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*We exist to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love.*

*We are a vibrant, spiritual and educational  
community, radiating God's love for everyone,  
everywhere!*

# Welcome!

Welcome to the 2025–2026 Program Year at Good Shepherd!

At Good Shepherd, we believe faith grows best in community — and that community begins with a simple invitation: “We have a place for you.” Whether you’ve been part of our church family for years or are just getting to know us, this year’s calendar reflects the life we share together: opportunities to worship, learn, serve, and celebrate, all rooted in Christ’s love.

This book contains descriptions of our ministries and activities as well as a calendar page for each month. Each month-at-a-glance offers a vibrant mix of events, worship experiences, learning opportunities, and fellowship gatherings. Be sure to refer to our weekly announcements and email for complete details. Whether you’re exploring something new or returning to a favorite ministry, there’s a seat at the table, a role to play, and a place to grow and belong.

Come discover where you fit in this joyful journey of faith — we’re so glad you’re here, and we truly have a place (and an activity!) for you.

## PODCASTS

Access on the Podcast page of [GoodShepOnline.org](http://GoodShepOnline.org) or wherever you find your favorite podcasts.

**Hear These Words** — A deeper look at the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday.

**Homilies of Good Shepherd** — Just the sermon, on demand.



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# WORSHIP

## WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 10:00 AM Rite II with music (In-person and Livestream)

### Wednesday

- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Healing

### Morning Prayer Online

The Daily Office is our uplifting online morning prayer service which happens Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM. It's a great way to start your day with community and reflection. Visit the Prayer page at [GoodShepOnline.org](http://GoodShepOnline.org) for the link and a program bulletin.

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES

*Looking for a meaningful way to serve? Whether you enjoy reading, music, hospitality, or helping behind the scenes, there's a place for you in our worship ministries! Greeters, acolytes, readers, altar guild, and more—come be part of what makes worship special. Contact the church office to learn more or get involved! Join a Worship Ministry!*



**Acolytes** play an important role in worship by helping lead the service with reverence and care. They carry the cross and torches, assist the clergy, and help prepare the altar. We encourage both youth and adults to become acolytes. Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to train to become acolytes. Youth usually serve at the 10:00 AM service. Adult acolytes usually serve at the 8:00 service or for special service during the week.

**Altar Guild** plays a vital role in our worship services! Our dedicated volunteers prepare the altar vessels and vestments for each service throughout the week, including special occasions like weddings, funerals, and major holidays such as Christmas and Easter. As a member, you'll work on rotating teams, assisting clergy with both regular and special events. We meet as needed in the church or parish office. Your involvement helps enhance our worship experience and fosters a deeper connection with our community.

The **Choir** offers musical leadership and enrichment for both Sunday and special worship services. Choir members experience fellowship, delve into the music of the church, and enjoy opportunities for personal and spiritual growth. The choir sings at the 10:00 AM service from Labor Day through Memorial Day, as well as at various special services. Join us for choir rehearsal any Thursday evening at 7:00 PM in the church during the season.

**Eucharistic Ministers** assist the clergy in the distribution of the Holy Communion, reading the Bible lessons and directing the Prayers of the People during church services.

**Eucharistic Visitors** offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion to those who are hospitalized, homebound or are unable to attend services at church. These lay persons are trained at Good Shepherd and then licensed by the Bishop on the recommendation of the Rector. LEVs may also assist with the distribution of bread and/or wine.

**Flower Delivery** Volunteers take the altar flowers at the conclusion of the Sunday service to those members who are ill, hospitalized, in nursing homes or perhaps celebrating a special event.

**Healing Team** offers compassionate prayer, anointing with oil, and laying on of hands to those in need. Each Sunday, and at the Wednesday 10:00 AM service, we offer anointing and laying on of hands, extending our care and support to everyone in our community. If you are interested in learning more about participating in Healing Team, please contact the church office for information.

**Ushers and Greeters** If you want to get to know people in a hurry, become an Usher at Good Shepherd. Ushers greet worshipers, hand out bulletins, pass offering plates, and assist in guiding people to the altar rail. Ushers serve on a rotating basis at the service of their choice. It's rewarding and fun. You should try it!

**Vergers** work under the direction of the rector, to assist with the organization and operation of worship services. Vergers have the responsibility of opening and closing on Sundays and they serve at both services each week on a rotating basis.

# COMMUNITY

*At Good Shepherd, we believe that faith grows through connection—and that everyone belongs. From fellowship events and small groups to service projects and social gatherings, our community life is full of opportunities to build relationships and have fun together. We have a place for you! Come find friendship, purpose, and joy in the journey.*

**Bridge Club** is for anyone who loves playing bridge. It meets seasonally on Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 in the Barn.

