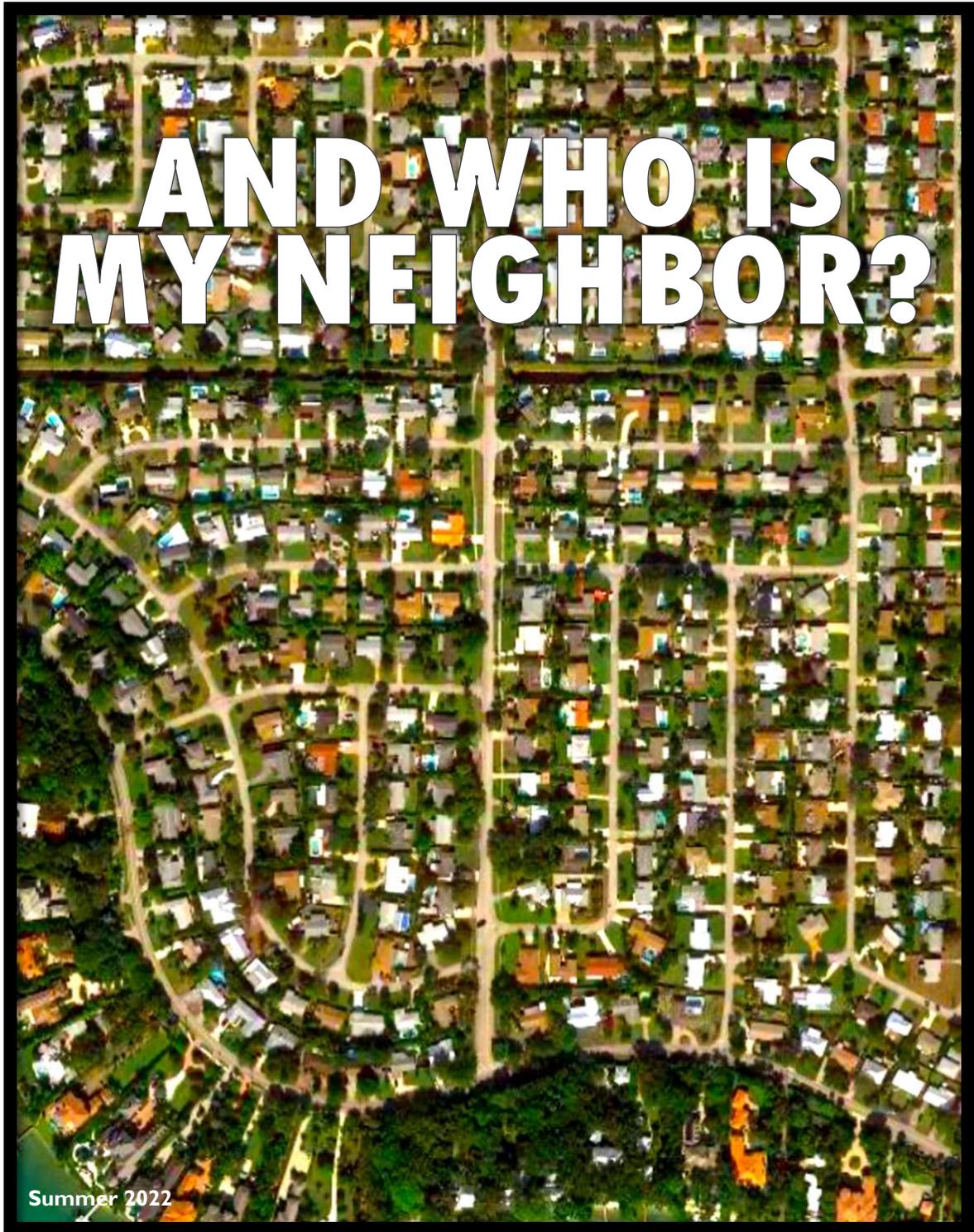


# Tidings

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



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No, you can't take it with you Father Doug! It was all hands on deck as we prepared for the Holy Week and Easter services in April. The chapel altar was decorated, art was displayed, and the old pulpit was moved. Good Shepherd held nine services and events to mark the events of Jesus' last days leading up the Resurrection.

Other big changes for Good Shepherd were in the works as well, with the announcement of Fr. Doug's election to Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and the subsequent preparation for his last day on May 22. Oh, and then there was Artie's Party! Check out the Snapshot Journal on page 15 to see spring events and activities.

**WELCOME!** As of this printing we are still in Phase 2 of our reopening plan which includes in-person worship. Ministry groups are coming back on campus. We continue to offer a variety of digital content and ministry opportunities to help you engage in parish life. Get to know us online, or in-person! Visit [GoodShepOnline.org](http://GoodShepOnline.org) for our calendar.

**BAPTISMS** are generally administered on Easter Eve, Pentecost, All Saints' Sunday and the first Sunday after Epiphany. 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. Please contact Merike Seely or clergy for information.

**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. [jwood@goodsheponline.org](mailto:jwood@goodsheponline.org)

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To **TRANSFER YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** to Good Shepherd, please contact the office to initiate a transfer. [mail@goodsheponline.org](mailto:mail@goodsheponline.org)

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### COVER IMAGE

This bird's-eye view of a section of Tequesta illustrates just how close we live in proximity to one another. The neat little lines of homes obviously connect us, yet we are often strangers to our own neighbors. These are the people we live with, each with unique stories, joys, sorrows, and gifts. How many people around us are we truly in relationship with? If our vision is to radiate God's love to everyone, everywhere, maybe we can begin with the people next door, down the street, or two blocks away.



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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 Senior Warden*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind: and your neighbor as yourself” Luke 10:29

As we prepare to head into the summer months, the congregation at Good Shepherd is going through a time of transition as we have said farewell to Fr. Doug and his family. We have been so blessed to have had this opportunity to be guided, educated, and loved by a remarkable priest, mentor, and dear friend.

