



THE GOOD NEWS

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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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Monday: 8 a.m.— Episcopal Day School-Chapel

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. in the Church.

September-May

Thursday: 2 p.m.— Episcopal Day School-Church

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

Wednesday: 12:05 p.m. With unction in the Chapel

BISHOP OF WESTERN LOUISIANA

The Right Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D.

RECTOR—*The Rev. John “Jack” G. Myers*

ASSISTANT PRIEST—*The Rev. Jim Lueckenhoff*

RETIRED PRIEST—*The Rev. Petroula Ruehlen*

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School

The Rev. Frances “Boo” Kay

PARISH SECRETARY—*Margie Collins*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY/

OFFICE MANAGER—*Ann Lindsay*

MINISTER OF MUSIC

ORGANIST/CHOIR MASTER—*Dr. Patrick Parker*

MUSIC MINISTRY—*Pam LeBlanc*

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2018

Between morning services.

Happy New Year Good Shepherd!

And to get us off to a fresh start, your vestry has been working on a New Mission statement to guide us in 2018. Last year we asked the Transition Consultant for our diocese, The Very Rev. Ron Clingenpeel, to guide us through a mutual ministry review. One of the things we learned about ourselves was that we didn't know our Mission Statement. So, your vestry has been working on a new one that, if approved, should catch our minds and hearts and help us focus our efforts as we move forward.

Let me speak a bit about mission statements. First of all, there is a difference between a mission and a vision statement. A vision statement is a broad statement with a big scope to it. Vision statements have a “Kingdom of God” feel to them. They say things like, “to make disciples of all nations,” or “to know Christ and make him known.” Mission statements are meant to be more focused and particular to a congregation. Fr. Clingenpeel mentioned that a mission statement offers a “promise [to the parishioners] to be believed.” A good mission statement helps us make decisions on what ministry opportunities to embrace and what aspects of congregational life we want to concentrate on and develop.

After some really good discussion (and I believe inspiration from the Lord) your vestry is contemplating the following mission statement: “*To grow in Christ together* through worship, fellowship, ministry and stewardship.”

We are excited about the simplicity of this statement and believe it will help guide our development in the year ahead. Regardless of whether this statement is approved or not, I'm drawn to the “growing in Christ together” phrase and will be focusing my efforts there in 2018.

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I believe that Good Shepherd as a particular group of people needs to “grow together” and become a closer community of faith. We are not a big church so everyone’s participation is important – lapsed members, peripheral members, new members, long standing members, young and old alike. The neat thing about the above mission statement is that it invites us to take on a perspective (and make choices), not based on what “I” as an individual want or like, but what “we” as a body of people need. For example, you may not want to come to breakfast and have a focused conversation about church life or some aspect of our faith. But, if you consider “what’s good for the body”, you may be more motivated. You may have raised your kids long ago and not need to be involved with our younger members, but our community would be a much fuller, intimate and joyful place if you did! What about attending the primary service more often where “we” more powerfully worship and fellowship together? What about being less of a consumer of Good Shepherd’s “spiritual goods and services” and becoming more of an owner/operator of them? Too often I hear folks at Good Shepherd say the “they” word. “They” should do this; “they” should do that. THEY R US.

This coming year we will hopefully schedule time to play with this idea of “growing in Christ together” to see how it might affect our ministry decisions and the direction we take as we grow together. For now, let me ask you to look at your perspective of Good Shepherd. How can you help “Us” to come together in Christ?

In Christ

Fr. Jack+

January Birthday & Prayer Calendar

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| 1 Tracey Barbe | 17 Buddy Spiller |
| 3 Kay House, Fred Bennerscheidt, Nealie Hale | 19 Heather Kelley |
| 4 Kenneth Ardoin, Brody LeBlanc | 21 Robert Gayle, Shirlene Clark, James David Allen |
| 5 Bob Rumsey, Melissa McHenry, Barham Todd | 23 John Dalgleish |
| 6 Isaac Mouhot, Lily Mouhot | 24 Charles McAdon, Brennan Ash |
| 7 John Shipman, Jennifer Jones | 25 Miller Leach, McKenzie Olsan |
| 8 Clayton Davis, John Richards | 26 Randy King |
| 10 Heather Lindsay | 28 Grace Jane Reed |
| 11 Anita Sanders, Jason Fruge' | 30 Dolores Ward, Cecile Girard |
| 12 Mary Werner | 31 Susan Ardoin |
| 14 Geralyn Davis | |
| 15 Bill Luff, Megan Grubb | |
| 16 Jack Thielen, Betty Emerson, Brigitte Martin | |



