

Tidings

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and School, Tequesta, FL



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WINTER 2019/20

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



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

BAPTISMS are generally administered on Easter Eve, Pentecost, All Saints' Sunday and the first Sunday after Epiphany. Pre-baptism classes are scheduled and held seasonally. A person of any age may receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism. The application form for baptismal candidates is available online under the WORSHIP tab. **Next Baptism Date: Sunday, January 12, The Baptism of our Lord**

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

This issue celebrates the assembly of people that makes up our parish. As we enter into the South Florida "season," we welcome back our snowbirds and invite new friends to experience the warmth and caring of a true spiritual resource — the people of Good Shepherd.

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OUR VISION

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

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A Word from the Rector

Here's the church. Here's the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people! This simple nursery rhyme, along with the corresponding hand gestures, has been learned by countless Sunday School children for at least the last century. As a child, my friends and I would delight in the conclusion of the poem as we wiggled our fingers to represent “all the people” in our hand-made churches. This beautifully simple poem is actually a helpful reminder that at the end of the day the church is only the church because of “the people.” Buildings, doors, and steeples are only important to the extent that they constitute a gathering place for “the people.”



In this Winter edition of *Tidings*, we will be focusing on our ministry together as the *people* of God, who have been set apart for the *mission* of God. Our various ministries, programs, and small groups represent the heart of who we are as a congregation. Even as we look to expand and develop our campus and facilities, we do so in service to our mission as God's people. Our common life is shaped and formed in powerful ways by the relationships we share with one another, the stories we tell, the hands we hold, and the love of God that binds us *all* together.

Of course, as the church, we do not exist unto ourselves; we exist to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love in our community. As former Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, once observed, “the Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members.” So, as we reflect on our calling as God's people, let us not forget to turn our gaze outward to our communities and neighborhoods, to reach out to others with love and grace of Jesus. Perhaps even a slight of amendment to our simple nursery rhyme is in order: *Here's the church. Here's steeple. Open the door and welcome all people!*

In Christ,

Rector's Bible Study

Advent Expectations

John the Baptist, Christmas, and the End of the World

The season of Advent is a time of expectation and waiting. Each year, we encounter the same cast of biblical characters, including John the Baptist. Originally, Advent was focused on the *second coming* of Jesus in power and glory, not his *first coming* as a human being. The ministry of John the Baptist can help us understand these *two dimensions* of Advent and how the celebration of Christmas is more than just the adoration of a baby in a creche, but the declaration that Jesus has come and will come again. **Begins December 4th**

Windows into the Kingdom

A Six-Week Study of the Parables of Jesus

Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus frequently taught using parables, which often have been defined as “earthly stories with heavenly meanings.” Some of the most famous parables of Jesus are found only in Luke’s gospel. This six-week study will focus on these parables which are unique to Luke. We will explore the meaning and significance of these parables for our lives and how they relate to God’s mission in the world. **Begins January 8th**

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). Both adults and youth are encouraged to participate!



Young musicians and singers

We are asking any children and youth with an interest in music — choral, solo, instrumental — to please join others 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.

Church and School come together for *Christmas in Concert*

Wednesday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m.

This is our second year of this fun and festive musical presentation by children of Good Shepherd School, Sunday School kids, youth musicians, choir members, and other ensembles. Everyone is invited for light refreshments in the Parish Hall immediately following the event.

Christmas Eve Services

For the Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. Festive Eucharist and the 11:00 p.m. Solemn Choral Eucharist we are pleased to present Humberto Bolivar, violinist, and Galina Dennison, violist, both of whom have national and international symphonic associations. You may read their bios on our website on the Advent & Christmas page.

The RECTOR'S Forum

Each fourth Sunday, the forum provides an opportunity for conversation about important issues facing our world today. Over the next three months, we will focus various topics which will be announced as they are developed.

December 1 (Date changed)
Is the Church Relevant?
Faithful Living in a Post-Christian World

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

There will be two Rector’s Forum presentations in December. The second one will be held on December 22, at 9:15 a.m. Topic to be announced.

The Church *Before* the Church

When most people hear the word *church*, they immediately conjure up images of ornate buildings with intricate stained glass, creaky pews, and large marble altars. Tourists and pilgrims flock to the great cathedrals and basilicas of Europe to marvel at the elaborate architecture and towering spires. However, despite the fact that the word *church* most commonly refers to a physical location, the earliest identified Christian church building dates from the middle of third century, over two hundred years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Before that time, the word *church* was used primarily to refer to the gathering of God's people, the community of believers who identified themselves as followers of Jesus.



