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KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS



The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just be a part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

Please link your rewards card to Epiphany. Community Rewards is easy to use. The more you shop with Kroger, the more money Epiphany will earn!

May 27—August 26, 2018
24 Households
\$92.69 Total Donations

OUR NEW KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS NUMBER IS:
PU298

CHRISTIAN HELPING HANDS HOLIDAY HARVEST ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 10 & NOVEMBER 17

The Holiday Harvest Annual Food Drive benefits Christian Helping Hands, our local non-profit food pantry, which provides assistance to those in need in Pearland and Friendswood.

The food drive on November 10 will be at the Kroger store on West Bay Area Blvd. in Friendswood from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. On November 17 the food drive will be at several participating Kroger stores throughout Pearland from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. We will be accepting donations at Christian Helping Hands, 3402 Swensen Drive in Pearland.

To volunteer with the food drive, contact 281-485-9776 or email hitadickson@hotmail.com. We have two-hour shifts beginning at 8:30 a.m. at each store. Foods needed most are: pasta sauce, tuna or canned meats, canned baked beans, soups, mac 'n' cheese, oatmeal, cooking oil, assorted condiments and Jello. Health codes prohibit CHH from accepting home-canned products, dented or opened products and products with expired dates.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." (Psalm 106:1)

I remember singing a song when I was a child called "Thank You". It was a simple song that focused on thanking God for the little blessings of life we so often take for granted. In the song we thanked God for things such as sunshine, a new day and having the privilege to go to our God and Savior at any time of day or night.



I've found that it is the "little things" that make life so special and such a cause for thanksgiving. I thank God for the little things, like a little wife who makes coffee for me in the morning and greets me with a smile as a way of letting me know I'm loved. Little things are children and grandchildren who remind me that I too was once young and needed to be listened to, understood and unconditionally loved. Little things are the forgiveness of all my sins I so often take for granted but that add such joy and peace to my life. Little things are the precious words written in the Bible that I can read every day, telling of God's great love for me in Jesus Christ. Little things are the loving faces and warm hearts I have the privilege of serving as a pastor. Little things are the new friends I make and the older relationships that keep getting more precious day after day. Little things are co-workers who make my life so much easier and enjoyable as we work together to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Little things are pets that display the wonderful imagination of the God who created the universe and all things great and small.

As we approach the month of Thanksgiving, I challenge you to not overlook the little things that bless our lives so very much. In the month of November, I am going to start every day by thanking God for one of His many "little blessings". I encourage you to do the same. I think that we'll find the more we take time to consider just how much God has blessed us, giving thanks will become a very natural and regular part of our lives.

Have a great month of Thanksgiving!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Jon



There's
Room
for
YOU!

**WE'RE SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU!
COME JOIN US!**

Voters' Meeting & Lunch
Sunday, November 11, 2018
Noon
AFLC Gym

This meeting will conclude the budget process
with the members' approval.

**LET'S HAVE A RECORD TURNOUT FOR THIS
VERY IMPORTANT MEETING!**



Carnegie-bound musicians, from Epiphany, hard at work.



IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!

Nativity Hymns and Songs for All Generations

Sunday, December 16
10:30 a.m.
AFLC

From Heaven Above—A Children's Christmas Pageant
&
What Sweeter Music—A Christmas Cantata
(as premiered in Carnegie Hall, Thanksgiving 2018)





Thursday, December 13
(One day only!)
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
202 AFLC

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. It is a two-hour special event that functions just like a typical GriefShare session.

The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death and who offer practical suggestions and reassurance. These people share honestly about:

- ◆ Being prepared for surprising emotions that may hit over the holidays
- ◆ What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- ◆ How to handle holiday parties and invitations
- ◆ How to survive potentially awkward moments with other people
- ◆ Where to find comfort, strength and hope in a seemingly hopeless time

Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

Please let us know you'll be attending so we have enough Survival Guides for everyone! Contact Cindy at 281-485-7833 or cindy@epiphanypearland.org.

Light Fest

DECORATE DAY

November 24, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Parking Lot

**COME TURN THE CHURCH INTO A FANTASTIC
LIGHTS DISPLAY TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS
AND LIGHT FEST. LUNCH PROVIDED!**

ADVENT

A SEASON OF EXPECTATION



JOIN US!

