

## 🌀 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🌀



**Please join us for Feed My Lambs on Tuesday, April 23rd at 10:15am as we prepare sack lunches for our friends at White Oak Apartments - we will meet in the Parish Hall. This is a great way to meet new people in a small setting. Please let Maureen know at [gibmo5961@gmail.com](mailto:gibmo5961@gmail.com) if you can prepare and/or deliver the lunches.**

### Music News

**Thank you to Canticum Novum**, the youth choir at Moody United Methodist Church in Galveston. Their director is Tracy Shirk. They will be singing this afternoon in a choir festival with other children and youth choristers from around the Houston area. The festival will end with a service at 5 pm. Come and enjoy a service of beautiful music sung by the future of the church.



**Youth Bell Choir rehearsal is today** with a snack at 11:30 and rehearsal from 11:45 – 12:45. You can hear the bell choir ring for the 10:15 service on May 5.

**Registration begins June 2 – 16 after the 9:15 service for the Summer Children's Musical.** The musical is June 17-23 and is for children who are going into grades 2-6. Rehearsals are 6-8:30 pm Monday to Thursday. Saturday is our dress rehearsal from 9am till noon. We will present the musical on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> during the 9:15 Family Service. Registration is \$35. You can also register with Joseph Painter during the week. His email is [jpainter@goodshepherdkingwood.org](mailto:jpainter@goodshepherdkingwood.org) or text him at 281-935-7442. We're going to have a great time.



**Coffee Hour needs more food for the families attending the 9:15 service.** Please consider donating breakfast type foods like pastries, fruit, etc. Also, if you are entertaining at home and have leftovers, we are more than happy to take it off your hands!! If you have any questions or donations, please contact Nicole Lowther at 832-977-6495. Thank you.





**Road Runners are looking forward to our next outing on Monday, May 6th!** We'll meet here at 8:45, board the Harris County precinct bus and head west for the day. First stop will be the Arbor Gate Nursery which has grown to be one of the Houston area's finest nurseries. Then on to the quaint town of Bellville where we'll visit a 100 year old blacksmith shop for an engaging demonstration. Our posting and more information is on the bulletin board. Sign up today!



## FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR HEATHER DUMAIS

Heather Dumais will be leaving her positions at Good Shepherd Church and School effective May 31, 2024. She began working at the school in 2007. She and her family have been an important part of this church and school community for many fruitful years. We have planned a farewell reception for Heather on May 5, 2024 at 11:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to join us. Details are still being finalized and more information will be forthcoming. If you would like to donate to a "purse" for Heather, you can make checks payable directly to her, or to Good Shepherd marked, "Dumais Purse." More details to follow. Please keep Heather in your prayers as she prepares to move and begin a new chapter in her life. If you would like to help with the reception, please contact Corky Foltz at [cfoltz@goodshepherdkingwood.org](mailto:cfoltz@goodshepherdkingwood.org).



**Grief Support a monthly support program meets at Good Shepherd on the second Thursday of each month** for individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. The program is facilitated by Anne Palmer ([annepalmer2014@gmail.com](mailto:annepalmer2014@gmail.com)) and Dave Kerkes ([djkerkes@gmail.com](mailto:djkerkes@gmail.com)). The meetings are from 7:00 to about 8:30 P.M. in

Rm 205. Interested individuals need to contact either Anne or Dave prior to the meeting. Reservations are required.

**Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group** - A support group for family members and caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia related disorders, serving the Kingwood and Lake Houston area. Meetings are the second Monday of each month, at 7:00–8:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Contact Barbara Hemphill to learn more and reserve your spot at our next meeting at [barbara@synapsesite.net](mailto:barbara@synapsesite.net) or 281-851-7504.



## Happy Birthday

April 21 Fred Dydek  
April 22 Katha Fields  
April 22 Jan Sizer  
April 22 Martin Young  
April 23 Lexi Beswick  
April 25 Wesley Foltz  
April 25 Joe Jones  
April 26 Eddy Johnson  
April 26 Aden Lowther

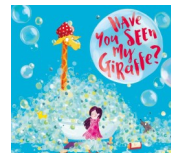


## Happy Anniversary

April 25 Jan & Jim Sizer  
April 26 Barbara & Jimmy Hemphill



**Did you find a black electric kettle warming plate buried in your Silent Auction basket after you unpacked it at home??** We are in search of it!! Please let Nancy Currell (713-248-5854) know if you found it! Thanks!



## Fellowship Committee

**Fellowship Committee** - I am forming a Fellowship Committee and looking for interested volunteers to join! I need help looking for fun ways and opportunities for church members to spend time together in order to foster relationships with each other and with God. We will meet once a month on Zoom for an hour and go from there. If interested or have questions, please reach out to me, Nicole Lowther 832-977-6495

## Children's Christian Education

**Confirmation will be held at the 10:15 Service on April 28<sup>th</sup>.** If you are an adult and would like to be Confirmed or Received, please contact Heather Dumais or Father Bill.



**Senior Sunday will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at all services.** If you have a senior that would like to participate, please contact Heather Dumais or Corky Foltz.

**Good Shepherd Vacation Bible School will be July 8, 2024- July 11, 2024 from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm.** Registration is online.



