

Tidings

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Living in
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Outreach opportunities are sprouting up all over the place! Gleaning is one of the many ways we serve others in our community. This month, the second part of our *Show Me The Way* series features some current suggestions on how you can find purpose and meaning through service. Read about them on page 7 and pick one!

WELCOME! As of this printing we are still in Phase 2 of our reopening plan which includes limited in-person worship, however, registration is no longer required. Ministry groups are still virtual with the exception of our Thrift Shop and other diocesan approved activities. We continue to offer a variety of digital content and ministry opportunities to help you engage in parish life. Get to know us online, and eventually join us in person! Visit GoodShepOnline.org for regathering updates.

BAPTISMS are generally administered on Easter Eve, Pentecost, All Saints' Sunday and the first Sunday after Epiphany. Special accommodations are in place for baptisms during the pandemic. 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

FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICES for communicants of the parish are customarily held in the church and may include the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. During social distancing, special accommodations may be made.

To **TRANSFER YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** to Good Shepherd, please contact the office to initiate a transfer. mail@goodsheponline.org

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. You can request information or let us know if you would like to be added to our mailing list.

COVER IMAGE

"From the primal elements you brought forth the human race and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill." Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p. 370

In Holy Communion we are redeemed by Him and made new by water and the Spirit. *When you eat this, remember me.* We bring forth gifts of bread and wine and in doing so, we are connected to our creator. *We are called to use our God-given gifts for great purpose.* This issue of Tidings offers some inspiration.



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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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Summer sunset at Jupiter Inlet:
an everyday blessing.

A Word from the Rector

Welcome to the summer edition of *Tidings!* As I write this message, there are signs of hope all around us as key metrics indicate we are nearing the end of the global pandemic that has ravaged our country over these past fifteen months. As infections go down and vaccinations go up, we are witnessing the slow emergence of a renewed sense of normalcy in our daily lives. Of course, there will still be challenges ahead and we must proceed with prudence and caution; yet we remain hopeful that our future is bright.



For many people, this long-awaited return to normalcy will be met with enthusiasm and joy, while others are still anxious and will move forward more slowly. Regardless of our perspective, this is a time when many of us are considering when and how we will reengage with the activities and routines that were part of our pre-pandemic lives. During this process of reengagement, we might pause to reflect on our experiences of the past year. How have our priorities changed? How has life during the pandemic shaped our vision of the future? What have we learned about ourselves, others, and the world? How has our faith been challenged or strengthened?

This edition of *Tidings* will focus on our call to be participants in God's mission in the world. We believe that God has blessed us with the gifts of memory, reason, and skill. We have been equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit to share in God's work of healing, renewal, and reconciliation. I believe the post-pandemic reality into which we are moving is one where we will discover new and exciting ways to participate in the mission of God. We, as the people of God, have an opportunity to shine as "a beacon of faith, hope, and love" like never before. Let this be a moment when we rediscover and renew our commitment to partner with God, for we have been fashioned as "one body, one spirit in Christ, that we might worthily serve the world in his name!"

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug +". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



The Bishop is Coming!

On Sunday, October 3, we will welcome Bishop Peter Eaton, who will preach, celebrate, and administer the sacrament of Confirmation. As Episcopalians, we are part of a wider diocesan community. In our tradition, Bishops are guardians of the faith, teachers, and a visible symbol of our unity as God's *one, holy, catholic, and apostolic* church.

Confirmation, Reception & Reaffirmation in the Episcopal Church

Whenever a Bishop visits a congregation, it is customary to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. If you have never been confirmed, are interested in being received into the Episcopal Church, or desire to publicly reaffirm your faith, **please contact the church office for more information.** Brief descriptions of these sacramental rites are provided below.

CONFIRMATION

Baptism is the ancient entry rite into the Church, which is also called "the Body of Christ." In Baptism, we affirm that we belong to the God who is made known to us in Jesus, and we promise (or, promises are made for us, if we are infants) to live our lives in accordance with this deepest truth about who

we are and *whose* we are. Confirmation in the Episcopal Church is a sacramental rite in which those who were baptized at a young age make a mature and public affirmation of the promises made on their behalf. After making these affirmations, a bishop in apostolic succession lays hands on the candidate and prays a prayer of confirmation. It is recommended that youth be at least 14 years old before seeking confirmation. (See the *Book of Common Prayer for the promises made at Baptism*, pp. 299-308, and for the *proceedings at Confirmation*, pp. 413-419)

RECEPTION

Reception is for those who have already been Confirmed in another denomination by a bishop in apostolic succession (*Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran*). Reception is a way of honoring someone who has made a mature confession of faith in any other denomination by saying, in effect, we recognize and honor your spiritual journey in another fellowship, and we welcome you into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church, as you continue that journey. The bishop lays hands on the person being received and says, "We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion" (BCP, p. 418).

REAFFIRMATION

Reaffirmation is for people who are already Confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Some people presented to the bishop during the service of Confirmation are there to "reaffirm" their Christian vows. These might be people who have been away from the church for a period of time and want to make a new beginning. Others might be people who sense that they are at a new stage in their spiritual life and want to affirm this in a sacramental, public manner. This is especially true if a person was confirmed at a young age.

