

# Shepherd's Tales

January  
2009



## 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 Everyone

### Wednesdays

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

6:30 p.m. Christian Formation  
and the Book of Common  
Prayer Study (Doug Clark)

### Saturdays

5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist



Dear Friends:

I feel free to call you that as I have known so many of you over the years and each time I have visited in recent times, I have had the opportunity to meet more of you. It is wonderful to be able to assist occasionally, and I look forward to doing it on a regular basis (twice a month on Sunday at any rate) for the first six months of the coming year. Father Kirkland and all of you are doing me a favor by letting me help out. I am an old fashioned priest who believes he should be preaching and celebrating from time to time, the Lord willing. I am blessed in having relative good health so please keep me in your prayers that I may continue to keep going.

I have written a brief resume for the parish web site but for those of you who are not on-line, here are a few words about me. I have lived a double life – as a college prof and Episcopal priest. So if I preach a long sermon, I must think I am back in the classroom where I could go on for an hour (I hope I am just kidding!) I have been in Rock Hill since 1971 but I was born in Charlotte in 1923 and have been many places and done many things in the intervening years. I have been widowed for six years. Many of you knew my dear wife, Eva, and we had 52 great years as a couple. We had four children (one of whom is now deceased) and seven grandchildren. I am high church in my preference but have served in so many parishes as supply that I can vary my “performance” as the occasion demands.

You can see from the above that I am about the oldest “curate” around; one of the things that I will ask is for your indulgence. I sometimes forget names of those I have known for a long time and have difficulty with new ones. So please speak up and remind me if need be. I do forget other things too occasion help out in my home parish in Rock Hill, Good Shepherd is now as in the past a very dear place and community for me. Please feel free to call me or call on me if you need me.

May you have a Happy New Year.

Father Joe+

## January At A Glance...

### January 6:

ECW Mtg. in Parlor 6:30 p.m.

The Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m.

### January 18:

Annual Parish Mtg.

### January 24:

Vestry Retreat

### January 25:

Vestry Installation



## From the DCF

Many argue that when done properly, nothing comes closer to the worship of the early Church than does Prayer Book worship. The operative word here is “properly.” So, how does one properly worship from the Prayer Book?

I think one of the words the Prayer Book offers to help us is “heartily,” found on page 44 in the *Venite*. As in any worship, to be done properly, one must work hard at it. Indeed, worship comes from the same root as does the word “work.” But, don’t get me wrong, such work need not be difficult. In fact, it is to be joyful if it is to please God.

So, what does this have to do with Christian formation? Everything. We were made, dare I say, we are being formed, to worship God. That is our primary function. Whether in ceremony or in lifestyle, we should worship, or “work as unto the Lord.”

So, may I implore all to heartfelt worship, rather than mere lip service? May I also be so bold as to recommend the daily use of the Prayer Book, as we make its words our own? Indeed, the Prayer Book is a good tool for Christian formation. If you are interested in learning more about this, please let me know. Perhaps a class series may come of it.

Blessings,  
Doug

### Christian Formation and the Book of Common Prayer

Beginning Wednesday, **January 7** at 6:30 p.m., we will begin a six week study: Christian Formation and the Book of Common Prayer. In the study, we will discuss how the BCP challenges its users to be formed into Christ followers. The classes, led by Doug Clark, will last about one hour. Please join us for study, fellowship and prayer as we prepare our hearts for Lent.

### Nursery Attendant

We need a nursery attendant during Sunday School (9:30-10:30). This is not to be confused with nursery during worship, which we have covered. Teaching is not required for this, just watching the babies and toddlers. If you feel called to fill this position, please see Doug.

## Vestry Nominees

### **Libby Bradford**

I am a cradle Episcopalian. I was born in Pocatello, Idaho and attended a very small Episcopal Church in the midst of the Mormon nation. My parents sent me to an Episcopal Church school which I attended for the 10th grade & the 11th grade. Because we had services twice a day, morning and evening, every day, I attended church more than most. I love the Episcopal Church and its

