



# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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### THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE



We are excited to be coming together again as a "Family" united by God's love and growing in our Spirit-Filled Lives. Our Christian Life is a movement from Crucified to Resurrected to a Spirit-Filled Life! With the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, we have been made one family in Christ and have entered his plan for the redemption and salvation of the world.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul outlines God's grand plan in Jesus Christ to redeem and restore the world. The plan is to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ (Ephesians 1:10). The two agents actively bringing about Christ's rule on earth as it is in heaven are the Holy Spirit and us! You and I are participants in God's plan for the salvation of the world and that work begins right here in our own Church Family.

With the addition of Glenn Meschko, our new Youth Director, we are launching a new Family Ministry Initiative based on the commitment that our mission of Changing Lives and Sharing Christ begins with our children, youth, young adults, and families. Our mission begins by instilling our faith in the next generation. Critically Important! The success of each of our ministries, as well as our own spiritual health, is dependent upon the active support and involvement of every person in our Church Family. Everyone grows when everyone is personally invested in the mission of the Family.

I look forward to seeing each of you on Rally Day, September 8, at 9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall for a Multigenerational Sunday School Rally and continental breakfast. We will have an Introduction of our Family Ministry Initiative and the Spirit-Filled Life. We will have Devotional Books and Study Guides for a \$10 donation, and opportunities for you to commit to this vital work.

My prayer is that we will all grow stronger, both individually and as a Family, in a Spirit-Filled Life. I look forward to seeing how God will use the offering of ourselves to bring His plan to pass.

Yours in Christ, *Milton +*

#### THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

~Romans 15:13

# FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR



## Take a Priest to Work

The Rev. Philip May

Thanks to all who took me up on "Take a Priest to Work" this summer. Work is such a big part of our lives. I love learning more about the work of our parishioners.



Here I am with Emily Veazey at The Scoop Shack - an ice cream shop with extras: a business venture that brings a lot of joy, especially in the summer months.

With Miguel Deleon and Kayla Garcia in the NICU at Driscoll hospital: compassion and professionalism in a very challenging setting. Truly a team effort.



Visiting Cornelia and Ed Gates in the studios of Aloe Tile: so fascinating to follow the creative process from design to execution to delivery.



\*The bottom photo is the plaque made by Aloe Tile for Matthew Bloss as a gift from Good Shepherd.

## SCRIPTURE & WORK

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

~Colossians 3:23-24

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes, establish the work of our hands."

~Psalm 90:17

## LOOK TO THE MOUNTAINS

Fr. Philip spent some time biking in the mountains this Summer.

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

~Psalm 121:1-2



## FROM THE CURATE



### You Asked for It: New Small Groups for Parents!

The Rev. William Campbell

One thing *The Ties That Bind* survey revealed is that parents of young families are looking for ways to spend time with other adults. Sure, we see each other in the sanctuary and at coffee hour but wrangling kids at the same time makes it hard to develop life-giving friendships.

It's worth remembering that Christ calls us not only to worship, but to be a Church. The Greek word we find throughout the New Testament for "Church"—ἐκκλησία—refers to a gathering of people called out from their homes to a common purpose. As Christians, our common purpose is to know and make known Christ, and in our Baptismal Covenant one of the five ways we are called to do that is to "...continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers" (BCP 304). By design, our Christian life involves fellowship and community. And breaking bread together!

To that end, **we're forming new groups of 6-8 parents each to share dinner once a month throughout this school year.** Spouses will automatically be put into the same group, and we welcome single parents! Your group picks the date each month—so feel free to take advantage of the trustworthy and free childcare offered during Kingdom Kids at COTGS—and you can choose to rotate homes, meet at a restaurant, or even reserve the church Parlor. Potluck, chili cook-offs—anything goes! You decide your month's details and enjoy getting to know other Good Shepherd parents in a new way.

**To join a small group or get more information,** send me an email at [wcampbell@cotgs.org](mailto:wcampbell@cotgs.org) or call the church office at 361-882-1735. You can also find me at our Rally Day celebration to sign up in person. All you have to do is provide your preferred method of communication so that other members of your small group can get in touch. **The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and the groups will kick off in October.**

[www.cotgs.org](http://www.cotgs.org)

## CHRISTIAN UNITY

"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity."

