

SHEPHERD'S TALES

April
2008



From the Rector

Worship & Study Opportunities

Sundays

The Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. at the Good Samaritan
UMC in Lake Wylie

10:30 a.m. in York

Morning Prayer is offered at 10:30
a.m. on the Third Sunday of Each
Month (York).

Children's Chapel

10:30 a.m. in York

Christian Education

9:30 a.m. in York for All Ages

Wednesdays

11:00 a.m. Healing Service
(Parlor)

6:30 p.m. Mid Week Potluck

7:00 p.m. Adult Study
Children's Study
Youth Study

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist



Grace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

“Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* (Book of Common Prayer, Page 236)

In our Sunday bulletins you may have noticed these words: “Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God. Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to each other.”

When we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, the service is divided into two equal parts; the Liturgy of the Word, and the Holy Communion. One without the other makes no sense, nor does it make for a complete service.

In order for us to spend more ‘quality’ time with the Word during our services, I would like to try a few things. First, beginning with the second Sunday after Easter, we will once again include the Scripture readings for the day in the bulletin. Secondly, after each reading (The Old Testament lesson, the Psalm, the Epistle lesson and the Gospel), and the sermon, we will spend some time in silence, letting the Word sink into our hearts and into our minds.

In addition to the silence after the readings called for in the BCP (see page 357), a period of silence is encouraged prior to the confession of sin (page 360) and immediately after the breaking of the bread (page 364).

All of these times of silence might best be thought of as “pregnant pauses,” an opportunity to listen to the Lord as he speaks to us as a corporate body, and as individuals who are invited to come before “the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).

May the risen Lord be in our minds, in our mouths and in our hearts as we continue through this Easter Season.

In His Love and service,

Monthly Meetings

The ECW Meets at 6:30pm the First
Tuesday of Each Month in the
Parlor. **(April 1)**

Acolyte Training First Sunday of
Each Month After Church **(April 6)**

The Daughters of the King Meets at
7:00 p.m. on the Second Tuesday of
Each Month. **(April 8)**

The Vestry Meets at 7:00pm the
Third Tuesday Each Month.
(April 15)

Christian Formation

By: Tonya Whitehead



Passover Seder

I am happy to share with you the opportunity to experience a Passover Seder. It will take place in the parish hall on Sunday, **April 27** at 4:00 pm. Everyone, young and old is invited!

As you probably know, the Jewish Passover story recounts the Jewish peoples escape from slavery in Egypt. Historians think that the Pharaoh who released the Jews was Ramses II and estimate that Moses led the Jewish people out of slavery about three thousand years ago. Moses and his brother Aaron were instructed by God to demand that Pharaoh “let my people go.” When pharaoh refused, God sent ten increasing horrible plagues to the people of Egypt. The final plague was the most terrible: Every firstborn Egyptian would die at the stroke of midnight. God instructed the Jews to mark their door post with the blood of a sacrificed lamb so that the Angel of Death could “Pass Over” the houses in which the Jewish people lived. After Pharaoh discovered that his oldest child was dead, he threw the Jews out of Egypt. They left so fast that the Jews couldn’t wait for their bread to rise. We now eat unleavened bread, Matzoth, during the eight days of Passover to symbolize their speedy escape out of Egypt. In fact, during the 8 days of the Passover Holiday, Jews do not eat any leavened food. (No pizza, no cheerios, no pop tarts, no chicken tenders, no brownies, no cookies, and just to be safe...no pasta!)

This holiday is very special to Jewish people. Although many synagogues have communal Passover Seders, most people celebrate in their homes with family and friends. Mrs. Katie Needell and her family have agreed to share this tradition with us. I do hope that you will join us. If you do not wish to participate in the Seder, but would like to help prepare the Seder plates, please let me know. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please call me with any questions. Tonya Whitehead 684-0273

Wednesday Night Studies-(1) the elementary children finished their Lenten program by making “cross” pretzels. They discovered, during Lent, that there are many different kinds of crosses and many different meanings. Throughout the month of April, we will discuss the Easter season and the Jewish Passover story using videos, books and edible crafts. (2) The youth will meet Wednesday nights in April to view and discuss the Nooma video series. Everyone, of all ages, is invited to join us at 6:30 for a potluck dinner and age-appropriate studies afterwards.

