

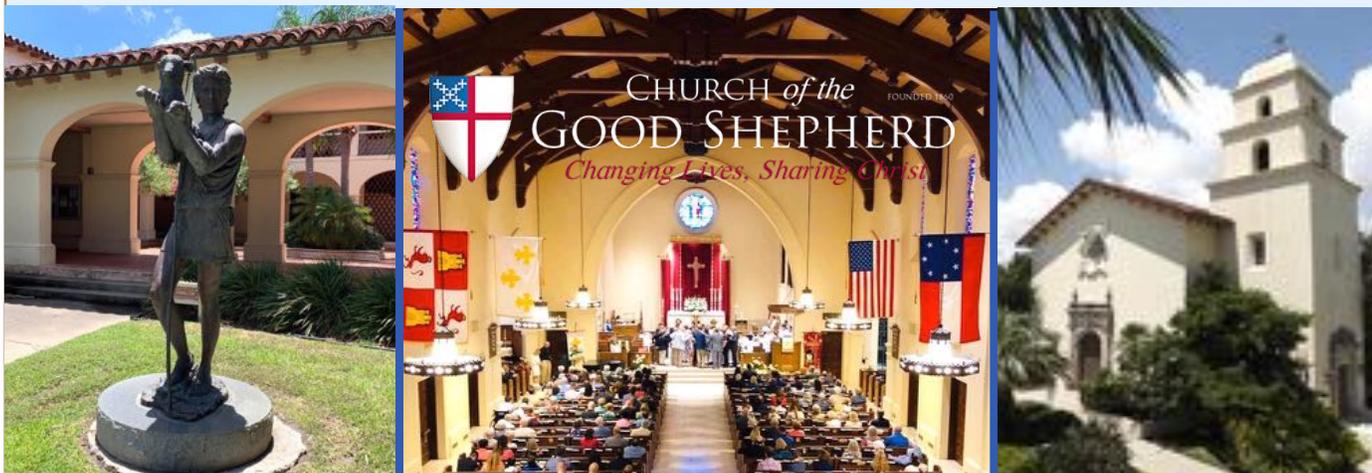
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# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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### A Message from the Senior Warden

Greetings from your Senior Warden!

This past January we temporarily changed our election process as a response to the pandemic. Instead of presenting 12 candidates from which we would elect 6 at our Annual Parish Meeting, we presented a slate of 6 that was approved by acclamation. This change was intended for one year only, but we agreed to investigate whether a permanent change to our election method was warranted. I am writing you to give you the outcome of the Vestry's thorough examination of that issue. The short answer is that we will return to proposing 12 candidates each year for election.

Late last year we formed a Vestry Election Process Committee consisting of Gregg Robertson, Leslie Peart, and myself. The Committee was tasked with gathering information to fairly compare the traditional election process to the slate election process. We compiled an extensive list of "pros" and "cons" for each option, recognizing that there are substantial strengths and weaknesses on both sides. We contacted other churches of similar size to inquire about their own election processes, and found that a pretty even amount of both election methods are being used. We circulated a survey to Church members to gauge their support of one election method over the other. We found that our Church is split on this election issue. The Committee ultimately found value in both election methods, and concluded that either process would be acceptable. We felt it simply came down to which method best suits the style of our Parish.

The Committee presented a written report of its findings to the Vestry at its August meeting. The Vestry had open and honest discussions at its next two monthly meetings. We weighed the "pros" and "cons" and identified what was most influential to each of us. In the end, a majority of the Vestry wanted to keep the traditional election process in place.

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN (continued)

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I have heard from parishioners that are passionate on both sides of this election issue over the last several months. As I told the Vestry, my biggest concern was that the outcome of this process would result in division no matter what was decided. I am pleased to report that as Vestry members made their opinions known on this matter, I repeatedly sensed a voice of consensus. We all seemed to appreciate and respect opposing viewpoints, and would unify behind wherever this journey led us. I pray that each of you will feel similarly and trust that we made the best decision based on all of the information gathered.

I cannot express enough thanks to Gregg and Leslie for serving with me on the Vestry Election Process Committee. Their thoughtfulness and insight were vital in putting our written report together. I also need to thank the entire Vestry for their open and kind support throughout this process.

We are currently seeking candidates for the upcoming Vestry election in January. If you are interested in serving or if you want to recommend someone else to serve on Vestry, please contact me. We would love to hear from you.

