



*"So there will be one flock, one shepherd."*

JOHN 10:7-18

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NOVEMBER 2010

*The Church is all about connection.* The latin word ligare – “to bind” – is the root of “ligament,” as well as “religion.” To “re-bind” or “re-connect,” one to another and our souls to God, lies at the heart of our faith community.

*So often we find ourselves* compartmentalized, fragmented, even alienated from what matters most in our lives: our friends, our families, our faith. The Christian way of life, however, is a path of integration and reintegration.

In our relationships with one another, we find strength and wisdom to bind together that which is broken in ourselves and in the world around us. In scripture, we discover our own stories woven into the heart of God’s revelation. In worship, we remember who we are in light of who God is: One Body, bound together through One Bread, One Cup, and One Love.

*These connections—deep and authentic—* are not without risk. They require an investment of our time and a willingness to trust. And yet, even when we are unwilling to take those risks, God’s mercies endure and God’s love abides, welcoming us to again connect and be connected.

*On Sunday, November 28,* we begin a new liturgical year. Advent, the first season of this new year, is the beginning before the Great Beginning we encounter in Christmas. Advent is our time of preparation, when God moves below the surface, working in the darkness to again draw together that which may have become frayed or torn within and among the people of God.

*As we enter these holiday seasons,* some long-lost members of Good Shepherd will return, led by that gentle hand of the One who works to re-connect and re-bind. These good souls may enter the church hesitantly, pushing through peculiar combinations of guilt and hope, loss and love. Perhaps you are one of them. Enter these doors trusting that the incarnate God greets you here. Incline your ears to hear glad tidings of great joy. And like those faithful sojourners of old, listen to the angels and be welcomed home to your family of faith, “where God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of his heaven.”

## Advent, the first season of this new year

### weekly worship schedule

#### SUNDAY

- 7:30 a HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
- 9:00 a HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
- 11:30 a HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
- 11:30 a COMMUNION CAFÉ
- 6:00 p HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

#### TUESDAY

- 12:15 p HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

#### WEDNESDAY

- 12:15 p CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER
- 5:30 p HEALING/HOLY EUCHARIST

#### THURSDAY

- 7:30 a HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
- 5:30 p CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12:**

Baptism and Confirmation Sunday,  
Bishop Dena Harrison.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21:  
WINTER SOLSTICE**

**6:00p The Longest Night Liturgy:**

A communion service of hope, healing and remembrance, accompanied by piano, seeking to support those for whom the holiday season is difficult or painful.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24:  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

**2:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Children's Christmas Pageant:** An interactive service with special opportunities for preschoolers. Every child will be provided a pair of animal ears, angel wings, or other costumes, so that all can take part in the telling of the Christmas Story.

**4:30p Christmas Carol Sing:** Join the Children's Choirs and sing familiar hymns of the season.

**5:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II,** with Children's Choirs

**8:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II,** with the Good Shepherd Choir & Orchestra.

**10:30p Christmas Carol Sing:** Join the Good Shepherd choir and sing familiar hymns of the season.

**11:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite I,** with the Good Shepherd Choir & Orchestra.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25:  
CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite II:** The Feast of the Incarnation celebrated with music.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26:  
I CHRISTMAS**

**7:30a Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

**10:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**6:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1:  
HOLY NAME**

**10:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite II:** The commemoration of Jesus; receiving of a name in the Temple, eight days after his birth. Prayers will also be offered in thanksgiving for year passed, and in hope for the arrival of the new year.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2:  
II CHRISTMAS**

**7:30a Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

**9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**11:30a Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

**6:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5:  
EPIPHANY**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II:** The Christmas season concludes as we remember the visit of the Magi, led by the star of Bethlehem to the infant Jesus.



# PARISH LIFE

## CHRISTMAS REVELRY & MERRY MAKING FOR ALL AGES!



JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL on December 19 between the 9 and 11:30 services for an intergenerational Christmas Celebration.

\* **COOKIE SWAP:** Bring two or three dozen of your favorite recipe cookie or candy. (If you like you can bring a copy of the recipe to share as well.) Then we will each make two plates, one for ourselves and one to be delivered to a homebound parishioner.

