

Tidings

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They just look dangerous. These wonderful knife-wielding women are often found in our Good Shepherd kitchen preparing fantastic meals for groups of 8 to 180. To feed others is a special calling and we are so blessed by their service. Nothing to fear here—unless you are celery.

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: Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.**

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 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

Every one of the radiating images on the cover represents a ministry, worship service, window, structure, or feature of our campus and buildings. A filter applied to each photo illustrates the theme of radiating outward from a central point — centrifugal mission. As a whole, it is a reminder of the transformative beauty of taking your unique spiritual message into the world. Go! Be radiant.

Photos and design: Merike Seely



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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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*"Let us go forth in
the name of Christ."*

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A Word from the Rector

Just over two years ago, we gathered as a church and school community to dream about the future and to draft a new vision statement that would provide a clear focus and direction for our common life. As we prayed and discerned together, one thing became clear: God was calling us to more intentionally reach out to our community, to be a spiritual and educational resource, and to radiate God's unconditional love in everything we do. Since completing our strategic plan, we have been seeking to live out God's calling and to cultivate new ways to share God's love with our families, neighborhoods, and communities.



The theme for this issue of *Tidings* is *radiate*. This word, of course, is an important part of our vision statement, so I thought it might be helpful to reflect more deeply on what precisely we mean when we talk about *radiating God's unconditional love*. The word *radiate* means "to spread abroad as if from a center." In terms of our spiritual lives, our *center* is Jesus Christ, who is our source of abundant and eternal life. But in terms of our shared ministry, our *center* is the community of prayer and belonging of which we are a part. We gather every Sunday to reconnect with Jesus, the *center* of our spiritual life, but we also gather to reconnect with our community, the *center* of our shared mission and ministry.

At the conclusion of every worship service, we ask God to "send us into the world in peace;" we pray that God would "grant us strength and courage" to go forth to share the love and light of Jesus. To *radiate* God's love means that we allow our lives to *move outward* from our spiritual center (Jesus) as well as our communal *center* (the life we share together as God's people). Just as a ray of light moves outward from its source, we are called to move outward to share God's unconditional love and to show forth God's mercy. This edition of *Tidings* will include articles, and stories about the ways in which we are already answering this call to move outward as well as future opportunities to share God's love in our community. May God's Holy Spirit continue to inspire, empower, and direct us in all we do!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned at the end of the letter.

GROW

The RECTOR'S Forum

The Rector's forum is an opportunity for us to come together for meaningful conversation about many of the significant issues and events in our contemporary culture and society. We may not always agree about a particular topic or issue, but The Rector's Forum is designed to be a time when we can model what it means to be a Christian community and how we are called to treat each other even when we disagree.

This education opportunity is offered between services at 9:15 a.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month. Join us on March 22, April 26, and May 24.

Rector's Bible Study

The Primordial What?

A Six Week Study of Genesis 1-12

The first several chapters of Genesis help us understand our origins – the origin of creation, the origin of sin, the origin of Israel as God's chosen people. During the season of Lent, we will engage in an in-depth study of these all-important first chapters of the Bible and will explore how these chapters help us to understand the whole story of God's love and redemption for all of creation. **Begins March 4th**

By Grace Alone

A Seven Week Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans

The Apostle Paul was undoubtedly one of the most influential leaders during the first several decades of the first-century Jesus movement. Paul founded and pastored several Christian communities around the Mediterranean Sea. However, his most famous and powerful letter was written to a community that he had never visited. Romans reflects a comprehensive and systematic overview of Paul's teaching of the gospel. As N.T. Wright asserts, the Letter to the Romans "is by common consent Paul's masterpiece!" During this Easter season, we will be diving into Paul's first-century world as we explore his theological vision of salvation by grace alone. **Begins April 22nd.**

Tidings is available online at GoodShepOnline.org

Lenten Program 2020

Wednesday Nights in Lent

Begins March 4, at 6:00 PM



We are living in a dramatically different religious landscape than just a few decades ago. The language of faith and spirituality is changing in significant ways. The fastest growing segment of our population is the religiously "unaffiliated." Many people no longer look to any religion or belief system as a source of meaning and purpose for their life. In this rapidly changing cultural context, how do we talk about God? How do we talk about our faith? How do we share what we believe? During this season of Lent, we will talk about these important questions and together we will discover effective ways to share our God story with confidence and joy.

Please sign up for the program and supper on Sundays or email the office at mail@goodsheponline.org so we will know how to prepare each week.