~Psalm 133:1

"Day by Day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

~Acts 2:46-47



# RALLY DAY



## RALLY DAY

### Fall Programming Kick-Off!

#### Sunday, September 8

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Rally
- 10:30 a.m. Rally Day Service
- 11:45 a.m. Rally Day Picnic

**A FUN MORNING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!**

**We have an exciting line-up for Rally Day!**

### ★ **Multigenerational Sunday School Rally**

**Munds Hall at 9:30 a.m.**

Everyone of every age will come together to hear about our mission for 2019-2020: **Family Ministry**. We will work together to make children & family a priority of our church. Helping parents & children grow in their faith is the mission of everyone at Good Shepherd.

You will receive books on **The Spirit-Filled Life** and a **continental breakfast** will be provided.

### ★ **Rally Day Service** in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

While we will continue to have our 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. services on this day, our Rally Day service will be at 10:30 a.m. You will hear about our focus on **Family Ministry**, **The Spirit-Filled Life**, and all **3rd graders** from the church and school will receive a Bible.

### ★ **Rally Day Picnic** on the Church Lawn at 11:45 a.m.

We have planned for a **delicious meal**, **face painting**, **Kona Ice snow cones**, and **live music** on the church lawn as we come together as a Church Family! We will have some tables and chairs set up, but you can also bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and shade structures.

**COME CASUAL!**

## FAMILY MINISTRY INITIATIVE



We are launching a new Family Ministry Initiative based on the commitment that our mission of Changing Lives and Sharing Christ begins with our children, youth, young adults, and families. Our mission begins by instilling our faith in the next generation. The success of each of our ministries, as well as our own spiritual health, is dependent upon the active support and involvement of every person of our Church Family. When everyone is personally invested in mission of the family, we all grow.

We are providing exciting and interesting classes this Fall to help everyone of every age grow in their relationships with Christ. Much thought, planning and prayer has been put into the classes that will be offered, so plan on joining us as we come together to grow in Christ as a Church Family.

## Adult Sunday School - Begins September 8

### THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Led by Rev. Milton Black & Rev. Philip May

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Auditorium

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit a "gift" who will guide us, lead us, and empower us. Yet many believers don't experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. This unique curriculum provides a space in which we can explore what it truly means to "walk in the Spirit" on a daily basis. This is the fourth and final part of *The Christian Life Series*.



### THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE for YOUNG FAMILIES

Led by Rev. William Campbell at 9:30 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Classroom

This class explores the same material as the above class, but will be directed toward families with young children. We will examine the life-giving and creative work of the Holy Spirit for, not only our own lives, but to help guide our children, as well. The greatest ministry we can offer to children is to help their parents know Jesus as our Lord and Savior and to embrace his teachings.

### PRUNE JUICE FOR THE SOUL

The Gospel for Folks Getting Old & Those who Love Them

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller at 9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Library

Rev. Frank Fuller will explore how faith resources can apply for those experiencing age, illness and all that comes with those chores. This class is for our more "seasoned" church members, as well as those who love them...meaning all of us!



## Wednesday Evening Classes - Begin September 11

### SPIRIT-FILLED BIBLE STUDY

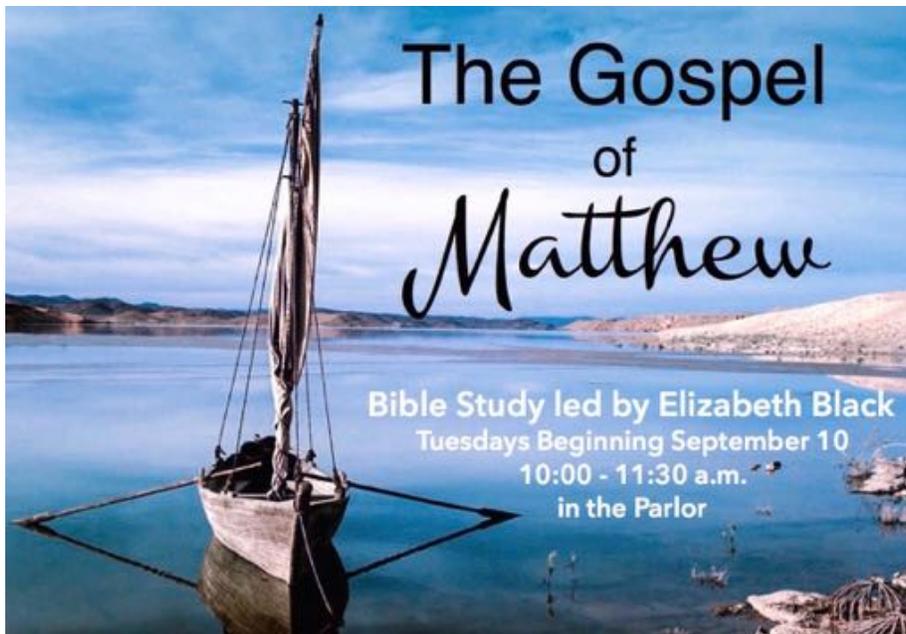
Led by Rev. Philip May from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Rev. Philip May will take a deeper look into our theme for the Fall, *The Spirit-Filled Life*. As we walk through this curriculum, we will have the opportunity to hear in-depth Biblical teachings and openly discuss what we will learn as a group. We will strengthen the bonds of community as we grow together, allowing our lives to be powerfully changed by the truths discovered.