**Foyer Groups** are small, casual gatherings that bring parishioners together simply to enjoy each other's company, build friendships, and meet new people. Each group of six to eight people meets every four to six weeks from December through May, usually in a member's home or the Parish Hall. The host provides the main dish, and others bring sides, dessert, or drinks. Newcomers are especially welcome! Dates and times are set by each group. To join or start a group, contact the church office.

**Good Guys** is a men's ministry which meets for breakfast on Friday mornings at 8:00 AM, usually in the Parish Hall. This fellowship group supports various missions of the parish through projects and volunteering. They also have introduced a very popular **Good Guys Grill** steak-and-potatoes evening meal which meets quarterly. Join them any Friday at 8:00 AM.

**Green Spirits** is dedicated to deepening our parish's appreciation for God's creation and actively protecting the environment. We focus on promoting sustainable practices, developing eco-friendly parish policies, and encouraging all members to embrace a green lifestyle. Green Spirits support our recycling initiatives, use environmentally friendly products, care for our gardens, and organize engaging events like Turtle Walks, Hallowed Hikes, and other educational field trips. Join us in making a positive impact on our world and fostering a culture of stewardship!

**The Hospitality and Parish Life group** plays a crucial role in supporting leadership by planning and preparing for a wide range of events across all ministry areas. From the annual meeting and clergy gatherings to administrative functions, funerals, and special recognition events, this dedicated team ensures every occasion runs smoothly and warmly.

**The Literary Circle** meets monthly on the first Thursday at 7:00 PM, from September through May, to discuss an eclectic selection of works ranging from the classics to current bestsellers. This is a Zoom group so you don't need to be local to participate. Invite your friends or make new ones. Contact the office for Zoom link information.

**Morning Glory Women's Fellowship** is an informal social meeting of parish women for catching up with one another over a cup of coffee or breakfast. While there is no actual agenda, Morning Glory often discusses opportunities for participation in the life of the parish. Morning Glory Women's Fellowship meets off-site, at 8:00 AM, on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in season.

**O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds)** is a Senior Ministry group that meets monthly in the Parish Hall, on the third Thursday, for fellowship and discussion. Each meeting has a different focus, but the fun ties it all together. Bring a bag lunch and we will provide the drink and dessert.

**Summer Sunday Café** is a delightful seasonal tradition offering a free, monthly breakfast on Sunday between the 8:00 and 10:00 AM services. Sponsored by various ministry groups, this welcoming event features delicious meals lovingly prepared to kickstart your day with good food and great company. It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy a relaxed, community-driven breakfast before the morning service and connect with fellow parishioners. Join us for a taste of summer and fellowship!

**Tech Tuesday** helps you with phone, computer, and laptop issues in a group setting so we can all learn from each other. Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM.

**Youth Group** is a vibrant and engaging faith formation program for our young people. Our approach is hands-on and experiential, designed to foster a sense of community, trust, and belonging. We want every young person to feel that our church is truly their own, a place where they are always safe and welcomed. Join the fun in Youth Group for grades 6 through 12.



# FORMATION

## OVERVIEW OF FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday School: Sundays at 10:00 AM (for 3 year olds – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Sunday Forum: Sundays at 9:00 AM (usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)
- Bible Study: Wednesdays at 11:00 AM (September – May)
- Barn Raising: Tuesdays at 6:30 PM (Meets monthly – see description below and calendar for dates.)
- Theological Book Study: Thursdays at 4:00 PM (meets October – May)

**Bible Study with Clergy** On Wednesday mornings we will explore Holy Scripture and the tradition of the Church through discussion and presentation that will enrich our Christian experience by using the wealth of sources found in the Bible. Led by Fr. Groff, we discuss passages and themes, including their history, geography and theological interpretations through the ages. In September, we will begin an exploration of the Book of Revelation.

**NEW Barn Raising** is a monthly Tuesday evening gathering for adults who want to build something lasting—faith, community, and deeper understanding—together. Set in The Barn, our cozy, casual space with warm lighting and inviting conversation, each session brings people together with clergy for shared reflection, honest questions, and small group connection. Inspired by the old-fashioned barn raisings where neighbors came together to lift something bigger than themselves, this is a space designed for working-aged adults and parents to grow spiritually, support one another, and raise up a faith that can stand strong in real life.

**The Episcopal Way** is a preparation course designed for adults considering Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation. It's also a great opportunity for newcomers to Good Shepherd or anyone eager to delve deeper into Good Shepherd and the Episcopal Church. Led by Fr. Groff, this course spans two consecutive Sundays. Note that youth confirmation is handled separately through our Youth Ministry program.

**Sunday Forum** is a welcoming space for lively conversation on topics that connect faith with everyday life at Good Shepherd. Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month to learn, share, and grow together.

