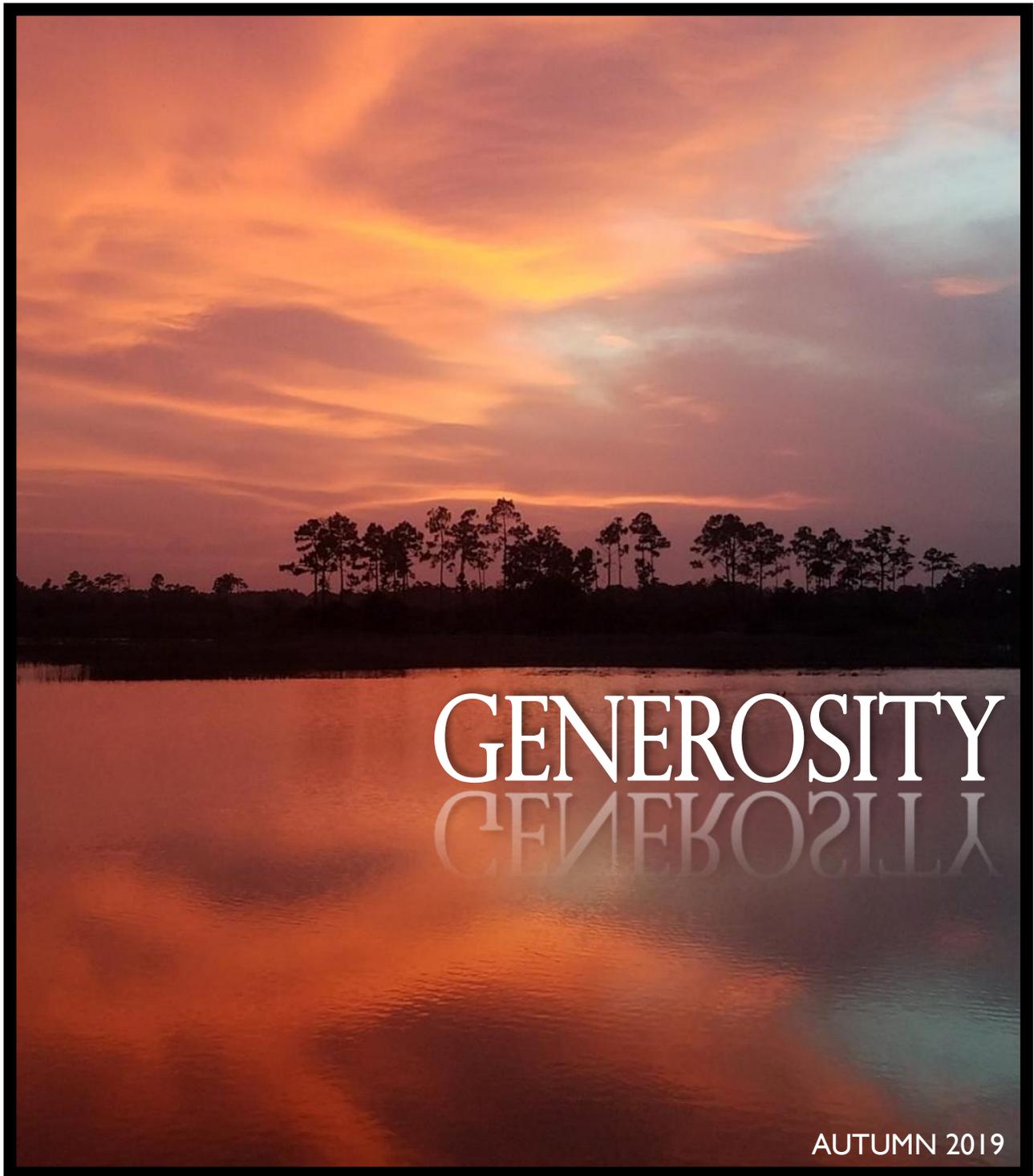


# Tidings

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and School, Tequesta, FL



*We exist to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love!*



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**WELCOME!** Visit our welcome desk in the Narthex any Sunday for ministry information or to simply connect with us! New? Pick up an olivewood cross, our gift to you.

**BAPTISMS** are generally administered on Easter Eve, Pentecost, All Saints' Sunday and the first Sunday after Epiphany. Pre-baptism classes are scheduled and held seasonally. A person of any age may receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism. The application form for baptismal candidates is available online under the WORSHIP tab. **Next Baptism Date: Sunday, November 3, All Saints' Sunday**

**THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** requires a minimum of 90 days notice to our office and requires premarital counseling. An initial conference with the clergy should be scheduled by the couple to review the process and any special circumstances before commitments may be made. Please contact Jo Wood to schedule.

**FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICES** for communicants of the parish are customarily held in the church and may include the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

To **TRANSFER YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** to Good Shepherd, please contact Paula in the office to initiate a transfer.

**NEW TO GOOD SHEPHERD?** Please let us know you're here! Contact Jo Wood, our Director of Hospitality at [jwood@goodsheponline.org](mailto:jwood@goodsheponline.org) or call the office at 561-746-4674. Find out about the many ways to participate fully in the life of this parish community through events, services, outreach, fellowship, and more.

### COVER IMAGE

God is generous. Not only has he bestowed on us great gifts, he has given us the capacity to appreciate and be grateful for them. Our own generosity is a perfect reflection of his love and faithfulness to us.

*Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds. —Psalm 36:5*

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### OUR VISION

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

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# A Word from the Rector

As the dog days of summer come to an end, the new program year at Good Shepherd is set to begin! During the month of August, we blessed school supplies for the Warfield School in Indiantown; officially welcomed two new staff members; kicked-off a new academic year for our school; and began the search for an architect for our future capital improvements. These are exciting times at Good Shepherd! As we gear up for another year of shared mission and ministry, I pray that God's Spirit will equip and empower us for this important work.