beautiful services. Before moving to York in 1996, we were members of St Michael’s and All Angels Episcopal Church in Columbia, SC where our two daughters were christened. I have an MBA and a Masters in Taxation and am a Certified Public Accountant. I have worked for IKON Office Solutions and for Stacy’s Inc. as a controller and am currently working for ‘the bounce agency’ as controller. We moved to York in 1996 and immediately joined The Church of the Good Shepherd. My husband Jim has been a member of the choir since 1996 and has served on the Vestry. I have served the Church as a Sunday school teacher in the J2A program (high school), as alms recorder, parish auditor, and as a member of the Finance Committee and the Parish Life Committee. From 2003-2006, I served on the Vestry with responsibility for the Parish Life Committee and the Finance Committee. In 2006 & 2007, I served on the steering committee for the Summerfest Antique Show. I love the parishioners of the Church of the Good Shepherd and our faith community. I believe that the Church should serve as a ‘big tent’ welcoming and embracing all who choose to worship with us.

### **Cynthia Edson**

Native of New Jersey; Legal & Executive Secretary: New York, Libya, New Jersey  
NC & SC Realtor (3 years)  
St. Thomas Church, NYC, Altar Guild (4 years)  
St. Paul’s Church, NJ – Vestry (3 years), Clerk of the Vestry (10 years), Altar Guild (6years)  
Sunday School Teacher (10 years), Chairman Annual Bazaar (2 years)  
Women’s Club of Chatham, NJ: Chairman, International Affairs Dept. (2 years)  
School Library Volunteer (9 years)  
Chairman Women’s Golf, Fairmount CC, NJ (2 years)  
1983 Women’s Golf Champion FCC  
Member, Women’s Metropolitan Golf Assoc.  
Chairman Women’s Golf, River Hills CC, Lake Wylie; Rep Central Carolinas Golf Assoc.  
PGA and LPGA scorer; SC LPGA course rating team  
Church of the Good Shepherd: Choir member (12 years);  
Vacation Bible School teacher (3 years);  
Rite 13 teacher (2 years); Vestry Member (3 years);  
Treasurer, Annual Antique Show  
Volunteer York Place  
Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte: Docent (over 15 years);  
Board Member Docents; Board Member  
Friends of the Mint  
GRANDMOTHER OF 3

### **Mary Anne Lowry**

I graduated from Margaret Hall (an Episcopal girls’ school) and Woman’s College of UNC with a double major of art and French. I have been a member of The Church of the Good Shepherd since 1947 and served it as a Sunday School teacher; a chorister’ and a member of the ECW,

Altar Guild and Vestry. Good Shepherd is my church home, my place for formal worship of God, and the congregation is my church family. It is my hope that others will also find it a meaningful place for worship of God.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The annual parish meeting will be **January 18** immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in York. We will elect three members to the Vestry as well as receive reports from the various committees and program groups of the church. Other business relevant to our common life as a congregation will also be presented. All members who are adult communicants of this church, and have regularly attended the Church of the Good Shepherd for three months, shall be Voting Members.

### **Parish News**

#### **Acolyte Master**

Many thanks to Sandy Taylor for answering the call to become our new Acolyte Master. Parents are asked to contact Sandy if they know in advance they are going to be out of town so that their child(ren) will not be scheduled during their time away and/or if their child(ren) cannot serve when they are scheduled. Sandy's e-mail address is [acolytes@goodshep.net](mailto:acolytes@goodshep.net).

#### **Men's Club**

The Men are seeking new leadership for 2009. If you are looking for an opportunity to use your time and talent, please consider the Men's club as your ministry. If interested please contact Andy Whitehead at 803-526-9982 or [andy.whitehead@cardinalhealth.com](mailto:andy.whitehead@cardinalhealth.com).

#### **York Place Christmas Store**

The York Place Christmas store was the best ever this year. The gently used and new gifts were arrayed in a manner that resembled an upscale boutique. All of this was due to the generosity of Christian people like you. Please feel good in your hearts that you brought so many smiles to faces, both young and old, at York Place this holiday season.

Thank you,  
Sue Nance

### **Youth News**

The Youth are all headed to Winter Place, W.V., this **January 30** for the annual weekend of skiing. We will be amongst other Episcopalian youth from both the Upper Diocese of South Carolina and the Diocese of Georgia. Every year we have been blessed with great snow, good times, and no accidents. Please pray that that tradition continues.

Anyone feeling called to want to help with our church's wonderful young people, please call Shay Wilkerson 627-4138 or our new DCF, Doug, at the church.