\* **BREAKFAST:** A delicious hot breakfast of eggs, bacon and the like.

\* **CRAFTS:** A variety of crafts and activities for all ages.

\* **CARD MAKING:** We will make and decorate cards for our homebound parishioners.

\* **CAROLING & CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

\* **GAMES & ACTIVITIES GALORE!**

PLEASE COME dressed ready to play and celebrate with your Good Shepherd family and save your Christmas finery for December 24 and 25!

### BISHOP DENA HARRISON TO VISIT GS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12



BISHOP DENA HARRISON will join us on Sunday, December 12 for Baptism and Confirmation Sunday. Bishop Harrison attended The University of Texas at Austin where she received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. She received her Master of Divinity degree from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in 1987. Bishop

Harrison served as assistant rector at All Saints' Church, Austin, and as rector of St. James' Church, La Grange, and St. James the Apostle Church, Conroe. She served as Canon to the Ordinary from 2000-2003 and served as Archdeacon and Canon for Ministry until her election as bishop suffragan in 2006. She offices in the Austin diocesan center and serves the central region of the diocese.

Please join us in welcoming Bishop Dena Harrison to Good Shepherd on Sunday, December 12!

### THE LONGEST NIGHT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 7P

The Longest Night Liturgy: A communion service of hope, healing and remembrance, accompanied by piano, seeking to support those for whom the holiday season is difficult or painful.

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

For many people, the Advent-Christmas season is not a joyful time, rather a painful one. For those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, they may feel particularly saddened or disconnected in the midst



of the holiday festivities. For others, the season brings to mind the broken and unreconciled places of the heart. In the midst of celebrations, obligations and commitments, it can be difficult to find a holy space to rest our burdens. And so, on the longest night -the Winter Solstice - of what for some feels like a very long season, Good Shepherd will offer a contemplative liturgy of hope, healing and remembrance.

You are invited to bring meaningful objects, pictures or mementos of loved ones who have died to place on the altar as an act of prayer. Candles will be lit as a sign of hope, and all are welcome.



I would like to make a donation for Christmas *flowers*

name: \_\_\_\_\_

amount: \_\_\_\_\_



in honor of / in memory of  
(please circle)

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\*Please return this form to the parish office by 5:00p December 15 to be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve service leaflet. Donations received after December 15 will be acknowledged after Christmas.



I would like to make a donation for Christmas *music*

name: \_\_\_\_\_

amount: \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of / in memory of  
(please circle)

\_\_\_\_\_

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GOOD SHEPHERD'S GOT TALENT!



COME ONE, COME ALL to the Annual Good Shepherd Open Mic Night on January 23 at 6:00p! Are you a singer? A musician? A poet? A magician? Then by all means grab a slot before they fill up! Contact the Rev. Kelly Koonce at 476-3523 or [kkoonce@gsaustin.org](mailto:kkoonce@gsaustin.org) to sign up. Dinner will be served and childcare will be available.

**ADVENT ADULT EDUCATION**

PLEASE JOIN US at 10:45a in the Parish Hall on Sundays in Advent:

**NOVEMBER 28:**

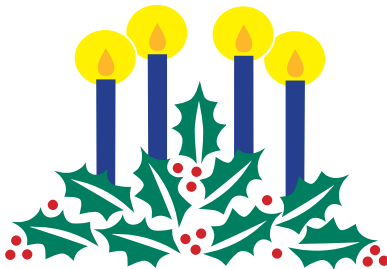
*Advent Wreath Making (all ages)*

**DECEMBER 5:**

*Protestants and Mary -  
The Rev. Micah Jackson*

**DECEMBER 12:**

*Confirmation Reception  
with Bishop Dena Harrison*



**DECEMBER 19:**

*Christmas Revelry and Merry Making for all ages*

**GS WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**SAVE THE DATE & GRAB A ROOMMATE!**

The Good Shepherd Women's Retreat is around the corner. Each of you and your presence is what makes the retreat so special. We hope you all will plan on attending!

