

THE GOOD NEWS

July Edition 2020

The GOOD NEWS is that we are staying safe and staying at home in this time of the pandemic of the coronavirus! More than anything else, over the last several months, we have wanted to keep the Good Shepherd flock connected and at the same time protecting everyone from exposure to the coronavirus.

Facebook, how has that worked? Has the novelty worn off? People are still worshipping with us together in large numbers, not as large as three months ago, but relatively large numbers.

Do virtual services really work? Did you enjoy Morning Prayer on Facebook live? We could not take communion virtually, so we did not do live Eucharistic Services. Since we began to worship at the church, at first in the parking lot, then in the gym, and now in the sanctuary 6-8 feet apart from one another with our faces covered, how do you who cannot risk coming out to the church feel? And for those who have come to live worship at the church, how has social distancing worked out for us in trying to stay connected? Not so well, if we are honest.

How can we share ourselves with one another when we cannot touch, share the peace, or see one another's smiles? How indeed?

Do masks hinder our connectedness? Absolutely. We cannot see our smiles, our frowns, our joys, our heartaches.

And when we cannot laugh out loud, for fear of the particles in our breath hanging around for many hours, can there be humor at all?

Oh, and singing! I really miss music in my life, in worship! Do you?

Are we connected when we cannot seem to have real conversations? How can we share the ordinary moments of our lives – the unexpectedly simple joys that our children or our pets have given us?

We miss your faces! We miss your children's faces. The unabashed joy on our children's faces inspire us. How we miss them!

So our questions lead us to wonder, should we hold ZOOM coffee hours after our virtual services so we can see each others' faces, and share our thoughts? Our version of reality and interpretation of Scripture is best tested by your interactions, and that is absent in a virtual one-way presentation on the Internet.

So are our efforts to stay connected working? As the isolation of staying home—staying safe—goes on and on, what is working? How do we stay really connected since these challenging times seem to be continuing?

We are not yet at our new version of normal, so there will be more changes? We live in the moment. So, of course, we need to live fully in each step of whatever the new normal is.

We all had such hope that the pandemic had ebbed and was on the decline, but that has not happened. Indeed there seems to be a new burst of infections due to the loosening of restrictions that curbed the growth of infection.

In planning worship we have listened to the advice of our vestry, keeping strictly within the bishop's guidelines, the governor's phased loosening of social distancing restrictions, and the fire marshal's limits for face-to-face gatherings. Not every institution has enforced social distancing and wearing masks, but we are so proud of you all for wearing your masks and practicing social distancing.

We want to stay connected. You are our people. We love you. You are our closest neighbors, and we want to love you better and at the same time by protecting you while finding ways to feed you spiritually. We entertain your suggestions. So contact us or a Vestry member with your concerns and your ideas.

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Ben Williams	Susan Ardoin	Luke Saucier
Mason Lindsay	Charles Dalglish	Amy Allen
Tad Martin	Martha Hoskins	Denise Morrell

Beginning in July, on a temporary basis, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the church sanctuary wearing our masks and observing social distancing of six or more feet (with overflow seating in Hardtner Hall) at 9:30A.M. and at 5:00P.M. There will be a Holy Eucharist service on the lawn at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Big Lake at 11:00 a.m. (BYOC – Bring Your Own Chair) using the same precautions through Labor Day weekend. For those who are unable or reluctant for health reasons to attend services in the church, we will continue to virtually gather live every Sunday at 9:30A.M., every night at 8:00P.M. for Compline, and Wednesdays at 11:30A.M. for Centering Prayer on our Facebook page. You need not be on Facebook, simply go to <https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdepiscopallc/>.

With prayers and blessings for our community's health and safety, we remain

Faithfully yours,

Jo+ and Jim+

Mary Kate King Dodwell • June 10, 1938 – March 24, 2020

A "Celebration of the Life of Mary Kate King Dodwell" will be held on Friday, July 3rd at 5:00 P.M. on the lawn of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Big Lake. Parishoners are invited to attend. Chairs will be provided as will all inclusive bulletins.

Please, plan to attend as you are able.

Let light perpetual shine on Mary Dodwell!

We are ever grateful for the generous support of our parishioners and want to make it as easy as possible to make your contributions to Good Shepherd. Pledge payments and other contributions to Good Shepherd now can be made on the website of the Episcopal Church in Western Louisiana. All it takes is a generous heart and a few minutes at your computer.