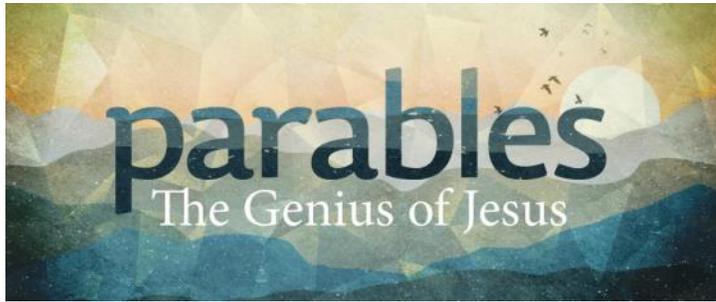
However, our participation in God's mission would not be possible without the support of our parishioners. Through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we are able to reach out to our community with the love and healing presence of Jesus. Through worship, service, fellowship, and formation, we are making a difference in people's lives. Through our school, we are shaping the lives of our children and providing a firm foundation of faith and Christian values. Through all we do and say, we are seeking to radiate God's unconditional love for everyone, everywhere.

This season, as we reflect on the many ways that we support the life and ministry of our congregation, we will be focusing on the theme of *Generosity*. As Christians, we believe that everything is a gracious gift from God. The very act of creation was an act of grace, an expression of God's radical love and generosity. Of course, God's generosity is most fully manifested in the gift of God's Son, who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. As followers of Jesus, we are called to emulate God's generosity and to give freely and abundantly of ourselves as an act of worship and gratitude. Discovering the joy of generosity lies at the very heart of the Christian journey of discipleship!

Throughout this edition of *Tidings*, in addition to important information about upcoming events and programs, you will find insightful articles and resources about the joy of *generosity*. May God fill our hearts with gratitude as we continue this exciting journey of faith together!

In Christ,

## WORSHIP



## Fall Preaching Series

*Sundays in September and October*

As Jesus traveled around the Galilean countryside, he frequently used parables to teach his disciples and the large crowds that followed him. The gospel of Luke contains more parables than any other gospel and we will be hearing many of these parables in church during the months of September and October. During this fall season, Fr. Doug will be preaching on the way in which Jesus uses parables to convey the vision of God's reign and to encourage his followers in the path of discipleship.

## Music Ministry



### Choir begins in September

It's back! Choir will commence the fall season on Sunday, September 8, at the 10:00 service. Practice is held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the All Saints' Room (south side of the Narthex).

### Choir Open House

On Sunday, September 8, there will be a special Choir Open House for anyone interested in finding out about the music, schedule, special musical offerings and opportunities, meet the Choir Director and Assistant Choir Coordinator, and much more. No RSVP is required. Please visit us in the All Saints' Room after the 10:00 service.

### Young musicians and singers

We are asking any children and youth with an interest in music — choral, solo, instrumental — to please join others on Sunday, September 15, at 11:30 a.m. in the All Saints' Room. Bring your instrument or favorite music.

### Thank you to our summer musicians!

At Good Shepherd, the choir takes the summer off and we are very grateful for the beautiful music provided by our quartet, Debbie White, Paul and Lydia Schweizer, and Ian Anderson for their musical offerings. We also would like to thank everyone who participated in our Old-Timey Gospel Music Sunday, a unique presentation of spiritual and historical music.

## Rector's Bible Study

*The Weeping Prophet:*

*A Ten-Week Study of the Book of Jeremiah*

**Begins Wednesday, September 18 | 11:00 AM**

Jeremiah is technically the longest book of the Bible with over 33,000 words. It is book that recounts the prophetic ministry of Jeremiah, who lived during the Jewish exile in Babylon (6<sup>th</sup> century BCE). Jeremiah is often referred to as "the weeping prophet" because of his great personal sacrifice and the profound grief he experienced as God's chosen people abandoned their covenantal identity and calling. This ten-week study will provide a comprehensive overview of the Book of Jeremiah, its history and importance for the Church today.

## Serve on Sunday

We are currently looking to train volunteers for various roles at both 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday services. If you can help, we would really love to hear from you. Please contact Merike in the office at 561-746-4674, xt. 104 for information and training schedules for:

- Sound Techs
- Adult Acolytes
- Jitters Coffee Hour Hosts
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Prayer Intercessors
- Altar Guild

**The Episcopal Way**  
AN INTRODUCTION TO LIFE IN THE CHURCH  
Saturday, October 5  
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
This one-day class will cover important topics related to the ministry we share at Good Shepherd. If you're seeking Confirmation, Reaffirmation or just want to learn more, this opportunity is for you.



# Money Matters

*A Personal Journey of Giving*

By The Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf



I was fortunate to grow up in a comfortable home where all my basic needs were met as well as the occasional luxury. Of course, there were times when we just couldn't afford some of the things my friends were enjoying, whether it was a pair of designer sneakers or the latest technology. Nevertheless, life was good. I didn't have to think very much about money. Yet as I grew older, and decided that I wanted to drive my own car and buy the latest stereo equipment, money became more important. I still remember my dad co-signing my first credit application, so I could qualify for a credit card and expand my financial horizons. I remember my first job, my first paycheck, and the first deposit into my savings account. Eventually I arrived at the realization that when it comes to almost everything involved in daily living – *money matters*.

However, throughout this process of financial maturation, I had a harder time making the connection between money and spirituality. Of course, growing up in the church I heard the occasional stewardship sermon. I would watch as parishioners threw a few crumpled dollar bills in the offering plate as it was passed down the pew. During the Lenten

season, I would diligently fill up my “mite box” to be placed on the altar on Easter Sunday. But as I approached adulthood, these practices seemed trite and disconnected from the *real world* of making money, paying bills, making investments, and building a future.

