



# THE SHEPHERD'S LYRE

SEPTEMBER 6, 2019



## Fellowship Luncheon and Ice Cream Social

All are welcome and encouraged to join us for our annual fall Fellowship Luncheon and Ice Cream Social

**THIS Sunday, September 8th after Worship at 12:00 PM.** We are planning on grilling burgers and hot dogs and we will provide the chips and fixings. A few suggested side dishes we request you to bring would be potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, deviled eggs, etc. Or if you'd prefer to bring ice cream or ice cream toppings we will need those as well. We encourage you to invite friends and family to join us. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you!

## Shepherd Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to be Shepherds. In our church, a Shepherd coordinates needs for births, funerals, weddings, or illnesses for an assigned group of people; he/she also acknowledges birthdays and anniversaries for each member. Two or three Shepherds per group work together to get others to help to take care of the needs of their individual members. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Pat White at 512.476.3172 or [trittie3@gmail.com](mailto:trittie3@gmail.com). Couples are welcomed to work together too.



## member Directory

### New Pictorial Directory

Have you ever wondered what someone's name is at SHCC? If so the Membership Committee and Church Staff are here to help.

We will be issuing a new informal pictorial directory. We will start taking pictures at our Church Luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 8th and continue taking pictures on Sundays, Sept. 15th and 22th.

These will not be professional posed photos. If you are interested in helping by taking some or all of the photos please contact the church office. You do not have to have a fancy camera. A cell phone camera should be just fine.



## Westcave Preserve's Celebration of Children in Nature: Awards Ceremony & Dinner

This Sunday, September 8, 2019 | 5-8 PM  
Pecan Springs Ranch |  
10601 B. Derecho Drive, Austin, TX 78737  
Summer Outdoor Attire |  
Complimentary Valet Parking

Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center invites you to join community leaders and innovators for the 12th annual *Celebration of Children in Nature*. We will honor three extraordinary leaders who are changing our community through their work with children and nature.



## Kid's Corner

### **Remind, Discuss, and Volunteer:**

What it means to be an *acolyte*...

### **Bible Memory Verses:**

Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).

Some of you have accepted the responsibility of volunteering as an acolyte for your church family.

Congratulations, on being an acolyte! It is a meaningful and symbolic role and part of worship. It is important that churches include the gifts of children and an acolyte is a good way for children of all ages to begin their first role in helping lead worship. We will be discussing the symbolism and role of the acolyte during our lesson this Sunday. We will also hear from those youth who are currently acting as acolytes during worship and encourage any other youth who are 5+ years of age to ask questions and practice demonstrating what to do. An acolyte (pronounced AC-o-lite) comes from a Greek word meaning one who helps. Acolytes bring fire into the sanctuary at the beginning of the worship service. Fire in a worship space is an ancient symbol for the presence of God. As the acolytes light the candles, they are reminding people of God's presence with them during worship. The light also reminds people that they are to act in ways that spread the light of Christ in the wider world. ([chalicepress.com](http://chalicepress.com))

We will be offering acolyte training for those in need during children's church this Sunday and the following Sunday. If your child can not attend worship on one of those dates but would like to practice and volunteer as an acolyte, then other arrangements can be made to fit your schedule by contacting Jessica at [jessica.shcc@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.shcc@gmail.com).



## **School Supplies Donations**

Every year Murchison Middle School receives students whose parents cannot afford to buy school supplies. We help out the students by keeping a supply closet. The counselors tell our parent support specialist when there are students with needs, and she quickly puts together a package for them of the needed supplies. We are looking for donations to put in this closet. If you would like to help out those students in need then it would be greatly appreciated. The items listed below contain things that our students are currently in short supply of:

### **Supplies List:**

- Backpacks sized for middle school students (not tiny ones)
- pocket folders without brads
- mechanical pencils and a lot of lead to accompany them
- lined paper
- binder dividers with tabs
- water based markers of all colors (thin and thick)
- colored pencils
- umbrellas
- pencil pouches with holes to put in binders
- composition books
- combination locks for gym lockers
- sketchbooks for art
- pencil sharpeners with cups
- very large spirals. 8.5x11 inches, 100+ pages
- used laptops
- Gift cards

We are also accepting donations of used technology such as laptops, mobile devices, and umbrellas.

We will have a collection bin located in the narthex this Sunday morning.

