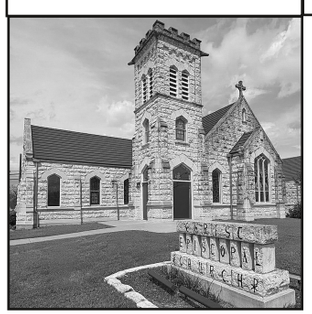
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JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING & LUNCHEON ON
OCTOBER 7, 2026

MONTHLY LUNCHEON HELD AT:
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH: PARISH HALL
300 N. MAIN - TEMPLE, TX 76504
PAID ($21) RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
* RESERVATION FORM INSIDE!



DIRECTIONS:
(From Belton)
I-35N. Exit 301 Central Ave., Left on 3rd St., Right on W. Calhoun Ave. (by KCEN-TV), Left slightly after 1st St. to parking behind church.

(From S. 31st & Loop 363)
31st St. heading north, Right on Central Ave, Left on 3rd St., Right on Calhoun Ave. (by KCEN-TV), Left slightly after 1st St. to parking behind the church.

Newcomers Newsletter

OCTOBER 2026

MONTHLY MEETING & LUNCHEON: **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2026**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH: PARISH HALL - 300 N. MAIN, TEMPLE

**** COFFEE AVAILABLE: 10:30AM * * * MEETING STARTS: 11:00AM ****



PROGRAM:
MATTHEW BATES
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER - BELTON

MR. BATES WILL SHARE INFORMATION ON AREA INFRASTRUCTURE AND FREEWAY CHANGES COMING TO BELTON

WHAT'S ON THE MENU!!

SALAD	*ENTREE*	*DESSERT*
AVOCADO GARDEN SALAD	**CHICKEN & BEEF FAJITAS**	**CARROT CAKE**
Chips & Salsa	Spanish Rice, Charro Beans, Tortillas, Guacamole, Pico de Gallo, Shredded Cheese	

OPEN ENROLLMENT!
October 1 - October 14

The first two weeks of October is Open Enrollment time. This means any woman (relative, friend, co-worker, or neighbor) who does not currently qualify for membership according to the Club's Bylaws may become a member by invitation of a Member (You!) in good standing.

If you know someone who is interested in joining or rejoining, please let them know NOW is the time! Find the Membership application on the Newcomers website.

For questions or more information, contact:

Membership Chair Sheri Clifton
Email: sherbear@bearhouse.us
or Call: (602) 432-7510

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Donna Kooring
614 Campus St., Troy
donawhoo@yahoo.com
(254) 231-7249
ML, BC, BU, FL, FS, MG, TB

CHANGES & CORRECTIONS

Pat Hathaway
4312 S. 31st St., Apt. 107, Temple 76502

Mary Jo Ackerman
5320 Loop 205, Apt. 256, Temple 76502

ACTIVITIES LEGEND: ML: Monthly Luncheon, **BC**: Book Clubs, **BU**: Bunco, **CNO**: Couples Night Out, **EW**: Exploring Wines, **FL**: Fun Lunch, **FS**: Footloose Singles, **JE**: Jimmy's Egg, **MJ**: Mah Jongg, **MG**: Meet & Greet Coffee, **MTD**: Mexican Train Dominoes, **SB**: Singing Bluebonnets, **TB**: Trailblazers Walking Group

HAVE A QUESTION? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

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Save a Stamp! Use the Basket!
Reservation basket available at Meet & Greet or Monthly Luncheon

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

October 7, 2026
PAID Reservation $21.00/person

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

(This is NEW contact information: _____)

GUEST'S NAME: _____

Make your check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB, INC.**
Mail your check with this form to:

Karen Mattingly, 4811 Bellfalls Ct., Temple, TX 76502

Paid reservations **must** be received by **Fri., Sept. 25, 2026**

Phone reservations will not be accepted. Any cancellation must be made by **Wed., Sept. 30, 2026**, in order to receive a refund. (Bylaws, Article XI Section 6)

Checks or Exact Cash or (New Option) Bank Bill Pay accepted!

MEET & GREET COFFEE

OCTOBER 15, 10:30AM-12:00PM

This month's Hostess & Location:

DEBBIE SHIELDS

5211 Denmans Loop, Belton
(214) 870-8313

Meet & Greet Coffee is a fun, informal way to introduce new Members to the Club and catch up with old friends.

