



Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

Reaching Individuals and Families of the Concho Valley with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ!

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November 2015

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Every day we are bombarded with news on the economy, the ups and downs of Wall Street, the certainties and uncertainties of natural resource production at home and abroad, the dire or positive monthly labor statistics. With the presidential election coming, the economy will be an even hotter topic. Where does the word economy come from? What does it mean?

The word economy comes from Greek (oikonmia). The root of the word is “house” (oikos). Economy literally means: “management of a household.” It covers all resources at ones disposal: ourselves, family, property, conveyances and tools, animals under our care, employees, health, morals ... anything that pertains to our lives and well being. It can be personal or delegated management. In the New Testament it is taken for granted that everything that exists belongs to God, and He delegates management of His “household” to us as stewards, the household managers. Apostle Peter teaches that we are “stewards” of “grace.” As “stewards of the manifold grace of God” we are to “minister it to one another...”

In November we evaluate our stewardship as a congregation, corporately and personally. We thank the Lord for all our members, who through giving themselves, gifts and talents, interests and concerns, and tithes and offerings, enable us to minister the transforming love of Jesus to one another and those outside this household. Where are we actively doing that? Is there an area that you would like to explore or expand, or something that you need to step away from? It also challenges us to look at the management of the financial resources we are given. Is our giving faithful? Do we tithe? Do we give sacrificially over and above the tithe? Are we giving ourselves to the Lord more completely day by day? Year to year?

Enclosed you will find a “Stewardship Card” for 2016. Prayerfully consider how you can faithfully steward the resources the Lord has entrusted to you. Fill out the “Stewardship Card” and bring it with you to the Stewardship Dinner on November 15 or drop it in the offering plate at worship. As you complete the card, thank our Heavenly Father for all He has give you and our congregation, praising Him from whom all blessings flow!

We are securely Christ’s own forever,

Stan Burdick +

Pastor

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STEWARDSHIP DINNER

Our Annual Stewardship Catered Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 15 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Club House at Rio Concho West. Vestry members will call members of the church to make reservations.

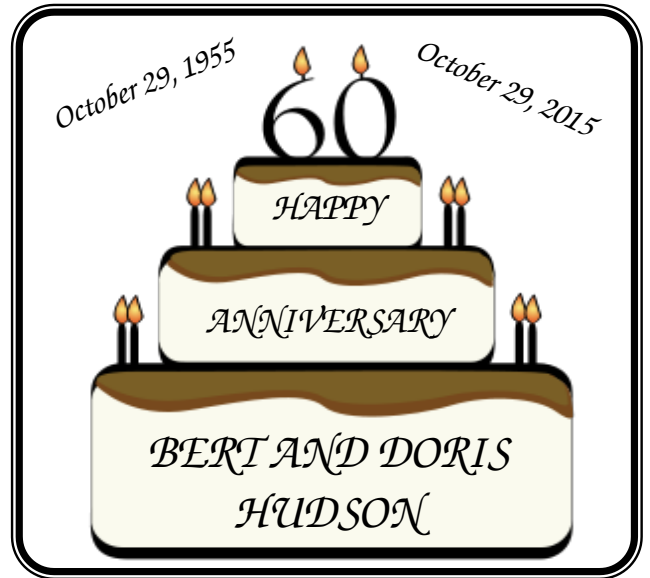
There is no charge for the dinner.

HOME MADE DESSERT CONTEST

Once again, at the Stewardship Dinner, members will have the opportunity to prepare a homemade dessert and enter it in the competition. Any dessert may be entered, all deserts are homemade, and prizes will be awarded.

PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2016

Please complete the enclosed Pledge Card for the coming year and bring it with you to the Stewardship Dinner on November 15 or place it in the offering plate that day.



Bert and Doris Hudson will celebrate their 60th Anniversary of their Wedding on Sunday, Nov. 1, by renewing their marriage vows at The Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM. Congratulations Bert and Doris! God grant you many years of health and happiness!

Praying Through the Names of God

Adonai is the name of God Who is Master Over All, He who Rules. Ours is a God Who writes history. He is not only Creator (Elohim), and our personal LORD God (Jehovah), He intervenes in our lives, activities, comings and goings.

He is Master, our Keeper Who owns and cares for us. He assumes responsibility for our welfare and well being in this world and in heaven. By His commandments we are His servants and the sheep of His pasture. In His service we find complete spiritual freedom. ADONAI, Master Over All, He Who Rules "O Lord God (*Adonai*), thou hast only begun to show thy servant thy greatness and thy mighty hand; For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as thine?" Deuteronomy 3:24 RSV

Holy One, *Adonai*, You alone rule to the ends of space. The heavens proclaim Your glory. You hold time in Your hand. You are Author of the universe, and all creation bows to You. Blessed is Your holy name, *Adonai*!