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NEW TEMPORARY WORSHIP TIMES

Sundays beginning in July:

9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary at the Church

11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit
on the lawn – BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair)

5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist in the Choir at the Church

Wednesdays beginning in August:

12 Noon Healing Holy Eucharist in the Choir at the Church
with no Laying on of Hands and no Anointing

The principal Sunday service will continue to be live on Facebook.

Compline continues live on Facebook each evening at 8:00 P.M.

Centering Prayer is live on Facebook each Wednesday at 11:30 A.M.



from the Eagle's Nest
news from Mother Boo

It goes without saying that no one hopes for a crisis. And yet, responsible leaders prepare for the unknown and the unprecedented. Organizations that survive — or even thrive — in crisis wield two crucial competencies: the ability to make reasoned decisions under uncertainty, with imperfect data and unyielding deadlines; and the ability to improvise.

On Friday, March 13, about an hour before school ended we received word that school would be closed across the state from Governor John Bel Edwards. It gave almost enough time to get word to the students to take home all of their books and supplies. On Monday, March 23rd our virtual school was launched. Homeroom teachers, enrichment teachers and even Mother Boo posted virtual lessons, assignments, videos and chapel. Regular virtual chapel for both the students and the faculty and staff were part of our routine. Our faith was strengthened as we worked together through this difficult situation.

Each week every group of teachers, PK2/3, PK4/KDG, Lower School, Middle School, Enrichment Faculty and the staff had separate virtual meetings to check in, find out about their own families, the students they are teaching and how it is going. Adjustments were made to the program as needed. For the last quarter of the school year we have had a wonderful response from our students and parents who are helping them.

Graduation plans had to be changed. All the teachers and Mother Boo drove to each graduates' home in separate cars to deliver their diploma, the graduation ceremony that was pre-recorded by faculty and other gifts. We had a drive through for all other grades to return any school supplies or things left on that last day of school once we entered Phase II. We were so pleased to receive all of the outstanding library books and outgrown uniforms. It was wonderful to see everyone.

Now we are planning to open in the fall on August 10th with all students on campus all five days a week, unless the governor issues another Stay At Home Order. There will be new drop off and pick up procedures as well as additional steps to cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day. Social distancing in the classroom and other areas will be practiced as we strive to meet all of the guidelines and best practices to keep everyone healthy. We can't wait to see all of our students and parents in person.

The South Campus...



Imagine a campus where you might go fishing or take a long walk through the woods or enjoy the opportunity to work outside. The new south campus is almost complete. The first concrete was poured a year ago, and we will be ready to move in before school starts. The new campus will house seventh, eighth and ninth graders in the fall. A grade a year will be added to complete the upper school.

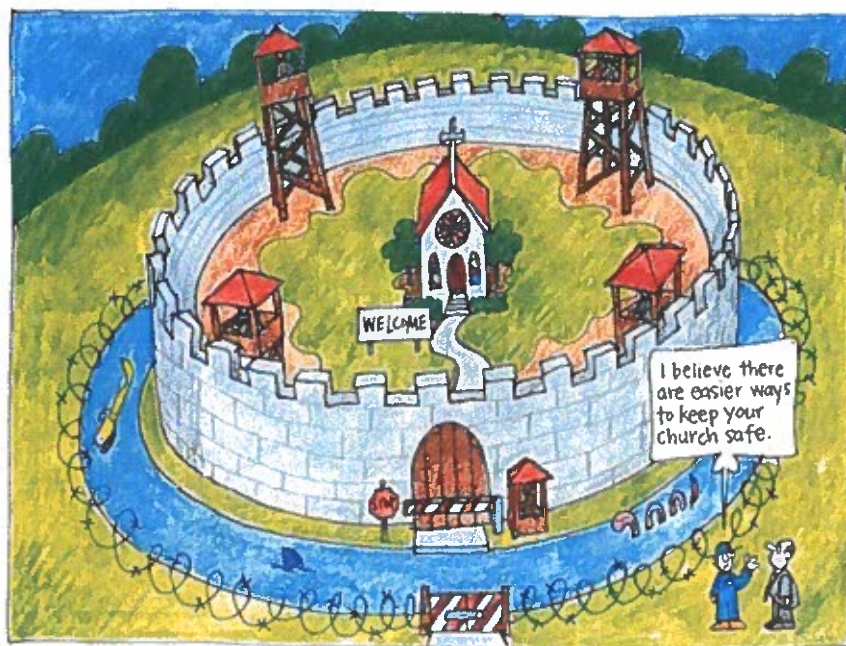


The classroom wings radiate out from the beautiful Commons which features high vaulted ceilings with exposed wood and steel beams. A science, technology, engineering, art + design and math wing (STEAM), a second wing of classrooms, a band building, a choir building as well as a full-size high school competition gym complete the first phase. This is all nestled into a forty-acre site surrounded by tall pines. A lake has been built to be used for environmental studies and enhances the feeling of peace and beauty one feels when on the campus. All of the classrooms open on to long covered porches. There are no halls or corridors. Everything has been designed to capitalize on the natural environment which gives the feel of a park like setting. The use of windows, allowing for cross ventilation and the other glass brings the outside indoors throughout the campus. Here are just a few of the features:

- Rigorous academics taught by secondary certified teachers
- A modified block schedule with 75-minute classes and a 50-minute lunch period
- Bus transportation to both campuses
- A beautiful lake stocked and managed by students
- Art room with kiln and pottery wheels
- Opportunities to fish during unstructured time
- Competitive sports program
- Chapel and Eucharist

We cannot wait to start in the fall on August 10th. This is truly a dream being realized. Hope you will come and join us for a tour when it is safe to do so.

Good Practices at Good Shepherd during the pandemic.



1. The church office remains closed to parishioners and visitors. The staff is present on a limited basis to handle essential tasks and to monitor the premises. Do not hesitate to call the office and leave a message if necessary. We will respond as promptly as possible. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please, contact the clergy directly at 337-302-7240 or on their personal cell phones.
2. We wear masks at all times in any part of the church facilities to protect our neighbors.
3. We remain at least six feet away from any other person not in our immediate household.
4. We follow the directions of the clergy and ushers, maintaining a six-foot social space with others.
5. We do not use the communion rail because social distancing would be impossible.
6. We do not sing during the service.
7. We avoid congregating in the reception area, Hartdner Hall, and the transition hall.
8. We do not come to church (or even leave home) if we are exhibiting any symptom of possible infection by COVID-19 or have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
9. We understand and seriously consider the risks of coming to church and possible exposure to COVID-19 if we are in a vulnerable category (e.g., over 65, pre-existing medical conditions like cardiac disease, hypertension, asthma or other respiratory conditions, immune compromised, etc.). Because we can be infected with COVID-19 and remain asymptomatic, we may be with people in church who are unknowingly infected and contagious. And, as effective as current social distancing and face-mask requirements are thought to be, the possibility of exposure cannot be ruled out.
10. If we become infected with COVID-19 within 14 days of attending church, we notify the church so that all others who attended the same service may be notified and urged to self-quarantine.

BIRTHDAYS IN THE MONTH OF JULY:

Wednesday, July 1	Anne Alice Collette
Friday, June 3	Cammie Olney Sherri Walker Fastabend Bryce Williams
Sunday, July 5	Holley Kelley
Wednesday, July 8	Jennifer Foster Catherine Claire Fastabend Jonathan Dale Allen
Thursday, July 9	Declan Kelley
Friday, July 10	Mason Graham Lindsay
Sunday, July 12	Mason LeBlanc
Monday, July 13	Phyllis Cole Luke Saucier
Tuesday, July 14	Jo Popham
Wednesday, July 15	Sarah Harmon Abby Richards
Thursday, July 16	Nancy Pledger Jack Duplechin Katelyn Morrell
Friday, July 17	Judith Smith Gary McQuiston Lucie Earhart Janet Meaux David Rau
Sunday, July 19	Cayla McQuiston Nadia Gunderson
Tuesday, July 21	Kelsy O'Donnell Ellen Carleton Caroline Martin
Friday, July 24	Libby Schneider
Saturday, July 25	Barbara Rebecca King
Sunday, July 26	Jeremy LeBlanc
Monday, July 27	Jay Winters Anna Duplechin
Tuesday, July 28	Audra Ann Vieland Harry Latil
Wednesday, July 29	Elizabeth Richards
Thursday, July 30	Bruce Matte Thomas Earl
Friday, July 31	Gayle Polk Kambry Shahon

O God, our times
are in your hands:
look with favor, we
pray on your
servant(s) as
he/she/they begin(s)
another year, grant
that he/she/they may
grow in wisdom and
grace, and
strengthen
his/her/their trust in
your goodness all
the days of
his/her/their
life/lives; through
Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

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Prayer List

Please, call the church office to make additions, corrections, and deletions.

Prayers are asked for: people suffering due to hurricanes, drought, flooding, tornados, fires, earthquakes, and from the coronavirus all over our world, and for protection for all doctors and health care workers, first responders, and all those who provide for our needs.