Music Ministry

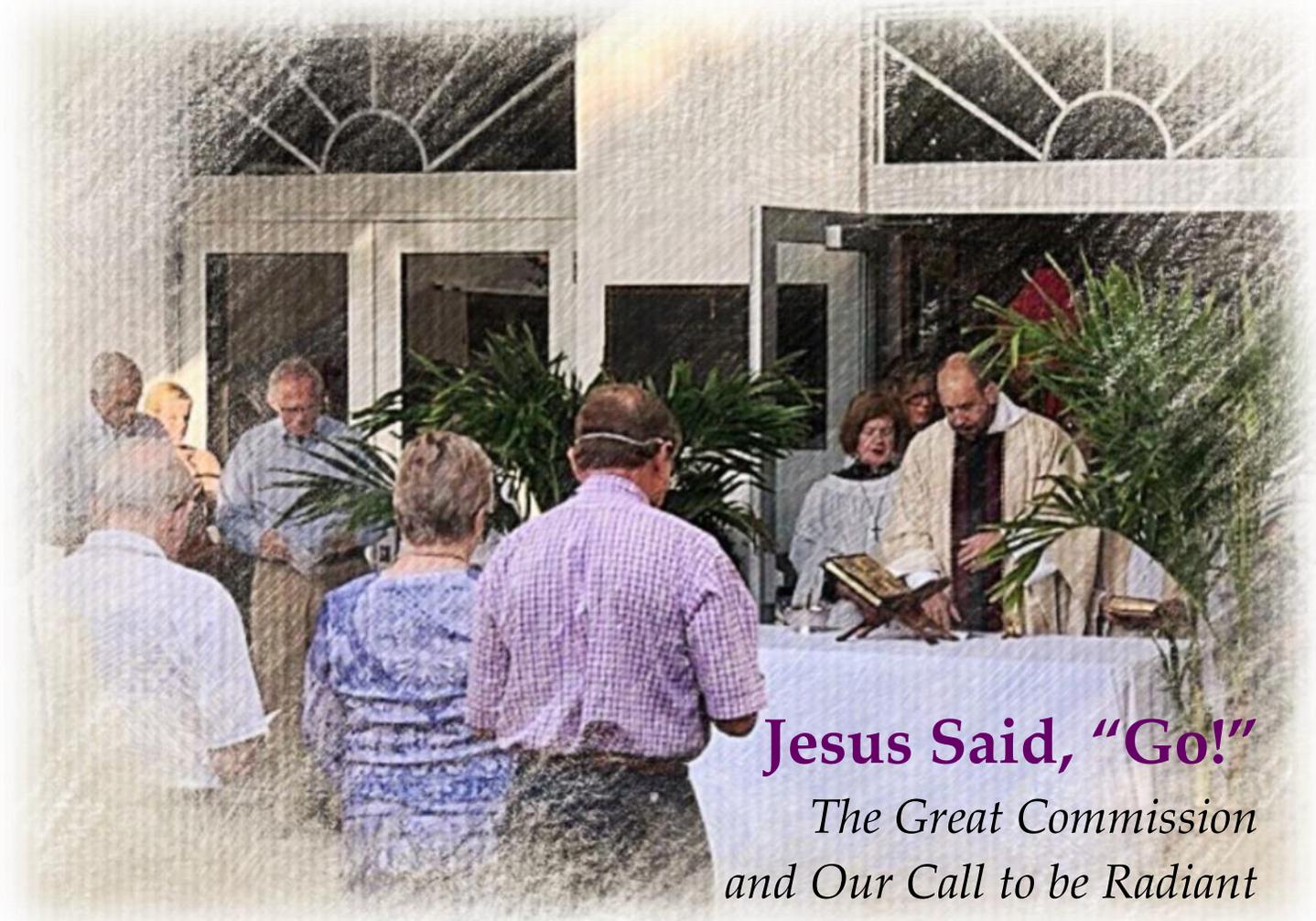
Choir

Choir invites you to lend your voice to our 10:00 a.m.

Sunday services. Practice is held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the All Saints' Room (south side of the Narthex), and Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

Young musicians and singers

Children and Youth Music Ministry — choral, solo, instrumental — meets on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in the All Saints' Room for practice and planning for upcoming events. Bring your instrument or favorite music.



Jesus Said, “Go!”

The Great Commission and Our Call to be Radiant

By the Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf

According to Matthew’s gospel account, after his resurrection, Jesus assembled his disciples on a mountain in Galilee. The last recorded words of Jesus to his disciples in Matthew’s gospel are in the form of a commissioning, a sending forth into the world. Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore, **go** and make disciples of all nations.” This is the moment when the *disciples* become *apostles*. A disciple is *one who learns from and follows a teacher or mentor*. An apostle literally means *one who is sent with a commission*. The small band of followers who had answered the call become Jesus’ disciples were now commissioned to be apostles. The ones who had learned at the feet of Jesus were now the ones *sent* to be bearers of God’s love and grace in the

world. However, in order to fully grasp the transformational power of this “great commission” from Jesus, we have to understand how God’s mission is described in other parts of the Bible.

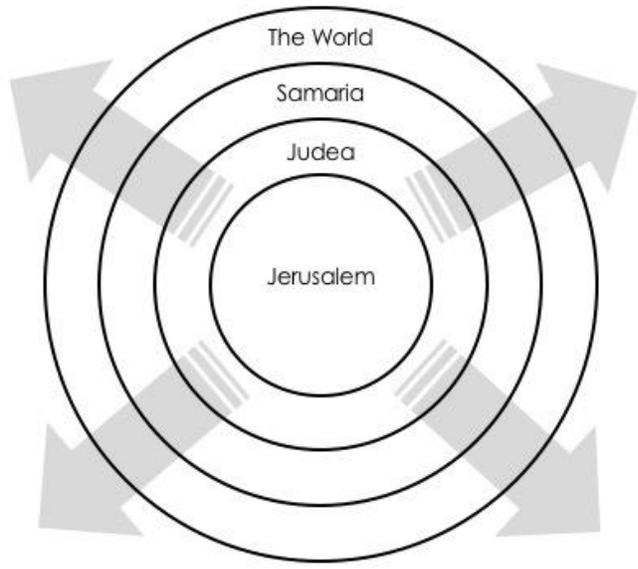
Centripetal Mission: Come!

In the Old Testament, God called the people of Israel to a special vocation. Israel was set apart as “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6) and all the nations of the earth were called to come to that light – to come to Zion, the mountain of the Lord. Israel was described as the center of God’s purposes and all nations were drawn into that center. This movement *into the center* is referred to by biblical scholars as *centripetal mission*. Jesus himself talks about this form of mission in the gospel of Matthew when he says, “You are the light of the world

– a city on a hill.” A city, of course, doesn’t move. It doesn’t go anywhere. But rather, travelers come *into* the city. Jesus is describing a form of mission that moves from the *outside in*. For much of the church’s history, we have relied on *centripetal mission*. We have built churches, started programs, organized ministries, and assumed that people would come walking through our doors. For decades, this model was sufficient. Throughout the middle part of the twentieth century, this model of mission worked just fine. But after his resurrection, Jesus empowered his disciples for a new form of mission, a form of mission that moved from the *inside out*. Jesus commissioned his apostles to “go!”

