



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 All Ages

Wednesdays

11:00 a.m. Healing Service
(Parlor)
12:05 p.m. Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Christian Formation
(Coming Soon!)

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist



From the Rector

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Last year, John Shepherd, Dean of the Cathedral for the (Anglican) Diocese of Perth, caused quite a stir when he released his Easter message, which began: "*The Resurrection of Jesus ought not to be seen in physical terms, but as a new spiritual reality. It is important for Christians to be set free from the idea that the Resurrection was an extraordinary physical event which restored to life Jesus' original earthly body.*"

What do you think? It is, after all, a radical claim. Is it crucial to believe in the resurrection?

Ironically, a letter appeared that same day in the New York Times written by Anne Rice, whom most probably know as the author of "Interview with a vampire" (which was made into a movie starring Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise). Here is an excerpt from her letter: *As we experience Easter week, we celebrate the crucifixion that changed the world. We celebrate the Resurrection that sent Christ's apostles throughout the Roman Empire to declare the Good News. We celebrate one of the greatest love stories the world has ever known: that of a God who would come down here to live and breathe with us in a human body, who would experience human death for us, and then rise to remind us that He was, and is, both Human and Divine. We celebrate the greatest inversion the world has ever recorded: that of the Maker dying on a Roman cross.*

The apostle Paul realized early on the significance of the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied" (*1 Corinthians 15:17-19*). When Paul speaks about "still in your sins," he is referring back *1 Corinthians 3-4*: "For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures."

If you would prefer to use The Book of Common Prayer as your authority, turn to page 868: "Christ did truly rise again from death, and took again his body, with flesh, bones, and all things appertaining to the perfection of Man's nature; wherewith he ascended into Heaven, and there sitteth, until he return to judge all Men at the last day." Read also The Catechism, page 850.

The resurrection brings us the assurance that we have been delivered from sin and death. Because of the resurrection, it is the living Christ who gives us the salvation that he won for us on the cross. It is the living Christ, having been raised from the dead, who is now seated at the right hand of God. "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (*Hebrews 4:15-16*).

The resurrection is essential to the Christian faith. Without it, there is no hope.

Alleluia, Christ *IS* risen. The Lord is risen indeed.

Monthly Meetings

Next ECW meeting: Tuesday, **April**
7 6:30 pm in the parlor

The Vestry meets at 7:00 pm on
Tuesday, April 21 in the parlor.
Committee reports are due in to the
office by Sunday, **April 19**.



Schedule of Holy Week Services

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday

8:00am - Lake Wylie

10:30am - York

Blessing of the Palms (begins in the Parish Hall)

The Holy Eucharist

Monday, April 6

Noon – Divine Saviour, York

Community Service

7:00pm - York

The Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, April 7

Noon – Divine Saviour, York

Community Service

7:00pm - York

The Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 8

Noon – Divine Saviour, York

Community Service

7:00pm - York

The Holy Eucharist w/ Healing

Thursday, April 9 - Maundy Thursday

Noon – Divine Saviour, York

Community Service

7:00pm - York

The Holy Eucharist

Washing of Feet

Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 10 - Good Friday

Noon – Divine Saviour, York

Community Service

3:00pm - York

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm - York

Liturgy of Good Friday

Veneration of the Cross

Communion from Reserved Sacrament



Saturday, April 11 - Holy Saturday

9:00am - York

Morning Prayer

7:30pm - York

The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptism

Sunday, April 12 - Sunday of the Resurrection

(Easter Day)

8:00am - Lake Wylie

The Holy Eucharist

9:30am - York

Breakfast

10:30am - York

Festival Eucharist

After Church - York

Lemonade and Cookies on the Lawn

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Announcements

Easter Memorial List

It is the custom of this parish to publish an Easter Memorial List. Please snail mail or e-mail (sherryramsey@comporium.net) all names for the list to the office by Monday, **April 6**. Donations are greatly appreciated and should be marked for Easter offering.

Family Easter Breakfast April 12

The Men's Club will provide breakfast for the parish on Easter morning at 9:30 a.m. **EVERYONE** is invited to attend the breakfast. We extend a warm welcome to the Lake Wylie congregation! Questions? Please call John Shiflet, President of the Men's Club.

Easter Egg Hunt, April 12

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist on Easter Day. The Rite-13 class will hide eggs after church. Then the children will begin the hunt at the playground. We need eggs. We request plastic eggs filled with candy and or real eggs already dyed. Eggs can be dropped off at the church during Holy Week. Please put real, hard boiled eggs in the refrigerator so they won't spoil. Thank you goes to Jill Neff for creating the prize baskets and to Jen Mecca-Lawler for making the prize eggs.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Bobbie Hawkins and Steven Aycock will serve lemonade and cookies on the lawn following the Festival Eucharist on Easter Sunday.

Community Holy Week Services

Community Holy Week noon services will be held at Divine Saviour Roman Catholic Church, York with a light lunch provided following the service. The offering collected during the week is given to the Western York County Ministerial Emergency fund. This fund provides emergency lodging for transients. Good Shepherd will provide lunch on Maundy Thursday.

