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When two wheels is one too many...

Our bicycle enthusiast, Fr. Derek, is keeping it simple on only one wheel these days! (And while you're at it, who needs handlebars?)

Although this summer was anything but simple at Good Shepherd, our planning for engagement and education in the new program year promises great opportunity for spiritual meaning and fellowship at any age. You can find program descriptions throughout this issue of Tidings beginning on page 3.



WELCOME! Ministry groups are coming back on campus. We continue to offer a variety of digital content and ministry opportunities to help you engage in parish life. Get to know us online, or in-person! Visit GoodShepOnline.org for our calendar.

BAPTISMS are generally administered on Easter Eve, Pentecost, All Saints' Sunday and the first Sunday after Epiphany. A person of any age may receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism. The application form for baptismal candidates is available online under the WORSHIP tab. Please contact Merike Seely or clergy for information.

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

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
We represent Christ and his Church in what we do. When we make a sandwich, comfort a friend, prepare a table, or teach, we are bearing witness to him. As we search for the next rector of Good Shepherd, it is good to be reminded of the mission and ministry that becomes real every day of the week by the people in this place through commitment, faith, unity, and most of all, love.

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OUR VISION

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

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A Word from the Senior Warden

In this edition of Tidings, we are reflecting on the meaning of the questions asked in The Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer, “Who are the ministers of the Church?” and “What is the ministry of the laity?”

These questions are so important to us at Good Shepherd right now as we continue to move forward and live out our mission whilst going through a period of transition.

We currently do not have a Rector, but God’s work continues through us, The Church. We have a responsibility as part of the Body of Christ to seek more intentionally the calling of the Holy Spirit, to recognize and use our Spiritual gifts to allow the Kingdom of God to grow through Good Shepherd Church and School.

Here in our Faith Community we touch the lives of so many every day. Not just the fellowship we experience in the teams or ministries we work with, but people that we probably never will meet. So I invite you to use your gifts to serve God and become involved in our mission. Speak to other parishioners over coffee in the Narthex about volunteer opportunities in the Church or school, contact Vestry members or staff and find out how you can make a difference in the lives of others. Pray unceasingly for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Let us lean on, and take care of one another during this time and continue on this exciting journey, like the disciples did thousands of years ago. Everyday people are accomplishing extraordinary things in Christ’s name.

The Hebrew word for work is *avodah* and it is used not just for labor, but also for worship and service. There is no distinction in our lives between daily activities and Christian Ministries as laity. Everything we do, whether it is serving on the altar, working in outreach, volunteering in Pennies, visiting the sick, singing in the choir, making dinner or going to work is to be done in service to God, with an attitude of joy and thanksgiving.

“We have a place for you”. Join us in love and community, keeping God the center of all we do.

May God continue to bless each one of you, always.

In love,



Heather Graham
Senior Warden

Here is a parishioner’s note of Gratitude and a great reminder that **we are all ministers**:

*What a Church!
Ask, and you are there to answer with love, care,
and prayers. I am so grateful and proud to be a part
of this community. Thank you for helping me
conquer COVID.
Ramona O’Neill*



FULL COURSE
DESCRIPTIONS AND
ONLINE REGISTRATION
ON THE GROW TAB OF
OUR WEBSITE
GOODSHEPONLINE.ORG

Join us this fall for one or more of our Community 101 groups—a series focused on building community and growing in our faith. Each series is facilitated by various members of Good Shepherd at different times, different dates, on different topics. Sign up to participate!

Prayer Crafting

Facilitator: Ian Anderson, Coordinator of the Daily Office Team

Thursdays at 6:00pm from September 22 - October 20 (5 weeks) (full course description online)

Anglican spirituality is grounded in a rich tradition of prayer, in which the motivation for our own petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings is derived from passages of scripture and the historical teachings of the church. The philosophy behind the Anglican tradition of prayer is *Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi* – “As We Pray, So We Believe” – and our Book of Common Prayer contains excellent prayers for many situations. However, these prayers also serve as a pattern to allow the crafting of prayers for the specific challenges that confront us.

Marriage Enrichment Group

Facilitator: The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF

Wednesdays at 6:00pm from October 12- November 16 (5 weeks)

Cost: \$35. Free Childcare by registration only.

Whether your marriage is the strongest it's ever been, on autopilot, or going through a rough patch, it's important that married couples take time to reflect on their relationship. In this 5-week session, join other Good Shepherd couples for some guided activities and conversations about a range of areas in married life including communication, spirituality, stress, personalities, and more using materials from *Prepare-Enrich*, an organization providing tools for fostering healthy relationships. (full course description online)

Yoga Share, Yoga Care

Facilitator: Sue Drinkwater

Sundays at 3:30pm - 4:45pm from October 23 - November 20 (5 weeks) (full course description online)

One hour of shared yoga

One hour of caring for the mind body and spirit

One hour of being in each moment

Sue Drinkwater has “practiced” yoga for more than 25 years in studios, on a college campus, in her home, by the pool, at the gym, and in nature. She has found it to be a wonderful way to free the body, mind, and spirit...a way to be open to

the Word of God. Namaste—May the Holy Spirit in Me, Honor the Holy Spirit in You.