Morning Prayer Summer Schedule

This summer, beginning in June, Morning Prayer will continue to meet online with a limited schedule of Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM. Links will be posted on the Prayer and Study page of GoodShepOnline.org

Morning Prayer—Summer Schedule
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00
Zoom Live: link on Prayer and Study page
of GoodShepVirtual.org
Later on YouTube: Good Shepherd Tequesta

Do This In Remembrance **Of Me**

Memory and Participation in the Eucharist

By The Very Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf

Kneeling at the altar rail, extending my hands, and receiving the consecrated bread. Of all my childhood memories, one of the most cherished is the weekly experience of sitting in church on Sunday morning, and then walking forward with my family to receive Holy Communion. This simple act repeated week after week deeply shaped my spirituality as a child and continues to inform my faith as a follower of Jesus. As Episcopalians, we affirm that the Holy Eucharist is “the principal act of Christian worship.” In other words, gathering around the Lord’s table to share the gifts of bread and wine lies at the heart of everything we do as followers of Jesus. It is there, at the altar of God, that we are nourished, healed, restored, renewed, and empowered to go forth into the world as living testimonies of God’s grace. In fact, very little happens in our liturgy between the administration of communion and the dismissal into the world; we are filled with the presence of Jesus and then immediately sent forth to share that presence through our lives. But here it is important to note that the Eucharist is more than an act of personal piety. It is more than a symbolic gesture. It is more than a weekly spiritual vitamin. The Eucharistic is a profound act of *memory* and *participation*. In the breaking of the bread, we both *remember* the events of Christ’s passion and *share* in his divine life.

Memory

Every Sunday, the priest lifts up the Eucharistic bread and says, “This is my Body. Do this for the *remembrance* of me.” The cup of wine is likewise lifted, and the priest says, “This is my Blood. Whenever you drink it, do this for the *remembrance* of me.” These are familiar moments to anyone who has witnessed the celebration of Holy Communion. However, many are not aware of the depth of meaning behind these words. In our contemporary context, we talk about *memories* as past events that evoke a sense of nostalgia and happiness. To take a trip down *memory* lane is to

think fondly about events and experiences that have shaped and influenced our lives. Yet even though we may have an emotional connection to these *memories*, they remain past events and have no reality in the present.

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-Dwight Zscheile

The concept of *memory* that Jesus speaks about is different. The authors of the Bible used the Greek word *anamnesis* to refer to the spiritual understanding of memory. Unlike our modern understanding of memory that is rooted in the past, *anamnesis* is the act of recalling the *past* into the *present*. In this way, remembering the events of Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection is not a psychological act of thinking about the past, but is rather a recalling of those events as a *present reality*. We enter the mystery of the Eucharist in order to experience saving deeds of Jesus as a *present reality*. As liturgical scholar Leonel Mitchell observes, “Whenever we eat the bread and drink the cup, we make *present* the whole saving action of Jesus Christ.”¹ Ultimately, this act of memory brings together the *past*, *present*, and *future* dimensions of our salvation, which we affirm every time we proclaim the great

mystery of faith: Christ *has* died. Christ *is* risen. Christ *will* come again.

Participation

Through the act of *remembrance*, we actually become participants in the mystery of faith. In the *Book of Common Prayer*, the Holy Eucharist is described as a “sign and pledge of Christ’s love” and “a sharing in his risen life” (BCP 316). The Apostle Paul puts it this way: “the cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a *participation* in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a *participation* in the body of Christ?” (1 Corinthians 10:16). So often when we come to church, we think of ourselves as observers, rather than participants. But we are called to be more than observers. We are called to be more than recipients. The celebration of Holy Communion week after week reminds us that God has invited us into the very risen life of his Son. As author and teacher Dwight Zscheile reminds us, “in Jesus, God chooses to participate fully in human life in order to restore humanity to participation in God’s communal life.”²

This fairly technical discussion about the act of *remembrance* and our *participation* in the God’s communal life boils down to this simple statement – *something deeply transformational is happening every time we share together in the celebration of Holy Communion*. We are being transformed to be participants in the risen life of Jesus, and this work of renewal and transformation is not for our sake only, but for the sake of the world. Once we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, we are sent forth into the world to share in God’s mission of healing, reconciliation, and restoration. We believe that “the God of Jesus Christ is a God on the move, a



God circulating around the neighborhood, a God already alive and present in the homes and lives of our neighbors.”³ We are commissioned every Sunday to go forth and share in God’s mission, to boldly fulfill our baptismal vows to proclaim Good News, to love our neighbor, and to strive for justice and peace.

As a young boy, kneeling at the altar with hands extended, I couldn’t articulate the deep spiritual connection I felt in that moment, and ultimately the Eucharist will always be an encounter with *mystery*. But Jesus commanded us to “do this in remembrance of me.” And so, we gather week after week. We kneel. We pray. We extend our hands. And we *remember* the unconditional love of God revealed to us on a cross. We *remember*, not simply as a past event, but as a present reality in our lives. We *participate* in the risen life of Jesus. We become partakers of the divine nature. And we are sent forth into the world to *participate* in God’s mission of love.

¹Leonell Mitchell. *Praying Shapes Believing*. (New York: Morehouse, 1991), 78.

²Dwight Zscheile. *People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity*. (New York: Morehouse, 2012), 49.

³Zscheile, 58.

Staff Updates! Here We Grow...

It has been the work of the Vestry, the Wardens, and Clergy to be responsive to changing dynamics affecting our strategic plan. We have considered various perspectives on living into mission, and how that looks as we move past the pandemic. It has become abundantly clear that Pastoral Care is needed like never before, and the need for technology isn't going away. We are reaching new audiences in our own community and across of the country and people have joined Good Shepherd during this year when we have been mostly closed! In order to address important developments, we have reconfigured some staff positions and hired talented and committed people to continue this good work. Please welcome our newest staff members.

Derek Larson, Assistant Priest



I am Derek Larson and I'm incredibly excited to join the Good Shepherd community as Assistant Rector! For the last six months my family and I have been praying, "God, prepare a place for us and prepare us for a place," and now God is answering our prayer through your own words, "We have a place for you." What a powerful affirmation of the power of prayer! I am looking forward to getting to know you soon.

