



# GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH AND SCHOOL

## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!

### WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD Church Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
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### Pennies for Heaven Thrift Shop

Tuesday – Friday, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Phone: 561-406-2923

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



**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

### WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekly Offering:	\$17,305
2024 Year-End Income Goal*	\$175,498
Sunday Worship Attendance:	179
Sunday Livestream:	74
Thanksgiving Baskets served to Food Pantry families:	60

\*End-of-Year Giving Update

### Sunday, December 1

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I
  - 9:00 am Sunday Advent Forum (meets in the Library)
  - 9:45 am \*Nursery Available for infants – age 3
  - 10:00 am\* Children's Sunday School (meets in Church)
  - 10:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II
  - 11:15 am Kids in the Courtyard
  - 11:30 am Young Families Lunch-Constitution Park
- \* Located in the Ryon Office Building*

### Monday, December 2

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Online (Meets via Zoom)
- 7:00 pm AA 12-Step Program

### Tuesday, December 3

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Online (Meets via Zoom)
- 10:30 am Harmony Women's 12-Step Program
- 11:00 am Food Pantry

### Wednesday, December 4

- 8:30 am School Chapel
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Online (Meets via Zoom)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Healing
- 10:30 am Al-Anon
- 11:00 am Bible Study with Clergy
- 6:00 pm Youth Group

### Thursday, December 5

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Online (Meets via Zoom)
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group
- 4:00 pm Theological Book Study
- 6:00 pm Choir Practice

### Friday, December 6

- 8:00 am Good Guys Breakfast
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Online (Meets via Zoom)
- 10:30 am Harmony Women's 12-Step Program

*See Announcements (inside) for more details.*

# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

## YOUNG FAMILIES LUNCH: TODAY, DECEMBER 1, 11:30 AM

Young families with school age kids will meet at Constitution Park (across the street, behind the rec center) after the 10:00 AM service. A picnic and scavenger hunt is planned; box lunches and drinks will be provided.

## DECEMBER 1: SUNDAY ADVENT FORUM BEGINS TODAY, 9:00 AM

### THE WAITING ROOM - WHO AM I IN THE WAIT?

Advent is known as a season of waiting and preparation. We wait for the birth of Jesus and prepare our church and homes for His arrival. While we wait and prepare, let us take time to reflect and prepare ourselves to receive Him. Join us on Sundays during Advent at 9:00 AM in the Library. The forum is led by our field education student, Idalia Adams. Meets in the Library.

## CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Donate Christmas altar flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for friends and loved ones. Requests may be made through our online form or on the paper forms found in your bulletin or in the Narthex. Poinsettias adorn the altar beginning Christmas Eve until Epiphany. Many plants are delivered after Christmas to those who are homebound or in need of a reminder that they are loved. **Memorials received by Wednesday, December 18, will be printed in the Christmas bulletins.**

## GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH AND SCHOOL TOY DRIVE: THROUGH DEC. 9

Our Good Shepherd School and Church Toy Drive will collect unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 5-10 through Monday, December 9. Suggested toys include arts and crafts, sports equipment, Legos, dolls and games. A Christmas tree in the Narthex also has tags for suggested items including clothing and gift cards. Please bring your **unwrapped** item to the Narthex on Sundays or to the School lobby by December 9.

## GOOD SHEPHERD FOYER GROUPS

Looking to connect with others in our church family? Join Good Shepherd Foyer Groups! These small, informal gatherings offer a chance to share a meal and good conversation with fellow parishioners in the comfort of someone's home. Participants take turns hosting meals. Coordinated by Lucy Lanpher, Foyer Groups are a wonderful way to build community and deepen friendships. Sign up today and pull up a chair! Email your name to [mail@goodsheponline.org](mailto:mail@goodsheponline.org) with Foyer Group in the subject line, and we will forward it to the coordinator. Groups are forming now!

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: AWAKEN IMAGINATION

We are so grateful for the enthusiastic support of our *Awaken Imagination* stewardship campaign! So far, we have received **110 pledges**, totaling **\$438,346**. Pledging turns our commitment to God and the church into a tangible act of faith, enabling ministry to thrive and helping our community grow and serve others. Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far! If you haven't yet pledged, there's still time to join us in awakening imagination for the year ahead. Simply fill out a pledge card, or scan the QR code at right to pledge online.



## \*END-OF-YEAR GIVING UPDATE

As we approach year-end, we are adjusting the calculation in the Weekly Statistic box on the front page of our Sunday Announcements page to provide greater transparency. Normally, we display a static "Budgeted Weekly Goal." **From now through the end of the year, this number will reflect a single "Year-end Income Goal" to meet anticipated total year-end expenses.** We'll update this figure each week to help us track our progress as a community. Thank you for your continued generosity as we work to finish the year strong!

## **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY WITH CLERGY: 'HOPE IN THE DARKNESS'**

**DECEMBER 4, 11, & 18 AT 11:00 AM**

In the midst of a world that often feels uncertain and dark, Advent calls us to look for the light of Christ breaking through. Join us this Advent season for a special three-part Bible study on "**Hope in the Darkness**," where we will explore how God's promises offer hope even in our most challenging times. Starting **Wednesday, December 4, at 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall**, we will meet for one hour each week to reflect on Scripture that speaks to God's light overcoming the darkness, the hope that sustains us through waiting, and how Christ's coming transforms both our inner struggles and the world around us.

