



Worship & Study Opportunities

Sundays

The Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. *Lake Wylie*

10:30 a.m. *York*

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

Christian Education

9:30 a.m. for Everyone

Wednesdays

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

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist



From the Rector

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

As is our tradition, the Good Shepherd offers opportunities for adult fellowship, study and prayer during the season of Advent.

At our Lake Wylie location, we will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 beginning **December 3** to view the series "Christianity Explored." Christianity Explored is a course designed to "let the Gospel tell the gospel." We will open and explore Mark's gospel and look at who Jesus is, what His aims are and what it means to follow Him. This is a DVD oriented course led by Rico Tice, a priest in the Church of England. It is comparable (and perhaps best described as an extension) to the Alpha course. A study guide will be provided. If you plan on attending, please bring your Bible with you.

Some of you may remember our series last year in York on "The Anglican Experiment." This year on Tuesday evening in York, we will gather in order to see if we can determine "What it means to be an Episcopalian." and "What is the Episcopal Church"?

This will be an interactive discussion and I invite everyone to participate. The answers we discern may very well be the basis of our life together in the coming years. We will be using as our sources the Holy Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, the Book of Occasional Services, Enriching our Worship, The Hymnal, 1982 and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, among others. If you plan on attending, please bring your Bible and your prayer book. We will gather at 7:00 p.m. beginning **December 2** in the parish hall in York.

Even though these offerings are aimed primarily at adults, I would welcome anyone who is interested (as long as they can sit still ☺).

May God's blessings be upon you as we enter into the Holy season of Advent.

P.S. As is our custom, we will be using Rite I liturgies during the four Sundays of Advent. Please note the difference in responses:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Glory be to thee, O Lord

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Monthly Meetings

The ECW Meets in the Parlor on
December 2 at 6:30 p.m.

The Vestry Meets at 7:00pm on
December 15.

January 18: Annual Parish Mtg.

January 24: Vestry Retreat

January 25: Vestry Installation



From the DCF

Thanks to all of you who warmly welcomed my family and me into the Good Shepherd community. We look forward to meeting those who we have not met in the coming weeks. And thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as the director of Christian formation. For those of you wondering what to expect from Christian formation, please allow me to share with you some of my hopes.

Just prior to His ascension, Jesus told His disciples to make disciples. A disciple is simply someone who is a lifelong lover, student and follower of Jesus. My hope is to facilitate here at Good Shepherd, a love for Jesus; a learning environment; and an environment that encourages everyone to follow Jesus. I hope to do this through much prayer and with the empowerment of Jesus, who said, "apart from me, you can do nothing."

This will be done practically by following the Book of Acts model of meeting together; devoting ourselves to the apostles' teaching (the Bible); and the breaking of bread. The first phase of this will be targeted at the children and youth of the church. Shortly thereafter I hope to expand upward in age to include adults with engaging learning and fellowship opportunities.

Please join me in this mission. If you have ideas, please share them. And please pray for me as I pray for you.

Blessings,
Doug

Parish News

Men's Club

The Men's Club will gather @ the Coal Yard Restaurant on Tuesday **Dec 2** @ 6 PM to elect new leadership. Please come out and enjoy a drink and fellowship. Men Only Please!

The annual Oyster Roast on November the 8th was once again a great time for fellowship and a great success. Thanks goes out to all the men who helped with planning, setup and teardown. Thanks especially to Carol Freeman, Pick Freeman, Frank Van Leer, Bob Noble and Ed Shultz on the grill. Also many thanks to those very special ladies who brought the delicious side dishes and desserts, and all who helped clean up afterwards.

Calling All Angels

The Angel Tree for clients of York Adult Day Center will be in the parish hall on Sunday, **November 30**. Each angel on the tree has the name of a client and some suggested gift items for that person. **Please return your wrapped gift, with angel attached, to the parish hall by Sunday, December 14.** Thank you so much for your loving and generous support of the clients at York Adult Day Center. We appreciate everything you do for us.

Mark Your Calendars for December 7!

St. Nicholas will be visiting Good Shepherd's Sunday School. All children and adults are invited to attend. Lessons will be held in the Parish Hall.

York Place Christmas Store

In December, the Christmas store at York Place will be open and it is truly a joyous occasion; one that the children look forward to. They love to be able to pick out gifts for their loved ones. For a month previous to the opening of the store, the children are awarded tickets for good behavior; the counselors and cottage parents are quite generous in the distribution of them. In turn, the children use these earned tickets to shop for families and friends at the store.

Now, we need your help!! Please look through your cabinets and closets for gently used or new gifts appropriate for all ages, from babies to grandparents. Bring them to the parish hall, and they will be delivered to York Place. Then both employees at York Place and volunteers man the store and also wrap and label the gifts as they are chosen. While the children wait for their gifts to be wrapped, they are served hot chocolate and cookies and listen to Christmas music.

