

SAINT AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FROM OUR VICAR THE REV. JUSTIN LINDSTROM



SAINT AIDAN'S
CORE VALUES:
RELATIONSHIPS,
TRANSFORMATION,
DISCIPLESHIP, AND
OUTREACH

Saint Aidan's was founded seven years ago on four core values. These values are foundation of who we are and why we do what we do here at Saint Aidan's. The love of God in and thru Christ Jesus our Lord is the cornerstone or the center of who we are and what we are all about. What makes us distinctly different is our core values. We use these values to propel us into the future, live out the day, and evaluate where we have come from.

RELATIONSHIPS: THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM WE ARE BROUGHT INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AND ONE ANOTHER

- **Embrace my brokenness and admit that I need God accepting God's grace promised through Jesus Christ**
- **Belong to a meaningful and diverse family that expresses forgiveness**
- **Attend events of the church in order to get to know the family**

TRANSFORMATION: SEEK AND PARTICIPATE IN THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOD TO TRANSFORM MY LIFE WHERE I GROW AND AM MADE INTO A NEW CREATION

- **Practice daily prayer**
- **Attend worship regularly**
- **(averaging 2-3 times a month)**
- **Participate in the sacraments (Baptism & Holy Eucharist)**

DISCIPLESHIP: TO LEARN HOW TO BE A DISCIPLE AND SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITH OTHERS

- **Read and Study Holy Scripture daily**
- **Believe and become knowledgeable in the Creeds of the Church (Apostles & Nicene)**
- **Be a student of Christ's teachings by attending a bible study or small group**

OUTREACH: TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS IN MEANINGFUL WAYS THAT EXPRESS GOD'S LOVE

- **Use my gifts to do something meaningful with my life, family, and work**
- **Serve the community through service projects where I provide my hands-on work, leadership, and resources**
- **Practice Biblical stewardship working toward the title**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship

8am Holy Eucharist with
Children's Message and
Traditional Music

10:30am Holy Eucharist with
Children's Chapel and
Contemporary Music

Sunday School

Sunday School is offered for all ages from
9:15 to 10:15 every Sunday morning.
We encourage everyone to attend!

Connections

Are you new to Saint Aidan's? or would like to know more about who we are and what the Episcopal Church is all about? Then come to a four part class every Sunday morning from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Kitchen.

First Sunday of the Month

Discover God

Second Sunday of the Month

Discover the Episcopal Church

Third Sunday of the Month

Discover Saint Aidan's

Fourth Sunday of the Month

Discover Our Ministry



Parenting Seminar

September 27th
from 4pm to 7pm
Cost is \$5 per adult.
Children and Youth are
free. There will be

programming for these ages during the Parenting Seminar. Nursery will be available. Dinner will be served. Come and learn, come and share about: Parenting Children, Parenting Youth, Parenting Parents, and His, Hers, and Ours. Led by local counselors.

FROM OUR CURATE
THE REV. RICH HOUSER



Blessings to you all!! We have had an exciting start to our year. If you haven't received a calendar, they are available on our website at staidanshouston.org in the youth section. They are in pdf format and can be seen on web-enabled phones. Also, join us on facebook. Look us up at St. Aidan's Youth Group. We have some great pictures and some whacky videos.

I want to thank everyone who has sponsored a meal for the fall. The youth are eating well!! As we get started, I want ask all parents to let me have your youth's schedules of extracurricular activities. I enjoy supporting all our youth in their endeavors. We have youth in a variety of activities, and I believe it is part of my calling as a youth minister to be there to support them. Email me at revrich@staidanshouston.org with a schedule.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

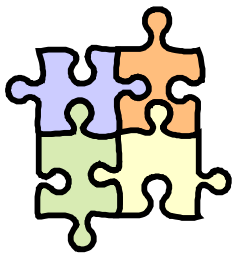
Sunday September 6th LaserX 2-4pm	Sunday Sept. 13th Middle School Bible Study/ Confirmation and Hangout w/Meal Noon-1:30	Sunday Sept. 20th Service Project 3-6 pm	Sunday Sept. 27th Frisbee Golf with Dinner 4-7pm
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HIGH SCHOOL

