



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE SUNDAY EDITION

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
CHANGING LIVES, SHARING CHRIST



Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. *Traditional Eucharist (Rite I)*
8:45 a.m. No Breakfast Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Adults
10:30 a.m. *Family Eucharist (Rite II)*
11:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship *in the Courtyard*
5:30 p.m. *"Come As You Are" Eucharist*

Nursery For Little Ones

0 - 2 Yrs. in the Nursery
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Children's Chapel
3 Yrs. - 2nd Grade are invited to the Children's Chapel (off of the Courtyard) at 10:30 a.m. for their own service. *They will join their families in the Church before Communion.*

Sunday School

Children age 3 - 2nd grade: Water Street #107
Children 3rd - 5th grade: Water Street #106
6th Grade Confirmation: Water Street #105
Youth 7th-12th: Munds Hall Library
Adults: Munds Hall Auditorium

LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR 2017 - TODAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 9:30 A.M.

Our Sunday School classes will conclude today. We have wonderful new adult Sunday school classes being offered in the new year: *The Marriage Course* led by Rev. Milton Black and Elizabeth Black, *The Gospel of Mark* led by Rev. Philip May, and *Inquirers' Class: Being Episcopalian 101*.

Everyone will want to make it their New Year's resolution to attend one of these great classes!

CAROLING AT TRINITY TOWERS - TODAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 4:00 P.M. AT 101 N. UPPER BROADWAY

Bring the whole family this afternoon as we share Christmas cheer with the residents of Trinity Towers Retirement Community. Refreshments will be served.

ADVENT 4 SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY MORNING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

This year Advent 4 happens to fall on Christmas Eve. We will offer two Advent 4 services in the morning and Christmas Eve services in the evening. We want you to be aware that the Sunday morning services will be Advent 4 services, not Christmas Eve services. They will be different.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES NEXT WEEKEND

TWO CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:30 P.M. CAROLS / 5:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 P.M. CAROLS / 11:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offering a banquet of music, scriptures, and a Eucharist celebration, we will joyfully welcome the Christ Child! Children are welcome in the Children's Chapel at the 5:00 p.m. services for Christmas stories, liturgy, music and more. *(They will join their parents in the sanctuary for communion.)*

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30 A.M. CHRISTMAS HOLY EUCHARIST

This service is a quiet and more reflective service for those who join together on this special day to welcome the Christ Child! This will be the only Christmas Day service offered.

ADVENT 3



Lord
come
and
save
us.

Joy

Church Office Closed

Monday, December 25 &
Tuesday, December 26

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 7

New Sunday School Classes Begin

Sunday, January 7
9:30 a.m.

*Wonderful New Classes
for All Ages!*



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CHRISTMAS OFFERING & PLEDGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

In the pew racks you will find a couple of important items to help us wrap up the 2017 fiscal year.

- Christmas Offering Envelope
- Pledge Card for 2018



During this season of giving, we would appreciate you remembering the Church as we finish our year. We still have a financial deficit that needs to be filled. Your help would be a blessing to our congregation.

We also ask that you make a pledge for 2018 so we can plan our budget for the coming year.

These can be placed in the offertory plate as it comes around during the service.

CHRISTMAS EVE FOR CHILDREN

Christmas Eve Children's Chapel

We offer a special children's Christmas Eve service in the Children's Chapel at **5:00 p.m.** There will be meaningful Christmas liturgy. Children will join the adults in the sanctuary for communion.

Special Christmas Eve Tradition

You never know who might show up at the Christmas Eve service to surprise our children! For generations, little ones have left their shoes in the Courtyard just before the 5:00 Christmas Eve service only to find them filled with candy as they depart after the service.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

If you would like your children to receive their first communion, classes will be offered four Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in January. Classes are designed for parents and children together. A child may take communion at any age. The decision of when to take communion is left up to the child and his/her parents. Contact the Church Office if you are interested at 361-882-1735 or at cotgs@cotgs.org.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT GOOD SHEPHERD

FOR CHILDREN

Sunday School: (9:30 a.m.)
 Children ages 3 years - 2nd grade in Water Street Class #107
 Children 3rd - 5th grade in Water Street Class #106
 Sunday Children's Chapel: (10:30 a.m.)
 Children ages 3 - 2nd Grade
 Children's Choir: Mondays at 3:30 p.m. in Choir Room; Children K-5th

FOR YOUTH

Youth Sunday School (7th - 12th grade): in Munds Hall Library
 Youth Bible Study: Sundays
 New Study begins in January. Sundays after Youth Group.
 Youth Fellowship: (7th-12th grade)
December 17: Caroling at Trinity Towers at 4:00 p.m.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Salvation Army Mobile Canteen: Unfortunately, the Mobile Canteen has been put on hold again. We will keep you informed of the situation.
 Good Shepherd's Corner: Come volunteer at the Corner and stop by to see their new paint job! Call Suzie Watson to be part of this ministry at 361-774-4894.
 Wheel Chair Ramp Ministry: Come help build wheel chair ramps. Builds take place the third Saturday of each month.
Next build: January 20
 Location to be announced.

FOR ADULTS

Sunday School Classes: (9:30 a.m.)
 General Adult Group meets in Munds Hall Auditorium
 Wednesday Evening Class:
Backpacking through the Anglican Communion with Rev. Philip May in the Parlor from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Potluck Supper to follow.
 Trinity Towers Bible Study: Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room
 Handbell Choir Rehearsal: Mondays, 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room
 Men's Life Fellowship: Tuesdays 7-8 a.m. in the Parlor
 Join us for fellowship, meaningful discussion and encouragement.
 Men's Book Study Group: Tuesdays at noon in the Munds Hall Library; Bring your lunch.
 Women's Bible Study: (*1st Corinthians*) Tuesdays 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor with Elizabeth Black

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. (*Rite I*)
 10:30 a.m. (*Rite II*)
 5:30 p.m. "*Come As You Are*"
 Tuesdays: 12:15 p.m.
 Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m. w/ *Healing Service*

Operating Fund Financial Report

	Actual as of 11/30/17	Estimated as of 12/31/17
Income	1,003,734	1,132,300
Expenses	(1,176,651)	(1,275,800)
Transfers <i>(from Endowment and Designated funds)</i>	<u>63,500</u>	<u>63,500</u>
Deficit	(109,417)	(80,000)

We need your financial help to cover the deficit stated above. Any additional amount that you are able to contribute this year will make a big difference. Thank you for your love of our Lord and your responsiveness to the needs of your church.