Sharing Stories

Facilitator: Sherry Follaytar

Mondays at 3:00pm from October 24 - November 14 (4 weeks) (full course description online)

Whether we live quietly alone or are busily engaged, each of us has a lifetime of stories to share. In the safe and caring companionship of fellow congregants, we have an opportunity to know ourselves and to connect with others. Via individual story-telling and group listening, we will discover and examine Life Lessons Learned so far. Participants will more likely be those in their second half of life. They will be encouraged to look back in order to best live and love forward. The Holy Spirit will be our guiding force throughout. We will frequently invoke His presence among us as we speak, listen and love one another.

Abundant Simplicity

Facilitator: Mary Lou Crifasi

Thursdays at 7:00pm from November 3 - November 17 (3 weeks)

Abundant Simplicity sounds like an oxymoron. In our world, *abundant* has come to mean prosperity and *simplicity* is often equated with scarcity. Yet simplicity is a natural response to loving God, rooted in purposefulness toward God and the practical day-to-day lived experience of requiring nothing more than we need. Jesus tells us “I came that [you] may have life and have it abundantly.” Join us for this three-week discussion of living a life of simple abundance including strategies to simplify the upcoming holidays.

Register on the Community 101 page on the GROW tab of GoodShepOnline.org

You will also find the full course descriptions, resource links, and facilitator contact information.

For assistance, give us a call! 561-746-4674

The Ministers of the Church

By The Rev. Derek M. Larson

This edition of *Tidings* is inspired by the amazing ministry done each week by the lay ministers of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, *which is you!* We hope to get you thinking more about your role as a minister of this church, especially in this time of transition when collaborative lay ministry is all the more important.

In July I preached a homily about lay ministry, and I'd like to share an adapted form of that homily again here for your prayer and reflection. May we all answer the call of God on our lives and be empowered to serve the community around us!

A Homily from July 3, 2022

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Week at Good Shepherd

On Monday of this past week here at Good Shepherd, a group of parishioners gathered to discern with someone how God might be calling her to serve the world, while the Good Shepherd school board received an update of the success of the school's summer camp.

On Tuesday of this week more than 50 families received supplemental groceries from our food pantry, while a gathering of friends and neighbors came together in person

and online to celebrate the life and mourn the death of a loved one.

On Wednesday of this week Good Shepherd parishioners joined with other Episcopalians across the diocese to learn more about how our congregations can better serve women and their reproductive health, while another group of parishioners joined to discuss how to offer continued support to our outreach ministries.

On Thursday of this week a group of parishioners joined on zoom to start their day off in prayer for one another, their church, and the world, while a member of the pastoral care team checked in on a parishioner going through an illness.

On Friday of this week a volunteer prepared and printed bulletins for today's service, while a woman received financial assistance in a time of need.

On Saturday of this week two parishioners set the altar for

our Sunday service, while others decorated and cooked for a celebration of one parishioner's decades of ministry at Good Shepherd before she moves away.

And on Sunday, this community gathers as it does every week—some of us having been here for a long time, and others of us here to visit for the very first time—some of us locally and in person, and some of us thousands of miles away online—to pray and worship and spend time with one another in fellowship.

This is but a tiny glimpse of everything that goes on here day after day, week after week at Good Shepherd. And almost all led, facilitated, and embodied by you: the lay ministers of this church. The harvest is plentiful and the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church is alive and well.

Who are the seventy?

In the first twenty verse of Luke's tenth chapter, Jesus sends out seventy people into the country between Galilee and Jerusalem to proclaim God's mission to the world. He tells them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Go on your way." And so they go and when they return they are filled with joy at the things they were able to do in Jesus' name.

But I have a question about this passage. Who are these people? Who are the seventy that Jesus sends out? This is the only time the seventy are mentioned in the entire Bible. And yet they must have been important to be sent out by Jesus and have their mission recorded.

It's interesting because this passage in chapter 10 is almost a mirror image of a passage in chapter 9 where Jesus sends out his twelve disciples to proclaim God's mission to the world.

In both passages the missionaries are sent out to heal the sick, to cast out demons, and to proclaim God's kingdom. In both passages they are to take nothing with them for the journey. In both passages they are told to stay in one house per village. The

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difference is: we know who the disciples are. We know the stories of James and John. Of Peter and Andrew. We've heard the names of Judas, Matthew, and Philip. But who are these seventy?

I think the seventy are *all* those who volunteered to participate in God's mission in the world. Not just a select few, but all who answered Jesus' call. I think this passage is teaching us that the mission of God is reserved not just for a few but for all those willing to take it up.