High School Youth Bible Study w/ Meal 6:00-7:30 Wednesdays Sept. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th	Saturday Sept. 5th Paintball with Sts. D & C	Sunday Sept. 13 Youth Worship and Hangout 5-6:30	Sunday Sept. 20th Service Project 3-6 pm	Sunday Sept. 27th Ultimate Food Challenge & Wii w/Meal 4-7pm
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YOUNG ADULTS

Our first gathering of the young adults will be Sept. 17th from 6-8pm. at the home of Rich and Trish Houser at 11110 Archmont in Northwest Houston. This will be an opportunity for us to get acquainted over dinner in a casual atmosphere. The Houser's will supply the main course and others can bring side dishes. Also, bring your favorite drinks if you wish. Young Adults includes couples, families, and singles ages 21 through 35.



**CONNECTIONS DINNER
 SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 6PM
 AT THE LINDSTROM'S HOME**

**FOR ALL ADULTS ONLY
 RSVP TODAY!
 COME AND HAVE GREAT
 FELLOWSHIP,
 LEARN MORE ABOUT SAINT AIDAN'S!
 BRING A DISH TO SHARE!**

FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER
MRS. ASHLEY REDER



With families getting into routines for the new school year, I am encouraging families to make Sunday school part of that routine. Learning more about Christ so that we may deepen our faith while learning about His plan for us is a dynamic priority to have and it shows, that we, as parents, think deepening our faith is important. The Sunday school teachers are a group of volunteers that have such amazing gifts and talents that they are willing to share with the children of Saint Aidan's. Sunday school will be starting on September 6th at 9:15 AM.

We also have an exciting an energetic Wednesday evening program called FaithWeaver Friends. I describe it as a mid-week VBS program with singing, game playing, crafts and all around Bible fun! The children are separated into two age groups so the activities are age-appropriate. Dinner is provided from 6-6:30PM, followed by an Evening Prayer Service, and then we go to the classrooms to start having some serious fun. Parents, if due to older siblings activity conflicts or younger siblings schedules, you child cannot attend, please call me and I am willing to work out something for your child to be able to attend. Please bring your children to either or both of these programs so that we can help your child be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Our children are so awesome and I see God working through them each and every time I am involved with them. We want and are excited about the numerous opportunities we are giving them to deepen that growth.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NICHE

We have numerous opportunities for our children to be involved in during the month of September. For these events to be the most successful and fun that they can be, we encourage you and your child to be an active part of the Children's Ministry.

September Prayer Project- Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep Pocket Pillow Toppers will be handed out in Sunday school with suggested ways to use this to pray.

Important Dates:

- Sunday, Sept. 6th at 9:15am-** Sunday School begins.
- Sunday, Sept. 6th at Noon-** Children's Choir
- Wed., Sept. 9th at 6pm-** FaithWeaver Friends begins
- Sunday, Sept. 13th at Noon-** Children's Choir
- Saturday, Sept. 19th at 9:30am-** Jr. Acolyte Training
- Sunday, Sept. 27th at 4pm-** FROG event Back In School Bible Bash

**RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS THRU OUR WEBSITE
 OR ON SUNDAY MORNINGS ON THE WORSHIP
 GUIDE TEAR-OFF FORM.**

THE VERGER'S VOICE

Do you believe God can supply every need you have? But do you believe that he will supply? Can you imagine that your heavenly Father would bless your life so much that you wouldn't even know what to do with it all? This is His promise to you, an essential principle that God desires to release through you into the world. The practice of tithing---giving 10 percent of your earnings back to God---is a powerful statement into the spiritual realm that all 100 percent of your finance belongs to the Kingdom of God. But far from being stingy, God is looking for ways to release His blessings upon the earth and so He issues you a challenge. Test Him through the obedience of tithing and see if God won't reward you lavishly, in ways both natural and spiritual. Generous God, my Giver, I honor You with all I have because I know everything comes from You. Bless me so I can be a blessing to others.

