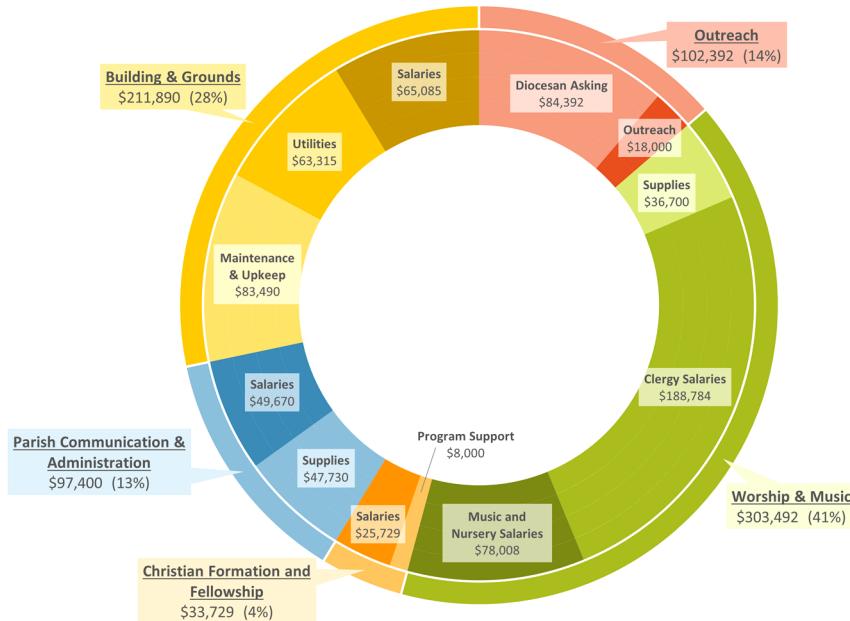




CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

# The Shepherd's Voice

November 2022



## Stewardship

The 2023 Stewardship Campaign is underway at CGS! Our Stewardship theme this year is "Growing Generosity".

Members of the Church of the Good Shepherd faithfully contribute to support the mission of our parish. Your Stewardship, Finance Committees, and Vestry believe it is important to educate the congregation as to how resources are distributed based on annual revenue.

This chart reflects expenses in 2022. We hope this information is useful in informing your financial commitment for the coming year.

Commitment Sunday is coming up soon! On Sunday, November 13th, after the 10:15am service, CGS Members are invited to turn in their 2023 Commitment Card and partake in a meal together, featuring the famous CGS Stewardship Stew.



If you would prefer to fill out your 2023 Commitment Card digitally please use the QR code to the right. Open your phone's camera, point the camera at the square, and tap the screen .

## Winter Warmth

The Winter Warmth Project is a service project that our Good Shepherd youth group,

"EYC" (Episcopal Youth Community), coordinates and carries out with the support of CGS parishioners.

The goal of the service project is to offer a set of hat, gloves and socks to each person that eats lunch at the Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen. We aim to collect 300 sets each year for distribution.

The youth coordinate announcements during church and collection sites within the church to collect hats, gloves, and socks to support our neighbors that patron the Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen.

The EYC meet in early November to sort and package donated items in individual bags for distribution at the Soup Kitchen on Veterans Day, November 11th. Members of the EYC gather on the morning of Veteran's Day at the soup kitchen and hand out the items to people after they have had lunch.

This project has been a part of the youth program at Good Shepherd for more than 15 years.

How can parishioners get involved with this outreach ministry? Parishioners can support the Winter Warmth Project



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by purchasing socks, hats and gloves (preferably in neutral colors) and dropping them off in the bin in the lobby of the Parish Life Center through November 6th. Monetary donations can also be given to Devin McGinnis, CGS Youth Minister, so that we may purchase items that we do not collect through donations.

Thank you for your support of our youth and our neighbors!

*Written by Gena Cherry, CGS Parishioner*



## ***Ministry Fair***

All CGS parishioners are invited to join us for The Ministry Fair,

held on Sunday, November 13th following the 10:15am worship service (approximately 11:30am) in Shepherd's Hall on the 3rd Floor of the Parish Life Center.

Yes! This year, the Stewardship Commitment Sunday event with "Stew"ardship Stew and the Ministry Fair will be held at the same time and place, bringing together the giving of time, talent, and treasure.