Friday, February 4-6, 2011  
T-Bar-M Ranch  
New Braunfels, Texas

More details to follow.

**TUESDAY MORNING OUTREACH PROGRAM**

*Have You Noticed?*

**OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

If you have stopped by the parish offices on a recent Tuesday morning, you may have noticed a gathering of people in need around the Administration Building. Last month Good Shepherd initiated our Tuesday Morning Outreach Program to better serve the indigent of the Austin community. Beginning at 8:00a, we offer a light snack and beverage to those who have made the trek to Good Shepherd. Then, at 8:30, we begin meeting with each person individually to hear their story, to help financially as we are able, and to pray with them. Assistance frequently includes a month-long bus pass, a grocery gift card, and utility assistance for those who have a home. We maintain records of those individuals we have served and limit the amount of assistance any one person may receive within a calendar year. While we have always been committed to helping those in need, the designation of a set hour each week, ordered by previously scheduled appointments, allows us to serve more effectively, while also maintaining a safe environment on our campus.

**FUNDING**

In the past, the clergy of the parish were each responsible for an individual "Discretionary Fund," for the purposes of almsgiving and the support of parishioners' ministries. To encourage shared responsibility and mutual accountability, in January of this year all of these funds were consolidated into the common, Parish Ministry Fund (PMF). The primary financial source of the PMF is the "Loose Offering," the undesignated cash given in the collection plate during worship services on the first Sunday of every month.

**HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE**

You can help host these neighbors from the Austin community. We need parishioners to greet those who have come seeking help, offer refreshments, and later visit with our guests to determine how Good Shepherd can be a resource for them. Training will be provided, and every volunteer will first work side-by-side with a member of the clergy.

If you would like to participate, please email the Rev. Chris Duncan at [chris@gsaustin.org](mailto:chris@gsaustin.org); or call him at the parish office: 476.3523.



## *45 Minutes of Peace in a Busy World*

NURSERY CARE IS NOW AVAILABLE DURING CHORAL EVENSONG.

This month, the Children's Choirs will lead Evensong as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. Join us on December 12 at 6:00p for a quiet, 45-minute musical service of scripture and prayer – a perfect chance for renewal before the start of another hectic week. With nursery care now available, you can drop the kids off and refresh your spirit at this peaceful, inspiring service.

## *Christmas Music*

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES are always enriched by the singing of many beloved hymns by the biggest group of music-makers at Good Shepherd – the entire congregation. In addition, our choirs – the members of our congregation with particular time, talent, and training to devote in service of the parish – along with guest musicians contribute to the festivity of the occasion with anthems and a choral setting of the Mass. This year, our musical forces will be distributed as follows.

The 2:00p children's pageant includes the congregational singing of stanzas of a number of Christmas hymns. At 5:00p the Primary and Junior Choirs lead the congregational singing of the service music and hymns and further enrich the liturgy with anthems; at 8:00p the Good Shepherd Choir and orchestra do the same.

The 11:00p Eucharist, in addition to congregational hymnody, will feature parts of Mozart's 'Organ Solo Mass' (Missa Brevis in C, K. 259) sung by the Good Shepherd Choir with soloists and orchestra. Mozart, like few others, infused his music with both great depth and great delight; the prominent twentieth-century theologian Karl Barth, a great lover of Mozart, wrote, 'It may be that when the angels go about their task praising God, they play only Bach. I am sure, however, that when they are together en famille they play Mozart, and that then too our dear Lord listens with special pleasure'. We will join them, then, with this brief but festive setting of the service music, a fitting crown to our celebration of the Feast of the Incarnation. Finally, a half-hour of carols for congregation & choir will precede the 5:00 and 11:00p Eucharists.