You are encouraged to bring a sweet or savory snack to share such as cookies, cake, or other finger foods (Your items may be purchased!).

COMMUNITY CORNER

(Public Welcome)

St. Nicholas Market
Nov. 6 & 7 (Fri. & Sat.), 9:00am - 4:00pm
Christ Episcopal Church
300 N. Main St., Temple

Temple Garden Club
1st Thur., Monthly, 9:30am - 12noon
St. Paul's Methodist Church
2407 W. Ave., P, Temple

Bartlett Activities Center Garden Series
4th Wed., Monthly, 6:00 - 7:00pm
Historic Bartlett School, Bell Street, Bartlett, TX

Troy Lunch & Learn Garden Series
(Bring your Brown Bag lunch)
2nd Fri., Monthly, 12noon - 1:00pm
Troy Community Center, Troy, TX

DEADLINE!

NOVEMBER Newsletter:

September 14

Email or Text information to:

Rebecca Buff
newcomers.pres2017@gmail.com
254) 482-0166



Nice Things to Know . . .

Activity photos are often posted on Facebook. You can follow Newcomers on Facebook by requesting an invitation to join this PRIVATE GROUP.
Email your request to: Cherill Potts @ mscherill@msn.com

Have you met someone who's interested in becoming a member? You can find Club information and an application on the public section of the web:

www.bellcountynewcomers.com

Please note that the "Members" and "Newsletter" pages are password protected to ensure our Members' privacy. For ID & password, please contact Sheri Clifton @ (602) 432-7510 or Karen Mattingly @ (702) 503-5465.

New 2026-2027 Directories are available! You can pick yours up at the Monthly Luncheon or the Meet & Greet Coffee but only through December! Get yours now!

The President's Pen

Fall is in the air! It's time for leaves to fall from the trees (well, not so much here in Texas!), shorter days, cooler evenings, and, of course, Halloween.

Do you remember, as a child, going trick-or-treating? I have fond memories of dressing up in costume, eagerly going from house to house with my sisters, hoping to fill my bag with as much candy as possible. But I also remember carrying those little orange UNICEF milk cartons. Do you?! As we walked through our neighborhoods collecting treats for ourselves, we were also collecting coins to help children we would never meet.

Looking back, it was a simple but powerful lesson. Even as children, we learned that while it is fun to receive, it is even more meaningful to give. Those small donations, gathered one coin at a time, reminded us that kindness has no age limit and that each of us can make a difference in someone's life.

As we enter this beautiful autumn season, perhaps it's a good time to ask ourselves how we can continue that spirit of generosity. It doesn't always require a financial gift. Sometimes it is offering a helping hand, making a phone call to someone who is lonely, volunteering our time, or simply sharing a smile and a kind word with someone who needs encouragement.

May this season remind us that just as the leaves change and the seasons turn, we too have opportunities to grow, to serve, and to be a blessing to others. Let us embrace the spirit of gratitude for all we have and look for ways to share those blessings with those around us.

Wishing you all a wonderful autumn filled with joy, good health, fellowship, and many opportunities to make a positive difference.

Mary
(760) 265-5035
pringlem@msn.com



NEWCOMERS MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

CHAT 'N' CANASTA
1st Mon., Oct. 5

Time: 11:30am - 2:30pm

Location: Christina Wiggins
2605 Laguna Dr., Harker Heights

Grp. Ldr:
Christina Wiggins
915-309-7919
cwiggactivity@yahoo.com

BOOKWORMS
2nd Mon., Oct. 12

Time: 1:30 - 3:30pm

Book: The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Hostess: Patrice Hunter

Location: 609 W. Shell Ave. Temple

Grp. Ldr:
Carol Kintigh
575-317-3790
carol.kintigh@gmail.com

SNACK TIME MAH JONGG
3rd Mon., Oct. 19

Time: 11:30am - 2:30pm

Location: Christina Wiggins
2605 Laguna Dr., Harker Heights

Grp. Ldr:
Christina Wiggins
915-309-7919
cwiggactivity@yahoo.com

WELL READ WOMEN
4th Mon., Oct. 26

Time: 1:30 - 3:30pm

Book: Ms. Mebel Goes to the chopping Block by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Hostess: Colleen Barnes
201 E. Killen Ln., Temple

Grp. Ldr:
Pat Nitz
616-364-6652
pat.nitz@yahoo.com

MONDAY CANASTA
4th Mon., Oct. 26

Time: 12noon - 3:00pm

Location: Belton Senior Center
842 Mitchel St., Belton

Grp. Ldr:
Karen Mattingly
702-503-5465
karensnewcomerstuff@outlook.com

Interested in starting a new activity or one-time event?