I come to you with my beloved wife, LauraAnn, and our 5 year old son, Bear. I have BA and MA degrees in theology and am graduating in May from the Seminary of the Southwest with a Master of Divinity. I've served for 10+ years in the areas of music ministry, youth ministry, and school chaplaincy. As a Franciscan tertiary, I am passionate about bridging prayer and action, working with the poor and oppressed, finding joy in the simplicity of everyday things, and most of all, about Jesus, our Good Shepherd. See you soon!

Starting in July!

Evelyn Seely, Digital Media Assistant

Evelyn Seely has joined Good Shepherd as part-time Digital Media Assistant. In this role, Evi will be assisting with communications efforts in web, content creation, illustration, social media channel monitoring and posting, and email marketing. She holds a B.A. in Political Science from Florida International University and for the past few years has been living in Brooklyn, NY. She currently resides in Baltimore, Maryland, and will fulfill this role remotely.



If the name sounds familiar that's because you may already know her as Pete and Merike Seely's daughter. Evi has been part of the Good Shepherd family since she was 3 years old and has been through our Sunday School, Youth Group, Acolyte, and Confirmation programs. She has participated in annual mission trips and many special events over the years. Her artistic and design interests have led her to digital illustration, and she also takes on writing and editing projects. We look forward to the perspective, creativity, and much needed assistance she will bring to Good Shepherd as we strive to communicate our mission to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love to everyone, everywhere. **Starting in May!**

Julie Brown, Office Coordinator



Julie Brown will be joining our staff this summer as part-time Office Coordinator. In this role, Julie will ensure that we have systems in place to serve the parish through efficient and thoughtful coordination of many ministries and groups, along with the various functions of our administrative arm. She will oversee the main calendar and our database, and provide clergy and administrative support.

Julie has been a committed parishioner at Good Shepherd for decades. She and her late husband, Ruskin, brought up their two grown daughters, Jeanette and Wellsley, in this parish and over the years Julie has served on multiple committees and Vestry. Julie brings a high level of professionalism and expertise in other areas as well. She holds a B.A. in Sociology with a major in Social Work, a Master in Business Administration and a Master in Health Science and she demonstrates a very compassionate manner. A true advocate, her interest in human needs ministry is especially helpful for this role as the face of Good Shepherd. We are so pleased that Julie has accepted this position as we expand our reach as Christ's presence in the community.

Starting in July!

SERVE

Erik Pariseleti, Technology Coordinator



Erik Pariseleti has accepted the position of Technology Coordinator for Good Shepherd. In this role, Erik will develop, train, and oversee a volunteer staff of operators for the audio and streaming of services and events at Good Shepherd. Erik has been integral to our delivery of online worship since the very first weekend

we had to close the campus and pivot to recorded services. He has also guided our transition to livestream and, time and time again, has demonstrated his commitment to ensuring anyone with an internet connection can worship with us.

Erik and his wife, Michelle, and their grown children, Anik and Abby, have been parishioners at Good Shepherd since 2005. A real estate agent and music aficionado, his company — Erik Rocks Real Estate — has provided guidance to Good Shepherd in everything from property acquisition to event production and promotion. We are thrilled to have him on staff to apply creativity and coordination to our essential technology functions so that we may connect with people wherever they are. **Starting in May!**

HELP WANTED

Walk humbly with God — SERVE!

ASSEMBLE FOOD BAGS — Manna Bags for St. George's. Volunteers needed to bag overnight food for people who are homeless. Weekly, 1-2 hours on campus of Good Shepherd Contact denisepreston@mac.com

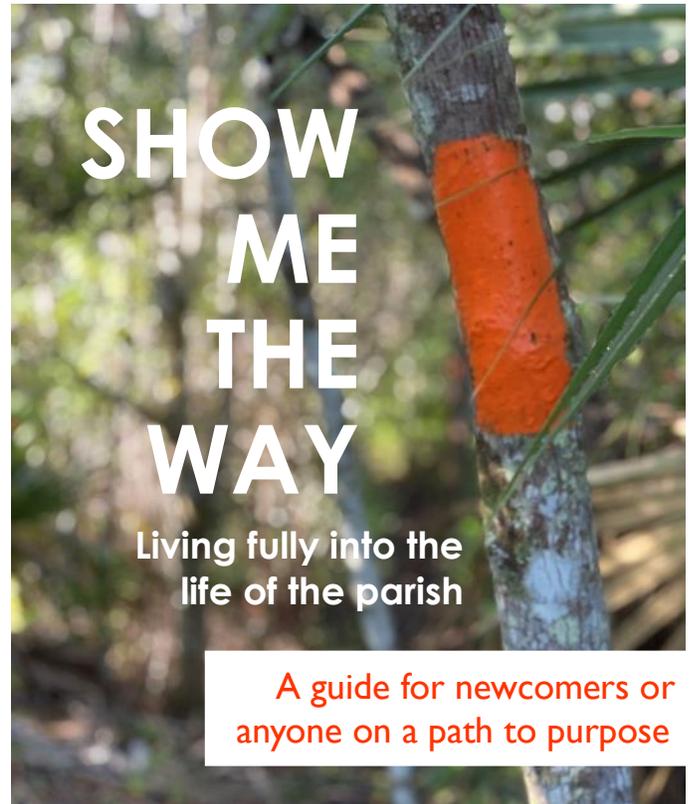
MEAL MINISTRY — St. George's Center Volunteer Opportunity. Flexible days & hours to serve the hungry in our community. Located in Riviera Beach. Contact New Volunteer Coordinator Patty Sullivan. 561-676-8894.