Centrifugal Mission: Go!

The “great commission” was only possible, because the first disciples had an experience of God’s power and presence in their lives. For the first disciples, something life-changing happened in the city of Jerusalem. Their teacher, their master, and their Lord had been crucified and buried. All seemed lost. Death appeared to have won. Darkness seemed to have conquered. Yet, on that first Easter morning, the followers of Jesus discovered an empty tomb. They heard the proclamation of the angel, “He is not here; he is risen!” The experience of the resurrection compelled the first followers of Jesus to *go* – to go into all the world to share good news, to promote justice, to seek healing, to cultivate reconciliation, and proclaim that the kingdom of God had come near. This new form of mission is what scholars call *centrifugal mission* – the movement *outward from the center*. In the book of Acts, Jesus defines the scope of this mission when he says to his disciples, “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). The movement of mission begins right where you are, but then moves outward to the surrounding region, to your neighborhood and community. What’s interesting is that Jesus includes Samaria. For the Jewish people in the first century, the Samaritans were viewed as outcasts who were not to be trusted. Yet, the apostles are sent to the margins of their society. They are sent to their enemies. They are sent to the ends of the earth!



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Being Radiant

Our call to radiate God’s love encompasses both facets of God’s mission. As with the people of Israel, we are called to be a light, a city built upon a hill. Our congregations are called to be places of love, justice, and hope – places toward which people are drawn and welcomed. Yet, as with first followers of Jesus, we also are called to *go* – to be God’s “light-bearers” in the world, to take the good news of God’s love to neighborhoods and communities, to go to the margins and perhaps even to our enemies. This is our call. This our mission. This is our purpose. To radiate God’s unconditional love for everyone, everywhere – even to the ends of the earth.

Good Shepherd Youth Group participates in annual mission trips, pilgrimages, service projects, and community events. It is an example of ministry actively radiating God’s love in the community.





Good Shepherd School Notes

Good Shepherd School radiates their God story every day: *They Believe Out Loud*

By Dr. Rosemary Marshall, Head of School

The quarterly theme of Radiance can easily be applied to the culture of the school. The minds of our students and staff are open to the acceptance of knowledge, love, and community outreach. These three areas of focus help to develop our students and staff into active participants who live by example and radiate God's love everywhere they go. One must believe fiercely in something with one's inner-being and heart before one can "BELIEVE OUT LOUD." We at Good Shepherd Episcopal School do just that!

Philanthropy was a cornerstone for the school throughout the holiday season. Our newest mission was spearheaded by Molly Daniels and involved a new relationship between our school and Jupiter Elementary. Taking this low-economic ESOL population under our wing, gifts were given as the first of many exchanges, beginning what we hope will be a warm relationship that will fulfill needs between both groups of students. In addition, we continued our work with Cross Ministries, the Pennies Fashion Show, the Outreach & Missions Committee and The Warfield School to provide services as needed. There is no better way to spread God's word than through our actions and BELIEVEING OUT LOUD.

The Annual Report and the State of the School Address both serve as a perfect platform to emphasize the wonderful work being done at the School. This past year showed positive changes in security, technology and curriculum, all while keeping a balanced budget with a surplus. But it is the future of the school that shines the brightest and creates the desire to BELIEVE OUT LOUD!

As we continue to move in the direction of Good Shepherd Episcopal School Academy of Arts and Sciences, we have refurbished our science lab which is now ready to open with a dedicated STEAM science educator beginning in August. (Until that time the classroom teachers will use the lab for science

lessons). Our Arts program will expand to include a Band Class and a beginning instrumentation program. Gifted services will be added for qualifying students and an additional class of Early Learners will be added to the south hallway. These are just some of the highlights that are in place for the next school year.

The Strategic Plan continues to be our compass on our journey as we once again begin the tedious process of Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS) accreditation. Next year we will review and evaluate our school program through self-study, readying our campus for an evaluation visit by a team of educators from across the state. Of course this happens at the same time as the Master Plan is put into effect and the next five-year Strategic Plan goes to the drawing board. Needless to say, the immediate future at Good Shepherd Episcopal School will be a busy one as we share the many wonderful happenings of our school and we BELIEVE OUT LOUD for all to read and see!



In December, Good Shepherd School and church groups joined voices for a spectacular, spirited *Christmas In Concert*. Roughly 400 attended the event and some stayed for a festive reception in the Parish Hall following the show.

One Spirit, Many Faces Annual Meeting 2020

On January 26, we gathered for our Annual Meeting to elect Vestry members and consider other business to come before the congregation. Fr. Doug and Dr. Rosemary Marshall were both sick with the flu on that day and unable to attend. The meeting was led by Senior Warden, Jim Couillard. Treasurer Mike Greene gave the financial reports and Catherine Oenbrink, Maggie Riddle and Jim Couillard were recognized for their service as outgoing Vestry members. Tracy Smith will stay on the Vestry for the next term of 3 years, as she was fulfilling a vacant position in 2019. On the following Sunday, Fr. Doug and Dr. Marshall gave the reports on the State of the Church and School, respectively.

We are pleased to announce the following appointments to the Vestry.

