



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 (*Resumes Jan. 6*)
9:30 a.m. No Sunday School (*Resumes Jan. 6*)
10:30 a.m. Family Eucharist (Rite II)
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Courtyard
5:30 p.m. "Come As You Are" Eucharist

Nursery For Little Ones

0 - 2 Yrs. from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
(Across the street in Dobbins Hall.)
*Infants are always welcome in the Sanctuary.
Rocking chairs are available in the Side Narthex.*

Children's Chapel (Sundays)

3 Year Olds - 2nd Graders
Children's Chapel is Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
It is located near the Courtyard. *The children will join their families in Church before Communion.*

No Sunday School Today

Sunday School classes will not meet over the Christmas break. We will resume with new classes on Sunday, January 6th.

NEW THEME COMING FOR 2019! "THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"

It is with great excitement that the Church of the Good Shepherd announces our theme for 2019: ***The Christian Life***. Our theme and focus for 2019 is designed to draw us, the Body of Christ, closer to God and closer to each other as we walk through the liturgical year together, focusing on the core message of the Christian faith. Imagine the impact *The Christian Life* can make, with our congregation making the same trek to the cross at the same time. We believe it will transform individual lives and the life of our congregation. Be on the look-out for various classes and programs coming in the new year. We will cover four liturgical seasons through our theme: Epiphany: *The Believing Life*, Lent: *The Crucified Life*, Easter: *The Resurrected Life*, and Pentecost: *The Spirit-Filled Life*.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS IN 2019

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 A.M. BEGINNING JANUARY 6 - JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY

We have new Sunday school classes offered in the new year that will guide us through our theme, *The Christian Life*. We will begin the year with the season of Epiphany: *The Believing Life*. The Sunday School classes offered will be: *The Christian Life* led by Rev. Milton Black and Rev. Philip May, *Will Our Children Have Faith* led by Rev. William Campbell, and *Episcopal 101: Foundations for Mature Faith* led by Rev. Frank Fuller. During Lent we will begin the next part of our theme, *The Crucified Life*. Easter will guide us through *The Resurrected Life*, and then in the fall we will begin *The Spirit-Filled Life*.

NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS FOR ADULTS IN 2019

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE PARLOR BEGINNING JANUARY 9

The season of Epiphany is all about God showing Himself to us in Jesus, at a very specific place and time. This new class, *Jesus of Nazareth: What He Wanted, Who He Was*, will be led by Rev. Philip May and youth minister, Matthew Bloss. We will learn about the real world life and times of Jesus. This will give us a much deeper understanding of His message, to his people then, and to us now. This class will lead us right into Lent with *The Crucified Life*.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OFFERED IN JANUARY

WEDNESDAYS JANUARY 9TH - 30TH: 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. IN THE CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

If you would like your children to receive their first communion, classes will be offered four Wednesday evenings 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 or her parents. This is a special time in a child's life in the Church. Contact the Church Office if you are interested at 361-882-1735 or at cotgs@cotgs.org.



COMING SOON

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1
No Tuesday 12:15 p.m. service on New Year's Day.

Kingdom Kids

Wednesday, January 9
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
in the McNeil Gym

Ordination of Rev. William Campbell

Saturday, January 12
1:00 p.m.
(Pending final approval.)



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2019 MEN'S RETREAT

"Pursuit of Greatness"

Led by guest speaker **Dr. David L. Cook**

Friday, February 1 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Munds Hall Auditorium - Cost is \$20

RSVP to the Church Office at 882-1735

(This is not an overnight retreat.)

All men of Good Shepherd and their guests are invited for this special event in the new year! We encourage men of all ages to come and invite a friend to hear our guest speaker, David L. Cook. Among many other accomplishments, David is the author of the best selling book, *Golf's Sacred Journey: Seven Days in Utopia*. His book was made into a movie starring Robert Duvall in 2011.



Dr. Cook has spent his life coaching the minds of champions. He spent 8 years as the San Antonio Spurs sport psychologist that included two NBA Championships. He has worked with performers from the PGA, MLB, NFL, NBA, Olympics, and NCAA as well as many Fortune 500 companies.

David's greatest passion is sharing Christ with men. At our event, he will focus on God's wisdom and principles for performing in life and business with Spiritual Toughness.

Come be inspired and encouraged as David leads us on a journey to greatness in a world of constant adversity, interference, and change.

THANK YOU ANGEL TREE ANGELS

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts for children whose names were on the Angel Tree! You are making a difference in a child's life. The gift you have given is beyond just the items in your package...it shows a child that they are cared for. We were able to help 85 children have a blessed Christmas this year!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT GOOD SHEPHERD

FOR CHILDREN

Nursery: (Sundays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)
For infants and toddlers 0-2 years

Sunday School: (Sundays 9:30 a.m.)
Water Street Classrooms for 3 year-olds thru 6th grade

Sunday Children's Chapel: (10:30 a.m.)
Children ages 3 - 2nd grade

Children's Choir: Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room

FOR YOUTH

Youth Sunday School (7th-12th grade):
in Water Street #106 at 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group: (7th-12th grade)
Youth Group resumes January 6th.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Salvation Army Mobile Canteen:
The Mobile Canteen feeds the homeless on the streets of our city. We will not make a delivery in December. *However, if you have winter items you would like to donate, please bring them to the Church Office.*

Good Shepherd's Corner:
Come by the Corner and do some shopping! There are some fabulous items! We will also take your donated or consigned items. Call Julie at 883-0281.

Wheel Chair Ramp Ministry:
Come help build wheelchair ramps. Next build is Saturday, January 26th at 8:30 a.m.
Location to be announced.

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*

FOR ADULTS

Sunday School Classes: (9:30 a.m.)
The Christian Life led by Rev. Milton Black and Rev. Philip May; *Will Our Children Have Faith* led by Rev. William Campbell; *Episcopal 101: Foundations for Mature Faith* led by Rev. Frank Fuller (These begin January 6.)

Wednesday Evening Class:
Jesus of Nazareth: What He Wanted, Who He Was led by Rev. Philip May and Matthew Bloss 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor (Begins January 9.)

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:
"Isaiah" led by Elizabeth Black
Tuesdays from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor; Booklets for this class are available for \$10.
Nursery provided with a reservation. Elizabeth's class is on a break for the Christmas holidays and will resume Tuesday, January 8th.

Please Make Your Pledge for 2019

You will find pledge cards in the pew racks. We would appreciate you making a commitment, no matter the amount. It takes all of us as members of Good Shepherd to run our facility, grounds, and programs as well as help our community through mission and outreach.

Pledge cards can be placed in the offertory plate or brought/mailed to the Church Office. You can also go on to our website at cotgs.org and make a pledge or payment online.