## GS FINANCIALS: SEPTEMBER 2010

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Sept. Revenue	\$82,787
Sept. Expenses	\$141,687

YTD Revenue	\$1,242,431
YTD Expenses	\$1,247,072

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**GOT STOCK?** If you will be making stock gifts to Good Shepherd at the end of this year, please allow processing time for the gift to be received. We will record your stock gift on the date it is received in our account, not the date you initiate the transaction. During the holidays, there can be delays on financial transactions; therefore to ensure your stock gift will be included in 2010, please have the gift reach our account by December 15, 2010. **THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO GOOD SHEPHERD!**

*The Women of Good Shepherd  
are Cordially Invited to  
Celebrate the Christmas Season  
at*

*The Annual ECW Christmas Tea  
Wednesday, December 8  
4:30-6:30p*

*At the Home of Diane Schoch  
2500 Kenmore Court*

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*Valet Parking Provided  
For Childcare, please call 786.6728 or  
email [jordie.cronin@gmail.com](mailto:jordie.cronin@gmail.com).*

# DECEMBER

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## 5 ADVENT II

7:30a **Holy Eucharist, Rite I** (CH)  
8:30a Choir Rehearsal (CR)  
Coffee Hour (PH)  
9:00a **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (CH)  
Pre-school Sunday School (EB)  
Children's Chapel (BH)  
10:15a Parish Breakfast (PH)  
10:45a Christian Education (PH, BH, MH)  
**Protestants & Mary:**  
**The Rev. Micah Jackson**  
Club 234 (PG)

11:00a Choir Rehearsal (CR)  
11:30a **Communion Café Worship** (PH)  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite I** (CH)  
Club 456 (PG)  
Junior Choir (CR)  
3:00p EYC (MH)  
4:30p Vestry Meeting (CO)  
6:00p **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (CH)

## 6

9:15a Tellers  
6:30p Men's Bible & Brew (CO)

## 7

8:00a Yoga (MH)  
8:30a Tuesday A.M. Outreach  
9:30a Young Mom's Study (CR)  
12:15p **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (CH)  
3:30p Clergy Program &  
Prayer Meeting (RO)  
4:30p Primary Choir (CR)  
8:00p Late Night @ GS (CO)

## 12 ADVENT III

7:30a **Holy Eucharist, Rite I** (CH)  
8:30a Choir Rehearsal (CR)  
Coffee Hour (PH)  
9:00a **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (CH)  
Pre-school Sunday School (EB)  
Children's Chapel (BH)  
10:45a Christian Education (PH, BH, MH)  
**Confirmation Reception with**  
**Bishop Dena Harrison**  
Club 234 (PG)

11:00a Choir Rehearsal (CR)  
11:30a **Communion Café Worship** (PH)  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite I** (CH)  
Club 456 (PG)  
Junior Choir (CR)  
2:00p **Holy Eucharist** (Arden Courts)  
3:00p EYC Christmas Party (MH)  
6:00p **Choral Evensong** (CH)

## PARISH ELECTIONS

## 13

9:15a Tellers  
6:30p Men's Bible & Brew (CO)

## 14

7:30a Yoga (MH)  
8:30a Tuesday A.M. Outreach  
Yoga (MH)  
9:30a Young Mom's Study (CR)  
Parish Ministry  
Distribution (CO)  
12:15p **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (CH)  
3:30p Clergy Program &  
Prayer Meeting (RO)  
4:30p Primary Choir (CR)  
8:00p Late Night @ GS (CO)

## 19 ADVENT IV

7:30a **Holy Eucharist, Rite I** (CH)  
8:30a Choir Rehearsal (CR)  
Coffee Hour (PH)  
9:00a **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (CH)  
Pre-school Sunday School (EB)  
Children's Chapel (BH)  
10:15a Parish Breakfast (PH)  
10:45a Christian Education (PH, BH, MH)  
**Christmas Revelry**  
**& Merry Making**  
**for all ages (PH)**  
Club 234 (PG)

11:00a Choir Rehearsal (CR)  
11:30a **Communion Café Worship** (PH)  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite I** (CH)  
Club 456 (PG)  
Junior Choir (CR)  
2:00p **Holy Eucharist** (Arboretum)  
6:00p **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (CH)

## 20

9:15a Tellers

## 21

7:30a Yoga (MH)  
8:30a Tuesday A.M. Outreach  
Yoga (MH)  
12:15p **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (CH)  
3:30p Clergy Program &  
Prayer Meeting (RO)  
4:30p Primary Choir (CH)  
7:00p Longest Night Liturgy (CH)