### BRAVE NEW WORLDS

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Munds Hall Library

Everyone wants to know what the future will bring. Ancient pagans looked at sheep livers, Hebrew priests cast lots, and moderns peer at stock charts and measure CO2 emissions. Biblical prophets strove to make clear God's will to save his ornery people. Some of the clearest insights in the last hundred years have come from novelists who tackled the power of technology, the weaknesses of human nature and where that might take us. This class will read and explore three prophetic visions of humanity's future and faith in the works of 20th century writers: Aldous Huxley, Geddes MacGregor, and Walter M. Miller, Jr.



## **Who: Women of all ages - Everyone is welcome!**

This is an easy-going group that comes together for fellowship, to build friendships, and to be strengthened by God's Word! We are a group of all ages, and love to learn from each other.

## **What: Study of The Gospel of Matthew**

*The Gospel of Matthew* is the story of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the story of a man, a teacher, a healer, a prophet, a king - and how he came to save the world. Because it is the first book of the New Testament, it would be easy to think something new must be happening. And there is! But it is also a very old story. Matthew sets out to show how Jesus "completes" or "fulfills" all the promises ever made about God's anointed King who would come to save the world. Come discover the story...we are not merely observers!

## **How: Bring a Bible and a Pen to the Parlor**

Join Elizabeth Black for a time of fellowship and study. Simply bring a bible and a pen. A study booklet will be provided on the first day for \$10.00 or it can be picked up in the Church Office. This study will run throughout the Fall and Spring. Nursery available upon request.

## **GREAT NEWS! NOW YOU CAN JOIN THIS STUDY REMOTELY!**

Elizabeth is making her Bible studies available through an audio recording posted weekly on her website at [elizabethheadblack.com](http://elizabethheadblack.com). Each week, an audio recording of her teaching and the group discussion will be posted. You can join the study by just listening weekly, or participate more fully by purchasing the workbook. If you plan to do this study remotely, please contact Elizabeth to get more information about the workbook.

## MEN'S LIFE

### **MEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP**

**Tuesday Mornings  
7:00 a.m. in the Parlor**

This group offers encouragement and support for your daily life.

Now is a great time to join this group and share

in fellowship and wisdom. Come to share or come just to listen!

This group also organizes fun, energetic activities outside of the book study. They host fishing tournaments, skeet shoots, golf tournaments and more.



### **MEN'S BOOK STUDY**

**Tuesdays at Noon  
Munds Hall Library**

This group meets Tuesdays at noon. Various book topics are discussed in a casual

atmosphere. Bring your lunch and join the group!



## RIGHT NOW MEDIA

It is never too late to sign up for Right Now Media! We know that you will love this



digital programming for the whole family. It is like faith-based Netflix, with bible studies, documentaries, children's programming, movies, and much more!

If you would like to sign up for this free program, contact Lesleigh Landreth in the Church Office at [LLandreth@cotgs.org](mailto:LLandreth@cotgs.org).

# CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

## COOKIES & WATERMELON



Needed for Rally Day



We are looking for a few people to donate cookies and small watermelon slices for Rally Day on September 8th. If you are able to provide one of these items, please contact the Church Office at 361-882-1735.

## Men's Life Fellowship Church of the Good Shepherd



## TACOS & TRAP

Join us for our annual  
Trap Shoot! Tacos will be  
provided for dinner.