Thank you, Laurie Henderson, Teacher at Murchison

# Save the Date

Fellowship Luncheon and Ice Cream Social  
**Sunday, Sep. 8th - 12:00-1:30 pm**

Fall Festival  
**Saturday, Sep. 28th - 12:00 - 4:00 pm**

Community First Volunteer Day  
**Saturday, Oct. 19th - 8:45 - 12:00 pm**

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, September 8

- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 AM Fellowship, Coffee, and Donuts
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:40 AM **Worship Service**
- 12:00 PM **Fellowship Luncheon and Ice Cream Social**

### Monday, September 9

- 7:00 PM Book Club

### Tuesday, September 10

- 8:00 AM ORG

### Wednesday, September 11

- 10:00 AM Sunshine Social Hour

### Saturday, September 14

- 10:00 AM Caregiver's Support Group Meeting

### Sunday, September 15

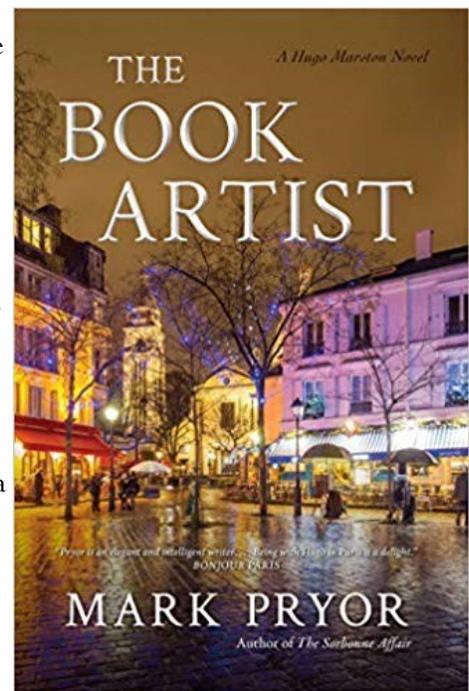
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- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:40 AM **Worship Service**
- 12:00 PM **Cabinet Meeting**



## Opportunities for Fellowship and Growth



- ◆ **The ORG (Old Retired Guys)** group meets every Tuesday at 8:00 AM, for breakfast and discussion at Monitos, 8127 Mesa Drive.
- ◆ The **Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir** has resumed their regular practices. Please contact Iain Sturrock at [Iain.shcc@gmail.com](mailto:Iain.shcc@gmail.com) for further details.
- ◆ The **Book Club** will be meeting this coming Monday, September 9, at 7:00 PM at The Red Lotus Asia Grill. We will be discussing our current selection, *The Book Artist*, the latest in the Hugo Marston mystery series by Austin author, Mark Pryor. Marston is the head of security at the United States Embassy in Paris and is caught up in trying to solve the murder of an artist at a gallery opening. At the same time, a second plot line has him being pursued by someone from his past who is out for revenge. We invite all mystery lovers and those who would just like to visit Paris in a book to join us for an evening of literary fellowship. All are welcome!



## Birthdays

Elliot Richmond	September 6
Mark Goodson	September 7
Drake Farmer	September 13
Magnolia Hance	September 13



Please contact Christina in the office ([shccaustin@gmail.com](mailto:shccaustin@gmail.com)) to ensure your birthday and anniversary are on our lists!

## Counting the Cost by Andrea Poppleton

*For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost? ~Luke 14:28*



There is a common cliché concerning building projects: they will take twice as long and cost twice as much as you think. The reason? Murphy's Law: If anything can go wrong, it will. Jesus told his followers to count the cost of discipleship, like builders estimating the costs of a project. Jesus' wise counsel points out an easily overlooked truth: discipleship requires hard work over a long period of time. Carrying the cross is not easy.

If we think of discipleship as a set of religious practices—reading the Bible, praying, attending worship services, or undertaking the occasional mission project—then “counting the cost” is fairly easy. It's just a matter of a little time and money. But if we think of discipleship as full engagement in the life God intended us to live—following Jesus wherever he leads, using the gifts the Spirit gives, and co-creating with God to bring about God's intended design for the world—then the costs look different. Such discipleship demands our whole selves, for our whole lives.

Discipleship is a creative act, and creative acts require hard work over a long period of time. To live as disciples, we must develop the capacities of an artist: perseverance, patience, and discipline. Smaller creative tasks like art projects, fitness goals, or writing assignments can help us develop those capacities.

**PRAYER:** God, use my creative ventures to prepare me for a lifetime of discipleship.

## Please Hold Off on Book Donations

We sincerely thank you for your generosity in donating your well-loved books to SHCC!

For the time being, we will no longer be receiving book donations because we have been blessed with so many and we are running out of space to store them.

(This of course does not include official book drives which we typically have around the holidays.)

Thank you again for your understanding, and if you're looking for a place to donate books, Goodwill stores or Half-Price Books will happily receive them!

## Bobby Parker Memorial Fund Update

After a recommendation from Laura Parker, the Outreach Committee agreed to use the Bobby Parker Memorial Fund to help with the refugee crisis in the Valley.

We have been partnered with the Southwest Samaritan Orphanage for several years and had previously had folks go down to help them as work crews. We are sending two checks to them; one in the amount of \$5,469 for the Beans and Rice program and the other for \$1823 to go towards the direct asylum seekers assistance fund. The Beans and Rice program is used for purchasing food and the asylum seekers fund is to help with toiletries, food, traveling money, bus tickets, etc. for them.

We in the Outreach Committee want to thank all of the folks who contributed to Bobby's Memorial Fund and to Laura for her assistance and guidance. Through y'all, Bobby's memory will live on in helping others as they try to immigrate to the United States.



Southwest  
Good Samaritan  
Ministries

Thanks, Mark Jones