**Sunday School** is an engaging way for children to discover their own special place in the Christian community. We gather, praise God, give thanks, and go forth to love and serve the Lord. Age-appropriate materials allow children to use all their senses for learning in a fun and meaningful way with a focus on Bible stories, Jesus' parables and the liturgical actions that show us what it means to be an Episcopalian.

**The Theological Book Group** is a thoughtful, seasonal gathering of adults who enjoy exploring faith and theology through engaging books and meaningful conversation. Meeting on Thursday afternoons at 4:00 PM (in the library or via Zoom), the group spends several weeks with each book, diving deep into its themes and reflecting on how it shapes and challenges our spiritual lives. Whether you're a lifelong reader of theology or just curious to explore, all are welcome to join the discussion.



**Vacation Bible School** is an exciting week of Christian learning and fun for kids in our parish and neighboring community! From exploring Jesus' stories and parables to diving into the joy of stewardship, thanksgiving, and community, your children will have an amazing time discovering their faith. Open to kids ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, this week promises to be filled with laughter and learning. We're also on the lookout for enthusiastic youth and adult volunteers to join the fun—come be a part of this unforgettable



Check the monthly calendar pages for additional formation opportunities.

experience! Vacation Bible School offers volunteer service hours for youth who help as junior counselors.

# SERVING & CARING

**Bereavement Support Group** If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are not alone. Our Bereavement Support Group offers a compassionate space to share, listen, and find comfort with others who understand. The group meets monthly and is open to all. It generally meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:00 am in the Quiet Room.

The **Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK)** is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of prayer, service, and evangelism. Daughters make a commitment to Jesus as their Savior and follow Him as Lord of their lives. Daughters meet at various times throughout the year and also serve through special projects and group activities. For information about the DOK or to inquire about the next information session, please contact Good Shepherd Chapter President Laurie Caudle.

**Food Packing 4 Haiti** is a diocesan-wide program to aid and support the community of Bondeau, Haiti. In March, we participate in annual the Food Packing for Haiti event, when 350 people gather in shifts to pack 75,000 packets of rice and beans to feed the children in the Bondeau schools.



The **Food Pantry** is dedicated to helping anyone in need of food by providing non-perishable items and sometimes fresh fruits, vegetables and bread. We are open every Tuesday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You can contribute by donating food during pantry hours or by bringing items to church on Sunday morning.

**Greeting Card Ministry** Volunteers send cards to people who are experiencing a difficult time in life such as illness or bereavement. Cards are sent in the name of the congregation to assure recipients of our prayers and concern. Drop your greeting card donations at the church office.

**Knitting Ministries** share warmth and comfort both near and far. The Seafarers' Knitting Ministry creates scarves and hats for mariners from around the world who pass through our tropical ports before heading into colder climates. The Prayer Shawl Ministry crafts shawls and lap robes for those who are ill, homebound, or going through difficult times. Whether you knit, crochet, or want to learn, your hands can help bring warmth and care to others.

**Office Volunteers** serve in the parish office. These positions, typically for half-days (mornings or afternoons, any day of the week), involve answering phones, directing visitors, and assisting the church secretary with various tasks. We announce volunteer opportunities as they arise, so keep an eye out and consider joining us in this essential role!

**The Outreach Committee** guides Good Shepherd's support for local, national, and international ministries, including multiple food programs, schools, community centers, disaster relief, and mission partnerships. Our work extends from nearby efforts—such as the Good Shepherd Food Pantry and gleaning with CROS Ministries—to global partners in places like Guatemala, Haiti, Madagascar, and Jerusalem. We also respond to urgent needs and support recovery after disasters. Funded largely through proceeds from *Artie's Party*, our outreach makes a real difference in feeding the hungry, caring for children, supporting education, and providing relief where it's needed most. The committee meets monthly to plan and coordinate this work. Whether you're interested in food ministries, hands-on projects, or sharing the story of what we do, we'd love to have you join us!

**The Pastoral Care Committee** ministers to parishioners who are sick in the hospital, home-bound, grieving, or in difficulty of any sort. The clergy and laity of Good Shepherd share this pastoral ministry, supporting each other on a daily basis.

**Pennies For Heaven Thrift Shop** isn't just a place to shop—it's a vital part of our ministry and mission at Good Shepherd. With every donation, you help serve our community, support those in need, and fuel the life-giving work happening here every day. Proceeds from the shop help fund our ministries, maintain our welcoming space, and support the leadership that keeps it all going. Got gently used items? Drop them off today!

**Prayer List** is available if you, a friend or family member would like the prayers of our church community, please call the office or make requests through the website.

**St. George Table ministry** prepares and serves meals to homeless and hungry people in Riviera Beach. We cook and serve two hot meals a month and make sandwiches. Volunteers are needed to cook on Sundays and serve meals on Mondays from 10:00 AM to noon.