## **DECEMBER 5, ADVENT THEOLOGICAL BOOK STUDY, 4:00 PM**

Join us for a 3-week Advent book study on Thursdays in Advent at 4:00 PM in the library. We are reading *The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope* by Kelley Nikondeha. This book puts the Advent narratives of Luke and Matthew in their original context, changing how we see the story of resistance, abusive rulers and systems of oppression, and God coming to earth. This thought-provoking examination invites us into a season of discovery, one that is realistic and honest, and that still wonders at the goodness of God's grace. All are welcome by Zoom or in person, contact Mary Lou Crifasi, 561-746-4674

## **GRIEF AND GRACE THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 9:00 AM**

In response to many heartfelt requests, we are offering a special holiday program, *Grief and Grace Through the Holidays*, to support those experiencing grief or loss, or those who are suffering with illness, depression or loneliness during this season. All are welcome to join us on **Sunday, December 8, at 9:00 AM**, between services for time together in a loving supportive group. Together, we will explore ways to find hope and comfort through this challenging time. FREE. Meets in the Quiet Room.

## **CHURCH ON THE GREEN: DECEMBER 8, 5:00 PM**

Celebrate Santa Lucia at Church on the Green December 8! Common throughout Scandinavia, the celebration of St. Lucia is a festival of light amidst the long dark nights of December. The Christmas tree is also a symbol of life and light during long winters - bring your favorite tree ornament for a special Christmas tree blessing!

## **SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 15, THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Join us on December 15 at the 10:00 AM service as the children and youth of Good Shepherd present the miraculous story of Christmas. A perennial favorite at Good Shepherd, the Children's Christmas Pageant has parts for kids of all ages. All children are encouraged to participate. Whether they would like to be an angel, shepherd, lamb or wise person, there's a role for everyone. **There will be one rehearsal from 9:00 - 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 14.** Contact Mary Lou Crifasi for more information, [mcrifasi@goodsheponline.org](mailto:mcrifasi@goodsheponline.org), or call the office at 561-746-4674.

## **SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 17, MORNING GLORY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Morning Glory Women's Fellowship's annual Christmas luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 17 at the Tequesta Country Club. Please join us for a lovely luncheon, games and fellowship! Cost is \$25 per person, bring a \$10 exchange gift if you wish. Morning Glory Women's Fellowship is open to all women and all are welcome. Space at the Christmas luncheon is limited; please call the church office or sign up in the Narthex.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**December 21:** The Longest Night, A Service of Hope and Healing, 5:00 PM

**December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE**

Family Christmas Eucharist, 4:00 PM; Festive Candlelight Eucharist, 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM

**December 25:** Christmas Eucharist, 10:00 AM

**December 29:** Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 AM; A Service of Lessons and Carols, 10:00 AM (no Eucharist at 10)



# PRAYER LIST



To submit a prayer request, use the Prayer Concern cards in the Narthex, scan the QR Code on the right or visit [GoodShepOnline.org/Prayer](http://GoodShepOnline.org/Prayer).

## GENERAL PRAYERS

For Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Clergy, Staff, and Vestry.

For Good Shepherd Episcopal School.

For our country; for wisdom and guidance for our leaders and the leaders of all nations.

For peace – especially in Ukraine, justice and reconciliation in all places where there is conflict, especially among the peoples of the Middle East; for Haiti and Bondeau.

For St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, Fort Myers Beach.

In thanksgiving for our new Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe.

For the Good Shepherd Family Ministries Foundations Team.

## SHORT-TERM PRAYERS

*Prayer requests are for 30 days.*

Bill D., Zeeva D., Joan E., Paul H., Samuel K., Sarah K., O.W.L.S. Senior Ministry, Gregg P., Carol V., Sophie and the White family, for healing and strength for those struggling to forgive.

## LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Ricardo A., Alexa, Ben B., Bill B., Gloria C., Mary C., former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Celeste D., Mike D., Zan D., Ned E., Mindy F., Renee F., Tom H., Cindy I., Annie K., Jacqui and Harry K., Kisan K., Fran L., Frank L., Lindsay L., Tom L., Stephen M., Bob M. and Pam D., Paul, Isabel N., Linda P., Marilyn P., Jim and Jerre R., Bob S., Dona S., Scott S., Howard S., Carolyn T., Mary Ella T., Bob V., Don W., Charley, Emily and Dieter W., Peter and Mirabelle W., Waterford Health Care Center Residents.

## SERVING IN UNIFORM

Kyle Irving-US Navy, Dylan Jenkins - US Navy, Nick Layden-US Army, and Rhett Price-US Army.

## REST IN PEACE

Mike Waters

Judith Chant, mother-in-law of Timm Johnson-Reynolds

## ON THE ALTAR

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the children and families of Good Shepherd by Mary Lou Crifasi.

Church Advent greens are given to the glory of God.