



SHEPHERD'S TALES

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).

Christian Education
9:30 a.m. for Everyone

Wednesdays

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

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist



Monthly Meetings

The ECW Meets in the Parlor on
November 4 at 6:30 p.m.

The Vestry Meets at 7:00pm the
Third Tuesday Each Month.
(November 18)



Which Race Are You Running?

As many of you know, I am an Elder at Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church. Church work is hard, demanding and can be just down right draining in every way if you are truly committed to your calling.

During our Children's Sermon on Sunday, October 26, Tom McPhail, our minister, held up a bottle of Propel, a sports drink. He explained to the children that this sports drink was used to replenish our bodies with the nutrients that we have lost while playing sports, exercising, etc. This drink is like a battery charger...the drink gives us energy; therefore, it recharges our batteries. He also hinted that we might start using Propel in place of grape juice when we have Communion in hopes that we would become a little more energized for our Christian responsibilities. "Where is this going?" you might be asking yourself. I will tell you.

Some of us "Today's Christians" have lost sight of the prize. We have allowed ourselves to become triple booked with our children's schedules, our work schedules and our desires to just have a minute to rest or to sleep in. Even when we attend worship services, we are not really worshipping. Our minds are quickly racing about the presentation we have to give at our office on Monday or what will I cook for lunch or did I turn my coffee pot off before I left home. For some, we decide to skip church to meet our various obligations and/or desires. This is not an Episcopal problem nor is it a Presbyterian problem. This happens in every church. Have you ever wondered why we do this to ourselves?

Sometimes I think I overbook myself because I am not content or happy with what I have or what I have done. Paul says in Philippians 4:11-12 that he learned to be content regardless of his material well-being, because his ability to cope with life came from Christ, who gave him strength and power. Our Source of life will empower us to be content whatever the situation.

So how do we fix our non-denominational problem? We just simply stop the madness. We reorganize our priorities. We put God as our first priority by keeping Christ Jesus at the very center of our lives. We totally commit to Him by worshipping Him on Sundays, by talking to Him often through prayer, by turning to our Bibles for answers, by asking for forgiveness and by thanking Him for the many blessings he has bestowed upon each of us. Then, we press on. We should *focus our energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead*, we should *strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus is calling us up to heaven.* Philippians 3:13-14

Think about your lives. Are you running the "Rat Race" of life with the prize being health problems, family problems, maybe recognition and maybe wealth or are you running our Heavenly Father's race with the prize being eternal life in His kingdom?

May God bless us all!

Sherry B. Ramsey
Parish Administrator

Parish News

Parish Oyster Roast - Sponsored by the Men's Club

The Annual Parish OYSTER ROAST will be held on **Saturday, November 8 at 5:30 p.m.** after the 5:00 PM service at the church. The cost is \$6.00 per person. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!** Bring the new parishioners. Please bring an oyster knife (if possible), a hand towel and gloves. Please RSVP (not necessary but helpful with food preparations) by calling Pick Freeman at 831-2563 or by e-mailing him at pickfreeman@bellsouth.net by Monday, **November 3**. The menu will also include Bratwurst, Baked Beans, Slaw, Tea and Soft Drinks. Please bring either hors d'oeuvres or a dessert.

Thanksgiving Offering

To follow a long-time tradition of parishes and missions of the Episcopal Dioceses in SC, a special offering will be collected for York Place on Sunday, **November 23** and Thanksgiving Day. Checks should be made payable to York Place.

Thanksgiving Lunch

Lunch will follow the 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving service. Please bring a covered dish to share. Turkey and dressing will be provided.

Thanksgiving Servers Needed

Are you willing to serve as an Acolyte, Crucifer, Usher, Lay Reader, or Chalice Bearer for the Thanksgiving Day service? If so, please inform the office at your earliest convenience.

Youth News

The Virginia Creeper trail was canceled due to weather for the twenty-two parishioners who were off to take in God's beautiful creation by biking the 17 mile trail Saturday, October 25.

Journey upstairs to the Youth Room and check out our awesome paint job and colors. They are sure to inspire! We are excited to be getting back together this school year and are grateful to have a place we can call our own.

All youth, please let me know what good things you are doing or what good things are going on in your lives so that we can share with the whole church. School grades, community projects, accolades, etc.... we all love to hear about the good in our young people's lives.

Annual Ski Trip is planned this year January 30- February 1, 2009. All interested persons can call Shay Wilkerson 627-4138 to learn more. A 55.00 deposit will be required very soon if interested in going. This is a very well organized trip and we have the best time each year. Don't miss out!!

Angel Food Ministries

Order Deadline: **November 8**

Distribution Day: **November 22** 1-2 pm
at Good Shepherd

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

We desperately need some volunteers for Angel Food. Each of these jobs takes no more than an hour once a month, and they're fun and easy! This would be a great chance for you to get involved with the program.

Please contact me (cheneybaltz@hotmail.com is the best way to reach me, or call 628-4064) as soon as possible if you're interested. The food-stamp person is the most vital need right now. If someone isn't trained by Nov. 2, none of our food-stamp customers will be able to buy food next month.