Midweek Advent Services
Wednesdays @ 4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary
December 5
December 12
December 19

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Family Life Center
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE (MONDAY, DECEMBER 24)

3:00 p.m. (in the sanctuary) with bells and the youth choir
5:00 p.m. (in the AFLC) our contemporary Christmas service
7:00 p.m. (in the sanctuary) with adult choir and brass ensemble
9:00 p.m. (in the sanctuary) with instruments and Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY (TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25)

10:00 a.m. (in the sanctuary) with Holy Communion



WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO GET READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON?

Well, here's a suggestion ... it's that special time again when we gather together on Wednesday evenings during the Advent season to enjoy the food and fellowship provided by our church friends.

Wednesday night Advent meals are always fun to plan/accomplish and even more fun to enjoy the results! The dates for this year's Advent meals are:

December 5
December 12
December 19

Meals take place between the worship services from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. You can choose what to serve on the date of your choice. Would **YOUR** ministry/small group/even You volunteer for one of the week's dinners? Please use this opportunity to serve our Lord and Epiphany. **WE HONESTLY WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

Be sure to check out Facebook and the boards in the AFLC and narthex for sign-up sheets.

If you are interested in helping or providing a dish, please contact Linda Easto at lindae@epiphanypearland.org.



IT'S A PARADE!

Pearland Hometown Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 1, 2018
6:00 p.m.

The route will travel east on FM 518.
The parade begins at Old Alvin Road and ends at Pearland Parkway.



Calling all volunteers to assist with Epiphany's Christmas float as part of the Pearland Hometown Christmas Parade. We are in need of: 1. Helpers to construct the float prior to the event, 2. Skilled helpers to assist with electrical items prior to and day of the event, 3. Equipment for the actual float (truck, trailer, location to store the equipment, lights and generator). Please contact Pastor Nathan at pastor_nathan@epiphanypearland.org if you would like to help or call the church office for more information.

Light Fest

AT EPIPHANY

Saturday, December 8
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

*An evening of food, music, children's activities,
living nativity and LIGHTS!*

Who can you invite to Light Fest? It is a great opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with our community at Christmas. Many adult and youth volunteers are needed to string lights, set up and serve at Light Fest. More information and register to help at www.ShiningTheLight.org.

Giving Tree

Epiphany's Giving Tree

Return your **wrapped** gift by December 9. Please mark the age and gender of intended recipient.

Circle One: Boy Girl

Check Age Range:

____ Under 2 ____ 8-10

____ 2-4 ____ 11-13

____ 5-7 ____ 14-18

Brief description of gift: _____

- Pick up a tag from the one of the Giving Trees OR print one from www.ShiningTheLight.org. Please see sample tag above.
- Purchase a new toy or gift card (between \$15 and \$20). Mark the age and gender of the intended recipient on your tag.
- Wrap gift and attach the tag – no bows please!
- Return the wrapped gift to the Giving Tree by Sunday, December 9. Gifts may also be dropped off at Light Fest on Saturday, December 8.
- Pray for the recipient of the gift - that they may know JESUS, the greatest gift.

Share the joy of Christmas with a child! This year we are partnering with LINC Houston to bring Christmas gifts to children in Houston and impact them with the love of Jesus. Beginning November 18, there will be Giving Trees set up in both buildings. Gifts may be purchased for any age boy or girl. Here's how you can help:



LOVE GOD LOVE PEOPLE

Mini Mission Trip

Bethesda Lutheran Communities

7th-12th Graders

Sunday, November 11

Leave Epiphany at 9:15 a.m.

Return to Epiphany at 5:00 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus! We'll worship with the youth of Memorial Lutheran Church in Katy. After church, we'll go out for a fast food lunch and then go serve at Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Bring money for a fast food lunch.

Register at ShiningTheLight.org by November 5.

NOVEMBER 4
6:00-8:00 PM

PAINT NIGHT

7TH-12TH GRADE
COME MAKE YOUR MARK
ON THE YOUTH ROOM!