“For the first few centuries of the church’s life, it existed without the benefit of buildings and property.”

In the New Testament, the Greek word *ekklesia* (ek-klay-see-ya) is most commonly translated as *church*. The word was originally used to refer to any public assembly or gathering of citizens, but was adopted by Christians to describe their gatherings for worship and the celebration of the Eucharist. Although the word occurs over one hundred times in the New Testament, it never refers to a building or physical space. It is always used to refer to the gathering of God's *people*. For the first few centuries of the church's life, it existed without the benefit of buildings and property. Instead, Christians gathered in one another's homes or places of business. This focus on the *people of God* explains why all of the central metaphors used to describe the church in the New Testament are *relational* in nature. Here are some examples:

The Family of God – Followers of Jesus quickly began to refer to one another in familial terms. Christians thought of themselves as brothers and sisters, those who had been adopted as children of God. In the letter to the Ephesians the church is referred to as the *household* of God, the *family* of believers (Ephesians 2:19).

The Body of Christ – One of the most developed metaphors in the New Testament is the image of the *body* of Christ. In his first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul reminds the members of his congregation that they actually are members of the *body* of Christ. And just as each part of our physical bodies, even those less honorable parts, are necessary to our health and wholeness, so also every member of the spiritual *body* of Christ is necessary to our common life (1 Corinthians 12:12).

The Temple of the Lord – Both Peter and Paul used the image of the *temple* to describe the gathering of the people of God. In the letter of First Peter, the individual members of the community are referred to as *living stones*, who are being built together into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4). Long before the construction of any physical buildings, the leaders of the early church envisioned God’s people as a *living* structure being built by God’s Spirit.

The Saints of God – When Paul addressed his congregations, he would frequently refer to God’s people as *saints* (Romans 1:7). Of course, Paul is not using this word in the traditional sense, referring to an especially holy person who has been canonized by the church. Instead, Paul used the *saint* to describe the spiritual identity of God’s people as those *set apart* for God’s purpose and mission.

All of these images and metaphors are used to describe the *church* as the *people* of God. Long before the acquisition of property and the construction of buildings, the *church* existed as a community of faith, a gathering of the followers of Jesus. Centuries before the first stained glass windows were created, the *church* reflected the light and beauty of God’s glory through the lives of its members. Before the forging of the first gold candlestick or the first silver chalice, the *people* of God gathered for a simple meal to celebrate God’s goodness and to give thanks for God’s gifts.

Of course, the ministry we share today in the 21st century is supported and made possible by our facilities and buildings. It is hard to imagine the church sustaining its ministry without these important resources and assets. However, let us not forget that at its core, the *church* is the people, gathered around a common purpose and held together by God’s abundant and everlasting love.



Sunrise Easter Service in the Outdoor Chapel at Good Shepherd: beginning in darkness, a gathering of the followers of Jesus.

WORSHIP

ADVENT



Resources for the season of Advent are available on the Advent & Christmas page of our website including special prayers, activities for this time of preparing, and even instructions for a home advent wreath.

Slow down from the frenzy of December to appreciate the mystery that is unfolding in these weeks leading up to Christmas.

Opportunities to live fully into Advent:

Advent Compline December 1

6:00 Prayer and Meditation

6:30 Advent Compline

7:-30 Candlelight Labyrinth Walk

Advent Quiet Day December 7

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Advent Bible Study with the Rector Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

Advent Expectations: John the Baptist, Christmas, and the End of the World (see page 3 for details)

