



GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH AND SCHOOL SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Church Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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We at Good Shepherd are called to be a vibrant spiritual and educational community, radiating God's love for everyone, everywhere!



GOOD SHEPHERD
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekly Offering:	\$11,782
Budgeted Weekly Goal:	\$16,580
Sunday Worship Attendance:	184
Sunday Livestream:	151
Food Pantry Families Served:	77

December 7, Sunday

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I
 - 9:45 am * Nursery Available for infants – age 3
 - 10:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II
 - 10:00 am Children's Sunday School - Begins in Church
 - 11:15 am Kids in the Courtyard
- *Located in the Ryon Office Building*

December 8, Monday

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Online (Meets via Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Surviving the Holidays – Library
- 7:00 pm AA 12-Step Program – Parish Hall

December 9, Tuesday

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Online (Meets via Zoom)
- 10:30 am Harmony Women's 12-Step Program – Parish Hall
- 11:00 am Food Pantry – Parking Lot
- 2:00 pm Tech Tuesday – Barn
- 6:30 pm Barn Raising – Barn

December 10, Wednesday

- 8:30 am School Chapel – Church
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Online (Meets via Zoom)
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer – St. Martin Chapel
- 10:30 am Al-Anon – Quiet Room
- 11:00 am Bible Study – Parish Hall
- 3:00 pm Finance Committee – Library
- 4:00 pm Howard Smith Funeral Service – Church
- 6:00 pm Youth Group – Barn
- 6:30 pm Outreach Committee – Library

December 11, Thursday

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Online (Meets via Zoom)
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group – Barn
- 4:00 pm Special Theological Book Study – Library
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room

December 12, Friday

- 8:00 AM Good Guys Men's Breakfast – Parish Hall
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Online (Meets via Zoom)
- 10:30 am Harmony Women's 12-Step Program – Parish Hall

December 13, Saturday

- 10:00 am Daughters of the King – Library

WEEK AT A GLANCE

GOOD SHEPHERD TOY DRIVE AND STORE: THROUGH DECEMBER 8

Our Good Shepherd Toy Drive will collect unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 5-10 for Christmas. Suggested toys include arts and crafts, sports equipment, Legos, dolls and games. A Christmas tree in the Narthex also has tags for suggested items including clothing and gift cards, so take a tag! Outreach will also have a "Toy Store" in the Narthex for parishioners beginning November 30 to make a toy purchase for donating if they choose. Please bring your **unwrapped** items to the Narthex on Sundays by December 7, or the School by December 8.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: DECEMBER 8, 5:00 PM

For people who've lost a loved one, the holidays can be bleak. The lay-led event '**Surviving the Holidays**' offers coping tools, strategies, and support for grieving congregation members and people in our community. The event will be held in the Good Shepherd Library. Those planning to attend please provide a loved ones' photo or copy of one. Email the photo to alesbirel@icloud.com, or leave in an envelope addressed to Alex Lesbirel in the Church office. It will be returned to you following the program. Sign up in the Narthex.

ADVENT CANDLE: SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

This morning we celebrate the second Sunday in Advent. Advent is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and our worship is focused on the themes of hope, waiting, and expectation. Each Sunday in Advent we light the Advent Candle prior to the beginning of the service. **Lauren Rodger, Quinn Foerch, and Quinn's grandmother Helene Chaplow will lead the lighting this morning at 10 AM.** As we light the candle, we recall the light Christ brings to our world through hope, peace, joy and love.

TECH TUESDAY: DECEMBER 9, 2:00 PM

Experiencing tablet or laptop difficulties? Join us this Tuesday as 2:00 PM as we help with your tech questions in a group setting so we all learn from each other. We'll help with your laptop, tablet or smartphone issues. Bring your mobile device.

BARNRAISING: DECEMBER 9, 6:30 PM

What Does the Bible Actually Say? Reading Scripture Without Checking Your Brain at the Door

Join us this Advent as we explore how to read the Bible with curiosity, courage, and open hearts. Scripture can be confusing, beautiful, and sometimes even unsettling—and Advent invites us to listen with fresh ears for God's surprising word. We'll look at how ancient stories anticipating Jesus' coming are still relevant today and how to read the Bible in a way that honors both faith and reason—no seminary degree required! Free childcare available.

ADVENT STUDY DECEMBER 10, 11:00 AM

The study is *A Lived Theology of Everyday Life*, a book by the Rev. Dr. Michael DeLashmutt, Dean of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at The General Theological Seminary. Alex Serra-Wolfington, our seminarian, will lead Bible Study conversations of the book on Wednesdays through December 17. The books may be purchased in the church office.

DEAN OF GENERAL SEMINARY VISIT: DECEMBER 11, 4:00 PM

We are delighted to announce that the Rev. Dr. Michael DeLashmutt, Senior Vice President and Dean of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at The General Theological Seminary, will join us in person on **December 11 to speak about his new book, *A Lived Theology of Everyday Life***, during a special Theological Book Study. This engaging work invites readers to discover how God meets us in the ordinary rhythms of daily life, blending theology, storytelling, and practical insight. Meet in the Library.