Senior Warden - Kevin Johnson

This is Kevin's final year as a member of the vestry. He has served as Junior Warden and is actively involved in many activities and ministries at Good Shepherd. Kevin also serves as our Acolyte Warden for Youth and assists with the coordination of liturgy for Sunday worship and major celebrations throughout the church year.

Junior Warden - Tracy Smith

Tracy was just re-elected to the vestry for a three term after fulfilling one year of an unexpired term. She is active in a number of ministries in the congregation, including Coffee House, Outreach, and assisting with various Community Events. In addition to these ministries, Tracy also serves as a Verger and our Parish Representative for Cursillo.

Treasurer - Mike Greene

We are delighted that Mike Greene has agreed to continue his service as our Parish Treasurer. Mike has served in this capacity for years and brings a wealth of experience from his professional career as well as his long-time involvement in the life and ministry of Good Shepherd.

Clerk - Gwen Gouery

Gwen has agreed to serve another term as the Clerk of the Vestry. As Clerk, Gwen is responsible for transcribing the minutes of each meeting and assisting with the organization of vestry records. Gwen has been involved in many ministries of Good Shepherd over the years, including Youth & Family Ministry, Cursillo, and Outreach.



Lenten Quiet Day

Saturday, March 7, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at
Good Shepherd

All are invited to experience a meditation with contemplative prayer. "Uphold the Cross, For His Sake" is sponsored by the Order of the Daughters of the King, Led by members of the chapter at Good Shepherd. We will have a healing Eucharist midday with Fr. Doug. Bring a bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. RSVP by calling the church office at 561-746-4674.

Morning Prayer

9:00 every week day except Wednesday

Morning Prayer is held throughout Lent at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This service is a meaningful practice and only takes about 20 minutes of your day.

Additionally, you may join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. for Holy Eucharist & Healing.



On Palm Sunday we gather in the courtyard to begin Holy Week with the Liturgy of the Palms.

GROW

YOUTH

and FAMILY



What's Your God Story?

By David Dixon, Youth and Family Minister

Which is the most difficult era of human life? Is it infancy? Adolescence? Mature adulthood? Agedness? How you might answer probably depends upon where you are at the moment. While many might suggest that one's sunset years are the hardest, my experience working with youth leads me to say the period designated as youth might be the most challenging.

Youth is a frustrating time in life. It is that period when one is hardly old enough to be on their own, and yet they are feeling a sense of independence. Youth are always attempting to find some sense of identity. That is why they sometimes act and dress so weird. They are bizarre!

But then, so were we.

Youth is difficult, there is no doubt about it. Especially in today's volatile environment. Trying to balance life as a student, perhaps an employee and an active participant in social or sport activities can be demanding. Striving to be all things can leave our youth feeling confused and overwhelmed.

When you think about it, the Bible is filled with stories about everyday people, many who were young and facing similar struggles with identity and purpose. These stories, God stories, demonstrate how God takes people who are very ordinary and inspires them to live a life that is extraordinary. They are stories that convey how our life journey follows the one God has planned for us, a God story. At a very pivotal moment in the gospels Jesus asks his disciples a question that is really a question that Jesus asks all of us; "Who do you say I am?"

While meditating on my own "God Story", and how I might answer someone who asks me the question, "Who is Jesus?"; or, "Why are you a Christian?", I was reminded of a passage in 1 Peter that states, "If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way" (1 Peter 3:15-16, NLT). As I began to reflect back on my life with Christ, my journey through the years, a few questions came to mind. What was my life like before Christ? How did I come to Christ?

How has my life been since coming to Christ? These questions help to direct my own God story—a meaningful Lenten practice.

TRY THIS

A great exercise during this Lenten season is to write out your God story as if you were going to tell it to someone you just met. Here are some of the questions I used to help write my "God Story".

Maybe they will be helpful for you as well.

My Life Before Christ

What about my life before Christ will relate most to the non-Christians I know? What did my life revolve around? Where did I get my security, identity or happiness? How did those things begin to let me down?

How I Came to Christ

When was the first time I heard the gospel? What were my initial reactions? When and why did my perspective of Christ begin to change? What were the final thoughts and struggles that went through my mind just before I acknowledged Christ as Savior? Why did I finally decide to give Christ complete control of my life?

My Life After Coming to Christ

How is my life different now? What are some specific changes in my character, attitude and perspective on life? What motivates me now? What do I live for? Even though my life still isn't perfect, how does knowing Christ help me deal with that fact?

Contact David to find out more about Youth and Family Ministries at ddixon@goodsheponline.org



ConneXion

Last Sunday of the month
at 6:00 p.m.
Youth Activity or Meet-up.
Something new every time.
Watch your bulletin, Realm, or email
for details.



acolyte

For any youth in grades 5-12, Acolyte Guild is an important part of every worship service. 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.

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

Kevin Johnson,
Acolyte
Master



SERVE

CEEP Annual Gathering 2020

Leading Beyond the Walls

In 2019, Good Shepherd became a member the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes, otherwise known as CEEP. The mission of CEEP is “to celebrate, inspire and equip its member parishes, seminaries, and other Episcopal institutions for effective leadership, stewardship and transformation in the church and in the world.” For the past two years, a team from Good Shepherd has attended the Annual Gathering of CEEP. This event gathers leaders from around the Episcopal Church for training and education. It is also a time for leaders to share resources and ideas related to congregational growth and development. This year the conference was attended by Fr. Doug along with our Parish Administrator, Merike Seely; our Giving Team Chairperson, Patti Hamilton; and Investment Committee member, Teresa Grashof.