The Ministry Fair is a time for parishioners to become acquainted with the opportunities available to them to become further engaged in the life of CGS. Parishioners are invited to explore what ministries are available to them, and come see how easy it is to become involved. We hope to encourage both 'first timers' and 'old hats' to find something that is of interest to them and get involved, or more involved!

The ministries available at CGS support our parish and our neighbors in three different categories: Worship, Serving Our Parish, and Serving Our Neighbors. These three categories will point you to different areas of service to get you started. Within these three categories, opportunities range from being a Chalice bearer, to reading the Sunday Old or New Testament readings, to being a church office receptionist, delivering Sunday altar flowers to parishioners, serving at the Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen, or helping to provide a lunchtime meal to college students at the Cheshire House. There are so many things to become involved in, we can find the best fit for you!

It's easy to get involved with the ministries at Good Shepherd's Ministry Fair. Just come on up to the tables at the Ministry Fair, ask questions, find what looks like your best fit, and sign the clip board with your name, best email, and best phone number. You will get a call by November 23rd to get you 'plugged in'!

How do parishioners find a ministry that fits with their time and talents? Take a look at the Volunteer Brochure from the QR code or available in the brochure cabinet at the entrance doors of the Parish Life



## ***All Saints' Day Names Of Remembrance***

**Please use the QR code to submit name(s)  
of remembrance.**

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Center and the breezeway. There will also be brochures available at the Ministry Fair. In each brochure, there is a brief description of what is involved with each opportunity. If it isn't clear or if you want to double check to make sure the ministry is for you, talk to the people behind the tables at the Ministry Fair. If you want or need more help, call Jan Harris. That's what Jan wants to do, make sure we can find the right fit for you!

Jan will be getting back with each person who expresses an interest by putting their Name, Phone, and Email on one of the Interest Sheets at the Ministry Fair tables. Her personal goal will be to accomplish that no later than November 23rd.

We look forward to seeing you at the Ministry Fair!

*Written by Jan Harris, Volunteer Coordinator*

## Oyster Roast

The Annual Oyster Roast returns to CGS!

Hosted by the CGS Fellowship Committee, the Oyster Roast is a beloved parish event, which is now held in memoriam of Jim Propst, a former Sr. Warden. Jim loved the Oyster Roast event, and for years was instrumental in the planning and execution of the event. He could always be found next to the cooks, making sure everything came out perfectly!

While the Oyster Roast has been a fellowship staple at CGS for more than twenty years, the actual location of the event has changed over the years, from the NC State FairGrounds, to Tara Farms, and most recently at the church itself, just like this year.

No matter where the event is held, it is full of oysters, shrimp, the famous Gilliam / Harris (two CGS parishioners) hushpuppies, slaw, with chili and desserts from the congregation.

Doesn't that sound like a delicious way to spend a Saturday evening? Please be sure to RSVP using the QR code in the photo. This event is free, with contributions welcome at the door, and all ages of CGS and RMC parishioners are welcome!

If you would like to get involved and help with the event, please indicate how you might want to help on the RSVP form or email Chas Sharp, Fellowship Committee Chair.

If you would like to become involved with the Fellowship Committee, please email or call Chas Sharp.

We look forward to seeing you at the Oyster Roast!



*Written by Chas Sharp, Fellowship Committee Chair*

## CGS Library Guild

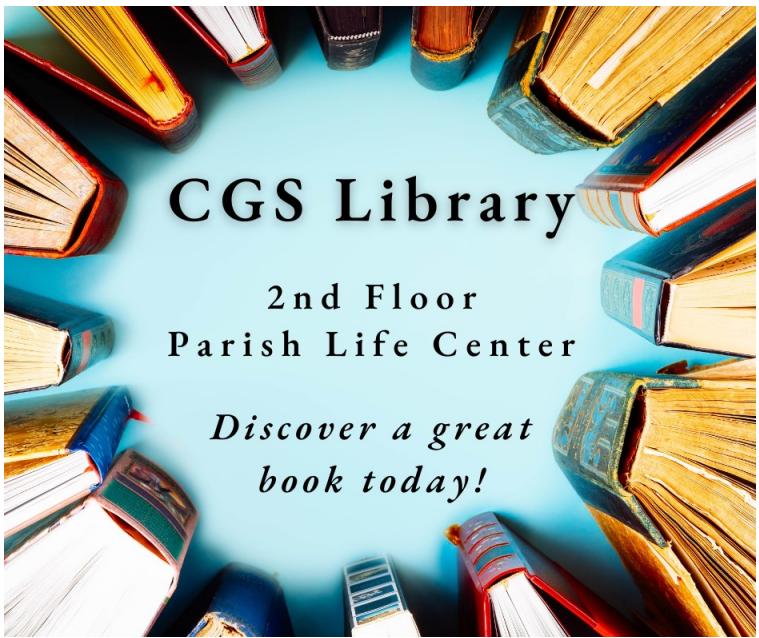
The CGS Library has a lot to offer parishioners of CGS! The Library is open for parishioners to check out books on any day that the church office is open, Monday through Thursday,