Youth Events

Happening #56 (9th- 12th grade): January 12-14, 2018

CLEY (9TH-12TH): March 9-11, 2018

Convocational Events

January 6 - Church Service at Holy Trinity

March 24 - Palm Cross Folding at Saint Andrew's

April 21 - Big Lake Chapel Service and Picnic. Hosted by Good Shepherd

Pray One For Another -James 5:16

Prayers are asked for: people suffering due to hurricanes, drought, flooding, tornados, fires and earthquakes; Polly Cole, Donna Little, Ned Lindsay, Crawford Pernici, Daryl Harper, Josephine Thweatt, Laura Fletcher Lindsay, Mike, Dean Collette, Trey Rowzie, Suzette Miller, Laura Meche, Sheila & Michael Chisholm, Rosemary, Stephanie Lemoine, Holly Boudreaux, Ron Futrell, Debbie Belair, Lessie Litzenberg, Ty Griffen, Ike Stanfield, Conner Gezell, Chris Clinkscales, Christy King, Paul Medus, Paul George, Jack, Steven Evans, Chrystal Butler, Allen Medus, Elonide Medus, Bob Vacha, Megan Rowzie, Bella Hahn, Pam Seal, Cole Cormier, Adeline Jackson, Hannah Linowski, Margaret Owens, Cammie Shaddock, Fletcher Pierson, Dr. Charles Smith, Quinton Savoie, Harvey Brown, Larry & Mary Ann Buc, Martha Schnauder, Lena Myers, Ronald Helmer, Lois Bradley, Mary Margaret Leaman, Christopher Graham, Sandra Richard, Joy Smith, Ethel Coulter, Bobby.

Safe Pregnancy: Amy Miller Hughes, Katherine Haxthausen Ponder, Kathryn Dalglish Chambley, Katie Hanudel Miles, Morgia Dampf Holmes.

Our continuing prayers are offered for: Bel Painter, Chuck Lemoine, Kay Noble, Gabby Saucier, Nancy Wyman, Nancy Draughn, Mildred Abraham, Caroline Hollins, Richard & Shirlene Clark, Buddy Leach, Luke Burnham, John Landry, Jenilyn Gibson, Susan & Knel, Mike & Marilyn Kudla, Ruth Gayle, Patricia Luff Wood, Carolyn Earhart Whittington, Marjorie Dempsey, Jackie Finch, Deneen Draves, Caroline Hammett, Emily Judice, Everett, Patricia Reeves, Cliff DeRousselle, Jaxon Sellers, Kayla DeRoache, Emily Carleton, Bobbie Holder, Jason Trahan, Bobby Thomas, Rocky Cormier, Charmaine Hufstedler, Riley Soder, Ollie Cavin and Katie Hoffman, David Crowe, Ginger Tatum, Sylvia Seals, Ruth & Bob Kickel, Danny O'Flaherty.

We pray for those serving in our armed forces: Major Christopher Ryan, US ARMY, brother of Heather Kelley; Petty Officer 3rd Class Cole Remy, NAVY, son of Kristi Smith; SPC Craig May US ARMY; Danasia London, NAVY; Chief Petty Officer Justin Phillips, NAVY, nephew of Margie Collins; SSGT John Dalglish, US ARMY, SGT Ariana Dalglish, US ARMY-honorably discharged, son and daughter-in-law of Linda & Charles Dalglish, Chief Petty Officer NAVY Brian Ponder, son-in-law of Penny & Louis Haxthausen.



- Salvation Army bell ringing



- EDS Kindergarten pageant

- Christmas Eve Children's service



Adult Education



"The Upper Room ..."

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

The Ten Commandments:

Laws of the Heart

Joan Chittister, OSB

**What are the Ten Commandments,
and are they still meaningful today?**

Join us as we continue our study of the Ten Commandments with Joan Chittister, a Benedictine sister, the best-selling author of over 50 books. She gives us the original context for each commandment, and she invites us to think deeply about its current meaning in our lives.