Thank you for Your Word that teaches us of Your wisdom. Thank You for loving Your people, that You created us in Your image for Your good pleasure to delight in Your perfect will. Thank you for giving Your commandments to Moses, for Your covenant with Abraham, for Your promises to David, and for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior. You are a righteous, sovereign God and we adore You. Your faithfulness endures forever. Call us closer to You, Master *Adonai* so that we may perfectly love You. Thank You for Your cherished Son, Jesus Christ, sent to save us from the miry pit of sin. In Your divine mercy, Lord Jesus, hear our prayers for forgiveness. We have sinned and strayed from You, following our own prideful vanities. We repent our arrogance and vain ways. Deliver us from the evil one who seeks to destroy us. Repair our brokenness of body, mind and spirit. Reconcile us to Your Father through Your most precious blood. Refresh our servants' hearts, sweet Jesus, so that we may be holy and obedient to our Master and Maker *Adonai*. Restore us in good standing with our Father whose kingdom is heaven and earth. Shine Your light through us, Holy Spirit, and teach us the ancient ways of humility, reverence, obedience and prayer. We ask all things through the blessed name of Jesus, our Comforter and Healer. Amen.

Jean Stinnett



St. Nicholas Day High Tea December 6th

Good Shepherd Parish Hall, 5p.m.

Hello! The Advent season is rapidly approaching. The Stewardship dinner is upon us and Thanksgiving and Christmas not too far behind. We are still working on Chrismon ornaments for our large tree in the Parish Hall and the St. Nicholas Day Tea is nearly all set. We are now just gathering the things we will need and getting our list of food completed. If you would like to add something to the list, there is a food sign-up sheet on table in the Narthex as well as a diagram and sign-up sheet for the Christmas tables that are to be decorated. Each table will represent one of the 12 days of Christmas. If you would like to adopt one of the tables please sign up and put your artistic talents to work.

Be sure to wear your favorite Christmas sweaters or neck ties. Elf hats, Santa hats and other Christmas attire is most welcomed. Think of the good pictures we shall have to mark the day and remind us that we are a family of Christians making time for fellowship together. The St. Nicholas Day High Tea is a new event for Good Shepherd. This is the fledgling year for the gala, and it will be our take on an English High Tea with a Texas spin on it. I so hope everyone will find the time to be involved or at least attend. Hopefully this will be an annual event that everyone looks forward to and a time to make memories with your family and friends.

Any questions please call Anngie at 651-6457 or Sharon at 949-3116. Bright Blessings!



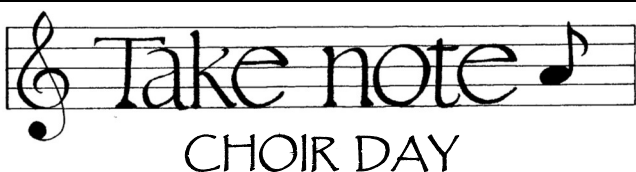
All Saints Day

Christians have been honoring saints and martyrs since at least the second century AD. The Martyrdom of St Polycarp, probably written near the middle of the second century, attests to this reality:

"Accordingly, we afterwards took up his bones, more precious than the most exquisite jewels, and more pure than gold, and deposited them in a fitting place, so that when being gathered together, as opportunity is allowed us, with joy and rejoicing, the Lord shall grant us to celebrate the anniversary of his martyrdom, both in memory of those who have already finished their course, and for the exercising and preparation of those yet to walk in their steps."

Initially the calendars of saints and martyrs varied by location, with churches honoring local saints. However, gradually feast days became more universal. The first reference to a general feast celebrating all saints occurs in St Ephrem the Syrian (d. AD 373). St. John Chrysostom (d. AD 407) assigned a day to the feast of All Saints, the first Sunday after Pentecost, where in the Eastern Churches the feast is celebrated to this day.

In the West, this date was probably originally used, and then the feast was moved to May 13th. The current observance (November 1) probably originates from the time of Pope Gregory III (d. AD 741), and was likely first observed on November 1st in Germany. It is also known as ALL HALLOWS, and the day before as ALL HALLOW'S EVE.



The Choir will meet at the Holik Farm in Wall on Saturday, November 21 for lunch and an afternoon of concentrated rehearsal preparing for Advent and Christmas.

