

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Parish Programs

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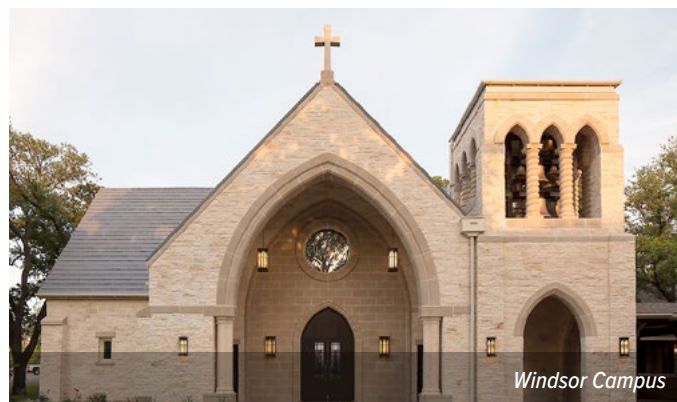


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Welcome

We are joyful followers of Christ's word and love. We are cradle Episcopalians, and we are new to this global faith. We have been parishioners for decades, and we discovered this church last month. We are lovers of traditional hymns and of bluegrass spirituals. We are preschoolers, children, working adults, stay-at-home parents, retirees. We are multi-generational Austinites, and we are newcomers to this city. We are a politically diverse group, in a blue city, in a red state. We treasure our Episcopal tradition; we take risks to minister in a changing city. We are energized by intimate group studies and by standing-room-only worship services. We reach out in service to those in need in our city. We bless babies, backpacks, anniversaries, pets. We celebrate together at baptisms and weddings; we mourn together at funerals. We love our church. We value the support of our community. We look with hope and prayer toward our future, and we invite you to join us.

At Good Shepherd, we trust in:

GOD'S VISION

In the fullness of time, all people will find joyful union with God and with one another, being fully known and fully loved.

OUR MISSION

God inspires The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd to welcome and work toward this vision in the name of Jesus Christ, beginning with the nurture and witness of our community in this city of Austin, Texas, and always reaching beyond ourselves, serving and connecting with new neighbors and new communities.

Please take this program booklet home today and explore the many opportunities for you to be involved at Good Shepherd. Consider this your invitation to join us in this journey of faith.

We are so glad you are here!

Pastoral Care



LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Lay eucharistic visitors bring communion and prayers from the church altar to homebound members of our Good Shepherd family. At the conclusion of the communion portion of the service, lay eucharistic visitors are sent by the parish to bring the gifts of the Eucharist to those they are scheduled to visit. They offer a pastoral presence to those who cannot come to church and who desire to keep connected to their church family. New lay eucharistic visitors receive training and visit parishioners in pairs, following the Safe Church guidelines. **For more information, please contact the Rev. Paige Alvarez Hanks, paige@gsaustin.org.**

GRIEF AND SUPPORT GROUPS

For all who are grieving, experienced pregnancy loss, single parenting and in need of support, group work is an effective way for people to come together in a trusted environment. These groups are organized as needed throughout the year. If you find yourself experiencing a life event and traveling a grief journey, you may wish to embark on the journey with a group that can offer special care and support. Members of the group agree to maintain confidentiality. **For more information, please contact the Rev. Paige Alvarez Hanks, paige@gsaustin.org.**



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets monthly and through faith, fellowship and a love for all things creative, experienced and beginner knitters and crocheters create prayer shawls for those in need of comfort and an awareness of God's presence. **For more information, please contact Judy Vance, javance06@yahoo.com.**

PARISH CARE COMMITTEE

The Parish Care Committee prepares food for and serves at receptions following funeral services, providing a much-appreciated ministry to families in the parish. If you enjoy event planning and execution, this is the guild for you. This is a tremendous and appreciated gift to grieving families. **For more information, please contact Ruth Jones, rstone@utexas.edu.**

FLOWER GUILD

The Flower Guild breaks down Sunday's altar flowers and curates them into several small arrangements which are then delivered to parishioners by Love on the Run volunteers. **For more information, please contact Taylor Bowles, taylorbowles@gmail.com.**

LOVE ON THE RUN

Love on the Run serves by delivering flower arrangements from the Sunday altar to parishioners who are either home from the hospital, grieving the loss of a loved one, at home with a new baby or under long-term care. All you need is a car and a willingness to meet others. We'll supply the flower arrangements. **For more information, please contact Emily Price, emilyshrumpriec@gmail.com.**



ST. BRIGID'S GUILD

St. Brigid's Guild prepares delicious meals that are then frozen and later delivered to members of the parish who have had a baby, who have recently been hospitalized, or who need a little extra support. The group cooks together in the parish kitchen once a month. No experience required – we will share our favorite recipes with you. **For more information, please contact Louise Brown, louisedb46@gmail.com.**

