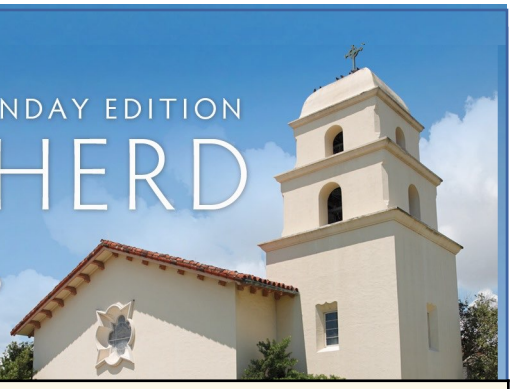
THE SUNDAY EDITION

THE GOOD SHEPHERD



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. Breakfast Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Family Eucharist (Rite II)
11:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship in Courtyard
5:30 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist

Nursery For Little Ones

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

Children's Chapel

3 Year Olds - 1st Graders
Sundays at 10:30 a.m. - The Chapel is located opposite the Good Shepherd statue.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.
Children age 3 - 1st grade: Water Street 106
Children 2nd - 5th grade: Water Street 105
6th Grade Confirmation: Water Street 107
Youth 7th - 12th grade: Meet in Water Street 105
The Spirit-Filled Life: Munds Hall Auditorium
Our Faith & Our Brain: Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom
Prune Juice for the Soul: Munds Hall Library

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - TODAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

The Christmas Pageant is a beautiful tradition at Good Shepherd. The children and youth of our congregation make the story of the birth of Jesus come to life. Join us in the Courtyard after the pageant for a reception. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the pageant this year.

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS - TODAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

The Church of the Good Shepherd will present a service of Christmas Lessons and Carols this afternoon in our sanctuary. The adult and handbell choirs will present the carols. This service of joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus. This service will take the place of our regular 5:30 p.m. "Come As You Are" service. We will not have Holy Eucharist.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT - HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE LILES' HOME

Calling all High School Youth! Please join us for a High School Progressive Christmas Dinner and Party. We will progress from house to house beginning and ending at the Liles' home on Del Mar. Ugly Christmas sweaters are encouraged! Join us and bring a friend! (Middle School youth will not meet tonight.)

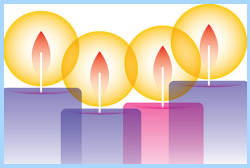
ANGEL TREE FOR CHILDREN AT KOSTORYZ ELEMENTARY

DEADLINE TO RETURN GIFTS IS TOMORROW IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Thank you to everyone who took an angel from the angel tree to bless a child at Kostroyz Elementary. If you have not yet returned your gift-filled bag, please bring it by tomorrow to the church office. The coat, shoes and toy must all fit in the gift bag that was provided. The children open their gifts in the same room at the same time, so we want everyone to feel like they are being treated equally. Please attach the white paper angel to the gift bag.

END OF THE YEAR OFFERING

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.



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Coming Soon

Last Breakfast Fellowship and Adult Sunday School for 2019
Sunday, December 15
We will resume breakfast and Sunday School on Sunday, January 12.

Christmas Eve Services
Tuesday, December 24
Two Services:
4:30 p.m. Christmas Carols
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
and
10:30 p.m. Christmas Carols
11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day Service
Wednesday, December 25
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Church Office Closed
December 25 and 26
January 1

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CHRISTMAS EVE FOR CHLDREN

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, stories, music and more that is age-appropriate. 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 services to surprise our children! For generations, little ones have left their shoes in the Courtyard just before the Christmas Eve services only to find them filled with candy as they depart after the service.

VESTRY NOMINEES FOR 2020

The following members of the church have graciously agreed to be nominated for vestry. We will vote on 6 new vestry members at our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 26.

Tiffany Batchelor
Jennifer Childers
Jimmy Clark
Ben Donnell
Carrie Gilley
Charles Kaffie
Scott Landreth
Dana Madry
Laurelyn Pohlmeier
Henry Sapp
Nowery (Boo) Smith
Elizabeth Stewart

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2020

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Spring Women's Retreat is coming March 27-28. Mark your calendar! The registration will be on our website in January.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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. *(Rite II)*
Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m. *Healing Service*

FOR ADULTS

Sunday School Classes: 9:30 a.m.
The Spirit-Filled Life led by Rev. Black and Rev. May in Munds Hall Auditorium; *Our Faith & Our Brain* led by Glenn Meschko in Dobbins Hall Classroom; *Prune Juice for the Soul* led by Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library

Wednesday Evening Class:
Rev. May leads *Spirit-Filled Bible Study* in the Parlor and Rev. Fuller leads *Brave New Worlds* in Munds Hall Library.

Trinity Towers Bible Study:
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal:
Thursdays, 6:45 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.

New Women's Bible Study:
The Gospel of Matthew led by Elizabeth Black on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

FOR CHILDREN

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

Sunday School: (Sundays 9:30 a.m.)
Meet in Water Street Classrooms
3 year-olds thru 1st grade #106
2nd - 5th grade #105
6th Grade Confirmation #107

Sunday Children's Chapel: 10:30 a.m.
Located opposite the Good Shepherd Statue 3 yrs-2nd grade

Children's Choir: Children's Choir is Mondays from 3:30-4:15 pm

FOR YOUTH

Youth Sunday School (7th-12th grade):
Youth lead Children's Sunday School! Meet in Water St. #105

Youth Group: (7th-12th grade) SUNDAYS
Youth Group in the Youth House
6:30-7:30 p.m. Middle School
7:30 - 8:00 p.m. MS & HS Dinner
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. High School

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Salvation Army Mobile Canteen:
The Mobile Canteen feeds the homeless on the streets of our city. Join us Monday, December 23 at 5:30 p.m. in Munds Hall Auditorium to pack sack dinners and then deliver the food on the mobile canteen.

Good Shepherd's Corner:
Drop by the Corner and see what is new! They would love to see you! If you would like to volunteer call Julie at 883-0281. It's fun!

Wheel Chair Ramp Ministry:
Come help build wheelchair ramps. Next build is Saturday, December 14 at 151 Jasper Dr.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2020

at www.cotgs.org, Church, or Church Office

As we all seek to grow in our faith, we ask you to prayerfully consider the many ways in which God is blessing you, and take another step in faith. As a sign of your praise and thanksgiving, we ask you to return your pledge card to the Church Office, during church, or pledge online so we can plan for the coming year. Thank you!