# LEADERSHIP



The **Finance Committee** plays a crucial role in managing our parish's financial health. Members collaborate to develop and review the annual budget, oversee financial procedures with the Treasurer, bookkeeper, and tellers, and ensure a thorough annual review by a CPA. They also offer recommendations to the Vestry on budgeting matters and contribute to the Stewardship Committee's efforts. The committee meets quarterly or as needed in the parish office building.

The **Investment Committee** is responsible for the prudent management of our major funds: the Mission and Ministry

Development Fund and the Endowment Fund. We ensure that these funds are handled according to their specific guidelines, the canons of the Episcopal Church and our Diocese, and Good Shepherd's policies. The committee meets quarterly to review and oversee the investment strategies and performance.

**Ministry Teams** are a group of individuals who work collaboratively to fulfill the church's mission and vision by using their unique talents and gifts. At Good Shepherd, we are blessed with many ministries that serve our church family and community. To help each ministry thrive, we organize teams that gather around a central area of ministry to support its success, plan for the future, and make a lasting impact. These teams are vital in ensuring our ministries continue to grow and serve with love. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to share their time, gifts, and ideas. If you feel called to get involved, we invite you to join a ministry team and be part of the amazing work God is doing here at Good Shepherd!

**Newcomers' Ministry Team** are group of church volunteers dedicated to welcoming, integrating, and assisting new people who join the congregation. Their mission goes beyond a simple "hello" on Sunday; This team identifies meaningful ways to invite and connect newcomers into the life of our church. They sponsor the **Greeters Program**, making sure every visitor feels at home, and they host activities such as Coffee with Clergy, newcomer receptions, and other fellowship gatherings designed to build relationships.

## Good Shepherd Vestry

- Dan Gilbert, *Senior Warden*
- Kevin Riddle, *Junior Warden*
- Carolyn Reikenis, *Clerk*
- Mike Greene, *Treasurer*
- Sophie Riddle, *Youth Liaison*
- Caroline Boren
- Dimitri Chimerakis
- George Creel
- Ron Doucette
- Kate Gouery
- Mike Grashof
- Julie Hirsch
- Larry Smith
- Janice Thomas

The **Vestry** is the governing and decision-making body of our parish, comprised of the Rector and 12 lay members who serve staggered three-year terms. Nominations are made by a committee of outgoing Vestry members and the Rector and elected by the congregation at the Annual Parish Meeting. Meetings are held in the library of the parish office building at 6:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month, except July. Current Vestry members are listed here as well as the Sunday bulletin and on our website. Their contact information is available through the parish office.



# SEPTEMBER

- 4 Choir Practice begins
- 4 Literary Circle meets on Zoom (monthly)
- 5 Good Guys Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Meets weekly)
- 7 Sunday School begins
- 7 Program Year Kick-off Picnic Event
- 9 Tech Tuesday
- 9 Outreach Committee Meeting
- 10 Bible Study with Clergy begins
- 11 Newcomer Reception
- 12 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 13 Acolyte Training
- 13 Hallowed Hike
- 14 Episcopal Way—Part I
- 18 O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds)
- 20 Daughters of the King
- 21 Sunday Forum
- 21 Episcopal Way—Part II
- 23 Barn Raising
- 26 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 28 Usher & Greeter Training
- 28 Senior Sunday
- 28 Bereavement Group



Join us for Good Shepherd's  
**Kickoff Cookout**

Sunday, September 7 11:30 - 1:00  
Burgers and hot dogs provided, bring a pot-luck style side or dessert to share.

THE  
**EPISCOPAL WAY**  
An Introduction to Life in the Church

Sundays, September 14 & 21, 2025  
11:30 to 1:00  
Lunch will be provided  
Register at [GoodShepOnline.org](http://GoodShepOnline.org)

GOOD SHEPHERD  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL  
TRUSSDALE, FLORIDA



# OCTOBER

- 1 Blessing of the Animals with Pet Bereavement Litany
- 5 Instructed Eucharist
- 5 Young Families Gathering
- 8 Youth Confirmation Class resumes
- 10 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 11 Hallowed Hike
- 11 Murder Mystery Dinner (Fall Fundraiser)
- 14 Tech Tuesday
- 14 Barn Raising
- 16 O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds)
- 16 Theological Book Study (*How We Learn to be Brave* - Budde)
- 17/18 Diocesan Convention
- 19 Sunday Forum
- 19 Music Concert
- 24 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 25 Sand & Spirit: Sunrise Eucharist (Pancakes for breakfast)
- 26 Bereavement Group
- 26 Pumpkin Carving and All Hallows Eve Service
- 28 Good Guys Grill
- 31 Good Shepherd School Costume Parade

All critters welcome! Leashed or caged, please!