Jan 7 Congregation Conversations in
Hardtner Hall

Jan 14 The Ninth Commandment: The Law of
Self-Control

Jan 21 The Tenth Commandment: The Law of
Assurance

Jan 28 Epilogue: The Two Laws of Love

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need your fellowship and ours, and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom. Amen.

milestones We pray for those who have died: Steven Evans, son of Judy & Pete Evans, Gloria "Jeannie" Miller, Susan Thompson, daughter-in-law of Mary Fairman, mother of Elijah, Victor Monsour, Rt. Rev. D. Bruce MacPherson, David Dondis son of Sallie Dondis. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory and may light perpetual shine upon them.*

**Deadline for the February
newsletter will be January 15.
View on-line at
www.goodshepherd-lc.com**

January 2018

Monday, January 1-New Year's Day

- Church office closed.
- Men's AA meeting in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, January 3

- Men's Breakfast at Vicki B's, 7:30 a.m.
- Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- † Holy Eucharist and Healing service, 12:05 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Study Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 4

- † EDS Eucharist, 2 p.m.
- AA meeting in the Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Friday, January 5

- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Outreach House

Saturday, January 6

- AA in Outreach House, 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 7-breakfast by Roadkill, 9:30 a.m.

- † Services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. ,
- Adult Christian Ed., 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 8

- † EDS Chapel, 8 a.m.
- Study Group, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- † Chateau du Lac Eucharist, 2 p.m.
- Men's AA group in Outreach House, 6 p.m.
- St. Cecilia's Guild , dinner & a movie, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9

- COR meeting, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, January 10

- Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- † Holy Eucharist and Healing service, 12:05 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 6:30 p.m.

- Wednesday Night Study Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 11

- † EDS Eucharist, 2 p.m.
- AA meeting in the Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Friday, January 12

- EDS Epiphany Pageant, 9:30 a.m. & noon
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Outreach House
- Happening at Camp Hardtner this weekend.

Saturday, January 13

- AA in Outreach House, 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 14, breakfast by Broken Yokes

- † Services 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- Adult Christian Ed., 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 15- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- Church office closed
- Men's AA meeting in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16

- Connecting Our Roots, Adley Cormier, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, January 17

- Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- † Holy Eucharist and Healing service, 12:05 p.m.
- Hospitality meeting, 1 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Study Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 18

- † EDS Eucharist, 2 p.m.
- Ladies Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m. LaVoglia, 5656 Nelson Road, Ste. B2 (south of Country Club almost to Ham Reid Road)
- AA in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Friday, January 19

- NA in Outreach house, 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 20

- AA in Outreach House, 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 21, breakfast by Bloody Marys

- † Services 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- Adult Christian Ed., 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 22

- Study Group, 11:30 a.m.– 1 p.m.
- Building & Grounds meeting, 11 a.m.
- Finance Meeting, 12 noon
- Vestry meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's AA meeting in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24

- Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist & Healing Service, 12:05 p.m.
- Daughters of the King meeting, 1 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 25

- † EDS Eucharist, 2 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Friday, January 26

- NA in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 27

- AA in Outreach, 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 28

Services at 8, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

- Annual Parish Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- Adult Christian Ed., 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 29

- Study Group, 11:30 a.m.– 1 p.m.
- Men's AA in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Altar Flowers: It is a new year and time to sign up for your favorite date on the **Altar Flower Calendar.** (posted on the door to the copy room) If you would like the same weekend every year put a "P" by your name so I can make a permanent card. **Ellie Marquez**



The Labyrinth will be available in the gym on Tuesday, February 27th from 6–8 p.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD– YOUTH STUDY
WITH FATHER JACK

Grades 6-12

Every 3RD & 4TH SUNDAY MORNINGS

In the upstairs conference room

Ladies Lunch Bunch– January 18th

- Ladies Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.
LaVoglia, 5656 Nelson Road, Ste. B2
(south of Country Club almost to Ham Reid Road)

Contributions by Credit Card

Based on our Annual Budget it takes almost \$2000.00 /day to run Good Shepherd. We don't talk about it that much but the Offertory -when we bring forward our offerings of bread, wine and money- is a big deal, spiritually and materially! What if you forgot your check book or only have a few dollars in your purse or wallet? Not to worry – Good Shepherd now takes plastic! You can make your donation in Hardtner Hall after each service. If you'd like to be trained to help handle donations speak with Ann Lindsay today.



