

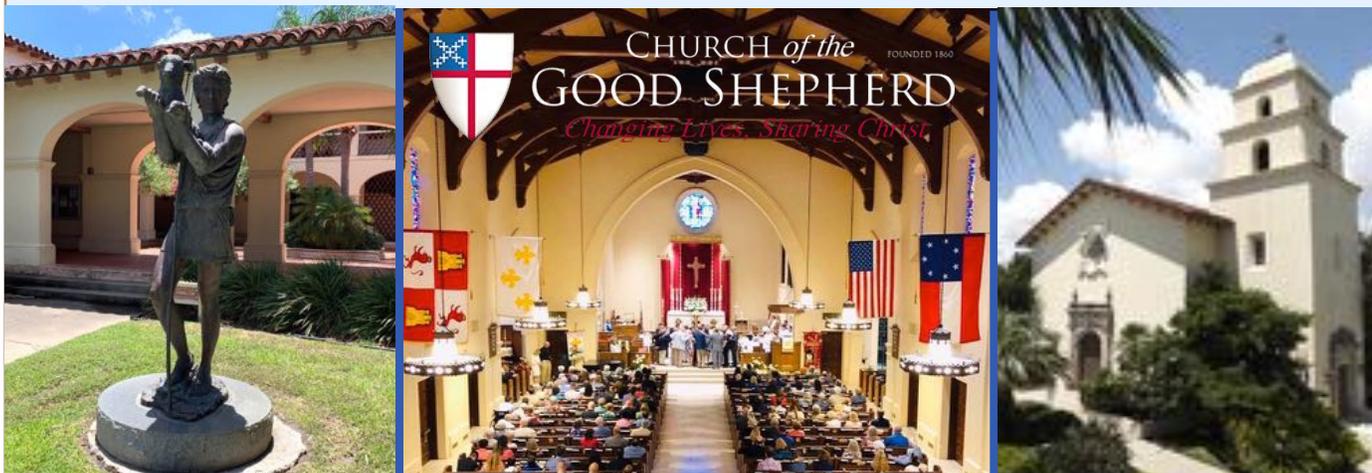
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Latest Update from the Rector



May 26, 2020

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

The "Phase II Re-opening Committee" met last Friday in the sanctuary to begin putting the written plan into action. They addressed the various changes that must be implemented in this new phased re-opening including doing a full walk through of the seating, service, and dismissal. They discovered that we need more time to fine tune the plan, train volunteers, and prepare our community for what to expect when we return.

We are all looking forward to getting back to worship as soon as we can, but unfortunately, we are not ready to re-open for public worship on May 31st. **Instead, the Committee has decided that we will wait two more weeks and re-open for in-person worship on June 14th.** This happens to be the date when the other Episcopal churches in Corpus Christi will return as well.

Until then, we will continue to worship online while the Phase II Committee and staff train volunteers and prepare materials to equip our parishioners for the return to in-person worship. Next week we will have a video demonstration of the new aspects and procedures for returning. **We want to encourage each of you to pay close attention to the materials that we will be sending out so that you and your family are well informed when we return.** There has been nothing easy about shutting things down, and nothing easy about re-opening.

There are many different opinions and perspectives on when and how we return; all of which are to be respected. There is also a lot of conflicting and ever-changing information that is circulating around. Having said that, we are trying to re-open in a way that is cautious and respectful of all of those for whom we serve. We want to provide as much information as we can, along with a safe

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environment, and let each person decide for themselves when they are ready to return. Depending on our local infection numbers, we must be ready at any time to discontinue in-person worship and return to Phase I. Let's pray that doesn't need to happen.

I want to encourage those who have underlying health conditions to consult with your doctor before returning to public gatherings. The clergy are available to pray with you personally over the phone, and we will continue to offer online worship from one of our Sunday services each week. It is not worth putting yourself in a vulnerable situation. Also, please note that there will not be nursery or Children's Chapel available at this time; hopefully that will change soon. Everyone is welcome in worship, and we will be mindful of the length of the service.

We realize that some of these changes, though temporary, will be an inconvenience to some individuals and families. We ask for your patience and understanding. As we know more and our circumstances change, with the Bishop's blessing, we will be making thoughtful adjustments as we move forward, but we have to start somewhere.