This might bring a time where valid feelings of loss, anxiety and uncertainty will surface, so we will need to come together as a church and community to support each other through this transition until God reveals, in His time, the calling of our new rector. Let us all at this time be a little more attentive to our fellow parishioners, get to know them, listen patiently to their concerns, offer to help them, whether it be a physical act of kindness, or a shared prayer. I would ask your prayers for Fr. Derek, our dedicated staff, our school, ministry leaders, volunteers, and vestry as they seek God’s guidance. Let us remember that the Church is not a building but it **IS** a gathered people.

In this edition of Tidings we will be reflecting on community and asking the question “who is my neighbor?” At Good Shepherd we will continue to strive towards our mission of being a beacon of faith, hope and love. We are blessed with numerous ministries here that help us take care of our own congregation and extended beloved community, and we are excited about the formation of the new community engagement task force led by Fr. Derek that will identify unmet needs of the community as well as resources that we might use in assisting us to meet our own needs and those of the community.

We are all quite familiar with the parable of the Good Samaritan that Jesus told when the disciples asked, *and who is my neighbor?* “Like the Good Samaritan, may we not be ashamed of touching the wounds of those who suffer, but try to heal them with concrete acts of love. A Good Samaritan is not simply one whose heart is touched in an immediate act of care and charity, but one who provides a system of sustained care,” Dr M.L King.

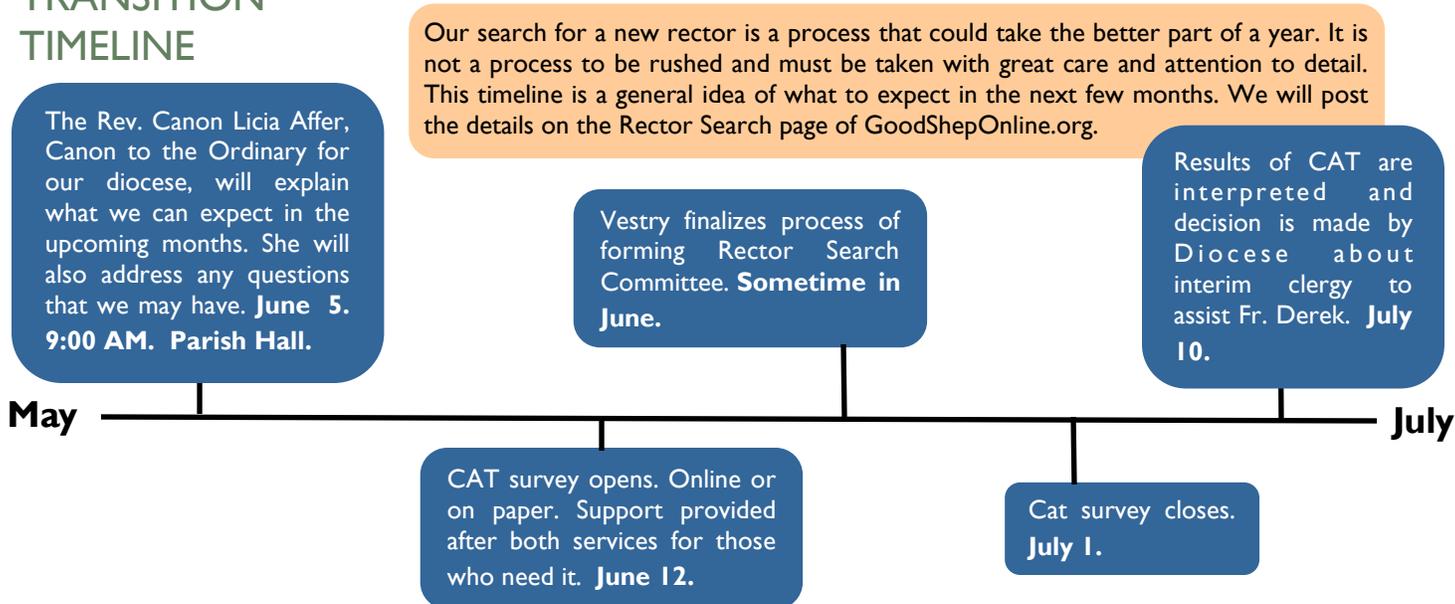
I pray that God will continue to bless us as we take care of one another and all who are in need.

Yours in Christ,



Heather Graham

## TRANSITION TIMELINE



## The CAT is out the bag!

By Heather Graham, Senior Warden

“What cat?,” you might ask. Well, *not* the 4-legged kind with whiskers and a fluffy tail, but one that is equally curious!

“CAT” is an acronym for *Congregational Assessment Tool*, which is a survey required by the diocese to be completed by the congregation in advance of any rector search. The CAT is administered by Holy Cow Consulting, a company contracted by the diocese, which works with mainline denominational churches around the country.

The survey is about 100 questions, comprised mainly of multiple-choice questions with one or two open-ended questions and should take 20-30 minutes to complete. The purpose of the survey is to gauge our strengths and weaknesses, our spiritual health and our financial stability, and how this allows us to live out our vision and mission statement. The survey is then analyzed by an expert interpreter, and this information then provides the Search Committee with valuable information to identify a candidate for Good Shepherd’s next rector that is a good match to our needs and vision.