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**Wednesday, October 1**

**Meet in the courtyard at 6:00**

CHILLIN' & GRILLIN'

**GOOD GUYS GRILL**

JOIN THE MEN OF GOOD SHEPHERD  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

**WHO DUN IT?**

*A Mystery Dinner*

Saturday, October 11 at 6:00 PM

Join us for our annual Fall fundraiser



## GOOD SHEPHERD MUSIC & ARTS

PRESENTS

LIANA BRANSCOME – Violin  
BEIYAO JI – Piano

**Sunday, October 19 at 5:00 PM**

General Tickets: \$10

Limited VIP Tickets: \$50 (RSVP)

# NOVEMBER

- 2 All Saints' Sunday
- 3 Treasure Coast Youth Symphony
- 4 Barn Raising
- 7 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 9 Giving Sunday—Offering of Pledge Cards  
A Taste of Good Shepherd
- 11 Tech Tuesday
- 15 Holiday Bazaar and Marketplace
- 20 O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds)
- 21 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 23 Bishop's Visit (Confirmation)
- 23 Sunday Forum
- 23 Bereavement Group
- 27 Thanksgiving Day Run 4 The Pies
- 30 First Sunday in Advent
- 30 Advent Wreath Workshop

# GOOD SHEP FLEA



**Holiday Bazaar & Open Air Market**

**NOV 15 8 TO 2**  
**TEQUESTA**

Pennies For Heaven Thrift Shop  
400 Seabrook Road  
Tequesta, FL 33469  
GoodShepOnline.org/thrift-shop



**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

**Good Shep Flea** is a HUGE open-air market and Holiday Bazaar held on November 15, 2025. Coordinated by Pennies for Heaven Thrift Shop, our volunteers never fail to make it a spectacular community event with great treasures and Christmas items, bake sale, thrift shop sale, and lunch grill! Donations will be happily accepted in the weeks leading up to the event. Volunteers are always appreciated.

## Stewardship 2026: Where Love Takes Root

Your generosity turns into sacred moments of lasting joy. Every gift is planted in the rich soil of our shared life, nourished by generations of love at Good Shepherd. From that strength, we grow—sustaining leaders, caring for gathering spaces, nurturing faith, and cultivating new possibilities. Your pledge weaves your story into God's vision: a Christ-centered community where deep roots grow new branches, faith and friendship flourish, and grace overflows into the world. Together, we tend God's garden so love may take root and bear abundant fruit for years to come.



WHERE LOVE TAKES ROOT

*Generosity is the seed.  
Love is the harvest.*



Palm Beach Roadrunners presents the **25th Annual Run 4 the Pies** in Tequesta on Thanksgiving Day morning. Gather your flock and join us for a fun filled morning featuring a 4-miler, a 1-mile run for youth ages 8-12, and Li'l Pilgrim Dash for kids 7 and under. This race benefits **Good Shepherd Food Pantry**.

To volunteer: [jwood@goodsheponline.org](mailto:jwood@goodsheponline.org)  
To run/walk: [pies.palmbeachroadrunners.com](http://pies.palmbeachroadrunners.com)

Constitution Park on November 27



Join us for our  
**Advent Wreath Workshop**



**Sunday, November 30**  
**9:00 am in the Parish Hall**

Make a wreath for your family to

# DECEMBER

- 2 GriefShare Surviving the Holidays
- 4 Theological Book Study (*Miracles and Wonder* by Pagels)
- 6 Advent Quiet Day
- 7 Advent II
- 8 Tech Tuesday
- 9 Barn Raising
- 14 Advent III
- 14 Youth Group Christmas Cookie Sale
- 14 Candlelight Compline (St. Lucia)
- 17 Choir
- 18 O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds)
- 18 Good Shepherd School Christmas Program
- 20 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 20 The Longest Night Service
- 21 Advent IV with Christmas Pageant
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Office closed through January 2
- 28 A Service of Lessons and Carols



## Christmas Services

December 20 at 5:00 PM  
The Longest Night: A service of hope and healing

December 21 at 10:00 AM  
Children's Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 PM	Family Christmas Eucharist
7:00 PM	Festive Eucharist
10:00 PM	Festive Eucharist

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 AM	Christmas Eucharist
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Christmas I, December 28

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	A Service of Lessons and Carols



Join us for a day of reflection on  
**Advent: A Season of Hope,  
Love, Joy & Peace**  
Saturday, December 6  
9:00 - 3:00

**Advent Quiet Day**



JOIN US TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 5:00 PM FOR

# Surviving the Holidays



**GriefShare**

Contact the church office to register.



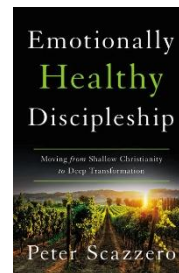

**The Christmas Pageant** is a perennial favorite at Good Shepherd when the children of our parish give the gift of story to the congregation during the 10:00 am service. There are parts for all age children — even youth. We have one dress rehearsal the day before the pageant and parent volunteers are encouraged to help on pageant day.