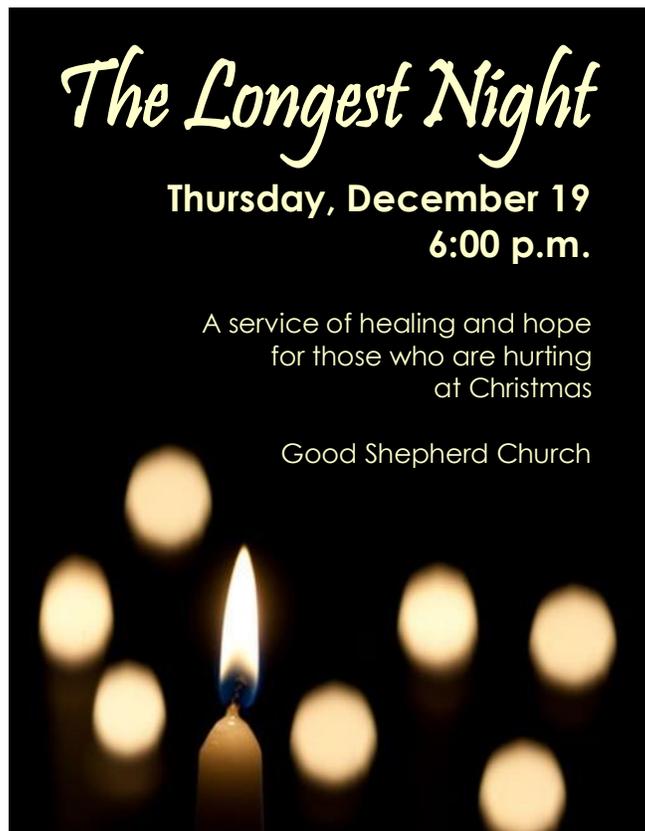
The Longest Night

Thursday, December 19

6:00 p.m.

A service of healing and hope
for those who are hurting
at Christmas

Good Shepherd Church





Good Shepherd School Notes



By Dr. Rosemary Marshall, Head of School

I love the theme for the publication this quarter, “See All the People”. It reminds me of my childhood when I would fold my hands and do the motions to, “Here is the Church and here is the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people”! I would giggle with delight as I did the hand motions and demonstrate a congregation made up of my intertwined fingers. But it now symbolizes so much more to me; the school community made up of the Church, school staff, parents, students, family and friends. It is our Church and School Community whose Treasures, Talents and Time become our most valuable assets.

Each year the school appeals to you as a member of our school community to support the Annual Fund. I hope that you will answer to the call and be reminded of the blessings that Good Shepherd holds for its students. At Good Shepherd we have a longer school day and offer more educational opportunities to our students than are offered in public schools and other Independent Schools. We need the participation of “All the People.” Please consider giving to enable us to continue our work with our Good Shepherd children. Tuition alone does not generate the monies needed to offer the many programs that we have available for Good Shepherd students. It is the **Treasures** provided through your generosity that makes it possible.

You can also become part of the Head’s Circle of Donors. Please match or exceed my donation, by donating \$1000 or more to our campaign. You will be honored in three school publications and you will become a member of this elite group. Remember Good Shepherd is a 501C3 and donations are tax deductible. Please call Heather Vaughn for more information at 561-746-5507 for donor information regarding both the Annual Fund and the Head’s Circle of Donors.

“See all the People” was reflected at both the Pumpkin Patch and our Trunk or Treat Holiday Parade. The Parent Association led by Michele Berg and her Board created three days of harvest magic for the Pumpkin Patch and the Room Moms organized a “Spooktacular” array of cars for the students to “Trunk or Treat” for some Halloween goodies! This is only possible when people work together giving freely of their **Talents**.

There are many opportunities for you to become more involved at Good Shepherd School. We need your **Time**. There are many ways for you to give of your time; such as working with our emergent readers or attending a school production. On December 18th at 6:30 PM we will hold Christmas in Concert. Holidays come alive for everyone when expressed through the songs and stories of our children. You are a special part of the Good Shepherd community and we welcome you to both events. Feel free to bring your

*As you awake on Christmas
morn and run to see the tree,*

*Think first that today Christ
was born and what will
his present be?*

*You will have so many packages
both large and small,*

*But what about the Crist child,
will he have none at all?*

*Let us give him the greatest gift
a man could hope to give,*

*The prayer for peace for all the
world and the thanks that we
now live!*

friends and families to experience the holidays through the eyes of a child!

The next few months are busy ones as we begin the holiday season. Your **Treasures, Talents and Time** are welcomed throughout the year, especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season. It is truly a time to “See All the People”. May you be blessed with the love of family and friends surrounding you throughout this time of year. May I be one of the first to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.



Above right: One of the fantastic themed treat stops at the Trunk-or-Treat at Good Shepherd School in October. Left: The very popular old-fashioned hayride at the school Pumpkin Patch event in October.



Good Shepherd Church and School presents
**CHRISTMAS
IN CONCERT**

A merry, musical evening of holiday fun!

**Wednesday, December 18
6:30 p.m.**

Good Shepherd singers, musicians, all grades, all generations
join together to brighten your holiday season.