FUNERAL GUILD

When a funeral is held at Good Shepherd, the Funeral Guild provides support for the service and those in attendance. Guild members prepare the church for the service, direct guests to the service as they arrive on the church campus, serve as ushers and greeters, and clean up after the service. This ministry is vital to the support of our grieving families and to the clergy team, helping to make our funerals a place of welcome and respite for all who are grieving the loss of their loved ones. **For more information, please contact the Rev. Paige Alvarez Hanks, paige@gsaustin.org.**





Community Building



Greeters

GREETERS

Greeters provide a welcoming church experience before and after the regularly scheduled worship services, greeting and assisting all parishioners, new members and visitors. The welcome and warmth shown by greeters reflects God’s love for everyone. Greeters are often the first people encountered by newcomers and regular attendees alike, and we rely on greeters to help create a positive worship experience for the congregation. Please join our welcome team for either the 9:15a or 10:30a services on our Windsor campus. **For more information, please contact Shannon Wardlaw, shannonthomaswardlaw@gmail.com.**

NEWCOMERS

At Good Shepherd, we welcome all those who are new to our parish, those who are new to Christianity, those who are new to The Episcopal Church, and those who are new to Good Shepherd. We strive to nurture every member of our community from joining to belonging. We seek to support everyone’s sense of belonging in this remarkable place, that everyone would be fully known and fully loved. We offer newcomer welcome events throughout the year. We rely on parishioner volunteers and our newcomer committee to make this welcome possible. **For more information, please contact Kathy Jolink, kathyj@gsaustin.org.**

NEWBORN MINISTRY

Volunteers in our newborn ministry visit families soon after the birth of a child, bringing a gift, food and support for the family. All you need is a car and a willingness to meet others. We’ll supply the gift and food. **For more information, please contact Monika Smithers, monika@narrativeedge.com and Emmaline Nabors, emmaline.nabors@gmail.com.**



St. Anne's Guild, Valentine's Day Party

ST. ANNE'S GUILD

St. Anne’s Guild is a women’s organization dedicated to social, intellectual, and spiritual enrichment achieved through monthly fellowship and programs. The Guild meets at 10:00a in the Parish Life Center on the Windsor campus the 4th Tuesday of the month from September to May. Our meetings start with a guest speaker and conclude with light snacks. Other events include a celebration of St. Anne’s Day with a service and catered lunch, Valentine’s Game Day (a fundraiser for charity), and an end of program year luncheon. All women of the parish are invited to join. **For more information, please contact Renee Myrick, renemy@swbell.net.**



Women's Retreat

WOMEN'S RETREAT | FEBRUARY 23-25, 2024

The annual Good Shepherd Women’s Retreat serves to support and connect women in the parish. This intergenerational weekend event is attended by 75-100 women each year and encourages spiritual nourishment, relaxation, fellowship and healing. Please save the date for Friday, February 23–Sunday, February 25, 2024 at The Retreat at Balcones Springs (104 Balcones Springs Drive Marble Falls, TX 78654). **For more information, please contact Sarah McIntyre, sarah@bullockmcintyre.com, and Paula Jameson, jppwj81@gmail.com. To register to attend, please scan the QR code.**



Good Shepherd Farmers Market

GOOD SHEPHERD FARMERS MARKET

“Shop local!” Good Shepherd’s seasonal farmers market invites local farmers and vendors to our campus to provide some of your favorite fresh produce, eggs, farmed flowers, fresh baked breads & pastries, breakfast tacos and live music. Guests who come to the market have a chance to interact with vendors, staff and volunteers, as well as our Tarrytown neighbors, and to purchase local goods in an atmosphere that fosters meaningful relationships with one another. The Good Shepherd Farmers Market relies on its committee of volunteers to work alongside the market manager to help carry out the market’s mission, make decisions related to the market and ensure the market’s success. Additional volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts on Saturdays to welcome visitors at the information tent and assist with operations as needed. Please consider volunteering by joining the committee or by signing up for some shifts. Another way to support the market is to spread the word and regularly drop by each week to support our local vendors. The 2024 market season begins in March. **For more information, please contact farmersmarket@gsaustin.org.**





Feeding the Flock

FEEDING THE FLOCK

Feeding the Flock is a team of men and women that love to grill. They prepare food for events at both campuses. In the process, participants get to know each other and enjoy a good time. **For more information, please contact Fred Weber, fweber@workquest.com, or Will Holford, will.holford@me.com.**

SHEPHERD CIRCLES AND SUPPER CLUBS

Shepherd Circles provide opportunities for personal connections within our growing parish community. Supper Clubs are small, inter-generational groups that gather for common meals in one another's homes, restaurants, or other locations of choice. These small group experiences help us connect with each other outside our larger church-wide services and events. Our Spring Supper Club kick-off will be Sunday, March 3 at 11:30a Windsor, Allen hall. **For more information, please contact Elizabeth Coffin, eljciffin22@gmail.com and Brannon Smith, brannon.smith@me.com**