Vacation Bible School- I know it seems early to be discussing VBS, but there is a lot of work to be done. We

have chosen the curriculum-**Rainforest Adventure**. The children (and adults) are going to love it! I have heard that many of you (no names) did not enjoy (in the least bit) VBS as children. Well, things have changed-new and improved! Please consider how you might help us during the VBS week. We are looking at the first or second week of August—a kick off to the new school year. This year, VBS will encompass all ages (intergenerational).

Parish News

Area Confirmation Service

April 24, 2008 - 7:00pm

An Area Confirmation Service is scheduled for **April 24, 2008** at Christ Church in Lancaster. The service begins at 7:00pm preceded by rehearsal for confirmands at 5:30pm. Anyone interested in being confirmed, received or reaffirming Christian service, please contact the Rector.

Wednesday Night Adult Study

During the month of April, the Confirmation class will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. This class is open to anyone and everyone. It is required for those seeking confirmation at the area confirmation service **April 24**. It also serves as an introduction to the Anglican/Episcopal ethos, as well as a refresher course on Christian thought and belief.

April 2 - Our History/The Catechism

April 9 - The Book of Common Prayer

April 16 - The Articles of Religion

April 23 – Review

April 24 – 5:30 - Rehearsal (Christ Church, Lancaster)

7:00 - Confirmation service (Christ Church, Lancaster)

Time to Clean Out Your Closets

Yard Sale time is here again. It will be held on **June 14** from 7:00 to 11:00 A.M. You may begin bringing in your gently used items, including clothing on **May 25**. Please plan on delivering the items between the hours of 9:00 and 1:00 Monday -Thursday. If you are unable to do that, you may leave items by the side door to the parish hall, but call my cell phone, 382-2433, to let me know it is there. We will accept most anything, but please make sure that clothing is not stained, and that other items are in working order. It would be helpful if you would put a note on electronic items to let me know if there are any problems. Help will be needed the day of the sale. We will especially need a couple pick up trucks to remove the leftovers. We should be totally completed by noon. Thanks in advance for your donations. Call Jill Neff with any questions, home 684-2251, cell 372-2433.

ECW Camp Scholarships

ECW Camp Scholarships are available again this year. Please see Bobbie Hawkins or Cheney Baltz by **May 1** if you are interested. Camp Gravatt information is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

Angel Food Ministry

The Angel Food ministry continues to grow. In March, 56 "regular" boxes and 45 specials were sold. We've been targeting the York Senior Center, York Place and Department of Social Services. York superintendent Dr. Booker has been approached about handing out fliers to students, but hasn't yet responded. Other targets for the next few months will be local churches.

We are going to need a box trailer for delivery day. Bob Baltz has let us use his, but he and his family are moving in June. Used trailers sell for around \$1,000. We could take an array of pickups and vans to the Rock Hill site, but that seems to be a waste of time and manpower. If you know of any used trailers, please let Cheney Baltz know.

And a tremendous thank you to all of our volunteers. Everyone has been terrific about helping out with taking orders, delivering fliers and distributing food. We couldn't do it without you. --- Cheney Baltz and Joyce Sanders

Parish Register News

Brooklyn Chayse Thielbar was baptized during the Great Vigil of Easter, March 22, 2008.

If you would like to move your membership to Good Shepherd, please contact the church office at 684-4021 or e-mail to sherryramsey@comporium.net. We will need the name and address of the last church you were a member of.

Vestry Notes

The minutes from the February Vestry meeting are posted on the bulletin board across from the kitchen in the parish house. For your convenience, we hope to add the minutes to our web site in the near future.

Companion Niches are available in our Columbarium

Please contact the church office at 684-4021 or sherryramsey@comporium.net if you are interested in purchasing a niche.

Prayer Concerns

We continue to pray for the Episcopal Church.

Please pray for...