Two New Formation Design Teams

We are all called to growth in our faith. We are all called to deepen our commitment as followers of Jesus. We are all called to more fully activate the spiritual gifts God has entrusted to us. To do this, it is imperative that we are engaged in ongoing formation, study, and spiritual development. This might take the form of a weekly Bible study, a prayer gathering, a book study group, or any other intentional form of spiritual practice.

As part of phase two of our strategic plan, we are working to develop and implement additional opportunities for intergenerational spiritual formation and Christian education. To facilitate this important work, we have developed two new design teams that will be charged with the task of generating new and creative ideas for Christian formation, and then developing a plan to implement these new ideas by the Fall of this year.

Youth and Family Ministry Design Team

Under the direction of our Youth and Family Minister, David Dixon, this group is in the process of assessing the needs of our children, youth, and families, and developing new strategies to grow and develop these important ministries.

Adult Formation Design Team

Fr. Doug has gathered a team of leaders who will be developing new ideas for Bible study and Christian formation. This coming Fall, we hope to be able to offer additional education and formation opportunities on Sunday mornings and weekday evenings.

Look for more information about these exciting new opportunities in the Summer issue of *Tidings*.



Outreach & Missions: Radiating God's Love

By Marilyn Lawrence

“We are called to radiate God’s love.....to everyone, everywhere.” Outreach & Mission doesn’t reach “everyone, everywhere,” but it’s not for lack of trying! The holiday season saw us reaching out to our community through a wide variety of programs. In gratitude for God’s great and unexpected gift to us of His Son, our Savior, we asked members of our Good Shepherd community to do “unexpected acts of kindness” for someone else as their Advent gift. The response was heartening, as members of our parish reached out to the lonely or the grieving, gave generously to the homeless and needy, helped strangers in a grocery store or on the roadside, and touched uncounted lives.

But we didn’t stop there: we had three other projects going at the same time! Our SAMS missionary, Ana Reid, was preparing for a mission trip to Honduras, and Pennies for Heaven pitched in to provide clothing and sporting goods for the community it serves. Closer to home, Pennies for Heaven and Good Shepherd School, along with other generous donors, provided clothing – especially pants and underwear – for the children at the Warfield School in Indiantown. And Good Shepherd School, under the guidance of their Outreach Coordinator, Molly Daniels, organized a Giving Tree! Molly’s pre-K class adopted a class at Jupiter Elementary School, and the project soon spread to involve all of Good Shepherd School as well as members of our parish, making it possible to provide Christmas gifts for many children who might otherwise receive nothing. Plans are already

underway to make this an annual project, involving BOTH School and Church.

As we entered the New Year, our major focus was on mobilizing support for our annual Food Packing event for Haiti. On February 1, 2020, over 50 members of the Good Shepherd community traveled to St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Palm Beach Gardens where they helped to pack more than 75,000 meals for our sister parish in Bondeau, Haiti. Next year it will be our turn to host, and we look forward to having this event back at Good Shepherd in 2021! Also in February, we conducted our annual Hygiene Kit drive for the Warfield School. Every year we assemble Ziploc bags of toiletries – toothbrushes and toothpaste, soaps, shampoo, combs, and other items – which are distributed as needed by the school nurses, who also use these items to teach the children about good hygiene practices.

And now we are in Lent! Working closely with Episcopal Charities, the Diocese of Southeast Florida, and Bishop Boyd in the Bahamas, we will be partnering with an Episcopal parish in the Bahamas and aiding them in their long-term recovery from Hurricane Dorian. In late January, Mike Grashof from Good Shepherd joined with a team from Episcopal Charities to make an exploratory trip to St. Ann’s Parish in Green Turtle Cay and Treasure Cay. The Parish is comprised of five churches, two of which – St. Peter’s on Green Turtle Cay and St. Simon’s by the Sea on Treasure Cay – were badly damaged in the storm. Cleanup is still



Mike Grashof joined a team in January that travelled to Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas to identify needs and develop goals to help in the recovery of the area.

underway, and there is no electricity or water. As Bishop Boyd and Fr. Ward, the Rector of the Parish, identify their needs and goals, we will be assembling teams to join them in their recovery efforts. Please watch your bulletin and upcoming announcements about a plan to help in Lent.

Visit our display in the Narthex for updates throughout Lent

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. For information, contact Marilyn Lawrence at marilaw@msn.com

CONNECT

Knitting Ministries

Pick up a Prayer Shawl

Did you know that you can select a prayer shawl or a smaller prayer square any time the office is open, for a friend who needs one? Prayer shawls don't just provide comfort with their soft warmth, but also with the love and prayer in every stitch. Crafted by parishioners, and often distributed through Pastoral Care, these beautiful shawls in many colors are deeply appreciated by those receiving them. Prayer Shawl ministry is coordinated by Lydia Schweizer. Ask any staff member where you can pick one up on Sunday or during the week.

If you're feeling a little chilly in church, knitted shawls are also available to borrow in the Narthex any Sunday. Prayer Shawl Ministry is always ready to welcome new knitters with patterns, yarn, and instruction, if needed. Please contact Lydia at sslydia@msn.com.

Seafarers Ministry Hats and Scarves

It's not too soon to begin crafting scarves or hats for seafarers that come through our local ports on their way to the North Atlantic. These garments provide warmth and let the men and women doing this hard work far from home, know that they are not forgotten. Please let any staff member or Marion Downing know that you would like to help knit or crochet for this ministry.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Vibrant
Spiritual
Educational



TBC to the Rescue!

Thanks, Tequesta Brewing Company, for collecting turkeys and all the 'fixins for Thanksgiving dinners for our food pantry clients. Food was delivered by TBC manager Scott Davis, and Charlene Carlin, seen here with our food Pantry coordinators Marilyn, Lynne, and Ann. Families picked up the prepared packages on Thanksgiving week.