See, normally the twelve disciples for us represent a small group of leaders

who carry on Jesus' message. Each of the twelve went on to become bishops throughout the world and so in some ways the twelve disciples represent clergy. Ordained ministers. They represent those among Jesus' followers with a specific kind of role to lead and guide the community of the church.

And yet, here in the gospel of Luke the seventy are sent out to do virtually the same work as the twelve disciples. The mission of God is proclaimed not only by Jesus, and not only by the twelve disciples, but by all who are willing to accept God's call in their lives. If the twelve represent clergy, the seventy represent you, the lay ministers of the church. We are *all* called to do God's work in the world.

Who are the ministers of the Church?

And this is a foundational belief in our Church. Take a moment and open to page 855 in the Book of Common Prayer in front of you. You may not know, but in the back of the prayer book is a catechism of what we believe in the Episcopal Church. It's a great resource. Take a moment to open to page 855. What does it say?

"Who are the ministers of the Church? The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons."

Lay persons! That's you! You are the ministers of this church. And God is calling you to carry on the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd in this community. The ministry of the church is not just for clergy, it's for you. Did you know you were a minister?

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I think here at Good Shepherd we do know it. Because day after day, week after week, the people of Good Shepherd minister in a thousand different ways. From volunteering at Pennies Thrift Shop to serving as a lay reader, from leading morning prayer to financially supporting our food pantry, our people minister every day.

And so at the beginning of a time of transition here at Good Shepherd, this is simply a reminder for us. We are currently without a rector. And yet our pews are full of ministers. The mission and ministry of Good Shepherd goes on! This community is still full of ministers ready to continue the work of God in this place. This interim period is not a time to slow down or pause in our work. The harvest is plentiful. The needs of the community are great. The time for work is now. We have a place for you.

So keep on ministering! And if you're not involved in any ministries at Good Shepherd yet, I invite you, join in our mission. Explore this edition of *Tidings* and ask God where God wants you to serve. Call the office. Fill out our form for volunteering.

You are the ministers of this church. You are the ones being sent out into Tequesta, Jupiter, and beyond. You are being empowered to do God's work. So let us rejoice at all God is doing through you in this community. Amen.

GROW

Good Shepherd Bible Study

Wednesdays at 11:00am in the Parish Hall

The Bible for Franciscans: September 14 - October 5

In this series leading up to the Feast of St. Francis on October 4th, we will look at scripture passages that played a significant role in shaping the Franciscan ethos and Francis' approach to living the gospel. As a Franciscan tertiary in the Third Order, Society of St. Francis, Fr. Derek will facilitate and share more about his Franciscan vocation. Join us!

Living the Christian Life: October 12 - November 16

In this six week series, Janice Thomas, an experienced Bible Study facilitator and Good Shepherd member, will facilitate a study focusing on Christian living using selected passages of Scripture and short readings from faithful Christians through the centuries. Together the passages of Scripture and historical readings will demonstrate the richness of thought over the last two thousands years on what it means to be called a Christian.

The Story of Hanukkah: November 30 - December 21

In this 4 week series facilitated by Fr. Derek, we'll be exploring the First and Second Books of Maccabees to better understand the historical events behind the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. First and Second Maccabees are part of the Apocrypha, a collection of texts often unknown and misunderstood. While Protestants and Jews read these texts to better learn their history, they do not consider them to be Holy Scripture. The Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches, on the other hand, include them in their Bible. Join us for a fascinating discussion about these often forgotten texts as we hear the story of Hanukkah.

Recorded sessions will be posted on the Study page of GoodShepOnline.org



Sunday Forum — New name, new focus

The Sunday Forum (formerly Rector's Forum) at Good Shepherd features conversations between clergy and neighbors doing important work in our community on a wide range of topics. With topics such as environmental conservation, education, community planning, and incarceration, each session invites participants to think faithfully, missionally, and carefully about things happening in our community and invites us into neighborly partnerships with others doing the work. **Join us on the third Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM between Sunday services.**

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis at Good Shepherd

With an Associate Rector who is also a Franciscan tertiary, of course there will be plenty of opportunities to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis this year.

The Bible for Franciscans

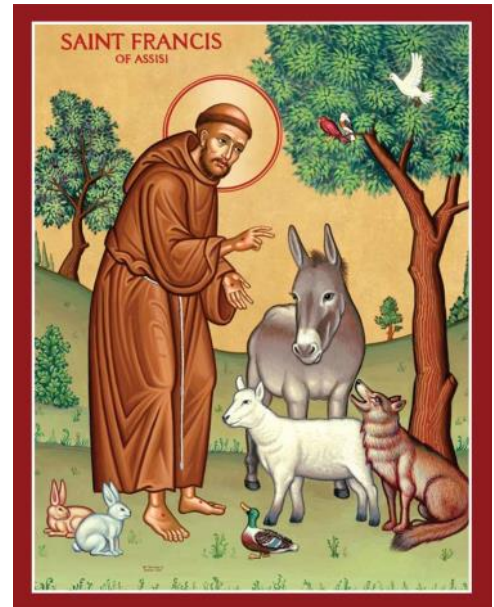
Join us for this four week Bible study series on Wednesdays at 10:00am as we discuss scripture passages that played a significant role in shaping the Franciscan ethos and Francis' approach to living the gospel. The series kicks off on September 14th!