SUMMER GLEANING — Every Saturday in June & July. Join us in the Mango Orchard. Various locations. Confirm with Keith Cutshall at crosmministries.org

EBAY ASSISTANT — Our online sales are growing! We need help with packing up items for shipping from Pennies For Heaven. Volunteering only a few hours per week would help so much! This position is onsite at Good Shepherd. Call Beth 561-262-8032.

OFFICE ASSISTANT — We are looking for a volunteer multi-tasker to receive guests and field calls in the office on a very part-time basis. Flexible schedule. Computer skills a plus. Realm experience a double plus! Contact Merike: mseely@goodsheponline.org

THRIFT SHOP INTAKE ASST. — Pennies is looking for someone to process donations. Sort,



If you're looking for meaningful ways to serve Christ in our community, we have a place for you! So, get out your red pen and peruse the "classifieds" for ministry!

identify, and classify items for sale. Volunteer, onsite, part-time, multiple positions. Call Beth 561-262-8032.

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION TO HELP OTHERS FIND GOD'S HEALING? We would like to speak to you about our GriefShare ministry which helps people suffering the loss of a loved one. We are looking for leaders to facilitate group meetings. Contact Fr. Doug. dscharf@goodsheponline.org to express interest.

PART-TIME SEXTON — This is a **paid staff position** at Good Shepherd. The Sexton will work under the direction of the Facilities Manager. Provide maintenance and facilitate use of buildings for various ministries onsite and at our other properties. Variable schedule based on calendar

events, must work some Sundays. Friendly, self-starter, responsible, valid driver's license required. 20 hours per week. Full job description GoodShepOnline.org/news. Please send resume to mseely@goodsheponline.org

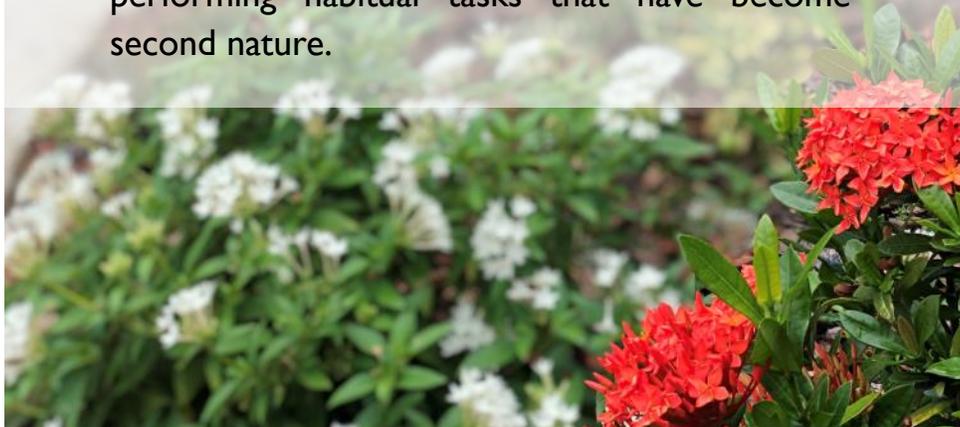
CASHIERS AND RETAIL ASSOC. Pennies For Heaven is looking for friendly, helpful people to operate the register or assist customers in the shop. Very flexible hours. Tell us how much or how little you would like to serve. We will make it work! Beth 561-262-8032.

COFFEE HOUR HOST — Sunday morning volunteers to make the coffee for the fellowship hour between services. Multiple openings. This is a fun job! Contact Jo: jwood@goodsheponline.org



Memory, Reason, Skill: Living — *and learning* — in Partnership with God

The relationship among memory, reason and skill can be intermingled in a way that defies the true meaning of each. Once skilled, one may perform an activity or function without thought. A good example of this is as we drive along the highway and realize all of a sudden that our mind is everywhere but on the driving. Another example is when muscle memory takes over in performing habitual tasks that have become second nature.



At Good Shepherd Episcopal School we constantly strive to use good reasoning in making decisions and stay keenly aware of the importance of relying on memory and skill to make improvements in our daily routine with our students, resisting a mundane ritual type approach.

The current CDC Guidelines and the directives provided by the Bishop brought about little change in the day to day school routine for the last trimester of this school year. We constantly looked for ways that we could establish new traditions in events and festivities for the children. Our Early Childhood Easter Bonnet Parade had our audience separated in cars with moms and dads taking pictures from open sun roofs. The

Kindergarten “Trashion Show” for Earth Day took place on the Church Courtyard with families socially distanced. Our Scholastic Book Fair also took a new twist, with a beautiful book display in the Parish Hall rather than the Media Center. One of the biggest challenges for Independent Schools during the Pandemic has been fundraising. As of the writing of this article, our “Caddyshack” event has not yet taken place. On May 9th we are expecting 100 individuals divided into 6 participants’ bays to enjoy this evening of “golf”. The tees are ready and the clubs are polished as we substitute this evening for our usual Golf Tournament.

Throughout these and other changes in our traditional school practices, we have appreciated the calmness of the school day which has helped us to feel the presence of God in all we do. Returning to Chapel each Wednesday in conjunction our daily prayer and bible studies has provided the children with a firm foundation for their partnership with God.

ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

We still have a few openings in Early Learning through 5th Grade. Please call Heather Vaughn for information about all education options, or to schedule a tour of our School.
561-746-5507



Thank you Dr. Marshall!