Summer MISSION TRIP

7TH-12TH GRADERS

When: July 14-20

Where: Lutheran Valley Retreat,
Woodland Park, Colorado

What: An amazing week of service and adventure

Cost: \$350
Non-refundable \$175 deposit due by February 4

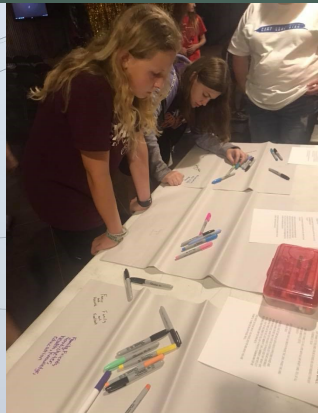
More info and registration at ShiningTheLight.org



fall

RETREAT

September 28-30, Epiphany's youth headed to Camp Pineywoods for our annual fall retreat. The weekend included zip lines, water fun, campfires and more. Most importantly, it was an opportunity to study God's Word, worship and build relationships with one another. Thanks to all our adult volunteers who made it possible!





BIRTHDAYS

11/02 Sharla Ortiz
 11/02 Wesley Gordon
 11/03 David Hay
 11/03 Patrick Kramer
 11/03 Laura Russo
 11/04 Chris Wuensche
 11/04 Buster Keasler
 11/04 Carmen Staerkel
 11/04 Susan Karloski
 11/05 Gary Wilson
 11/05 Seth Kirk
 11/06 Johnathan Nester
 11/06 Terry Medack
 11/06 Andy Bilich
 11/06 Georganna Triplett
 11/07 Burnia Oller
 11/07 Debra Sanford
 11/08 Al Lentz
 11/08 Miracle Hilliard
 11/09 Kim Piel
 11/09 Linda Tschoepe
 11/10 Teresa Spurling
 11/10 Lyn Wolff
 11/11 Melchor Garza
 11/11 Jerry Langer
 11/12 Jonesy Chauvot
 11/12 Sue Hufnagel
 11/12 Ryan Pontifes
 11/12 Elijah Ward
 11/12 Jim Hebert
 11/12 Callie Jo Aaron
 11/13 Adam Daniels
 11/14 Bob Plitt
 11/14 Scott Gilbertson
 11/14 Susan Whitehead
 11/14 Becky Keasler
 11/14 Pat Succop
 11/14 Ronnie Patke
 11/15 Jason Gutierrez
 11/16 Emily Van Maaren
 11/16 Vicki Roesler
 11/16 Leigh Ann Moore
 11/18 Jack Ostermaier
 11/18 Albert Schulze
 11/19 Amy Heer
 11/19 Deborah Nester
 11/19 Seth Daniels
 11/20 Jase Paden
 11/20 Fran Wukasch
 11/20 Elizabeth Cornelius
 11/20 Joyce Walker
 11/21 Mikensie Crews
 11/21 Karson Allen
 11/21 Alyssa Moore
 11/22 Tom Stine
 11/23 Erika DiLuca

11/24 Diana Langer
 11/24 Alex Tews
 11/25 Tara Joergens
 11/25 C.J. DuBois
 11/25 Kalista Heinrich
 11/26 Michael Ortiz
 11/27 David Klewer
 11/27 Cecelia Ganje
 11/28 Flash Gordon
 11/28 Ruby Troyer
 11/30 Ginger Green
 11/30 Amanda Underwood
 11/30 Ethan Lodrigue
 11/30 Olivia McDonald



ANNIVERSARIES

11/03 Steve & Debbie Dawson
 11/04 Thomas & Carol Kidd
 11/05 Jeremy & Katy Broussard
 11/06 Wes & Heather Gordon
 11/06 Dennis & Evelyn Rohne
 11/11 David & Lisa Maly
 11/13 Rob & Tricia Robinson
 11/13 Tom & Joan Stine
 11/13 Kelly & Lynn Tharp
 11/14 Cash & Jessica Elston
 11/19 Danny & Amanda Underwood
 11/20 Frank & Annette Tausch
 11/22 Gabriel & Jennifer Barrera
 11/23 John & Trisha Meiller
 11/28 Gene & Verna Allbee
 11/28 Buster & Becky Keasler