Wednesdays on Windsor

WEDNESDAYS ON WINDSOR

**Wednesdays | 5:30–7:30p | PLC
Dinner: 5:30–6:30p, Adult formation: 6:30p**

Join us for Wednesdays on Windsor, a relaxed and engaging evening of food, fellowship and formation on our Windsor campus. A delicious chef-prepared dinner is served from 5:30p–6:30p inside the Parish Life Center (PLC). Many parishioners make this part of their weekly routine – enjoy dinner at church on Wednesdays, connect with old friends and meet new friends too. This time is designed so that you can have dinner before or after many other offerings—choir practice, adult formation, children's formation, to name a few. Each Wednesday we will offer an adult formation program beginning at 6:30p. Check the Children, Youth & Family section (pages 8-9) of this booklet for the schedule for formation offerings for children and youth on Wednesdays. **For more information, please contact Jessica Riels, jessica@gsaustin.org.**



Women's Book Club

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book Club is an intergenerational group that meets online at 6:00p on the second Tuesday of the month for lively conversation while discussing books through the lens of a shared spiritual journey. **For more information, a list of upcoming books and a link to join the meeting, please contact Linda Gorzycki, woodcats@flash.net.**



Good Shepherd Young Adults

GOOD SHEPHERD YOUNG ADULTS

Our young adults group fosters community and connection among those in the congregation in their 20s and 30s. We gather all around town for fellowship and fun. In the process, we become friends and companions on our Christian journey. We welcome all in their 20s and 30s to join us. **For more information, please contact Phillip Bedford, pbedford91@gmail.com.**



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Children Youth and Family

CHILDREN + YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS COMMITTEE

This committee imagines and oversees the children's ministry programs at Good Shepherd—planning for and executing several events and programs throughout the year. We rely on your dedication and help to make our children's ministry possible. **For more information, please contact Jessica Pieratt, jessica.pieratt@gmail.com.**

NURSERY

Nursery care is provided for our youngest members (*under 3 years old*) every Sunday during the 10:30a services on both campuses. In a warm and nurturing environment, we will assist you in beginning to build your child's faith foundation. Children can be picked up at any time. We look forward to greeting you and your children for nursery care. **For more information, please contact Kate Richter, kfreilly@yahoo.com.**

GODLY PLAY (*3 years–2nd grade*)

Sundays | 10:15a | education center

Our Godly Play program is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance for children 3 years old (*and potty trained*) through 2nd grade. Every Sunday children gather in our education center to learn about the Bible and explore God's expansive presence and unconditional love for them. Check-in begins at 10:15a with Godly Play lessons starting at 10:30a. Pick up children at the Peace so they can join you for Holy Communion.

For more information, please contact Rachelle Siemes, rachelle@siemes.net and Elizabeth Newman, elizabethnewman@yahoo.com.

EDGE KIDS BIBLE STUDY (*3rd grade–5th grade*)

Sundays | 10:15a | Edge room (room 211)

Kids in 3rd-5th grades are encouraged to join with their friends every Sunday morning for a Bible Study that is fun and informative. Building on the foundation kids receive in our Godly Play program, this Bible Study is intended to help late-elementary kids develop biblical literacy and a vocabulary of faith alongside their peers. **To register your Edge Kid, please fill out the following form by scanning the QR code on the right.** **For more information, please contact the Rev. Brin Bon, brin@gsaustin.org.**



MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY (*6th grade–8th grade*)

Sundays | 10:15a | youth corner (room 210)

Join us on Sunday morning in the youth corner at 10:15a for a Bible Study just for students in 6th-8th grades. Equal parts community building and study of scripture, this time is a fun way for kids to learn about God's word and talk with other students about what the Bible has to do with their life as a middle schooler today. **To register your middle schooler, please fill out the following form by scanning the QR code on the right.** **For more information, please contact the Rev. Brin Bon, brin@gsaustin.org.**



SHEPHERD + EDGE CAMP | JUNE 24-28, 2024

SHEPHERD CAMP (*age 3–2nd grade*)

Each summer our Windsor campus hosts a week-long Shepherd Camp (*vacation bible school*). Each camper's day begins with worship, lively music, and program, before rotations by groups through a variety of theme-based activities. We rely on the creativity and energy of our adult and youth volunteers—please join the fun next year on June 24-28, 2024. **For more information, please contact Callie Hester, callieahester@gmail.com and Caroline Goehring, cclomax@gmail.com.**

EDGE CAMP (*3rd grade–5th grade*)

Coinciding with Shepherd Camp, our week-long Edge Camp begins each day on our Windsor Campus. Edge participants then leave the campus to participate together in team building and outreach-focused activities with our ministry partners around Austin. **For more information, please contact the Rev. Brin Bon, brin@gsaustin.org.**