All of that changed when, as a college student, I attended a conference at another church. The speaker shared her testimony of coming to faith in Christ and how that experience changed her entire outlook on life, including how she spent her money. She reflected on the spiritual discipline of tithing, the giving of the ten percent back to God as an act of worship and gratitude. She shared about the freedom and joy she experienced as a result of making *generosity* a priority in her spiritual life. As I listened to her testimony, I can only describe what I experienced as a moment of conversion, a moment when I felt compelled to make the discipline of tithing an integral part of my life as a follower of Jesus. It was in that moment of conversion that I arrived at the realization that when it comes to living a life of faithfulness to God's call – *money matters*.

As a college student engaged to be married, I wasn't making

a lot of money. Nevertheless, I made the commitment to tithe to my local congregation. For over twenty years, this spiritual discipline has been a transformative part of my spiritual journey. It has been transformative because *it is not always easy!* There have been times when I have fretted over bills that needed to be paid, savings goals that needed to be met, college expenses that needed to be planned for.

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Yet through all of these financial ups and downs, my wife and I have remained steadfast in our commitment to *generosity*. Our monthly tithe is not simply another bill to be paid. It is a spiritual discipline, an act of worship, an expression of gratitude and joy in response to God’s unconditional love and extravagant grace.

And so, this fall, as we reflect together on the theme of *generosity*, how is God challenging you to make *giving* a priority in your spiritual life? How is God calling you to grow in *generosity*? What next step can you take to increase your commitment to use your resources to further God’s mission in the world? When it comes to the sustainability of the mission and ministry to which we have been called, there is one thing we can be sure of – *money matters*.

**Leadership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 10 | 6:30 p.m.**  
**Parish Hall**  
Committee and group leaders, chairpersons, and staff, are asked to attend this important presentation to facilitate our growth and development as we progress through our strategic plan. Group leaders will receive an email with details. We look forward to seeing you there!

# The RECTOR’S Forum

This fall, we will continue to gather for the monthly Rector’s Forum. Each fourth Sunday, the forum will provide an opportunity for conversation about important issues facing our world today. Over the next three months, we will focus on the following topics:

## **September 22**

There Is No *Other*  
*Transcending Differences in a Divided World*

Our world is changing in rapid and dramatic ways. We are entering into an unprecedented period of cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity. In this context, how do we faithfully live into our baptismal commitment to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being?

## **October 27**

Modern Day Slavery  
*The Church’s Response to Human Trafficking*

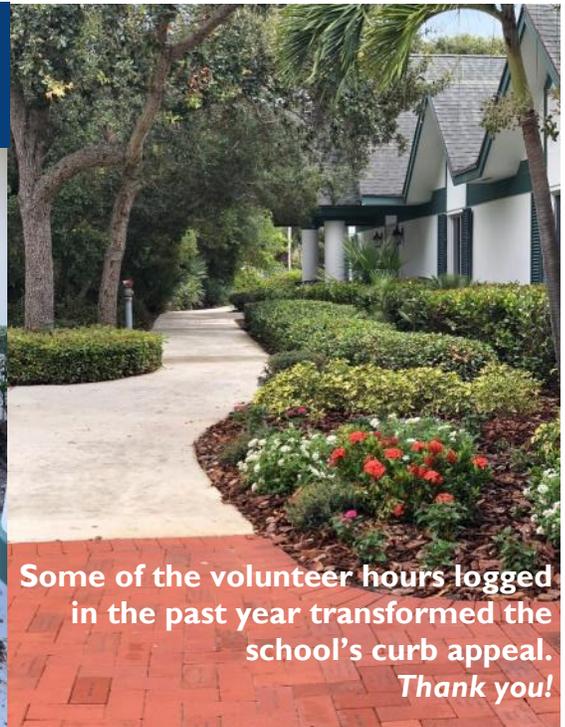
In light of recent scandals involving celebrities and political officials, the topic of human trafficking has once again come into sharp focus. Over the past few decades, port cities, including many in Florida, have become the epicenter for this criminal activity. What is happening in South Florida to combat the illegal trafficking of human beings? What is the church’s response?

## **November 24**

Is the Church Relevant?  
*Faithful Living in a Post-Christian World*

The numbers are in and they aren’t looking good for Christianity in America. Over the past few decades, the percentage of Americans that claim “no religious affiliation” has increased exponentially. In the midst of this changing religious landscape, some are questioning the relevancy of Church and Christian leadership. So, is the Church relevant in this post-Christian era?

# Good Shepherd School Notes



Some of the volunteer hours logged in the past year transformed the school's curb appeal. Thank you!



I love the theme “generosity” of this fall issue of Tidings; “the quality of being liberal in giving”. Giving can come in many forms.

The “Three Ts” of Time, Treasure and Talent elaborate on the true meaning of generosity. For a Church and an Independent School the importance of these three resources cannot be emphasized enough. We are able to provide greater service and make improvements in our work because of your generosity.

**Time:** At Good Shepherd Episcopal School our volunteers and parents provide great support to our programs. Last year volunteers logged over a thousand hours. Church members gave generously of their time by reading with our first graders as Shepherd Flock members, participating in the landscape clean up, attending school events such as the musical productions and the

graduation, as well as spending time as classroom presenters.

**Treasures:** Your donations to the Gala, Pumpkin Patch, poinsettia sales and the Annual Fund made it possible for some of our students to receive financial assistance. We have a lot of young families, including many single-parent households, whose children are only able to attend Good Shepherd because of the generosity of others. If you can help subsidize a student’s tuition at Good Shepherd and allow them to have the opportunity to receive an education in an Episcopal environment of love and nurture, you can change that child’s life forever.