9:00am to 5:00pm. Please stop by and peruse the shelves on the 2nd floor! Here is a great article submitted by new CGS member and Library Guild volunteer, David Carter :

These days, with access to information literally at our fingertips if not in our pockets, it's easy to forget that there are places where people can gather to access, enjoy, and discuss the texts that are meaningful to them. Am I referring to church? Yes! And I'm also referring to the libraries, because I am a librarian! And I am excited to be a new member of

## Good Shepherd's Library Guild!

Did you know that Good Shepherd can boast of one of the most impressive and relevant library of books on theological and adjacent topics in the diocese? The Library Guild would like to invite any and all parishioners to access and share the great news about this incredible resource!



Located on the second floor of our Parish Life Center building, the library contains hundreds of books and dozens of videos, arranged according to the Dewey Decimal System and searchable through the catalog that you can access on the library's desktop PC.

To check out an item to take home, simply write your name and telephone number and put the day's date under 'Due Date' on the circulation card that you'll find in the back of the book. Then put the card in the container marked 'Books Checked Out' located next to the computer terminal.

To return a book, all you have to do is place it in the bin next to that desk! For books that you think you might need longer than the standard three week checkout period, just let us know with a sticky note on the desk.

For those of you whom I've not yet had the chance to meet or speak with, my name is David Carter and I'm a former member of the recently closed St. Mark's Episcopal Church on New Hope Road; a graduate of the not so recently closed Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA, and I have served as a lay chaplain resident at Rex Hospital, an outreach worker with Wake County Homeless Services, and an instructor of English, Religion, and Humanities at a number of North Carolina Community Colleges.

I began paraprofessional library work in High School as a page at Richard B. Harrison Branch here in Raleigh, and from there went on to work in a number of public library systems to help pay for college and graduate school. It wasn't until just a few years ago, though, that I came to realize that library work seems to be in my DNA, as my father, grandmother and great-grandmother all worked for Durham County Library in various capacities. I graduated from the MLS program at NCCU in 2015, and since that time have been happily employed as an Instruction Librarian at Wake Tech. I don't get much opportunity there, however, to use my background in theology and ministry, so this chance to work with CGS is very exciting!

*Written by David Carter, CGS Library Guild*

If you would like to get involved with volunteering in the library or helping to build the library program at CGS, please reach out to Volunteer Coordinator Jan Harris, or any member of the Library Guild.



### *Realm At CGS*

Parishioners get exclusive access to Realm  
at CGS and all it has to offer!

Find out more by using the QR code here.

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## Adult Formation

There are many CGS Adult formation offerings

in November! All adults are invited to join any of these classes at any time. Please take a look at the adult formation offerings below:

Each Other's Keeper led by Jon Stoddard in the Ennis Parlor; continues November 6th, then following a break will resume on December 4th. This series, designed by The Rev. Marc D. Smith, Ph.D., Bishop's Deputy for Gun Violence Prevention in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, to stimulate reflection, thoughtful conversation, and action.

Bible Study led by Debbie Moyer in room 304, on November 6th and 13th. The class is currently studying the book of Philippians.

Meal Prep For Restricted Diets led by Parish Nurse Tristin Carpenter, RN, MSN, in the Ennis parlor, on November 13th.

Special Formation Events in November (no other formation on these Sundays):

November 20th - Intergenerational Wreath Making

November 27th - Advent 1, Thanksgiving Week, No Formation

In addition, weekday Bible study sessions are offered throughout the year, including the Tuesday Bible Study led by Mother Nancy at 10:30am in Ennis Parlor, and the Wednesday Bible Study led by Craig DeShong at 8:30am (with virtual option).