## Adult Sunday Morning

**Adult Education Sunday Mornings at 9:10am: *Spiritual Gifts & Spirituality in Daily Life*** What are your spiritual gifts? How can you use them in the church? How can you connect spirituality with daily tasks? These are some of the questions we will explore in April, beginning April 14th. Join us in Rm 208 from 9:10 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. each Sunday.

### Adult Weekday Classes and Groups

**Mondays 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (Zoom) Spirituality and Mysticism now reading:** *Reconnecting to The Source: The New Science of Spiritual Experience, How It Can Change You, and How It Can Transform the World* by Irvin Laszlo.

**Tuesdays 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Rm 208 (& Zoom) Adult Bible Study:** This is an open, ongoing Bible study led by Bill Richter. We read and discuss a selected book of the Bible in its entirety and move on to another. There is always good fellowship and lively discussion.

**Believing, Belonging Becoming Continues on Tuesday Nights-**Our focus for this five week session of BBB will be on what it means to be Easter people, living in light of the resurrection. This will include reflections on how to extend grace to ourselves and others and shine Jesus' light in the world around us. We will also answer practical questions about what it means to be a member of the Episcopal Church as we prepare for the Bishop's visit on April 28th. If you have come from a different denomination and are interested in being received into the Episcopal Church, this class is for you! Sign up online or email [celestegeldreich@gmail.com](mailto:celestegeldreich@gmail.com) to sign up.

**Thursdays 10 to 11 a.m. Lectio Divina: Exciting News,** we are now meeting in person (as well as Zoom) each week in Rm 215. This is an open, ongoing group that gathers to pray and meditate with scripture. There is no need for preparation and all are welcome to join us at any time. We do a new reading each week which I will send out on Wednesdays. Please contact Janet Mansfield for more information at 281-360-5143 . Contact Judith Light for Zoom instructions at 832-723-4422.

**Saturday 9:00 -10:00 a.m. (Zoom) Christian Meditation:** This open and ongoing group is a part of the World Community for Christian Meditation. We gather at 9:00 and spend a few minutes for check-in and introductions. We listen to a presentation on a meditation related topic for 15-20 minutes and conclude with a 25-minute silent meditation. Facilitated by Kipp and Bill Richter. To learn more, visit [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org).

For more information or to join a group please e-mail Bill Richter at [wtrbout350@gmail.com](mailto:wtrbout350@gmail.com).

## Sanctuary Flowers Request for Thanksgiving or Memorial Flowers

*I would like flowers placed  
in/on the (check one):*

*Sconces*  
 *Columbarium*  
*with a dedication on*

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*(date)*

*(Please check one)*

*In Memory of*  
 *In Thanksgiving for*  
 *In Honor of*

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*Given by (as you would like it to read):*

*A suggested donation of \$75 per dedication  
should be placed in an envelope with this form.*

*Please leave the envelope in the  
offering plate or in the church office.*

*The Flower Guild thanks you.*



## *Special Thanks*



We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Cookie Ministry for their generous contributions to the Spring Fling silent auction basket.

We also want to express our sincerest appreciation to all members of our church family who donated wine bottles for the Spring Fling. These contributions helped us create an amazing selection for the wine pull. We're delighted to announce that the wine sold out within the first hour, thanks to your generosity and support. Thanks so much, Kanon Gouralt

A big thank you to those who brought food and helped with the potluck!! Especially Maria Barrington, Jeannie Whitney, and Euking Gray!

The Spring Fling Committee would like to thank everyone who donated an item to the auction, purchased tickets, attended the event, or contributed to the success of the Enchanted Evening celebration at the Humble Civic Center on April 12. The committee members did a fabulous job of planning and executing this huge undertaking. Thanks to Sue Panzarella (Catering and Entertainment), Trish Kessler (Live Auction and sponsorships), Nancy Currell (Silent Auction and auction booklet), Virginia Murray and Maria Barrington (Registration and Ticket Sales), Diana Barker, Jan Sizer, Barbie Wood, Carolyn Drake, Elizabeth Blake, Lynn Young and Janet Mansfield (Decorations), Kanon Gourault (Wine Grab), Pam Yoder and Barbie Wood (Publicity), and especially Donna Clifford for the amazing flower arrangements and her administrative assistance. Jake Hack and Bob Kessler for being our Auctioneers.

Sponsorship from donors and local businesses amounted to 52 items for the silent auction and five items for the live auction which included a trip to Maui, a cabin in Maine, an airplane trip, a condo in Riudoso, a hotel stay in Nashville, and an Airbnb in Crystal Beach. The evening was catered by the Hometown Chef Catering Company in Humble, and our entertainment included a jazz band from Lone Star College and a choir from Kingwood Park High School.

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**The Church thanks you greatly for your contributions and participation. At this printing, the profit from the Spring Fling will amount to approximately \$18,000!**

If you have questions or would like to participate in the planning of the 2025 Gala, don't hesitate to get in touch with Teri Watson, Spring Fling Chairperson.

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*Good Shepherd Family, Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits and phone calls. You have been wonderful and very caring; my recovery from the hip surgery according to my doctor is going well. Your prayers and encouragement have had a great deal to do with my progress.*

*Virginia "Ginny" Thomson*