



# 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).*

#### Children's Chapel

10:30 a.m. in York

#### Christian Education

9:30 a.m. for Everyone

### Wednesdays

11:00 a.m. Healing Service

(Parlor)

### Saturdays

The 5:00 p.m. Saturday service will resume **September 13.**



## Monthly Meetings

ECW Meeting on Wednesday,  
**September 3** at 6:30 p.m. in the  
Parlor.

The Daughters of the King meet  
on the second Tuesday  
(**September 9**) of each month at  
7:00 p.m.

The Vestry Meets at 7:00 p.m. the  
Third Tuesday Each Month.  
(**September 16**)

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

It has been my prayer over the summer that all of you have been able to enjoy periods of rest and refreshment. As we begin another program year here at the Church of the Good Shepherd, I hope you are as excited as I am about the possibilities that surround us, and as eager as I am to use our gifts to bring Glory to God.

The church (IMHO as my daughter writes) and its leadership are here to equip our members for the work of ministry in the world beyond our doors. The church is the agent for the restoration of the relationship between God and his people brought about by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. In other words, the church exists to draw (all) people into a deep and lasting relationship with God, through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is important to remember however, that when we talk about the church filling the 'religious needs' of the people, it is with the understanding that those needs can only be filled by nothing less than God.

By itself, The Church of the Good Shepherd has nothing to offer anyone. It is also important that we realize this. If we don't, those who come through our doors will, inevitably, be disappointed. If we invite folks to come to our church because it is a beautiful building steeped in history (even though it is). If we invite folks to come because we are friendly (even though we can be). If we invite them to come because we serve delicious food (even though we always do). If we invite people for these reasons, we will have nothing to say to them when they discover the darker side of our life together. When they hear the unhelpful conversations that sometimes come from the kitchen, the parish hall and the parking lot, they will (as Richard Fairchild writes) "be put off by the gap between their expectations, and the reality of parish life." In other words, the invitation that comes from God is the only one that contains an answer for human sin, and so it is the only invitation that will not end in disappointment.

Having said that, it is also important to remember that God has been very gracious to our little church. Through the Holy Spirit, and the stewardship we have exercised over the years, we are blessed with gifts (of 'things' and people) beyond measure. And, if we will continue to give ourselves over to the service of the Lord in bringing those around us into a relationship with Jesus Christ, the Church of the Good Shepherd can (and will) become a dynamic powerhouse where people will flock to be renewed, and to be transformed. And, the things I spoke of above (the beautiful building, friendly people and delicious food) become wonderful and powerful assets to be used and gifts to be enjoyed.

With this in mind, we have several new things to offer that we hope will enable us to become better stewards of the gifts we have been given, and better equipped for our Christian vocations.

**Christian Formation:** Thanks to Tonya Whitehead and the work of the Christian Ed Committee we have selected a Christian Ed curriculum for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade that, while timeless in its biblical teaching and values, is contemporary and exciting in its approach. *Live B.I.G.* allows children to live out their "belief in God" seamlessly integrating the three ways children learn—hearing, seeing, then living what they learn. Through music, art, theater, dance, laughter, sign language, discussion, education,

entertainment, sight, sound, cool graphics, hands-on activities and games, kids follow the examples set by an enthusiastic cast and real-life role models. With positive use of media, by modeling relationships with God and others, the integrated lessons help kids grow as children of God by taking what they learn from Sunday school into their everyday lives.

For pre K and 1<sup>st</sup> graders, we will continue to use *Godly Play*. *Godly Play* teaches children the art of using religious language, parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action to become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives.

Our high schoolers will continue to meet under the wonderful leadership of Randy Neff and Carolyn Amer. *Journey to Adulthood* (J2A). A complete youth ministry program of spiritual formation, J2A uses Bible studies, prayer, rites of passage, outreach ministries and both serious and playful activities to underscore its core principles that manhood and womanhood are free gifts from God and that Adulthood must be earned. J2A usually involves a spiritual pilgrimage. At present, it is Bishop Henderson's expectation that all youth will be exposed to the J2A program prior to Confirmation

Beginning in October, the adult class will begin a program called *Christianity Explored*, a 10-week 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. In September, the adult class will explore the recent Lambeth Conference of Bishops.

**The Library:** The library is located in the rooms that use to house the nursery at the back of the Parish Hall. There are numerous versions and editions of The Holy Bible available as well as the 1928 and 1979 editions of *The Book of Common Prayer*, as well as a full set of both The Expositor's Bible and the Interpreter's Bible. We have divided the book selection into the following categories: Commentaries on the Bible (both single and multi-volume); Books about the Bible; The Old Testament; The New Testament; Jesus; Christian Theology; Christian History; The Saints; Liturgy and Worship; Sermon and Preaching; Prayer; Anglicanism; the Episcopal Church; Local Interest (Good Shepherd and York Place histories, the Diocese of Upper S.C. and others); Evangelism and Stewardship; People (biographies and autobiographies); Healing; Christian Living; and, Christian Living. There is an Audio/Visual section and, a youth section is under development.

We also have a number of *Forward Movement* publications explaining different aspects of Christianity and the church. In addition, we have a number of periodicals including *The Living Church*, *Crosswalk* (the publication of the Diocese), *Weavings*, *Cathedral Age*, *Episcopal Life*, publications from Nashota House and Trinity School for Ministry (Episcopal Seminaries) and the *Anglican Digest*.

There is ample room and comfortable chairs, so please make use of this facility which is open Monday – Thursday from 9:00am -1:00pm, Wednesday from 6:00-9:00pm and Sunday from 9:00a.m – 1:00 p.m.