Summer Youth Wilderness Retreats

SUMMER YOUTH WILDERNESS RETREATS

Students in grades 6th–12th who want to spend time outdoors with their friends are invited to join us July 1–5, 2024 for a retreat in the mountains of Utah. This is an opportunity for young people to have fun with friends while exploring nature and reflecting on God's presence in their lives. **For more information or to indicate your interest please contact the Rev. Brin Bon, brin@gsaustin.org.**

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is for students in 9th grade and up who are ready to make a mature and public declaration of their faith. This entails a commitment to participation in the life of the church, including regular attendance at worship, service to the church, and an overall interest in deepening their connection to God. Our Youth confirmation retreat will take place on Friday, January 12 and Saturday, January 13, and our confirmation service will take place in the Spring of 2024. **For more information, please contact the Rev. Brin Bon, brin@gsaustin.org.**



Communion Instruction

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION (*2nd grade and up*)

Sunday, March 3 | 11:30a–3:00p | Allen hall

All baptized children are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion. This Communion Instruction workshop is an opportunity for young children to be curious, ask questions, and better understand the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist, as well as what's happening during our Sunday liturgy.

Register your child no later than Sunday, February 25, by scanning the QR code on the right. Contact the Rev. Brin Bon at brin@gsaustin.org for more information.



CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

EDGE (*3rd grade- 5th grade*)

Wednesdays | 5:00p–6:00p | edge room (room 211)

Kids in 3rd-5th grade are encouraged to join us every Wednesday from 5:00p-6:00p for fun, fellowship, and formation with their peers. Each week is an opportunity to play games, have a snack, explore their faith, and build relationships that help strengthen their connection with God, the church, and each other. **To register your child, please fill out the following form by scanning the QR code on the right. For more information, please contact the Rev. Brin Bon, brin@gsaustin.org.**



YOUTH GROUP (*6th grade–12th grade*)

Wednesdays | 6:00p–7:30p | youth corner (room 210)

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) is a program designed especially for the needs and interests of youth in 6th-12th grades. Beginning with dinner at 6:00p, students have the opportunity to build community with their peers in a setting that helps young Christians explore their developing faith. Following dinner, participants will break into groups for middle school and high school students. Meets in the youth corner from 6:00p-7:30p.

To register your child, please fill out the following form by scanning the QR code on the right. For more information, please contact the Rev. Brin Bon, brin@gsaustin.org.



Faith Formation



Men's Bible and Brew

WEEKLY FORMATION OFFERINGS

MEN'S BIBLE AND BREW

Mondays | 6:30p | vestry room

We meet on Mondays in the Vestry Room on the Windsor campus. We study the Bible by looking to its historical context, welcoming questions, and reading scholars from a variety of perspectives. We are a multi-generational group with diverse opinions and experiences, and we meet in an atmosphere that cultivates strong friendships and spiritual growth. New members are welcome to join us at any time. **For more information, please contact Edward Bellingrath at bellinrath@sbcglobal.net.**



Transitions Bible Study

TRANSITIONS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 1:30p | media room

This Bible Study is for all women—those new to being empty nesters, retirement, or any other period of transition in life. Together we read different books of the Bible, explore the books' meaning at the time they were written and how the stories speak to our lives today. Some of us are new to Good Shepherd and others are long-time members, and we are glad to get to know each other and to have companions on the journey. Join us on Tuesdays on our Windsor campus, media room. **For more information, please contact the Rev. Stanford Adams, stanford@gsaustin.org.**



Mom's Bible Study

MOM'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 9:30a | media room

We gather in person weekly on our Windsor campus to support one another in the trials and joys of motherhood. We select books to read and discuss through a spiritual lens. The group is comprised of moms of all ages, with a particular emphasis on those with small children. Nursery care is provided.

For more information, please contact Jessica Riels, jessica@gsaustin.org.

THURSDAY FORUM AND BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 10:00a | vestry room

This study meets for lively and intellectual discussion of our upcoming Sunday lessons. We study the context of the lessons and explore together how to live them out in our lives. It is a joyous group of parishioners and non-parishioners. The Forum is also a way to stay connected to the church community and become aware of other aspects of parish life. All are welcome. Join us on Thursdays on our Windsor campus, vestry room with an option to join on Zoom. **For more information or a link to join, please contact the Rev. Terry Gleeson, terry@gsaustin.org.**



Women on the Journey

WOMEN ON THE JOURNEY

Thursdays | 11:00a | media room

Women on the Journey meets weekly for a time of spiritual connection, mutual support, study and prayer. Members find not only meaning and guidance for their own spiritual journeys but also become companions to one another on the journey of faith to which Christ beckons. Our group is always open to new members. Join us on Thursdays on our Windsor campus, media room. **For more information, please contact the Rev. Paige Alvarez Hanks, paige@gsaustin.org.**