On Friday, May 21, the staff of both Good Shepherd Church and School gathered in the courtyard to give thanks for the service of Dr. Rosemary Marshall, our Head of School since 2018. Dr. Marshall recently announced her retirement and we wish

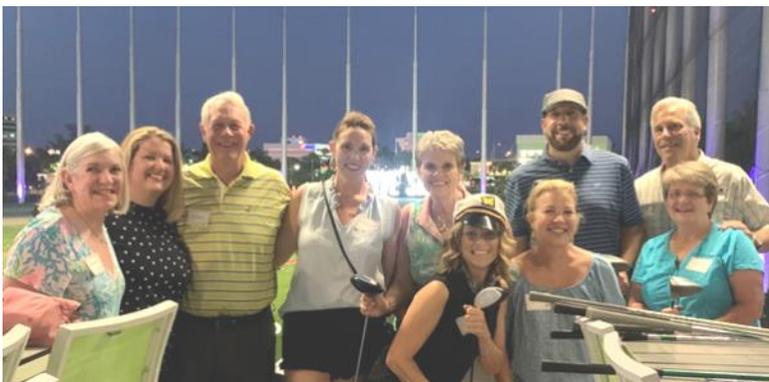


her every happiness as she begins this new phase of her life. Over cake and refreshments, Fr. Doug recognized her as the caring, thoughtful leader any school would be fortunate to have. She shepherded the faculty and student body through an extremely difficult time that required both decisiveness and sensitivity.

Dr. Marshall is going to continue to attend Good Shepherd when she is able. She was very grateful for her support team and school board and presented each of them with a parting gift. Thank you for sharing your gifts of leadership and integrity with Good Shepherd, Rosemary!

A fun golf “PAR-tee” to benefit Good Shepherd School

Gathering restrictions kept the Good Shepherd School Parent Association from holding their annual golf tournament in its usual form, but it didn’t stop them from offering a golf-themed evening at a local range. The 2021 *Caddyshack* event was held at Drive Shack in WPB on May 7. Even without gophers, and with missing links, *Caddyshack* raised over \$13,000 for the school!



This group of church staff and vestry had a great time. Cute hat, Jo!



Partnering Worship With Music

By Timm C. Johnson-Reynolds
Music Director

This past year, it has really been a challenge to make a “joyful noise” with a mask on. As music is such an integral part of the worship experience, asking those who come to a service to please refrain from making a “joyful noise” is surreal. But, even though we are not able to sing in church yet, Debbie White and I have been reading the upcoming lessons and choosing hymns as well as anthems that will help bring meaning to the scripture readings.

Music is only a portion of this worship partnership, as was evident on Good Shepherd Sunday. It was a blessing to stand with the staff and know that each one of us has an intricate part of the worship service.

We continue to look forward to eased restrictions as our bishop deems safe for us all to make a “joyful noise” once again.



Ian Anderson and Debbie White sing an anthem at the 8:00 AM outdoor service on Easter Sunday. Accompaniment was provided by Timm on the piano in the Parish Hall.



Outreach & Missions: We can do something



By Marilyn Lawrence, Outreach & Missions Committee Chair

“We accomplish in our lifetimes only a fraction of God’s work....We plant seeds that one day will grow, we lay foundations that will need further work....We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.”

— Fr. Ken Untener

Several years ago, the Outreach & Mission Committee chose as its theme: “God has no hands but ours.” The 3rd grade class at Good Shepherd School made illustrated mats with their paint-daubed hand prints. It’s a concept even a child can understand. We can’t do it all, but we can all do something. There is a beautiful prayer that says it best: “We accomplish in our lifetimes only a fraction of God’s work....We plant seeds that one day will grow, we lay foundations that will need further work....We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.”

Outreach is all about working in partnership. We build on the foundations left by others, and we leave work for future generations to complete. We are part of a continuum. We are community. There is **memory** in what has been done before us. There is **reason** as we see our own way forward. And we apply our varied **skills** to do our part. We live and work in partnership, with God and with one another.

Every project the Outreach Committee undertakes involves working in relationship with others. There is no better current example that the Food Pantry, which relies on the collective support of every member of our parish, as well as on a multitude of businesses, organizations and individuals in

our wider community. In our support for the St. George’s Mission in Riviera Beach, we work in concert with literally dozens of other religious and civic organizations, as well as with our own Pennies for Heaven thrift shop which provides clothing and other needed items. Our support for the Warfield School in Indiantown encompasses collections from our Good Shepherd School as well as from Pennies for Heaven and other local stores. The South Florida Haiti project is a cooperative effort of the entire Diocese of Southeast Florida. Our support for programs in Honduras and Guatemala involves cooperation with Our Little Roses, Guatemala Tomorrow, and SAMS (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders). Gleaning for fresh produce, which benefits our own Food Pantry and St. George’s, is not something we do on our own; it is a project of CROS Ministries in which we are participants.

Literally everything we do involves partnership, a relationship with others. We share our collective memories; we reason together; and we use the gifts God has given us. And by thus living in partnership with God and with others, we open a way for God’s grace to do far more than we can do ourselves.



Tech to Connect

Your old devices are a lifeline to people who can't come to church

One of the important ministries that has emerged from the pandemic is *Tech to Connect* — bringing church to people wherever they are. Not everyone has a computer,



especially some of our older parishioners. Initiated by the Daughters of the King last year, Octavia Jabali, Beverley Cunningham, Patti Hamilton, and others have been working with area assisted living communities to organize watch parties for our livestream Sunday service in the community rooms. It's been a really popular program and we have connected with many who have never even been to church here.

They also collect used devices for distribution to people who are unable to come to church. Once we receive the devices, they are cleaned up and processed by a volunteer, who sets them up for one-touch access to the Sunday service.

If you have a used device (with charger) please consider donating it to Good Shepherd so that we can provide the spiritual worship experience that many homebound people in our community have been missing. The office collects devices on Sundays, or Tuesday through Friday, from 10 –2.



Alex Seely wipes data from donated devices and prepares them for distribution to a new home.