A LOOK AHEAD

SUNDAY FORUM: DECEMBER 14, 9:00 AM

Join us at our next Sunday Forum for a guest speaker representing El Sol, Jupiter's Neighborhood Resource Center. Good Shepherd Outreach often partners with El Sol, an organization providing an array of services including ESL classes, health information and navigation services, family programs, legal services, a food assistance program, and vocational training. Meet in the Parish Hall.

CANDLELIGHT COMPLINE: CELEBRATING SANTA LUCIA, DECEMBER 14, 5:30 PM

Step out of the season's rush and into a moment of holy stillness. We will gather by candlelight for a brief Compline service—quiet prayer, gentle song, and a reading of God's dawning light. If you're longing to take a deeper step into the Spirit this Advent, come rest in the glow of Christ's peace and carry a light for the days ahead. The service will be under 30 minutes. Meet in the church.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS: DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Donate Christmas altar flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for friends and loved ones. Requests may be made through the website, or you may scan the QR code at right. You may also use the paper forms available in the Narthex. Plants are delivered after Christmas to the homebound. **Donations received by Wednesday, December 17 will be printed in the Christmas bulletins.**



O.W.L.S. SENIOR LUNCHEON: DECEMBER 18, 11:30 AM

This month the O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds) will enjoy a Christmas luncheon in the Parish Hall. Stay tuned for details as the OWLS prepare to celebrate with lots of Christmas cheer!

THE LONGEST NIGHT: A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND SONG, DECEMBER 20, 5:00 PM

Join us for this moving service that coincides with the eve of the winter solstice. Sometimes known as the Blue Christmas service or Christmas of Light service, it is traditionally designed to temper the struggle faced by those living with loss and grief.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: DECEMBER 21, 10:00 AM

The children and youth of Good Shepherd will present the miraculous story of Christmas on December 21. A perennial favorite, the Children's Christmas Pageant has parts for kids of all ages and all children are encouraged to participate. Whether an angel, shepherd, lamb or wise person, there's a role for everyone! We also need volunteers to "shepherd the flock" the day of the pageant. There will be one rehearsal from 9:00-11:00 AM on Saturday, December 20. **Contact Michelle Lane for more information, mlane@goodsheponline.org, or call the church office.**

YOUTH GROUP COOKIE SALE: DECEMBER 21, AFTER BOTH SERVICES

Support our Good Shepherd youth purchasing a box of delicious cookies. Cookie boxes are perfect for your Christmas entertaining and hosting! The youth will be selling boxes of cookies after each service on December 21, so grab a box while supplies last! All proceeds fund Good Shepherd Youth Group activities.

FOYER GROUPS: FORMING NOW

We're inviting more parishioners—especially newcomers—to sign up for our Foyer Groups, also known as Dinner Groups. These small, friendly gatherings are a wonderful way to meet new people, build community, and enjoy good company. Groups of 6–8 meet every 4–6 weeks from December through May, either in one another's homes, in the Parish Hall, or at a special spot chosen by the group. Hosting and dishes are shared, making it simple and enjoyable for everyone. If you're looking for a fun, easy way to connect at Good Shepherd, we'd love for you to join a group! **Please contact Lucy Lanpher at 561-818-8311 or lanpherl@comcast.net for details.**

PRAYER LIST



To submit a prayer request, use the Prayer Concern cards in the Narthex, scan the QR Code on the right or visit GoodShepOnline.org/Prayer.

SHORT-TERM PRAYERS

Prayer requests are for 30 days.

Kermit A., Letty A., Clayton B., Rebecca F., Gina and Adam F., Jenna H., Michele K., Tom M., Barbara P., Nancy S., Taylor S., Kiki and Russell W.

LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Michael and Joan A., Marguerite A., Margaret B., Ricardo A., Ben B., Joan B., Bettina and Paul C., Gloria C., Melissa C., Doug and family, John E., Ned E., George F., Linda G., Bert H., Elise and Tiffany H., Cindy I., Karl and Ginny, Jacqui and Harry K., Lenore, Fran L., Jack L., Tom L., Bruce M., Leslie M., Stephen M., Shirley N., Nina P., Paul Q., Kristen R., Jim and Jerre R., Nancy and Patrick R., Lori S., Dona S., Joann S., Carolyn T., Mary Ella T., Don W., George W., Mirabelle W., Terri Y, Lori Z.

GENERAL PRAYERS

For Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Clergy, Staff, and Vestry, and all Good Shepherd Ministries/Outreach.

For Good Shepherd Episcopal School.

For our country, for our leaders, and the leaders of all nations.

For peace – especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, and for Haiti and Bondeau.

For St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, Fort Myers Beach.

For the people of Jamaica, Cuba and the Bahamas as they recover from Hurricane Melissa.

SERVING IN UNIFORM

Grant Davis - US Marine Corps, Kyle Irving-US Navy, Dylan Jenkins - US Navy, Nick Layden-US Army, Michael Minali, - US Army, Gabriel Masri - US Marine Corps, Rhett Price-US Army, and Brett Smith - US Air Force.

REST IN PEACE

Les Waton

Howard Smith

ON THE ALTAR

The Sanctuary Candle is given this month to the glory of God.

Advent altar greenery is given to the glory of God.



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