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# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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### A Message from the Rector

#### King David's Prayer: 1Chronicles 29:10-14

David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

"Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

Take a moment to read and reflect on the words of this beautiful prayer! King David was expressing his basic understanding of who God is and what He has done. His prayer expresses his relationship with God, and thus governs how he lives and responds to God. Each of us need to have a clear understanding of the "Why" of our faith, so that we can live into the "What." Like David, we need to have a clear understanding of who God is and what He has done, so that our lives can be governed by some basic foundational principles; also known as a theology.

Stewardship is what we believe about ownership. Giving is what we do with what we believe.

Generosity is the measure of our giving that becomes part of our identity. Why do we give back to God? Because God owns everything and has given us everything, and we need to acknowledge and confirm this basic truth. Giving to God is the way that we participate in God's generous life. Giving to God puts our human tendencies of fear and control back into proper perspective. Giving to God puts our trust in Him, and allows us to see Him at work in our lives.

"But who are we that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given only what comes from your hand." Generosity is a measure of our faith. I want to be a generous person because God is so generous to me. Seeing and experiencing God's amazing generosity puts us on our knees and gives us grateful hearts. I am so grateful to be serving alongside such grateful and generous people as this community. We are truly blessed as we hold fast, and live into, these basic truths of our life in Christ.

Thanks be to God,

# CHURCH COMMUNITY



October 22nd was Commitment Sunday. Thank you to everyone who brought forward their "first fruits" in the form of a pledge. If you have not made your pledge for 2024, it is never too late. Please consider all that the church means to you and all that the Lord has provided. Pledges can be made in church in the offertory plate, by mail, on our website or on our Ministry One app.

### Ways to make your Pledge:

Mail your Pledge Card to Church of the Good Shepherd  
Pledge Online at [cotgs.org](http://cotgs.org) under the Giving tab  
Pledge on our Ministry One app

## MORNING PRAYER

**Monday - Thursday**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**on Zoom**  
**w/Rev. Philip May**

Start your day out right! Join Fr. Philip for a *Morning Prayer by Zoom*, Mondays through Thursdays. The link is on the Church web page, and on our Ministry One app.

This is a very simple service of scripture and prayer, and we'll be finished and ready to face the day in 15 - 20 minutes.

**Find the Zoom link at**  
[cotgs.org/worship/morning-prayer/](http://cotgs.org/worship/morning-prayer/)

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

### It's Shoebox Time!

**DUE BY Monday, November 13**

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 or in the Narthex on Sundays.**
2. Choose an **age and gender** of a child.
3. **Pack** box with small toys and toiletries. (No toothpaste or candy)
4. Include a **\$10 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 13th.**



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

## CHURCH COMMUNITY

### 89th Annual



### Joint Thanksgiving Service

Church of the Good Shepherd  
& Congregation Beth Israel



Sunday, November 19

5:30 p.m.



at Church of the Good Shepherd

Each year that we join together with Congregation Beth Israel, we take turns hosting the service. When the service is at Good Shepherd, the Rabbi offers the message. When we are at the temple, our Rector offers the message. The temple is currently without a Rabbi, so Mr. David Engel will be offering the message this year. David sent us a bio so you can know a little about him beforehand:

*I have lived in Corpus Christi for the past 50 years and Ann and I have been married for over 46 years. We raised a son (Philip) and a daughter (Karleen) here in Corpus Christi and have 5 grandchildren. Ann is a residential real estate agent and I have been involved with several different businesses over my career and have served on various nonprofit Boards (Spohn Hospital, Lexington Museum, Boy Scouts) and currently I am in my 10<sup>th</sup> year as a Port Commissioner. I have been a member of CBI for the past 50 years and served as a Board Member and I am a past President of the Congregation.*



## ADVENT 2023

### Advent 1 - Sunday, December 3

Advent Lessons & Carols  
10:30 a.m. Service

Advent Chili Supper  
6:30 p.m.

