



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Knowing the Family Story



Dear People of God,

This year the Church of the Good Shepherd is celebrating her 160th year of Changing Lives and Sharing Christ in South Texas. Founded September 15, 1860, the Good Shepherd has a remarkable story of faithful men and women who sacrificed much and persevered through many challenges for the sake of the gospel; and established the legacy that carries us forward today.

As people of God it is vitally important to know and remember the Family Story. As we read through The Story this year, we find Our Story in God's Story, and our faith comes alive as we see God at work. We keep the Family Story alive by remembering and retelling it. If we lose our story, we become untethered to the past, and we lose our way.

Our Lenten Program this year is focused on remembering the story of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and her amazing Legacy of Transformation and the impact that she has had on this region of Texas. Recalling the story of this great church is not intended to be just an interesting chronicle of the past, but an inspiration for us to live into today.

Our Church is enjoying a tremendous season of health and life, with new members joining us every week, and a whole new generation of young folk. We are truly blessed! Hence the importance of remembering and retelling the Family Story, and what all has gone into making this Church what it is today.

We are the beneficiaries of a great legacy, and that means we have big shoes to fill, as we endeavor to carry it forward into the next generation. Knowing the Family Story will ensure that it lives on in the next generation.

Yours in Christ, *Wilton +*



The Lenten season is a spiritual path that progresses toward Easter. On this journey we are shaped and transformed.

Our Lenten theme for 2020 is "The Legacy of Transformation." This year, we are exploring the Bible through "The Story." During Lent, we will reflect on "Our Story" at Good Shepherd.

History is not only a chronicle of the past, but also an inspiration and guideline for the future. Our church has transformed the lives of so many. May the future generations remember our past and continue the love and enthusiasm for Christ and our Church with as much zeal as those who came before us.

"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

~2 Corinthians 3:18

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

March 4 - April 1

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. Potluck Supper
7:15 p.m. Lenten Program

Wednesday, March 4 **"Wandering"**

with **Rev. Philip May & Rev. Frank Fuller**
We will explore the wandering and seeking of God's promises through the formation and founding of Church of the Good Shepherd.

Wednesday, March 11 **"The Battle Begins"** with **Lance Bruun**

Explore how Good Shepherd established a place, settled in, and met our responsibilities as a Christian community in Corpus Christi. Hear how we struggled to reach out beyond our walls through Mission and Outreach.

Wednesday, March 18 **"Good Men & Good Women"** with **Gregg Robertson**

We will hear about and discuss the stories of prominent leaders in Lay Ministry at Church of the Good Shepherd throughout the years.

Wednesday, March 25 **"Love One Another"** with **Rev. James Derkits**

The Rev. James Derkits, rector of Trinity-by-the-Sea, Port Aransas will perform songs from his second album, *Love One Another: The Incarnation, Teachings, Passion, and Resurrection of Christ*.

Wednesday, April 1 **"Standing Tall, Falling Hard"** with **Rev. Milton Black**

Redemption and Recovery - We falter, we recover, and we move forward as a community of Christians by knowing "our story."

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

ORDER EASTER LILIES

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Contributions for Easter lilies are now being taken in the Church Office. Lilies will adorn the altar area during our Easter services and your loved ones will be listed in the order of service.

The deadline is Friday, April 10.

YOUR NAME _____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

AMOUNT DONATED _____

MAIL OR RETURN THIS FORM TO:
Church of the Good Shepherd
700 S. Upper Broadway Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401
or email it to cotgs@cotgs.org

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO COTGS WITH A NOTATION "EASTER FLOWERS"

You can give at the Church Office
or online at cotgs.org/giving/online-payment/

Flowering of the Cross

Easter Sunday, April 21

10:30 a.m. Service

Everyone is invited to bring fresh flowers to adorn the cross on Easter morning as we begin the 10:30 a.m. Easter service. We will process to the Chancel steps to present the flowers as our service begins.



Alleluia Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 21

Following the 10:30 a.m. Service

The annual Alleluia Egg Hunt will follow the 10:30 a.m. service for all children on the church lawn.



Candy-Filled Eggs Needed

If you would like for your children to participate, please bring two dozen treat filled Easter eggs per child to the Church Office by Friday, April 10th.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

April 5

8:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Palms and Procession to Holy Eucharist

5:30 p.m.