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)

Thursdays | 6:30p | vestry room

Interested in exploring and nurturing your faith? If so, consider joining Good Shepherd's EfM group. Education for Ministry is an excellent course for the study of and reflection on the basics and depths of Christian faith. Good Shepherd's mentored EfM group studies the breadth of Christian tradition and weaves those studies into theological conversations informed by participants' experience of the world. The development of adult discipleship and an informed and reflective laity lies at the heart of EfM's thought-provoking curriculum which models the four pillars of seminary coursework: Hebrew Scripture, Christian Scripture, church history, theology and ethics. Good Shepherd's EfM group meets weekly on Thursday evenings. **For more information, please contact mentors Bill Davies, wdaviesfamily@gmail.com, or Susan Harris, susan@austinsitesolutions.com. EfM requires a commitment of one year at a time, and the group enrolls new students at the beginning of each academic year. The group will enroll new students in August and September 2024.**



SUNDAY FORMATION OFFERINGS

LECTIONARY REFLECTION GROUP

Sundays | 9:00a | online

Join us on Sunday mornings for a virtual study and reflection on the readings for our worship appointed for that Sunday. Experience Sunday worship in a new way as you learn from your fellow parishioners and deepen your understanding of the scriptures appointed for worship. **For more information or a link to join, please contact Carol Pierce-Davis, drcpiercedavis@gmail.com.**



Adult Ed at the Hill

ADULT ED AT THE HILL

Sundays | 9:15a | the Hill, parish hall

Looking for an intriguing theological and spiritual discussion? Join us each Sunday at 9:15a for our adult education class at the Hill campus. The Hill is located at 1700 Woodland Avenue. These discussions provide an opportunity to explore the deeper questions of our faith. All are welcome to attend.

We typically have a snack or light breakfast. If you would like to bring a snack, breakfast item, or lead our class, please contact Will Jones at wjones@txcounselor.com.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Contemplative prayer, a form of Christian meditation, aims to open practitioners to the presence of God who dwells with us always. The tone of this prayer is peace, stillness, and quiet. Contemplative prayer seeks a personal encounter with God through silence and is powerful when practiced with others. We welcome all, regardless of previous experience in silent prayer or contemplative practices. **For more information, please contact D'Arcy Randall, drandallaustin@gmail.com.**



Advent Quiet Day

ADVENT AND LENTEN QUIET DAYS

Retreats and quiet days are very old traditions in Christianity. *"Silence is the language of God,"* and when we take time to be silent, we have opportunity to listen and to hear God speak to us. A quiet day is a way to schedule a time of quiet for prayer and reflection, to be supported by the company of others seeking quiet time with God and to benefit from guided reflections so that all you must do is show up. Good Shepherd offers quiet days during both Advent and Lent. **For more information, please contact Elizabeth Ann Gates, elizabethannngates@gmail.com.**

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which candidates express a mature commitment to Christ and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. This sacrament is a public reaffirmation of the promises made at the candidate's baptism. In confirmation, we commit to walking through life following the path of Jesus. Importantly, this sacrament is not a destination or ending point, but rather a steppingstone in a journey of lifelong formation.

We offer adult confirmation once or twice a year coinciding with a bishop's visit. Prior to the bishop's visit, we will offer classes to explore different aspects of living a mature life in Christ and in the church. Those who have already been confirmed in the Episcopal Church may choose to reaffirm their confirmation and those who have been confirmed in certain other traditions may choose to be received by a bishop. **For more information, please contact the Rev. Terry Gleeson, terry@gsaustin.org.**

EPISCOPAL 101

Whether you are new to the Episcopal tradition or a longtime Episcopalian, our three-part Episcopal 101 classes are a great way to learn about our Anglican/Episcopal roots. Led by different members of our Good Shepherd clergy, these classes will introduce Episcopal Church history and theology, *The Book of Common Prayer*, and liturgy in the Episcopal tradition. For those interested in confirmation, this series will lay the basis for a further commitment. **For more information, please contact Kathy Jolink, kathyj@gsaustin.org.**

RACIAL HEALING MINISTRY

Good Shepherd's lay-led racial healing ministry offers educational resources, establishes and maintains community connections and relationships, and participates in diocesan efforts so that, in the words of Good Shepherd's mission, *"In the fullness of time, all people will find joyful union with God and with one another, being fully known and fully loved."* The ministry seeks to provide an entry point for any in the parish seeking to learn more about the history of race and its impact on our relationship with God and others, both in the church and in our community, and to prepare those who are called to engage in racial healing discussions and activities. **For more information, including ways that you can participate in the ministry, please contact Paul Sarahan, paul.sarahan@gmail.com.**