Salvation Army Angel Tree
The angels arrived on Tuesday, November 28th.



Ladies Lunch Bunch at the Pioneer Club in November.



A big thank you to Fred Bennerscheidt and Fred Rau for rebuilding the stable for our nativity set!



Daughters of the King

DOK members prepared snacks and toiletries to be distributed to the Salvation Army and the homeless.

ROSEWOOD

Eucharist	2018		Lay Led
Jan.	5 th	19 th	(Anita)
Feb.	2 nd	16 th	(Ellie L.)
Mar.	2 nd	16 th	(Ellie M.)
Apr.	6 th	20 th	(Anita)
May	4 th	18 th	(Ellie L.)

Men's Fellowship Breakfast on the first Wednesday of the month. Our new location is Vicki B's Cafe, 1201 Lakeshore Dr. (on the corner of Lakeshore and Clarence). We will meet on **Wednesday, January 3 at 7:30 a.m.**

St. Cecilia's Guild Meetings

All women of the church are invited to join in the fun!

January 8- Dinner and a Movie, 6 p.m.

February 12- Regular meeting, 7 p.m.

March 12- Regular meeting, 7 p.m.

April 2- Easter Egg Hunt at Sandra Leder's, Time TBA

May 14- Regular meeting, 7 p.m.

CONGREGATION CONVERSATION

Revised Schedule – First Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

January 7 - Final Things - Power of Attorney and Wills

February 4 - Final Things - Planned Giving

March 4 - Final Things - Funerals Plans

(To be determined)-April 29, May 27, June 10, July 1, August 5

VESTRY NOMINEES

Gina Ardoin-I am a native of Lake Charles, have been an Episcopalian since 2003, and a member of Good Shepherd since 2005. I think of Good Shepherd as my family. I love the Episcopal Church. I have enjoyed serving Good Shepherd as a lay reader, chalice minister and altar guild member. I have also supported Tend My Lambs. I am a graduate of Barbe High School and McNeese State University, as well as Education for Ministry (EFM). I am an avid reader and love to stay current on politics and current events. I see the future of Good Shepherd as “continuing to minister to the community.” I’d like Good Shepherd to increase its church family and I would like to continue to serve Good Shepherd as a member of the Vestry.

Mason Lindsay-My family and I have called the Church of the Good Shepherd home for all of our lives. I was baptized and confirmed by Bishop Noland; an acolyte directed by Father Dodwell, sang in the Choir and received my silver cross from George Kraemer. I have taught Sunday school and participated in the Congressional Vitality study, Breakfast Cooking Team, Men’s Breakfast Association and Bible Study Group. Ann and I were married at Good Shepherd, our children Laura and Graham were baptized, confirmed, married and attended EDS at Good Shepherd. Our grandchildren Lindsay and Layla Gaar were baptized in Good Shepherd and attend EDS. This is the place that I learned about God and is our chosen church for our family. Having grown up under my mother, Kitty Lindsay’s love of Good Shepherd, I learned firsthand what it meant to be a member of Good Shepherd.

I have obtained professional Board of Director experience from several organizations which I have served. I have exhibited executive leadership skills and have accomplished key goals in both profit and nonprofit organizations. I lean toward diplomacy aimed at cultivating relationships to build consensus among diverse individuals to solve problems and accomplish goals. I pledge to do my best and have a passion for the Ministry of Good Shepherd.

Ellen McAdon-I have been an Episcopalian all my life. My dad was an Episcopal Priest for 34 years. I have one son, Charles D. McAdon, II. Charles is 35 years old, lives in Moss Bluff, has grown up here at Good Shepherd and EDS and is still a member of this church. I have been a member of the Security Team at Good Shepherd since 1993, which allowed me to become acquainted with most of this church family. It also allowed me insight into the workings of the everyday business of the church. I am a graduated of the 4 year Education for Ministry program through Sewanee. I serve as a lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister, am a member of the Congregational Vitality Institute, and a Prayer Team Member. I am a former member of the ecumenical Order of St. Luke’s Healing Ministry. I also assisted in the founding of The Imperial Order of St. Luke’s, our local chapter. I continue to be a member of St. Cecilia’s Guild and Daughters of the King where I was taught the preparation class for membership. Recently, I submitted my name to be a Vestry nominee. I want to become more active in leading our church. I want to see Good Shepherd become a well known and integral part of the ecumenical and spiritual leadership of the Lake Charles convocation and community. I want to be at your service with my accumulated knowledge and my leadership skills. Thank you for your consideration.

