



The Voice

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

**Sunday Eucharist
at 10:00 AM**

Offering love and fellowship through Jesus Christ to all seeking hope, mercy, and renewal.

STAY TUNED FOR COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS UPDATES

ON THURSDAY, AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE VESTRY, WE WILL FINALIZE THE UPDATED PROTOCOLS PRESENTED BY THE CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE. THESE PROTOCOLS WILL THEN BE PUBLISHED IN THE VOICE NEXT FRIDAY AND WILL BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY TRINITY SUNDAY, 30 MAY 2021.

FOR THIS SUNDAY, 16 MAY, PLEASE FOLLOW OUR STANDARD PROTOCOLS INCLUDING MASKING AND DISTANCING. THANK YOU!



**JOIN US FOR EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, 16 MAY
AT 10:00 A.M.**

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

THERE ARE STILL SOME SEATS AVAILABLE FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE THEM OR USE THE BUTTON BELOW TO RSVP.

If you need to cancel your reservation, please call the office at 281-482-7630 before 4 PM today so that someone else may attend. If you need to cancel at the last minute - please reach out to someone who is attending so they can notify the Usher.

Remember to RSVP early for next week. If you need assistance selecting a POD when you RSVP for some reason - please call the office and we would be happy to help address your needs.

ZOOM IN:

Join Sunday Service Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85116920448?pwd=eXJpU0tuR1ZUbTNhMGFlcjM0NXlVdz09>

Meeting ID: 851 1692 0448

Passcode: 601496

Dial by phone

346 248 7799

NOTE: The Zoom Link will stay open for a little while after services conclude so that parishioners may chat with one another online.

RSVP for In-Person Services

Sunday Eucharist Zoom Link

Book of Common Prayer

Sunday Readings

Hymnal

"IN PERSON" INFORMATION for ALL Gatherings at Good Shepherd:

CANCELLATIONS: THOSE WHO MAKE RESERVATIONS TO ATTEND AND THEN DO NOT COME OR DO NOT CANCEL BEFORE THE SERVICE HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR OTHERS TO WORSHIP IN PERSON AS WE GENERALLY ARE AT CAPACITY. PLEASE CONSIDER OTHERS.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: For those who may desire hearing augmentation during the Sunday Service audio amplification devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

If you have any questions, contact the church office at: office@gshepherd.net or call (281) 482-7630.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS: Please consult the link below if you have any further questions about the precautions that we continue to take in order to stay safe as we gather.

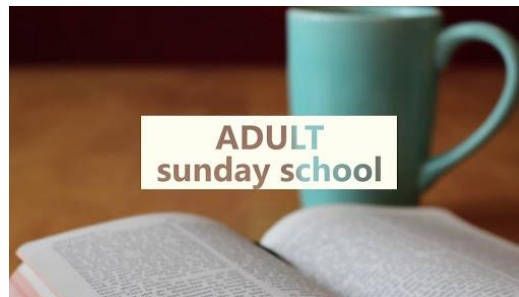
"In-Person" PRECAUTIONS



Link to On-line Offerings and Flower Donations

Offerings can be made to the church by putting your check in the offertory plates at the back of the Chapel or Sanctuary. If you would like to make an online offering, please use the PayPal link below (yellow button on our website under the stained glass photo).

On-line Donations to Good Shepherd



STUDY: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Shepherd's Hall and on Zoom 9:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86081664108?pwd=eIFCek1BU3pWVTRKR3MwSW14ak5ZZz09>

Meeting ID: 860 8166 4108

Passcode: blue

Dial by your location

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 860 8166 4108
Passcode: 416451

Listed below are the dates and topics and the assigned presenters. (Changes to presenters may be made as necessary)

David Isaak, May 16, 2021/ The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Read: ACTS Chapter 5:1-42

Jim Babb, May 23, 2021/ The Day of Pentecost
Read: ACTS Chapter 6:1-15

Chris Mays, May30, 2021/ The First Sunday after Pentecost
Read: ACTS Chapter 7:1-60

Sherry Fisher, June 6, 2021/ The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Read: ACTS Chapter 8:1-40

Nancy Bradley, June 13, 2021/ The Third Sunday after Pentecost
Read: ACTS Chapter 9:1-43

Matt Robinson, June 20, 2021/ The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Read: ACTS Chapter 10:1-48

[Sunday School Link](#)

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday
18 May 2021, 7:00PM

All are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of the Good Shepherd Episcopal School Board which will take place this week on Tuesday beginning at 7:00PM. We will gather in Sterling Hall for the meeting and on Zoom. For a link to the meeting please contact Fr. Bob by email at: interimrector@gshepherd.net





Wednesday Evening Chat and Compline At 6:30 PM

Join the Zoom Meeting using the link or button below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88116282561?pwd=Vjlqb2lnL1c1VXMzS1VJJOXQxUII2QT09>

Meeting ID: 881 1628 2561

Passcode: 788248

Dial 346 248 7799

Wed. Eve. Chat & Compline

Vestry Meeting Thursday 20 May at 7 PM

The next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 20 May at 7 PM in Shepherd's Hall and on Zoom. Vestry Meetings are open to anyone in the parish that might want to attend as a guest. If you have interest in attending the meeting please come by in-person or email Fr. Bob for a link.at: interimrector@gshepherd.net



This Sunday we Celebrate our Graduates! 16 May at 10:00 AM Service

On Sunday, 16 May 2021, we will celebrate the achievements of our Parish Graduates at the 10:00 AM Sunday Service. Join us for the Celebration.