Please remember that your contributions are the key to the success of this venture.

Thank you,
Sue Nance

Chrismon Tree

It's quickly approaching! The Chrismon Tree will be set up on Saturday, **December 20** at 9 a.m. Many hands make light work and it usually takes about 2 hours to set it up. If you are interested see Karen Ellison or just show up! Thanks!

Christmas Eve Services:

4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (*Lake Wylie*)

7:00 p.m. Family Service (*York*)

10:30 p.m. Choral Prelude (*York*)

11:00 p.m. Christmas Mass (*York*)

Vestry Nominees

The Nominating Committee has slated the following for Vestry nominees: Libby Bradford, Cynthia Edson and Andy Lowry. **Nominees should submit their bios to sherryramsey@goodshp.net no later than December 20.**

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting will be in **January 18, 2009** immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in York. We will elect three members to the Vestry as well as receive reports from the various committees and program groups of the church. Other business relevant to our common life as a congregation will also be presented. All members who are adult communicants of this church, and have regularly attended the Church of the Good Shepherd for three months, shall be Voting Members. **Please have all committee reports in to the office by December 31. You may e-mail your report to sherryramsey@goodshep.net.**

Youth News

We have ten youth signed up to go skiing January 30th in Winterplace, WV. Every year we have gone we have had fantastic snow so we hope this year will be no different.

The youth are looking to have a movie night at least once a month. If you would like to participate by watching or helping out with the refreshments, please contact Shay Wilkerson for more information youthgroup@goodshep.net

Youth in the news:

Forrest and Lillian Wilkerson were inducted into the National Honor Society and the National Beta Club this month. This is the highest academic honor that high school students can achieve.

Hayne Wilkerson and Annah Whitehead were inducted into the National Honor Society for middle school students. Congratulations to these smart, hardworking individuals!

If you know of a young person who is out there doing good things in school, church or their community, email shay wilkerson at youthgroup@goodshep.net so that she can make sure the whole church can know and be proud of their young people.

Angel Food Ministries

Order Deadline: **December 6**
Distribution Day: **December 20** 1-2 pm
at Good Shepherd

Menus are available in the Angel Food mailbox which is located outside the office door in the parish house.

Volunteers are needed for Distribution Day and should report to the parish hall at 12:20 p.m.

ECW News

Suzanne Jones will be the speaker at ECW meeting **December 2**. Bring items for baskets to be sent to Shut-ins. Also, Chinese auction for fun. We encourage all ladies to attend. We can arrange car pools for ladies who do not like to drive at night. Lake Wylie ladies, please join us.

Garden Tour

There will be a Garden Tour, Plant Sale and Luncheon during the second week of May. More information will follow.

Antique Show Final Tally

Many heartfelt thanks once again to all who labored so diligently for the Antique Show. After all expenses were paid, we earned (boy did we ever!) \$7,900. The Men's Club will receive a check for \$500 for all their labors and the balance will be passed to the Church Women for their 2009 budget. \$151 will remain in the Antique Show checking account for start up funds next Spring. We greatly appreciate the work done by everyone.

Mary Beth Tiblier, Teresa Rock & Libby Bradford

Altar Guild News

All Altar Guild members are asked to help set up for Christmas on Monday, **December 22** at 10:00 a.m.

Parish Register News

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

Companion Niches are available in our Columbarium

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

Prayer Concerns

We continue to pray for the Episcopal Church.

We pray for the Sick, especially for....

Billie Gabbitas, Emily House, Nadja Hudson, Sylvia Noble, Joanne Lentz, Patricia Rice, Vernon & Joan Sanders, Katie Gosset, Jane Dressler, Raynor Moore, Nita & Jack Callaham, Stan Burrous, Sue Crone, Donna Capell, Keby Johnson, Gary Maynard, Donald Beyer, George Sealy, William Person, Michael Lundy, Bill Huffstetler, Matthew Flynn, Sarah Jane Richardson, Bettie Matthews, Rachael Gleason, Darrell Davis, EJ Carico, Linda Tiblier, Judy Tomes, Gara Brown, John Cowan, Parpi Van Chrismar, Judy Tomes, Pam and Ken Jernigan, Caleb Huffman, Hazel Sims

We pray for the Shut-ins, especially for....

Bee Decker, Elsie Castle, Margie Miller, Mamie Miller

We pray for the men and women serving in our military, especially for....

Geoffrey Gibson, Jonathan Morrison, William Stanley, John Kerns, Tom Klauer, Travis Eusted, Ken Roberts, Paul Mishoe

We pray for those with special needs, especially for....

York Place Board, Staff and Children, Kayleigh Edson, Jeff Burton, Willene Allen, Gosset Family, Roy and Eileen Critcher, Julia Cook, Mark House

We give thanks for our many blessings, especially for...

The birth of Adeliede Kay Ebersold who was born on November 10, 2008. We pray for her parents Rebecca Rock and Logan Ebersold and her very proud grandmother, Teresa Rock.