Food Pantry Switches to Summer Schedule

This has been an unprecedented time for our little food Pantry here at Good Shepherd. We have been consistently assisting those in our community who are struggling with food insecurity. As our numbers begin to ebb somewhat, on June 1, we will switch to a summer schedule of Tuesday only, but with expanded hours noon—3 PM. You will continue to find updated food needs on our color chart at GoodShepOnline.org. **Publix gift cards and contributions are ALWAYS greatly appreciated.** Thank you so much for your support of our friends in need.



We Did It!

Our Lenten Outreach project this year was ambitious to be sure, but through your caring and generous response, we were able to make a big

difference in the lives of many in our partner community of Bondeau, Haiti. Our challenge was to raise enough to fill a whole container of food to be shipped to Haiti and packaged by the village school and community. The South Florida Haiti Project challenged our Diocese to raise enough for a second container. Good Shepherd raised enough for one container and some extra for dried vegetables and spices — **\$15,770!** Thanks to everyone who contributed to this Outreach Project and especially for your personal notes of support and love to the people of Bondeau which were translated into Creole. God is good.

Students from Good Shepherd School help to pack food in bags that will be distributed to people in Riviera Beach.

The Manna Bag program is an important part of our Outreach Meal Ministries. If you are interested in volunteering for a couple of hours per week, we would love to hear from you! (see page 7)



Hit the button on your browser before you shop!

- Cereal
- Rice
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Mac & Cheese / SpaghettiOs
- Canned Beans; Diced Tomatoes
- Soup
- Canned Veggies
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Crackers
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken or Ham
- Chili / Corned Beef Hash

YOUTH and FAMILY

By David Dixon, Youth and Family Minister



The church is unique in that it is intended to be a community, not just an aggregation of unrelated people each seeking their own benefit. Every individual has a need to belong to something special and a church that fosters true community is something special. Good Shepherd is something special. Youth and Family Ministries serve as a bridge that fosters true relationships that flourish. People come and stay because of relational connections that develop.

One of the real joys of the church family is the opportunity to make friends with people of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds. I recall with joy watching my kids wrap their arms around the older congregation members in the church they grew up in, as much as watching them whizzing around chasing their little buddies after services.

The Good Shepherd Youth and Family Ministry Team plans purposefully to create opportunities for relationships and friendships to flourish. Our goal is to give youth and children opportunities that will help them to become responsible, compassionate servants of Christ who are able to share the love of Christ and their personal experiences with others. To assist with this goal, we will continue to place relationships at the center of youth and family ministry.

During the program year we create opportunity for vignettes of personal journey shared in a laid-back manner. One goal of youth ministry is to help our youth become well-informed and empowered to make smart choices when it comes to their mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. We strive to create a positive faith community that

serves as a relational touchpoint for all who come through our doors.

As much as all children's ministries and youth groups are a brilliant opportunity for our children and youth to explore their faith and relationships with one another in a way that is age and stage appropriate, some of their best learning will come in their interactions with the wider church family. I will never forget the love shown to me as a child by older members of the church; the dollar bills that different grandmas and grandpas gave me, the Christian books for kids that were given, and the offer to come and fish at a family's pond after church.

Throughout the church year we strive to offer a variety of opportunities for youth and children to connect with one another and the larger church family. These opportunities serve as a core part

of our program and are meant to foster spiritual growth and fellowship. Some of these opportunities include:

Youth Confirmation: designed for our High School students so they can go through different educational, service, and hands-on experiences to help them define their own faith.

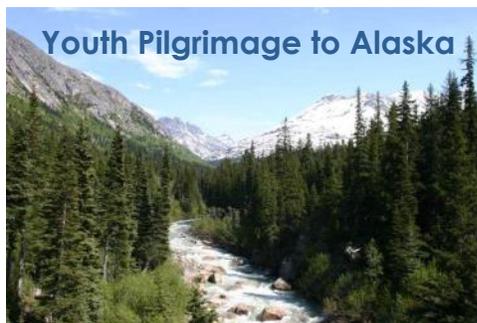
Our GS Kids and Sunday Morning Formation: an opportunity for children and youth alike to learn more about the Bible and discuss what it means to be a servant of Christ and the beginnings of their own personal beliefs.

Youth Group for both Middle School and High School: a meeting every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:00PM during the school year right here on our church campus. Youth who participate in this weekly group play fun

and crazy games, engage in laid-back worship that centers around the faith stories and experiences of their peers, and they also have occasional discussions about various faith topics.

We also offer **Youth Pilgrimage, Mission Experiences** and **Service Projects** for youth and children annually. We are committed to teach our children and youth the importance of service to others, whether through local ministry or a mission trip to a far-off place. Opportunities to build relationships with one another through serving the broader community are vital in today's world. Our youth and children participate in service projects such as **food packing, planning, and Vacation Bible School**, helping at the **food pantry, construction projects, and yard work**.

Good Shepherd Youth and Family Ministries will continue to offer a variety of events and opportunities, such as lock-ins, monthly activities, gathering for lunch on days off school, and other seasonal events, which are intended to increase a sense of belonging through fellowship and provide a chance to build relationship skills.



JULY 19 TO 27

Our 13 pilgrims and chaperones will fly out from Fort Lauderdale to Juneau, Alaska for a week of wonder and adventure. The goal of the pilgrimage is to connect each pilgrim to their faith, spirituality, one another and, also, to become more aware of a greater sense of being in the amazing world God has created. There is no other place suited to encounter God in his creation quite like Alaska.

Over the past two years pilgrims have worked to raise money to help make the pilgrimage happen. While in Alaska, the pilgrims will set out on an adventurous journey of discovery by hiking to glaciers, through rain forests, scaling mountain tops and kayaking the sea. Every activity will give pause to meditation and contemplation of our faith. This question is asked at the end of every day: "Where did you see God today?" The pilgrims learn to live in community together and will prepare group meals every night. The Alaska Pilgrimage will truly be a life-changing experience for all.