ALPHA

Alpha is a series of group conversations in 16 sessions over 11 weeks that explore the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Alpha participants meet weekly to eat together, watch a video on a faith topic and then break into small groups for discussion. Over 30 million people worldwide have participated in the Alpha course. New members of Good Shepherd are especially invited, as well as anyone interested in exploring their faith in a safe and encouraging environment. **For more information or to express interest in joining a future course, contact Mark Warner at txboomer@gmail.com, Annabelle Williams at rob-ab@swbell.net, Scott Ferguson at wklfjr@gmail.com, Cissy Warner at cissywarner@gmail.com.**

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The mission of the Order of the Daughters of the King is the extension of Christ's kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. The Good Shepherd chapter is open to all women of the parish who enter the order after a period of prayerful discernment. **For information about, please contact the Rev. Paige Alvarez Hanks, paige@gsaustin.org.**



Transitions Bible Study



Mom's Bible Study



Liturgy and Worship



Acolytes

ACOLYTES

Acolytes are part of an ancient tradition – dating back as far as the third century – of those who assist priests at the altar. In our services, acolytes are those in 6th grade and older who are trained to serve in the liturgy as crucifers, torchbearers and servers at the altar. These important roles help us to provide worship services that glorify God and offer a meaningful way to participate in the liturgy. We welcome and provide training for new acolytes several times during the year. **For more information, please contact the Rev. Terry Gleeson, terry@gsaustin.org and the Rev. Brin Bon, brin@gsaustin.org.**

ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD

St. Elizabeth's Guild coordinates with the Altar Guild in the maintenance and creation of linens and vestments. The Guild meets quarterly to make baptismal towels and assist in needlework which includes hemming, mending, and embroidery. **For more information, please contact Alice Scarborough, ascarbrough@padminc.com.**

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild glorifies God by preparing the spaces and items at the heart of our worship – especially the altar and the vessels for Holy Communion. The Altar Guild prepares and maintains the altar, sacristy, vestments, linens, vessels, candles, and supplies for all our regular worship and special liturgies. This ministry is essential to all of our worship services. Each Altar Guild team serves approximately every six weeks on Saturday mornings to clean, polish, and prepare the altar for Sunday services. They also work on Sundays to set-up and take down each service. New members are always welcome. The Altar Guild works in teams, and new members will be paired with experienced members for on-the-job training. **For more information, please contact Shannon Umstadd, shannonumstadd@gmail.com.**



Lectors

LECTORS & INTERCESSORS

Proclaiming the Word of God is an essential mission of the church, and lectors – or readers – participate fully in this ministry. They proclaim the scriptures, both New and Old Testaments, within the context of the liturgy and help lead the congregation to a deeper love for God's Word. Intercessors offer to God the cares and concerns of the congregation by praying the Prayers of the People during Sunday worship services. Intercessors contribute significantly to worship as we remember in prayer the deceased, those in need of comfort, and those leading our country and communities. Training and preparation are provided. **For more information, please contact Paula Quinn, pppquinn@mac.com.**



Eucharistic Ministers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers make possible the central act of our Christian liturgy – feeding the faithful with the sacraments during Holy Communion. Eucharistic Ministers assist clergy at both campuses in the distribution of communion during worship services with a primary role to administer the chalice. **For more information, please contact the Rev. Terry Gleeson, terry@gsaustin.org.**

THURIFERS

Thurifers assist in providing an immersive experience of liturgy that touches all the senses. From ancient times and in different religious traditions, worshippers have offered incense to their God, seeing in the smoke an image of their prayers ascending, and in the aromatic resins and spices a reminder of God's presence. Thurifers prepare the coals and incense before services, handle the thurible during services, and offer the thurible to the ministers at the appropriate times during the liturgy. Training provided. **For more information, please contact the Rev. Terry Gleeson, terry@gsaustin.org.**

USHERS

Ushers assist during worship services by greeting parishioners, welcoming newcomers, assisting with the needs of worshippers, facilitating Holy Communion, and responding appropriately to any concerns during the service. Ushers are the face of Good Shepherd to visitors and newcomers, and the hospitality and warm welcome from ushers is a sign of God's welcome and love for newcomers and regular attendees. **For more information, please contact John Pitts, johnrpitts@gmail.com, or Will Holford, will.holford@me.com.**

VERGERS

Vergers serve as master of ceremonies for our liturgies. They work with clergy to plan the logistical details of our worship and coordinate and shepherd the various liturgical ministries through the worship services. We rely on vergers to ensure that the worship space is prepared and worship participants are ready for their roles. We provide training, and new vergers often begin by shadowing more experienced vergers. **For more information, please contact Jeff Simpler, jsimpler@me.com.**

VIDEO (Livestream)

To accommodate those who can't make it to church for Sunday worship and special services like funerals, we offer live-streams on our website, Facebook and YouTube pages. **For more information or volunteer opportunities, please contact Charles Hibler, charles@gsaustin.org.**