**Talent:** We appreciated those church members who assisted with decorating the Parish Hall for Seussical the Musical, the graduation reception, and the church breakfast. Others helped with the lighting and sound boards, organized mass mailings, proof-read documents,

and cooked gourmet meals for both the Fancy Nancy Tea Party and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation reception.

I have only touched the surface of the “Generosity” shown to the school by the church members. As we continue to strengthen the relationship between the School and the Church, please consider how you can partner with us to make Good Shepherd Episcopal School the best school in the state. Our students need your resources. Consider sharing your special talents with us, investing time on a regular basis or using your financial resources to improve the life of a child. There is no greater investment of time, treasures or talents than investing in the children of today who will shape the world of tomorrow.

*Dr. Rosemary Marshall*

Head of School

# Congregational Meeting

*Important Strategic Planning Update*

**September 15 | 9:15 AM**

Just one year ago, we launched Phase One of our new Strategic Plan. Since that time, numerous groups and committees have been working hard to implement the various initiatives that are part of the plan and to lay a strong foundation for our future. On Sunday, September 15, at 9:15 AM, we will gather for a Congregational Meeting, during which members of our leadership team will be presenting updates regarding the progress of our Strategic Plan implementation. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

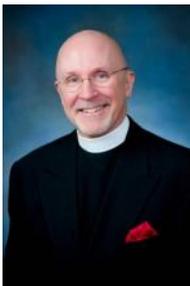


*The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton,  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of  
Southeast Florida*

*Will visit Good Shepherd for both  
8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services on*

**October 13, 2019**

*10:00 a.m. will be a Rite II  
Service of Confirmation.*



 Taste of **GOOD SHEPHERD**  
ministry showcase • small plate social  
**Sunday, September 29, 2019**  
**11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall**

Once each year everything is in one place at one time for the Taste of Good Shepherd ministry showcase. Be sure to visit the Parish Hall to see a vast array of groups and meet the passionate volunteers who serve them. Find your niche, meet new people, and enjoy some great tapas-style dishes! We have a place for you!

## Autumn • Labyrinth Schedule

**September 23, Monday, 7:30 p.m.**

**October 2, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.**

**Paws on the Path:**

Walk the labyrinth with your pet  
after Blessing of the Animals

**November 3, Sunday, 7:00 p.m.**

All Saints' Sunday Walk  
following  
Compline Service  
(6:30 p.m.)

Contact Labyrinth Coordinator Marcia Pollard  
at 561-685-6197 for information.

Good Shepherd's Labyrinth Garden is always open.

## GROW

# New Giving Team is Forming

By The Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf



As we seek to be faithful to God's call and fully live into the mission that God has entrusted to us, it is essential that we develop a comprehensive approach to giving. We have grown accustomed to only talking about money once a year when it is time for the annual pledge campaign. But the spiritual discipline of *generosity* is something we are called to put into practice all year long. So, a new team is forming called the *Giving Team*, which will be co-chaired by Patti Hamilton and Rob Taylor. This new team will be charged with developing strategies that will enable us to focus on all aspects of giving and the various ways we call all offer our resources to support the life and mission of our congregation. The work of this new team will be organized into three areas: *Today, Tomorrow, and Forever*.



Patti Hamilton  
Co-chair



Rob Taylor  
Co-chair

## TODAY

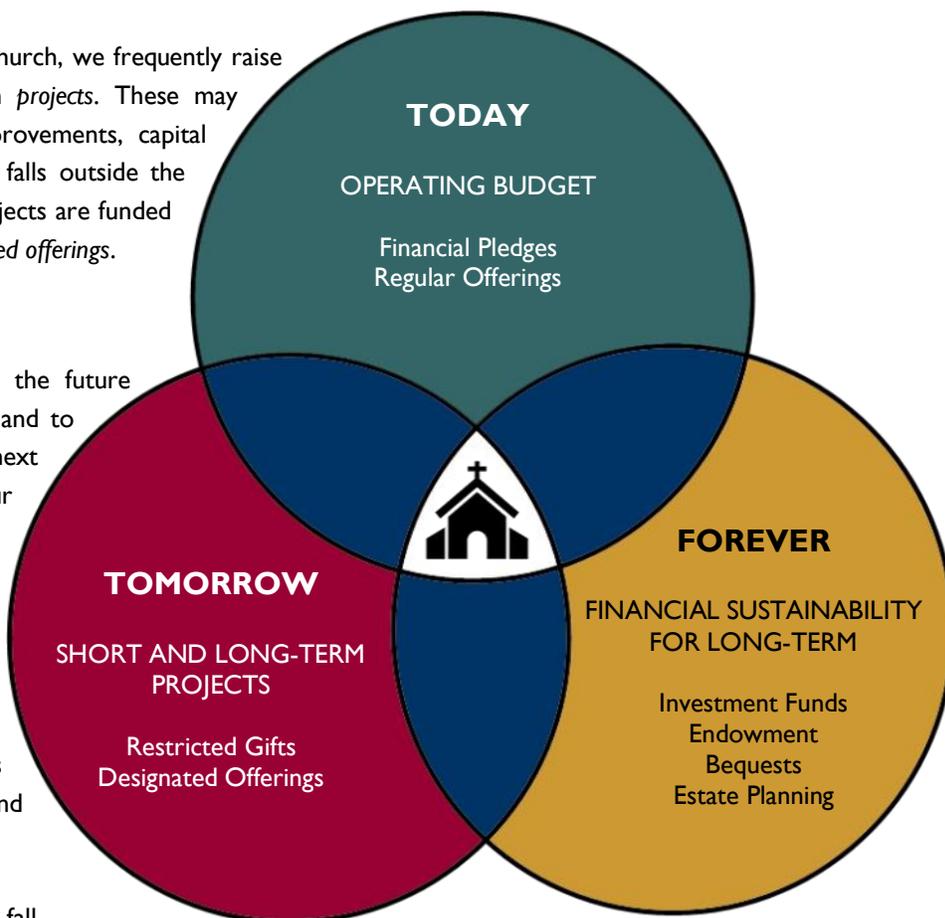
The ministry of the church doesn't stop. Every day we are engaged in some form of ministry that requires support and financial resources. The *operating budget* of the church covers all the daily expenses, including staff, administration, utilities, building maintenance, and program expenses. The *financial pledges* and weekly *offerings* provide the income that funds these ongoing expenses.

