

Church of the Good Shepherd

May 2011 Newsletter

May 2, 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Lord is risen indeed! What a great Easter Day. It was great to see so many celebrating the most important feast in the church year. It was also good to see so many extended families visiting for the holy day. Many thanks are due to all those who gave time and effort to make our facility so beautiful, so worshipful. There are a number of plants that will become part of our overall landscaping and more on the way. It helps to have a little place of peace where we can come to be with Jesus. I hope everyone will think about a little garden area and make it their personal project. Check with me on “the what and where.” Join the landscape for the Lord. Keep up the good work and keep the faith.

Ladies, don't forget that our meeting will be the “No-Bake Bake Sale.” This is an important function that keeps our wheels rolling. Your work and charity are critical to our Opus Dei – work of the Lord. This will also help to get us ready for our “world famous” (*we are, you know*) German Dinner.

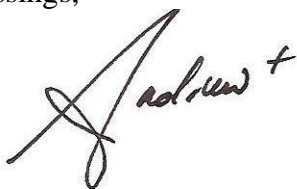
Gentlemen, early summer BBQ? Let's put a picnic together and have a brisket good time. Don't let our smoker get lonely. Jeff and Stacy may feel moved by the spirit to think along these lines.

Soup and Scriptures will have an organizing munch on the 9th to decide the direction we would like to go. Jay and Kit are willing to finish the Truth Series for those who would be interested. We need to let them know, so think about it and let us know this Sunday, the 8th.

On the stewardship front, we are getting close to summer vacation and the time of relaxation and travel. The kicker is that this is the time of our highest bills. Whether we have 30, 60, or 90 in church, we still have to run the A/C. Thanks to Don, we are getting a great negotiated rate but it's still a stiff bill. No, we cannot have individual units for everyone's temperature need. Yes, for some, it's cold. Yes, for some, it's sweltering. Try to remember that Jesus didn't have air conditioning and bottled water on the cross, and be as comfortable as you can in your worship. We can't run temperatures from 68 to 78, and please everyone simultaneously. We do the best that we can to find a good average. If you use the facilities, remember to check that the thermostats are reset, and we will be the best stewards that we can.

God bless you all for a beautiful May and a relaxing summer.

Blessings,

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

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

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 May

Chalice/Readers:

1	Kathy & Jeff Marugg
8	Ann and Bob Beadel
15	Michael Schultz Standby – Joe Tom Childs
22	Kit and Jay Timmins
29	Kathy and Jeff Marugg
June 5	Harry Thomas

Altar Guild: Nancy Jackson
 Nesa Morelock

Greeter: Peggy Ross

Acolytes & Candles:

1	
8	Sara Byrd
15	Robert Orr
22	Bettis Morelock
29	Sara Byrd
June 5	Robert Orr

WOC Hostesses: Jane Ellen Jamar
 Peggy Ross

Holy Days in May



29 Rogation Sunday

31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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 after the Women of the Church meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.

The Truth Project

The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 13 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. This study helps Christians examine the Biblical truth claims of God. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

We believe this one project represents the possibility for exponential change within the Body of Christ, as we expect that thousands will be transformed by this curriculum. As it has been throughout history, God continues to call ordinary people to make an eternal difference in our world.

We are all invited to be a part of this cultural change by participating in the small group **sessions led by Kit and Jay. Please let Kit and Jay know if you would like to attend future lessons.**

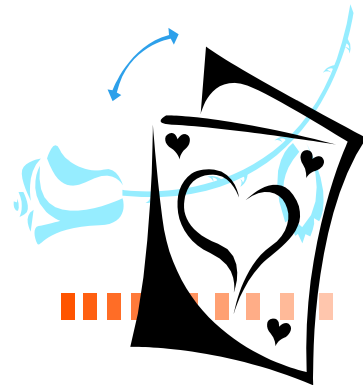
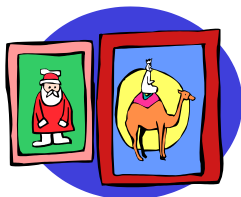
Recycle Greeting Card Covers

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:

Over thirty years ago, wishing to show our donors appreciation for making St. Jude's Ranch for Children possible, the idea was conceived for turning the previous year's Christmas cards into "new" cards for the coming season. Operated by Kids, Corp., a program for the children at St. Jude's Ranch to learn entrepreneurship skills, the children participate in making the new cards by removing the front and attaching a new back. The benefits are two-fold: customers receive "green" holiday cards for use and the children receive payment for their work and learn the benefits and importance of "going green".

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.*



Celebrating May Birthdays and Anniversaries

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!



2	Cherita Selcer
3	The James Timmins
4	Terrell Morelock
7	Roy Adams
8	Vince Ornelas
9	The Adamez'
9	Stacy Page
12	Athena Bean
15	The Turners
16	Andrea Page
19	Nell Copeland
20	Jose Brown
22	Laura Heinrich
25	Cullen Sliger
27	Sara Byrd
31	Crystal Browder

Daily Bible Readings

On the back table of the Nave you will find booklets to help you in your daily prayer life. These publications are furnished by the Parish. If you haven't tried the daily Bible readings, we encourage you to try it for one quarter. You will feel the blessings. The following paragraph was taken from the official website of Forward Movement.

Forward Movement is an official, non-profit agency whose mission is to reinvigorate the Episcopal Church day by day. Since 1935 we have published the quarterly devotional *Forward Day by Day*, as well as pamphlets, booklets, and books that encourage and nourish people in their lives of prayer and faith.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is right around the corner and whether you are a new mother - celebrating your first Mother's Day - or a seasoned pro, Sunday, May 8 is your special day. See you in church!

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



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		

Next Vestry Meeting is May 8. Give input concerning your wishes, suggestions, or questions about our Parish to your vestry members.

Soup and Scriptures



Be sure to attend the Organizing Munch on May 9. On this day, we will determine the direction for “Soup and Scriptures” sessions. The Bible study times are set from 12:10 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. to allow

those who work the opportunity to attend. Leave your office at noon and depart the church in time to get back to work by 1:00 p.m. Father Bradley leads the group in the Parish Hall.



Take advantage of a homemade light lunch and stuff yourself with the Word of the Lord.

Women of the Church

Attention – all women of the church: The annual “No-Bake Bake Sale” will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, May 10. Church service begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon hosted by Jane Ellen Jamar and Peggy Ross.

Beautification Days

Beautification days are the third Saturdays of the months. May 21 is the day set to give the grounds much needed TLC. 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!

Many plants and a lot of work have gone into the beautification of our grounds. Take a look around as you come into church next Sunday.

Handgun Safety Course

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

Stay Tuned

Exciting summer parish picnic is on deck! Stay tuned for information forthcoming to learn how you and your family can be involved in making a Texas summer picnic a “cool” event.