Tad Martin-I am fifty-nine years old and have been going to Good Shepherd since I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 1985. I am married to Brigitte Walker Martin and we have four children; Caroline Martin (22), Erika Evans (21), Rett Evans (19), and Emily Martin (15). All four of our children attended EDS and were active in youth group when they were younger. Caroline is in her second year of Veterinary School at LSU, Erika is a senior at University of Texas, Austin, Rett is a sophomore at Arizona State University at

Vestry Nominees continued

Tempe and Emily is a sophomore at Barbe High. I have been a senior financial advisor at Merrill Lynch since 2012; prior to that I ran Martin Automotive with my father and brother for thirty years. I am currently an Usher, Chalice Minister and Captain of the "True Grits" Sunday morning cooking team. I have been on the vestry twice before. I was the Junior Warden for two years my second term and the Senior Warden the last year of my second term. I really want to get back involved in the church operations because I believe that it is important to help grow the youth of our church and I want to be able to add some positive input into the church. I believe that it is very, very important to keep young families involved in Good Shepherd and to attract new families to Good Shepherd. I believe that my financial and business experience and solid family oriented background can assist me in guiding our church. I want to be able to give back to our church because of the positive influence Good Shepherd, the Rector, and Parishioners have had on me and my family.

Ben Williams- It is hard to know where to start when I speak about Good Shepherd. I have been a member of this church family for my entire life: I was baptized here, I was confirmed here, and I graduated from Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School. I have often thought of this church as my third parent because I spent so much time here growing up that it was quite literally my home away from home. I have many happy memories from Sunday school, to choir practices, to epiphany pageants, to morning services, and Lessons and Carols. There has always just been something special and holy about this place and its people; which has continued to nurture me to this day. This church has also played a large part in my adult life. After completing medical school I returned home for residency and Emily and I were married here. I now have a busy family medicine practice in town and we have two cotton-topped boys, Bryce and Arthur. After the boys were baptized here, I have an even more profound connection to this community than before.

As a steward of my faith, I have always tried to lend my talents to the work of the church. I have been an acolyte, a youth choir member, a lector, and a lay eucharistic minister I and II. I taught theology to the middle school students at EDS while working as the youth minister for Good Shepherd. I have served on discernment communities for aspirants to the priesthood, I was also a member of the search committee for our parish priests. I am also involved in many different ways with the Tend my Lambs mission and our 25+ year support of a school in the mountains of Haiti. I have travelled there several times to share the love that lives in our community with the people of St Mathias parish and school.

I believe that our church is strong in faith, but at a bit of a crossroad. We are not able to continue entirely in the way we have before. Since we know that God is living and acting in our lives constantly we must be ready to follow. I believe that we need to foster an environment that honors and serves the needs of all generations in the church. We are each at a different stage of faith and life--we need to minister to our current needs and work to build the church family with young and growing families. This is the only way to fulfill our calling and experience the true revelation of Christ in our lives and in our faith community. We cannot be like Peter and try to build a shrine on the mountain, but instead we must listen to Jesus once again and follow him to the work he has prepared for us. There is limitless potential in this church. God is here. There is nothing that can't be done or achieved. Faithfully, Benjamin B Williams, MD

Episcopal Day School Epiphany Pageant

January 12, 2018

9:30 a.m. and noon

Delegates to Convention Nominees

Ruth Gayle- I have submitted my name for convention delegate. I am a cradle born Episcopalian. I have been a delegate to diocesan convention four or more times. I have been to General Convention three times as UTO chairperson. I am currently vice president for the Order of the Daughters of the King here at Good Shepherd and I am also on the communications committee. I have been a member of Good Shepherd for about four years. I have two children and five grandchildren.