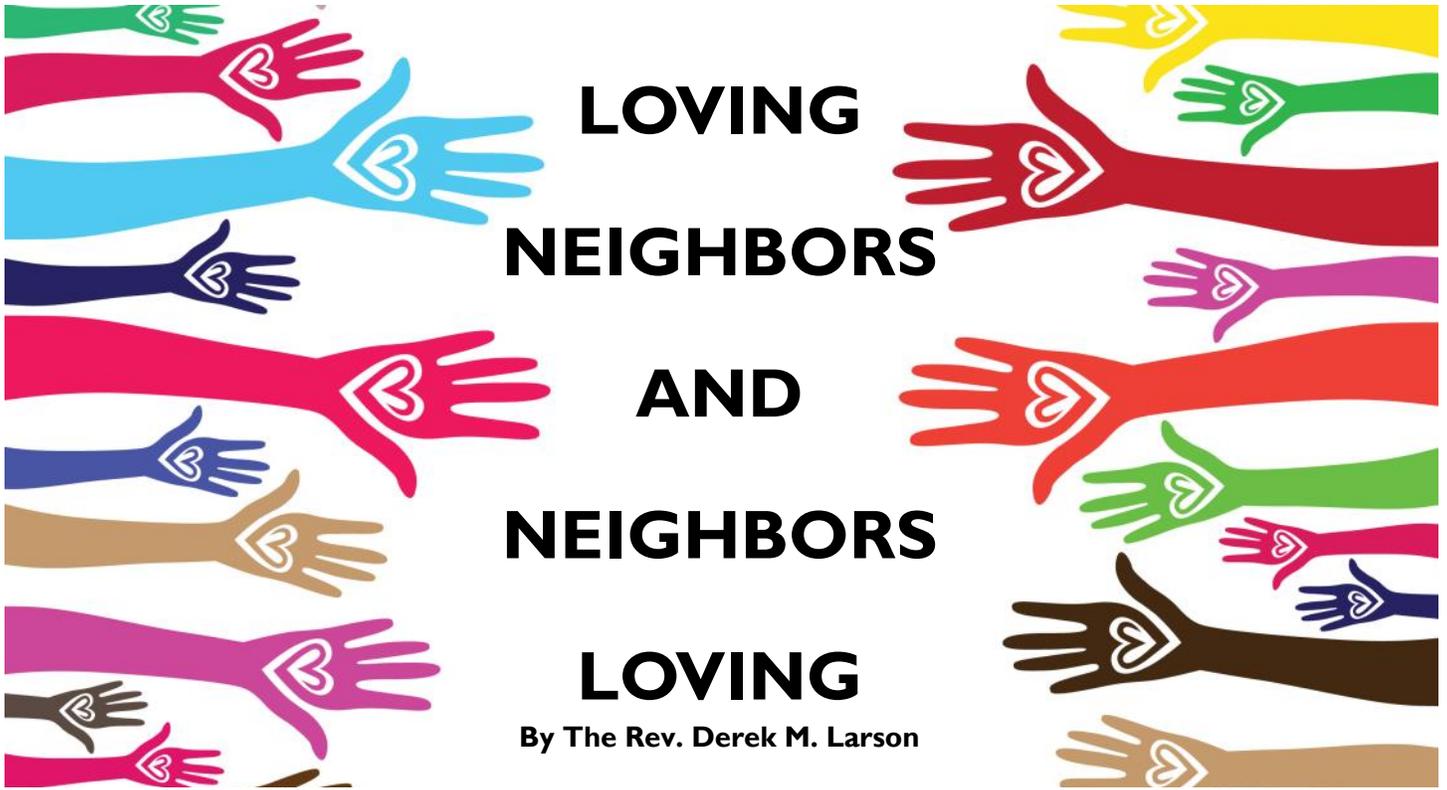
The survey will be conducted online with a website link provided by Holy Cow. Not computer savvy? No problem! Tech savvy assistants will be available on Sunday mornings before and after services to assist those who need help



completing the survey, and a hard copy can be provided to both year-round residents and snow birds to be submitted by mail. The survey will be open for completion for three weeks, from Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> until Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>, after which we can all enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend!

As we move forward with this first part of our rector search, I would encourage everyone to prayerfully participate in this survey, keeping in mind our vision and mission here at Good Shepherd. The survey is the most important step in the search for the entire congregation, as it allows **you** a voice in the selection of our next rector. The Vestry is hoping for a minimum of 75% participation from the congregation and given our history in exceeding goals, I have no doubt we will meet this!

The Vestry is available for any questions or assistance you might need about the transition generally, or the survey specifically, during this process.



**LOVING  
NEIGHBORS  
AND  
NEIGHBORS  
LOVING**  
By The Rev. Derek M. Larson

*“And who is my neighbor?”*  
-Luke 10:29

**In** the fall of 2021 Good Shepherd organized the Community Engagement Taskforce to better understand the surrounding community and to foster deeper relationships with our neighbors. To that end, the work of the Community Engagement Taskforce is twofold: first, to learn more about our wider community through both demographics study and personal interviews with community members; and second, to research ways to better connect our parish with others in the community. In some ways then, the Taskforce is asking the same question asked to Jesus so long ago in Luke 10: “And who is my neighbor?”

In the passage, an expert in Jewish law approaches Jesus with a question about inheriting eternal life. Knowing his field

of expertise, Jesus turns the question on to *him*, “What does the law say?” Being the expert he was, the lawyer immediately replies with the two greatest commandments which summarize everything else in the books of law: “Love God, and love your neighbor,” to which Jesus agrees, “That’s exactly right! Do that and you’ll inherit eternal life.” But as is so often the case with us, the lawyer wasn’t so interested in general faith statements as he was about specifics. So he followed up with another question, “And who is my neighbor?”

What a great question! “And who is my neighbor?” Because of course you can’t love your neighbor if you don’t know who your neighbor is! Which is the same rationale for having a Community Engagement Taskforce here at Good Shepherd. If we as a Christian community seeking to follow the two

greatest commandments don’t know who our neighbors are, how can we possibly love them or be a “vibrant spiritual and educational community resource” as we say in our vision statement?