Dovetailing with the adult formation offerings, are the opportunities to join two new working groups at CGS: the Public Health Working Group led by Grace Sved, and the Parish (Campus) Safety Working Group led by Gerard McNeill. Want to get involved? Please contact either person for more information.

## Children & Families

There will be a flurry of activity this November as the CGS Children & Families Ministries prepares for the Advent season and the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 11th!

Children will practice for the pageant on Sunday, November 20th and December 4th, during 9:00am formation hour, as well as, Saturday, December 10th (the day before the pageant). Please contact Andrew Phillips, Children & Families Minister, with any questions.

Children, and their family of all ages, are invited to join in the parish-wide Intergenerational Wreath Making event on Sunday, November 20th, following the 10:15am worship service (approximately 11:30am).

There will be no children formation on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27th.

Remember, weekly Sunday formation at 9:00am is offered for our K-3rd grade children in Room 316, and our 4th-5th grade children in Room 329. In addition, Children's Collect and Children's Chapel for ages 4 through 5th grade, are offered weekly during our 10:15am worship service.



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Please check the Children & Families bulletin board next to the Nursery for the latest news and event details!

Want to participate in any of these events? You are invited to bring your children to join in at any time!



## Youth

As you no doubt read on page one of *The Shepherd's Voice*, the CGS Youth Ministries is working on a new service project for the month of November, The Winter Warmth Project.

Youth will be preparing the hats, gloves, and socks donated by parishioners into care packages on Sunday, November 6th during formation hour at 9:00am. They will then meet on Veterans' Day, Friday, November 11th to distribute the donated items to our patrons of The Shepherd's Table.

This service project has been a CGS tradition for many years and is a great opportunity for youth to directly help members of our Raleigh community in a very tangible way.

Thank you to all CGS parishioners who are supporting this project, either by donating items or helping to organize the packaging efforts on November 6th or distribution efforts on November 11th.

Be sure to save the date for the Hot Cocoa Fundraiser held during the Raleigh Christmas Parade, happening this year on Saturday, November 19th. More details to come or contact Dennis McGinnis.

Youth and their family of all ages are invited to join in the parish-wide Intergenerational Wreath Making Event on Sunday, November 20th, following the 10:15am worship service (approximately 11:30am).

There will be no formation or EYC on Sunday, November 27th (the weekend following Thanksgiving).

Youth (EYC) meet weekly only on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm. In addition, youth will meet monthly, on the first Sunday of each month during Sunday 9:00-10:00am formation hour, to complete an on-campus service project.

Want to participate in any of these events? Youth are invited to join in at any time. If you have questions, please contact Devin McGinnis, Youth Minister.

## Advent & Christmas

This year, there are many Advent events to participate in for parishioners all ages at Good Shepherd!

If you would like, you can start the season early by securing your poinsettia order. Please scan the QR code to the right to place your order for poinsettias, or fill out the paper form in the Parish Life Center. The poinsettias will be delivered to the church, where they will decorate the church for our Christmas services. After the Christmas Day service on Sunday, December 25th, you can take home your poinsettias to enjoy them there! The last day to submit orders (paper or online) is November 21st.



This year, CGS is holding the parish-wide Intergenerational Wreath Making event the Sunday before Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 20th! This is a joint RMC and CGS event which will take place following the 10:15am worship service that Sunday (at approximately 11:30am). At this event, parishioners will have the chance to create an Advent wreath which can be taken home to enjoy and use during the season.

On the First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, November 27th, there will be no formation.

On the Second Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 4th, we'll have our beloved Lessons and Carols event at the

10:15am worship service. This beautiful service will include a special offering from the Raleigh Boy Choir and Mosaic Girls Choir, as they are scheduled to participate in the service. Please be sure to join us for this wonderful worship event!

The Third Sunday of Advent is a busy Sunday at CGS! On the morning of Sunday, December 11th the EYC will be selling Christmas cookies following the 10:15am service. There will be no Children Formation at 9:00am.

Moving on to the afternoon of the Third Sunday of Advent, it will be time for the Christmas Pageant! Children & Families Ministries will put on the Christmas Pageant on the afternoon of December 11th. If you would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant, please contact Andrew Phillips, Children & Families Minister, as soon as possible! All parishioners are encouraged to come and see our children in the Christmas Pageant.