The Transitus of St. Francis: Monday, October 3rd at 7:00pm

In the Franciscan tradition, the evening before the Feast of St. Francis commemorates Francis' death with special readings from his early biographers, Thomas of Celano and St. Bonaventure. Join us for this low-key, solemn evening prayer service in the side chapel.

The Blessing of the Animals: Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00pm

Bring your creatures great and small to this short, annual service of prayers and blessings in the courtyard. Whatever your pet—dogs, cats, birds, lizards, rats, horses, pigs, donkeys, or elephants—we'd love to offer a blessing for your animal! Please use a leash or crate with your guest. All are welcome!



We are rebranding our popular podcast that discusses the lessons coming up on the following Sunday. We will launch with a new name and format in September. Stay tuned!

Holy Eucharist & Healing on Wednesdays

Join us every Wednesday starting September 14th for our service of Holy Eucharist and Healing. This is a simple, contemplative service with normally between 4 and 10 people which celebrates the Feast Day of a saint and has a special emphasis on healing. The homily is normally an informal conversation about the saint whose day we are celebrating and is followed by prayers for healing and an opportunity to be anointed with holy oil.

Whether you are looking for healing for your self, a loved one, or the world, you are welcome to join us! Here is a schedule of saint's day we will be celebrating through the year. Major Feast Days are in bold.

FALL SCHEDULE

- September 14: Holy Cross Day
- September 21: St. Matthew
- September 28: St. Michael and All Angels
- October 5: St. Francis
- October 12: St. Philip**
- October 19: St. Luke the Evangelist**
- October 26: St. Simon and St. Jude**
- November 2: All Faithful Departed
- November 9: Leo the Great
- November 16: Hilda of Whitby
- November 23: No Eucharist
- November 30: St. Andrew the Apostle**
- December 7: Nicholas of Myra
- December 14: John of the Cross
- December 21: St. Thomas the Apostle**
- December 28: No Eucharist

YOUTH and FAMILY



Close Encounters of the Church Kind

By David Dixon, Youth and Family Minister

Over the summer I had many encounters with our youth, children, and families ranging from casual to formal. Whether it was the youth mission experience, or the GS Kids Vacation Bible School, or Summer Sunday Café Breakfast, these encounters were all moments where relationships were made and where relationships grow. Encounters matter! Special encounters!

Important connections happen here through ministry participation that lead to real faith formation in a variety of ways.

Youth and children need to encounter voices from all generations. Of course, that includes Mom and Dad, but it also includes the whole faith family sharing faith stories with each other, worshiping and serving God together, sharing meals and playing together.

Youth, children, and parents need encounters with peers of faith. That means we need to create opportunities for children to be with children, for youth to be with youth and for parents to be with parents. Why? Because these are the relational



In June, Good Shepherd Youth hit the road to Charleston South Carolina for *Week of Hope*. Their service to the local community was coordinated through a network that arranges projects and provides an opportunity for fellowship between youth from many parishes nationwide. Mission trips provide experiences that are both impactful and fun. For some, a mission trip is the first time away from home without family and the community bonding and shared experience for any participant can be not only educational, but spiritual and affirming.



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

Visit our Youth and Family Ministry page for info and ministry schedules. GoodShepOnline.org

GROW Sunday
Third Sunday of Each Month
Bring the whole family for
fellowship and formation.
There's something for
everyone!

connecting points that will be present with us in our daily faith walk.

Youth, children, and families in general need to encounter places where they can use their gifts and abilities to serve the whole faith community. We must never miss the opportunity to create an encounter where youth and children connect with God's Love Story to them. Honestly, we all need to recognize and own that we are in this story and we are finding our place in it.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, youth, children and parents need encounters with God. These often happen in surprising ways and places. These encounters require sacred space—places where the pace and volume are slow and soft; where the spirit of the child in all of us meets the Spirit of God.

While all these encounters offer special opportunities and moments of faith formation, we must not ignore the fact that what happens in our homes influences our youth and children perhaps more than anything else. Still, the local church has the unique potential to influence the family more than any other organization. In our community, that church is Good Shepherd. We stand in a unique

position to speak into and care for families; to equip, to encourage and to partner with them.

An impactful youth, children, and family ministry both fuels and strengthens the entire church body. It also yields a brighter future for every area of a church's ministry. A family formation program grows a church from the outside, bringing in new families who may not have attended church by providing opportunities and events that are family integrated. When we partner together with families we are building a stronger faith community that makes a difference for years to come.