Thankfully many of us do know our neighbors. Many of us already know many of our neighbors from having been rooted so deeply in this community for years, but there are always opportunities to meet new neighbors, build deeper neighborhood relationships, and partner with others in our community. And so the Community Engagement Taskforce has set out to do the intentional work of understanding the demographic makeup of our area and listening to the joys and concerns of those around us. Who are our neighbors? That’s the question we are asking, and that’s the question the lawyer asked Jesus.

But Jesus answers the question in sort of a strange way.

Rather than drawing up a geographical bubble and exploring the racial, ethnic, and economic makeup of the lawyer's hometown, Jesus tells a story—a story with a surprising twist.

A man was traveling through the difficult and dangerous terrain between Jerusalem and Jericho when he was beaten, robbed, and left for dead on the side of the road. Not long after, a priest, followed by a Levite, both encountered the dying man but chose not to help him. Finally, a Samaritan encountered the broken and battered man, and even though Samaritans and Jews normally avoided one another at all costs, the Samaritan stooped to bandage and clean the dying man's wounds, brought him to the hospital, and paid for the costs of his medical care.

"Who was as a neighbor to the beaten man?" Jesus asked. The answer was clear. "Go, and do likewise."

It's interesting to me that while the lawyer wanted to talk about loving neighbors, Jesus told a story about neighbors loving. We often read this parable of the Samaritan loving the beaten man as an example of loving neighbor, but in the story, the Samaritan is the neighbor and the beaten man is the one being loved.

From the perspective of the Jewish community of Jesus' day, the Samaritans were the 'other'. They lived in their own section of Israel, worshiped in their own ways, and had their own mixed-ethnic heritage. The Samaritans and the Jews did not associate and often would go well out of their way to

avoid one another's company. Of course Jesus was always breaking these kinds of boundaries and there are a number of stories in the gospels about Jesus spending time with Samaritans (Lk. 9, Lk. 17, and Jn. 4). Jesus advocated for the neighborly love of Samaritans.

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You'd expect, then, that Jesus' story in Luke 10 would feature a Samaritan in need and a Jewish man helping him. "Go, and do likewise" Jesus says at the end. It'd be a lesson in loving 'the other'. But that is not what happened in the story. Instead it is the Samaritan—"the other"—who gets to do the loving.



This is not a story about loving neighbors but neighbors loving.

Reading the text in this way opens up even more possibilities for us in answering the question "who is my neighbor?" Often when we hear the story of the Good Samaritan we assume it is a lesson for us to love the outcast, the marginalized, the one in need, and so we dig into the important work of outreach, charity, and helping others, which is crucial to the life and mission of the Church. But what if this story is also teaching us to be loved by those communities on our margins or those we believe to be "less fortunate" or "less privileged" than ourselves?

After all, that's how true neighborly love works. Neighborly love is not hierarchical. It does not reach down to care for someone less than and after go back to its lofty seat. No, neighborly love is non-hierarchical, mutual, and reciprocal. It is a practice in solidarity. We both give and receive love from our neighbors. Giving charity is a good thing, but charity is not a sufficient form of loving neighbor. Neighborly love calls us not to just help others in need but to be in relationship with them.

What implications does this have for us at Good Shepherd? For the Community Engagement Taskforce it means that as we study our wider community and look for opportunities of deeper connection we are not only identifying the needs of those around us, but also their gifts, joys, and passions. Because our neighbors are not just here for us to help, they are here for us to learn from, partner with, and be cared for as well. Neighbors have as much to offer us as we have to offer them. A

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community of neighborly love is a community of mutual care, concern, and solidarity. We want to foster those deeper connections.

It also means that we need to be intentional in our outreach and mission work to build relationships with those we help. Our food pantry volunteers are great examples of this. Yes, they are providing a much needed service to members of our wider community, but they also have developed real relationships and friendships with many of those they serve each week. And in these relationships, not only has Good Shepherd blessed our neighbors, we have been blessed by our neighbors. Just ask Marilyn Lawrence and some of our volunteers about this and they will share stories with you.

As we continue to foster deeper relationships with our neighbors, let us be mindful that neighbors are not just people with needs, but people with gifts. Perhaps you have been a faithful financial supporter of our outreach and mission ministries. Thank you! Maybe you'd like to also carve out some time this summer to get to know the people your gift has helped support. Perhaps you'd like to give them an opportunity to also bless you in some way, through friendship and conversation. Perhaps you'd like to experience with them the neighborly love Jesus describes—the neighborly love that is a mutual act of solidarity.

Who are our neighbors? Our neighbors are all those that make up the beautiful diversity of gifts, passions, and challenges in the community around us. So let us love our neighbors and let us *be loved* by our neighbors.



GriefShare, our bereavement support ministry, is currently being

evaluated for continuation as we consider resources and how best to provide meaningful support. We will keep you posted on schedule updates and progress for the fall season.

## CONNECT

### Community Engagement Taskforce



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The Taskforce recently finished its work contacting all Good Shepherd ministry leaders to hear more about what kind of demographic and community information would be helpful to include in our research for their ministries, and we will soon begin the actual demographic study and interviews of various members of the wider community. If you would like to help contact members of our wider community for a brief survey and interview, please contact Fr. Derek.



## Daily Office Ministry Summer Schedule

The 2022 Summer Schedule for reading Morning Prayer, which runs from Memorial Day (May 30) through Labor Day (September 5) is Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM from the link on the Prayer page of our website. We will also hold Morning Prayer on the Feast Days throughout the summer and they will be announced in advance of their occurrence.

