

🎭 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🎭

Congratulations to our Student Confirmands:

Angel Antonio Carrillo
Vera Christine Czubic
Samuel Joe Dixon
Michael Lennon Grier
Casey Joseph Foltz
Lucy Samantha Foltz
Daniel Michael Molloy



Congratulations to Our Adults being Received or Confirmed:

Confirmation:

Gwen Laird
Sarah Crabtree

Reception:

Anne Knisely
JoAnn Reynolds
Kanon & Guillaume Gourault



FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR HEATHER DUMAIS

Heather Dumais will be leaving her positions at Good Shepherd Church and School effective May 31, 2024. She began working at the school in 2007. She and her family have been an important part of this church and school community for many fruitful years. We have planned a farewell reception for Heather on May 5, 2024 at 11:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to join us. Details are still being finalized and more information will be forthcoming. If you would like to donate to a “purse” for Heather, you can make checks payable directly to her, or to Good Shepherd marked, “Dumais Purse.” More details to follow. Please keep Heather in your prayers as she prepares to move and begin a new chapter in her life. If you would like to help with the reception, please contact Corky Foltz at cfoltz@goodshepherdkingwood.org.

Registration begins June 2 – 16 after the 9:15 service for the

Summer Children’s Musical. The musical is June 17-23 and is for children who are going into grades 2-6. Rehearsals are 6-8:30 pm Monday to Thursday. Saturday is our dress rehearsal from 9am till noon. We will present the musical on Sunday the 23rd during the 9:15 Family Service. Registration is \$35. You can also register with Joseph Painter during the week. His email is jpainter@goodshepherdkingwood.org or text him at 281-935-7442. We’re going to have a great time.



Coffee Hour needs more food for the families attending the 9:15 ser-

vice. Please consider donating breakfast type foods like pastries, fruit, etc. Also, if you are entertaining at home and have leftovers, we are more than happy to take it off your hands!! If you have any questions or donations, please contact Nicole Lowther at 832-977-6495. Thank you.



The **KnitCrochet Group** will meet on Friday, May 3, 1:30-3:30 in Rm 205. Newcomers are welcome to join our group. We enjoy knitting and crocheting items for ourselves and our families, plus hats, scarves, and prayer shawls for outreach. Free patterns are available for outreach items. Contact Emily Maas at emaas926@gmail.com.

Road Runners are looking forward to our next outing on Monday, May 6th! We'll meet here at 8:45, board the Harris County precinct bus and head west for the day. First stop will be the Arbor Gate Nursery which has grown to be one of the Houston area's finest nurseries. Then on to the quaint town of Bellville where we'll visit a 100 year old blacksmith shop for an engaging demonstration. Our posting and more information is on the bulletin board. Sign up today!



The Train Club meets the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is May 6 at 7 p.m. in Rm 205. Any questions, please call Bill Knapp at 281-358-5422.

Grief Support a monthly support program meets at Good Shepherd on the second Thursday of each month for individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. The program is facilitated by Anne Palmer (annepalmer2014@gmail.com) and Dave Kerkes (djkerkes@gmail.com). The meetings are from 7:00 to about 8:30 P.M. in Rm 205. Interested individuals need to contact either Anne or Dave prior to the meeting. Reservations are required.



Alzheimer's Support Groups Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group - A support group for family members and caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia related disorders, serving the Kingwood and Lake Houston area. Meetings are the second Monday of each month, at 7:00-8:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Contact Barbara Hemphill to learn more and reserve your spot at our next meeting at barbara@synapsesite.net or 281-851-7504.

Fellowship Committee - I am forming a Fellowship Committee and looking for interested volunteers to join! I need help looking for fun ways and opportunities for church members to spend time together in order to foster relationships with each other and with God. We will meet once a month on Zoom for an hour and go from there. If interested or have questions, please reach out to me, Nicole Lowther 832-977-6495





Happy Anniversary

May 2, David Frauenfelder & Celeste Geldreich

Happy Birthday

April 28 Henrik Fagerstrom

April 28 Becky Little

April 29 Sofia Collison

April 29 Lynn Young

April 30 Sue MacHugh

April 30 Gareth Williams

May 1 Elijah Glenn

May 2 Judith Light

May 2 Martin Light



The Women's Book Club invites all readers to join our group as we review enjoyable fiction and non-fiction. Meetings begin at noon in Rms 205-207.

