

SHEPHERD'S TALES

May
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. Wednesday Potluck
7:00 p.m. Studies for Children,
Youth and Adults
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist



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

Uh Oh! I may have broken one of the Ten Commandments.

There is a church down the street from where I live that has one of those "message boards" on their lawn. You know, the kind where you read "Wal-Mart is not the only saving place." A few weeks ago I drove by and saw their latest:

Call 911

This church is on fire

When I saw it, I was both moved and convicted, and I struggled mightily to fight off pangs of envy. I'm not sure if I broke the Tenth Commandment.

During the interview process with Good Shepherd's search committee, I was asked what I would like the Church of the Good Shepherd to be. My answer was "on fire for Jesus." This is still my most fervent prayer and desire.

You may, or may not know, that the tall hat which the Bishop wears (which is called a Mitre) is representative of the tongues of fire that came upon those present on the Day of Pentecost described in Acts 2:3. What might we have to symbolize our "hearts burning within us" (Luke 24:32)?

When the early church "devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42), the Lord added to their numbers day by day and on that day of Pentecost, they had to call IX - I - I.

Of the seven principal feasts of the church year, three are just around the corner: The Day of Ascension (May 1), the Day of Pentecost (May 11) and the Sunday of the Trinity (May 18). Wouldn't it be great if all of us would commit to being together on those days, praising the Lord and giving thanks for all he has done for us in such a way that someone driving by would blurt out: "Man, call 911, that church is on fire."

In Christ's love and service,

Monthly Meetings

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

No Acolyte Training in May.

The Daughters of the King Meet at
7:00 p.m. on the Second Tuesday of
Each Month. **(May 13)**

The Vestry Meets at 7:00pm the
Third Tuesday Each Month.
(May 20)

Christian Formation

By: Tonya Whitehead

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).

Choir News

Summer Choir Invitation

The summer months offer a time for those who cannot sing in the choir through the year to sing with us. During the months of June and July, the choir gathers on Sundays in the choir stalls in the church to rehearse at 9:30 a.m. sharp. (No Wednesday rehearsals) There will be someone you can sit with who knows your part well. This is an excellent opportunity to offer service and leadership in worship. Come Sing!

Parish News

WWW.GOODSHEP.NET

Have you visited the Good Shepherd web site lately? We have been working diligently keeping the web site updated as well as adding new features. We have created a “This Week” link which is a schedule of the week’s events and activities. You can also view the prayer list and add names to the prayer list from the link. We also created a “Coming Up” link which includes information about upcoming events and activities. You can view the newsletter, schedule and calendar from the web site as well. The web site is filled with lots of useful information so check it out often.

Want to make it your homepage? Here’s how: click on the “START” button, click on CONTROL PANEL, click on INTERNET OPTIONS, when the Internet Properties Box appears and from the General tab, type in www.goodshep.net under the home page section. Then click APPLY and click OK.

Thank you Bob Baltz and Rita Heath

Have you noticed the beautiful handcrafted tract rack located in the foyer of the addition? We can thank our very own Bob Baltz for sharing his wood working talents. Thank you Bob.

While attending the Liturgical Arts Conference at Kanuga, Rita Heath began working on a lovely white stole which she has finished and donated to the church. Thank you Rita, for sharing your talents.

Men's Club Social

The Men's Club Social is scheduled for Friday, **May 2** at 6:00 p.m. in John Shiflet's garage/mancave (14 Wright Ave., York). Come for fun, food, fellowship, and maybe a carbonated beverage. A donation of \$5 to go back to the Men's Club is optional. Also, please bring one garage item (a roll of duct tape, screwdriver, ice scraper, anything really). These items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder with proceeds also going to the Men's Club.

Founders' Day at York Place

York Place began as the Church Home Orphanage in Charleston prior to the war between the states. In 1910 the orphanage moved to York, South Carolina, taking over the grounds of the old King's Mountain Military Academy. From that time until now Good Shepherd Church and York Place have shared ministry to children in the Upstate of South Carolina.

It is the custom of the parish to join with the children, staff and alumni of York Place for an annual service of worship and a meal. On **May 4** all Good Shepherd services will be folded into one service, to be held on the campus of York Place at 11:00 a.m. York Place is located at 234 Kings Mountain Street in York. Lunch will follow the service.

May 18, Picnic at Nancy Landstreet's Farm

Please mark your calendars for an after church picnic at Nancy Landstreet's farm on **May 18**. We will be celebrating the end of Sunday School and hopefully a beautiful summer day! Please bring a well-filled picnic basket full of your favorite dishes to share! We will have badminton, outside games for the children, wonderful food, and lots of fun!

Come one, come all, meet and get to know your fellow parishioners. **All guests are invited!**

Directions: From the Church:

L on Liberty St., L on Congress St. at the Court House. Then go 5 miles on S. 321.

Look for the Philadelphia Methodist Church on your right. Just past the church, take a L on Cameron. 1 mile on Cameron, L on Bolivar (blue sign).

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. (All proceeds will be directed to the ECW Kitchen Fund.) 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

Founders' Day Alumni Breakfast

It is the tradition of the ECW to provide breakfast on the morning of Founders' Day for the York Place alumni. We will do this again this year. We need approximately 15 people to provide food, beverages and help on **May 4**. If you would like to help, please call Cheney Baltz (628-4064) as soon as possible. Thanks!

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.

Altar Guild

Good Shepherd Altar Guild provides and maintains all those things pertaining to the Chancel, Sanctuary, and Sacristy that make for good housekeeping and adequate service to Our Lord, His Church and the needs of the Priests in the administration of the service of the Church.

Membership in the Altar Guild is a serious commitment by each member to serve Our Lord at His altar. We are in need of more people to share in this ministry. If you would like to serve on the Altar Guild, please see Jeanne Ferguson or Shay Wilkerson.

Angel Food Ministries

We sold 96 Angel Food boxes for April. Thank you to everyone who helped out on Distribution Day -- we couldn't do it without you. Distribution Day was rather frantic this month, because the tractor trailer arrived without enough food for all of the churches. Special kudos to Bruce Baltz, who made two trips to Rock Hill so we would have all the food we needed.

In the coming months, we will need someone to assist Bruce with the monthly pickup in Rock Hill. The job consists of helping load the boxes into the trailer, and keeping track of the pull sheet (the number of each items). About 2-3 hours of work. If you're interested, let Bruce or Cheney know. Thank you so much --- Joyce Sanders and Cheney Baltz

Parish Register News

Cameron Carlyle MacRitchie was baptized on April 20. JoAnn Snow was confirmed on April 24. Mark Zaun was received on April 24.

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.

Vestry Notes

The minutes from the March Vestry meeting are posted on the bulletin board across from the kitchen in the parish house. For your convenience, we have added the minutes to our web site under the Newsletter link.

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.

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, Betty Bamert, Jack & Nita Callaham, Raynor Moore, Bobby Allen, Keby Johnson, Gary Maynard, Linda Tiblier, Jason Turley, Jack Morrison, Don Kidwell

For all serving in our military

Michael Moss & Geoffrey Gibson

For those with special seeds

York Place Board, Staff and Children, Kayleigh Edson

We give thanks for

The baptism of Cameron Carlyle MacRitchie, the confirmation of JoAnn Snow and the reception of Mark Zaun.

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.

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.

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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