The bulletins for the entire week will continue to post on the prayer page so that people can use these for their private devotion on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Morning Prayer Summer Schedule**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00  
Zoom Live: link on Prayer page  
of GoodShepOnline.org  
Recording available later on the same page

### New ministry: Spiritual Life Team

The Spiritual Life Team is a new team of volunteers seeking to foster a deep and intentional community of prayer and spiritual growth at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. The team is made up of leaders of various ministries related to prayer and spiritual practice such as the Daily Office Ministry, Prayer Labyrinth Ministry, and Healing Ministry, as well as a handful of other parishioners passionate about prayer and spiritual practice. The team is not charged with oversight of these ministries, but instead seeks to support them while also reflecting on other ways to enhance the spiritual life of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. The team began their work with a three hour Saturday retreat on May 14th and will meet three times a year. Email Fr. Derek to find out more!

## Green Spirits presents: Holy Hikes!



Good Shepherd's Green Spirits ministry, a ministry focusing on bridging our Christian faith with environmental awareness, is seeking to form our very own South Florida chapter of Holy Hikes. Holy Hikes is a national network of eco-ministries seeking to rebuild Communion between all God's creation through liturgical hikes and outdoor worship. To get us started, we have organized three events for this summer.

Join us on the second Saturday of June, July, and August for an informal walk through the beauty of nature culminating with an abbreviated Eucharist right there along the path. Each month will feature a different environmental habitat and time of the day. All are welcome! Invite your friends! No sign up required. More info at [GoodShepOnline.org](http://GoodShepOnline.org)

Saturday,  
June 11 at 6AM  
Sunrise Hike to  
Blowing Rocks  
Preserve  
Meet at Coral  
Cove Park at  
6AM



Blowing Rocks image



Saturday, July 9 at 8:30 AM.  
Riverbend Park. Meet in front of the  
main parking area



Saturday, August 13 at 7:00 PM.  
Pine Glades Natural Area,  
W. Indiantown Road. Meet in  
the parking area.

Kristen Atwood

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# THE D O Y

According to Luke 10:27

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

We are not to just love, but we are to "Love with ALL your heart, soul, mind and strength." It seems the order is relevant, for if we love with all our heart then soul and mind and strength will necessarily follow. In other words, loving the way Christ commands requires more than mental thought. This is why our relationship with Christ is never one that is based primarily on our heads or critical thought. If we truly love with all our heart, then we must love without reservation. In order to love without reservation, we must love without thinking!

The mind very often convinces us that our heart is misguided. What to do? Stop thinking! The Gospels claim that Christ's coming is in an hour when we "think not." In a very real way we can produce Christ's coming: love without thinking and Christ shows up!

Jesus reduced all the commands to only two; love God and love neighbor. These two commands are not sentiments or feelings, rather they are imperatives the results of which are witnessed to by our actions. That is God's word spoken to us actually does something in us, so that we then can do something in response to that influence. You know things like loving our neighbor. "Who is my neighbor?" Good question. Here's a better question, "Who isn't your neighbor?"

Visit us online at [GoodShepOnline.org/family-ministries](http://GoodShepOnline.org/family-ministries)



The power behind these commands is not to love the lovable. Rather, the command empowers us to love the unlovable. These two commands are ways to live, see and experience the incarnated reality of Christ among us. In fact, the more we follow these commands, the more repair we accomplish. By fixing a corner of the world, we mend an aspect of ourselves. So, go ahead and give it a try. Find someone unlovable and start loving them. "But it's difficult!" Yes, it is. But it is also life-giving and life-changing. As the athletic retailer Nike says, "Just do it!"



Contact David to find out more about Youth and Family Ministries at [ddixon@goodsheponline.org](mailto:ddixon@goodsheponline.org)

Visit our Youth and Family Ministry page for info and ministry schedules. [GoodShepOnline.org](http://GoodShepOnline.org) Youth Group will meet again in August. Join us for Summer Sunday School altogether, at 10AM!

**Above top:** Families gather at a regular lunch get-together to keep everyone updated on events and ministries that we offer for children of this parish.

**Above bottom:** Viviene and Caroline Boren enjoy lunch and a coloring page. Watch the announcement page for these opportunities to connect this fall.



## Youth Mission 2022

Good Shepherd Youth Group is heading to Charleston, South Carolina for a Week of Hope June 19-22. Offered through Group Mission Trips, this opportunity allows youth to serve others through projects that are relevant, focused on Jesus, interactive, and fun. Community service experiences may have them working with seniors, helping with refurbishment projects, or connecting with local families needing assistance. The Pancake Fundraiser before Lent raised over \$1,200 toward their journey.

## Baccalaureate Sunday

Four of our senior youth graduated this year and we celebrated their accomplishment on Sunday May 15. At the 10 AM service, **Caroline Yancey**, **Reed Wolfrom**, **Chase Johnson**, and **Kevin Young** were recognized with special gifts from clergy, Youth leaders, and the Good Shepherd Good Guys. In addition to a Book of Common Prayer, the graduates received each a \$500 grant from the Good Guys to use toward the commencement of the next important phase of life. Chase Johnson delivered the homily at both services that morning. It's always great to hear how the Holy Spirit is working in our lives from the youth perspective.



Youth Leaders David Dixon and Beth Bohnsack join the graduates at the altar rail.



## Flowering the Cross at Easter



Good Shepherd saw the return of many parishioners at our Easter Services this year. We introduced The Great Vigil on Saturday night, there was a sunrise service on Easter morning, and our Festival Eucharist services at 8:00 and 10:00 AM. It is our tradition to adorn a barren wood cross with fresh cut flowers on Easter, a metaphor for new life. This year, Vergers Patti Hamilton and Peggy Greene assisted children and youth who came forward with flowers for the cross. See more photos from Easter on page 15.



**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

# Howdy, Neighbor!

**Heather Vaughn, Head of School, Good Shepherd Episcopal School**

Good Shepherd Episcopal School is blessed to be part of a community who loves and cares for one another. “And who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29) Our loving neighbors consist of parishioners who read to us and parents who partner with us, important individuals who help us provide a safe and nurturing environment for our children -- a place where children love to learn. They provide experiences that help children grow in a myriad of ways. They teach our students important life lessons that cannot be found in a book.