## TOMORROW

In addition to the daily operations of the church, we frequently raise funds for both short-term and long-term *projects*. These may include outreach initiatives, Building improvements, capital campaigns, or anything other project that falls outside the normal operations of the parish. These projects are funded primarily through *restricted gifts* and *designated offerings*.

## FOREVER

Finally, it is our responsibility to ensure the future financial sustainability of our congregation and to provide the resources necessary for the next generation to continue to serve our community. Our *endowment* and other *investment funds* have been created to provide this long-range sustainability. Through *memorial offerings* and *bequests*, we can develop our investments funds in order to ensure a bright future for our congregation. It is important that all of us make provision for the church in our *wills* and *estate planning*.



More information will be forthcoming in the fall.

## SERVE

### Pennies For Heaven Thrift Shop News



#### Did you know?

Currently, seven percent of Good Shepherd's operating budget comes from sales at our thrift shop, Pennies for Heaven. That's a budgeted amount of \$55,000! Special sales held throughout the year generally contribute an additional \$5,000-\$7,000. When you shop at Pennies, you are truly supporting Good Shepherd mission and ministry.

## Shop News

As part of our Strategic Planning process, we have been prayerfully considering a plan to grow and develop our Pennies For Heaven Thrift Shop. For this important ministry, the decision was made, with Vestry consideration, to hire a part-time manager for Pennies, who will oversee the daily operations of the shop, coordinate volunteers, and support the shop's strategic initiatives.

This August, long-time parishioner Beth Long joined our team as the new Store Manager for Pennies for Heaven. Beth brings creative and entrepreneurial abilities, along with team leadership, retail, management, and community engagement experience. Most notably though, she has a dynamic leadership approach and a super-fun demeanor!

Beth has remarked that she is thrilled to be working with such a great team of volunteers and she is really enjoying getting to know so many of the committed folks who keep the shop running so smoothly. We love Beth and we know you will, too. Please be sure to visit the shop and welcome her in this new role.



#### SHOP HOURS

Monday—Friday 9AM-4PM  
Saturday 10AM-2PM  
Sunday closed

Donations are gladly accepted when the shop is open.

Call to make special arrangements.  
561-746-4674, xt. 109



Beth Long  
Thrift Shop Manager

#### We accept donations.

If you're cleaning out your closet we would love receive your men's, women's, and children's clothing. Have you been shopping for new household accessories? We'll take the replaced items! Tired of the same old shoes, purses, and jewelry? Yes, we accept them, too. Larger items? Give us a call to make arrangements. Pennies For Heaven is accepting all sorts of items as we remerchandise the store. Let your friends and neighbors know, and thanks for keeping us in mind.

Pennies For Heaven

# Holiday Bazaar

November 16

Save the date!

## Artie' Party date set for 2020

Mark your calendar for Good Shepherd's biggest, best, extra-special event of the year — Artie's Party! It's our annual fundraiser dinner and dance and we are sure you're going to love it!

Join us on **Friday, February 7, 2020**, for an evening to remember. We will announce the theme and details in the weeks to come but we want to be sure you know where you will be on February 7.

Artie's Party started as an art show and grew up to be a special event which provides enough funding for a year's worth of outreach projects. We are so pleased to continue this fantastic tradition, now, in its nineteenth year! Save the date!



## Outreach & Mission

# A Gift of the Spirit

By Marilyn Lawrence



Generosity is a gift of the spirit, and it comes in many forms. Some can be generous with their time, some with their talents, some with their treasure. We are the many parts of the body of Christ, and we all work together for the whole. Throughout the year, the Outreach & Mission Committee offers a variety of opportunities for the members of Good Shepherd – of every age and ability – to offer their gifts in the service of others.

Our programs operate on two levels: the BIG projects that involve the whole congregation, and the ongoing programs that require a regular commitment of time or effort. We have already conducted several BIG projects this year:

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19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**Run 4 Pies**  
*Presented by Palm Beach Roadrunners*

**4-MILER**  
PUMPKIN 1-MILER  
WATERPOINTE REALTY  
L'IL PILGRIM DASH  
VIRTUAL RUN

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our Food Packing for Haiti, the hygiene kit collection for the **Warfield School**, and our Lenten Collection in support of **CROS Ministries' Summer Camps**. Then, beginning in mid-July, we launched our annual Back to School collection which, as usual, was a resounding success. On August 5 we delivered a truckload of school supplies which included nearly 100 backpacks, over 200 boxes of crayons, 250 notebooks, almost 300 packages of pencils, as well as erasers, glue sticks, highlighters, scissors, and boxes of Kleenex! We also offer a special 'shout out' to David Loetell, who contributed 800 toothbrushes and 500 tubes of toothpaste!