Munds Hall Auditorium

### Advent 2 - Sunday, December 10

Christmas Pageant  
10:30 a.m. Service

### Advent 3 - Sunday, December 17

### Advent 4 - Sunday, December 24

Regular Sunday Services:  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Service

### Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24

4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### Christmas Day Service

Monday, December 25

10:30 a.m.

# CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

## KINGDOM KIDS

Wednesday, November 1

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Kinder - 6th Grade in the Gym

Younger children in the Nursery/Kid's Zone



Kingdom Kids is an evening of fun, food, and fellowship for children from St. James and Good Shepherd. There are games and free-play in the gym, as well as dinner and a bible story.

The cost is an \$8 donation paid online at [cotgs.org](http://cotgs.org).

You must RSVP online through our website ([cotgs.org](http://cotgs.org)) or through our Ministry One church app.

## November Youth Group

Sunday, November 5

Cops & Robbers

TAMUCC

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Both Middle and High School



Sunday, November 12

Tacos Not Bombs

Meet at the Youth House

11:45 a.m.



Sunday, November 19

No Youth Group



Sunday, November 26

Gym Night

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Both Middle and High School

## SUNDAYS FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN

### Sunday School

In Water Street Room 107

9:30 a.m.

### Confirmation Class

In Munds Hall Auditorium

9:30 a.m.

### Children's Chapel

In the Children's Chapel

Preschool - Kinder at 10:30 a.m.

### Celebration Chapel

In Munds Hall Auditorium

1st - 6th Grade at 10:30 a.m.

### Youth Group

6:30 p.m. for Middle School

7:30 p.m. for High School

## NURSERY

**Ages 6 months - 2 years**

**Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

We offer nursery in Dobbins Hall during Sunday School hour and the 10:30 a.m. service.

## Children's Choir Sings

November 12 and December 3

Our Children's Choir, under the direction of Dr. Mi Ou Lee, will sing for us at the 10:30 a.m. service on November 12th and December 3rd. Come enjoy their beautiful voices!

# FALL CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

## Adult Sunday School this Fall

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

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

The Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May lead a discussion-based class utilizing the scripture readings from each Sunday's services. The day's scriptures will guide us as we learn from one another and better understand God's Word.

### **ARE MY KIDS ON TRACK?**

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

In Rev. Campbell's new Sunday school class, we define emotional, social, and spiritual milestones for our children, break them down for understanding, discuss stumbling and building blocks associated with each, and ask questions to identify practical ways to help equip our kids as they learn, practice, and progress in them. We utilize the book, *Are My Kids on Track: The 12 Emotional, Social, and Spiritual Milestones Your Child Needs to Reach*.

### **THE PSALMS: God's Songs and Ours**

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

The Psalms are ancient lyrics that touch our hearts to this day. Whoever uses them finds them able to express our hopes and laments in the best and worst of times. This class embraces and searches through the Psalms to explore God's word for all our moments, from joy to despair and back.

## Wednesday Evening Classes this Fall

### **RELIGION & SCIENCE: Conversations Seeking Paths to Truth**

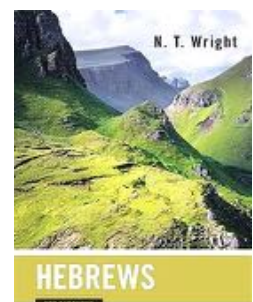
**6:30 p.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom - Led by Rev. Frank Fuller**

The search to better understand the world through scientific inquiry has seemed for some to deny any search to know God. Are faith and reason friends, enemies, colleagues, or frenemies? The class examines the historic conversation between science and Christian spirituality to seek a more mature faith and a deeper appreciation of what modern science can achieve and what it cannot.

### **EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS**

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

The Rev. Philip May leads a class on the Epistles of the Hebrews using Bishop N.T. Wright's book *Hebrews for Everyone* available on Amazon. (For a clickable link visit the Home Page of our website and look under "The Latest" for Wednesday Classes.) This class is offered both in person and online through Zoom.



# CHURCH COMMUNITY

## Happening #155

**November 17 - 19**

**Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi**

**Attention all High School Students in 10th-12th Grade!**



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

This is a life changing and extremely fun weekend you will NOT want to miss!