Martha Hoskins- In my personal life, I am the mother of Leah Begnaud; grandmother of 2 EDS grads and one current EDS student; and I teach American history at McNeese State University. Good Shepherd has been my church home since 1988. My current ministries include Altar Guild and Lay Eucharistic Minister. I have served as a Vestry member (three terms) and an EFM mentor (for several years). I served three terms on the EDS Board, one as chair. I believe that our Episcopal schools are one of the critical ministries of this diocese when it comes to reaching young people, and that we need to do more to bring our youth into active membership in the Church. I will encourage youth ministry at the diocesan level. I have represented this church as a convention delegate and served as a member of the Resolutions Committee. I am currently serving another term on the diocesan Anti-Racism Committee (now known as the Beloved Community Commission). I attended training at the Province level this past summer as part the work of this Commission. The bishop has charged us to provide every Convocation with information about what we have learned concerning the inclusive Church.

Ann Lindsay— I have had the honor of representing the Church of the Good Shepherd as a delegate at the Diocesan Convention for several years. Serving as a delegate has given me an opportunity to give back to our parish and I hope you will allow me to serve you again at the 2018 Diocesan Convention. I am a member of the Altar Guild, the Daughters of the King, a Wedding Coordinator and a Lay Eucharistic Minister. I have attended the Congregational Vitality Institute through the Diocese and participate in continued studies at Good Shepherd with Father Jack. Good Shepherd has been a lifelong spiritual center for me and my family.

Jane Storozyszyn-I am placing my name as a candidate for consideration as a Delegate to the Diocesan Convention. I have been an active member of Good Shepherd since the early 2000's. Bryan and I have 2 daughters, Kristi Storozyszyn and Laura Cheaney (husband, Matthew). We have two grandsons, Cade Storozyszyn and Devon Cheaney, faithful members of the Episcopal Church since birth. I am active at Good Shepherd: Pastoral Group Ministry, Chalice Minister, Rosewood Nursing Home Ministry, St. Cecilia's Guild, Daughters of the King, COR Group, serve at Chateau du Lac birthday parties and have chaired the annual meal for Calcasieu Community Clinic for the past 3 years. I have served on the Vestry for the last 3 years. My term is ending and it was a busy one! It has been an honor to serve with fellow members of the church. I have attended the Alpha Study Groups, various Lenten study groups, Cursillo; for continued spiritual growth, as well as two Bible studies weekly. Prior to moving to Lake Charles I attended St. Luke's in Baton Rouge where I was active in various serving areas: Sunday School Teacher, Youth Sponsor of Middle and High school students, ECW President, Vice President and Reporter. I also chaperoned functions, did service projects with the ECW and Youth, attended retreats, bible study groups and helped plan mission trips.

During the years of moving with Bryan's career, raising 2 daughters, I worked as a nurse for 37 years (retiring 3 years ago). During that time I was a Girl Scout leader, serving 12 years and was a special Unit Cookie sales manager. My life has been one provided and guided by God's direction— service to God, my Church, my Family, my nursing career. God's love and help was found in prayer.

Becky Watson. I have been a member of the Church of Good Shepherd since the late 1970's. Our son Todd was baptized here, at Good Shepherd, and attended EDS. I became active at the church after Ed and I moved back to Lake Charles in 2008. I am a member of the Vestry, Shepherd's Staff, and an Altar guild team. I am in charge of phone tree, a communications tool used by Good Shepherd. I am also team captain of the current pledge program. I love the people here at the church. They are friendly and show unconditional love to others. I would like to represent Good Shepherd, as a delegate, at the Diocesan Convention in 2018.

Martha Whelan- In 1992, I was a newly divorced, former Southern Baptist in search of a faith community when I happened upon Good Shepherd's Singles Group. I found my spiritual family and have been here ever since. God patiently nudged me (and sometimes forcefully nagged me) to support Good Shepherd with my time and talent. I am a Lay Eucharistic Minister, a small group leader, and the coordinator of the Labyrinth Ministry. I am a thankful graduate of Education for Ministry and was an EfM mentor for four years. And I have been the proofreader of Good Shepherd's service bulletins for quite a while. Most recently, God is nudging me to assist Good Shepherd with its Communications, an exciting project with many opportunities for volunteers.