### **Youth in the News**

Forrest Wilkerson has attained Life in the Boy Scouts of America and will begin finishing his final required badges for his Eagle.

Lillian Wilkerson is now the proud new owner of a paint horse! She has waited a long time for this moment.

Know anything good that you would like to share about our young people? Pass it on to me, Shay Wilkerson at [youth@goodshep.net](mailto:youth@goodshep.net), so that we might share with the parish all that is happening in the lives of our youth.

### **Angel Food Ministries**

Order Deadline: **Saturday, January 10**  
Distribution Day: **Saturday, January 24** 1-2 pm  
at Good Shepherd

Menus are available in the Angel Food mailbox which is located outside the office door in the parish house.

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

### **Parish Register News**

Jim and Chris Johnson and Jim and Anna Velez have transferred their membership from Good Shepherd to St. Mathias, Rock Hill.

Ron and Pam Farley have moved their membership to Good Shepherd from the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Gaffney.

Stephanie Bray has requested her membership be moved to Good Shepherd from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, NC.

*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.*

### **ECW News**

#### **Garden Tour**

There will be a Garden Tour, Plant Sale and Luncheon during the second week of May. More information will follow.

## 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.

### Prayer Concerns

We continue to pray for the Episcopal Church.

*We pray for the sick, especially...*

Billie Gabbitas, Emily House, Nadja Hudson, Sylvia Noble, Joanne Lentz, Patricia Rice, Vernon & Joan Sanders, Donald Beyer, Sarah Jane Richardson, Bettie Matthews, Rachael Gleason, Linda Tiblier, Judy Tomes, Gara Brown, John Cowan, Parpi Von Chrismar, Pam & Ken Jernigan, Jenkins Mikell, Hazel Sims, Brian Walker, Kensley James, Angie Burton

*We pray for our shut-ins, especially...*

Bee Decker, Elsie Castle, Margie Miller, Mamie Miller

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

York Place Board, Staff and Children, Kayleigh Edson, Mark House

*We pray for those serving in the military, especially...*

Geoffrey Gibson, Jonathan Morrison, William Stanley, John Kerns, Tom Klauer, Travis Eusted, Ken Roberts, Paul Mishoe

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

The birth of Molly Elizabeth Goodson, the daughter of Chris and Anne Goodson and the first grandchild for Jim and Libby Bradford

*We pray for the repose of the soul of...*

George Wright, the cousin and care giver to Mamie and Margie Miller. We pray the George's family as they mourn his death.

### 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.

### 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

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)

## Treasurer's Report

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd York, South Carolina				
	2008	11 months ending 11/30/08		
	Annual Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>INCOME</b>				
Pledge Income	185,000.00	175,073.89	169,583.33	5,490.56
Plate Offerings	4,000.00	3,007.47	3,666.67	(659.20)
Special Offerings	2,000.00	1,196.55	1,833.33	(636.78)
Interest Income	150.00	194.22	137.50	56.72
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>191,150.00</b>	<b>179,472.13</b>	<b>175,220.83</b>	<b>4,251.30</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Worship & Parish Ministry	111,625.00	103,187.69	102,322.92	(864.77)
Diocesan Pledge	33,043.00	30,214.40	30,289.42	75.02
Mission & Outreach	3,700.00	2,600.00	3,391.67	791.67
Christian Formation & Continuing Education	15,361.00	10,027.77	14,080.92	4,053.15
Facility Costs	39,180.00	37,343.45	35,914.99	(1,428.46)
Supplies & Miscellaneous	5,900.00	6,304.07	5,408.34	(895.73)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>208,809.00</b>	<b>189,677.38</b>	<b>191,408.26</b>	<b>1,730.88</b>
<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(17,659.00)</b>	<b>(10,205.25)</b>	<b>(16,187.43)</b>	<b>5,982.18</b>

## Stewardship 2009

Our Stewardship 2009 campaign through December 28 has received 75 pledges for a total of \$159,228. This compares to the 2008 campaign's results of 85 pledges for a total of \$180,472. There are a few families that have not yet responded. At the present time we are in jeopardy of not being able to fund even a bare bones budget for 2009. Even at the 2008 pledge level, we ran a deficit; therefore, at the lower 2009 pledge amount we are facing severe budget cuts. Thank you to all who have responded to Stewardship 2009.

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