# JANUARY 2026

- 1 New Year's Day (office closed through January 2)
- 2 Good Guys Breakfast
- 4 Church & Chili (Bonfire on the Beach)
- 5 Good Shepherd School returns from break
- 9 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 10 Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Course
- 11 Holy Baptism at the 10:00 service
- 11 Sunday Forum
- 13 Tech Tuesday
- 13 Barn Raising
- 15 O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds)
- 17 Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Course
- 17-19 Family Retreat
- 18 Bereavement Group
- 23 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 24 Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Course
- 25 Annual Meeting
- 27 Good Guys Grill
- 31 Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Course
- 31 Youth Fundraiser



**The Annual Meeting** at Good Shepherd is where we gather to reflect on the past year, celebrate our achievements, and look forward to the future. This important event includes reports, discussions, and planning for the year ahead. Your participation helps shape our community and mission—don't miss it on Sunday, January 25 at 10:30 am!



**Emotionally Healthy Discipleship** is a Christian ministry birthed out of the realization that key areas were missing in the church's spiritual formation /discipleship. Over a 22-year period, these missing elements were identified and applied in churches around the world. Join us for this 6-week course that meets on Saturdays from January 10—February 14.



**Good Shepherd Episcopal School** values each child as an individual, nurturing them in a caring community of teachers, families, and peers. Our program combines strong academics, innovative technology, creative arts, and spiritual growth through chapel and religious studies. More than a school, Good Shepherd connects our parish, families, and the wider Tequesta community in shared purpose and joy.

# FEBRUARY 2026

- 7 Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Course
- 8 Youth "Souper Bowl" Food Drive
- 8 Sunday Forum
- 10 Tech Tuesday
- 10 Barn Raising
- 13 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 13 Artie's Party Annual Outreach Fundraiser
- 15 Shrove Sunday Pancakes
- 18 Ash Wednesday
- 19 O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds)
- 19 Theological Book Study (*Transformed Lives* - Crysdale)
- 22 Lent I
- 22 Bereavement Group
- 25 Lenten Supper & Series (5-weeks)
- 27 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast



Join us as we celebrate 25 years of **Artie's Parties!** Put on your sparkles and glitter and meet us on the dance floor for an unforgettable evening at our Silver Disco Ball – a night of music, dancing, fun, and fellowship, all in support of Good Shepherd's mission and ministries.



 A graphic for Ash Wednesday services. It features a wooden cross and a bowl of dark grey ashes on a light-colored, textured surface. A green olive branch is also visible.
 

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

10 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing with Imposition of Ashes

7 PM Holy Eucharist w/ Imposition of Ashes

 A graphic for the Lenten Program. It shows a group of people sitting around a table in a well-lit room, engaged in conversation. A woman is standing and speaking to the group.
 

**Join us for our Lenten Program**

**Wednesdays Beginning February 25**

 A graphic for the Youth Food Drive Souper Bowl. It shows a table covered with a red and white checkered tablecloth, laden with various food items like cereal boxes and jars.
 

**Youth Food Drive Souper Bowl**

**Sunday, February 8**

**Help our youth support the Food Pantry, please donate food!**

**Lenten Supper & Formation Series**

Join us this Lent for a 5-week journey of reflection, fellowship, and worship. Each Wednesday evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with a simple supper shared in community, followed by a time of learning and conversation. We'll conclude each gathering with a brief, meaningful worship service to center our hearts and minds on Christ's presence in this holy season. Come for nourishment—both for body and soul—and walk with us through Lent together.

# MARCH 2026

- 1 Lent II
- 3-6 Episcopal Parish Network Conference
- 4 Lenten Supper & Series
- 7 GSES Spring Fling
- 8 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 8 Lent III
- 10 Tech Tuesday
- 10 Barn Raising
- 11 Lenten Supper & Series
- 13 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 14 Lenten Quiet Day
- 15 Lent IV
- 15 Sunday Forum
- 15 Celtic Eucharist (Evening)
- 16-20 Good Shepherd School Spring Break
- 18 Lenten Supper & Series
- 19 O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds)
- 22 Lent V
- 22 Bereavement Group
- 25 Lenten Supper & Series
- 29 Palm Sunday

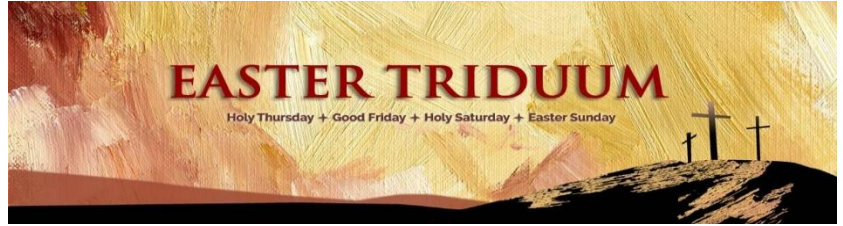


Step away from the busyness of life and enter the stillness. This Lenten Quiet Day invites you to walk alongside the Celtic saints whose lives were marked by courage, generosity, and deep connection with God's creation. Join us Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM for a day of quiet reflection. Bring a journal, a sandwich, and an open heart. All are welcome!