Our graduates include:

Abby Martin



Alvin Community College
Associates of Applied Science- with Polysomnography liscese

Gina Baker

University of Houston
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Relations with a minor in Business Management

Jonah Isaak

Friendswood High School
Will be attending Baylor University in the Fall of 2021 to study Economics.

Kyle Jones

The University of Missouri in Columbia
Bachelors Degree in Broadcast Journalism

Sean Peterson

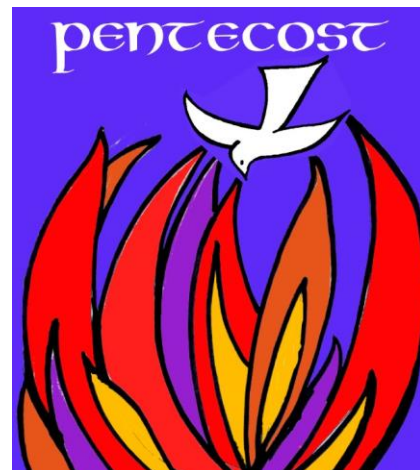
Sam Houston State University
Bachelor's Degree in History

A Special Thanks to the Episcopal Church Women for the purchase of the study Bibles that will be presented to the graduates!

**Pentecost at Good Shepherd
Service times:**

**Saturday, 22 May 4:30 PM
Outdoors, on the breezeway in front
of Church
Choir and congregational singing**

**Sunday, 23 May, 10:00 AM
In the Church
Choir**





The Episcopal Church Women Contribution Pays for New A/C Unit!

The ECW graciously donated the funds to pay for a new A/C unit for Sterling Hall. An old unit was still in place but turned off because it was rendered irreparable. Our vendor came this week and removed the dead unit and replaced it with one that will provide the hall with cool air for many years to come. This is such a blessing for many of our ministries, the Good Shepherd Preschool, and all of our larger parish gatherings that use Sterling Hall.

Good Shepherd would like to thank the ECW for always contributing to our church in such amazing ways!

FAMILY PROMISE IS COMING SOON!

June 6-12 will be our assigned dates to offer housing and support to the families that we continue to serve through this wonderful ministry right here at Good Shepherd. Be watching the VOICE for updates and if you can offer assistance please mark your calendar.

Please call or email the church office if you are able to be an Overnight Host one (or more) of the nights from June 6 through June 12. Cots and private sleeping areas are provided - you just need to be available to our guest families overnight in case of an emergency.



The nightly dinner menu is available below as a PDF for people to sign up to bring part of a meal or a complete meal. Extra items are always needed too like snacks, cookies, condiments, breakfast bars, etc. To volunteer for anything on the sign up sheet, contact the church office number is: 281-482-7630 or office@gshepherd.net.

If you have specific questions about the Family Promise Ministry, contact Ministry Heads Jim Babb at babbtx@aol.com or Denise O'Brian at sdwo1212@aol.com. For more information about Family Promise, check out their [website](#).

[Reference of FP Meals and Needs](#)



"Arky, Arky"

**Another wonderful production by the children of
Good Shepherd Episcopal School!**

**"Arky, Arky", the musical is posted on the the church's website
under the Media/You Tube link or click on the button below.
You know you gotta see it!!**

Arky, Arky Pageant



Pictured are Amanda DeViney, Parish Administrator and her Husband, Jamie Olson after getting their 2nd shots.

Covid-19 Vaccines

Let's all get vaccinated...

"So I encourage you in this time. I don't know what the next few weeks will bring. I don't know how this virus will continue to spread across the United States or even in our own Diocese or in our own towns, but I know that it will not defeat us, that we have an amazing faith, a hope in God that will deliver us through this time, and that nothing can separate us in this moment." -Bishop Andy Doyle, Bishop's Message to the Diocese March 20, 2020.

Vaccines for Covid-19 are now readily available all over our area and are highly encouraged by community leaders, medical professionals, and the Diocese of Texas.

If you still have not been able to get a vaccine, click on the "Covid Vaccine Availability" button below and put in your zip code and how far you are willing to travel. There are usually vaccines available within 1-5 miles of most of our local zip codes. The vaccines are free, but most locations require an ID or Driver's License. If you need assistance getting to a vaccination appointment, please contact the church office at 281-482-7630 or office@gshepherd.net and we will try to find a volunteer.