Prayers for healing: Jeff Allain, **Annette Ballard**, Alexandra Battestin, Canon John Bedingfield, **Kay Blake**, Bobby, Holly Boudreaux, Lois Bradley, Daniel Brownfield, Mike Bullen, Tod Cain, Frances Charles, Sheila Chisholm, Chris, Joyce Clark, Phyllis Cole, Cole Cormier, Ethel Coulter, Lynn Cox, **Nancy Czejkowski**, James Dellarossa, Allen Desormeaux, Edrich Desormeaux, Laura Miller Drews, **Lucie Earhart**, Celeste Bland Eddy, Bob Edwards, Caroline Ettinger, **Jim & Aidyn Gayle**, Fr. George & Grace Gennuso, **Dorothy Gurley**, Johnny Haas, Noni Haight, Randy Haight, Melody Luff Hannon, Daryl Harper, Bella Hahn, James Hayes, Jackie & Bob Hellman, Laura Henry, Julie Hess, **Eleanor Hilton**, Jack, Adeline Jackson, Sarah Johns, Joanie Johnson, Fr. Robert and Sara Johnson, Melanie F. Koonce, Bob Kuhener, Donald Landry, Stephanie Lemoine, Doug Lindsay, Laura Fletcher Lindsay, Lisa Lindsay, Louren Lute, Debbie, Marcie, **Hazel Martin**, Daniel Martinez, Jules Maust, Bryan McKinley, Jennifer Katie McLean, Gordon McNutt, Laura Meche, Lucas Merrill, Ray Miles, **Karen Miller**, Ethan Morris, Victor Muse, Eliza Obenchain, Larry Parker, Libby Patterson, Crawford Pernici, Bobby Phillips, Fletcher Pierson, Steve Portwood, the **Primeauxs and Williams' families**, Pam Ragusa, John Randall, Jody Reed, Paula Rogers, Rosemary, **Jerry Ruehlen**, Robert Ryder, Jamie Simpson, Dr. Charles Smith, Dorothy Smith, **Pam Spears**, Ike Stanfield, **Frank Storozyszyn**, Laurie Straub, Bob Theaux, Frank Theroit, Jerry Trahan, Ginger Walker, Lanny Wallace, Michelle White, and Angell Wright.

Our continuing prayers are offered for: Scott Anderson, Rocky Cormier, David Crowe, Marjorie Dempsey, Cliff DeRousselle, Everett, **Lindy George, Jean George**, Jenilyn Gibson, Caroline Hammett, Katie Hoffman, **Caroline Hollins**, Charmaine Hufstedler, Emily Judice, Bob Kickel, John Landry, Hannah Linowski, Jeanne Meek, Stacy Peloquin, Patricia Reeves, **Gabby Saucier, Sylvia Seals**, Jaxon Sellers, **John Shipman**, Riley Soder, Sara Starke, Bobby Thomas, Josephine Thweatt, Carolyn Earhart Whittington, and Patricia Luff Wood.

Traumatic brain injury: Michael Barrett, Luke Burnham, Conner Gezell, Ty Griffen, Damani James, Byron Racca, and Jason Trahan.

We pray for those serving in our armed forces: Sergeant First Class John Dagleish, US ARMY, son of Linda & Charles Dagleish; Danasia London, NAVY; Kyandra London, NAVY; SPC Craig May US ARMY; Ethan Myers, US Air Force; Tucker Matte, US Marine Corp, son of Bruce & Whitney Matte, grandson of Ed & Nancy Khoury; Senior Chief Petty Officer Justin Phillips, NAVY, nephew of Margie Collins; and Captain Jonathan Primeaux, US Air force pilot, brother of Emily Williams.

For those who have died: **Hank Anthony, Elaine Cameron**, Mary Kate King Dodwell, Ricky Fabacher, Donny Grabener, Jonathan Joseph Hicks, Betty McMahon, Mamie Mancuso, George Painter, **John Polk, Arthur W. Primeaux, MD**, and Patricia Ann Downs Jarvis Riss.

In thanksgiving for blessings received: The births of Zoe Kate Fabacher, Ali Salim Aud, Lily Mae Fruge, Madeline Bel Klumpp, and Robert Anthony Pierce.

For pregnancy, safe delivery, and the health of mothers and babies: Julie Klumpp, Ellen Latil Paris, Stefy Pierce.

The Church's emergency pastoral care phone number is 337-302-7240.

Please, call Jo+ and Jim+ directly on their cells or at this number.