Our next BIG parish-wide effort will be the annual **Thanksgiving Run 4 the Pies**, in which we collect thousands of pounds of canned goods and non-perishable food items, to stock our own **Food Pantry** shelves and to supply needed items to CROS Ministries' Food Pantries in Palm Beach and Martin Counties. That will be followed by an Advent collection, most likely of clothing or other items needed by the children of the Warfield School in Indiantown.

**St. George's Mission** in Riviera Beach is an area where we are **EXPANDING** our efforts. For several years, volunteers from Good Shepherd have prepared one evening meal per month for the approximately 200 homeless men, women and children who depend on the mission for sustenance. St. George's has recently added access to a mobile shower unit, and volunteers are needed during the day to help with handing out soaps and towels and clean clothes. For those who can't make a commitment of time, but would like to help, please consider donating travel-sized toiletries, or new or gently-used towels. We will also be doing occasional **"Done in a Day" projects** at St. George's, such as painting rooms or cleaning dining hall furniture; contact Denise Preston ([denisepreston@mac.com](mailto:denisepreston@mac.com)), or look for announcements of upcoming events in the Sunday bulletin.

In order to be a "Beacon of Light" to the community, we have to be **INVOLVED** in the community! In the months ahead, we will be offering many additional opportunities to serve. Look for announcements in the bulletin about gleanings with CROS ministries, special projects working with the homeless, even a future mission trip. Outreach has a place for everyone!!!!

Fr. Doug Prepares to pray at the start of the 2018 Run 4 the Pies, a 4-mile race of roughly 4,000 runners through the streets of Tequesta on Thanksgiving morning.

Good Shepherd partners with Palm Beach Roadrunners to provide logistics support and receives thousands of pounds of non-perishable food items for area food pantries, including our own.



But there is a lot more is going on, and there are always opportunities to help. **On October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be participating with CROS Ministries in their annual "Run to End Hunger."** We invite all the runners (and walkers!) in the congregation to join us in this effort. For more information, please contact Jenny Uible ([jennifer.uible@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.uible@gmail.com)), or look for a signup in the Narthex. Our Food Pantry is in constant need of supplies, especially items such as canned meats and tuna, canned veggies, and baked beans. Donations can be placed in the two baskets by the Narthex doors.

The Outreach & Missions Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Your participation is not only encouraged, it's valued. A variety of ideas and interests are what enable us to provide a robust assortment of opportunities to serve, and assistance to those who need it most.

# YOUTH



# and FAMILY

## What's New

On August 14, we held an informal event for parents and kids of any age to have some snacks and ice cream sundaes while we introduced something new to this parish community: broccoli tots! Well, there were two new things, actually. David Dixon was also introduced as our new full-time Youth and Family Minister!

David holds a Master of Divinity degree from Emory University, and over the past twenty years has served in a variety of contexts working primarily with children, youth, and families. Most recently, David served as the Director of Youth and College Ministries at the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he nurtured a thriving youth program, led youth on pilgrimages and mission experiences, and trained and developed volunteer leadership. As a musician, David enjoys playing the piano and was instrumental in organizing a youth praise band.

David and his wife Traci have four children: Jeremiah, who recently completed his computer programming degree and resides in Atlanta; Sara, who is attending college in South Carolina; Nevaeh, who recently graduated from high school and plans to attend college in Florida; and Jonah, who is entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade and loves football!

Since his start in August, David has been busy working on the coordination of a program year that started only two weeks after he did. He has been meeting many parishioners who have offered support and assistance with his transition and he has noted that, "Traci and I, along with Neveah and Jonah, are very excited to be a part of this wonderful parish family here at Good Shepherd. We appreciate the warm welcome that we have received from the children in Sunday School and their parents, the Middle School and High School youth and their parents, and the entire church family. You have received us with open arms and we are blessed beyond words to know that God has joined us with some amazing people, in an amazing place, at an exciting time. I look forward to getting to know the parish family here as we work together in faith."

Please be sure to say hello to David, Traci, Neveah, and Jonah as they continue the transition to their new parish home.

David Dixon is our new Youth and Family Minister who will oversee Sunday School, Youth Group, and Family Ministries. Welcome David!

*"...God has joined us with some amazing people, in an amazing place, at an exciting time."*

—David Dixon



Kate Gouery



Ian Anderson

Good Shepherd is infinitely grateful for the leadership and professionalism of our interim Sunday School and Youth Program coordinators. Kate Gouery and Ian Anderson, respectively, went above and beyond in their commitment to the young people of this parish. Their stewardship of these programs is a great example for kids and adults alike.



David and Traci Dixon

# Youth and Family Q & A

## Where do Sunday School children fit in with Youth and Family Ministry?

At Good Shepherd, Youth refers to kids in all ministries that involve parishioners from infant to high school senior age — and their families. In the creation of David's position, we felt that Youth and Family Minister was both easier to say, and more fitting for the inclusive, cross-ministry coordination we wish to embrace.

The **Sunday School** program year kick-off happens on Sunday, September 8, at 9:45 for all grades up to 5th. We have a professionally staffed nursery for infants through two-year olds. And, **there will be a Sunday School and new teacher volunteer meeting that day (Sept. 8) at 11:30 a.m.** in the library. There is great reward in telling the story of Christ to a new generation. Please consider this important call to service.

## What else falls under this ministry group?

**Music:** As a part of meaningful formation for even our youngest children, we would like to see greater inclusion of music, in any form — vocal, instrumental, choral — that speaks to the current interests of kids and youth. Our Assistant Choir Coordinator, Debbie White, will continue working with Youth and Family to further develop this exciting ministry.

**Family:** Parents of kids in 6th –12th grade are encouraged to join the Youth Parent Fellowship Group on the first Wednesday of each month. We build relationships with each other while finding ways to actively support our youth. Plus, a light supper is served. If you have kids in Youth Group, join us!