WEDDING GUILD

The Wedding Guild assists couples throughout their rehearsal and wedding – helping to celebrate their union and the beginning of their life together at Good Shepherd. Members of the Guild attend the wedding rehearsal and ceremony of a couple, with one member serving as wedding host and at least one other member assisting. **For more information, please contact Kathy Jolink, kathyj@gsaustin.org.**



Liturgy and Music



Good Shepherd Adult Choir

THE GOOD SHEPHERD ADULT CHOIR

The Good Shepherd Adult Choir leads worship at our 10:30a Sunday services in the Windsor nave and at special liturgies throughout the year. We draw on the very best of ancient, modern and world music, including works by local Austin composers. If you can sing well, are willing to work hard, and can commit to a rehearsal schedule, we welcome your participation. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:30p–9:00p. No audition is needed, and you are welcome to sit in on a rehearsal any time if you'd like to try it out. **For more information, please contact Chris Oelkers, chris@gsaustin.org.**

THE GOOD SHEPHERD EVENSONG CHOIR

This ensemble, drawn from the adult choir, sings at Evensong, which is offered on special feast days and solemnities throughout the program year. Evening Prayer is the time when the church gathers to give thanks for the day that is ending, and Evensong is an expression of this, unique to the Anglican tradition and a treasure of our church's heritage. **For more information, please contact Chris Oelkers, chris@gsaustin.org.**

THE SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir is a great opportunity for members of the congregation with limited time to contribute to the musical life of the church. The summer choir sings and leads worship through the summer months (*June to August*). It is open to adults and to children in middle school and older, and no experience is necessary. Singers are encouraged to participate as often as their schedules allow. **For more information, please contact Chris Oelkers, chris@gsaustin.org.**



Youth Choir

THE YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir fosters the musical growth of our youngest singers. This choir participates in several of our worship services throughout the program year and during holidays. The Youth Choir curriculum comes from the Royal School of Church Music, with which Good Shepherd is affiliated. The Youth Choir practices on Wednesdays from 6:00p–6:30p. New members are welcome at any time. No prior choir experience is necessary, just a love of singing. **For more information, please contact Christina Baird, christinab@gsaustin.org.**



The Hill Pickup Choir

THE HILL PICKUP CHOIR

The Hill Pickup Choir participates in Sunday worship at the Hill every other week. On weeks when the choir gathers as part of worship, the singers meet at 9:15a to practice the hymns and service music for the day. All are welcome to join. **For more information, please contact Matt Bradshaw, mattb@gsaustin.org.**



Special Concerts

SPECIAL CONCERTS

Special concerts are offered throughout the program year and feature a variety of performers, both vocal and instrumental. Past performers have included a folk choir from Eastern Europe, members of the Austin Symphony, classical guitarists, and others. Admission is free, with donations gratefully accepted. See the parish website and calendar for upcoming concerts.

ADVENT ORGAN RECITALS

Advent organ recitals are offered at 12:15p on Thursdays in Advent. Talented local organists offer seasonal music for the Advent and Christmas seasons in the beautiful Good Shepherd church building. Admission is free, with donations gratefully accepted.

LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS

Lenten organ recitals are offered at 12:15p on Thursdays in Lent. Talented local organists offer seasonal music for the Lenten season in the beautiful Good Shepherd church building. Admission is free, with donations gratefully accepted.





Outreach and Volunteering



Hillside Early Childhood Center

HILLSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Hillside is located at the Hill, our second campus, and enrolls over 80 students ages 6 weeks to 5 years. The Center's mission is to deliver a quality, full-day, year-round developmental program that fosters healthy bodies, joyful hearts, curious minds, and engaged families, in an inclusive and innovative Episcopal school. Hillside envisions becoming a model for accessible and sustainable early childhood centers and provides scholarships to a growing number of students in addition to participating in the Texas Workforce Commission's subsidized childcare program. We are looking for volunteers who would like to provide weekly or monthly support to teachers in the classroom during play, reading, lunch and rest times.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact Mary Ann Frishman, maryann@frishco.com.

GOD OF HOPE PRISON MINISTRY

"...I was in prison and you came to me." – MT.25:36

Every weekday, different volunteers meet with offenders, separate from the general population, in a faith-based dorm where the offenders have committed to live for six months in a community of love and Christian discipleship devoted to studying the Bible and actively participating in classes, discipleship groups and life coaching. The volunteers typically go in once a week for 1 to 1½ hours and can choose to meet one-on-one, in small groups of 4-5 or teach 20-24 with the full dorm. This program allows its members to grow closer to God to change for the better. The opportunity to work with these men and women is Spirit-filled and powerful.

