

Church of the Good Shepherd

February 2011 Newsletter

Dear friends in Christ,

Congratulations to the new vestry. They have their work cut out for them. Our Senior Warden will be Jay Timmins and our Junior Warden remains Jose Brown. Our new members are Olene Hart, Frank Niemiec, Babbie Painter, Mario Salazar, and Mike Schultz. Bob and Ann Beadel and Bonnie Dillard have agreed to serve as our convention delegates. This looks to be a good, hard-working year. We will need to keep working on the pledges and get the last of them in to be able to know whether we have to deal with a “faith” budget or not. They will be putting the plans together for the two-pronged mission work that we have to do in our lives of worship at Good Shepherd. Please keep in mind that the church has a sacred purpose and that has a sequence:

1. To worship God
2. To offer a setting where people can grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord
3. To share the blessings of the Christian Gospel.

As mentioned in the parish meeting, part 1 is in decent shape. Consider Morning Prayer as part of your rule of life and refresh yourself with Holy Communion on Wednesday. Taking a little more time with your prayer life will pay glorious dividends. Soup and Scriptures starts March 14th, and the Lenten Suppers and programs begin on March 16th. Strive to make one or the other or better yet – BOTH! God gave his only begotten Son – how much are you willing to give? Further, number 3 will require a multi-sided attack. It really is war out there. We need to find those people who need a spiritual home. Ask them, bring them, and above all, stick with them as their partner. Never let a new person back out the door without knowing the love of our congregation. To help with this, we will be working with the “Ringers” who will help the vestry greeters for our service. Keep in mind that those who have little or no church background can get that “deer in the headlights” glaze from a formal church. Our job is to make sure they are introduced to the Lord and not swamped by the format.

The Gospel Grounds Gophers will pop out from the snow, and we will have a working plan that will need to be instituted to keep our place of worship an oasis from the maddening world we live in.

I hope some of you can join me for the handgun class taught by Frank and Merle Niemiec. The first one will be on the 5th of February in the parish hall at 8:00 a.m. If you’ve thought about and never did it – now’s the time to do it. For more information call 325-541-1316 or 281-328-7510.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew +". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small cross at the end.

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 Service - *Nave*
 followed by Breakfast
 (All men and boys are invited)
 5:15 p.m. Simple Said Service - *Nave*

Nursery care available on Sunday mornings

Schedules for February

Chalice/Readers:

6	Kathy and Jeff Marugg
13	Harry Thomas
20	Kit and Jay Timmins
27	Joe Tom Childs

Acolytes & Candles:

6	Bettis Morelock
13	Robert Orr
20	Sara Byrd
27	Bettis Morelock

Altar Guild: Linda Thomas
 Kit Timmins
 Bonnie Dillard

Meals on Wheels: Week of February 14-18
 Contact Susan or Kit Timmins

Greeter: Jose Brown

WOC Hostesses: Susan Bradley, Babbie Painter

Celebrating February Birthdays and Anniversaries

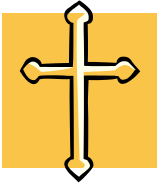
7 – Bud Ross
 14 – Shelby Byrd
 18 – Susan Timmins
 19 – Jeff Marugg
 21 – Susan Bradley
 Jaden Helbert
 23 – Linda Schultz

12 – The Broomes
 The Georges

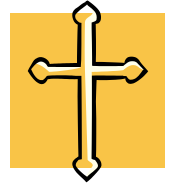
If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, it is not included in the parish roster. Please contact Betty Broome at bbroome@hputx.edu to provide your family's information!



Holy Days in February



2 The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ
24 St. Matthias



Vestry Members

Next Vestry Meeting is February 13. Give input to your vestry members concerning your wishes, suggestions, or questions about our Parish.

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

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 one of the following to request prayer for a special need:

Stephanie Adamez	Deborah Childs	Kit Timmins
Susan Bradley	Margaret Clayton	Susan Timmins
Betty Broome	Bonnie Dillard	Mary Jo Turner
Sue Byrd	Lynda Thomas	



Beautification Days

Beautification days are the third Saturdays of the months. On February 19. The grounds need some TLC to get ready for spring. There is something for everybody to do. 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!

Food Pantry Items Needed

Collection of non-perishables food items is on going for the needy families of our community. The items are taken to the food pantry monthly after the Women of the Church meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. Winter is here! May we always be mindful of the needs of the less fortunate in our midst.