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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EXCITING EVENT IN JANUARY!!

The Glamour and Romance of Oscar de la Renta

Museum of Fine Arts
1001 Bissonet
Houston - 77005
January 24th, 10 AM

"This Oscar de La Renta Fashion Exhibit will take your breath away" - **HARPER'S BAZAAR**

This exhibit showcases 70 ensembles from Oscar de la Renta's corporate and personal archives including a gown worn by Laura Bush and wedding gown worn by George Clooney's wife Amal.

We will meet at the Museum at **10 AM sharp!**

Admission: \$25 for individual

Senior: \$20

(Admission may be a bit less IF we have 10 or more!)

Following our tour, we will have a fun lunch at Buca di Beppo! Please sign up on list in Narthex by January 20th as we have to let the Museum a head count.

This will be a really special event for our ladies so we hope you can join us!

Questions, please call Marsha Bower: 281-381-0515 or lb16434@aol.com

Our **SOCK IT TO ME** service project was a huge success and hundreds of socks were donated by very generous folks and **WE** thank you for your participation! **SOCKS** are one of the most requested items by the homeless, so we were happy to be able to provide this simple (something we take for granted) yet vital item. It never ceases to amaze how CTS members respond to such requests!

Our lunch at Brookwood was as usual very special and a time for fellowship, a delicious lunch and shopping, shopping and more shopping. The nursery at Brookwood has a premier nursery with poinsettias that are spectacular! Thanks to those who attended and participated!

Women's Ministry committee is busy planning lots of activities for 2018 including the MFAH event, a Safety presentation by HPD, a road trip to Painted Churches and Galveston, our retreat in October. Please stay tuned via the newsletter and announcements in weekly bulletin and we hope there will be some activities that will interest you and you will join us!

The purpose of Women's Ministry is as follows:

To grow in our relationship with God and each other through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism



Lunch at Brookwood in December





WORSHIP & MUSIC

Christmas is past, the days are getting longer, and my son is married. I guess that means things are calming down.

The paraments will be back to green for the few weeks of the Epiphany season. If the time after Pentecost can be considered “the time of the church in the world,” the time after Epiphany can be considered “the time of Christ in the world.” This year, we are in the book of Mark, which means that we will be hearing a lot about Jesus’ miracles. But this year, Epiphany is a short season: because Easter is April 1, there are only four Sundays between the baptism of Jesus (January 7) and Transfiguration (February 11) with Ash Wednesday being on Valentine’s Day (we won’t celebrate both).

Three hymns come to mind for the Epiphany season, and they could not be more different even though they are right next to each other in the hymnal. The first is “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” (ELW #308). It was written by Philipp Nicolai in the winter of 1598 and nearly bursts at the seams with joy at who Jesus is and what he has done for us. The amazing part is that Nicolai wrote this hymn, and “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” (ELW #436) as an appendix to a prayer book written during an outbreak of the plague that he didn’t expect to survive. He did, and so we have what is known as the king and queen of Lutheran chorales.

“The Only Son from Heaven” (ELW #309) is known for two things: it is considered to be the first Lutheran hymn directly about Jesus, and it is the first Lutheran hymn written by a woman. Moreover, it is the only early Lutheran hymn published with a folk tune (at the author’s request). Elizabeth Cruciger only lived to 35, and not much is known about her. What we do know is that she was the wife of Casper Cruciger, part of Luther’s inner circle and a great theologian. Elizabeth apparently was no slouch – she was the only woman allowed at the table with Luther and his inner circle of theologians and seminary students. Although it is a much calmer hymn than the other two, “The Only Son from Heaven” is a beautiful prayer.

The third hymn, “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (ELW #310), is the only English hymn of the three (although set to a German tune from two centuries earlier). It is also the one of the three to tell the story of Jesus along with what he has done for us in an almost journalistic fashion. Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85), was the son of and also an Anglican priest and nephew of the English poet William Wordsworth. His hymns were written in his fifties and early sixties and were, to quote Paul Westermeyer, “intended to be of high quality, sound doctrine, for the whole church year and for the people.” He succeeded well.

GREETER REPORT FOR 2017

Many Many Thanks to the 79 individuals/family groups (some of you multiple times) who participated as Greeters for some 120+ Sunday/Special Services at CTS in 2017.

Greeters are now being scheduled for 2018. I encourage you to be a part of this important ministry at Christ the Servant. An opportunity to answer the call to service is available to anyone who is willing to give 15 minutes of his/her time to greet members and visitors who choose to worship at CTS. A warm smile and a handshake are the only requirements. A reminder letter will be sent to you along with a nametag for you to wear. Many positions are filled by my phone calls to you. If you would like to be a Greeter and have not been contacted by me, please feel free to call me and together we will find an opening in your busy schedule so you can participate as a Greeter. Or, alternatively, leave word with Betsy in the Church Office.

Donna L. Schneider
Greeter Chairperson
713-465-8108 (home)



ANNUAL MEETING

The CTS Annual Meeting was held on December 3. One of the most important functions of that meeting is the election of key leaders who will participate in CTS business and financial decisions throughout the coming year. Below is the slate of nominees who were elected at the meeting. Nominees for these positions of leadership are carefully chosen by a nominating committee which is also elected each year. A BIG THANK YOU is in order for this year's nominating committee -- DJ Blockhus, Arnie Kaestner and Linda Iversen.