However, our neighbors extend well beyond our 4-acre campus. Our students learn the importance of supporting our community helpers, fine arts institutions, and local businesses, as well. The Village of Tequesta is our home, and we are so appreciative of all those who help us build “a community of learning and loving.”



**Right top:** Parents enjoy the PreK Easter Parade in front of the school. **Right middle:** The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class studies the Andy Warhol exhibit at the Lighthouse Art Center. **Right bottom:** The late Mrs. Evelyne Bates reads to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class.

**Far right top:** Officer Palimeri of the Tequesta Police Department reads to a PreK class. **Far right center:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade visits the Maltz Theater. **Far right bottom:** Students were treated to a behind the scenes tour with VOT Parks & Rec.

Photos: Heather Vaughn

Good Shepherd School is enrolling now for the 2022/23 academic year. Contact us at 561-746-5507 or visit us online at [GoodShepSchool.com](http://GoodShepSchool.com)

*We wish all students and families of Good Shepherd School a safe and happy summer vacation!*



# Artie's Party



## 2022 Kaleidoscope was a Brilliant Benefit for Outreach Ministry

We give thanks for the many hands that came together to make Kaleidoscope a wonderful experience and a great fundraiser for the work we do in service to others. At the time we go to print, our totals are not final, but we can confidently say that this night of fellowship and outpouring of generosity raised enough to fully cover our Committed Outreach expenditures for the 2023 fiscal year! All proceeds from this event fund committed outreach and enable us feed, clothe, and raise up those who need it most. And we also had fun. As Fr. Doug's final Artie's Party as our Rector, we gave him a clever, comical and, yes, somewhat irreverent parting song and dance. We truly appreciate the community support of donated auction items, our corporate sponsors, our individual sponsors, and the volunteers who stepped forward to offer their gifts to this event. Visit the Artie's Party Page at [GoodShepOnline.org](http://GoodShepOnline.org) for photos and details!





## Who is my neighbor?

By Marilyn Lawrence, Outreach and Missions Committee Chair

*“I am a part of all that I have met, yet all experience is an arch wherethrough gleams that untraveled world.....”  
Ulysses, Alfred Lord Tennyson*

What would the world be like if we treated everyone we met as a part of ourselves, and looked for the possibilities that gleam in one another? What if we treated everyone as we would like to be treated? What if we truly followed the words of St. Francis of Assisi: “Preach the Gospel always. If necessary, use words.” Our actions, as individuals and as a community, speak to the world around us. We have an opportunity to preach the Gospel – the Good News – every day, through what we do and how we treat our ‘neighbors’.

We at Good Shepherd are called to be ‘a vibrant community resource, radiating God’s love for everyone, everywhere.’ As a community, we recognize that it is not enough just to serve one another. “If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others?” Time after time, Jesus called us to serve the sick, the struggling, the hungry, the lonely. “Feed my sheep,” he told his disciples. “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was naked and you gave me clothing. As you did

it to one of the least of these members of my family, you did it to me.”

The programs of our Outreach and Mission Committee seek to put this Good News into practice, and to make it possible for everyone to participate in the mission. When we pack Manna bags for St. George’s Mission or pick vegetables with CROS ministries or bring canned goods to the Food Pantry or contribute funds to a Lenten project we reach out to those whom Christ would have us serve. When we meet those in need, at St. George’s or at the Food Pantry, and take the time to talk with them, we recognize them as neighbors, as part of ourselves. And we expand both our world and theirs.

But we don’t have to volunteer at the Food Pantry or at St. George’s to meet our neighbors in need. They live among us: the waitress in our favorite restaurant who can’t afford rent and is living out of her car; the elderly man whose savings ran out and works part time as a Greeter at Walmart or as a parking lot attendant; the widow down the street who lost her husband to Covid and now works part-time at the cleaners to provide a home for her children. They are the people who mow our lawns and cut our hair and wash our windows. They fix our cars and deliver our carry-out orders and work as orderlies in our nursing homes. They are us, and we are them. And every day we have an opportunity to ‘radiate God’s love’ to someone, somewhere.

Open my eyes, Lord, that I may see, and through my deeds give praise to Thee.

**Below:** Manna Bag Ministry gathers to prepare balanced bag lunches for distribution at St. George’s Community Center. Thanks, team!



Outreach and Missions Committee meets monthly to discuss projects and opportunities that make a real difference in real lives. To learn more, please contact Marilyn Lawrence at [marilaw@msn.com](mailto:marilaw@msn.com) or visit us online.

**The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 11-2**

**Curbside in the south parking lot For pick-up or drop-off**



**Above:** Marilyn Lawrence (right) joins Deborah Morgan, Executive Director of Palm Beach Harvest and her assistant, on a recent delivery to Good Shepherd. An important logistics link in food distribution, Palm Beach Harvest rescues food from food drives and surplus inventory anywhere in Palm Beach County and delivers it to distribution sites like the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. We welcome this assistance, as our Food Pantry numbers have been steadily increasing. Currently we serve almost 60 families per week, or about 180 people. We are truly grateful for the help of our neighbors at Palm Beach Harvest.



## Church on the Green ended at the Beach in April

Thanks to coordinators in our Outreach Committee and Good Shepherd School for putting this grand finale together for Church on the Green! After a bit of a run around to get to the starting point, we gathered at Carlin Park and then headed across the street



**Above:** Blue sky and turquoise sea are a perfect backdrop for the Church and School Beach Cleanup on April 24 at Church on the Beach. Left: More than 70 people attended the Eucharist at Carlin Park.

to the park pavilion where about 74 people gathered for a beach park Eucharist. Being visible and among our neighbors for these worship services is how we realize our vision to be a community resource radiating God's love to everyone, everywhere. We give special thanks to our community partners at the Beach Bucket Foundation for providing the buckets and trash grabbers.