Parish News

Economic Crisis

Cynthia Jackson lost her job at the beginning of the year. Thankfully, Cynthia went back to work mid March. During her time of unemployment, she had professional help updating her resume. Now that she has a new job, she would like to "pay it forward" by offering to help anyone that has lost their job update their resume. Cynthia has worked for a financial institution for many years and has a great deal of experience in finances. With that in mind, she is also willing to help anyone create a budget.

If you would like to talk with Cynthia, please contact her at 803-628-4020 or e-mail her at cyndepken@aol.com. All matters will be kept in strict confidence.

Prayer Service for the Economic Crisis

As a resource for helping our congregations cope with the economic crisis, the clergy of our convocation have developed a short prayer service to be used in our churches. This brief service will be offered at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Wednesdays at 12:05 p.m. All are welcome to attend. You may wish to come if you have lost your job and would like to have folks pray for you (you don't have to let it be known if you don't want it known), or you may wish to come to offer prayers for those who have lost their job, or to give thanks that you still have a job. After the service, the clergy will be available for prayers, counsel and support.

Also, if you have lost your job or if your family is experiencing financial strife, please let Fr. Kirkland know. All matters will be kept in strict confidence.

Convocation Meeting

The Catawba Convocation meeting will be meet at Good Shepherd, York on Sunday, **April 26** at 3:00 p.m.

From the Bishop Search Committee

The search for the 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina is underway. The Bishop Search Committee is preparing a survey which we hope each member of the diocese will complete, thereby providing input on what they want in a new bishop and what bishop nominees should know about who we are.

We have designated **April 19** as Survey Sunday. We request that everyone with web access take the survey online at the Bishop Search website on that day. A link to the Bishop Search website and the survey will be available from the diocesan website, www.edusc.org. We will send a small number of hardcopy surveys and return envelopes to each congregation for use by those members who do not have web access. All surveys must be completed and/or returned by **April 24**, so those completing the hardcopy are encouraged to do so on **April 19** as well.

Christian Formation

By: Doug Clark

I have to confess that, while I don't don bumper stickers on my own car, I do look for them on other cars. Call me a free-loader if you wish. Yes, while I don't like cluttering my own car, I do like a good laugh on an otherwise boring commute. Sometimes I even need to get my blood flowing. The meaner stickers, which I will get to in a moment, accomplish this.

But first... some of the funnier ones say: "Of the things I miss the most, I miss my mind." Another says, "My wife told me 'it's me or the dog.' I sure am gonna miss her." And one I recently saw on the way to church gave me a chuckle. It said, "I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it." I like these because they counter the effects

of the mean and sometimes anti-Christian ones I will mention below.

Now, while in the old days, people got their theology from and expressed it in the songs they sang, I wonder if today, many are getting and expressing their theology through their bumper stickers. One such that comes to mind is the fish shape that has the word "Darwin" inside. A similar one has a fish with "Aliens" inside. Both of these are mockeries of the ancient Christian fish symbol so common on cars.

They also suggest a theological shift in many American minds - a shift that seems to be hateful. This sometimes bitter battle for America's soul expressed on many bumpers sadly, rages in some universities, seminaries and even some churches. I need not mention the elephant in the room of Anglicanism.

Yet, despite its struggle and divisions, I like the theory behind the Anglican tradition, from whence comes the Episcopal tradition - the tradition in which I am baptized. Beginning with Queen Elizabeth, the Church of England assumed a "big tent" approach to Christianity. Within that tent, there were Protestants, Evangelicals and Catholics. None of these groups agreed wholeheartedly with each other on non-essentials. Unfortunately, sometimes they persecuted each other. Yet, in theory, they were *supposed* to worship together and share in the essentials of the traditional orthodox faith in love as brothers and sisters. Sadly, history shows that what people are *supposed* to do in theory, rarely happens when they put themselves, rather than God, first.

Are we any different today? We can be. And we must be, if we are really Christians. And to those who disagree with each other in the Episcopal Church, this is an opportunity to show they are Christians. The real Christians will show love.

The First Epistle of John (2:10-11) tells us that hatred of Christians is unchristian and that people who hate other Christians are in darkness. "Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness." Love is defined in 1 Cor. 13. Love is patient, kind, humble, polite, unselfish, slow to anger, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in sin, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things.

So, dear sisters, brothers and friends, in this Lenten season let us examine ourselves carefully and make certain that we walk in the love of Christ, our only means of overcoming the selfish sin nature. Now I am not saying we have a problem with hatred here. I simply know that the human heart, according to the psalmist, is "deceitful above all

things and desperately wicked.” And, it is possible for us to be influenced by the self-centeredness and hatred that surrounds us.

I also know that those who are like me need to be reminded of Jesus’ command that we are to love one another. Perhaps others don’t need to be reminded. Regardless, let us all set out to love each other when we disagree and when we don’t. Without showing love, even in the midst of disagreement, the world – and God – will know we are *not* Christians. Conversely, they will know we *are* Christians by our love. Now that would make a good bumper sticker.