## 26 CHRISTMAS I

7:30a **Holy Eucharist, Rite I** (CH)  
10:00a **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (CH)  
3:00p **Holy Eucharist** (Querencia)  
6:00p **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (CH)

## 27

9:15a Tellers

## 28

7:30a Yoga (MH)  
8:30a Tuesday A.M. Outreach  
Yoga (MH)  
12:15p **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (CH)  
3:30p Clergy Program &  
Prayer Meeting (RO)

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**1** 7:00a Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (PH)  
 10:30a GSES Board Meeting (CO)  
 11:00a Women's Prayer Group (BR)  
 11:30a \*Women on the Journey (CR)  
 12:15p **Contemplative Prayer** (CH)  
 1:00p Staff Meeting (CO)  
 2:30p Convocational Clergy Group (BR)  
 5:30p **Healing/Holy Eucharist** (CH)  
 6:00p \*Women on the Journey (BR)  
 6:45p Evensong Choir Rehearsal (CR & CH)  
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal (CR & CH)

**2** 7:30a **Holy Eucharist, Rite I** (CH)  
 8:00a Yoga (MH)  
 10:30a Thursday Morning Women's Study (CR)  
 5:30p **Contemplative Prayer** (CH)  
 6:30p \*EfM (CO)

**3** 10:30a \*Women on the Journey (BR)  
 6:00p Discovery Class (PH)

**4** 9:00a Altar Guild (CH)  
 Discovery Class (PH)

**8** 7:00a Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (PH)  
 11:00a Women's Prayer Group (BR)  
 12:15p **Contemplative Prayer** (CH)  
 1:00p Staff Meeting (CO)  
 5:30p **Healing/Holy Eucharist** (CH)  
 4:30p ECW Christmas Tea (Off Site)  
 6:45p Evensong Choir Rehearsal (CR & CH)  
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal (CR & CH)

**9** 7:30a **Holy Eucharist, Rite I** (CH)  
 8:00a Yoga (MH)  
 10:30a Thursday Morning Women's Study (CR)  
 5:30p **Contemplative Prayer** (CH)  
 F&A Meeting (RO)  
 6:30p \*EfM (CO)

**10** 9:30a Prayer Shawl (CO)  
 5:00p Evensong Rehearsal, Jr. Primary Choir (CH)

**11** 9:00a Altar Guild (CH)

**15** 7:00a Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (PH)  
 11:00a Women's Prayer Group (BR)  
 12:15p **Contemplative Prayer** (CH)  
 1:00p Staff Meeting (CO)  
 5:30p **Healing/Holy Eucharist** (CH)  
 6:00p Vestry (PH)  
 6:45p Evensong Choir Rehearsal (CR & CH)  
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal (CR & CH)

**DEADLINE to send in flower and music donations**

**16** 7:30a **Holy Eucharist, Rite I** (CH)  
 Yoga (MH)  
 8:00a Yoga (MH)  
 10:30a Thursday Morning Women's Study (CR)  
 5:30p **Contemplative Eucharist** (CH)  
 6:30p \*EfM (CO)

**17** 12:00p GSES School Dismissal  
 Office Closes for the Day

**DEADLINE to bring gifts for the Christmas Giving Tree**

**18** 9:00a Altar Guild (CH)

**22** 7:00a Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (CH & PH)  
 10:00a Children's Choir Rehearsal (CH, PH)  
 11:00a Women's Prayer Group (BR)  
 12:15p **Contemplative Prayer** (CH)  
 1:00p Staff Meeting (CO)  
 5:30p **Healing/Holy Eucharist** (CH)  
 6:45p Evensong Choir Rehearsal (CR & CH)  
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal (CR & CH)

**23** 7:30a **Holy Eucharist, Rite I** (CH)  
 Yoga (MH)  
 8:30a Yoga (MH)  
 5:30p **Contemplative Prayer** (CH)

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**Christmas Eve**

Service Schedule can be found on the inside flap of the Voice

**25**

**Christmas Day**

**29** 7:00a Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (CH & PH)  
 12:15p **Contemplative Prayer** (CH)  
 5:30p **Healing/Holy Eucharist** (CH)  
 6:45p Evensong Choir Rehearsal (CR & CH)