The rooms will be open at 11:30 for those who wish to chat with friends prior to our meeting. Coffee & hot tea will be provided. We will be enjoying our Spring luncheon at Amedeo's on May 9th. We will be reviewing The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese on Thursday June 13th. We look forward to seeing you soon. For more information, please contact Judith K. Light at jk14slah@icloud.com

The church will conduct a Parish work day on Saturday, May 11 at 8:00 a.m. This church activity is an opportunity for all at Good Shepherd to contribute. For more information, please contact Martin Light at 713-557-6953.



The Daughters of the King will meet in Rm 211 at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 20. Please join us! If you have any questions please contact Janet Mansfield at 281-360-5143.

The Safety Committee will meet on Thursday, May 16 in Rm 208 at 6 p.m. Members, please make plans to attend.



Children's Christian Education

Senior Sunday will be held on May 19th at all services. If you have a senior that would like to participate, please contact Heather Dumais or Corky Foltz.



Good Shepherd Vacation Bible School will be July 8, 2024- July 11, 2024 from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm. Registration is online at: Good Shepherd VBS :: VBS Pro :: Group Publishing

Adult Sunday Morning

Adult Education Sunday Mornings at 9:10am: *Passionate Spirituality* Do you think that some people are just naturally more spiritual than others? Do you wonder how to develop a deeper sense of your own spiritual side? Join us in room 208 from 9:10am to 10:00 on Sundays to explore what spiritual practices might work best for your personality. This class will meet on May 5th and 12th, but not on Pentecost Sunday or the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend.

Passionate Spirituality

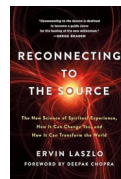
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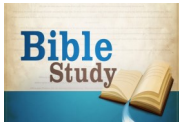
New
BIBLE STUDY
Offerings

A new adult Sunday School class will be offered starting on May 12th, at 9:10 am in Rm 206. The class will be at least 6 weeks long but may be extended to cover all the material available. This class will be studying the Gospel of Mark and will be led by Art Nolting and Peggy Booth. The primary reference for the class will be the book, "Mark for Everyone: 20th Anniversary Edition, with Study Guide", 2023, by N.T. Wright, former Bishop of Durham, England, a well known and popular educator and teacher. A personal copy of the book is not required for the class; however, paperback, large print paperback, and Kindle versions are available at most book sellers.

Adult Weekday Classes and Groups

Mondays 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (Zoom) Spirituality and Mysticism now reading: *Reconnecting to The Source: The New Science of Spiritual Experience, How It Can Change You, and How It Can Transform the World* by Irvin Laszlo.





Tuesdays 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Rm 208 (& Zoom) Adult Bible Study:

This is an open, ongoing Bible study led by Bill Richter. We read and discuss a selected book of the Bible in its entirety and move on to another. There is always good fellowship and lively discussion.

Believing, Belonging Becoming Continues on Tuesday Nights-Our focus

for this five week session of BBB will be on what it means to be Easter people, living in light of the resurrection. This will include reflections on how to extend grace to ourselves and others and shine Jesus' light in the world around us. We will also answer practical questions about what it means to be a member of the Episcopal Church. If you have come from a different denomination and are interested in being received into the Episcopal Church, this class is for you! Sign up online or email celestegeldreich@gmail.com to sign up.



Wednesday 6-7:30 p.m. “Struggle” with Sister Joan, Each Wednesday, the group will watch a video about struggle featuring Sister Joan Chittister, a Benedictine nun, best-selling author, and advocate for peace, human rights, women’s issues, and monastic and church renewal. The video presentation will be followed by discussion. Kipp and Bill Richter are facilitating the class. Email Fr. Bill to get the Zoom link.

Thursdays 10 to 11 a.m. Lectio Divina: Exciting News, we are now meeting in person (as well as Zoom) each week in Rm 215. This is an open, ongoing group that gathers to pray and meditate with scripture. There is no need for preparation and all are welcome to join us at any time. We do a new reading each week which I will send out on Wednesdays. Please contact Janet Mansfield for more information at 281-360-5143 . Contact Judith Light for Zoom instructions at 832-723-4422.