Your brother in Christ,  
Scott Landreth

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## Seeking Vestry Nominees

**The Nominating Committee of the Vestry is actively seeking qualified candidates who are interested in being considered for nomination to the Vestry.**

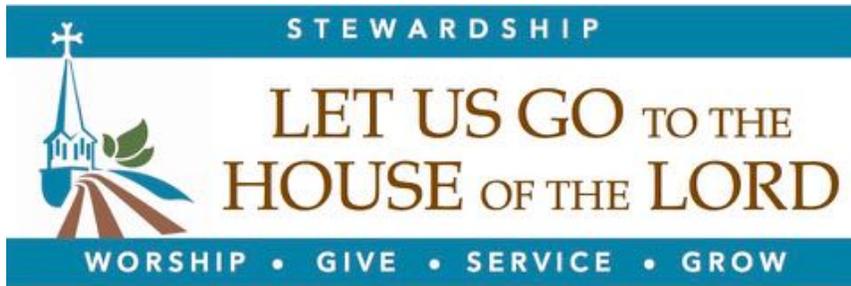
The Vestry is a board of lay leaders in the Church who have been elected by the congregation to govern the parish. They oversee all aspects of the Church's operations, including the finances, the property and the mission of the Church. The Vestry consists of 18 members who have demonstrated leadership, commitment and service to the Church, and who actively dedicate themselves to the mission of the Church. Each member brings their own unique experience, knowledge and expertise from various sectors of the community, benefiting the church immeasurably. Six new members are elected every year for a three-year term, as six rotate off the Vestry having completed their term. Elections are held annually at the Parish Meeting in January.

### **Vestry Qualifications**

- **At least 18 years of age**
- **A baptized and confirmed member of Good Shepherd**
- **Regularly participate in worship and parish events**
- **Seeking to grow in faith in Jesus**
- **Making a regular financial commitment to the Church**
- **Dedicated to the mission of Christ in the world**

If you meet these qualifications and are interested in being considered for nomination to the Vestry, or if you have additional questions, please contact the Senior Warden, Scott Landreth at [sel@wbwpc.com](mailto:sel@wbwpc.com) by November 15th. The Nominating Committee will be pleased to consider your nomination.

# CHURCH COMMUNITY



## Thank You for your Commitment!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Commitment Sunday and brought your pledge to the altar. We appreciate your commitment to the mission and ministries of Good Shepherd. This season that we are living through has reminded us of just how essential the Church is in our lives, as well as our witness in the world.

### Ways to Pledge

- **Pledge Card** - mail to the Church Office or bring to church
- **Pledge Online** - <https://cotgs.org/giving/make-a-pledge/>
- **Pledge on our App** - Ministry One

## GIVE ONLINE

Giving Online at [cotgs.org](https://cotgs.org)

### 3 Easy Steps:

1. Go to [cotgs.org](https://cotgs.org)
2. Click the GIVING tab
3. PAY ONLINE & SUBMIT

The drop-down menu gives options to pay on your pledge as well as the ability to make other contributions.



## 87th Annual



*Different day and  
time this year!*

*Church of the Good Shepherd & Congregation Beth Israel*

## Joint Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 21

5:30 p.m.

at Church of the Good Shepherd

Congregation Beth Israel will provide desserts to share afterwards in the Courtyard.

# MISSION & OUTREACH

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

### It's Shoebox Time!

**DUE BY Monday, November 15**

Please join us again this year as we send gift-filled boxes to poverty stricken children around the world and share the love of Christ.

#### This is what you do:

1. Pick up a box at the **Church Office**.
2. Choose an **age and gender** of a child.
3. **Pack** box with small toys and toiletries. (No toothpaste or candy)
4. Include a **\$9 donation** in the top of the box
5. **Do not seal the box**. Place a rubber band around the box.
6. Place a **label** on your box and **pray** for the child who will receive your box.
7. Bring your box to the Church by **Monday, November 15th**.



**Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with children around the world!**

## ANGEL TREE GIFTS FOR KOSTORYZ ELEMENTARY

Thank you for helping make this Christmas a special one for students in need at Kostoryz Elementary.

**What to do:** buy gifts for that child, place it in the provided gift bag, and bring it to the Church Office with the angel tag attached to bag.

**There will be a sign-up sheet with the angel trees in the Church Office and in the Narthex.** It is important to put your name on the sign-up sheet so we know who has committed to each child.