**30** 7:30a **Holy Eucharist, Rite I** (CH)  
 Yoga (MH)  
 8:30a Yoga (MH)  
 5:30p **Contemplative Prayer** (CH)

**31**

**New Year's Eve**



# VESTRY & DIOCESAN COUNCIL DELEGATE ELECTIONS

*Vestry and Diocesan Council Delegate elections will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2010. Voting will begin during the 7:30a service and continue until thirty minutes following the conclusion of the 5:00p service. To be eligible to vote, one must be at least 16 years old and a communicant in good standing of this parish (defined in the Church Canons as “faithful in corporate worship and working, praying, and giving for the spread of God’s Kingdom”). There are no absentee ballots. If you are unsure whether you are eligible to vote, please contact Kathy Jolink in the Church Office, at 476.3523.*

*The parishioners on this page are those for whom timely nominations for Vestry have been submitted. Vestry members serve a three-year term. Nominees for Diocesan Council Delegates are found on the opposite page. We give thanks to God for their willingness to stand for election and to serve.*

## Vestry Delegates:

### ELIZABETH ANN GATES



**Pertinent Biographical Data:** I have been a member of Good Shepherd since 1982. I’m single. My closest family is my daughter who was raised at GS and is married and living in SA with her husband and daughters. The rest of my family lives in Dallas and Louisiana. My work is with HeartGift Foundation as Director of Program Expansion Graduate of LSU (B.S.), University of Houston (M. Ed.) Seminary of the Southwest (Master of Arts in Religion) and attended Oxford University for study in literature and drama.

I enjoy reading and discussing novels, poems, and plays, attending theatre and musical events, and lots of outdoor activities including walking, hiking and gardening.

**Past Parish Activities:** Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Worship Leader/Reader, Coordinator Adult Education, Facilitator Discovery Classes, Summer Choir, ECW Bazaar Committee, Foyer

**Current Parish Activities:** Lay Eucharistic Minister, Co-leader Women on the Journey group, Stewardship Committee, Discovery Class Facilitator, Foyer

**Other Volunteer Experience:** Hospice Austin, Docents of the Governor’s Mansion, Austin History Center Association, Junior League of Austin, Mobile Loaves and Fishes, Casis Elementary

### LEA NOELKE



**Occupation:** Attorney

**Usual Service Attended:** 9:00a

**Pertinent Biographical Data:** Married to Holly Noelke. Father to three children. Members of Good Shepherd since 1984.

**Past Parish Activities:** Vestry Member in the 1980s, Chalice Bearer since 1985, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Music leader for Prayer & Praise service 1990-1992. Cursillo 1989.

**Current Parish Activities:** Lay Eucharistic Minister

**Other Volunteer Experience:** Board member for various legal groups including Volunteer Legal Services & Travis County Bar Family Law Section. Active in West Austin Youth Association as youth coach.

### HALLIE CARDWELL



**Occupation:** Investments

**Pertinent Biographical Data:** Married to David Cardwell with three children.

**Past Parish Activities:** Member of Good Shepherd for 30 years. Active in the Altar guild from 1981-2006. Served as Altar Guild Directress from 2003-2006.

**Current Parish Activities:** Stewardship Committee Member

**Other Volunteer Experience:** The Jr. League of Austin/ Past President, Helping Hand Home for Children/Past President, St. Andrew’s Episcopal School, Seton Development Board.

## HEATHER CHESNEY



**Occupation:** Stay at home mom and community volunteer

**Usual Service Attended:** 9:00a

**Pertinent Biographical Data:**

My husband Bobby and I grew up in San Antonio, and I am a 1997 UT graduate (Plan II). We lived in New York City and Winston-Salem, North Carolina for 11 years before moving

back to Texas and joining Good Shepherd in 2008. In Winston-Salem we were active members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We have three little girls, Riley is 7, Kate is 4 (and attends Good Shepherd Episcopal School), and Alice is 1.