Covid-19 Vaccine Availability

Diocese Covid Guidelines



The Iona School for Ministry is a program of the Diocese of Texas providing comprehensive training for persons called to the bi-vocational priesthood, the diaconate and various lay ministries. Fr. Bob is on the faculty of the IONA School and supervises 2nd and 3rd year students for the Priesthood in their Field Education settings. Fr. Mark Crawford is the Dean for the Priests' track of studies We meet one weekend each month for ten months each year. If you should feel a call to this ministry please contact Fr. Bob at any time. For more information consult: ionaschool.com

The Texas Assembly of the Brotherhood of St Andrew Scholarship 2021 Recipient Named

The Texas Assembly of the Brotherhood of St Andrew Scholarship Committee met on Saturday, 24 April to judge the winner of our \$2000 scholarship for 2021. There were 7 extremely qualified applicants and judging took quite some time.



The winner was EMILY SHARP from Holy Comforter in Spring and the runner up was Nicholas Norman from St. Albans in Austin. Emily will receive a \$2,000. Scholarship and since we did not have our Boys Retreat last year and had some extra money, the committee decided to award Nicholas a \$1,000 Scholarship. The competition was very close, and both deserved to be winners!

These scholarships were made possible by having a successful golf tournament. The Golf Tournament is the sole fundraiser for the Texas Assembly of the Brotherhood. In addition to the \$2,000 Scholarship, we also support the Boys Retreat at Camp Allen, Positive Black Males, Camp Good News, and more.

Our tournament this year is Thursday, 30 September. I hope you will get involved in any of the following ways:

- Playing in the tournament for \$120
- Sponsoring a Veteran for \$100
- Becoming a sponsor at the \$300 or \$500 level
- Volunteering at the tournament 10am to Noon
- Donating items for the Silent Auction
- Donating Door Prizes

The Brotherhood promotes the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men and youth through the disciplines of daily prayer, regular study, and continuous service. All men and youth are welcome to attend our meetings which are regularly held at 11:00 AM in Shepherd's Hall (plus Zoom) on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. The Brotherhood also promotes socialization of men through quarterly events (COVID permitting).

Peter Gilmour, Texas Assembly of the Brotherhood President
(480) 206-9242, ptrglmr7@gmail.com

Camp Allen

We are very pleased to announce that several of the young people who are members of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church community are fully registered and will be participating in a week-long Summer Camp activity at Camp Allen this summer.



When the time comes and the weeks arrive we will post in the Voice just how parishioners will be able to send letters of encouragement and love to the the young people who will be away. (I'm pretty much gambling that we can surprise them, even if we post their names in the Voice... hard to imagine the kids reading our newsletter...!) Thanks again to the ECW for some help in making sure that I could insure funding again this year as necessary.

I will be heading to Camp Allen this Wednesday so that I can teach, as I have every year for the last five, a course in Mental Health First Aid to the senior counselors. It continues to be a joy to support in any way that I can this wonderful ministry to the young folks and families of our entire Diocese. Fr. Bob



New Forward Day by Day Books and Church Directory

The new Forward Day by Day booklets for May, June, and July 2021 have come in! They are available in large and regular print in the front lobby of the church office.

A new Parish Directory has also been issued and is available via email as a PDF document or hardcopies are available in the front lobby of the church office.

As always, church office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

*Happy
Birthday*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

17, Lis Crawford
21, Chuck Landrum
21, Freya Eileraas
22, Ashton Crues
22, Todd Gaspard

*• HAPPY •
Wedding
• ANNIVERSARY •*

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

15, Alan & Nancy McArthur
18, David & Carole Mather



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Throughout this entire year, even on those many Sundays when we were not able to gather, our choir has continued to be faithful, even if only a few at a time for months at a time. We offer a special thanks now as we begin to re-gather and enlist the help of many more as we move forward!

A very special Thank You this week to Bryan Weber who will be covering for Len on the organ while Len is on vacation!

Altar Flower Memorials and Dedications

Flowers this week are in honor of the Graduates at Good Shepherd

The church office is now taking dedications and donations for altar flowers. Altar flowers are a great way to acknowledge a birthday, anniversary, or celebration of the blessings that God has given you. No set amount is charged for flowers, as it is a donation to the flower ministry.



Call or email the church office today to reserve your special date: (281) 482-7630.

RELATED LINKS

[Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Website](#)

[Good Shepherd Episcopal School Link](#)

[Good Shepherd Church Calendar](#)

Episcopal Diocese of TX Website

Episcopal Church USA Website

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EPISCOPALIAN, THAT'S OKAY.**



**YOU ARE OUR NEIGHBOR, SO
WE RESPECT YOU, WE LOVE
YOU, AND WE WELCOME YOU.**