It is hard to believe how quickly time flies, but on July 1, 2020, The Rev. William Campbell will have completed his two year Curacy with us at the Good Shepherd. William and Claire joined us following their seminary experience in Virginia, and their growing family have been a wonderful gift to our congregation. After speaking with Bishop Reed, I am pleased to let you know that William and Claire will be staying on with us for at least another year. William will continue as Assistant Rector working primarily with our young families, known as "The Ties That Bind," as well as with St. James Episcopal School. I am grateful to have William with us and am proud of the priest that he is growing into. The Good Shepherd has had a long history of raising up and forming clergy for the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your continued support of all of our clergy and staff. We are almost there! Keep the faith and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Faithfully, yours in Christ,
Milton+

Church Re-Opens for Worship Sunday, June 14th

8:00 a.m. ✝ 10:30 a.m. ✝ 5:30 p.m.

The first week in June, we will send out a video demonstration of the new aspects and procedures for returning. We want to encourage each of you to pay close attention to the materials that we will be sending out to you in the next two weeks so that you and your family are well informed when we return.

Those who have underlying health conditions are encouraged to consult with your doctor before returning to public gatherings.

Phase 2 Diocesan Worship Service Protocol & Guidelines

Before Entering the Sanctuary:

- Follow the instructions of Greeters & Ushers
- Put on face mask
- Sanitize hands
- Pick up Service Bulletin

Seating:

- Ushers will direct seating options
- Sit on the end of an open pew
- A household of 5 or more will need an entire pew



Modified Liturgical Plan:

- We will not have procession or receiving lines
- Music will be played, but no singing
- Passing the peace will be a wave from a safe distance
- Offertory basins will be stationary in the rear of the church

Communion:

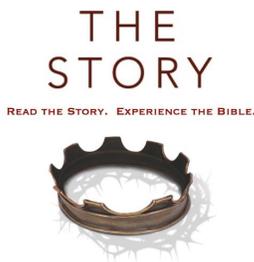
- The Clergy will bring communion in one kind (bread only) to the congregation
- Remain seated in your pew with hands out to receive the wafer
- If you would prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest

Dismissal:

- Please take your bulletin and mask with you, do not leave anything in the pews
- The Clergy will offer directions for exit options
- Pews will be dismissed individually

The Story

We are continuing with The Story each week. Please refer to your brochure on The Story, or our weekly announcements to follow the chapter for the week. Read the chapter and then watch our weekly Sunday worship video to hear the readings and the sermon pertaining to that chapter. **We are currently studying the Old Testament which will conclude on June 28th. We will begin the New Testament in September.**



Wednesday Classes Online "Deeper into The Story" on Zoom

You have a choice of two class times:
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Rev. Philip May's Wednesday evening class is available online. He is facilitating his class through the online meeting site called Zoom. This is a great way to connect with others and dive deeper into The Story. If you are interested in being added to this online group, contact Fr. Philip at pmay@cotgs.org.

Good Shepherd Turns 160!

The Church of the Good Shepherd was founded on September 15, 1865. We will have our 160th birthday this year! **We are hoping to be able to celebrate this joyous occasion on Rally Day which is scheduled for Sunday, September 13th. Please save the date!**



ONLINE RESOURCES

Daily Morning Prayer with the Rev. William Campbell

If you are looking for ways to connect with God as a family, or if you're seeking resources for deepening your own spiritual walk, visit Rev. William's new site www.AllThisGift.com. You'll find opportunities to join in praying the Daily Office of Morning Prayer, learn techniques for praying, St. James School content, "how to" videos, and more.

Right Now Media

Right Now Media is like a Christian Netflix. You will find Bible studies, documentaries, movies, children's programming, Christian education, and so much more. If you have not received an invitation from the Church to join, please email Lesleigh Landreth at LLandreth@cotgs.org and we will get that sent to you. RNM is free to all of our members of Good Shepherd! Visit www.rightnowmedia.org to get a sneak peak of this great website.

Elizabeth Black's Website and Blog

Elizabeth Black's website and blog are wonderful resources during this time. Visit her site for inspiration, encouragement and fellowship. When you get to her page, fill out the "Subscribe" section to receive her emails of her blog. It is free and your information is not shared with anyone else. To subscribe for free to her emails and blog, visit www.elizabethheadblack.com.

CHURCH COMMUNITY

DWTX Youth Gathering

Sunday Night Live!

Sunday, June 28 for Youth

8:00 p.m. on Zoom

Open to Rising 6th Graders - Graduated Seniors

Join youth from all across the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas for an evening of worship, prayer, teaching, and breakout groups. This situation is hard and we want to gather together so that we can hold those difficult things up to God and to each other. We will send you the Zoom details a day or two before the call.

Go Here to Sign Up in Advance:

<https://tinyurl.com/dwtxsundaynightlive>

Please reach out to us if you are interested in helping with music or a reading! And if you have any questions, send an email to mrogers@stmarks-sa.org.