BIRTHS

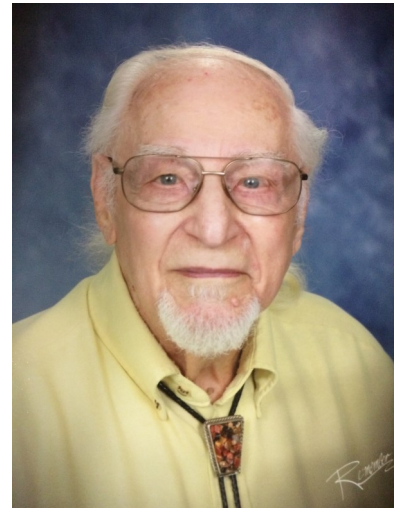
Avery Elise Manning
 October 17, 2018



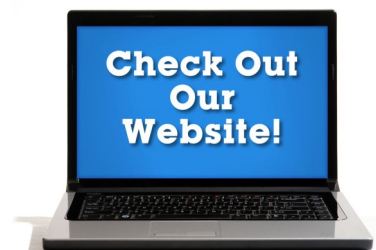
WEDDINGS

Teresa Knudson & Steve Spurling
 October 20, 2018

HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY BOB PLITT!



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Sunday Morning Schedule:
 8:00 am - Traditional Worship Service-sanctuary
 9:15 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 10:30 am - Blended Worship Service-sanctuary
 10:30 am - *The Light* Worship Service-AFLC

***WOR: Worship**
COM: Worship with Communion
SS: Sunday School
ABC: Adult Bible Class



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* All Saints' Day LWML Mite Box Sunday 9:00-10:15am-Blood Pressure Screening-106 9:15am-201 Class-207 9:15am-New Member Class-203 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Youth Choir-203 11:45am-Junior Bell Choir Practice-104 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-8:00pm-Confirmation 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204</p>	<p>5 Announcements Due! 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm-<i>The Light</i> Worship Team</p>	<p>6 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202 7:00pm-Board of Elders-202</p>	<p>7 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Group Leadership Training-TN Office 7:00pm-Carnegie Choir 7:30pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>8 9-2 MDO 1:00pm-GriefShare-202 6:30-8:30pm-Homework Hangout-204 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary</p>	<p>9 9-2 MDO 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen</p>	<p>10 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-203 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203 Family Movie Night 6:30 -9:00 p.m. AFLC</p>
<p>11 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* Mini Mission Trip (7-12 graders) 9:15am-201 Class-207 9:15am-New Member Class-203 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Youth Choir-203 Noon-Voters' Meeting & Lunch-AFLC Gym 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-8:00pm-Confirmation No Youth Nights!</p>	<p>12 Announcements Due! Meals on Wheels Week 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203 9:30am-Goodtimers-104 7:00pm-<i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC</p>	<p>13 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202</p>	<p>14 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:00pm-Group Leadership Training-TN Office 7:00pm-Carnegie Choir 7:30pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>15 9-2 MDO 1:00pm-GriefShare-202 6:30pm-Dave Ramsey Live Stream Event-202/203 6:30-8:30pm-Homework Hangout-204 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary</p>	<p>16 9-2 MDO</p>	<p>17 9:30am-LWML Meeting-203</p>
<p>18 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* 9:15am-201 Class-207 9:15am-New Member Class-203 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym No Confirmation! No Youth Nights!</p>	<p>19 Announcements Due! 9:00am-Quilting-202 No Ladies' Bible Study! 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm-<i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC</p>	<p>20 No MDO! 4:00pm-Bible Study-202</p>	<p>21 No MDO! Thanksgiving Eve Services w/communion Noon & 7:00pm</p>	<p>22 No MDO! Holiday- Church Office Closed!</p>	<p>23 No MDO! Holiday- Church Office Closed!</p>	<p>24 Light Fest Decorate Day 9:00am-2:00pm Parking Lot (by the sanctuary)</p>
<p>25 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* 9:15am-201 Class-207 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym No Confirmation! No Youth Nights!</p>	<p>26 Announcements Due! 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203 7:00pm-<i>The Light</i> Worship Team -AFLC</p>	<p>27 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202</p>	<p>28 9-2 MDO 9:00am-Quilting-202 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:30pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>29 9-2 MDO 1:00pm-GriefShare-202 6:30-8:30pm-Homework Hangout-204 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary</p>	<p>30 9-2 MDO</p>	<p>DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE NOVEMBER 10!</p>

A watercolor illustration of autumn foliage, including various shades of orange, yellow, and green leaves, and clusters of small, dark berries on thin stems. The background is a light, textured beige.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICES

(with communion)

NOVEMBER 21, 2018

NOON

7:00 P.M.