# APRIL 2026

- 2 Maundy Thursday
- 3 Good Friday
- 4 Holy Saturday
- 5 Easter
- 6 – 7 Office closed
- 10 Morning Glory Women’s Fellowship Breakfast
- 12 Easter II
- 14 Tech Tuesday
- 14 Good Guys Grill
- 16 O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds)
- 16 Newcomer Reception
- 18 GSES Gala (Parish Hall)
- 19 Easter III
- 19 Sunday Forum
- 19 Episcopal Way – Part I
- 19 Thank You Dinner
- 24 Taizé by the Water
- 26 Easter IV – Good Shepherd Sunday
- 26 Bereavement Support Group
- 26 Episcopal Way – Part 2
- 28 Barn Raising
- 30 Pennies Fashion Show & Luncheon
- 30 GSES Spring Showcase



The **Easter Triduum** is the three-day period leading up to the celebration of **Easter**. It begins with **Maundy Thursday** which commemorates the Last Supper, featuring the foot washing ritual, the institution of the Eucharist, and the stripping of the altar, symbolizing Christ’s impending crucifixion. **Good Friday** invites reflection on the crucifixion of Jesus, with Stations of the Cross at noon and an evening service of Taizé with the veneration of the cross, and meditation on Christ’s sacrifice. **Holy Saturday** offers the Easter Vigil, beginning in darkness and culminating in the joyous celebration of Christ’s resurrection with the lighting of the Paschal candle, Scripture readings, and the first Eucharist of Easter. The Triduum concludes with **Easter Sunday**, a jubilant celebration of the Resurrection marked by uplifting hymns, vibrant decorations, and a festive Eucharist, as we rejoice in the victory of life over death and embrace the promise of new beginnings. The morning finishes off with a children’s Easter Egg Hunt in the field behind the Parish Hall. Alleluia!

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN ANNUAL FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON



## Runway for The Roses

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30** **11:30-1:30**

**TICKETS: \$35** *Doors open at 11:00*

**FASHION & FOOD** **PRIZE DRAWINGS**

### Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday	March 29	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist I Holy Eucharist II
Maundy Thursday	April 2	7:00 PM 9:00 PM	HE and Stripping of the Altar Prayer Vigil (all night)
Good Friday	April 3	12:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross (Youth) Taizé Service
Holy Saturday	April 4	8:00 PM	The Great Vigil of Easter
Easter Sunday	April 5	6:30 AM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Sunrise Service (Rite II) Outdoor Chapel Festival Eucharist—Rite I Festival Eucharist—Rite II Easter Egg Hunt



# MAY 2026

- 3 Easter V
- 8 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 9 Hallowed Hike
- 10 Easter VI
- 10 Mother's Day
- 12 Tech Tuesday
- 12 Barn Raising
- 17 Baccalaureate Sunday
- 17 Acolyte Recognition
- 17 Sunday Forum
- 21 O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds)
- 22 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 24 **Pentecost (Wear RED)**
- 25 Memorial Day
- 27 GSES Last Day of School
- 31 Trinity Sunday
- 31 Bereavement Support Group



## BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES!



SUNDAY, MAY 17 AT THE 10:00 SERVICE



# JUNE 2026

- 7 VBS Preparation (following 10:00 service)
- 8 – 12 Vacation Bible School
- 12 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 16 Tech Tuesday
- 18 O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Shepherds)
- 19 Juneteenth (Office closed)
- 21 Father's Day
- 26 Morning Glory Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 28 Summer Sunday Café (tentative)



Join us for  
**Summer Sunday Café**  
Monthly during the summer  
9:00 AM in the Parish Hall



# HOW TO...

**Make an appointment with Clergy** Please call the church office to schedule an appointment with Father Groff. It is helpful if you can give the office staff two or three dates that will work for you.

**Submit a bulletin announcement** The deadline for a Sunday announcement is the preceding Tuesday of each week. Announcements are edited as needed. Contact Lisa at [lellington@goodsheponline.org](mailto:lellington@goodsheponline.org).