**Each gift bag should include:**

- one jacket
- one pair of shoes
- one or two toys



(Sizes and interests are indicated on the paper angels.)

**Please return your gift-filled bag with the angel tag attached by December 13th.**

## MISSION & OUTREACH

# Good Shepherd's Corner is looking for Volunteers!

The Good Shepherd's Corner resale shop is looking for some new volunteers. This is a wonderful way to give your time to an organization that helps so many.

### Why volunteer at the Corner?

- It helps the Corner serve our community! And it makes us feel good to help others!
- The Corner offers two shifts a day. You can pick your time. It's not a big time commitment!
- You can volunteer with a friend!
- High Schoolers can volunteer on Saturdays! It's a great way to learn a skill and get service hours.
- You are the first to see all of the new merchandise!
- It's fun!

**Call the Corner at 361-883-0281 if you are interested in helping.**

**Visit [gscornercc.com](http://gscornercc.com) to find out more about The Corner.**



The Good Shepherd's Corner Resale Shop is pleased to announce that they have received a \$4,000 grant from the Coastal Bend Community Foundation!

Coastal Bend Community Foundation  
[www.cbcfoundation.org](http://www.cbcfoundation.org)

*Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the Corner!*

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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## Adult Sunday School

### LIVING WORD - Going Deeper into Sunday Scripture Readings

**9:30 a.m. in the Parlor - Led by the Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May**

The Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May will lead a discussion-based class utilizing the scripture readings from each Sunday's services. This is very similar to what we have offered this summer in the Parlor, which has been very popular! The day's scriptures will guide us as we learn from one another and better understand God's Word.

### ALL IS [not] FOLLY - Parent Class

**9:30 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom - Led by the Rev. William Campbell**

The act of worship every week is supposed to keep us centered. The family unit is supposed to provide us with a hope of staying grounded, faithful, relational, and in a practice of sacrificial love. But the daily, inescapable reality is that in neither worship nor family are we in complete control. The Gospel speaks into this, if only we can pause to hear and understand it. Join us for conversation about parenting, worship, and the lessons we're often too busy to hear or learn.

### WALKING YOUR DOGMA, TALKING TO GOD

**9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Library - Led by the Rev. Frank Fuller**

Many eyes glaze over when we talk about the Church's Creeds or doctrine. Nonetheless, they form the reservoir out of which genuine authentic prayer arises. Understanding the interplay of prayer and belief will make our prayer life more real and powerful and our faith deeper and more mature.

## Wednesday Evening Classes

### IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE:

#### Hearing, Praying, and Living the Eucharistic Prayer

**6:30 p.m. in the Parlor led by the Rev. Philip May**

The heart of our worship is the Eucharist, and the heart of the Eucharist is the Eucharistic Prayer. Take this opportunity to dive deeply into the ancient words of these prayers, their history, their meaning, their spirituality, and their role in our lives of faith. As we open our minds and hearts, these prayers they will become so much more than words we listen to. They will become a way for us to join in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, to be in communion with one another, and to be truly present at the Lord's Supper. Join us for *potluck suppers* and for this time of learning and reflection.

### CENTURIES OF SAINTS

**6:30 p.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom led by the Rev. Frank Fuller**

This class is a look at the Church's saints, century by century, tells more than just who the good guys and gals were. The ones that we recognize as saints of God tells as much about us as about them, and much about who we think God is and who he wants us to be. We will look at the people named by the Church as saints, one century at a time, to see how the Church has changed over time and how it remains the same throughout the ages.

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

**IT'S BACK!**



We will kick-off the Advent Season with our Annual Chili Supper!

**Sunday, November 28**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Munds Hall Auditorium**

Bring a pot of chili, cornbread, or a dessert to share.

You will have an opportunity to enter your chili in our Chili Cook-Off if you would like!

## Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 12

10:30 a.m.

All Children and Youth are invited to participate this year! Children will learn their parts in Sunday School and Youth will be assigned parts at the Youth House before the Advent Chili Supper on November 28th at 6:00 p.m.



## Christmas Eve Services

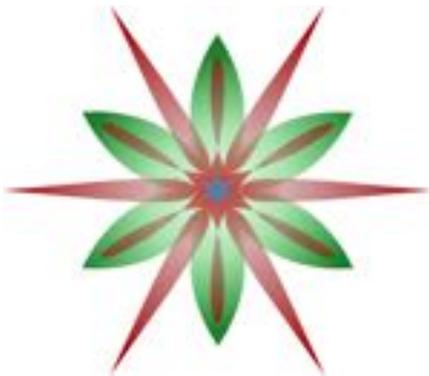
Friday, December 24

5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

## Christmas Day Service

Saturday, December 25

10:30 a.m.