Church School Christmas Program

For the second year, church and school are joining together to present a very merry musical presentation for parents, parishioners, and the community. Coordinated by Dr. Rosemary Marshall, school music teachers Linda and Jeff Shepherd, and church Music director Timm Johnson-Reynolds and Choir Assistant Debbie White, more than 100 children and adults will come together to wish you a merry Christmas! Following the program there will be a festive reception with light refreshments among the twinkling lights of the courtyard and Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.



GROW

Christ Is Encountered In Our Relationships

By David Dixon, Youth and Family Minister

What does it mean to be a follower of “The Way”? In one word, actions. If we are following Christ's example then when we see the underdog, we don't kick them down, we encourage them to rise up. When we see the downtrodden, we don't pile on, we extend a hand up. When we see the broken, we ask, “is there a way we can help fix?”

This is shining a light so bright, so loving, so kind, that the few that try to snuff out that light cannot and do not. Darkness can never overtake the light. Keep shining my sisters and brothers. Keep helping. Keep loving. Keep going. This is what makes us followers of “The Way” —the way of faith, the way of hope, and the way of love. The way that is Christ.

The centerpiece of the youth and family ministry here at the Good Shepherd is relationship-and it works. Ministry is person to person and our youth and families have a hunger for real relationship. I am always on the search for opportunities and ways to connect with people, friends, family, and strangers whether it is around a table playing a board game, or at a coffee house. We all need to interact with, share and enjoy the life that is found in community.

Here at Good Shepherd we have created several opportunities for our youth and families to connect with one another and with Christ. In the past ninety days we have had



Sunday School volunteers meet to discuss goals and direction of children's formation for the coming year.

YOUTH



and FAMILY

youth and family involvement in weekly youth group meetings, monthly Sunday night youth activities, Sunday School, A Taste of Good Shepherd, weekly Chapel for the school, a deanery youth trip to Universal Studios, fundraisers for the 2020 Youth Pilgrimage to Quebec, an ice cream social, a Halloween Family Fun Night and Fall Back and Dance. We help host and participate in the Coffee House, had a youth Lock-In, a confirmation day retreat, and we have more activities planned for our families, youth and children.

What we as a faith community can and must offer people is in fact a community built on Christ. This is more valuable than anything the world has to offer. It's more transformational. While youth and families connecting around a board game is a good thing and points to God's gift of relationships, people connecting around Christ is what changes, not merely comforts, the human heart. Christ is encountered in our relationships. "Where two or three are gathered..." Christ is in the middle of our gathering together. Formation happens, lives are changed, and hearts are made strong through Christ. My prayer is that we all encounter Christ in new ways as we enter the amazing time known as Advent. I anticipate the appearing of Christ in all that we do here at Good Shepherd.

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

ConneXion

Sunday, December 29
5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Did you get a game for Christmas? Bring it!
All families are welcome!



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



Fr. Doug visits Beth Welles with communion and best wishes for a happy 100th birthday.

Pastoral Care: Always Active Yet Seldom Seen

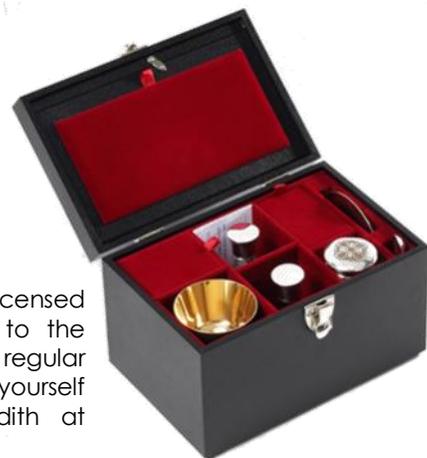
Churches are busy places with many people participating in various aspects of parish life. And then there are ministries like Pastoral Care which are private and very insulated from the bustle of day-to-day ministry. Pastoral Care meets the emotional, spiritual and social needs of parishioners who may not

otherwise be able to attend church, receive communion, or just have a conversation with another person due to being homebound or hospitalized. This special brand of support doesn't require ordination, and if you have ever been that shoulder to cry on or spent time to be still and listen to another person or just visit, then you have offered pastoral care.