## Back-to-School drive in July

Each year, Good Shepherd has a special collection for children at **Warfield School** in Indiantown, to gather school supplies for the coming academic year. These supplies make a huge impact on learning, and students can take pride in the work they produce with new school supplies. More than pencils and crayons, these supplies include backpacks, notebooks, binders, tissues and more.

We hear from teachers and administrators at the school that the children are grateful to receive them and that parents are especially thankful that a burden has been eased for the coming school year. A complete list will be available in early July and will be available in the Narthex and on our website.

## Lenten Outreach Project

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Each year, our parish participates in a special project to assist a ministry or meet a need on a large scale. This year, we made an



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effort to help Bon Samaritan School in Bondeau, Haiti with a much needed kindergarten. Our goal was \$15,000, part of a \$65,000 total for the project in cooperation with South Florida Haiti project and our diocese. **Together we were able to raise \$18,770!** Our youth created an excellent model of the building constructed with Legos to track our progress throughout the 6 weeks of Lent. Thanks to everyone who contributed toward this goal!

## CONNECT

# Pennies in the Community

By Beth Long, Pennies For Heaven Shop Manager

Pennies for Heaven has been reaching out to the community long before I became the manager. The beauty of our thrift shop is that it can support so many opportunities and businesses outside the shop. One of our biggest blessings is a ministry called Faith Farm. It's a charity within a charity that has three thrift store locations. It is a faith-based 10-month program that helps individuals recover from drug addiction. Honestly, I do not know what we would do without them! They come religiously, every Thursday and take the items that we cannot use or are too big for our little place.

A few of the connections that we have made since I have been the manager have been with two women who represent three different charities, Big Dog Ranch/Great Dane Rescue and Oasis Foster care. I love to see the passion in their eyes when they talk about why they do what they do and coincidentally, they live in the same neighborhood, so they can help each other pick up the various items that we set aside for them. Big Dog Ranch/Great Dane rescue benefit from all the towels, blankets, washcloths and sheets that are too worn or stained for our shop, and we save all of our children's clothing that are over size 6x through high school for Oasis Foster care.

One of the new charities that we help is called Prom Beach, a place that collects men's suits and dresses for those who can't afford to purchase an outfit to go to prom! Business out of business, charity out of charity, the ideas and options are endless! Our goal is to continue reaching out to people and the community when an opportunity presents itself.

Working at Pennies, I have a different outlook. When someone passes and loved ones donate their clothing or shoes, that person's donation helps 20 different people with clothing on their back and shoes on their feet! The family of one woman, in particular, donated a HUGE collection of craft paper, stamps, paint etc. Think of all the teachers and kids that she has helped. She happened to be a teacher in her past life, so I know in my heart she is looking down on us and is so happy her crafts have new purpose!

Summertime is a great time to lend a hand at Pennies if you have a couple hours to spare. Every day is different, and I love to match the volunteers up with something they love to do.

Whether you like to organize, help with clothing, or help us market items through Facebook, we have a place for you! Please stop in or give me a call, 561-262-8032. Beth Long, Pennies Thrift Shop Manager.



Above: This dedicated team of Pennies For Heaven volunteers includes (l-r) Mary Jane Seitz, Diane Spero, Joan Fuller, and Anna Block.



Left: We receive a vast array of items that seem to have nothing in common, but our skilled merchandiser Nadia Amerman is able to put it all together to great effect on the risers in the shop. We are so grateful for the many gifts of our volunteers!

### THRIFT SHOP HOURS:

Tuesday—Friday, 11-4

Donations accepted when the shop is open or call us to make arrangements at 561-406-2923. *Thank you!*

## Volunteer Service Opportunities

We have always been a seasonal parish with many of our parishioners going north for the summer. Each year this creates a need for extra assistance for a few months. We are currently looking for help in the following areas:

- **Sunday Ushers**
- **Coffee Hour Hosts**
- **Greeters**
- **Readers (during worship services)**
- **Project-specific office assistance**
- **Pennies For Heaven**

Please contact Merike Seely or Jo Wood to get information about these positions or visit the Worship Ministries page of our website.

# Snapshot Journal

Babies, baptisms, bible study and goodbyes! It was a busy spring at Good Shepherd. Here are some photos of the events and people that shaped our parish life.



**Right:** On May 8, Italya Bishop was baptized at the 8:00 AM service. Once she was presented to the congregation she confidently breezed right out the back doors of the church, stopping only for this quick photo.



**Left:** Celebrating Fr. Doug's last day on May 22 in the courtyard with a lovely and festive reception.



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**Below:** Fr. Derek has some company for his bike ride home.



**Above:** Bible Study moved into "the Barn" in May. A very versatile Youth space, the Barn has become a favorite meeting spot that's easily adapted to a variety of ministry needs. Thanks to Youth Group for sharing!

**Left:** Fr. Doug takes a selfie with School Chapel on his last Wednesday morning with them.



**Right:** Alaster Brecken Larson joined the world on March 18, 2022, our newest parishioner. Congratulations to Fr. Derek, LauraAnn, and Bear on the arrival of this bundle of joy.



**Right:** She wears many hats — 2 in this photo. Jo Wood works to ensure we have welcoming, safe places for parish life. You will also see her on Sundays greeting newcomers. New to Good Shepherd? Reach out to Jo for information!



