

Church of the Good Shepherd

AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER

August 4, 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

July went out in a flurry of activities. First, many thanks go to Merle and Frank Niemiec for having the parish over for a house blessing and celebration. It provided a delightful end to a horrible start to their lives with us in Brownwood. Steve Browder did the contracting, and the results have made this house a home. Second, we ended with an indoor picnic. This was an opportunity to get together in fellowship, as well as celebrate the seventeen years Susan and I have served this parish. The cuff links from the WOC are beautiful. They are symbol shields of my seminary, Nashotah House. I can't thank the ladies enough and the entire parish for a grace-filled tour and a delicious luncheon. The "ants" were most accommodating and polite. Thank you.

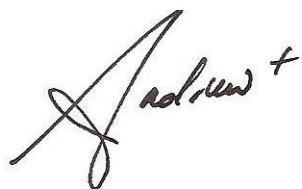
August is here, and I would remind you that service on Wednesday, the 10th, will not be held as I will be out of town. However, work is in progress for several projects. With a little encouragement, we will have a functioning sound system installed. It will have a little shake down time, so bear with us. The audio quality should greatly enhance our worship. The main bathroom in the parish hall will receive a new high-efficiency toilet. This should help with water consumption but most importantly, solve our blockage problem. It was always Wally Walske's "favorite" chore and opportunity to voice his opinion on the unit. Maybe we should call the room - "Wally's Washroom."

There is planning going on for the German Dinner. Bonnie Dillard will be chief cook and bottle washer. That means she will need all the help she can get. We will have only the September and October meetings to make sure all details are in place for our big event. It's all hands on deck!

In September, Susan and I will be going east to attend my national meeting and will take a few days to tour. Currently, we will be leaving after service on the 11th and will return the following week. Morning Prayer will be held on the 18th and the two Wednesdays will not have services. Pray for safe travel.

Lectionary at Lunch will continue when we get back. The lunch food format is looking for ideas. We will study the lection for the upcoming Sunday with the idea that we will deepen our spiritual lives in preparation for a truly holy Sunday service. Give me your feedback, if you will.

God Bless and Keep you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew" followed by a small cross symbol.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist – *Nave*
 11:15 a.m. Refreshments – *Parish Hall*
 Following Church School

Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew - *Parish Hall*
 (All men and boys are invited)
 5:15 p.m. Simple Said Service – *Nave*

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Nursery care available on Sunday mornings

Schedules for August

Chalice/Readers:

August 7	Kathy and Jeff Marugg
August 14	Michael Schultz
August 21	Ann and Bob Beadel
August 28	Joe Tom Childs

Acolytes & Candles:

August 7	Robert Orr
August 14	Sara Byrd
August 21	Robert Orr
August 28	Sara Byrd

Altar Guild: **Bonnie Dillard, Susan Bradley, Betty Broome**
 Greeter: **Clois Broome**



Holy Days in August



6 The Transfiguration
 15 St. Mary the Virgin
 24 St. Bartholomew



Recycle Greeting Card Covers

CGS continues its participation in the St. Jude's Ranch recycled card program. Please leave your card fronts at the church office. Here's a little history on the program from their website:

Card Donating Tips:

- *All types of greeting cards, including Christmas are used.*
- *Only the card front can be used*
- *We cannot accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards.*
- *5" x 7" size or smaller is preferred.*
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The art of being wise is knowing what to overlook. William James

Celebrating August Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Cookie Jaso Vincent Ornelas
5	Harry Thomas
7	Ceto Salazar
10	Lynda Thomas The Sotos
11	Joe Clayton
15	The Jay Timmins
20	The Byrds
22	The Childs'
26	Melissa Alward
28	Larry Soto



If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, it is not included in the parish roster. Please contact Betty Broome at bbroome@hputx.edu to provide your family's information!

Every artist was first an amateur. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Food Pantry Items Needed



Collection of non-perishables food items is ongoing for the needy families of our community. The items are taken to the food pantry monthly.

Prayer Web

A group of women have committed to pray on a daily basis for the needs of parishioners and friends. Requests are delivered to e-mail addresses or by phone. *Please call any of the following to request prayer for a special need:*

Stephanie Adamez
Susan Bradley
Betty Broome
Sue Byrd

Deborah Childs
Margaret Clayton
Bonnie Dillard
Lynda Thomas

Kit Timmins
Susan Timmins
Mary Jo Turner



Vestry Members

The next Vestry Meeting is August 14. Give input concerning your wishes, suggestions, or questions about our Parish to your vestry members.

2009-2012	2010-2013	2011-2014
Jose Brown	Clois Broome	Olene Hart-Brown
Bonnie Dillard	Robert McDaniel	Frank Niemiec
Cooper Morelock	Peggy Ross	Babbie Painter
Mario Salazar	Jay Timmins	Michael Schultz
Michael Heinrich		

Beautification Days

Beautification days are the third Saturdays of the months. Due to the extreme heat, early morning is the wisest time to be out. We'll plan to end our activities by midmorning.

There is something for everybody to do, inside and outside. Refreshments are always available to wet your "whistle while you work." No list to sign, just show up and be ready to enjoy the company of friends!



Remember – if you have planted anything, be sure to keep the plants alive by watering them regularly. **The summer heat is relentless!**

Handgun Safety Course

Anyone interested in taking the handgun safety course is encouraged to contact Merle and Frank Niemiec – niemiecm1@hotmail.com or 325-641-1316.

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