After the Christmas Pageant there will be a Parish Christmas Party! The entire parish is invited to this event on the evening of Sunday, December 11th in Shepherd's Hall. Stay tuned for details.

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, there will be no Children Formation at 9:00am and EYC will hold their Annual Christmas Party at 5:30pm. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to Devin McGinnis, Youth Minister.

On Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th, we will have several offerings.

Beginning at 2:00pm is our Children & Families worship service. This particular service is presented in a way that is especially appealing for our youngest members of CGS. All are welcome, please come and enjoy this special service!

At 4:30pm on Christmas Eve, we will begin our special Christmas Eve Music Program which precedes the 5:00pm Christmas Eve worship service. This musical delight is the final one which will be led by CGS Director of Music, Dwayne Holloway, before he retires at the end of December. Please come hear him and our wonderful CGS musicians as we give glory to God through music.

Christmas Eve worship continues with services at 5:00pm and 9:00pm. This is a wonderful time to enjoy the magic, joy, and wonder of Christmas Eve in the sanctuary at Good Shepherd. We hope to see you there!

As Christmas morning brightly shines on Sunday, December 25th, we hope you can join us in celebrating at the 9:00am worship service. This service will be a spoken service. On Christmas Day, there will not be Children's Chapel during the worship service, no formation for adults or children is offered, and EYC will not meet that evening.

This is an overview of all our Advent and Christmas offerings, however, as always, please stay tuned for additional details as they become available as we move through the season. We hope you are able to join us for any of these Advent and Christmas offerings. All parishioners are invited to all events!

# Poinsettias FOR SALE

Help the Altar Guild decorate the church  
for Christmas!

Purchase poinsettias in honor  
of loved ones this Christmas  
season.

Order online below or  
complete a paper order  
form, found in the Parish  
Life Center.

Questions?  
Contact Molly Propst

*Order Here* 

BY NOVEMBER 21ST





## A Look Back

There were many great parish events in the month of October! Of special note, was the St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals, where parishioners brought their beloved pets to CGS for a blessing. Also, during the event, our youth supported animals in need, as their project was to collect donations for a local no-kill animal shelter, Second Chance Adoptions in Raleigh.

We also had many great formation opportunities for all ages with parishioners participating and enjoying the variety of program offerings.

Youth celebrated the Annual EYC Halloween Party, while as of publishing, the Children & Families Ministries are set to celebrate

the First Annual Holy Ghost & Weenie Roast event on Sunday, October 30th with our friends, Raleigh Mennonite Church.

Of special note this October was our Stewardship Kickoff Campaign, “Growing Generosity”. As many of you remember from last year, our theme was “Generating a Culture of Generosity” and now that culture is growing! Thank you to everyone who is prayerfully participating in the campaign, and we look forward to seeing you on Commitment Sunday, November 13th!

## A Look Ahead

### November

- 1st Names of Remembrance Submitted
- 5th CGS Oyster Roast
- 6th All Saints' Sunday
- 11th Veterans' Day, EYC Winter Warmth Distribution
- 13th Commitment Sunday “Stew”ardship Meal & Ministry Fair
- 19th EYC Cocoa Sale & Raleigh Christmas Parade
- 20th Intergenerational Wreath Making Parish Event; No Formation: All Ages
- 24th Thanksgiving
- 27th Advent 1; No Formation: All Ages, No EYC

### December

- 4th Advent 2: 10:15am Lesson & Carols Special Worship
- 11th Advent 3: No Children Formation; EYC Christmas Cookie Sale; Christmas Pageant; Parish Christmas Party
- 18th Advent 4: No Children Formation; EYC Christmas Party
- 24th Christmas Eve: 2:00pm Children & Families Worship Service; 4:30pm Christmas Music; 5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship; 9:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 25th Christmas Day: 9:00am Worship (spoken); No Formation: All Ages, No EYC

***Of Note: The Church of The Good Shepherd is a welcoming and inclusive parish. We invite our CGS parishioners to participate fully in all offerings to which the Spirit calls them. We look forward to spending time with you in worship, formation, fellowship, and special events. As you participate, please feel free to invite others to join us ,and welcome them to participate in our CGS offerings.***