**Past Parish Activities:** Good Shepherd: Sunday School teacher, Young Moms Bible Study, ECW (Christmas Tea planning committee). St. Paul's Episcopal Church: Member of the Outreach Funding Advisory Committee (which made recommendations and oversaw the allocation of grants and designated the recipients for both the Easter and Christmas offerings) 2006-2007, Sunday School teacher, Bible Study Participant, Discernment Committee 2006.

**Current Parish Activities:** Preschool Sunday School teacher, Children's Chapel coordinator, Young Moms Bible Study participant, ECW.

**Other Volunteer Experience:**

Welcome Wagon chair, Homeroom mom - Good Shepherd Episcopal School, Holiday Shopping Card Committee - American Cancer Society, Casis PTA.

## SILAS PARKER



**Occupation:** Financial & Insurance Services Professional (New York Life)

**Usual Service Attended:** 9:00a

**Past Parish Activities:** Trinity Center Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, Lap Persons Bread Delivery & Calls, Visitor Host, Refugee Committee & Family Assistance.

**Current Parish Activities:** Men's Bible & Brew, Young Adults Foyer Group, Young Adults Ministry.

**Pertinent Biographical Data:** Husband, Father, Active home brewer, & Musician

## Diocesan Council Delegates:

## NANCY WADE



**Pertinent Biographical Data:**

Married to Louis. Two grown children and four wonderful grandchildren.

**Usual Service Attended:** Attend various services.

**Occupation:** Retired from Good Shepherd in August.

**Current Parish Activities:** Serves as Worship Leader, Sunday Host and organizer with Bettie High of the Foyer Program

**Past Parish Activities:** Vestry, Search Committee, Altar Guild, Director of Christian Education, Stewardship Committee

**Current Diocesan Activities:** Finance Committee, Committee on the Bishop's Address, Presenter at Vestry and Wardens' Conference and Diocesan Health Plan Task Force

**Past Diocesan Activities:** Executive Board, Committee for the Election of the Bishop

**Community Activities:** President Elect of the Settlement Club, Sustaining Advisor for the Junior League of Austin, certified by National Association of Business Administrators

## EARL NESBITT



**Occupation:** Architect (semi-retired)

**Usual Service Attended:** 9:00 a

**Pertinent Biographical Data:**

Born Danville Va. 1935, Graduated Paris-American High School 1952, Graduated the University of Texas at Austin (B. Arch) 1957, advanced studies in Urban Design, Texas A&M University 1959, active duty U.S. Air

Force 1958 - 1960, Started architectural practice, Austin Design Associates, Inc. 1974 to present,

**Past Parish Activities:** Vestry, 1980 - 1983, Jr. Warden 1981 - 1983. Former Lay Reader, Former Chalice Bearer, Verger, Usher, Worship Committee Member, Former Council Delegate.

**Current Parish Activities:** Since 1995, scheduled service assignments for Vergers, Eucharistic Ministers, Worship Leaders and Intercessors. Also, with the Rector's permission, conducted training classes for all the above. Member of the Liturgy Planning Committee.

**Other Volunteer Experience:** Secretary of the Austin-Westlake Rotary Club, Member of the Zoning & Planning Commission, City of West Lake Hills.



### Christmas Eve Pageant

WITH ANGELS, BARN ANIMALS, THE HOLY FAMILY, and the 3 Wise Men, our 2:00p service offers an interactive pageant that involves all children who would like to join in. We will supply wings, ears, and costumes. For more information, please contact Jeane Burks at [jburks@gsaustin.org](mailto:jburks@gsaustin.org).

### Christmas Music & Sing-A-Long

JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS in special music and hymns at 4:30p on December 24

### Christmas Worship

OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS lead us in the 2:00p service on December 24 as we celebrate the arrival of the Baby Jesus. Let us make a joyful noise together!



**EXTRAVAGANZAS!**

**COLD WEATHER IS HERE** and the holidays are quickly approaching! It has been a wonderful semester at EYC. We've smothered ourselves in shaving cream, bounced onto Velcro walls, ran around the state capitol at night, played some epic games of predator vs. prey on the GS playground, and more. As EYC Director, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to hang out with and know the youth this semester.