Throughout the coming year our volunteers and design teams are planning events and encounters that range from bringing back the Coffee House Open Mic Night to extended fellowship opportunities for parents, youth and children. GS Kids Sunday School offers encounters for children to hear and see God's love for them in the great stories of the Bible. Wednesday Night Youth Group and other activities for our youth provide both place and space to not only connect with each other but with God. Plans like the Family Game Nights and pumpkin carving as a family in October, to celebrating the birth of

Christ through the Children's Christmas Pageant are all opportunities to encounter God through our encounters with one another.

Our church has both the influence and the tools necessary to help parents, youth and children become strong faith-filled families that make a difference in our communities. It is my conviction that ministry in general, and particularly ministry to youth, children, and families must have as its focus relationship-building, because ministry is person-to-person and happens in proximity. As such my prayer is for God's direction in continuing to create opportunities throughout the year that are family and parish integrated. May God use all of us to equip and encourage our youth, children, and parents as we partner with them to build a faith community of strong families.



Youth Group for students in grades 6-12 meets Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. Dinner is provided. Join us in our remodeled youth space, The Barn, found in the church office building.

Sunday School for students PreK-3 through 5th grade meets on Sundays at 10:00 AM in the church office building. Children join their families in church before communion.

Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers aged 0-2 in the church office building on Sunday morning. **We are currently seeking a part-time paid nursery attendant for 9:30—11:30 on Sunday mornings. Please contact Merike Seely for position description and details.**



GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Dear Good Shepherd Community:

The staff and students of Good Shepherd School recognize that all of us are ministers of the Church, representing Christ wherever we go. We use the gifts he has given us at home, work and school, as well as within our community.

One step into our school yields dozens of examples of adults and children carrying out this important role. Every day our students come to school prepared and ready to learn, demonstrating respect for their teachers and the work they do. Our students use their gifts of empathy, compassion, and understanding when dealing with others. How lucky we are to be part of a loving community who upholds our mission!

Please consider scheduling a visit of our school so you, too, can witness our efforts in action.

With warm regards,
Heather Vaughn, Head of School



Coupon Book Fundraiser Underway for Good Shepherd School

Good Shepherd School Coupon Books are available through September! You can order in the office by calling or visiting in person. Books are only \$25 each and the coupon saving for restaurants, venues, services, and entertainment are plentiful! 561-746-4674 or mail@goodsheponline.org



Contact Good Shepherd School for enrollment information at 561-746-5507 or visit us online at GoodShepSchool.com

GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

FALL FESTIVAL AND Pumpkin Patch

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
SAVE THE DATE - EXCITING DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Green Spirits: Hallowed Hikes are on the right path

This summer saw the start of a special new Green Spirits program, Hallowed Hikes. This excursion into our natural world bridges environmental awareness with Christian faith. On the second Saturday of each month we explore a different local natural community. In June our group of eight headed out at sunrise for a beach eucharist in a coastal setting at Blowing Rocks preserve. In July, 15 of us explored the more upland Riverbend park with communion under a canopy of grandfather oaks. And, in August, a group of 27 friends gathered for a walk among the wiregrass and wading birds of Pine Glades Natural Area, a wetland in Jupiter,

We will continue Hallowed Hikes into the fall with scheduled events on September 10 and October 8. The location and time are announced on the Green Spirits page of our website under the GROW tab. In November, Church on the Green will begin again for the season. Look for more Green Spirits activities in the coming months.

Pennies For Heaven News

Any discussion about the importance of lay leadership by the people of the church wouldn't be complete without acknowledging the commitment and service of our Pennies for Heaven volunteers. While the shop is open four days per week, there is daily work happening to make this place welcoming and fruitful. Sometimes all it takes is a friendly smile and light conversation with a customer to remind us that Good Shepherd is a special place, where love and concern for others goes beyond the church. With community focus, it's a place where shoppers can become parishioners and where parishioners become ministers.

Please visit the shop to see the good work happening there. We are also accepting donations, and we're looking for volunteers for a variety of helpful activities!

THRIFT SHOP HOURS:
 Tuesday—Friday, 11-4
 Donations accepted when the shop is open or call us to make arrangements at 561-406-2923. *Thank you!*

Church on the Green is back in November

Church on the Green is an outdoor service with a focus on light and God's creation, which started during the pandemic as a way to gather out in the open air. It's a casual, family-friendly, unique worship experience with varying themes. The service is held on the field behind the Parish hall on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 5PM from November through April. In 2022 we concluded the season with a combined School/Church beach cleanup at Carlin Park with over 70 people in attendance!

Themes for the service will be posted on our website and in your Sunday bulletin. Give it a try!





Outreach & Missions: Embracing New Adventures

By Marilyn Lawrence, Outreach & Missions Committee Chair



*“The difference between
an ordeal and an adventure is
the way you handle it.”*

These words of wisdom are from a man called Peter, who comes to our Food Pantry on his bicycle. To be a Christian is to be open to new adventures. Our Lord didn't sit in the synagogue waiting for people to come to him. He went out among the people, and certainly experienced his full share of ordeals and adventures.

