer!" is the theme for both camps!

The dates are June 27-July 3 for Camp Quarterman (youth in grades 7-12) and July 4-July 9 for Camp Quarterman Jr (youth in grades 2-5). Youth in 6th grade may choose either camp.

Camp this summer will be different! BUT, we will be together! And that is something to be thankful for---see you then!

Would you like to help support our summer camp program with a donation? Your check, written to St. Paul's (memo Camp) may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Your donation will be used for youth from St. Paul's to attend summer camp and will be gratefully appreciated.

Have questions about the diocesan youth program or camp, want to register for camp—please contact Renee Haney, our Diocesan Youth Coordinator and Camp Quarterman Director at [nwtxyouth@icloud.com](mailto:nwtxyouth@icloud.com) or 806-445-3667.

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## NURSERY OPEN

We are excited to welcome our children back to the nursery during the 10:30 a.m. service, but please realize things will be a little different. We are making changes to keep our children and staff safe, healthy and happy.



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### 20's-30's GROUP

We will be meeting at the Lee-Stockton house (2703 65th st) Saturday May 8 at 5:00. Weather permitting we will stay in the back yard and adhere to social distancing/mask wearing protocols. week basis. The dates of the May meetings:

May 8, May 22

At this time we plan on rotating between different members' houses. Questions? Please contact:

Charlotte Lee-Stockton

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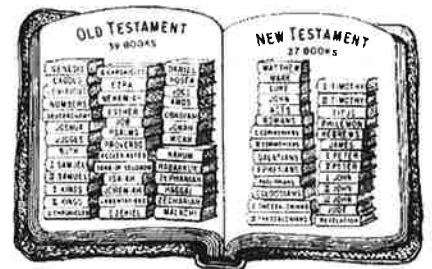
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## ADULT CLASS 2020/2021 — OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

This month we will wrap up the saga. We would love to have you join us.

The page numbers below refer to the (optional) textbook:  
***The Old Testament: A Historical & Literary Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures***

by Michael D. Coogan, 2006, by Oxford University Press.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Ch#</b>	<b>page</b>	<b>#pp</b>	<b>Topic</b>
2-May	30	525	20	Jon; Esth; Jdth; Tob; 3Macc; Dan
9-May	no reading			Bridge discussion /Old and New Testaments

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COFFEE HOUR/HOSTS NEEDED

Fellowship time/coffee hour—it goes by many names. But, that time after church when we welcome visitors, catch up with friends and enjoy a cup of coffee and delicious snacks has returned to St. Paul's on Sundays after the 10:30 am service. Like many things, coffee hour will be a bit different. So that we can be together safely, we will gather outside in the courtyard (weather permitting) and the hosts will serve our refreshments and drinks. Please consider hosting the coffee hour. The sign up sheet is on the wall opposite the nursery. Thank you!

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CANTERBURY GARAGE SALE

Please support the Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry garage sale which will be held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 29, 4817 15th St., Lubbock. All proceeds will help with outreach, travel and retreats for Canterbury. Donations will be accepted until May 22. Call Canterbury at 575-631-5345 to arrange for a pick up if needed.



NAME BADGES

We were just starting to get used to wearing our name badges last year when the pandemic hit. So now it's time to make an effort to start doing it again.

St. Paul's is asking all of our members to wear permanent (magnetic) name badges every Sunday so we can know each other better. (NOTE: There are name badges ordered in 2020 that are available for pickup on the table in the main entry hall by the bulletin boards.)

We would love to order a name badge for you (please fill out the form below). If you sign up for a name badge, we're asking two things of you:

1. That you will try to remember to wear your name badge every Sunday at St. Paul's.
2. That you'll keep up with it (perhaps in your car?)—in other words, we don't plan to store them at church.

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Yes, I would like a St. Paul's name badge! And I'd like my name to appear on the badge as

\_\_\_\_\_ (first name) \_\_\_\_\_ (last name)

*(please place in the offering plate or return to church office)*

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of Northwest Texas*

**Vision Statement**

- + Worshipping God in the  
beauty of holiness
- + Welcoming and growing in  
faith and fellowship
- + Serving our neighbors in  
Jesus' name

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The Rev. James P. Haney V  
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The Rev. Becky Tilton-Orem  
*Deacon*

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*Minister of Music*

Shannon Harriger  
*Parish Administrator*

Renee Haney  
*Administrative Assistant*

Cary Harriger  
*Sexton*

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Pauline Franklin, Charles Mire  
Regina Shea, Mike Quartaro  
Charlotte Lee-Stockton

next issue of  
**The Epistle:**  
*June*

**Submission Deadline**  
3rd week in May  
**Epistle Work Day**  
Last Wednesday of the  
month

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**\*\*\*For the many people who blessed the  
sock collection on Maundy Thursday**

**\*\*\* And those who donated candy and  
money for the children's egg hunt on Easter  
Sunday**

**We are truly grateful for the loving support!**