**ON DECEMBER 5** we'll be adopting a family and going to buy them Christmas presents as part of our youth outreach effort. Then we'll finish things off with a Christmas party on December 12. Whether you've come every week or it's your first time, we hope all GS youth and their friends will join us for both of these special occasions.

**AFTER THE PARTY,** EYC will take a break over Christmas, starting back up on Sunday January 9. I look forward to another semester of fun and community at EYC in the spring.

## Imagine the Outreach Possibilities...



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

**LOOKING FOR AN EASY YET REWARDING WAY TO SHARE THE SPIRIT OF GIVING THIS CHRISTMAS?** Good Shepherd's Christmas Giving Program provides the opportunity to touch the life of a family in need by sharing our plenitude. The "Giving Tree" matches Good Shepherd parishioners with families needing a little extra help to celebrate Christmas. Working with established programs like Faith in Action, the City Housing Authority, and Wonders and Worries, we adopt families (from a single widower to an active family of six or more) and help make a few of their Christmas dreams come true.

The Christmas tree, loaded with names of individuals, families, and their wish lists can be found in the Parish Hall. Church members are asked to select the individual and /or families they want to help and to return wrapped gifts to the Church office by Friday, December 17 for delivery.

We have a great committee in place: Corby Jastrow, Nicky Brennig, Christina Davenport, Kristi Moriarty, Reagan Rives, Emily Somerville and Caroline Trube, and the Church youth group is adopting a family as well. We hope you will join us! For more information contact Jan Bashur, [jepb@austin.rr.com](mailto:jepb@austin.rr.com) or Lisa Rodman, [lisa@lisarodman.com](mailto:lisa@lisarodman.com).



## Tom Turkey Success

TO ALL WHO PULLED A FEATHER FROM TOM TURKEY and donated non-perishables for our Annual Thanksgiving Baskets, we give a heartfelt thank you! And thank you to those that gathered on Saturday, November 13 to assemble and deliver these baskets to the good people of North Loop Apartments! The elderly and disabled in this low-income housing are truly grateful for Good Shepherd's involvement in making their holidays brighter. Happy Holidays to all!



## THOUGHTS FROM A GUEST AT The Gathering for GS Seniors, November 14

THERE ARE SO MANY OF US! Before the party I expected a few loyal souls dutifully to appear on Sunday afternoon. After all, it was nap time, football time, and Sunday newspaper time, and most of us have learned to treasure the slower pace of our current lives. I was wrong. Over 100 exuberant Seniors laughed, ate, drank and relished one another and our considerate clergy and staff who added one more event to their already busy Sunday.

We all said, "Let's do it again," and that is the best signal I know that we 70- plus year olds value our parish life and want to be integral to it. I call this occasion unforgettable and important.

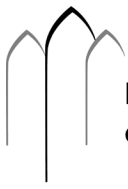
A special thank you goes to the Gathering Committee. Without each of you, this wonderful event could not have taken place: Louann Temple, Ann Bomer, Jeff Bomer, Cinnie Norville, Glenda Goehrs, Carole Sikes, Wendell Mayes, Mary Ann Frishman, Catherine Heidrick, Claire Cunningham, Betsey Bishop, Kay Brumley, Teenie & Bob Bridges, Molly Stephens and Kathy Pfister. Thank you all!



## Annual GS Fun Shoot

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, a group of Good Shepherd parishioners came together for a day of fun out at the Cunningham Ranch. The day started on the porch with Barbeque and Fellowship. After, the group made its way down to the sporting clays course. Intense competition led to a final shootout. Bob Marvin, David Dunham, Kelly Cunningham, and Joe Fowler all showed outstanding marksmanship. Peter Pfeiffer hung in there but ultimately succumbed to the pressure. For the second year in a row, Bob Marvin proved once again, he is the master of the Annie Oakley shootout. Thanks to all who contributed to the Good Shepherd Youth Scholarship Fund. We all have another year to hone our skills for a shot at Bob's reigning crown.





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