

Fall 2024
Mission & Ministry Directory



We Aspire
to live in a world where all creation thrives in God's love.

We Seek
to become who God created us to be by worshiping joyfully, respecting all,
sharing generously, and nurturing every spirit.



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OUTREACH

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

2 Corinthians 4:1

Teams for Outreach: Feeding and Clothing

These ministries focus on Jesus' commands to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, and clothe the naked. [For our thrift store, which works with area agencies to assist people who need clothing for job interviews, employment, and school, please see the ENTERPRISE page.]

Vestry Liaison: Mary Ratliff

Bagzilla/Dunedin Cares: The third Sunday of each month, members bring in donations of non-perishable food for Dunedin Cares Food Pantry for distribution to the hungry. This team distributes a list of needed items for people to shop for and return for blessing on Sunday. The food pantry serves residents of Dunedin, Clearwater, and Palm Harbor and is located at Faith Lutheran Church, 1620 Pinehurst Road. Donations and volunteers are welcome.

Contact: London Bates

Clothes to Kids: Clothes to Kids is a local organization that provides clothing to students in Pinellas County. Three times a year, we collect underwear and socks to support this mission.

Contact: Heather Elder

Pack A Sack: During the school year this team supplies healthy snacks to local elementary school children who would otherwise have nothing to eat over a weekend. Members of the church donate funds or shop for the food, and Team members pack it.

Contacts: Mary Ann Wigmore
Michelle Schombs

Shepherd's Meals: Our Freezer Ministry stocks our freezer with meals for anyone in need of a nourishing meal, whether it's a homebound member, a member or member's family or even neighbor recovering from surgery or hospital stay or someone who knocks on the church door.

Contact: Cheryl Sharpe

Quilters & Crafters: This group meets weekly to work on individual or group projects. They make prayer quilts and other items for the craft sales that support Pack A Sack.

Contacts: Mary Ann Wigmore

OUTREACH

Teams for Outreach: Loving our Neighbor

These ministries focus on Jesus' commands to love our neighbors as we do ourselves.

Vestry Liaison: London Bates

Cold Weather Shelter: We work in conjunction with other area churches to staff a shelter in Clearwater when extremely cold weather is expected.

Contact: Robyn Harker

Discretionary Fund Team: The mission of this team is to support local people in need who are seeking assistance from the Rector's Discretionary Fund. In addition to church staff, team members with experience in social work, nursing or law enforcement review each request.

Contact: Office

Episcopal Relief & Development: Our local representative of Episcopal Relief and Development presents the congregation with current projects that need their support.

Contact: Maureen Belote

Farm Workers: Each year before Christmas, this ministry gathers supplies needed by migrant workers in Pasco County.

Contact: Sally Wakefield

Intercessory Prayer Chain: A team of dedicated prayer warriors gather via email and our Realm platform to pray for the needs of our congregation and beyond.

Contact: Diane Niford

Pastoral Calling Team: Our calling team checks in on our homebound and other members as the church reaching out. You can submit names to be called by contacting the Parish Administrator.

Contact: Cristi Cruz LeFebvre

Card Ministry: The "Card Ministry" sends cards for birthdays, anniversaries, illnesses, and Christmas to members and friends of Good Shepherd.

Contact: Priscilla Bowman

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his Name together. Psalm 34:3

Teams for Worship and Music

These teams lead and support our worship of God, the foundation of our community of faith.

Vestry Liaison: Marc Jacobson

Acolyte: Youth from about six years old through adults serve by carrying the Gospel Book, Cross and torches, ringing the *Sanctus* bells, and assisting the clergy in preparing the altar for the celebration of Holy Communion.

Contacts: Rev. Whitney Burton
Pat Cates, scheduler

Altar Guild: Altar Guild members work behind the scenes preparing the church for worship, lovingly caring for the linens, tending to the wood, silver and brass items, and taking care of needs for holidays and special services.

Contacts: Jean Roberts
Sally Wakefield

Chalicians/Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Serving on the altar, the ministry of this group is to assist the clergy in distributing the Lord's Supper, as well as undertaking some duties shared by acolytes.

Contacts: Rev. Whitney Burton
Pat Cates, scheduler

Ushers hand out bulletins and the weekly news, help people find a seat, receive offerings, and guide people taking communion.

Contact: Pat Cates

Choir: This ministry welcomes everyone who loves to sing and has a basic knowledge of how to read music. Rehearsals are Thursday afternoons from 5:00-6:30.

Contact: Thomas Huffman

Flower Ministry: Each Sunday we have two vases of flowers arranged by a team of members and friends of the parish with a talent in this ministry.

Contact: Maryellen Tilly

Hand Bell Choir: The "Bells of Hope" is open to individuals who are willing to make the commitment to serve in this ministry from October to May. The ability to read music is helpful but not required.

Contact: Pat Cates

Lectors/Prayers of the People: The scriptures and liturgy are meant to be read aloud; when confident and articulate people take part in this ministry, the whole congregation benefits.

Contacts: Rev. Whitney Burton
Pat Cates, scheduler

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Pastoral Care Team/Lay Eucharistic Visitors: This team's mission is to make regular visits to our homebound and hospitalized members. After special training and approval, members also bring Holy Communion to people in their homes.

Contact: Helen Marie Heald

Worship Planning Team: This team assists the clergy to plan meaningful worship.

Contact: Heather Elder

FORMATION

Enlightenment, understanding, and excellent wisdom are found in you. Daniel 5:14

Teams for Spiritual Formation

These teams engage people in developing their faith through education, exploration, and teaching.

Vestry Liaison: Rhiannon Sharpe

Adult Spiritual Formation: This team plans adult Christian education courses and events from Bible studies, theological studies, book groups, and more. Let us know what classes, discussions, and groups you would be interested in!