# COMING SOON FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT



## NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP

Sundays for All Youth 6th - 12th Grade!

### November 7 - Regular Youth Group @ Youth House

- Middle School: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- High School: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

### November 14 - Downtown Community Youth Gathering

- Middle & High School at First Presbyterian Church
- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### November 21 - NO YOUTH GROUP

### November 28 - Christmas Pageant Casting & Chili Supper

- 6:00 p.m. Meet at the Youth House
- 6:30 p.m. Walk to Munds Hall for Advent Chili Supper

## COME LEAD CHAPEL!

### Attention 7th - 12th Graders

We would love to have all of our middle and high school students come help us lead Celebration Chapel for our 1st - 5th graders on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

You will be given leadership responsibilities such as reading scripture, leading song and music, helping kids learn what to do, and worship!

Each Sunday, come to the Church Office break room between 9:30 and 10:00 to learn your leadership part and eat a breakfast taco!

This is both fun and a meaningful way to worship!



## Kingdom Kids

Wednesday, November 3  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the McNeil Gym

Kinder - 6th grade are invited to the gym  
for food, fun and fellowship.

Cost for Kingdom Kids is a \$5 donation per child. (Pay at the door.)

You must RSVP online at <https://cotgs.org/2021/10/25/kingdom-kids/>

Kid's Zone and the Nursery will be available this month for children ages 1 - 5 with a reservation. You must call the Church Office at 882-1735.

# CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Sunday School - Children & Youth

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

### Children's Sunday School

Meet in Water Street Classroom 107  
(3 year-olds - 5th grade)

All children are invited to come learn the Word of God together. This is a time of learning, fun, and fellowship!

### Confirmation Class - 6th Grade

Meet in Water Street Classroom 106

Confirmation class is designed to provide spiritual direction and teach the traditions of the Church. The bishop will join us for confirmation on April 24th.

### Youth Sunday School

Meet in the Church Office Break Room for Tacos!  
(7th - 12th grade)

All youth are invited to come to room number 105 to prepare and plan for Celebration Chapel which will be held in Munds Hall at 10:30 a.m. Our youth will lead this service.

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## Celebration & Children's Chapels

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

### Children's Chapel

Children age 3 - Kindergarten in the Children's Chapel  
Meet in the Children's Chapel for a service just for you! You will learn about Jesus, the Word of God, songs of praise and much more!

### Celebration Chapel

For 1st - 6th Grade and Led by Youth 7th - 12th Grade in Munds Hall Auditorium  
All 1st - 6th graders are invited to Celebration Chapel while their parents attend church. This is a service just for you led by our youth. This worship will include scripture, prayer, and music!

\*Everyone will join their parents in Church for communion.

## HAPPENING #149

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Attention 10th - 12th Graders

Happening is at  
**Church of the Good Shepherd**  
November 19 - 21

You can "Happen" right here  
in Corpus Christi...  
at Good Shepherd!

This is a life changing and fun  
weekend you will want to  
experience. Meet other teens  
from around our diocese!

You can invite a friend to share  
the experience with you. You do  
not have to be a member of  
Good Shepherd to participate.

Register at [dwtx.org](http://dwtx.org).

## HELP NEEDED AS HOST CHURCH FOR HAPPENING

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Good Shepherd will host  
**Happening #149**  
November 19 - 21

### Food Items Needed

As the host church for the  
upcoming Happening, it is our  
responsibility to provide meals  
and snacks for everyone while  
they are on our campus.

If you are able to help by  
providing food items, please  
contact **Elizabeth Vanexan** at  
[k-evanexan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k-evanexan@sbcglobal.net).

# WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

## Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Family Eucharist  
5:30 p.m. Come As You Are Service

## Nursery For the Little Ones

1 - 2 Years in the Nursery 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## 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 the Parlor

Young Families w/ Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Classroom

Small Group w/Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library

## Weekday Services

Tuesdays at 12:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service

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

## Monthly Services

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. Middle School Chapel

Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. K- 4th Grade Chapel

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Preschool Chapels (4 services)

Thursdays at 8:05 a.m. All School Chapel

Parents are welcome at All School Chapel on Thursdays.

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