**Wednesday, September 11  
5:30 p.m.**

**Corpus Christi Pistol and Rifle Club  
2832 FM 763**

**All Men and Women are Invited!**

**RSVP to Church Office 361-882-1735**

\$25 for Dinner and 2 Rounds  
(\$12.50 for Dinner Only)

Bring your gun and ammo.

## BOOKS FOR "THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE"

Our theme for 2019, *The Christian Life*, is designed to draw us closer to God and to each other as we walk through the liturgical year together. We have completed *The Believing Life*, *The Crucified Life*, and *The Resurrected Life* in this series. This Fall we will begin *The Spirit-Filled Life*. Explore what it truly means to "walk in the Spirit."

**Come to the Sunday School Rally on Rally Day, September 8th, to pick up your books.** (\$10 donation for both the study guide and devotional book.)

## NAME TAGS

We are always on a quest to share some "radical hospitality" at Good Shepherd. One way to do this on Sundays is to wear your name tag. Please remember to take your name tag off of the board at the church entrance on Sundays and wear it for the service.

Why wear a name tag? Here are a few good reasons:

- Identifying people we do not know.
- Nametags invite conversation.
- Knowing names makes fellowship more personal.
- It is more inviting to guests.

So be sure to wear your name tag! If you lose it, please sign up for a new one on the clipboard at the church entrance.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## CALLING ALL 6TH GRADERS

An important job as members of the Church is to bring our young people to maturity in Christ and help prepare them to make an affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism. Confirmation for our young church members occurs in the 6th grade. We believe that our young people are on a journey, and that at this age they are in a position to accept for themselves what was accepted for them at Baptism. This class is designed to provide spiritual direction and teach the traditions of the Church.

If you are interested in participating in confirmation, please contact Sandy McCampbell or the Church Office.

**\*First meeting for parents of confirmands will be Sunday, September 8th at 4:30 p.m. in the Parlor.**

## NEW! YOUTH-LED SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

**Sundays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.**

There is **immeasurable value in spiritually educating both the parent and child.** We are providing exciting and interesting classes to help you grow in your relationship with Christ. This year we are placing our focus on Family Ministry. Everyone will join together to help grow the child and parent in Christ. **We are excited that our Middle & High School Youth will work along-side adults to teach our Children's Sunday School!** This will be a fun way to share Christ...like we do at VBS!

Much thought, planning and prayer has been put into these classes:

**Children 3 years old - 1st Grade**

**9:30 a.m. in Water Street Classroom #106**

The Spiritual Life for Young Children

**Children 2nd - 5th Grade**

**9:30 a.m. in Water Street Classroom #105**

The Spiritual Life for Elementary Children

**6th Grade Confirmation Class**

**9:30 a.m. in Water Street Classroom #107**

Confirmation Class for all 6th Graders



## KINGDOM KIDS

**Wednesday, September 4  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**in the McNeil Gym**

All kids in Kinder through 6th grade are invited to the gym for food, fun and fellowship.



Younger children are welcome in the Kid's Zone and in the Nursery. Cost for Kingdom Kids is a \$5 donation per child.

If you would like to volunteer to help with Kingdom Kid's one of the month's of the year, please Sandy McCampbell in the Church Office at 361-882-1735. You only have to commit to the months you would like to help...and it's only one night a month!

**Outreach Project for September:**  
Please bring small toiletries items to donate.

## THIRD GRADE BIBLES

**Sunday, September 8  
10:30 a.m.**

**at the Rally Day Service**

All third grade Good Shepherd and St.

James students will be presented a new Bible at the 10:30 a.m.

service on Rally Day. *The Adventure Bible*, a



gift from the church, is a full bible with wonderful extra information included for children. Join us for this special day! (RSVP regrets only)

## PLANS FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

Our new Youth Minister, Glenn Meschko, is going to be a vital part of the new direction we will take this year with our youth and children's programs, as well as family ministry. He has many great ideas and programs that he is currently planning for our Youth. We ask EVERYONE of every age to be willing to minister to the children and youth of our church, going forward. We are currently working on many improvements to the Youth House. We will need help with this from our congregation members, as well.