As lay people, we are already in the world, and we are called – every day – to witness there. In the immortal words of St. Francis of Assisi, “Preach the Gospel always. If necessary, use words.” We preach the Gospel by witnessing to God's love for all of us. We witness by listening, by caring, by showing respect. “You are always so friendly, and you are not judgmental” said an older woman who comes regularly to our Pantry. We witness not just by what we give, but by what we DO.

Our Outreach ministries are one vehicle by which we – ALL of us – come together to

witness to God's love for his people. When we bring a can of tuna for the Food Pantry, or make a sandwich for St. George's Center, or donate a book or a box of crayons for the Warfield School, or pack a meal for Haiti – we are witnessing as Christian lay people. When we design a poster, or craft a message, or place a phone call to a friend, we are sharing our gifts and serving as ministers of our church.

We, as a community, have been through a collective ordeal with the COVID pandemic. All of us here at Good Shepherd and in the community around us have struggled in a variety of ways. But by reaching out, by sharing our gifts, by growing our collective ministry, we as a community have turned our ordeal into a new adventure. We have discovered new opportunities for service, made new friends in the community, and involved others in numerous ministries. In the way we have handled this ordeal, we all have grown. Praise be to God.

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

Visit the Outreach page at GoodShepOnline.org for a wonderful thank you note from Angie Gilbride, Assistant Principal of Warfield School, for the Back-To-School Supply Drive held in July!

Successful Transition of St. George's Center

By Denise Preston, St. George's Center Board Member

Many of us support Good Shepherd's Outreach program of the St. George's Center where we feed the hungry and food insecure. Good Shepherd has supported this program from its inception in Riviera Beach for forty years. We have helped prepare hot meals, sandwiches, and Manna Bags even throughout Covid. We have collected toiletries, towels, books and clothing to help our neighbors.

Now, CHANGE HAS COME....the St. George's Episcopal Church and Center will no longer house the St. George's Center ministry. There are plans to demolish the current buildings in September and build a new facility which will support many community groups

and include the St. George's Center ministry and its partners. A Chapel will also be included.

On August 1, St. George's Center started using three new locations to continue its mission. The distribution of food and donor drop off is at Victory City Church on 20th Street. It is just a couple of blocks from its previous place.

The St. George's Center clients are quickly finding its new home! Lunch hour is 11:30-12:30 and donor drop off is 10:00-1:00 Monday – Friday. The Support Partners of CROS ministries, Modine Mental Health, and The Lord's Place are also on site.

Last week, the first hot meals were served from Victory City Church. Meals were prepared either at a donating church or organization's kitchen or at the First Presbyterian Church in PBG.

First Presbyterian has graciously opened their doors to St. George's for this task.

And lastly, but not least, our Administrative Offices are now located in the Integrated Healthcare Systems building on 20th Street, only a block away from the previous location and just east of Victory City Church. This is where clients receive their mail, sign up for IDs, SSI and Medicaid, find living locations and other helpful programs.

So, St. George's Center is on the move to continue its mission to provide a pathway to self-sufficiency for individuals and families while meeting their basic human needs.

Anyone interested in helping in any way may contact Board Member, Denise Preston at denisepreston@mac.com or 908-279-4809.

Food Pantry is busier than ever

Each week, on Tuesday morning, volunteers gather to put out signs, set up cones, and prefill bags of food and necessities for our neighbors who are struggling and food-insecure. They will form a line of cars beginning at 11 AM which will be mostly constant until the Pantry closes at 2 PM. This is Tuesday at Good Shepherd. Our volunteers are exhausted, as are our supplies of non-perishable food. But, with your continued support we are able to open the next week. Visit the Food Pantry page on our website for food lists, testimonials and metrics to understand the need and the grace in this special work.

The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 11-2 Curbside in the south parking lot For pick-up or drop-off

Good Shepherd awarded Food Pantry Grant

This summer, Good Shepherd was awarded a grant from Healthier Jupiter in the amount of \$3,250 to assist our Food Pantry in serving hungry and food insecure community members. We are grateful for the assistance and we thank Marilyn Lawrence Jacqui Kapinowski for their work in applying for the grant.

Healthier Jupiter, in partnership with Jupiter Medical Center is dedicated to bringing the greater Jupiter community together to encourage each person to live their healthiest life. Healthier Jupiter is part of the Palm Health Foundation's Healthier Together Initiative, a long-term, community-driven approach to solving a community's complex healthcare issues.