For more information, please visit www.thegodofhope.org or contact Hale Umstatt, hale.umstatt@transwestern.com.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

During Advent, Good Shepherd parishioners provide gifts for children and families in Austin who would otherwise not have a gift to open on Christmas morning. Parishioners – either by themselves or together with others – adopt families from the giving tree and receive information on the particular needs of the family. This ministry organizes the tree and receives and organizes the gifts. *For information, please contact Trey Shepherd, trey.shepherd@raymondjames.com.*



Mobile Loaves & Fishes monthly truck runs

MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES TRUCK RUNS

MLF serves those living on the streets in Austin through food preparation and delivery, literally meeting them where they are. Good Shepherd provides volunteers for truck runs to serve our brothers and sisters on the streets. Good Shepherd's volunteer teams meet at the Mobile Loaves commissary (at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Bee Cave) to prepare meals and load them into a food truck. Volunteers then drive the food truck to different sites in Austin to serve the meals. This ministry offers an opportunity for parents to serve with the older elementary and teenage children.

For more information, please contact Scott Ferguson, wklfjr@gmail.com. You can also sign up online by scanning the QR code on the right.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Each year we collect food and provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need in our community. We then pack and deliver Thanksgiving meal kits to residents of the North Loop Apartments. This is a child-friendly volunteering opportunity. *For more information, please contact Rachel Rehwinkel rachel.rehwinkel@gmail.com and Christine Jarrett christinemjarrett@gmail.com*



CFIV and move-ins

COMMUNITY FIRST! VILLAGE (CFIV) MOVE-INS

Community First! Village is a 51-acre master planned community that provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for men and women coming out of chronic homelessness. Good Shepherd loves partnering with CFIV to furnish and make homes ready for first-time residents. Volunteers are needed to help set up furniture for the homes, bring meals for their gatherings, movie nights, and so many more opportunities. These are great outreach opportunities for individuals and families. *For more information, please contact Jack Wolfe, jackwolfe@mac.com. You can also sign up online by scanning the QR code on the right.*



NAMI Walk

NAMI WALK

The National Alliance on Mental Illness in Central Texas holds an annual 5K walk in September to raise support and awareness. Members of Good Shepherd love to participate in this event as it is for both a good cause and a wonderful opportunity for fellowship between our two campuses. *For more information, please contact Nissa Roark, nissawood2@gmail.com.*



HILL COMMUNITY MINISTRY

This ministry serves students at elementary schools in the neighborhood of the Hill. Throughout the school year, we serve as reading buddies, mentors and helpers at school events. We provide donations of supplies, food, clothing, teacher appreciation items, and more. Such support is critical to answering the holistic needs critical to classroom success. Working with parishioners across Good Shepherd, we have been able to provide within one year: 200 plus items of clothing and shoes, 100 plus books, teacher appreciation gifts, and more than 500 backpacks with school supplies. We need our entire Good Shepherd family to continue our mission—as reading buddies, mentors, participants at school events, and in making, prepping, and delivering donations. Work with us to reach beyond—let’s double what we achieved this past year and live into Good Shepherd’s mission. Together, let’s live into God’s dream. **For more information, please contact Susie Piaget, susiepiaget@gmail.com, or Donna White, donnawhite0@gmail.com.**



TRINITY STREETS

Trinity Streets is a ministry in downtown Austin that regularly serves meals to those experiencing homelessness and provides a chance for these people to worship. This ministry feeds 40 people each week. Volunteers from Good Shepherd prepare and serve meals at Trinity Center downtown. A priest offers a service which includes the Eucharist. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for individuals and families, and slots fill up quickly!

For more information, please contact Lucy Adcock, lucyadcock@yahoo.com. You can also sign up online by scanning the QR code.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Both campuses gather in Advent to measure and pack 35,000 meals for people in developing nations – a much-loved tradition. Volunteers help to set up the packing equipment and supplies the day before the pack and help to clean up afterwards. **For more information, please contact Kelly Molak at Kelly@soledadbuilders.com.**

DRIVE A SENIOR

Drive a Senior is a community-based volunteer service supported by congregations in West Austin and North Central Austin—including Good Shepherd, a founding congregation. It has been providing services to seniors since 1985. The program responds to the needs of the increasing number of seniors who are living alone and can no longer drive. While lack of transportation is one of the challenges to our aging community, research shows that loneliness and social isolation have a serious impact on older people’s longevity, physical and mental health and quality of life. We successfully address these issues through our dedicated and compassionate volunteers and a personalized approach to connecting with those in need through in-home visits, phone calls, and social gatherings. **For more information, please contact Louis Wade, alwnbw@hotmail.com.**



OPPORTUNITY GARDENS

The Gardens on the Hill create an opportunity to put down roots, both physically and figuratively, in the neighborhood through the planting of herb, fruit, and vegetable plants. We always welcome volunteers to help with the gardens. **For more information, please contact Ron Tamaru, rtamaru@sbcglobal.net.**