Contact:
Mary Murray
281-386-8796
mjmpw202@yahoo.com

TUESDAY

SINGING BLUEBONNETS
2nd & 4th Tues.,Oct. 13 & 27

Time: 10:00am - 12noon

Location: Mary Pringle
529 Wills Point Way, Belton

Grp. Ldrs:
Nancy Carr: 304-360-2687
nan_c_carr@yahoo.com
Beverly Kermode: 727-573-3500
bevkermode@gmail.com

BUNCO
3rd Tues., Oct. 20

Time: 1:30pm
** Bring $2 to play **

Location: Claudene Brewer
12021 Lago Terra Blvd., Belton

Grp. Ldrs:
Claudene Brewer: 409-791-0949
Tebbell@aol.com
Carol Kintigh: 575-317-3790
carol.kintigh@gmail.com

FOOTLOOSE SINGLES
1st Tues., Oct. 6

Time: 4:00pm

Location:
MasFajitas Mexican Restaurant
1902 SW HK Dodgen Lp., Temple

Grp. Ldr:
Linda Atkins
512-796-1281
atkinsfromtexas@yahoo.com
Mary Lou Tunnicliff
512-663-0398
mltunnicliffe@gmail.com

Text or Call Linda to be added to her list for additional activities!

WEDNESDAY

MONTHLY LUNCHEON
1st Wed., Oct. 7

Time: 10:30am - 1:00pm

Location: Christ Episcopal Church
Parish Hall - 300 N. Main, Temple

FUN LUNCH
4th Wed., Oct. 28

Time: 11:30am

Location:
MasFajitas Mexican Restaurant
1902 SW HK Dodgen Loop, Temple

Grp. Ldrs:
Margie Gilmore
254-760-2061
margiestyl1@gmail.com
Claudene Brewer
409-791-0949
Tebbell@aol.com

THURSDAY

MEET 'N' GREET
3rd Thurs., Oct. 15

Time: 10:30am - 12:00noon

Location: Debbie Shields
5211 Denmans Loop, Belton

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES
2nd & 4th Thurs.Oct. 8 & 22

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Belton Senior Center
842 Mitchell St., Belton

Grp. Ldr:
Karen Mattingly
702-503-5465
karensnewcomerstuff@outlook.com

(more) THURSDAY

COUPLES NIGHT OUT
2nd Thurs., Oct. 8

Time: 5:30pm (social)
6:00pm (Dinner)

Location: Lollipops
15 N. 7th Street, Temple

Grp. Ldrs:
Claudene Brewer: 409-791-0949
Tebbell@aol.com
Katie Graham: 405-520-4601
asaylors.sweetie@gmail.com

NONFICTION BOOK CLUB
3rd Thurs., Oct. 15

Time: 1:30 - 3:30pm

Book: The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America By Erik Larson

Location: Christ Episcopal Church
Parlor Rm - 300 N. Main, Temple

Grp. Ldrs:
Pat Nitz: 616-364-6652
pat.nitz@yahoo.com
Jane McChesney: 254-444-5984
janeannemc@sbcglobal.net



FRIDAY

TRAILBLAZERS WALKING GROUP
4th Fri., Oct. 23

Time: 8:30am

Location:
* San Gabriel River Trail (Georgetown)
* Meet at Belton Park & Ride

Lunch: Southwestern University Cafe

Grp. Ldrs:
Carol Kintigh: 575-317-3790
carol.kintigh@gmail.com
Cherill Potts: 214-208-2464
mscherill@msn.com

SATURDAY

BREAKFAST at JIMMY'S EGG
Last Sat., Oct. 31

Time: 9:00am - 10:30am

Location: 5408 W Adams, Temple

Grp. Ldr:
Mavis Smith
601-569-0868
Lilpaddocks@yahoo.com
Bring a lady friend. Please RSVP as group size is limited

EXPLORING WINES
3rd Sat., Oct. 17

Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Location:
Debbie & Greg Shields
5211 Denmans Loop, Belton

* Bring your favorite wine and an appetizer to share along with a spouse or guest, or just yourself.

Grp. Ldrs:
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andreasenf@gmail.com
Shawn Sawin 254-718-6010
shawn.sawin@icloud.com