At Good Shepherd, we have a dedicated team that meets regularly to discuss many people in varying degrees of need. Relationships are at the very heart of this good work. Our team is coordinated by Jeanne Couillard and there are multiple ministries under the umbrella of pastoral care such as Flower Delivery, Healing Team, Hospital Calls, Prayer List/Prayer Chain, Knitting Ministries, and Greeting Card Ministry. Even OWLS, Kairos prison ministry, and GriefShare provide pastoral support. Communion is administered by Eucharistic Visitors, licensed by the Diocese, and coordinated by Meredith Smith. We meet people where they are. Their faces may not be familiar to the greater parish, but they are in our thoughts and prayers always. We bring not only communion in its literal sense, but *communion*, the sharing of one person with another, that feeds spiritually and emotionally.

When we send forth Eucharistic Visitors from church services on Sunday, we are reminded that "we who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup."

Communion to go. Clergy and licensed Eucharistic Visitors take communion to the hospitalized and homebound on a regular basis. If you would like communion for yourself or a friend, please contact Meredith at meredithsmith360@me.com





Outreach & Missions Advent Project: **Do Something Unexpected!**

By Marilyn Lawrence



Nobody expected that first Christmas gift. No one ever imagined that God Himself would come into the world in the form of a tiny babe. Yet that is what God did, and that gift has changed the world. This year, the Outreach Committee is inviting every member of this parish community to do something God-like. We aren't asking for money. We aren't asking you to buy something. We are asking you to DO something unexpected for someone else. Every year, we all make up Christmas lists; we buy gifts, we send cards, and we get gifts and cards in return. This year, let's do something different: let's reach out to someone who expects nothing, and can give us nothing in return.

Maybe you have a neighbor who is a shut-in, or is suffering from a long illness; pay them a visit, bring them cookies, offer to sit with them for an hour while their caregiver runs an errand. Maybe there's a co-worker, or a fellow student, who always eats

alone; invite them to join you for lunch! Maybe there's a waitress or a barber or hairdresser who you know is having a hard time; give them an extra big Christmas tip and a big Thank You! Maybe there's an old friend or relative whom you haven't seen or spoken to in years; give them a call! You may have a neighbor you've been meaning to get to know; invite them to your home for dinner or some Christmas cheer. Whatever you do -- it can be something you plan in advance, or something totally spontaneous -- just do SOMETHING!

And then, as each person does their 'SOMETHING', let us know about it, and we will join all these gifts together in a big parish display. Remember the garlands we used to make for the Christmas tree out of colored construction paper? Well, this year we will have strips of construction paper and glue in the Narthex. And each person can write their SOMETHING on a piece of

construction paper and add it to the chain. By Christmas eve, we hope to have a chain that will reach all the way around the church, embracing each one of us -- and the wider community beyond. And together, we will See All the People in a different light -- and they will see us!!!! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

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

Outreach Projects Past, Present, and Future

AUTUMN 2019

St. George's Mission: Good Shepherd helped to collect, pack, and distribute toiletries, towels, and clothes to participants in "Dare to Care" shower ministry, and sent weekly teams to facilitate the program.

October 4: Good Shepherd sent runners to participate in CROS Ministries Run to End Hunger.

October 10: GSES first graders helped pack 100 Manna Bags to feed the homeless in our community.

September & November: Generous Food Pantry donations were received from the Lane Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, and the Lady Golfers of Riverbend (orchestrated by Bunny Schmidt).

November: Aided by a generous donation from Tequesta Brewery, we distributed Thanksgiving baskets to needy families.

Thanksgiving Day: Run 4 the Pies, which brings in thousands of pounds of canned goods for our Food Pantry which we share with CROS Ministries for the 7 Food Banks they operate in Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

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December: We will be collecting children's shorts and pants for Warfield Elementary School, and NEW children's underwear and socks for pre-K through first graders.

December 7: Gleaning with CROS ministries.

January: Start of hygiene kit collection for Warfield School.

February 4: Food Packing for Haiti at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palm Beach Gardens.



Outreach Ministries: Manna Bag Ministry packs to-go food bags for distribution at area shops and agencies for people in need of immediate nourishment. St. George's Meal Ministry serves dinner to over 200 people each month in Riviera Beach.