**The Youth** have a new place to hang out upstairs in the Parish House which we have allowed them to decorate as they see fit in order to reflect their character and give them a place of their own

**Lay Ministry training.** A customary is being developed to aid in the training of lay ministers (Acolytes, Ushers, Readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, etc.). In addition, different training sessions will be held during the fall and I hope to develop a "ministry fair."

We have also introduced new welcome packets, pamphlets and booklets concerning our life and vocation at the Good Shepherd.

Hopefully, all of these things will serve to enhance our life together in this place as we "make disciples who make disciples."

In Christ's love and service,

## Altar Guild Schedule

September	Joyce Sanders/Shay Wilkerson
October	Gail Carter/Jeanne Ferguson
November	Shay Wilkerson/Libby Bradford
December	Lettie Knight/Joyce Sanders & Everyone

## Parish News

### Summerfest

Many thanks to everyone for pitching in to make the Summerfest Antique Show and Sale a huge success. We hope to publish our earnings in next month's newsletter.

Libby Bradford, Teresa Rock and Mary Beth Tiblier

### Note of Thanks

Dear Church of the Good Shepherd,

Thank you for all of the support you have given me in the past and especially in these last few months. I greatly appreciate the gifts you have given me for graduation and the money you all generously gave Gracie and me at our send off. Thanks again for being there for me and I will keep everyone updated about how my year is going.

Many thanks,  
Michael Tiblier

### Kitchen Duties

Please be sure that if you use the kitchen remember the following:

- \* wash and put away all dishes
- \* take home all personal items
- \* do not leave extra food in the refrigerator, unless it is for something, or someone specific
- \* if you take something out of the cupboard, please put it back where you found it
- \* if you borrow something, sign it out on the back of the door
- \* there is no one that puts things away or cleans up except for all of us, so please help keep the kitchen clean
- \* do not leave non-kitchen items in the kitchen, it becomes a catch-all for items that don't belong

Thank you for helping us out!

### Sunday Morning Kitchen Supply Collection

We appreciate those of you who contribute to the kitchen supply basket on Sunday mornings, although donations have dwindled. This money is used to purchase coffee, cups, sugar, creamer, plates, etc. With these costs continuing to increase, please consider dropping a coin or two into the basket on Sunday mornings as you enjoy your coffee.

## Angel Food Ministries

Order Deadline: **September 13**  
Distribution Day: **September 27** 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd

Volunteers are needed for Distribution Day and should report to the parish hall at 1:20 p.m.

## Parish Register News

Camden Vann Winslow Dawson's baptism recorded.

Karen Bair transferred her membership to Our Saviour, Rock Hill.

*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.

*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, Sylvia Noble, Joanne Lentz, Patricia Rice, Vernon & Joan Sanders, Katie Gosset, Jane Dressler, Raynor Moore, Betty Bamert, Nita & Jack Callaham, Stan Burrous, Sue Crone, Donna Capell, Keby Johnson, Gary Maynard, Donald Beyer, George Sealy, William Person, Michael Lundy, Ginny Hickey, Bill Huffstetler

### ***For all serving in our military***

Geoffrey Gibson, Jonathan Morrison, William Stanley, John Kerns

### ***For those with special seeds***

York Place Board, Staff and Children, Kayleigh Edson, Jeff Burton, Willene Allen, Gosset Family, Roy and Eileen Critcher, Julia Cook, Janet McGovern, The Crittendon Family

### ***We give thanks for***

The baptism of Camden Vann Winslow Dawson.

### ***We pray for the repose of the soul of the departed***

Beth Carothers, the daughter of Buddy and Phyllis Carothers.

Peter Robinson+, the brother of Andy Lowry.

Chris Crittendon, the son of Charles Crittendon.

## 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)

## In the Community

### **PATH**

As our economy continues to decline, the need for assistance steadily increases with more and more first time clients at PATH. We are in need of food, monetary donations and volunteers. This month we need personal products such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, tooth brushes, toothpaste, etc.

You can mail your monetary donations to PATH at PO Box 52, York, SC 29745. You can drop off your food donations at PATH Monday, Wednesday, and Friday or drop them in the PATH basket located in the parish house across the hall from the restrooms.

**From the Parish Treasurer***Financial Update*

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd York, South Carolina				
	2008	7 months ending 7/31/08		
	Annual Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>INCOME</b>				
Pledge Income	185,000.00	110,701.19	107,916.67	2,784.52
Plate Offerings	4,000.00	2,030.60	2,333.33	(302.73)
Special Offerings	2,000.00	946.55	1,166.67	(220.12)
Interest Income	150.00	94.78	87.50	7.28
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>191,150.00</b>	<b>113,773.12</b>	<b>111,504.17</b>	<b>2,268.95</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Worship & Parish Ministry	111,625.00	66,050.03	65,114.58	(935.45)
Diocesan Pledge	33,043.00	18,900.00	19,275.08	375.08
Mission & Outreach	3,700.00	2,200.00	2,158.33	(41.67)
Christian Formation & Continuing Education	15,361.00	8,457.90	8,960.58	502.68
Facility Costs	39,180.00	25,131.26	22,855.01	(2,276.25)
Supplies & Miscellaneous	5,900.00	3,467.04	3,441.66	(25.38)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>208,809.00</b>	<b>124,206.23</b>	<b>121,805.24</b>	<b>(2,400.99)</b>
<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(17,659.00)</b>	<b>(10,433.11)</b>	<b>(10,301.07)</b>	<b>(132.04)</b>

**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.

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