"Come As You Are" Eucharist

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 8

5:30 p.m.

Healing Service with Holy Eucharist

6:15 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9

5:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Liturgy

GOOD FRIDAY

April 10

7:00 a.m.

Communion from Reserve Sacrament

12:00 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy with Choir

HOLY SATURDAY

April 11

Ecumenical Service at City Church (4425 S. Staples St.)

Time to be announced.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 12

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with Choir and Brass

10:30 a.m.

Flowering of the Cross and Festival of Holy Eucharist with Choir and Brass

Alleluia Egg Hunt immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service on the lawn.

*** No 5:30 p.m. Service Easter Sunday.**

THE STORY SUNDAY SCHOOL



ADULTS:

THE STORY

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Auditorium

Led by the Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May

It's all about *The Story* this year! With *The Story*, we will go through the entire Bible in 2020. *The Story* curriculum gives adults the opportunity to learn, discuss and apply the Chapter of the Week.

THE STORY for Young Families

9:30 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Classroom

Led by Rev. William Campbell

This is a special Adult class for parents. This class will not only take parents through the Bible, but will also help parents guide their children through the Bible.

Adult Inquirers Class

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Library

This class is especially designed for those who want basic Christian education on the foundations of the Episcopal Church and adults who would like to be either confirmed or received in the Church.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

THE STORY

9:30 a.m.

Water Street Classrooms 105, 106 & 107

All children ages 3 - 6th grade will also explore *The Story*.

We teach the Bible through songs, movies, art, games, and from our book, *The Story*. *The Story* has special books for young children, older children, and teens. You will want a copy of these books for each child. They are only \$5 in the Church Office.

***Books are available in the Church Office. We have books for adults, as well as, books specifically for children and teens.**

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Classes will take a break during
Lent. Please attend our
**Wednesday Lenten Suppers and
Programs. Regular Classes resume
Wednesday, April 15.**

Jesus through the Centuries

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

This class is a book study and discussion that explores the changing perspectives and understandings of who Jesus was and is over the 20 centuries. We will be guided by Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan's book, *The Illustrated Jesus through the Centuries*. Dr. Pelikan was a preeminent American scholar in Church history and theology who taught at Yale University and held many posts of honor. A Lutheran pastor most of his life, he was received into the Orthodox Church in 1998. Pelikan outlines 18 different understandings of Jesus over the centuries, and describes the religious and theological implications of them while showing them illustrated by works of art from a variety of times and places.

Deeper into The Story

Led by Rev. Philip May

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

in the Parlor

"Deeper into The Story" is an opportunity to learn more about the story behind *The Story*. Learn more about the historical setting of the great events we hear in scripture, the characters that emerge and the world in which the great drama of our salvation takes place.

CHURCH COMMUNITY



Mustang Island Conference Center
Friday, March 27 - Saturday, March 28
(5:30 p.m. Friday - 2:00 p.m. Saturday)

Author and Corpus Christi native, Ashlee Sallee Kinsel, will lead our Women's Retreat at the beautiful, Mustang Island Conference Center. The theme for the retreat is "The Kingdom of Heaven is Like..." In the Gospels there are several parables that start with these words. Just what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven to? Join us as we explore this theme.

Linda Pate and Amy Liles will host this event for women of all ages. This is a wonderful weekend of relaxation, inspiration, fellowship and delicious food! All of your meals will be provided: dinner Friday night and breakfast and lunch Saturday. All rooms have two double beds, as well as a balcony. For more information contact Linda Pate at 361-739-2292.

2 to a Room - \$170 ❖ 3 to a Room - \$125 ❖ 4 to a Room - \$100
(Price includes dinner Friday night and breakfast and lunch Saturday.)

Register Online: <https://cotgs.org/members/spring-womens-retreat/>

St. James Spring Fling

Friday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Ortiz Center

Join St. James for a **FABULOUSLY FUN** Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser! The school will **honor the memory of Ruth & Bob Welch, celebrate Debi & Gordon Welch and family, and feature special recognition of the SJES Class of 2000!**

There will be a Live Auction, Silent Auction, Bid Board, Casino Games, Live Band, \$2,500 Tuition Credit Drawing, and more. For ticket information or how to donate, go to stescc.ejoinme.org/springfling2020.