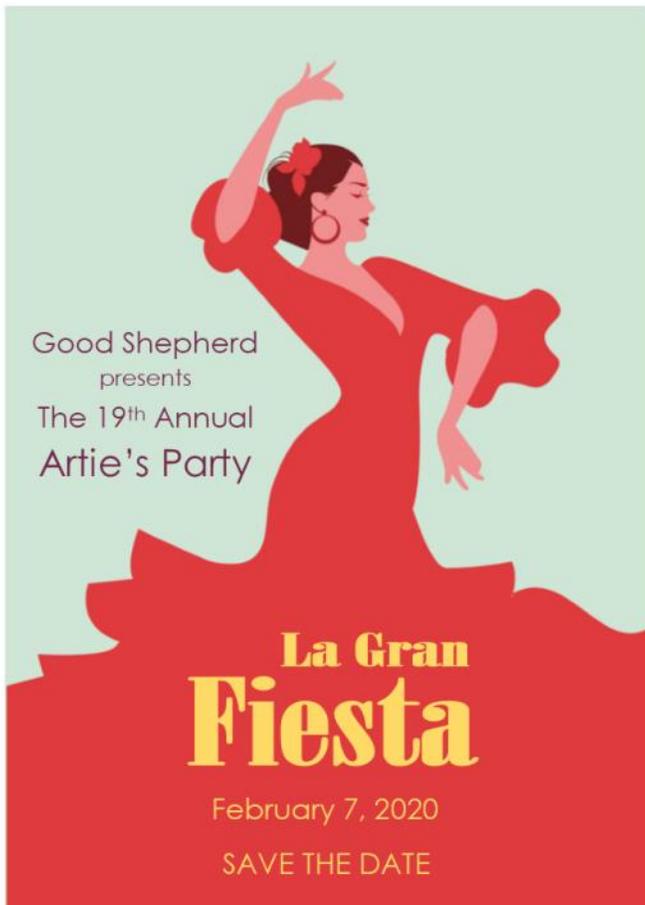
Daughters of the King

Members of the Rev. Wendy A. Williams Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King, Good Shepherd Church, traveled to Kanuga Retreat and Camp Center in Hendersonville, North Carolina this summer for the DOK Province IV Assembly. At the assembly, a memorial service was held for long-time Good Shepherd parishioner and DOK chapter member Althea Lewis. A carnation was placed on the Memorial Cross in loving memory of Althea. Pictured below are Good Shepherd members Laurie Caudle, Katrina Bishop, Margaret Dunstan, and Joan Engskow.



The DOK is a national order for girls and women who, after a three-month period of study and discernment, vow to uphold rules of prayer and service. If you would like more information about the DOK please contact Laurie Caudle, Chapter president, at laucau@att.net.

CONNECT



Artie's Party

**Good Shepherd's Annual Dinner and Dance
Friday, February 7, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

This year, Good Shepherd's annual dinner and dance fundraiser, Artie's Party, will be celebrated in the distinctive and fun-loving style of Spain! Spanish culture celebrates pretty much everything, so in that spirit, *La Gran Fiesta* promises live Spanish guitar, Spanish dancing, a catered paella dinner, and tapas at every turn. You can expect our live auction to be livelier, and our silent auction to be stuffed with excellent items for bidding enjoyment. Yes. Enjoyment, because this event provides almost \$50,000 to our annual operating budget which offsets the cost of one year of outreach initiatives. So bid with a glad heart, knowing that you're helping others.

If you newcomers are wondering who Artie is, 19 years ago, Artie's Party began as an art auction which had a parrot mascot—Artie. Now, each year Artie “flies” off to another place or time for fun effect. And we hope you will save the date for our fabulous 2020 event.

One Spirit, Many Faces Annual Meeting 2020

On January 26, we will gather for the Annual Parish Meeting. This year's meeting will include an update on our Master Campus Planning process and an initial presentation of the architectural design of our campus expansion. The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for us to gather as a congregation to celebrate the year that has past and look forward to our future together.

Did you know our Diocese is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year? *One Spirit, Many Faces* is the theme of the year and we will carry that through to our own celebration on January 26, as we “see all the people” who live our mission to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love.

The 2019 Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Annual Parish Meeting

Will Be Held In The Church On
**Sunday, January 26, 2020
at 10:30 a.m.**

THE BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE
THIS MEETING WILL BE:

1. The election of Vestry members
2. Consideration of the 2020 parish budget
3. Presentation on the State of the Parish
4. Any other business that may rightfully come before this parish.

