

October 16, 2020



Your weekly news & updates

As we all know, the pandemic has affected the financial stability and health of many of our neighbors in Colorado Springs. St. George's has been a long time supporter of Mercy's Gate, a not for profit Christian organization that comes along side of Colorado Springs residents who are experiencing a tough time. We keep a basket in the front of our church for donations, which one of our faithful parishioners has been taking over to the Mercy's Gate food pantry for years. However, during this time of social distancing and virtual church services, many of us have forgotten or been unable to contribute to the basket.



If you are someone who has weathered this storm well, please consider either making a contribution of needed goods to the basket or else making a financial contribution to our partners at Mercy's Gate. You can still drop things off at the church (the office is open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sundays 8:00 am until noon), and you can make a check out to St. George's with Mercy's Gate on the memo line.

- [Click here to access Mercy's Gate's Food Pantry Needs List.](#)
- [Click here to make a direct donation to Mercy's Gate.](#)

Kingdom Citizenship Election Season Sermon Series

- **October 18 - The Rev. John Stonestreet**
- October 25 - Fr. Armstrong, "Surviving the Election in a Politically Divided Family"
- November 1, All Saints Day - Bishop Williams

Worship Services

Sunday Morning Home ~ Affinity ~ In-Church

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion & Sermon
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion & Sermon (broadcast)

A graphic for the Kingdom Citizenship Election Season Sermon Series. It features a background of an old map with a compass and a key. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box. At the bottom right, there is a small red cross icon on a white shield.

Kingdom Citizenship
Election Season Sermon Series
October 18th
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. (livestream)
The Reverend John Stonestreet

[Download Service Leaflet Here](#)

Weekday Daily Offices

6:00 a.m. The Daily Office of Morning Prayer

6:00 p.m. The Daily Office of Evening Prayer

Sunday Education

Children's Sunday School

The Children's Education hour continues each Sunday at the Boonzaaijer home. It's been good to see some folks we haven't met up with in many months! Our two groups are reading in the Saul/David stories, learning memory work, catechism, and song. Please join us as we dedicate this time each Sunday afternoon to forming our children "in the knowledge and love of God."

Parents, we invite you to sit in or just relax somewhere about the property.

3:30-4:30
At the Boonzaaijer home

Primary Class, ages 3-9 (bathroom ready)

Junior Class (ages 10+)

Contact Erica Boonzaaijer for details: stephenandericab@gmail.com

Youth Group

Video Games, Week 3!

Hello, everyone!

It was great to see you all again last Sunday night! Well done watching the video again. [Please watch] the next one ... before we meet together this coming Sunday at 7:30. And, if at all possible, please watch it with your parents and talk about the discussion questions with them.

This week's video is on video games once again and more specifically focused on violence. Although many of you do not play video games, violence is present in a lot of the media we consume on a daily basis, and therefore deserves deeper conversation.

When you watch this week's video, think about your own experiences with media violence; consider these questions and talk about them with your family if possible:

- Violence is prevalent and popular in our media. What do you think that says about our culture?
- The video mentioned "Ludonarrative Dissonance," which is gratuitous violence without realistic consequences for the characters involved. What are some movies, games, or shows that you think might suffer from this?
- Does it surprise you that video games probably don't cause real-world violence? Why do you think this misconception has been popular for so long?
- Do you think being critical of violence in media, like games or movies, means you should completely disengage with them? How should we treat violence in the media? When would you say violence is justified or not justified?

What might be surprising to some is the violence present in the Bible. Specifically, Matthew includes this section of intense violence right in the middle of the hopeful advent narrative. Why do you think he did this?

Matthew 2:16-18. 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old and under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. **17** Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: **18** "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." There is also a lot of violence in the book of Judges. Think about why this might be included in the Bible. And you get extra credit if you read some or all of Judges!

We are looking forward to seeing you all again on Sunday! As usual, we will send out an email with the Zoom meeting link on Sunday evening before youth group. Please come, even if you have not been able to watch the video!

Love,

The Eatons and the Barkalows

Hymns of the Week

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus
Praise to God, Immortal Praise
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Duffield, George, Jr., author of *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*, was born at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Sept. 12, 1818, and graduated at Yale College, and at the Union Theological Seminary, New York. The origin of this hymn is: "I caught its inspiration words of Rev. Dudley Atkins Tyng. His last words were, 'Tell them to stand up for Jesus: now let us sing a hymn.' As he had been much persecuted in those pro-slavery days for his persistent course in pleading the cause of the oppressed, it was thought that these words had a peculiar significance in his mind; as if he had said, 'Stand up for Jesus in the person of the downtrodden slave.' (Luke v. 18.)"

Anna Barbauld, author of *Praise to God, Immortal Praise*, was born June 20, 1743 and died on March 9, 1825. She was the wife of a minister, taught in an academy and is best known as a hymn writer. **Conrad Kocher** (1786-1872), the author of this hymn tune, was born in Germany but moved to St. Petersburg, Russia, to work as a tutor at the age of seventeen. But his love for the music of Haydn and Mozart

impelled him to a career in music. He moved back to Germany in 1811, settled in Stuttgart, and remained there.

John Newton (1725-1807), author of *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*, after a life at sea several factors contributed to Newton's conversion including a near-drowning in 1748. In 1754 he gave up the slave trade and, in association with William Wilberforce, eventually became an ardent abolitionist. He was ordained in the Church of England. He is also known as the author of *Amazing Grace*. The tune was written by **Franz Joseph Haydn** (1732-1809). He began his musical career as a choirboy in St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna, then served as music director for the Esterhazy family from 1761 to 1790. Haydn became a most productive and widely respected composer of symphonies, chamber music, and piano sonatas. Haydn's church music includes six great Masses and a few original hymn tunes. This hymn tune is also used for the Austrian national anthem.

- adapted from *Hymnary.org*



Women's Bible Study Autumn Semester: The Screwtape Letters

October 20th ~ Letter Six

"He wants men to be concerned with what they do; our business is to keep them thinking about what will happen to them." ~Screwtape

Military service seems inevitable for Wormwood's patient, and Screwtape affirms the decision to cultivate anxiety and fear about the future. Wormwood's first goal for the patient is to divert his attention away from God and the good he should be doing. Secondly, Wormwood should seek to transfer the patient's hatred for the war on to his everyday neighbors.

In addition to reading **Letter Six**, please also read the following scripture passages as a supplement to our discussion (questions have been distributed via email):

- Mark 4:18-19
- Philippians 4:6
- Luke 9:23

We meet each Tuesday morning from 10:30 until noon. It's never too late to join! Contact [Karla Probert](#) for Zoom meeting details and/or discussion questions.

Please note that **Prayers for Our Nation** was rescheduled last week and will thus be held **THIS week (October 20th)** beginning at 10:00 a.m. using the same Zoom link as for Bible study.

In Celebration

Happy Anniversary

Sue Battig & Tony Zuchowski, Erica & Stephen Boonzaaijer

Happy Birthday

Lloyd Nies

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were given to the Glory of God in memory of Dick Bean on his birthday, by his loving family.