Broiderer’s Guild News

The Broiderer’s Guild is getting itchy fingers. Therefore we are planning a new needle point project. Linda Mote, who designed the altar pillows, is designing covers for the two altar chairs. Are you interested in joining the needle point group and stitching on the new canvas work? If so call Lettie Knight at 684-6673.

ECW News

April 9: Maundy Thursday -- we’ll be serving lunch as part of Holy Week. This year it’s at Divine Saviour. Jot it down on your calendar -- we’ll need volunteers!

May 9: Garden Tour

Questions or more info, call Cheney at 628-4064 or email ECW@goodshep.net.

Church Of The Good Shepherd Garden Tour “Backyards and Beauty Spots”

Come visit Historic York on Saturday **May 9, 2009** and enjoy walking through interesting and unique “Backyards and Beauty Spots”; a first time ever Garden Tour sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Five gardens will be open for browsing, plus several “beauty spots” for peeking only. They range in size from several acres to very the very small, all tended by their owners, some of whom will be on hand to answer questions.

The day also includes a delicious buffet lunch cooked by the ECW at the church parish house at 108 East Liberty Street.

In addition to the lunch, (a perfect Mother-Daughter day out) there will be a plant sale and garden shop with many items available for purchase.

Advance tickets will be on sale beginning **April 1**. Garden tour tickets will also be available the day of the tour at the church but advance reservations are required for lunch.

(The last day for lunch reservations will be **May 7**.) Single tour tickets are \$15.00, and lunch tickets are \$7.00. One single ticket for both events is priced at \$20.00.

Tickets will not be mailed prior to the tour; however, if you purchased advance tickets, you may pick up your tickets on the day of the tour at the church. The event will be held, rain or shine.

For reservations or information, please call Jeanne Ferguson at 803-684-6020 or Betty Jane Howie at 803-684-4113.

Gardens featured will be:

Mr. and Mrs. SK Lowry Mr and Mrs. Jim Bradford
5 Wright Avenue 12 Wright Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hanlon Ms. Sue Ellen Lee
208 Kings Mountain Street 7 Kings Mountain Street

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Shultz
212 East Liberty Street

Beauty Spots for Peeking will be:

The Courtyard at 22 North Congress Street
The Side yard at 9 Kings Mountain Street
The Garden at Good Shepherd

Angel Food Ministries

Two ordering dates:

Saturday, **Mar. 28**, from 1-2 p.m.,
Good Shepherd parish hall, 108 E. Liberty St., York

Saturday, **April 11**, from 8:30-9:30 a.m.,
Good Shepherd parish hall, 108 E. Liberty St., York

In person, we accept **CASH and FOOD STAMP (EBT) ONLY. YOU PAY WHEN YOU ORDER. NO CHECKS.**

Online, you may order with a credit or debit card by going to: www.angelfoodministries.com/host.asp?id=6753 and clicking on “**Order Online**”. If you have questions, please call 684-4021 or e-mail angelfoodyork@hotmail.com

Pickup date is Saturday, **April 25** 2 p.m., Good Shepherd



York Place

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 3** 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.

Parish Register News

Wood & Jane Caldwell transferred their membership from Good Shepherd to St. Matthias, 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. We will need the name and address of the last church you were a member of.

Prayer Concerns

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

Billie Gabbitas, Emily House, Nadja Hudson, Sylvia Noble, Joanne Lentz, Patricia Rice, Vernon & Joan Sanders, Donald Beyer, Bettie Matthews, Linda Tiblier, Judy Tomes, Gara Brown, Parpi Von Chrismar, Jenkins Mikell, Hazel Sims, Kensley James, Deanna Greiner, EJ Carico, Joe McCorkle, Judi Smith, Yolanda Burton, Silva Davis, Helen Dearborn, Anne Fishburne, Jake Mathew

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, Travis Eusted, Ken Roberts, Paul Mishoe, Mario Fonseca, Tiffany Eakin, Brian Carnes

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

York Place Board, Staff and Children, Kayleigh Edson, Mark House, Jack Burton, Sarah Schultz, Kerry Davis, Ray Dearborn, Grace Amer, Jeanne Ferguson

We pray for the repose of the soul of our faithful departed, especially...

Lee Player, the Grandson of Tom & Betty Sanders

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

The upcoming baptism of Adeliede Kay Ebersold.

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.



Stewardship Thought for the Month

Stewardship is thanksgiving, giving thanks for all that God has given us—our time, abilities, and money. Nothing of value happens in human life without these three currencies. Some think of stewardship as what we give, or return for His work through the church; they teach that the tithe means 10% of our worldly goods. I believe that 100% is God's.

Our stewardship is our decision as to how we live and manage our entire life. What we return to God through the church is only a part of our stewardship. We are given by God the freedom to manage all our time, abilities, and money. That process of management is called stewardship.

The Reverend Charles Cloughen, Jr.



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.

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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**Happy
Easter**