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# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## JUNE NEWSLETTER

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### A Message from the Rev. Philip May

Hi everyone. I'm filling in for Milton here while he is on sabbatical. We're all glad that Milton and Elizabeth are carrying out their sabbatical plans: visiting Scotland, spending time in Colorado. Our prayers are for a time of deep renewal, physically, spiritually, mentally, and a time to attend to important relationships.

Sabbath is important.  
Sabbath is for everyone.

Do you have a bible nearby? I knew you would! Have a look at Matthew 25:1-12, the parable of The Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids. They're waiting to welcome the bridegroom home with his new bride, and he's taking his time. It is a parable about being ready for the Kingdom of God. And, as Jane Patterson and John Lewis point out in their study of Matthew, it is also a parable about *making sure our lamps are burning brightly at all times, so we can truly be light to the world.*

A wise bridesmaid, and a wise disciple, will pay attention to their fuel. The world constantly asks of us, and rewards us for our busy-ness. Most of this is great. But it is possible to say "Yes" to too many things. It is possible to jump into new projects without discerning whether they deserve the fuel we give them. It takes fuel, energy, to live a Kingdom life, to live as a peacemaker, to be an agent of forgiveness, to love, and to witness to God's love in Christ. If we are going to be disciples of Jesus, we have to keep an eye on our fuel.

Sabbath is a time to replenish our fuel, and we all need it. Sabbath is time we set aside and guard, for quiet prayer, for connecting with scripture, for attending to important relationships. It is a time for cutting away distractions that have started burning more fuel than they deserve. (Yes, I'm looking at you, Facebook.) Sabbath is a time when we can give thanks for the ultimate fuel, which we receive in the presence of Christ whenever we share the Eucharist.

The pace slows down in summer. It's a good time for Sabbath.  
The old camp song is a Sabbath prayer for all of us:

Give me oil in my lamp keep it burning,  
Give me oil in my lamp I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp keep it burning,  
Keep it burning 'til the break of day.

Have a safe happy summer. Get some Sabbath.

Philip+

### **SABBATICAL PRAYER for REV. MILTON BLACK**

**Please pray for Milton daily. Pray for his faithfulness, for rest and good health, for his family life and friendships, for his wisdom and direction, and for provision.** Below you will find a pray we can all say in addition to our own prayers for him.

*Almighty Father, we thank you for your faithful servant, Milton and for our life together at Good Shepherd. We praise you, Father, that your eyes are on him and that your ears are attentive to his prayers. Renew Milton in the Holy Spirit. Place the whole armor of God on him to protect him during this time. We pray for good rest and good health providing him with peace and comfort as you refresh his mind, body and spirit. Give Milton the power of discernment and the perfect wisdom and direction that he needs. Hold him in the palm of your hands as he walks by faith knowing that you will provide for his every need as well as the needs of his family. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.*

Greetings from the Good Shepherd's Corner resale shop!



After over 50 years, with the continued support of our parishioners and consignors, we are able to sustain our mission, which is currently the Acacia program. With help from Metro Ministries and Hope House, we employ sheltered women to help them succeed by providing job training and personal development skills. We are thankful for our interns and strive to help them experience a loving work environment.

We are **looking for volunteers** to share their time with the Corner. The Corner is a fun, caring place to volunteer. Shifts last only 3 hours! Call 361-883-0281 if interested.

As you are Spring cleaning, please consider donating or consigning items you no longer need to the Corner. Currently we are taking the following items:

- Furniture ( we are in need of more quality furniture)
- Ladies and Men's Clothing
- Accessories including purses, belts, shoes, jewelry
- Vintage items
- Home decor
- Kitchenware
- Artwork

Visit us in person at 1809 Alameda St., on Facebook or at our website at [www.gscornercc.com](http://www.gscornercc.com).

Hebrews 13:16. "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

# YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 12 - 16

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Registration is full!**

**STELLAR: SHINE  
JESUS' LIGHT**



### Counselors Needed:

Rising 5th - 12th Graders

Register at

<https://cotgs.org/2023/04/12/vbs-counselor-registration-2/>

### Adult Volunteers Needed:

Choose the Activity you would like to help with!

Register at

<https://cotgs.org/2023/04/11/vacation-bible-school-2023-2/>

## Homemade Snacks Needed

Do you like to bake? We need homemade cookies, bars, cupcakes, muffins, or other goodies for our counselors and volunteers to show our appreciation during the week.

**Please bring items to the church office June 12-16.**

## SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### Tuesday, June 13

Cops & Robbers  
TAMUCC  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### Thursday, June 15

Bowlero  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### Friday, June 16

Pizza, Ice Cream & a Movie  
Youth House Following VBS  
(12:30 p.m.)

### Wednesday, July 12

Funtrackers  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 18

Hooks Game  
6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 26

Beach Day  
10:00 a.m.

### Wednesday, August 2

Capture the Flag  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

## NURSERY

### Ages 1 - 2

**Sundays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

We offer nursery for children ages 1 - 2 in Dobbins Hall during Sunday School hour and the 10:30 a.m. service.

# WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

## Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Traditional Eucharist
8:45 a.m.	No Breakfast in the Summer
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 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Summer  
Living Word w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in the Parlor for Adults

## Good Shepherd Summer Office Hours

Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
(May 30 - July 31)

## 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/Brookdale 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.

**St. James is currently on Summer Break and  
will resume in August.**

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