On Back-to-School Sunday, August 18, Fr. Doug commissioned David Dixon as Good Shepherd's new Youth and Family Minister.

Broccoli tots are like tater tots, but made with broccoli. We will have to see if they are a factor in youth group attendance this fall.



More than 50 students, teachers, leaders, and volunteers came forward to be blessed at the start of the new year.



# acolyte

## YOUTH ACOLYTE TRAINING Saturday, September 7

**9:45-11:00** Torch Bearers  
New Acolytes  
5th Graders

**11:15-12:30** Servers  
Crucifers

New season, new roles, new acolytes! All youth, including 5th graders, are encouraged to participate in our Sunday service as an Acolyte. Acolytes bear the Gospel book, assist the priest on the altar, and process with the cross. Participating on the Youth Acolyte Guild is not only a service opportunity, but a continuation of Episcopal tradition. There is a signup in the Narthex.

If you have questions about Acolyte Guild, please contact Kevin Johnson at 561-307-0491 or [kevin.johnson@thebreakers.com](mailto:kevin.johnson@thebreakers.com)



Kevin Johnson,  
Acolyte Master

## CONNECT

# Daughters of the King

On June 2, the Wendy Williams Chapter of the Daughters of the King at Good Shepherd admitted Evelyne Bates to the order in a ceremony at the 10:00 service. Congratulations, Evelyne!



The Daughters of the King is a spiritual sisterhood dedicated to a life of prayer, service, and evangelism. Please watch your bulletin and email for informational sessions and meetings.



GriefShare is a program of focused group discussion and personal study for those who have experienced significant loss. The fall 14-week session will meet each Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 9.

On September 23, there will be a special session specific to loss of spouse. GriefShare at Good Shepherd welcomes friends from the community, so please keep this caring ministry in mind for those you know who may be experiencing a difficult time.

The program is free and there is a suggested \$20 donation for the workbook. Please contact program registrar, Alex Lesbirel at 561-747-5939.

# Ministries & Groups

Visit [www.goodsheponline.org](http://www.goodsheponline.org) for information about any of these groups. Sign on to Realm to connect!

## GOOD SHEPHERD GOOD GUYS

Fridays at 8:00AM in the Parish Hall

## MORNING GLORY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Second and Fourth Friday of each month at 8:00AM

## OWLS (OLDER, WISER, LIVELIER SHEPHERDS)

Third Thursday of each month at 11:30AM in the Parish Hall

## LITERARY CIRCLE

First Thursdays at 7:00PM

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Second Saturday of each month at 10:00AM in the library

## WEEKLY 12-STEP GROUPS

### Monday

7:30 p.m. AA (men and women)

### Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Harmony (Women's AA)

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Freedom to Grow (Al-Anon for men and women)

### Friday

10:30 a.m. Harmony (Women's AA)

## ST. GEORGE'S MEAL MINISTRY

Second Wednesday of each month at St. George's Episcopal Church

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH THE RECTOR

Wednesdays at 11:00AM in the Library

## MANNA BAG MINISTRY

Third Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. in the kitchen

Prepare "to-go" bags for people who need a very portable meal. Bags are prepared and delivered to places where people can easily access them.

## CHOIR

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the All Saints' Room

Anyone is invited to join the choir on Thursday evenings. Choir sings in church at the 10:00 service on Sunday and usually practices again at 9:15 a.m. preceding the service.

# Events, Activities, and Meetings

## September 3

Outreach & Missions Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library

## September 4

Youth Parent Fellowship at 6:00 p.m. in the Library

## September 7

Acolyte Training beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the church

## September 8

Sunday School Teacher and Volunteer Meeting at 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall  
Coffee with Clergy at 9:15 a.m. in Fr. Doug's office

## September 10

Leadership Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

## September 15

Congregational Meeting at 9:15 in the church

## September 22

Rector's Forum at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall

## September 29

Taste of Good Shepherd Ministry Showcase and Small-plate Social at 11:15 a.m.

## October 2

Blessing of the Animals at 6:00 p.m. in the courtyard  
Paws on the Path Labyrinth Walk with your pet at 6:30 p.m. on the labyrinth

## October 6

Youth Group Hosts Breakfast for the Parish, 9:00-9:45 in the Parish Hall

## October 12

Confirmation Retreat from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd

## October 13

Service of Confirmation with Bishop Eaton at 10:00 a.m.

## October 18

Good Shepherd School Pumpkin Patch behind the Parish Hall

## October 20

Youth Car Wash after both services  
Baptism Preparation from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

## November 2

Fall Back and Dance Event in support of Youth Mission & Ministry

## November 3

All Saints' Sunday Compline Service at 6:30 p.m.  
Labyrinth Walk at 7:00 p.m.

## November 16

Pennies For Heaven Holiday Bazaar & Marketplace

## November 22

Good Shepherd School VIP Day

## November 28

Run 4 the Pies 4-miler through Tequesta  
Thanksgiving Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

# VBS Thanks You!

We had a great Vacation Bible School this summer and we want to be sure everyone—kids, parents, volunteers, youth helpers and teachers—knows how grateful we are!

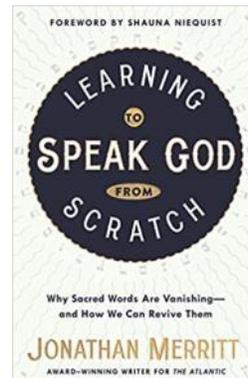


# Book Suggestion

## Learning to Speak God from Scratch

Why Sacred Words Are Vanishing – and  
How We Can Revive Them

By Jonathan Merritt



As the religious landscape in America continues to rapidly change and shift, we can no longer assume the language we use to describe our faith is understandable to those around us. Through incisive

cultural commentary and insightful theological reflection, Jonathan Merritt explores the ways in which sacred words are falling out of use, and offers a compelling case that these words need to be revived and infused with fresh meaning.