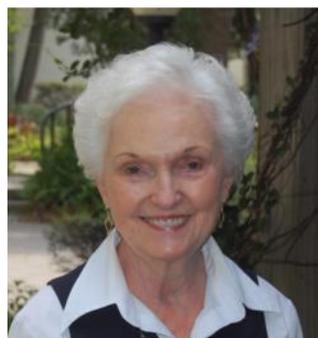
Contact David to find out more about Youth and Family Ministries at ddion@goodsheponline.org

Photo left page: Youth created Stations of the Cross which were on display in the courtyard during Holy Week.

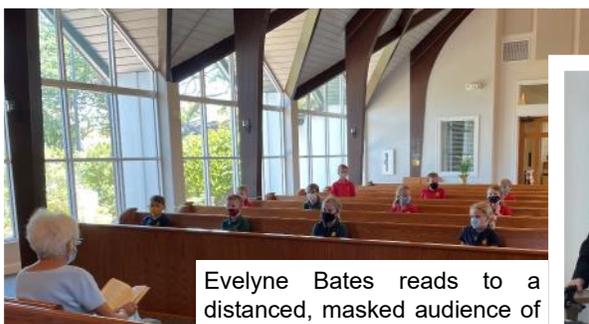
Snapshot Journal



Above: Yet another way technology and worship work together. Our recent Vestry retreat was outdoors on a particularly gusty day. We chased a lot of paper during that meeting, but for the closing Eucharist we used laptops and phones to keep everything in place. Amen!



Above: Good Shepherd parishioner Mary Imle was recognized in May as a Hometown Hero for her 40 years of volunteer service to Jupiter Medical Center. Congratulations, Mary!



Evelyne Bates reads to a distanced, masked audience of Good Shepherd School children this spring, as she has done for many years as a volunteer reader.



Above Right: Who are those masked men? They are Wally Bates and Jim Rannie, back in church. It's been a long time, and seeing our friends again has been a true blessing — even if we only see their eyes!

SERVE

Pennies For Heaven News: *Inspired Connections*

By Beth Long, Pennies For Heaven Shop Manager

I feel like God has a vision for us. The original mission of Pennies For Heaven has never changed: to provide a community service and support the ministry of Good Shepherd. Over many years we have been thoughtful and creative in our development, and through able and dedicated volunteers we have grown and blossomed. We are certainly in partnership with God in this place, and that quality can be found in most of our relationships — with our community, with other ministries, and especially with each other.

Partnership happens every day at Pennies, whether we're open or closed. It all begins when our volunteers make a commitment every week to serve, on-premises or from home. Because of the change that COVID brought to the church campus and our shop, we all morphed into doing the things we were good at and *liked* to do. Dennis Cassidy, originally one of our cashiers, now is our chief "product tester" and cleans up some of our household donations making them look brand new. Together we found his true skill set which is such a benefit to the shop! Joan Bogue revealed her sewing techniques and tricks of the trade on spot removal from clothing and linens. Connie Rinko expertly shines silver items making them sparkle again, and Mary Jane Seitz takes home bins of shoes to clean, buff and bring back to life. These are just a few examples of our dedicated volunteers who have helped so much by doing tasks they like to do.

We continue to build partnerships with our loyal customers. Not only do they shop, but they also donate the items that keep our inventory fresh all the time so that we can thrive. We even have a repeat customer who comes to play the piano for us as we process items in the Parish Hall. The memory he has to be able to pick up and play without sheet music is amazing.— and the music is so enjoyable!

The relationship between Pennies and the Food Pantry over this past year has been incredible and as if it was always meant to be; the passing of much needed bags back and forth or sharing the food pantry with eBay items. The shelves ebb and flow with extra canned goods or special treasures until they find a new home. The food pantry volunteers often pull double duty by lending a helping hand to those Pennies shoppers who are picking up a piece of furniture. Items collected for St. George's and Warfield Elementary are carefully coordinated between our ministries for pickup on a weekly basis. And getting to know Marilyn, the Food Pantry Wizard has been an added bonus! Partnership is demonstrated in almost everything we do at Pennies For Heaven. Through our interactions, our shared purpose, and our caring spirit we truly are living into God's vision for us.



THRIFT SHOP HOURS

Tuesday—Friday
11-3

Social distancing required
Please wear a mask

Donations accepted when the shop is open
or call us to make arrangements
561-406-2923



Pennies For Heaven Thrift

You can now shop 24/7
on our eBay Store
Pennies For Heaven Thrift

If you would like to partner with Pennies For Heaven, we have a place for you! Talk to Beth, Pennies Shop Manager, to find out about the many rewarding opportunities to serve. We especially need help during the summer season. Thank you!

SERVE

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:

THE GOOD GUYS

By Merike Seely

A fried egg and a strip of bacon walk into a bar. The bartender looks up and says, "We don't serve breakfast here."

It starts with a joke. (Hopefully, a better one than that.) For many years now, a group of men from Good Shepherd have gathered in the Parish Hall for fellowship, discussion, scripture, and yes, even a joke or two. But their true mission has always been about service to our church. They are the Good Guys.

Friday morning gatherings offer an opportunity to share not just a meal, but thoughts and opinions, reflections, hopes, and vision on both personal and church-related issues. Over scrambled eggs and bacon, these men decide to provide for ministry from their modest breakfast offerings. They have aided hurricane relief, fed the hungry in Haiti, and started a commencement gift program for our graduating high school seniors. They've pitched in to help with rummage sales, fashion shows, Artie's Party support, and they bought a new floor for the office building. And, as if that's not "good" enough...they also wash dishes! Just before the pandemic, their program expanded to a quarterly Good Guys Grill evening steak-and-potatoes meeting so that men who work during the day can attend.