9:00 a.m.— Holy Eucharist (Rite 1.5)
10:30 a.m.— Annual Meeting (in Church)
11:45 a.m.— Annual Meeting Lunch (In Parish
Hall)

**Please RSVP to mail@goodsheponline.org
with number attending the luncheon.**



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

Shop News

By Beth Long, Thrift Shop Manager

It's been over 2 months since I have settled into the store manager position at Pennies for Heaven and I find it so fascinating how every day is a different day with so many people coming in and out of the shop. We see people on a mission to find a particular thing, others meander through the shop checking out every corner. Friends come in and talk to each other across the store, "Come and check this out! This looks just like you!" And still others take advantage of the bargains and \$1 rack to make their weekly check stretch as far as possible.

In the back of the store there is a work room where, yet another group of wonderful volunteers work tirelessly to check, tag, clean, sort, and research all of the items that come through the door. Some items make it out onto the floor, others are outreached to a few different programs where the cycle starts all over again.

All of these people, whether volunteer, customer or donor have an effect on someone else and they don't even realize it. That is the beauty of this outreach program, seeing people give a donation to pass on or purchasing an item to live on, or helping in the store to keep it all moving forward. Pennies for Heaven is a wonderful place to 'see all the people' on the Good Shepherd campus! Stop in and see us anytime, our next big event will be the Pennies Fashion Show & Luncheon coming up on Thursday January 23, 2020.

From the back door, we get many patrons dropping off items that they don't need any more or they have found something bigger and better to replace it, or a loved one has passed away and the drop off brings closure to one person, yet breathes new life into the items coming into the store.

Did you know?

Our Holiday Bazaar and Rummage Sale in November was a huge success with a two-day income of **\$8,505**. It took dozens of volunteers, many extra hours, tons of donations, a crowd of excited shoppers and a bit of prayer, but the effort was really worth it. Pennies for Heaven proceeds are applied directly to our annual operating budget and allow us to support mission and ministry.



CONNECT

We have a place for you!

OWLS

Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds

A great group that meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the variety of programs offered throughout the year. Bring a friend!

Coffee House Open Mic Night

It's back...and it's quarterly.

January 17 is the next date for this community event held in the Parish Hall. Bring your instrument or just come to listen to the music. Refreshments are available.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, January 26
 Grammy-nominated singer/ songwriter Verlon Thompson in concert at Good Shepherd.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show

On February 25, we will hold a traditional Pancake Supper and a not-so-traditional Talent Show. So bring syrup and your tap dancing shoes and join the festivities before we begin the solemn six-week preparation for Easter.

CONNECT



Welcome our new Business Manager!

In October we were pleased to welcome Letty Anderson to the Good Shepherd staff as part-time Business Manager. In that role, Letty will assist

administration with bookkeeping, human resources and benefits coordination, among other program related functions. If she looks familiar, it's because she has been actively engaged in Youth Ministry with her husband Ian and is a member of the Newcomers' Committee. Armed with a degree in Business Management and a sunny disposition, she is a great addition to our staff. Letty will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-4:00. Her phone is 746-4674, ext. 113 or you may email her at account@goodsheponline.org.

Realm: Log on!

Our database, Realm, is a convenient way to stay connected, but it will only work if you log on. To request a log on link, please contact the office at 746-4674.

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

Find out more on our website at the Resources/Links page under About.

Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, January 14 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 11:30 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

December 1 Advent I

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

Advent Compline—Prayer 6:00, Compline Service 6:30, Labyrinth Walk 7:00 p.m.

December 3

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

Good Guys Grill - Men's fellowship quarterly cookout.

December 5

Literary Circle Book Group at 7:00 p.m.

December 7

Outreach Gleaning Sweet Corn—meet at Good Shepherd at 7:00 a.m.

Advent Quiet Day from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

December 11

Youth Christmas Party at 6:00 p.m.

December 13

Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Luncheon & Cookie Exchange at 1:00 p.m.

December 15

Coffee with Clergy at 9:15 a.m.

Pennies Volunteer Luncheon (off site) at 12:00 p.m.

December 18

Church and School: Christmas In Concert: at 6:30 p.m.

December 19

The Longest Night: A service to help find hope at the holidays at 6:00 p.m.

December 22 Advent IV

Children's Christmas Pageant at 10:00 a.m.

December 24 Christmas Eve

Family Service at 4:00 p.m.

Festive Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

Solemn Choral Eucharist at 11:00 p.m.

December 25 Christmas Day

Christmas Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

December 29

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m.

Lessons and Carols at 10:00 a.m.