—Fr. Doug

# By the NUMBERS

Here are some of the numbers behind this year's events, services and activities that reflect the life of this parish through July 2019.

**10,699**

Attended Sunday services

**99**

Children enrolled in  
Vacation Bible School

**50**

Volunteers who made VBS  
possible

**1,386**

Miles traveled by youth to  
Kanuga Camp, round trip

**5**

Columbarium niches  
reserved this year

**2**

New staff hired

**732**

Steps to complete our  
eleven circuit labyrinth,  
round trip

**1,450**

Volunteer positions filled for  
Sunday services



## GIVING F.A.Q.

### **WHAT ARE SOME WAYS I CAN LIVE INTO THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE OF GENEROSITY?**

Generosity is highly personal because it's dependent on your gratitude, your experience, your motivation to serve, and where you are in your own faith journey. Good Shepherd is developing a variety of meaningful giving options to enable us to live into our lives of faith as disciples of Christ.

### **WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?**

In its most basic sense, Stewardship is the activity or job of protecting and being responsible for something entrusted to one's care. At Good Shepherd, we believe that stewardship is a part of our spiritual journey and our relationship with God.

### **WHAT IS A PLEDGE?**

It is a commitment that allows church leadership to determine a budget for the coming year. Pledging is also a response to God's call and abundance in our own lives: it is a statement of thanksgiving.

### **WHY DO WE ASK FOR ANNUAL PLEDGES?**

We are all stakeholders in the success of our church. Annual pledges support everything we do at Good Shepherd — from paying clergy to supporting our outreach ministries, to making possible our liturgical, education and music offerings. In order to know what we can do each year, we receive pledge commitments so that we may budget accordingly.

### **DON'T WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS COVER OUR EXPENSES?**

Weekly non-pledge offerings amount to approximately 8% of our annual budgeted revenue. The single most important source of funding for our ministries comes from the payment of pledges that were made during our stewardship campaign. These gifts provide 68% of the church's income. Pennies For Heaven Thrift Shop and Artie's Party provide an additional 13% of budgeted income, and the remaining 11% comes from other sources including our endowment income and facility usage fees. That's the math. Your personal reflection on God's blessings and response of generosity are what truly cover our expenses and fund mission.

### **HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?**

That's up to you. We don't want you to live into a budget. We want you to live into the Bible. Do you think about gratitude? Do feel that God's gifts are abundant? Pray on it. Generosity is not one-size-fits-all. There are many opportunities to give that you may not even have considered. In the coming months you will hear from our Giving Team about some new options.

# YTD Financials 2019 (January—July)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	492,605	493,873	846,638	(1,268)
Operating Expenses	477,736	510,890	875,812	33,154
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>14,869</b>	<b>(17,017)</b>	<b>(29,174)</b>	<b>31,886</b>

## Thank You

We would like to thank those individuals and families who have kept their pledge giving current or prepaid for 2019.

By the end of July 2019, Good Shepherd received \$311,498 in pledge and prepaid pledge contributions.

We also would also like to thank newcomers for their estimates of giving toward the 2019 operating budget. Your commitments have helped to close the gap on our projected budget deficit for 2019. Pledges are welcomed at any time of the year.

## Realm: Log on!

Our database, Realm, is a convenient way to stay connected, but it will only work if you log on. We will be resending the invitation on the weekend of the Congregational Meeting to make it even easier.

Once logged on, you will be able to connect with your friends, view your personal giving statement, find out about meetings, chat with your group, access maps, update your contact information, and much more!

## Text to Give!

Yes, you can now text [goodsheponline](https://www.goodsheponline.com) to 77977 and receive a link to give any amount to Good Shepherd. You will have the option to designate the gift as pledge, undesignated, or type in what you would like to give toward. Setting up your first gift takes about a minute and after that, it truly only takes 10 seconds to express your generosity with a financial gift. Still too time consuming? Setting up a recurring gift takes zero seconds after the set up!

## Heritage Society

The Heritage Society is a group of parishioners who have remembered Good Shepherd in their will or made some similar provision as part of their estate planning. These individuals feel it is important for the church and its ministries to grow and endure for the future. In the coming months, our giving Team will be presenting some meaningful opportunities that meet you where you are on your spiritual path.

## Stock Donations

Stock donations may be made to Good Shepherd for any purpose. If you would like to make a donation on realized gains from stock, please contact Merike Seely in the office for the trade instructions.

### Important Request

If you make a stock gift to the church for memorial gifts, for endowment, or for your pledge, **please let Merike or the clergy know about it.** We are unable to identify the source of such gifts unless you have told us. We want to properly recognize and allocate your gift. Call Merike at 561-746-4674.



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### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

*Holy Eucharist Rite I*

8:00AM

*Holy Eucharist Rite II*

10:00AM

*Sunday School and Nursery*

9:45AM

#### WEDNESDAY

*Holy Eucharist and Healing*

10:00AM

### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY

8:30AM – 4:00PM

SATURDAY

Closed

### THRIFT SHOP HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:00AM – 4:00PM

SATURDAY

10:00AM – 2:00PM



## BLESSING of the Animals

Wednesday, October 2

6:00 p.m.

Walk the Labyrinth after the blessing at

Paws on the Path

Treats for pets and their people!

YOUTH  
CAR WASH

OCTOBER 20



### Congregational Meeting

Sunday September 15

9:15 a.m.

Everyone is encouraged to  
attend this important  
update meeting.



### Pumpkin Patch

October 18

Fall Fun for  
the whole family!

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