Community News

PATH

The Items needed for PATH for this month are: Ramen Soups and Mac & Cheese. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. They also need backup volunteers for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. If you would like to be a backup volunteer, please contact Sherri Curtain at PATH Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 684-3992.

Finance Update

As of the ten month period ending 10/31/08, we are running a deficit of \$14, 132.51 in the Operating Fund. This compares to a planned deficit of \$14,715.82. Income is on budget with 83% of the year behind us. Total expenses are at 82.8%. Our operating reserve fund is

depleted. Our accumulated endowment fund earnings are also depleted due to the stock market conditions. This increases the importance of a successful 2009 stewardship campaign. The Dalton bequest is providing liquidity for us at this point. The Vestry believes the 2009 draft budget reflects what is needed to fund the operations of the parish. This will require pledge income of \$210,000 for 2009.

Stewardship 2009

As of this writing on November 18, thirty pledge cards have been received. Updates to results of the campaign will be given in the Sunday service bulletins and additional mailings. If you have not yet made your pledge of time, talent and treasure for 2009, please do so as soon as possible. For all those who have responded, a grateful THANK YOU!

I would like to report receipt of a bequest from the Wallace B. Dalton Trust of \$224,000. A portion of the bequest, \$150,000, was paid to the church in October with the remaining amount to be paid over a three year period, in January of 2009, 2010 and 2011. We are most appreciative to Wally & Shirley Dalton for their gift, foresight and planning that made this donation possible.

It is the desire of the Finance Committee and Vestry that the principal portion of this gift be preserved as much as possible, with earnings on the funds used for major improvement and repair projects.

An amount of \$37,876.09 out of the bequest was "loaned" to the Walking the Way building fund to pay in full our loan with the Bank of York. This will save additional interest charges. This loan to the building fund will be repaid to the bequest funds as building fund pledge payments are received. Remaining pledge amounts to be collected will not fully fund this balance thus we are asking for new pledging as well as for all current pledges to be paid in full.

Thanks to all for your continued support of our parish.

Randy

2008 Christmas in Olde York

The Historic Home Tour will be Saturday, **December 13** from 4-8pm and Sunday, **December 14** from 3-7pm. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Greater York Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets will also be available at each house during the hours of the tour. The following homes will be on tour this year:

220 East Liberty Street	110 East Liberty Street
22 East Liberty Street	7 South Congress Street
30 North Congress Street	6 Kings Mountain Street

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. You may add names from our web site as well.

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. We want to make certain that no one in our church family is overlooked or neglected in their time of need.

To request a visit or phone call from the rector, please call or email the church office to provide some basic details & preferences or please make certain that a family member or loved one contacts the church on your behalf. Father Robert or Sherry will return the contact as quickly as possible, and make arrangements to visit or speak with you. The church office phone number is 803-684-4021. Our email addresses are: rector@goodshep.net or sherryramsey@goodshep.net. If you would like a visit or phone call from a member of the Pastoral Care Committee, please call (803-327-5582) or email (kpm@comporium.net) Kaye McMaster or Frank Van Leer (803-631-3543; k9cr8@comporium.net)

Finally, you can also contact any member of the Vestry; and they will make Father Robert aware of your needs.

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

E-mail addresses:

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*Please visit our web site for a complete listing of
our e-mail directory.*

Our web site is: www.goodshep.net

Good Shepherd's youth presents...

A New Beginning

A Nativity story with a Twist

Sunday, December 21

6 p.m.

The Parish Hall

The Parish Life Committee will serve Spaghetti Plates

Cost: Donations

*Please come to watch our children tell the story and
sing along with traditional Carols*

Bring your family and friends

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd York, South Carolina				
	2008		10 months ending 10/31/08	
	Annual Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
INCOME				
Pledge Income	185,000.00	154,607.84	154,166.67	441.17
Plate Offerings	4,000.00	2,875.47	3,333.33	(457.86)
Special Offerings	2,000.00	1,156.55	1,666.67	(510.12)
Interest Income	150.00	146.79	125.00	21.79
TOTAL INCOME	191,150.00	158,786.65	159,291.67	(505.02)
EXPENDITURES				
Worship & Parish Ministry	111,625.00	93,737.02	93,020.83	(716.19)
Diocesan Pledge	33,043.00	27,385.80	27,535.83	150.03
Mission & Outreach	3,700.00	2,500.00	3,083.33	583.33
Christian Formation & Continuing Education	15,361.00	9,427.77	12,800.83	3,373.06
Facility Costs	39,180.00	34,833.45	32,650.01	(2,183.44)
Supplies & Miscellaneous	5,900.00	5,035.12	4,916.66	(118.46)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	208,809.00	172,919.16	174,007.49	1,088.33
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(17,659.00)	(14,132.51)	(14,715.82)	583.31

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