Happenings are for high school students in the diocese who are in 10th - 12th grade. This is a spiritual renewal weekend for high school students and is led by their peers.

You can invite a friend to share the experience with you. You do not have to be a member of Good Shepherd to participate. The cost is \$60. (All meals included.) Scholarships are available. Call the Church Office at 361-882-1735 to get information about scholarships.

Registration fills up quickly, so register as soon as possible! **Register at [dwtx.org](http://dwtx.org).**

## Cursillo #290

**Camp Capers: November 9-13**

This "short course" in Christian life is a four-day retreat for adults that aims to create disciples - Christians empowered and strengthened through prayer, sacraments, study, and community. Participants will receive practices to live out their faith at home, tools to share the joys of knowing Christ with others, and the support of the 4th Day community.

[Click here](#) to learn more and sign up or go to [dwtx.org](http://dwtx.org).

## Wheelchair Ramp Build Ministry

**Next Build is Saturday, November 18**

**8:00 a.m.**

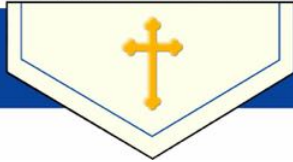
**Location to be announced soon.**

The Episcopal Ministries of Corpus Christi join together once a month to build wheelchair ramps for families in need in our community. This is a wonderful way to not only build something that will make life better for someone, but also to make connections in our community. The builds typically take place the third Saturday of the month and begin at 8:00 a.m.

**The next build will be Saturday, November 18th. Be on the lookout in our Sunday Announcements and our Thursday emails for the exact location of this build.**

# CHURCH MINISTRIES

## Altar Guild



### Join the Altar Guild!

The Altar Guild is a dedicated group of women who are committed to the service of God. They maintain the sacristy and sanctuary, care for the sacred vessels, linens, candles and liturgical decorations used at the altar. Members commit to serving before and after a service, including weekday services, weddings and funerals. They work in teams to prepare for the weekly services. There is no age limit to join! They will teach you everything you need to know. All you need is a willing heart to serve God and our Church.

You only serve once a month!

- You work in teams
- One service a month (a Sunday or a week day). You spend an hour or two "housekeeping" on a day of your choice.

Please contact Amber Fish at 828-612-6231 if you are interested.



### Join our Usher Ministry!

**A great ministry for anyone who wants to serve!**

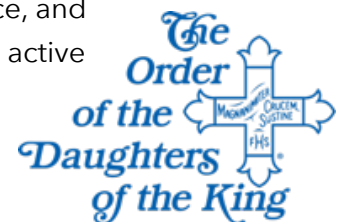
- **Enjoy it as a personal ministry.**
- **Enjoy it together as a family**
- **Enjoy it as a way to get service hours**
- **You can serve as much or a little as you want.**

The Usher Ministry is in need of more men and women to volunteer at each of our 10:30 a.m. Sunday services. The primary duties and responsibilities include welcoming parishioners, passing out the bulletins, taking up the collection, and offering assistance. This is a great opportunity to serve with very little time commitment required. You will serve about once a month, or more if you would like. It is an important ministry!

Schedules are very flexible. You can serve as often as you would like. If you are interested please contact Susan Linnane in the Church Office.

### Join the Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King is an international lay order for Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic women who are vowed to prayer, service, and evangelism in their daily lives. The Church of the Good Shepherd has an active chapter which meets regularly to pray and study together. The Daughters of the King pray for our parish, for individuals based on submitted prayer requests and for the wider community and world.



If you are interested in finding out more about the Daughters of the King or would like to join them, please contact Pam Greene who will be the new president beginning in September. Call the church office to get her contact information.

# WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

## Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Traditional Eucharist
8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Fellowship
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

6 months - 2 Years in the Nursery 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Located in Dobbins Hall (next to Munds Hall).

## Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m.

*Living Word* w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in the Parlor for Adults  
*Are My Kids on Track?* w/Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Class  
*The Psalms* w/Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library  
Children meet in Water Street Class 107

## Good Shepherd Office Hours

Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 5:00

## 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.