**Access Realm, our online directory** Our directory is the best way to stay connected! There is also an app for iOS or Android available from the App Store or Google Play. Desktop version is found at [www.onrealm.org](http://www.onrealm.org). If you need login credentials, contact Lisa at [lellington@goodsheponline.org](mailto:lellington@goodsheponline.org) or attend Tech Tuesday (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.)

**Make a gift of Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candle** Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles may be given in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones by submitting a form which may be found in the church office, the Narthex, or see page 18 of this document for QR codes that you can scan.

**Make a donation** Donations may be made online, by mail, or in person. Options include one-time or recurring gifts. Offering envelopes are available upon request. For information about bequests, stock transfers, and major gifts, please contact Lynn Evans at [account@goodsheponline.org](mailto:account@goodsheponline.org)

**Make a pledge** A pledge is your estimate of giving that helps leadership determine a budget for the coming year. Pledge cards are available in the office, in the Narthex, and on our website, Our Giving Page also has useful information about pledging. [goodsheponline.org/giving](http://goodsheponline.org/giving) Or go to page 18 of this document to scan a QR code.

**Access your giving statement** On Realm, our online directory, you are able to access your profile to view and print your giving progress.

**Join Good Shepherd** Make it official! Simply fill out a parish registration form, available in the office and online, and return it to the office or turn it in at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex any Sunday.

**Transfer your membership from another church** If you are coming to Good Shepherd from another Episcopal church, please let us know and we will request your Letter of Transfer which facilitates accurate national statistics and church records. Contact the church office.

**Enroll your child in Good Shepherd School** To find out about enrollment, curriculum, and our caring community that provides a firm foundation for life and learning, please contact our accredited school directly at [admin@goodshepschool.com](mailto:admin@goodshepschool.com) or call 561-746-5507. For Early Learners 2-3 years old through 5th grade.

**Get a nametag** Nametags are a great way to get to know one another. We will provide a complementary nametag for you at your request. The standard nametag is magnetic, but if you require a pin, we can do that, too. Contact Jo Wood or ask for one at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

**Update your contact information** Family information like phone numbers, mailing addresses and emails may be updated by you on Realm. Alternatively, you may call Lisa at 561-746-4674.

**Reserve space on campus** Campus facilities may be rented/reserved based on availability for private events by parishioners. Please contact Jo Wood, Hospitality Director, for applications, fees, and scheduling at [jwood@goodsheponline.org](mailto:jwood@goodsheponline.org).

**Arrange Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, or Funeral** Forms and applications are found on the Resources & Forms page of our website or you may call the office for assistance at 561-746-4674.

**Donate to Pennies For Heaven Thrift Shop** Donations of your gently used items are accepted whenever the shop is open or you may place items INSIDE the donation box outside the back door of the shop. Please do not pile anything around the building during off hours. Shop hours are Tuesday – Friday, 11:00 am to 4:00 PM.

**Donate to the Food Pantry** Please bring donations to church on Sunday or drop them off on Tuesday between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Consult our website to see what the most needed items are.

# SIGN UP & GIVE

Scan the QR Codes below to donate, register or sign up to volunteer.

## ONLINE GIVING

Scan this code to give online. Pay your pledge, make a memorial donation, give to the Food Pantry, order altar flowers, or donate any other gift that allows Good Shepherd to carry on its mission and ministry.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sunday School is offer weekly during the 10:00 AM for children Pre-K through 5th grade. Families go to church together and during the service, children will process out with their teachers for Sunday School. Each week we begin our class with prayer. Then we hear our Bible story. We talk about the story and how it applies to our lives. Then we respond to the story with a creative activity. Children return to the service during the announcements.



## ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Keep our altar blooming throughout the year! Donate flowers in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event, or in thanksgiving for blessings. The flowers are delivered each Sunday, following the service, to those who or ill or who have recently lost a loved one.



## SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle is always lit, except on Good Friday. You may sponsor it in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone on a monthly basis. Request a month for the sanctuary candle.



## PRAYER REQUEST

We believe in the power of prayer. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, we invite you to share your request with us. Our short-term list is for people facing surgery or temporary situations. Our long-term list is for those with terminal illness, in care facilities or chronic conditions.



## NEW MEMBER INFORMATION FORM

Newcomers are invited to complete a New Member Information Form. This provides Good Shepherd with your basic contact information so we can add you to our weekly email list. You can also specify ministry area that is of interest so the staff can put you in touch with the appropriate ministry leaders.



## PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship is more than just meeting needs—it's about unlocking the full potential of our faith community. Your financial gifts allow us to plan for and carry out the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd.



### 12-Step Groups at Good Shepherd include:

#### *Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)*

Mondays – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Hall

Tuesday (women only) – 10:30 a.m. –Parish Hall

Friday (women only) – 10:30 a.m. – Parish Hall

#### *Al-Anon*

Wednesday – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Quiet Room



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