



# 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



## From the Rector

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

**The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)** are eight goals to be achieved by 2015 that respond to the world's main development challenges. The MDGs are drawn from the actions and targets contained in the Millennium Declaration that was adopted by all the member states of the United Nations during the UN Millennium Summit in September 2000. Implementation of the MDGs has been made a priority by The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Upper South Carolina. These are the goals:

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Specifically, the aim is by 2015 to reduce by half the proportion of people whose income in 1990 amounted to less than one dollar a day and reduce by half the proportion of people who were hungry.
- Achieve universal primary education. The target is for all children to be able to complete primary school.
- Promote gender equality and empower women. The goal is for equal numbers of girls and boys to go to primary and secondary school preferably by 2005 and go on to higher education by 2015.
- Reduce child mortality. The aim is to reduce the number of children who die before their fifth birthday by two-thirds by 2015.
- Improve maternal health. The target is to reduce maternal mortality by three-quarters.
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases. The goal is to reverse the spread of these diseases by 2015.
- Ensure environmental sustainability. The aims are to make drinking water safer and improve the lives of 100 million slum dwellers and reverse the loss of environmental resources.
- Develop a global partnership for development. This goal addresses a range of issues in which the developed countries play a particular role in inhibiting poverty or facilitating poverty reduction.

## Diocesan Convention



The Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center is the site for the 86th Diocesan Convention. Friday, October 17 will be focused on the business of the diocese. In the evening there will be a grand celebration, complete with the Bishop's Cross awards recognizing Upper South Carolinians who have made extraordinary contributions to the life and ministry of our diocese. All are invited to attend the evening event.

On Saturday, October 18, Bishop Henderson invites all those in various leadership areas of our congregations to come and be energized, empowered, and focused to take on his "four goals for a seamless transition." Featured will be The Rt. Rev. Charles F. Duvall, who will inspire and challenge us to enter into the Story, so that in our leaving we will share it with others. Your convention delegates are John Shiflet, Framp Harper, Chaney Baltz and Meade Wilson. For more information, go to [www.edusc.org](http://www.edusc.org).

## Monthly Meetings

The ECW Meets in the Parlor on  
**October 7** at 6:30 p.m.

The Vestry Meets at 7:00pm the  
Third Tuesday Each Month.  
**(October 21)**



## Parish News

### 2008-2009 Sunday School Teachers

Pre-k - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Godly Play	Sandy Taylor
2nd - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Live B.I.G.	Page Taylor
4th - 5 <sup>th</sup>	Live B.I.G.	Silva Davis
6th - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Live B.I.G.	Laura Mayben
9th - 12 <sup>th</sup>	J2A	Randy Neff & Carolyn Amer
Adult	Christianity Explored	Fr. Robert & Others

*Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

(BCP pg. 261)

### St. Francis Day is October 4!

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.*

Everyone is encouraged to bring their pet(s) to the Holy Eucharist on Saturday, **October 4** at 5:00 p.m. Weather permitting, the service will be held outside with a Blessing of the Animals. Prizes will be awarded to pets in various categories. All activities will be moved indoors to the parish hall if the weather is bad. Please Join Us!

### Items Needed for PATH for the Month of October

Soup. Soup. Soup. Any kind of soup!

PATH also needs someone (immediately) to interview clients on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 9am-Noon. If you would like to help, please call PATH at 684-3992.

### Picnic at Nancy Landstreet's Farm

Please mark your calendars for an after church picnic at Nancy Landstreet's farm on **October 19**. We will be celebrating the beginning of Sunday School and hopefully a beautiful Fall day. Please bring enough food for you, yours, and sharing! 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).

### 2008 CropWalk

The 2008 CropWalk is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, **October 19**. The walk will begin and end at Trinity United Methodist Church.

### UNITED THANK OFFERING, Fall In-Gathering, October 26

The United Thank Offering is a program of the Episcopal Church USA for the mission of the whole Church, founded by and administered by women since 1889. It provides a way for men, women and children to give daily thanks to God with a sense of gratitude. The discipline begins at home by putting aside "coins for missions". UTO boxes will be available in the Parish Hall for this collection. Every coin is used to support grants for mission and ministry. The Mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people by helping those in need around the world. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

Each year there are two "in-gatherings" in local churches. We will be having our "Fall In-Gathering" on **October 26**. Envelopes will be available in the pews for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

### Angel Food Ministries

Order Deadline: **October 11, 2008**  
Distribution Day: **October 25** 1-2 p.m.  
at Good Shepherd

Volunteers are needed for Distribution Day and should report to the parish hall at 12:20 p.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](mailto: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](mailto:sherryramsey@goodshep.net) if you are interested in purchasing a niche.

## 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.

## 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, Betty Bamert, 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, Pam Flynn, Sarah Richardson

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

Bee Decker, Ed Warlick, 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

### *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...*

Janet McGovern

## 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](mailto:rector@goodshep.net) or [sherryramsey@goodshep.net](mailto: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](mailto:kpm@comporium.net)) Kaye McMaster or Frank Van Leer (803-631-3543; [k9cr8@comporium.net](mailto: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  
20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.goodshep.net)

**From the Parish Treasurer**

*Financial Update*

	2008		8 months ending 8/31/08	
	Annual Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>INCOME</b>				
Pledge Income	185,000.00	125,582.74	123,333.33	2,249.41
Plate Offerings	4,000.00	2,344.47	2,666.67	(322.20)
Special Offerings	2,000.00	1,091.55	1,333.33	(241.78)
Interest Income	150.00	104.93	100.00	4.93
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>191,150.00</b>	<b>129,123.69</b>	<b>127,433.33</b>	<b>1,690.36</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Worship & Parish Ministry	111,625.00	73,705.55	74,416.67	711.12
Diocesan Pledge	33,043.00	21,728.60	22,028.67	300.07
Mission & Outreach	3,700.00	2,300.00	2,466.67	166.67
Christian Formation & Continuing Education	15,361.00	8,489.90	10,240.67	1,750.77
Facility Costs	39,180.00	27,870.32	26,119.99	(1,750.33)
Supplies & Miscellaneous	5,900.00	4,261.27	3,933.34	(327.93)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>208,809.00</b>	<b>138,355.64</b>	<b>139,206.01</b>	<b>850.37</b>
<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(17,659.00)</b>	<b>(9,231.95)</b>	<b>(11,772.68)</b>	<b>2,540.73</b>

*[www.goodshep.net](http://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.

***Did you know...***

Meade Wilson serves as the Co-Chair of the diocesan Commission on Congregations as part of his work on the Diocesan Executive Council. The Commission on Congregations oversees the process where the experience and ministry of individual, baptized Christians connects with the mission and ministry of the diocese that rests squarely with our congregations.

Because of this fundamental truth, the purpose and work of the Commission on Congregations is to function as the hinge that links the life and ministry of the baptized individual with the corporate life of the diocese. The Commission on Congregations is charged with exercising stewardship over policies, procedures, and guidelines that affect the functioning of our congregations.

In concert with our bishop's priorities for our common life and mission and his emphasis on congregational development, the Commission's focus rests on three areas:

- The proactive support and development of healthy congregations;
- "The Healthy Church Initiative" (HCI); and
- the establishment and application of dynamic standards for our present mission congregations so that these communities may continue to grow as fruitful agencies for "changing lives"; and the development and implementation of effective strategies for planting new congregational starts, following the gospel imperative that we continually spread the promises and life of God in Christ.

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