"TIES THAT BIND"

Lunch at BUS
Sunday, March 22
Following the
10:30 a.m. Service



All young families are invited to join our "The Ties that Bind" group for a dutch treat lunch at BUS after church!

REPORTS FROM DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The Rt. Rev. David Reed welcomed the gathered clergy, delegates, and visitors as well as visiting bishops and special guests to the 116th Annual Diocesan Council on February 21st at the American Bank Center. He reflected on the events of the past year within the Diocese, the missions and ministries of our congregations, and shared a hopeful, convicting vision for the year, and years, to come. Go to council-dwtx.org/council2020/news/ to see the reports from council and to watch the Bishop's Address.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Munds Hall Library

This class is especially designed for those who want basic Christian education on the foundations of the Episcopal Church and adults who would like to be either confirmed or received in the Church. **The Rev. Frank Fuller leads this important course.** You will learn more about our faith as Episcopalians, the Episcopal tradition, and expectations of membership at Good Shepherd.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



YOUTH GROUP

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.

No Youth Group on March 8 (Spring Break)

ALIENS! (It's Back!)

Saturday, March 21

7:30 p.m.

Meet in Munds Hall Auditorium
(6th - 12th grade)

Everyone's favorite game is back! Come and bring your friends to this special youth group on a Saturday night. Dinner will be provided. We will meet in Munds Hall Auditorium to start our evening.



2020 Camp Caper Summer Camp Dates

Primary Camps (for rising 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders)

Session A : May 31 - June 6

Session B : August 2 - 8



Intermediate Camps (for rising 6th & 7th graders)

Session A : June 21 - 27

Session B : July 26 - August 1

Junior High Camps (for rising 8th & 9th graders)

Session A : June 14 - 20

Session B : July 12 - 18

Senior High Camps (for rising 10th - 12th graders)

Session A : June 7 - 13

Session B : July 5 - 11

For more information visit dwtx.org.

KINGDOM KIDS

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

in the McNeil Gym

All 1st-6th graders from the church and school are welcome to the gym for fun, fellowship and food. Younger children are welcome in the Nursery and Kid's Zone. Cost is \$5 per child.

Outreach Project for March:

Please bring new or gently used pairs of shoes in youth or adult sizes for boys or girls. Sixth grade confirmation student, Carter Secrets is collecting them for Communities in School as his confirmation project.

*Importance of an RSVP for Kingdom Kids: (First 60 kids with an RSVP)

We must plan for the correct number of adults to be present for the number of children attending. For safety purposes, we will now only accept the first 60 children that have an RSVP. Therefore you must RSVP to Kingdom Kids from now on.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE STORY for Children

We are excited about our year long series, The Story! This series takes us through the entire Bible. Parents and children are studying the same Bible stories each week. Our **youth** continue to help with Sunday School. Please come to Water Street classroom #105 on Sunday mornings to help.

COME SEE WHAT'S NEW



NEW!



at the **CORNER**

The Corner receives new items every week!

Come see all of the wonderful items!

We would also love to take your donations and consignments.

The Good Shepherd's Corner Resale Shop
1809 S. Alameda St.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78404
361.883.0281

Store Hours:

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays & Third Saturday of the Month

GOOD SHEPHERD'S
CorNER
RESALE SHOP

CONFIRMATION PROJECTS

Shoes for Communities in Schools:

Sixth grade confirmand, Carter Segrest is collecting new or gently used shoes for girls and boys. Communities in Schools will distribute shoes to the kids who need them. He is collecting youth and adult sizes. Please bring them to the church office.



Non-Perishable Food Items for Kostoryz Elementary:

Sixth grade confirmand, Marjorie Veazey, is collecting non-perishable food items for families who are "food insecure" at Kostoryz Elementary. Examples of include: peanut butter, cereal, goldfish, pretzels, canned soup or vegetables, applesauce, etc. Please bring your donations to the Church Office.



WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY

Saturday, March 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 will be announced soon. Email Doug Wayland with questions dwayland@stx.rr.com.

SALVATION ARMY MOBILE CANTEEN

Monday, March 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 have questions.

BEVERAGES NEEDED FOR YOUTH HOUSE

All good youth houses need to be stocked with the essentials! If you are able to donate a case of water, soda, Gatorade,



Powerade, Topo Chico, etc., please bring them to the Church Office. Thank you!

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