God's Peace,
Johnnie Mathis, Saint Aidan's Verger

THE FEW AND THE PROUD

For the almost four million people who visit annually, Arlington National Cemetery represents many different things. For some, it is a chance to walk among headstones that chronicle American history; for many, it is an opportunity to remember and honor the nation's war heroes; and for others, it is a place to say a last farewell during funeral services for a family member or friend. To be laid to rest at ANC there are strict requirements, one being a member of an elective office of the U.S.A or have received one of the following: Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross (Navy Cross and Air Force Cross), Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, and the Purple Heart. So to be laid to rest at ANC is the biggest honor a Veteran can receive. On August 19 2009 at 14:00 P.M. Steve Early was laid to rest at ANC. Please remember Sue, Andrea, and Ed in your prayers and it was an honor to know Steve and he will be missed.

Semper Fi
Jimmy Baughman, Saint Aidan's Armed Force Chaplain

PASTORAL CARE AND SERVICE UPDATE

September: Book Drive

September 26th: Mission Galveston/La Porte

October 4th: Lord of the Streets (serving breakfast to the homeless)

September and October: Beacon collections (warm coats/warm hearts clothing drive for the homeless)

November: Seafarers Center Christmas Boxes

November 14th: Veterans' Day Salute

December: Mission YAHWEH

December: Boys and Girls Country Angel Tree

December 31st: U2charist (A praise and worship service set to the music of U2! All offering collected to go directly to assist with MDGs (millennium development goals). Be a ONE Episcopalian and help end poverty by 2015!)

Any questions on upcoming events or to volunteer **please email me at kjd519@hotmail.com**

His Peace,
Kyle Jon Deutsch, Pastoral Care and Service Leader

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Bishop's Committee is elected by our church to care for the property, set policy and be the stewards of the finances of the church. The members of the Bishop's Committee meet the third Sunday of every month for lunch, devotion, and business meeting. In August the Bishop's Committee discussed the budget for 2009 and current shortfall in the pledge income. They also discussed the upcoming budgeting process for the 2010 budget. The Bishop's Committee heard reports from various ministries: the activity of the Pastoral Care and Service Team, the success of the Vacation Bible School, and Youth and Children's Ministry news. The next meeting is September 20th.

STEWARDSHIP, FINANCE, AND BUDGET UPDATE

The Stewardship and Finance Committee meets twice a month on average to analyze the actuals compared to the budget. They also work on sharing the message of stewardship and what that means for us as Christians. They will begin the budgeting process for 2010 in September.

Year to Date (As of July 31, 2009)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Pledge	\$ 84,104.00	\$109,249.00
Plate	\$ 21,099.29	\$ 21,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 11,840.00	\$ 70,000.00
Diocese	\$ 25,000.02	\$ 29,166.12
Building Use	\$ 44,827.17	\$ 24,500.00
Transfer from Bank	\$ 36,027.57	\$ 19,355.98
Ministry	\$ 13,155.27	\$ 15,516.91
Total	\$236,053.32	\$288,788.01
<u>Expenses</u>		
Clergy	\$ 54,770.57	\$ 59,532.28
Staff	\$ 57,851.82	\$ 60,406.05
Diocese	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 19,617.99
Administration	\$ 19,916.10	\$ 19,133.03
Property	\$ 82,768.14	\$141,047.88
Worship	\$ 2,206.18	\$ 991.48
Children	\$ 3,720.55	\$ 3,731.77
Youth	\$ 5,376.24	\$ 6,068.99
Wellness	\$ 1,924.30	\$ 1,900.00
Evangelism/Formation	\$ 1,914.91	\$ 2,799.79
Pastoral Care/Service	\$ 1,752.10	\$ 2,949.93
Total	\$244,200.91	\$318,179.19

BOOKSTORE AND GIFT SHOP

The Bookstore and Gift Shop has some new items that are just begging to be purchased. We have Saint Aidan's stained glass pieces made by our own Jimmy Baughman, wall size gold-leaf crosses, necklace size gold and quartz crosses, which were hand-made for us by Ayde Lopez, books galore, t-shirts, caps and our always popular crosses and key chains that we sell for the youth group. We hope to soon have framed artwork by one of Saint Aidan's very talented young artists. The bookstore is open every Sunday from 8 am - noon. Stop by and see us.

Thank you!
Jean Dick, Bookstore and Gift Shop Coordinator

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