Contacts: Rev. Whitney Burton
Carey Cherivtch

Adult Sunday Forum: Adult formation is offered on Sunday mornings between services from 9:15-9:45 am in the Patio Room. Subjects vary from Studying Scripture to Theology.

Contact: Rev. Whitney Burton

Children's Sunday School: Classes for children through sixth grade are offered on Sunday mornings during the school year. In addition to the Sunday School Director, members assist in the classes.

Contact: Carey Cherivtch

Nursery Care: This ministry provides loving care for children, ages infant through pre-school age, in our Nursery during our 10 am Sunday services; Nursery is available year-round from 9:45 until service end.

Contact: Carey Cherivtch

Youth Group: Teens and tweens entering 6th through 12th grades are invited to join our Youth Group to have fun in a Christ-filled environment. Adult leadership is welcome! Our youth meet on the second Sunday of the month following the 10am service.

Contact: Carey Cherivtch

Mindful Mondays-Creative Spirituality: Come and join us on Monday Mornings when we gather to deepen our relationship with God through the creative arts. Each month we choose a spiritual theme. In our weekly gatherings, we begin with a meditation or reflection on the theme and then engage in an arts activity such as writing, sketching, painting, stitching, and other arts and crafts in a studio environment.

Contact: Mary Anne Dorner

ENTERPRISE

It is profitable and fitting for you to complete the enterprise which... you began.

2 Corinthians 8:10

Teams for Ministry Support

These teams develop funding over and above member contributions that are used to support the parish's operations and outreach programs.

Vestry Liaison: Caroline Maisel

Parking Lot Team: This team organizes to request donations from people who park in Peace Park and our paved lot when special events take place in downtown Dunedin.

Contact: Shirl Ahrens
Dave Megel

FELLOWSHIP

God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

1 Timothy 6:17

Teams for Fellowship

These teams provide opportunities for fellowship and fun.

Vestry Liaison: Robyn Harker

Episcopal Church Women [ECW]/Soul Sisters: The ECW group at Good Shepherd's calls themselves the Soul Sisters. All women in the parish are automatically members and invited to attend. The group meets monthly to welcome speakers and supports the parish's programs and outreach ministries.

Contact: Elena Goletz

Hospitality Team: This team plans and executes events that gather our congregation such as festive meals, 5th Sunday Feasts, fundraisers, Coffee Hour, and so much more. They are always looking for volunteers to help with specific events!

Contact: Sandy Kneen

- **Coffee Hour:** Everyone is invited to Kirk Hall after the worship services on Sundays for fellowship and conversation. Members of the team assist with set-up or clean-up.

Contact: Robyn Harker

- **5th Sunday Feasts:** We gather on the fifth Sunday of the month as a time of Breakfast and Fellowship.

Welcoming Teams: These Teams extend warm hospitality to our guests and newcomers. They answer questions, help folks find their way around the campus, and connect with ministries and community.

- **Welcome Table Hosts:** help people get a name tag, give directions, and provide information about our parish.

Contact: Maureen Belote

- **Welcome Committee:** This team continues the welcoming tradition of Good Shepherd by engaging with new and prospective members, especially helping them to explore and connect with the many opportunities available for mission and ministry.

Contact: Mary Ratliff

ADMINISTRATION

The God of all grace . . . will himself restore, empower, strengthen, and establish you.

1 Peter 5:10

Teams for Organization: Leadership

These teams focus on the lay members' roles as faithful, active and visionary leaders.

Vestry: The Vestry is the governing board of the church, responsible for leading the parish as fiduciaries, and in developing and implementing its vision and mission. Members are elected from the congregation to serve a three-year term. Vestry Liaisons to each team assist them in fulfilling their missions. In addition, Vestry members listen to the hopes and concerns of the members of the congregation and take them under advisement.

The Wardens are the leaders of the Vestry. They collaborate closely with the Rector and lay leaders throughout the congregation to help the parish be faithful, healthy, and effective.

Contacts:

Senior Warden-Mary Ratliff

Junior Warden-Robyn Harker

Endowment Fund Board of Trustees: The Board consists of four elected members and the Rector, who are entrusted with overseeing the management and use of our Endowment Funds.

Contact: Carolyn Hughes

ADMINISTRATION

Teams for Organization: Finance and Administration

These teams focus on the administration and infrastructure of the parish.

Vestry Liaison: Judy Warner

Building & Grounds Team: This team oversees the maintenance and improvement of the church campus, including equipment and furnishings. The team organizes quarterly workdays where members pitch in to keep the premises in great shape.

Contact: Cheryl Sharpe

Electronic Communications Coordinator

This team develops and maintains digital interfaces such as Realm, our website, and social media platforms.

Contact: Carey Cherivtch

Publications Coordinator

This team develops and maintains the main digital and hardcopy communications with and among the members and friends of the congregation.

Contact: Office

Counters: This team is responsible for safe-guarding the collection after worship, counting the offering, and depositing funds. Team members are required to pass a background check.

Contact: Office

Emergency Management Team: This team meets annually prior to the beginning of hurricane season. They check emergency supplies and prepare a list of personnel to assist in the implementation of the disaster plan. They also meet following a disaster to assess damages and to implement a plan of action.

Contact: Dave Megel

Finance Committee: This team meets monthly to review financial reports, oversee the budget process, arrange for the annual audit, and consider financial issues in order to make recommendations to the Vestry.

Contact: Andrea Zahn

Personnel Committee: The primary purpose of this team is to affirm and strengthen the ministry of the staff and clergy, and assist in the process of hiring new personnel.

Contact: Judy Warner

Stewardship Committee: This team supports all members of the parish as they explore ways to use their time, talent and treasure as disciples of Jesus.

Contact: Judy Warner



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