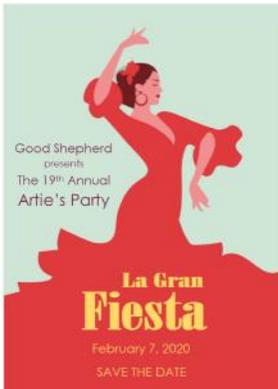
Run 4 the Pies

Scholars recently discovered evidence of an eleventh commandment: *Thou shalt not pass the priest*. Not to worry though—as seen on Fr. Doug's shirt, absolution was available at the 10:00 service. This fun Thanksgiving Day tradition is a 4-mile race that brings in food for our pantry with enough to share with other foodbanks. Sponsored by Palm Beach Roadrunners, collected donations resulted in a \$6,000 gift presented to Good Shepherd in November for mission and ministry.



The Longest Night

This service on the shortest day of the year is for anyone who finds the holidays especially difficult due to loss of a loved one or difficulty of any kind. It is a service of hope and light in the darkness that is offered to anyone in our community.



Artie's Party

Good Shepherd Thanks You!

This year, Good Shepherd's annual dinner and dance fundraiser, Artie's Party, was celebrated in the distinctive and fun-loving style of Spain! We had a fantastic time at *La Gran Fiesta!*

We had about 168 in attendance and were able to raise an amount greater than our committed Outreach budget for an entire year! We couldn't have achieved this without the help of many people. From securing auction items to behind-the-scenes data entry, hand making hundreds of empanadas to uncorking bottles, setting tables to serving appetizers — we are so grateful.

Thanks to **Ann Ballard, Susan Bardin, Evelyne Bates, Beth Bohnsack, Laurie Caudle, Bryce Chant, Mark and Peggy Chittum, Jeanne Couillard, Beverley Cunningham, Courtney Davis, Pam DeFelice, David and Traci Dixon, Allison Duarte, John and Sandy English, Paula Fullager, Joe Gaudet, Dan and Debbie Gilbert, The Good Shepherd Youth Group, Heather Graham, Peggy Greene, Harry and Kathy Hawken, Sally Honeyman, Mike Howard, Timm Johnson-Reynolds, David and Sally Loetell, Ed and Beth Long, Doug Miller, Todd Mobury, Brent and Katharine Murray, Sandi O'Malley, Steve and Catherine Oenbrink, Denise Parson, Connie Pesce, Jessica Makens, Karen Rugar, Nancy Scarpa, Doug and Shannon Scharf, Pete and Merike Seely, Sylvia Simon, Christine Vanderwesthuizen, Steve Vaughn, Cameille Walch, Barbara Waters, and Jo Wood.**

We also thank our event sponsors: **Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, Jim and Jean Swistock, Rusty and Ginny Folk, Charlie and Patti Hamilton, Brent and Katharine Murray, Steve and Catherine Oenbrink, Rick and Pat Penske, Harry and Kathy Hawken, David and Sally Loetell, and Duffy's East, in Jupiter.**

Muchas Gracias to our prize drawing sponsors: **The Travel Gallery/Joan Dowrick, and CellBack/Alex Seely.** We loved the food, and we love **Peggy Greene** and her team

for coordinating the preparation and presentation of so much of it. And thanks to our entertainers who brought us smooth Spanish sounds at the auction — **Sylvia Zanelli Simon and Pete Seely**, beautiful ballet coordinated by **Jennifer Cole**, and performed by **Faith Hunt and Brooklyn Vice of Performing Arts Academy of Jupiter**, and of course, our own lovely **Las Bamba-shells!**

Every auction donation to Artie's Party is a community partnership that has a real effect on real people through mission and ministry. Our deepest gratitude to the many businesses that donated certificates, experiences, items, and tickets toward this cause. They are: **Anna Flowers, Arti Gras, Blueline Surf & Paddle, Butterfly World, Carol Frezza Fine Art, Creative Florals, Duffy's East, Jupiter, Edmund James Salon & Day Spa, Envy of Palm Beach, Gallery Grille, Golden Anvil Jewelers, Hog Snappers, Tequesta, Josco Bar and Oven, Jumby Bay Island Grill, Juno Shoe Girl, Jupiter Hair Shop, Jupiter Lighthouse, Jupiter Vintage, Kathy Kauss, The Artists' Studio, Lane Spa, Lighthouse Cove Adventure Golf, Locanda Rustica, Marie Antoinette's Furniture, McCarthy's Pub, Mystic Yoga, Old Florida Bar and Grill, Patio and Poolside, Paddle Surfari Eco Tours, Pennies For Heaven Thrift Shop, Pinders Seafood, The Quiet Crab, Rapids Waterpark, Schooners Restaurant, Shrimpers Grill and Raw Bar, Susan Steadman Photography, Tequesta Tea Room, The Travel Gallery, The Very Good Stuff, Thirsty Turtle Seagrill, Village Bootery, and Your Escape Salon.** Please visit these businesses and thank them for their participation!





HOURS

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

Donations are gladly accepted when the shop is open. Call to ahead to make special arrangements. 561-746-4674, xt. 109

Live into Mission and Ministry at Pennies For Heaven. Become a Volunteer!

Pennies is a great place to work with flexible schedules, lots of variety, special projects and fun, fun, fun. Speak to Beth Long in the shop or call 561-746-4674.