CONNECT



Helping Hands — An Updated Alison’s List

Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12

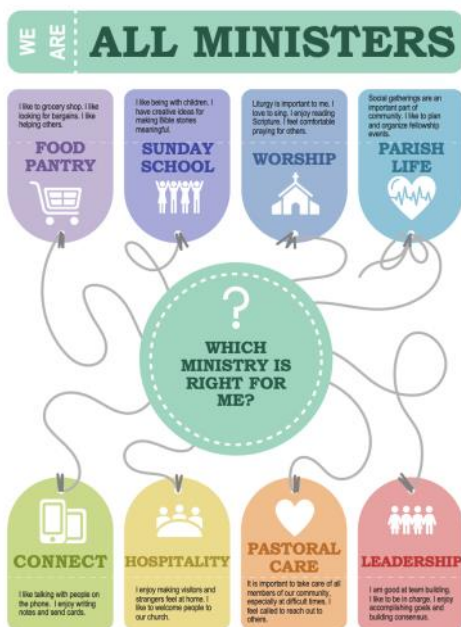
Years ago, we started a wonderful helping ministry called Alison’s List, named for Alison Cowan, a much-loved parishioner who needed help and received it in this place. It was an email list of volunteers who could choose to help with various requests for assistance with minor tasks like a ride to a doctor appointment, or a meal after surgery. Sadly, Alison departed this life, but the spirit of support and love that surrounded her lives on at Good Shepherd.

Prior to the pandemic, we were receiving very few requests — a good sign! However, in the past two years, requests have increased and are currently beyond the capacity of our staff to coordinate. The Daughters of the King have offered to facilitate the assignments and we are pleased to relaunch this ministry of love and support as *Helping Hands*.

Helping Hands works by compiling a list of parishioners willing to provide assistance as in a ride, a small repair, a companion visit, or a meal after surgery or new baby. Once we have an active list of providers, we can begin assigning them to requests that come in to the office.

Helping Hands is a meaningful, ministry that connects people and respects time. There are no meetings. There are no events. It’s just people helping people on their own schedule. When a request comes in, an email goes out to the list and the DOK will pair the respondent with the request.

Want to help? Sign up at GoodShepOnline.org on the Helping Hands page under the CONNECT tab. Once we have a list compiled we will begin posting requests.



Which Ministry Is Right For Me?

It’s a reasonable question. Church provides a great opportunity for finding meaning and feeling a sense of purpose. And, there are plenty of options for testing our your likes and dislikes, honing skills, finding joy, and feeling useful. Look for tools like the flyer at the left, which will direct you toward your interests, or let curiosity be your guide!

This graphic will be posted in the Narthex and around campus. It will also be available on the volunteer page of our website at GoodShepOnline.org.



Technology Team requests volunteers

Tech is currently seeking people to train for the following:

- Soundboard at 8:00 AM service
- Soundboard at 10 AM service
- Livestream at 10 AM service

Full training is provided with supervised, hands-on experience. Our system is in place and ready for you to bring ministry to everyone, everywhere.

Please contact Erik at erik@pariseleti.com to set up an initial training inquiry.

Want to be smarter in 30 seconds?

Beginning this fall, we will publish 30-second how-to videos that explain or describe many of the programs, functions, processes, and definitions of all things Good Shepherd. From how to fill out an online pledge card, to what to do to apply for Holy Baptism, we will include these videos in a library on our website. Just aim your smart phone camera at the code to get more info! Here’s one to get you to our website.



Snapshot Journal

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



Above: Backpack tags for all!



Above: Fr. Derek blesses the home of Laurie Caudle after she moves in. You can get your home blessed, too. Request with Fr. Derek today!

Above: In August we had Blessing of the Backpacks at the 10AM service. It was a great turnout of students ready to get started in the new school year with notebooks, pencils and a grace filled backpack! **Right:** Blessing were abundant this summer as a multitude of prayer shawls and prayer squares were blessed for distribution to anyone who needs a loving hug from God.



Above: In August the Vestry met for its annual retreat to consider plans for our search and transition to a new rector. Fr. Derek attended via zoom since Covid kept him from being present, and we were able to celebrate Ian Anderson's birthday!



Left: Now that's love. Dedicated VBS volunteer Sandy English led students through the daily welcome segment of the week-long program. But wait, is that mustached fellow looking on Cam Track, challenged engineer of Rocky Railway? It is!!



Above: Vacation Bible School kids practice one of their songs for our summer Rocky Railway experience. Over 60 students attended and we had a fantastic time exploring Bible stories and imagining ourselves on a railroad adventure! Thanks to all of the families who participated this year. We especially thank our adult and youth volunteers who made the week possible. Thank you!!!!

Right: In July, Fr. Derek received a gift on the first anniversary of his ordination as a priest in the episcopal Church. Congratulations, Derek! We are so blessed to have you with us!



Visit GoodShepOnline.org for many more photos of Mission and Ministry at Good Shepherd throughout the year!

By the NUMBERS

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

229

People served by the Good Shepherd Food Pantry in the last week of August

\$38,768

Funds raised by Artie's Party to support Outreach & Missions

4

Full-time staff members

27

People who attended the August Hallowed Hike at Pine Glades Natural Area

14

Attended the 2022 Vestry Retreat

98

Percentage of average Sunday attendance that participated in the CAT survey

155

Students enrolled at Good Shepherd School for 2022/23 academic year

\$71,212

Prepaid pledge gifts made in 2021 for the 2022 budget year (Prepaid pledges for 2023 may be made anytime before December 31)



The Heritage Society is comprised of members and friends of the parish who have included Good Shepherd in their will, or have made provisions for the future of the church in some other way. The Heritage Society ensures that Good Shepherd will continue to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love for years to come.