For the Shut-ins

Ed Warlick, Elsie Castle, Margie Miller, Mamie Miller, Bee Decker

For those with medical needs

Billie Gabbitas, Emily House, Nadja Hudson, Fred & Rita Heath, Sylvia Noble, Joanne Lentz, Patricia Rice, Vernon & Joan Sanders, Steve Cherry, Stan Burrous, Bobby Allen, Andy Whitehead

For all serving in our military

Michael Moss & Geoffrey Gibson

For those with special needs

York Place Board, Staff and Children, Miles & Kayleigh Edson, Willene Allen

For the Departed

Gary Snoddy, Shirley Dalton and Maggie Curry

We give thanks for

The baptism of Brooklyn Chase Thielbar.

Pastoral Care Committee

Members of the Pastoral Care Committee will joyfully visit parish members who, due to illness or confinement, cannot attend regular church services. Please notify Kaye McMaster by phone at 803-327-5582, or by email at kpm@comporium.net. Please provide your name and/or the name of the person to be visited, as well as a telephone number and/or email address. A member of the Pastoral Care Committee will call or email ahead to schedule your visitation. Also, should any parish member desire hospice information, please contact June Henry.

Reminders

- Continue to bring empty INKJET printer cartridges – they are worth \$2 each to the kitchen Fund. There is a box in the hallway to deposit your used cartridges. Please be sure to place them in the box carefully, they will only be accepted if the tip is not broken.
- All activities that require the use of the building must go through the church office.
- Please fill out a Prayer Request form to add names to the prayer list. Forms are located in the bell tower.

Youth News

We have moved upstairs into the old library. Mrs. Barbara Powell generously donated many items of furniture and an awesome stereo system to the youth. We are anxious to begin painting the walls and some of our furniture to reflect our hip style. If anyone has any furniture, posters, Picassos, etc. that they would like to see in the youth room, please call Shay Wilkerson (627-4138) and she will arrange to have it picked up.

The youth of the Good Shepherd watched the passion of the Christ- the Mel Gibson movie- during holy week. What a powerful movie!!! Two thumbs up!

We are planning a lock-in the month of April. Putt-putt, cosmic bowling, movies, and games are all on our agenda. If anyone would like to come and play with us, please contact Shay or Tonya.--- we could use some night owls to help monitor in the wee hours of the morning as Tonya and Shay are cross-eyed by 3:00 am.

Spring is springing and if you need some help with spring cleaning or yard work, please contact Shay or Tonya and they can arrange for the slave labor youth to show up and take care of your problem.

A youth bible study is beginning this month. It will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 after the potluck supper. All youth sixth grade and up are invited and encouraged to attend. Please contact Shay Wilkerson if you have any questions.

Bless Back Project:

In November, the youth of our church were given a random amount of money to be used any way they wished but with the intention of doing good with it. Here are two stories of how the money was used:

I recently donated ten dollars to a foundation called "Nothing but Nets". It is sponsored by the NBA, United Nations, The People of The United Methodist Church, and Sports Illustrated. This is targeted to send mosquito nets to families and individuals in need in ten different African countries. Ten dollars can buy a net, distribute them, and teach the receivers how to use it.

The bed nets are used to keep away bugs especially mosquito that can carry malaria. Malaria kills over one million children a year. 40% of the world's population lives in areas where malaria is a huge risk. The nets are treated with insecticide and are good for about four years.

After donating the money to this cause I felt very good about myself. It was great to know that I was changing a person's life. The bed net will keep them safe

and healthy from malaria. I think if everyone who was able donated just ten dollars that we could change the world. To donate yourself visit this website <http://www.nothingbutnets.net/>.

Sarah Schultz

With the money I had, which was twenty dollars, I gave it to my mail lady. She is very nice. If she had a bad day, she won't show it she will be her very cheerful self. I learned that she was the provider in the family and was taking in some more people from her family. So, I wanted to give her something to brighten her day up and give her a Christmas present. This was how I used my twenty dollars.-

Catherine Taylor

The Church Of The Good Shepherd Has Every Reason
To Be So Very Proud Of Its Young People!!!

Things in General

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The church office is closed on Fridays.
This is the Rector's day off.

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline
20th of Each Month Newsletter Deadline

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