THANKSGIVING DAY

November 26, 2015

Since the founding of The United States, special days of prayer, fasting and thanksgiving have been set apart by our presidents and congress.

THANKSGIVING EVE

The Holy Eucharist

will be celebrated on

**Wednesday, November 25
at 6:30 PM**

to offer our thanks and express our gratitude to the Father for the blessing of living in this blessed country.

*The Church Office
will be closed on
November 26 & 27
in observance of the
Thanksgiving Holiday.*

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



ADVENT

Sunday, November 29 is the First Sunday in Advent, the beginning of the Church Year. The liturgical color is either blue or violet. Our liturgical music and Scripture readings will call us to marvel and ponder the First Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in obscurity as we prepare for His Second Coming in glory.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS & CALENDARS

Booklets containing daily Scripture readings and meditations for the Season of Advent will be available at the table in the church narthex Sunday, November 22. Calendars will also be available for children to have a daily opportunity to learn about the coming and birth of our Savior.

THE VESTRY MEETING


The Vestry will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 16, 2015, beginning at 6:00 PM in the church library.

This meeting is open to all members of the congregation, where you have "voice but not vote."

THE VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Vestry Nominating Committee will meet on October 31, from 11:00-Noon in the church library and Sunday, November 8 & 22 from 12:00-1:00pm also in the library.

Women's
**BIBLE
STUDIES**



KOINONIA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women of the church and their friends are invited to participate in the KOINONIA Women's Bible Study which meets on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 AM in the church library.

Eileen Burdock (724) 366-2702 or
ileanonjesus2@suddenlink.net

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, November 15 we will welcome new members to the congregation at the 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist. Those wishing to become members should contact Father Stan.

ACGS Women's Monthly Luncheon


ACGS women now meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. Please join us the second Thursday of the month at the *RiverView Restaurant at River Terrace*, 800 W Ave D at noon to accommodate those who work. There is a buffet served or you may order from the menu. The buffet is \$12.00.

ACGS Men's Monthly Breakfast

ACGS men meet once a month for breakfast and fellowship the 3rd Saturday of the month at the *Peppercorn Grill*, 2715 Sherwood Way at 8:00 a.m. Please call Jenny in the church office to RSVP.

PROPERTY PRAYER TEAM

As the new Junior Warden I have been learning how things work and were everything is. Good Shepherd has a wonderful campus to serve God. I would like to form a Property Prayer Team for those who feel the calling to help keep God's House in good order. If God has given you talents which will help make His house a better place of worship, prayer and fellowship please contact me at goodshepherdjw@gmail.com or 832-414-9482. I foresee the team meeting once a month or as needed to pray, plan and act on issues involving the campus.

	<p>Meet Monday, November 2, at 6:00 pm in the Library.</p>
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WHY I GO TO CHURCH: GREAT EDITORIAL

Ruth Ann Wallace shared the following from the St. John's Lutheran Church newsletter:

"A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them so, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.' This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: 'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'"

DAILY TIME IN GOD'S WORD WRITTEN

Each of us is encouraged to read a daily selection from the Bible. On the shelf in the narthex there are Bible study guides, as well as calendars to order your daily reading. Please feel free to stop by and choose one that interests you. The Daily Bible Reading guide is also published on a monthly basis in the Agnus Dei Newsletter.



CONGRATULATIONS TEDDYE READ ~
A TEXAS BUSINESS WOMEN OF SAN ANGELO
"WOMAN TO HONOR"

Teddye has two children, John Handley and George Handley, a wonderful daughter-in-law, Jenifer and three grandchildren whom she loves and adores. She does an excellent job of managing a successful career and a family. She is known as "mom" around KIDY FOX, which she has been part of for 25 years. Her boss declares that she is vital to the success of the station and attacks everything with a clear goal in mind. She always has the best interests for all parties involved.

Teddye is extremely involved in her church, Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd and the community. Some of the organizations are: the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors for Downtown San Angelo, Inc., San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, ASU President's Circle, Concho Valley Republican Women, Local Pachyderm Club, Texas Tea Party, San Angelo Symphony, San Angelo Museum of Fine Art, Fort Concho, San Angelo Civic Ballet, Texas State Teacher's Association, and Meals for the Elderly, just to name a few. Teddye is a big mentor for women and is truly a Trail Blazing Woman.