Shop News

By Beth Long, Thrift Shop Manager

Have you ever been around someone who looks like they are about to burst with excitement? The happiness that they radiate is so contagious that you find yourself smiling even if you don't know what is causing their excitement. That positivity and happiness radiates within our own Pennies Thrift store. The moment you walk in, you are greeted by a volunteer who shares the daily specials happening that day. As you look around, light shines in from all the windows, highlighting the vast array of colors that the clothing, jewelry and other items display. The feeling of happiness passes over from the store to the customer when she realizes that the pair of shoes she was planning to purchase for \$8.00 had a pink tag making them only \$1.00! That unexpected "find" radiates out the door and onto the friends that she runs into that day sharing her fun experience, which in turn, brings in more new faces to the Good Shepherd campus and Pennies. The volunteers in the store also radiate a sense of family and accomplishment. They take pride in the place they volunteer and it shows with the organization and cleanliness... everything has its place!

Pennies Thrift Store is gearing up for spring, since it is right around the corner. It's time to clean out your closets!

Whether you bring in a bag of items or a car full, we will gladly take them off your hands. Those items go on the floor, then off to a new home when someone comes along and makes a purchase. Our outreach programs are expanding as well as we help several baby, children's and teens places with additional clothing that we receive.

Save the date for Saturday May 2, as it will be the annual Spring Rummage Sale! We'll be accepting everything! Please call Beth Long if you have furniture to donate. If you haven't had a chance to pop in just yet, take a moment and stop in and see us, you'll be glad you did!



We're accepting all items for the Rummage Sale now! If you require furniture pickup please contact Beth at blong@goodsheponline.org or call her at 561-746-4674, ext. 112.

CONNECT

The Pennies Fashion Show and Luncheon

In January, we gathered over 100 of our friends to share a beautiful lunch and see so many great fashions from our thrift shop. Thanks to our volunteer models from the shop and from Good Shepherd School for working the runway so well. The event generated over \$2,700 in donations and sales. Thanks to everyone who came to support the Fashion Show!



CONNECT

O.W.L.S.

Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds
Third Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.



O.W.L.S. seeks to fulfill the need for enriching fellowship opportunities for mature members of our community.

This ministry meets one of the core missions of our strategic plan: *to expand the diversity and relevancy of programming that promotes the spiritual growth and engagement of all parishioners.*

One focus area of this group is Outreach and Inreach.

OWLS gives folks the opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to Good Shepherd, meeting them where they are.

“Inreach” provides a platform to encourage intergenerational participation as we work with our school, youth group and other Good Shepherd ministries. Give O.W.L.S. a try!



Congratulations to this cute couple — Al and Kathleen Arbuthnot. Their ticket was drawn for the Artie's Party grand prize weekend at the Casa Monica Resort and Spa in St. Augustine!

Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m.
Parish Hall

Committee and group leaders, chairpersons, and staff, are asked to attend this second presentation to further 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!

Ministries & Groups

Visit www.goodsheponline.org for information about any of these groups. Sign on to Realm to connect!

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.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the library

GOOD SHEPHERD GOOD GUYS

Fridays at 8:00AM in the Parish Hall

LITERARY CIRCLE

First Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

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.

MORNING GLORY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Second and Fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

OWLS (OLDER, WISER, LIVELIER SHEPHERDS)

Third Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

ST. GEORGE'S MEAL MINISTRY

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH THE RECTOR

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. 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)

Events, Activities, and Meetings

March 1 Lent I

Rector's Forum at 9:15 a.m.

March 4

Lenten Program & Supper, 6:00 p.m.

March 7

Lenten Quiet Day, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

March 8 Lent II

March 14

Chéz Youth Dinner Event, 6:00 p.m.

March 15

Cursillo Gathering, 3 p.m.—5 p.m. (off site)

Family Game Night 5:00 p.m.

March 18

Lenten Program & Supper, 6:00 p.m.

March 21

Grand Ultreya (Cursillo) (off site)

March 22 Lent IV

Deanery Youth Mini Mission (to March 25)

March 25

Lenten Program & Supper 6:00 p.m.

March 29

Baptism Preparation class, 11:30 a.m.

April 1

Lenten Program & Supper, 6:00 p.m.

April 5 Palm Sunday

Prayer & Meditation, 6:00 p.m.

Evensong, 6:30 p.m.

Candlelight Labyrinth Walk, 7:00 p.m.

April 8

Lenten Program & Supper, 6:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.

April 9 Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 p.m.

All-night Vigil, 9:00 p.m.—9:00 a.m.

April 10 Good Friday

Noon—Stations of the Cross

Taize Service, 6:00 p.m.

April 11 Holy Saturday

Baptism and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant, 4:00 p.m.

April 12 Easter

Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.

Festival Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.

Festival Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m.

April 26 Earth Stewardship Sunday

April 27

Treasure Coast Youth Symphony, 7:00 p.m.

April 28

Ministry Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

May 2

Pennies For Heaven Spring Rummage Sale

Good Shepherd School Fishing Tournament

May 3 Good Shepherd Sunday

May 17 Youth and Family Sunday

May 24

Rector's Forum, 9:15 a.m.

May 26

Good Guys Grill, 6:30 p.m.

May 31 Pentecost

GriefShare News and Information

GriefShare is a program of focused group discussion and personal study for those who have experienced significant loss. Our team of facilitators at Good Shepherd warmly welcomes anyone in need of support. We encourage you to let your friends and neighbors know that this valuable community resource is available.

On Monday, March 2, at 6:00 p.m., the 14-week regular spring session will begin. The program is free and there is a suggested \$20 donation for the workbook. Please contact program registrar, Beverley Cunningham for information at 561-339-4750.

Holy Baptism

Saturday, April 11, at 4:00 p.m.

A Service of Baptism will be offered during Holy Week at Good Shepherd for anyone who wishes to receive the rite of Baptism. This service is also an opportunity for anyone who has been baptized to publically reaffirm their Baptismal covenant. People of any age may participate.