Volunteers needed:

- 1) ORDER TAKER (food stamps) -- One hour, one Saturday each month. Help take orders from all customers, with the emphasis on food-stamp orders. The training will take about 10 minutes, and it's not difficult.
- 2) FOOD DELIVERY -- We have a customer on oxygen who doesn't drive (and neither does his wife). You'd pick up the food on Distribution Day and drive it to their house (near Campbell Road, off 49). The volunteer must be able to carry the boxes inside -- he usually gets 4 or 5.
- 3) MAILING LIST -- I'll give you the printed-out menus and envelopes. You print out the mailing list, stuff and mail the envelopes.

You all know I'm not good about asking for help, but I really need it this time. Please prayerfully consider donating a bit of time to a really good ministry.

Thanks,
Cheney

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 Callahan, 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

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

For the Repose of the Soul...

Edgar Warlick, a long-time member and former organist of Good Shepherd; Mary Ann Gardiner, the mother of Gary Gardiner

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.

Choir News

On the singing of hymns

"It's on" are the words of a female parishioner. A few weeks ago, in an unusually long hymn, the stanzas were varied by singers. On most stanzas, all sang, others were offered to the men, women and children, and one for the choir. Well, men, since you sang sooo nicely, you have been challenged to a (friendly, I hope) rematch. A few of our women, who think you out sang them on your stanza, want another go at it. Practice your singer's breaths! Do I hear echoes of Billy Jean King and Bobby Riggs?

A New Piano

We are in the final days of negotiation and should soon have a new baby grand to serve us for many years to come. When the new piano arrives, the piano which has served us for about 20 years, which was a gift of Gara Fenton Brown, will be moved to the Parish Hall. (Thank you, Gara, for being the spark that lit the fire) The choir, for several years, hosted the opening Gala to the ECW Antique Show as a fund raising effort. Several families offered memorials. The memorials offered for Ed Warlick, the musician at Good Shepherd in the '60s have been fittingly added. Others have contributed to honor the work of the choir. For several years, I've sold the parking lot at my shop during a street festival in Matthews and given the proceeds towards the piano. All this is to say -- many hands make light work. Thanks to all of you, who continue to support our offerings of music. The fruits of your labors benefit all who worship with us at Good Shepherd in our endeavor to perfect God's praises.

Choir Concert

Along with several choirs in the Charlotte area, The Good Shepherd Choir has been invited to participate in a choral festival with music for all seasons of the liturgical year for small choirs. The concert is part of the American Guild of Organists annual series. It is an honor for us to be invited to sing for this distinguished group of church musicians. We are the only Episcopal Church represented and the only choir from South Carolina. You are invited to the concert on Sunday November 16 at 7:00 pm at Plaza Presbyterian Church, 2304 The Plaza, Charlotte.

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

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

What do you think?

The Finance Committee has received a request from a parishioner to look into establishing an automatic draft for your monetary contributions. Would you be interested in having your monetary contributions drafted from your banking account on a monthly basis? If so, please let the office know.

Community News

PATH

The November needed items for PATH are: Oatmeal, Grits, Flour, and Corn Meal. 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.

Fall Festival/Bazaar

On Saturday, **November 8**, St. Matthias in Rock Hill will host a Fall Festival/Bazaar from 7AM until 2PM. There will be a rummage sale, hand made items and BBQ plates to purchase as well. BBQ plates are eat-in or carry-out. Come and enjoy the day!

LEM Training

Fr. Robert will have LEM (Chalice Bearer) training immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, **November 2**. This training is open to the current LEMs and to those wishing to become a LEM.

From the Parish Treasurer

| Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd York, South Carolina | | | | |
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| | 2008 | 9 months ending 9/30/08 | | |
| | Annual Budget | Actual | Budget | Variance |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Pledge Income | 185,000.00 | 138,706.79 | 138,750.00 | (43.21) |
| Plate Offerings | 4,000.00 | 2,625.47 | 3,000.00 | (374.53) |
| Special Offerings | 2,000.00 | 1,141.55 | 1,500.00 | (358.45) |
| Interest Income | 150.00 | 112.40 | 112.50 | (0.10) |
| TOTAL INCOME | 191,150.00 | 142,586.21 | 143,362.50 | (776.29) |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Worship & Parish Ministry | 111,625.00 | 83,944.50 | 83,718.75 | (225.75) |
| Diocesan Pledge | 33,043.00 | 24,557.20 | 24,782.25 | 225.05 |
| Mission & Outreach | 3,700.00 | 2,400.00 | 2,775.00 | 375.00 |
| Christian Formation & Continuing Education | 15,361.00 | 9,179.43 | 11,520.75 | 2,341.32 |
| Facility Costs | 39,180.00 | 29,858.40 | 29,385.00 | (473.40) |
| Supplies & Miscellaneous | 5,900.00 | 4,718.48 | 4,425.00 | (293.48) |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 208,809.00 | 154,658.01 | 156,606.75 | 1,948.74 |
| INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | (17,659.00) | (12,071.80) | (13,244.25) | 1,172.45 |

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