Wednesday Night Study
IMMERSED IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

We kicked off our study on September 30, with the DVD "Revelation Illustrated". An artist's depiction of the scenes from The Revelation with the Scriptural text set to classical music. October 7 we began a 20-week study featuring a DVD presentation: "The Gospel in the Book of Revelation" by the Rev. Dr. Rod Whitacre of Trinity School for Ministry. The second half of the hour will be a discussion of the class. Outlines will be provided for all classes. This study is the classical understanding the Church has had since the time of the Apostles. March 30 we begin a different take on The Revelation by the Rev. Dr. John Stott. This study highlights the Revelation of the Person of Jesus in the Book. All participants will use their own Bible and outlines or study guides for each person will be provided. This promises to be tremendously encouraging for all and it is strongly suggested that each person commit to participating in the entire series.

Intercessory Prayer

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Does prayer really change things? Does God intervene in our lives today?

Every Thursday morning at 10:00 AM we meet in the chapel of Good Shepherd to bow before the LORD in adoration, thanksgiving and intercession. We come together and lift our concerns and petitions to the King of kings, and LORD of lords. We know that God is always with us, but when we do what He says, and gather in His Name, we are keenly aware that He truly is in midst of us and we are overwhelmed by His Holy Presence.

Sometimes we come in need of prayer ourselves, sometimes we come with heavy hearts and long lists of petitions, sometimes we pray out loud, and sometimes we are silent and open our hearts to receive. ALL THE TIME, God hears and answers.

We would love to have you join us on a regular basis, or just stop in when you are able. We will pray for you and your needs, and you can pray for us.

The answer to above questions is yes, yes, and yes!

Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

Come and see!





ANNOUNCEMENT & ARTICLE DEADLINES

The deadline to place an announcement in the weekly bulletin is Wednesdays at Noon and the deadline for the Parish Newsletter is the third Friday of the month. Submissions should be sent to Jenny at the church office, secretary.acgs@suddenlinkmail.com or drop it off at the church office Monday-Friday, 9-11:30AM or Noon-2:00PM. Thank you.



DON'T FORGET...

**PROJECT DIGNIDAD
NEEDS DONATIONS OF
NONPERISHABLE BREAKFAST
AND LUNCH STAPLES :)**

Christian Formation Classes on Sunday Morning - 9:15-10:10 AM

Genesis *Continued*, Tony Bartl, in Classroom 1 - September 20 - This class begun last Spring is a Continuation of a Study of the Book of Genesis. The class will meet in Classroom 1, which is near the Parish Hall. FMI, contact Tony at 254-756-0576 or tonybartl@gmail.com.

To Be A Christian, *An Anglican Catechism*,

Deacon June Smith in the Library. This is essential and systematic study of the Biblical Foundation of the Christian Faith. Those who wish to become confirmed members of the Church are encouraged to participate, and all are welcome. For more information, contact June at 234-5014 or june.smith@angelo.edu.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

Father Stan in Classroom 2 (The Choir Room). This will be a six week class designed for three groups of people: someone considering making Good Shepherd their home church, someone who wants to know how to describe us to others, and members wanting a deeper knowledge of how we follow Jesus in the Anglican Way. Classes begin on Oct. 4 and run through Nov. 8.

CHILDRENS' CLASS

This class is lead by Sheri and Rodney Brown and is held in the Christian Education Wing. For more information contact Sheri at 450-4781 or rbrown@wcc.net.

NURSERY CARE

For children five and younger, nursery care is provided from 9:00-Noon. Sarah and Leann attend the children, and both are trained in child care and Ministry Safe. The Nursery is located across the hall from the Library. Children may be picked up at the Offertory and brought to the church to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us.

CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE

All children are welcome in The Holy Eucharist Services regardless of age. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to sit at the front near the sanctuary with children so that they can see and hear the service, and participate as fully as possible. Children are encouraged to learn how to worship as a community, and are valued as members of the Church. Crying kids are welcome too! The Nursery is provided as a convenience for parents and caregivers. If you find someone offering to help with your children, we have lots of "grandmotherly and grandfatherly" folks who are eager to put their loving skills to work.

November Bible Readings

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25.	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:31-38	<input type="checkbox"/> 17-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 22	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-12

November Birthdays

11/4	Noa Grace Welborn
11/7	Eva Bartl
11/11	Rudy Wallace
11/11	Earl Yarbrough
11/11	Teddye Read
11/12	Jackie Jennings
11/16	Noelle Bartl
11/18	Georgiana Bartl
11/30	Rodney Brown
11/30	Barbara Robken



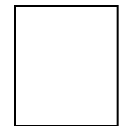
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