**Left:** Kids really do love eggs, don't they?



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For more photos visit our website, [GoodShepOnline.org](http://GoodShepOnline.org)

# By the NUMBERS

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

**140**

People who attended Artie's Party 2022: Kaleidoscope

**\$18,710**

Funds raised to support Kindergarten project in Bondeau, Haiti

**675**

Easter eggs for the hunt on Sunday, April 17

**4**

Senior Youth recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 15

**90**

Auction Items for Artie's Party Online Auction

**9**

Holy Week Services

**60**

Lilies adorning the altar on Easter

**950**

Feet of colorful sheeting to decorate the Parish Hall for Artie's Party

**316**

Attended Fr. Doug's last Sunday, May 22



Lynn Evans, Business Manager

## Office News

In May, we saw a change in our Business Manager position. Letty Anderson, and her husband Ian, decided to be closer to family in Knoxville, TN for part of the year. Letty resigned from her role and on May 8, we thanked her for her excellent service to Good Shepherd as our Business Manager for the past five years.

We are pleased to announce that we have hired Lynn Evans to fill the vacant part-time position. A former licensed CPA in Georgia, Lynn brings a strong background in accounting and a sunny disposition to the role. She will be fielding parishioner questions and offering assistance with online transactions in addition to working with the finance committee and administration on monthly reporting. If you are here on Tuesdays and Thursdays, stop in to say hello to Lynn!

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## An open letter from Fr. Doug

May 24, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*This past Sunday was full of emotion for me and my family as we said "good-bye" to the amazing community at Good Shepherd. Over the last five and a half years, we have worshipped and served alongside one another. We have prayed together. We have worked for the building up of God's kingdom in our local community and beyond. I am exceedingly grateful for the opportunity you gave to me as your Rector. I am humbled by your generosity and steadfast commitment to God's mission. And I am confident that, with God's help, you will continue to thrive as a vibrant spiritual and educational community for years to come.*

*I know many of you were not able to attend on Sunday as we celebrated my last day at Good Shepherd. And, for those who were present, I am aware that I was not able to greet each of you personally due to the busyness of the day. So, I would like to take this opportunity to simply say "thank you" for all the love and support you have shown me and my family over these past five years. Thank you for the gift of a generous purse that will assist with the purchasing of vestments and other needs related to my new position. And, above all, thank you for being such an incredibly faithful and joyful Christian community. I will truly miss each and every one of you. May God continue to bless you abundantly as you press onward with God's mission and vision for you!*

*In Christ,  
Doug+*

## Financial Status (Jan.—April. 2022)

	Actual	Annual Budget
Operating Revenues	362,908	1,075,754
Operating Expenses	395,084	1,119,521
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>-37,176</b>	<b>-43,767</b>

Second Quarter Financial Statements will be mailed in early July. Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to arrange a recurring donation, please contact Lynn, our Business Manager. 561-746-4674.

## Good Shepherd School Board 2022/23 Academic Year

We thank the following volunteers and staff for their time, gifts, and oversight of Good Shepherd School:

**Todd Alfuth, Mary Ellen Purdy, Gwen Gouery, Jim Couillard, Marilyn Lawrence, Barbara Behl, Kathy Hawken, Erika Almquist, Heather Vaughn, Laura Schuemann, Debbie Gilbert, Kyle Stone, Stacey Ulman.**

## Online Giving

We have switched our online donation processor to Vanco, which is a system integrated with our database and church management software, Realm. The new platform looks a little different but has the same features as our former processor. You are still able to select the fund to which you wish to contribute, and have options to make recurring payments. Improvements include the ability to donate to multiple funds in one transaction, and the option to add a small percentage to offset the cost of processing. Once transactions post they will appear on your Giving tab. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Lynn 561-746-



## Ways to Give to Good Shepherd

### Recurring Gifts

Linking your giving to your bank account cuts processing fees and means that more of your gift can be used for mission and ministry. You can set up this direct giving on our secure giving page by selecting a recurring ACH gift. You will also have the opportunity to select the giving schedule and, once established, you can change or cancel it at any time.

### Checks and Credit Cards

Please mail checks to the church at 400 Seabrook Road, Tequesta, FL 33469. Credit cards are processed easily on our website on the Giving page and can be done at any time on any schedule. You can also set up recurring credit card donations or electronic pay-by-check

### 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 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** so that we can properly recognize and allocate your gift. Contact us at [mseely@goodsheponline.org](mailto:mseely@goodsheponline.org).

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

**8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I**  
(IN-PERSON ONLY)

**10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**  
(IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM AT  
GOODSHEPONLINE.ORG)

### DURING THE WEEK

**9 AM MORNING PRAYER**  
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY IN SUMMER  
(ON FACEBOOK AND ZOOM)

### OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY 10 TO 2

### THRIFT SHOP HOURS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY 11 TO 4  
(DONATIONS ACCEPTED WHEN THE  
SHOP IS OPEN 561-406-2923)

### FOOD PANTRY HOURS

### GOOD SHEPHERD VESTRY 2022

Heather Graham, *Senior Warden*  
Mike Howard, *Junior Warden*  
Mike Greene, *Treasurer*  
Mark Chittum, *Clerk*  
Tracy Smith, Matt Ulman, Brad Davis,  
Beth Bohnsack, Beverley Cunningham,  
Akin Owosina, Ian Anderson,  
Carol Block, George Hines

## Congratulations to The Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf for being elected as Bishop Coadjutor for the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida

We are so happy for Fr. Doug as he begins this next exciting phase of his career. As a parish, we are sorry to lose him, but we are now embracing the opportunity to call our next rector. We will be working closely with our Diocesan office, Bishop Eaton, and Canon Jason Roberson to navigate the process of selecting a search committee, developing a parish profile, and putting out a call for applicants.



Father Doug and Father Derek pose for a photo before processing into the church during Holy Week. Fr. Derek will be our pastoral and spiritual leader for this next phase of our transition. We have plans to continue with worship, program development, new opportunities to find meaning and purpose in ministry, and spiritual engagement. This issue of Tiding describes many of the aspects of the coming process, and we welcome you to visit our website for regular updates.