While few of us can give substantial sums of money to charitable purposes while we are alive, many of us do have the opportunity to leave bequests when we die. This is often done by making a church or charity a beneficiary in a will.

Everything we do at Good Shepherd is for God's glory. Our Generosity Statement reminds us that "all we are and all we have comes from God." Heritage Society is about responding personally to God's grace, and also, helping the next generation encounter Christ in this unique, spiritual, welcoming place.

Good Shepherd Church is here because of generations past who saw the value of the church in society. They made financial promises to ensure that people would be married and babies would be baptized for decades to come. They gave to ensure our capacity to meet people wherever they are. Consider supporting the future of Good Shepherd with the confidence that your gift is always going to be about

the glory of God and loving one another through worship and service.

Personal witness – something as simple as the listing of one's name – can be an important encouragement to others to step forward and act. With that in mind, our annual report to the congregation will contain a list of those who have taken

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the step toward securing the future of Good Shepherd through a bequest or life income gift. We also plan to recognize members of Heritage Society for their foresight and commitment to Good Shepherd's ministry of love and concern for others annually on Good Shepherd Sunday and at other times throughout the year.

We believe that Generosity is a response to God's unconditional love and an expression of our gratitude today, tomorrow and forever.

Financial Status (Jan.—July 2022)

	Actual	Annual Budget
Operating Revenues	574,700	1,075,754
Operating Expenses	646,215	1,119,521
Net Total	-71,515	-43,767

NEW: Email Financial Statements

We will begin sending regular quarterly financial statements by email starting in October, **Paper copies will not be mailed unless requested.** Thank you for your continued support of mission and ministry through pledge and non-pledge offerings.

Did you know that you may make recurring gifts to funds in addition to Pledge offerings? If you would like to arrange a recurring donation, or request a paper copy of your statement, please contact Lynn, our Business Manager. 561-746-46744 ext. 106

Have you remembered Good Shepherd in your will?

One of the simplest steps you can take to ensure Good Shepherd is here for future generations is to make a lasting gift through your will. You can do this while creating your will or trust, or you can amend an existing one with a simple document. Good Shepherd can be either a primary or a contingent beneficiary.

You may be a member of Heritage Society already! Let us know if you have made a provision for Good Shepherd in your will or estate plan. **To learn more or to inform us of your existing plans, please visit the Giving page on our website to fill out a quick information request form.**



Request an invitation to join Realm, our online directory. Realm lets you explore groups, make a donation, view and print your giving statement, and update your information. Visit the Realm page on our website, under Connect.

Ways to Give to Good Shepherd

Recurring Gifts

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

Checks and Credit Cards

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

Stock Donations

Stock donations may be made to Good Shepherd for any purpose. If you would like to make a donation on realized gains from stock, please contact Merike Seely for the trade instructions. **Important Request:** If you make a stock gift to the church for memorial gifts, for endowment, or for your pledge, **please let Merike or the clergy know about it** so that we can properly recognize and allocate your gift. Contact us at mseely@goodsheponline.org.

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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)

WEDNESDAYS

10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST & HEALING

WEEKDAYS

9 AM MORNING PRAYER
MONDAY—FRIDAY
(ON FACEBOOK AND ZOOM)

OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY 10 TO 2

THRIFT SHOP HOURS

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

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

TUESDAYS 11 TO 2

GOOD SHEPHERD VESTRY

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

Rector Search Survey Results are in

- Executive Summary will be released on September 18, 2022
- Sunday Forum Review — September 18, at 9 AM in Parish Hall
- Digital version will post to website on September 18

As Good Shepherd navigates toward calling the next rector of this parish, we have been providing updates of our progress on our website. The Rector Search page lets us know, in general terms, the status of the Search Committee efforts including processes, timelines, and even focused prayer. Currently, work is being done to complete profiles for the diocese and a parish profile based on who we are now, in this moment, as a church.

In June, Good Shepherd participated in a parish survey, the results of which will inform the Rector position description and ultimately our profile. We had excellent participation in this survey which improves the reliability of the results.

The Vestry and the Search Committee have had the survey results interpreted by professionals at Holy Cow! Consulting and we are now prepared to present them to you! Join us on Sunday, September 18, when a written summary of the results will be available in the Narthex, and a special Sunday Forum will take place in the Parish Hall at 9:00 AM, between services to review outcomes and answer any questions you may have. The forum will be moderated by our Senior Warden, Heather Graham, and Ian Anderson, Vestry Liaison to the Search Committee. The summary results will also be posted on the Rector Search page of our website under the ABOUT tab.



Fr. Derek, Good Shepherd's Associate Rector, celebrates Holy Eucharist at a recent Sunday service.