Saturday 9:00 -10:00 a.m. (Zoom) Christian Meditation: This open and ongoing group is a part of the World Community for Christian Meditation. We gather at 9:00 and spend a few minutes for check-in and introductions. We listen to a presentation on a meditation related topic for 15-20 minutes and conclude with a 25-minute silent meditation. Facilitated by Kipp and Bill Richter. To learn more, visit

www.wccm.org.

For more information or to join a group please e-mail Bill Richter at wtrbout350@gmail.com.

**2024 Budget Update
April 22, 2024**

Vestry approved a 2024 total expense budget of \$1,048,584. Latest projected revenues (including pledges and estimated Spring Fling proceeds) are \$968,694, resulting in a current deficit of **(\$79,890)**.

The current budget only funds the second priest position and paid secretarial staff through June and combines the Youth and Christian Education positions into one position at mid-year.

Retaining staffing at current levels through the entire year will increase our deficit by the following amounts unless additional funding is received:

Second Priest	\$42,181	Total Deficit	(\$122,071)
Secretarial	\$12,410	Total Deficit	(\$134,481)

Respectfully,
Good Shepherd Finance Committee

Worship Schedule

Holy Eucharist Rite I Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Family Celebration Service Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II Sunday 10:15 a.m.

*Also on YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK
(Child care provided for infants through
age 4 for all morning services)*

Holy Eucharist Rite II Sunday 5:00 p.m.

Service Wednesday 12 noon

Healing Prayer Service in the Chapel

We will also have communion every fourth Wednesday.

Service Thursdays 5 p.m.

**Prayers for Peace, Hope & Love
on YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK**

**Sanctuary Flowers
Request for Thanksgiving
or Memorial Flowers**

*I would like flowers placed
in/on the (check one):*

Sconces
 Columbarium
with a dedication on

(date)

(Please check one)

In Memory of
 In Thanksgiving for
 In Honor of

Given by (as you would like it to read):

*A suggested donation of \$75 per dedication
should be placed in an envelope with this form. Please leave the envelope in the
offering plate or in the church office.*

The Flower Guild thanks you.



Vestry Highlights April 2024



1. Closing the Budget Gap:

We have made significant progress in addressing our budget deficit this month. The Vestry has reallocated funds within the youth program budget, ensuring that the upcoming mission trip and EYC are fully funded with a surplus to spare. Our Spring Fling event was a success, and we received several generous donations that have contributed approximately \$30,000 to our finances. These efforts have reduced our deficit to under \$100,000. A big thanks to everyone for working towards a balanced budget.

2. Addressing Deferred Maintenance:

The Property Commission has started addressing deferred maintenance issues, beginning with the storage closet in the Great Hall. We understand that a broader scope of work is needed in this regard, so we have enlisted a Diocesan resource to evaluate our physical plant and identify critical areas that need attention. Their forthcoming cost estimates will guide our planning process, allowing us to tackle maintenance proactively and prevent escalating costs due to prolonged deferral.

3. Reinvigorating Fellowship and Inreach:

Our Spring Fling event was a huge success and has sparked renewed enthusiasm for fellowship within our community. We are planning next year's event and exploring ways to rejuvenate our Fall Festival. These events rely on the dedication of passionate volunteers who help to create vibrant community gatherings. If you want to contribute to these efforts, don't hesitate to get in touch with Nicole Lowther or Teri Watson.

We are excited about the possibilities these developments bring and encourage everyone to consider how they might contribute to our shared goals. If you'd like to explore the potential of helping, please don't hesitate to contact a Vestry Liaison.

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BISHOP DOYLE INVITES

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May
3-5

A weekend of fun just for us at Camp Allen!

Archery
Ropes Course
Fishing
Swimming
Paddleboarding
Canoeing
Giant Swing

Nature Hikes
Biking
Labrynth
Live Music
Eucharist
Reptile Show
Pickleball

Outdoor Movie
Petting Zoo
Craft Room
Inflatables
Skeet Shooting
Yoga
Zip Line

**Total Cost for
Hotel Lodging**
\$210 per room

**Total Cost for
Activities/Meals**
\$152 per person

Packages Include

Six buffet meals and
most programming.
Kids age 2 and under
are free.

Family discounts available

Check in at 5 pm Friday
Check out at 1 pm Sunday

Register Now!
campallen.org

The Journey to Now



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Rector—The Rev. William T. Richter, Jr.

Curate—The Rev. Celeste Geldreich

Director of Music Ministries—Joseph Painter