They are certainly looking forward to gathering again, and you (men of all ages) are invited to join in. Watch the announcements for news about upcoming meetings or join them on Zoom. For details: mail@goodsheponline.org



The Good Guys generally meet in the Parish Hall for breakfast on Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. During COVID they have been meeting on Zoom and eating breakfast at home. While virtual meetings certainly don't compare to in-person fellowship, Zoom has allowed them to stay somewhat connected.



Above: Good Guys group coordinators Paul Kirby and Jim Couillard have been integral to keeping the activities and service of this ministry going through the pandemic.



Above: Pete Bohnsack and Tom Pariseleti work the room at Taste of Good Shepherd Ministry Showcase, telling people about this active ministry. The Good Guys have been a fixture at Good shepherd for decades.



By the NUMBERS

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

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Services on Sunday since we opened the 8:00 Rite I in April

28.3

Percentage of viewers who tune in to our video content via iPhone. (28.1% tune in on Windows, 16.5% on Mac)

\$29,072

Raised by Artie's Party online fundraiser for outreach in April

6

High School seniors who will be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday in May

12

Number of full and part-time staff

2,162

Web pageviews in May

274

People who attended services in-person on Easter Sunday (781 attended in 2019)

512

Days since we closed the campus at the beginning of the pandemic

Did you miss Artie's Party?

This year the party was a virtual event — *'Wherever You Are'* — and we had a great evening! Like any action-packed big screen thriller, we gave you 45 minutes of drama, seemingly speeding cars, a race against the clock, suspense, witty* repartee, boisterous children, and even a cute dog.

Special thanks to our event sponsors, Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home and Power of Ten Consulting. Additionally, we wish to thank the many individual sponsors and auction donors who made our success possible. The production crew worked diligently to put an informative and entertaining program together to recognize the many Outreach and Mission ministries we serve at Good Shepherd and in the greater community.

The proceeds from Artie's Party, combined with sponsorships by parishioners and community partners, raised **\$29,022** for Outreach Ministries in 2022! We are transitioning to move our Outreach budget from general operating to a restricted account which will be funded by this event and other designated fundraisers as needed. If you missed the 45-minute event you can still watch it on our YouTube channel. Visit GoodShepOnline.org.

*Witty may not be the right word. You be the judge.



We hope you weren't washing your hair on the evening of April 16!



Watch it on  YouTube



An Outdoor Easter

It was 'bring-your-own-chair' at the 8:00 AM outdoor Eucharist on Easter Sunday. And more than 120 people did just that. The weather was perfect and the rising sun through the trees underscored the message of newness, hope, and joy. *He is risen, indeed.*

Financial Status (January—April 2021)

	Actual	Annual Budget
Operating Revenues	346,597	948,462
Operating Expenses	309,605	939,341
Net Total	36,992	9,121

We thank everyone for keeping pledges current. If you would like to arrange to have your pledge automatically transferred to Good Shepherd, please contact Letty, our Business Manager. 561-746-4674.

Congregational Meeting held in May

A congregational meeting was held in the church (with limited attendance) and via livestream on Sunday, May 16, in order to update the parish on the status of our BRIDGE plan, staffing updates, and Master Plan.

At the meeting, Fr. Doug outlined the latest changes in pandemic protocols based on new guidance from the Diocese (back cover). He also introduced recent hires who have been added to staff in response to ministry needs that have come about in the past year but are here to stay (pages 6-7). Finally, he presented a revised timeline for the Master Campus Plan that was put on hold when the pandemic closed our campus.

Summer 2021—Reconstitute Master Campus Planning Team

Fall 2021—Planning Team Reports to Vestry & School Board

Winter 2021—Reengage Campus Design Process

Annual Meeting 2022—Present Updated Plan

Spring 2022—Begin Initial Stage of Capital Campaign

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.

Text to Give

Yes, you can now text [goodsheponline](https://www.goodsheponline.org) 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.

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.

Financials



GOOD SHEPHERD

EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Tequesta, FL 33469

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U.S. Postage
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West Palm Beach, FL
Permit No. 1930

Current resident or

**Masks and Social Distancing
Required**

Love Thy Neighbor

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
(ON FACE BOOK AND ZOOM)

OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY 10 TO 2

THRIFT SHOP HOURS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY 11 TO 3
(DONATIONS ACCEPTED WHEN THE
SHOP IS OPEN 561-406-2923)

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

TUESDAYS 12 TO 3

GOOD SHEPHERD VESTRY 2021

Heather Graham, *Senior Warden*
Mike Howard, *Junior Warden*
Mike Greene, *Treasurer*
Mark Chittum, *Clerk*
Tracy Smith, Rob Taylor, Kathy
Hawken, Steve Pollard, Matt Ulman,
Gwen Gouery, Beth Bohnsack,
Beverley Cunningham, Mike Hanseter

Pandemic Protocols Update (as of May 2021)

What's Changing?

Beginning June 1

- No longer taking temperatures
- No longer requiring registration
- No assigned seats
- Fully vaccinated individuals or family groups may sit together
- Limited Coffee Hour will resume
- Masks no longer required for OUTDOOR services (still required for indoor services)

What's Staying the Same?

- Masks required indoors
- Six foot social distancing between unvaccinated individuals or groups
- No congregational singing
- No passing of alms basins
- No-contact exchange of the Peace
- Administration of consecrated bread only

Other Changes:

- Pastoral Visits may resume
- Eucharistic Visitation may resume (masks required)
- Flower Delivery may resume

Visit the Worship page on GoodShepOnline.org for the link to Bishop Eaton's **theological reflection** on the Diocesan Regathering requirements.