My interest in Diocesan workings stems from the three years I served on the Diocesan Council. In 2012 I was appointed to the Commission on Christian Formation and am the current Chairperson. If chosen as a 2018 Convention Delegate, I will prepare a report for our congregation detailing topics discussed, and decisions made.

My family includes husband Jamie Whelan, daughter Kate, son Ben (Stefy), and granddaughter Mary Rose. In my spare time, I volunteer for PugHearts of Houston, a pug rescue organization. Jamie and I are the proud parents of three special-needs rescue pugs: Carly, Galileo, and Walter. Thank you for your consideration.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Thank you for participating in the Annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing, 2017. **Anita and Bill Luff, Charles Ware, Jackie Carleton, Laura Leach and Jackson Leach, Debbie & Kent Howrey, The Brian Kelley Family, Ellie & Chuck Lemoine, Elaine Cameron, Ann & Mason Lindsay, Jenny & Chalkley Leach, Annette Ballard, Stuart Weatherford, Henry & Rachael Riquelmy, Virginia Webb, Bryan & Jane Storzyszyn, The Jay Winters Family and Mary & Joe Richardson.**



Children's Christian Education

The Church of the Good Shepherd offers youth Christian Education to children ranging from pre-K to 5th graders. Our group meets every Sunday starting at 10:30 a.m., on the second floor. Through this program, we encourage children into the faith, help them to grow in that relationship and make it fun by bringing bible stories to life through reading, crafts, object lessons, and games. It is also a goal of ours to teach children how to integrate faith, kindness and self-control into their everyday life. Volunteers are the most important resource to this effort. Currently, **Ann Lindsay, Cherie Cascio, Jessica Adams, Allison Ash, Holly Kelly** and I volunteer our time in Sunday School. Please join us in this meaningful effort. The program starts in September after Labor Day and ends in May. For any questions or interest, please call Laura Cheaney at 337-313-9915. Laura Cheaney

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words that I give you today. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you're at home or away, when you lie down or get up. Write them down, and tie them around your wrist, and wear them as headbands as a reminder. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:5-9

2018 Events for Youth

- January 6 Worship Service led by youth. Holy Trinity, Sulphur
- January 12-14 Happening for Sr. High students. Register with the diocese at www.dioceseswla.org
- March 9-11 CLEY for Jr. High students. Register with the diocese at www.dioceseswla.org
- March 24 Deanery Youth Palm Cross Folding at St. Andrew's, Moss Bluff
- April 21 Big Lake Chapel Service & Picnic hosted by Good Shepherd

Fish Fry for Haiti– February 16th from 6–9 p.m.

Silent Auction items needed: Call Pam Spears at 540-1591 or Fred Bennerscheidt at 274-5915. Deadline for items is Sunday, Feb. 11. We also need people to sign up to bring desserts. Sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in Hardtner Hall. Tickets are \$15.

Daughters of the King Diocesan Assembly

Women of the Bible: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Saturday, February 24, 2018, 9:30 a.m. –2 p.m.

St. James Episcopal Church, Shreveport– Hosted by the DOK Chapters of the Shreveport Convocation

Cost: \$25

Contact: Debbie Fitzpatrick-fitzpatrickdbr@bellsouth.net

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Thank you to the leaders on the Children's Christian Education (Laura Cheaney), Convocational Youth Events (Karen Miller), and Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education (Virginia Webb) for presentations in December. Leaders are present on their scheduled Sunday in Hardtner Hall from 9-10:30 a.m., after the 10:30 a.m. service, and before the 6 p.m. service to answer any questions you may have and invite you to sign up. If you miss their presentation, please feel free to locate a fact sheet found in the file box on the "Here I Am" table.



For the month of January, 2018 -

Jan. 7 - Monday Ladies Bible Study - Ellie Marquez

Jan. 14 - Wednesday Bible Study - Everett Schneider

Jan. 21 - Men's Spirituality Group - Fr. Jack Myers & Wednesday Night Study Group - Jamie Whelan

New Volunteer: Janet Allured- Lector, Greeter and Adult Christian Education

Please take a moment to thank those involved in lay ministry and consider God's call to us, "Send Me". Let's keep our hands to work and our hearts to God as we donate our time and talents. Any questions, please feel free to call Coral Jones 794-8920 or Missy Shaddock 439-9737