## NEW YOUTH GROUP!

We are starting something new for Youth Group! Youth will meet on Sunday evenings in the Youth House. (There will be other gatherings at other locations throughout the year, so be on the look-out for those.) Middle School (7th - 8th grades) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth House. Then High School (9th-12th grades) will join them for dinner at 7:30 p.m. Following dinner, Middle School's time will be complete and High School will stay for their special Youth Group time. **We will be asking congregation members and groups to help minister to our Youth by providing the weekly meal that they will share.**

### Sunday Evenings in the Youth House:

- Middle School Youth Group (7th - 8th) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Middle and High School Dinner Together 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- High School Youth Group 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Something New for 7th - 12th Grade!

This Fall we are beginning something new and exciting! All Youth will teach preschool and elementary Sunday School classes along side adults. This will be like a mini VBS on Sundays! Not only will the younger children benefit by learning from the Youth, but the Youth will grow in their own faith through teaching.

Youth will teach in teams and be assigned particular Sundays. Therefore, they will not have to be present every week, just when it is their team's turn. More details will come during our Multigenerational Sunday School Rally on September 8th in Munds Hall Auditorium. All church members will join together for this Sunday School Rally on Rally Day.

## YOUTH MEALS

### Calling ALL Church Members! Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

Ministering to the children and youth in our church family is a job for ALL of us. We all have an interest in bringing young people to Christ and sharing his love. One way we can do this is by providing one of the weekly meals they will share on Sunday evenings.

#### How to Help:

If you and some friends, or a church group, would like to sign up to provide a meal for our youth group this school year, please contact our meal coordinator, Shawn Pettus or call the Church Office.

## DONATIONS & REGISTRY FOR THE YOUTH HOUSE

### Donations Needed & Greatly Appreciated!

It is important for our Youth to have a space to call their own at Good Shepherd. It shows we value them and that we want to nurture their journey to Christ. We are asking our church community to help our Youth program by making monetary donations or giving items from registries we have set up with online merchants: Amazon and Walmart.

While the Youth House is getting a much needed facelift, we want to furnish the inside with comfortable, clean, and affordable furniture and decor. This space should be a place our Youth WANT to be.

#### \*We will email the links to the registries.\*

#### To Make a Monetary Donation:

- Go to [cotgs.org](http://cotgs.org) and Click on "Giving."
- Then scroll down to "Pay Online."
- Go to the dropdown menu and choose "Youth House Fund." It's easy!

## Thank You From Glenn

My family and I would like to thank you for your warm welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd. Specifically, we would like to thank you for your generous gifts given to us at the Pounding. These gifts are very helpful and we will be able to use them as we transition from Boerne to Corpus Christi. Most importantly, our family has experienced God's hospitality through this congregation. It is wonderful to receive God's love through His people. It goes well beyond the people giving and receiving.

Even though the rest of the family is still in Boerne they feel welcome from the words of encouragement and the family atmosphere here. Thanks again, and I look forward to serving this church.

Glenn Meschko  
Director of Youth Ministries



**COMING SOON**

**New Church Website!**

(First Week in September)



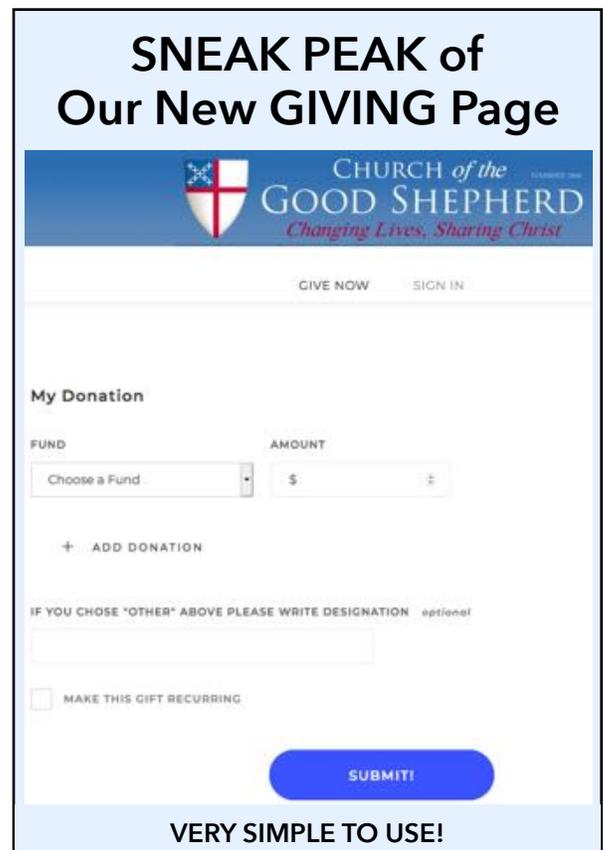
**YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF DINNER!**

For Youth 7th - 12th Grade & Their Parents

**Sunday, September 15**  
**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**at the Youth House**

All youth and their parents are invited to come for a casual cook-out at the Youth House to kick-off our new year!