For those who will be Baptized, a preparation class will be held on Sunday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m. with Fr. Doug. Please contact the office for an application for Holy Baptism. You may also contact Paula Fullager for an email application or you may print one from our website under the Worship tab.



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 February 2020.

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Team members who attended the 2020 CEEP conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

654

Bags of outreach clothing from Pennies For Heaven in 2019

\$5,827.44

Amount donated to Good Shepherd by runners at the 2019 Run 4 the Pies

3

Services scheduled for Easter Sunday

97

Percentage of 2020 pledge goal met (only 3% to go!)

\$33,500

Outreach Budget for 2020

168

Guests attended Artie's Party 2020: *La Gran Fiesta*

141

Qualified electors present for the 2019 Annual Meeting



Getting at the Heart of Giving

2020 Giving Update

What is your why? Why do you choose to give?
Why do you give at Good Shepherd?

On November 10, we began collecting your Giving Cards toward the goal of \$630,000 for the 2020 budget year. As of February 19, we have received pledges in the amount of \$613,977. It's not too late to make your estimate of giving for the coming year. New to pledging? Please click on the "Why?" icon on our homepage for more information including a Frequently Asked Questions page.

Grow Spiritually Through Generosity

Our Giving Team has been working to create a vision for the expression of generosity at Good Shepherd. It is our hope, through education, story, and discussion, to develop inspiring invitations that welcome all to participate in the transformational act of giving.

Last fall we introduced a comprehensive approach to best utilize our resources to support the life and mission of our congregation. Through three major areas—Today, Tomorrow, and Forever—we can realize the power and grace of generosity.

Today

The Operating Budget at Good Shepherd is funded by various donations and contributions, but 64% of it comes from pledge offerings alone. Your estimate of annual giving is a very important part of planning for the budget year. It informs our decisions on program development, committed outreach activities, staffing, and maintenance.

Tomorrow

The Operating Budget doesn't cover the many short and long-term programs we engage in each year. These activities may include youth events, special outreach initiatives, deferred maintenance projects, and meal programs that come up as needed. These designated offerings and gifts made with restrictions help to fund only the specific purpose for which they are given.

Forever

Planned Giving and Legacy Giving are terms for another type of generosity that will ensure that the next generation can continue to fulfil mission and ministry at Good Shepherd. There are many creative planned giving paths that enable anyone, of any means, to express gratitude through giving. Heritage Society is a way for parishioners to give by including Good Shepherd in their will. This special group realizes that we are here today because past generations saw the importance of fulfilling mission and vision for decades to come.

Soon, you will be hearing more about programs and events focused on these types of gifts. If you are interested in speaking to someone sooner, please contact Rob Taylor (rstaylor81@yahoo.com), or Ron Doucette (ronald@sunkist2.com). Alternatively, you may contact Merike Seely (mseely@goodsheponline.org) in the church office at 561-746-4674 for general information.

Year-end Financials 2019 (January—December)

	Actual	Budget	Annual Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	908,108	846,638	846,638	(61,470)
Operating Expenses	870,656	875,812	875,812	5,156
Net Total	37,452	(29,174)	(29,174)	(66,625)

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 during Lent. Here's an idea: make logging on to Realm your Lenten discipline so that forevermore you will be able to access your statements on demand, look up your friend's phone number, see the photos from the last ministry gathering you attended, chat with other people in your group, RSVP to an event, and more!

Our Realm database coordinators, Catherine Oenbrink and Denise Preston are ready to walk you through it if you need some assistance.

Please call the office to receive an email link to join Realm! Still unsure? Visit our website to see a brief video on how it works.
[GoodShepOnline.org>About>Resources/Links](http://GoodShepOnline.org>About/Resources/Links)



Text to Give!

Yes, you can now text [goodsheponline](https://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

Worship Schedule

Holy Week

April 5 Palm Sunday Liturgy begins in the courtyard, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

April 8 Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m. following the final Lenten Program

April 9 Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 p.m.

All-night Vigil, 9:00 p.m.—9:00 a.m.

April 11 Good Friday

Stations of the Cross, noon

Taizé Service, 6:00 p.m.

April 11 Holy Saturday

Baptism and Reaffirmation

of Baptismal Covenant, 4:00 p.m.

Easter

April 12 Easter

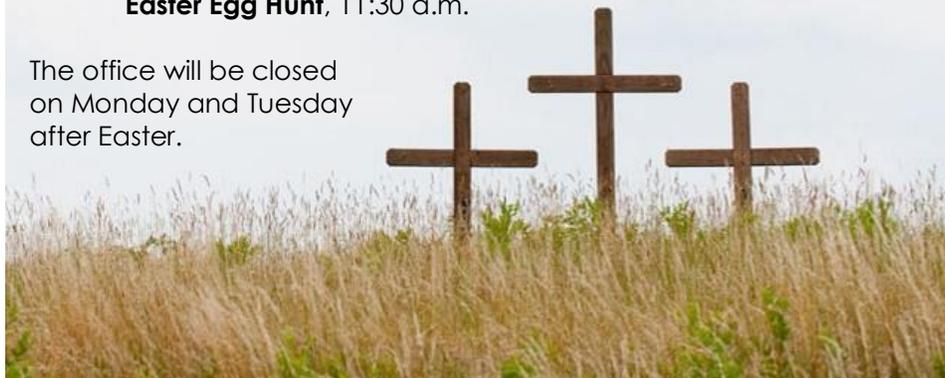
Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. (Outdoor Chapel)

Festival Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.

Festival Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt, 11:30 a.m.

The office will be closed
on Monday and Tuesday
after Easter.



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