Family Game Night at 5:00 p.m.

January 5

Eve of the Epiphany Compline 6:00 Prayer, 6:30 Compline, 7:00 Labyrinth Walk

January 12

Holy Baptism at 10:00 a.m.

January 14

Ministry Leadership Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

January 17

Coffee House Open Mic Night at 7:00 p.m.

January 23

Pennies For Heaven Fashion Show and Luncheon at 11:45 a.m.

January 26

Combined Service Rite 1.5 at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Parish Luncheon at 11:45 a.m.

Verlon Thompson: Sue Cunningham Memorial Fund Concert 4:00 p.m.

February 1

Food Packing Event for Haiti at St. Mark's PBG

February 7

Artie's Party: *La Gran Fiesta*

February 13

Morning Glory Women's Fellowship High Tea

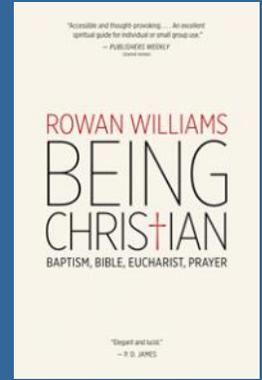
February 25

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show at 6:00 p.m.

February 26

Ash Wednesday—Lent begins

What Should I Read Next?



Being Christian:
Baptism, Bible,
Eucharist, and
Prayer

By Rowan Williams

As the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams contributed to the long history of Anglican theological thought and scholarship. However, in this short volume (*only 84 pages*) Williams offers an insightful and accessible introduction to the basic contours of the Christian life. Even though these are familiar topics, Williams brings a depth of thought and analysis that is worth careful attention.

—Fr. Doug

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 resource is available.

On Monday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m., there will be a special session specific to the loss of a spouse. The regular spring 14-week session will begin on Monday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m. 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.

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 November 2019.

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Hours it took for the Good Guys to prepare the Stewardship mailing

\$8,505

Amount raised at the Holiday Bazaar & Rummage Sale (2-day total)

100

Number of poinsettias that will adorn the church at Christmas

38

Number of photos taken of kids' hands for one usable cover photo

5

Number of Baptisms on All Saint's Sunday

\$630,000

2020 pledge goal

44

Weekly average formation attendance of youth and children on Wednesdays and Sundays



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 November 25, we have received 65% of our expected giving cards based on last year's total of cards received. To date we have received pledges in the amount of \$486,183. 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.

Here are some of the many faces that celebrated the gathering of giving cards at receptions after both services on November 10.



YTD Financials 2019 (January—October)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues	692,638	705,532	846,638	12,893
Operating Expenses	707,122	729,843	875,812	22,721
Net Total	(14,484)	(24,311)	(29,174)	(9,827)

2019 Pledge

Balances

If you would like to know your pledge balance, please log onto Realm and view your statement of giving for 2019. (Prepaid pledges will show a full pledge balance, but you know who you are! Thanks for prepaying!)

Another way to find your pledge balance is to call Letty Anderson, Bookkeeper, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Her number is 561-746-4674, ext. 113.

Yet, a third way to ascertain your pledge balance is to visit the welcome desk on a Sunday morning and Merike or Letty can help you.

Prepaid Pledges

So you've turned in a giving card and now you are waiting for 2020 to begin. For those of you who dislike waiting, we have a great solution. Prepay your 2020 pledge in 2019! That's right. You can prepay now and you won't have to make any payments toward your pledge in 2020. And, as a bonus, you won't have to read the top part of this text box next year. Thank you for your prepaid pledge!

Text to Give!

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

Heritage Society

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

Stock Donations

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

Important Request

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

Financials

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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



Christmas

Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 p.m. Family Service

7:00 p.m. Festive Candlelight Eucharist

11:00 p.m. Solemn Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Eucharist

Nursery will be provided for children
age 0-2 at the 4:00 p.m. service on
Christmas Eve.

Thursday, December 19

6:00 p.m. The Longest Night: A Service of healing and hope for those who are hurting at Christmas.

Sunday, December 22

10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant presentation at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 29

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m. A Service of Lessons and Carols

*The Clergy and Staff of Good Shepherd wishes you a
Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

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OFFICE HOURS MONDAY – FRIDAY

8:30AM – 4:00PM

SATURDAY

Closed

THRIFT SHOP HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:00AM – 4:00PM

SATURDAY

10:00AM – 2:00PM