Worship Online

Our clergy and church staff are continuing to provide ways for us to worship virtually online. You can find all worship videos on our website at cotgs.org. Each Sunday's worship video will also be emailed to you Sunday mornings.



Offertory Online

The Church is still in operation even though we are not gathering in person at this time. Any monetary help you can give would be appreciated. We ask that you continue to give regularly if you are able.

Two ways to give at this time:

- Online at cotgs.org/giving/pay-online/
- Mail a check to the Church Office.



MISSION & OUTREACH

EGG LADIES NEED EGGS

Our wonderful Egg Ladies love what they do and work year round creating beautiful egg creations!

As you use eggs in your home, keep the Egg Ladies in mind. They are in need of empty egg shells. There are two easy ways to do this:

- Make a tiny hole in the top and a slightly larger hole in the bottom and blow the contents into a bowl.
- Make one slightly larger hole in the bottom and break the yoke with an ice pick or pin and dump the contents into a bowl. Rinse

THE CORNER RE-OPENS Monday, June 1

The new procedure is as follows:

1. New Store Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 to 4:00 pm; Friday 10:00 to 1:00 pm; closed Saturday & Sunday. Our consignment in-take hours will remain from 10:00 to 12:00 pm, Monday - Thursday.
2. Facial covering is required by everyone while in the store and we ask you to practice social distancing.
3. Our consignment in-take will be by appointment, so please call us @ 361-883-0281 to sign up with your name & telephone number.
4. The consignment items currently tagged in our store will be updated by 60 days allowing for the time we were closed.
5. Thank you for your donations. Clothing should be seasonally appropriate, clean, and on hangers.



A Message from the Rev. William Campbell

William is excited to announce that at the end of his Curacy in June he will be staying on as an Assistant to the Rector at Church of the Good Shepherd.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In late March, as the Coastal Bend entered its second week of sheltering in place, I began reaching out within our Church family to see how those of you with children were doing juggling so many things. What stands out to me still from those conversations are the ways that you were acknowledging this time—however long and however fraught—as unprecedented gift.

In the months that have passed since, I have given thanks to God for your perspective. I have been especially thankful that many of you asked that I pray for you, too—that you continue to keep this time framed as gift—because I think we have each struggled to hold onto the good during all of the chaos. Through praying for you, I have come to understand better this time as a gift, too—albeit one that I also pray earnestly never to experience again.

That is my prayer and challenge for those of you reading this: that you, too, might consider what gift there is during this time, despite the worldwide pandemic: that you name it and that you seek ways to perpetuate that goodness, even when all of this is over.

Because even though these past months have been filled with unique and exhausting challenges, anxieties, and fears, there have also been opportunities for connection in our relationships with God and within our families that are worth finding ways of holding onto after the pandemic has passed. But if we do not name them, then we run the risk of allowing this time—this virus—to consume even the good God has revealed to us along the way.

Keep fighting the good fight and hold fast to what is good—I look forward to hearing about what gifts you've named when we are able to gather together again in His name.

-William+

1 Corinthians 1:4-7 (paraphrase)

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
A JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

2021


QUMRI PILGRIMAGES
IN THE LAND OF THE HOLY ONE

October 29 - November 9, 2021

**Cost is approximately \$2,435
(\$500 deposit holds your spot)**

**Call Susan Linnane in the Church Office
if you are interested at 361-882-1735.
Space is limited.**

12 Day Tour

**Under the Direction of
The Rev. Milton Black**

**Local Guide
Canon Iyad Qumri**

You are invited to join other pilgrims from the Church of the Good Shepherd as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Together, we will visit the places of his birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection. Our experienced personal guide Iyad Qumri, will lead us in exploring ancient places, vibrant markets, and modern museums in a land that is suspended between East and West, past and present.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Specially-designed private worship and Eucharist services in locations where key biblical events are commemorated: Nazareth, Bethlehem, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Jericho, the Dead Sea, and Jerusalem.

Meet the "living stones" of the ever-diminishing communities of local Christians, including an introduction to the vital ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

One-of-a-kind tours and visits to unique locations in Nazareth, the Jordan River, Jericho, and Jerusalem.

Opportunity to visit and worship with local Palestinian Christian congregations.

WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Schedule begins June 14

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Family Eucharist
5:30 p.m. "Come As You Are" Eucharist

Nursery For the Little Ones

(Suspended until further notice)

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

(Suspended until further notice)

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

(Suspended until further notice)

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

(Suspended until further notice.)

We offer 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

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