2018 Elected Representatives

Church Council

President	Kyle Cooper
President-elect	Cliff Mabry (2 yrs)
Secretary	Ken Smith
Treasurer	Susan Collins (2 yrs)
Financial Secretary	Samantha Clark
At Large	Joanne Dumler
At Large	Chandler Wilhelm

Returning Members of Council

Pastor Jim

At Large – Linda Siegele

At Large – Bryant King

Opportunity Endowment Committee

Member- D.J.Blockhus (3 yrs)

Returning Members of the Committee

Nancie Blair (3 of 3)

Mike Iversen (3 of 3)

Mike Sweet (2 of 3)

Pastor Jim

Congregation Treasurer (Susan Collins)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Trey Iversen
- 3 Gabriel Lares
- 6 John Mfungo
- 7 Renee Guillroy
- 9 Joan Herbanek
Bruce Palfreyman
Clara Shoemaker
- 16 Tina Blockhus
Mike Saunders
Joan Nilsen
- 19 Sharon Stultz
- 21 Anyu Ulomi
- 22 Lon Hileman
Heiwet Keflom
- 23 Marcy Williams
- 24 Phyllis Richard
- 30 Zach Edwards
- 31 Sandy Wills
Dylan Ulomi



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



- 7 Chandler and Laura Wilhelm
- 9 Richard and Denise Carlson
- 16 Richard Caldwell and Barbara Stuckey



PRAYER REQUESTS

Those impacted by Hurricane Harvey

Karen Bauer

Carolyn Frerking

Phoebe Gilcrest, friend of Cheryl Skillman

Curtis Goedecke, father of Kurt Goedecke

Caroline Goodfellow, friend of the Siegele's

Nancy Hallock, friend of Judie Deeds

Rev. Arlyn Hausmann, brother of Vanita Homer

Vanita Homer

Harvey Jacobson

Vivian Johnson

Kathy Keith, friend of Joan Herbanek

Walter Lueck, friend of Lucille Cochr

Dean Mullin, friend of June and Harvey Jacobson

Ron Murawski, father of Tim Murawski

Julie Reider, niece of Russ Reider

Ray Reider, brother of Russ Reider

Cathy Roberson, daughter of Jodie Davis

Rob Roberson, son-in-law of Jodie Davis

Wuanita Schaper, mother of Carol Klem

Mary Ann Shabunas, mother of Mary Hiestand

Catherine Shoenfelt

Gail Smith, step-sister of Ron Hatcher

Marjorie Swartz, mother of Julie Heil

Richard Thomas, brother-in-law of June Jacobson

Margery Wheeler

Paul Williams

Mid Wills, mother of Tom Wills

Zachary, grandson of Bitsy Muse



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This newsletter and a calendar of church activities are available on the CTS website at:

www.christtheservant.net

February newsletter information deadline is:

January 15

Please submit information and articles in **MSWord documents** to Laura Wilhelm at **lvwilhelm@comcast.net**
Information may be edited to available space.



Sunday



Monday



JANUARY 2018

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday



Friday



Saturday

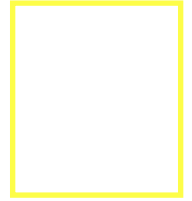


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	<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> <p>Office closed</p>		7:30 AA Journey		CanCare Marathon Packet Stuffing 9am-9pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	<p>3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry</p>	7:00 Bible Study	7:30 AA Journey	7:00 Council		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	<p>3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry</p>	5:30 WHAM ESL	5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey	5:30 WHAM ESL		9:00 Garage Sale Planning Meeting
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>10:00 Women's Ministry 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Men Who Love Spaghetti 7:30 AA Journey</p>	5:30 WHAM ESL		
28	29	30	31			<p>Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Christian Education- Sunday Classes for all ages 9:30-10:30 a.m.</p>

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Secretary:	Ken Smith	At Large: Linda Siegele
Treasurer:	Susan Collins	At Large: Chandler Wilhelm
Financial Secretary:	Samantha Clark	At Large: Bryant King

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, GROUP LEADERS, CONTACT PEOPLE

Acolytes	Inga Carlson, Michele Byrnes	Memorial Service Coordinator	Linda Iversen
Adult Christian Ed	TBA	Men Who Love Spaghetti	Roger Cutler
Altar Guild	Lori Wood	Nursery Attendant	Michelle Sanchez
Brookdale Ministry	Ken Smith, Carolyn Kirk	Opportunity Endowment Fund	TBA
CanCare Representative	Susan Kramer	Personnel	Inga Carlson, Ken Smith
Care Team	Arnie Kaestner	Prayer Chain	Marti Hatcher
College Ministry	Linda Shoemaker, Linda Siegele	Property	Brent Brown, Ron Herbanek
Disaster Response Team	Ron Herbanek	Sound Team	TBA 8:00 Service
Family Aid Ministry	Carolyn Giannantonio	Stewardship	Brent Brown-11:00 Service
Fellowship Committee	Rosalie Fontenot	Ushers	Carolyn Kirk
Greeters	Donna Schneider	WHAM Representatives	8:00 Russell Farmer
Homeless Ministry	Shirley Downing	Women's Ministry	11:00 Pat Welborn
Ladies Dinner Group	Mickey Walters	Worship and Music	Ken Smith
Lawn Care	Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson	Youth Fellowship	Marsha Bower
Lectors, CTS Players	Carolyn Kirk, Matt Grant		Lori Wood
Liturgical Assistants	Carolyn Kirk		Michele Byrnes