If you haven't met our new youth minister, Glenn Meschko, this is a perfect opportunity to hear what he has planned for this year. Please join us and show your support!



**SNEAK PEAK of Our New GIVING Page**

 **CHURCH of the GOOD SHEPHERD**  
*Changing Lives, Sharing Christ*

GIVE NOW SIGN IN

**My Donation**

FUND AMOUNT

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IF YOU CHOSE \*OTHER\* ABOVE PLEASE WRITE DESIGNATION optional

MAKE THIS GIFT RECURRING

**SUBMIT!**

**VERY SIMPLE TO USE!**

## MISSION & OUTREACH

# GOOD SHEPHERD'S Corner RESALE SHOP

## Bring Us Your Donations & Consignments

### Bring us your furniture!

The Good Shepherd's Corner has a great furniture business. If you have unwanted furniture that you would like to donate or place on consignment, please call Julie at the Corner.

### Other Items to Donate or Consign

Examples of other items:

- Clothing in good condition (Please bring clothing that matches the current season. Call ahead to see what they are currently accepting.)
- Accessories: purses, belts, shoes, jewelry
- Vintage Items
- Home decor
- Kitchen items and Dishes
- Books
- Artwork
- Electronic or Mechanical items in working condition

Contact Julie at 361- 883-0281 if you have any questions.

**Come by and shop!**  
**There are many treasures  
to be found!**

## Ushers Needed

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

We need new ushers to help on Sunday mornings at the 10:30 a.m. service. This is an easy, fun job and a great way to meet new people in the church. Please contact Susan Linnane in the Church Office if you are interested or want more information at 361-882-1735.



## SALVATION ARMY MOBILE CANTEEN

Monday, September 23

5:30 p.m.

Munds Hall Auditorium

The Salvation Army Mobile Canteen is a vital outreach to the homeless in our community. Come join us in preparing meals and delivering them on the streets of our city. Call the Church Office at 882-1735 if you would like to donate food items.

## WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY

Monday, September 21

8:00 a.m.

Location to be Announced

The Episcopal Ministries of Corpus Christi join together each month to build wheelchair ramps for families in need in our community.

The location for September will be announced soon. Look for it in our upcoming Church emails and our Sunday announcements.

Email Doug Wayland if you have questions at [dwayland@stx.rr.com](mailto:dwayland@stx.rr.com).

## EGG LADIES

The Egg Ladies are always in need of blown out eggs to make their beautiful egg creations. They work throughout the year on the eggs for Easter. Please bring your blown out eggs to the Church Office any time. Thanks for your support of this important ministry!

# WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

## Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist (Rite I)  
8:45-9:30 a.m. Breakfast Fellowship  
9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
10:30 a.m. Family Eucharist (Rite II)  
5:30 p.m. "Come As You Are" Eucharist (Rite II)

## Nursery For the Little Ones

0 - 2 Years in the Nursery 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
3 Years - Kinder in Children's Chapel 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
*From Children's Chapel they join their families in Church before Communion.*

## Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
Children Meet in the Water Street Classrooms  
Youth Meet in the Water Street Classrooms  
Adults:  
Large Group w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in Munds Hall Auditorium  
Young Families w/ Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Classroom  
Small Group w/Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library

## Weekday Services

Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. Midday Eucharist (Rite II)  
Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

## Monthly Services

Church of the Good Shepherd offers a service of Holy Communion at the Trinity Towers retirement community at 3:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month.

## St. James Chapel Services\*

Tuesdays at 8:05 a.m. Contemporary Morning Prayer (Middle School Chapel)  
Tuesdays at 8:40 a.m. Contemporary Morning Prayer (Lower School Chapel)  
Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. St. James Preschool Chapel  
Thursdays at 8:10 a.m. Contemporary Morning Prayer (All School Chapel)

\* During the school year