



## 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

*(resumes in the Fall)*

### Wednesdays

11:00 a.m. Healing Service

*(Parlor)*

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Church Open for Prayer

### Saturdays

5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist

*(No Services in July & August)*

### Thursday, June 11:

Corpus Christi

Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.



## Monthly Meetings

The ECW will not meet in June

The Vestry meets at 7:00 pm on

**Tuesday, June 16** in the parlor.

Committee reports are due in to the office by **Sunday, June 14.**



## From the Rector

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

*"Vide", inquit, "ut invicem se diligent"*

*("Look," they say, "how they love one another")* Tertullian

*You will know them by their fruits.* Matthew 7:16

During these great fifty days of Easter we have been reading from the Gospel of John and the First Letter of John in which we read that the love that God has for us is best shown in the love we have for one another.

In these readings, the word for love is Agape and it is virtually a Christian invention, a new word for a new thing which draws its meaning from the revelation of God in Christ. It is meant to be distinguished from eros, which is erotic love, and phileo which means to be friendly. In the Bible, agape is not a natural affection, but a supernatural fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). It is this type of love that Paul writes about in First Corinthians "love is patient, love is kind, it does not insist on its own way" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). For Paul, like Jesus, love is the greatest gift of all (1 Corinthians 13:13). But it is not love in the general sense, but the love for others which is known within the church because it is inspired ultimately by the love of God in Christ for us through the Holy Spirit. In Romans 5:5 Paul writes, "Hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly."

In his first letter, John writes "Little Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in truth and action and by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us" (1 John 3:18-19) When this love prevails among believers, especially in times of strong disagreement, it presents to the world an indisputable mark of a true follower of Jesus Christ.

Someone once said If we discovered that we only had five minutes left to live, everyone would be on the phone trying to tell someone either I'm sorry, or I love you. Why wait until those last five minutes?

In Christ's love and service,

**WHITHER ANGLICANISM?**

*The Rev. Dr. Joe D. Mills*

This is a continuation of last month's article in the *SHEPHERD'S TALES*. Some of you may have noticed that the second paragraph ended "...a decided minority in a potentially deceive church." It should have read a potentially divisive church! But come to think of it, maybe "deceived" may have been more than a typo! After all, the Roman Catholic Church claims that we deceive ourselves if we claim to be a Catholic church. Many Protestant fundamentalists would go so far as saying we deceive ourselves if we claim to be a Christian church! And many of us as Episcopalians at times wonder if we are deceiving ourselves to think we can hold all these schools of thought under one big tent and hope to be a model for the Church United in the days ahead.

Today, in so far as the Anglican communion as a whole is concerned, there is a division between most Provinces in Africa and some in Asia and in Latin America (where a traditional Evangelical emphasis is dominant) and those "English" churches in Great Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and, yes, even here in the U.S.A. These churches appear to be influenced by the changing times, accepting values and practices from an increasing secular culture. It is true that culture always has influenced the church but perhaps never more so than today and not limited to the Anglican churches of course.

So what is the future for Anglicanism as an united church in communion with the See of Canterbury? I think, as in the past, there will be those representing all schools of thought who will continue to leave as has been increasingly the case in recent years in our Episcopal Church but there will be those who will continue to stay, witness minorities in parishes and dioceses that have left the church already.

The retired Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, is not very optimistic about the communion holding together and the present archbishop, Rowan Williams, speaks with a bit more optimism (which he must of necessity) but no one can be certain. It appears that a separate province will be formed here in the U.S. and hopefully will be in communion with some of the provinces in the wider Anglican Church. Although not completely unknown, such a division is a threat to the wider fellowship. What happens at our own General Convention this summer may have bearing on the future. All of us can pray and try to listen to those with whom we do not agree and to pray for reconciliation to the God whom we all love and who has promised to be with His church, a part of which we hope we have been and will continue to be.

**Principal Feasts**

The **Day of Pentecost (May 31)** and the **Sunday of the Trinity (June 7)**. Wouldn't it be great if all of us would commit to being together on those days, praising the Lord and giving thanks for all he has done for us?

**Time to Clean Out Your Closets**

Yard Sale time is here again. It will be held on **June 13** from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. (All proceeds will be directed to the ECW Kitchen Fund.) You may begin bringing in your gently used items, including clothing. Please plan on delivering the items between the hours of 9:00 and 1:00 Monday -Thursday. If you are unable to do that, you may leave items by the side door to the parish hall, but call my cell phone, 372-2433, to let me know it is there. We will accept most anything, but please make sure that clothing is not stained, and that other items are in working order. It would be helpful if you would put a note on electronic items to let me know if there are any problems. Help will be needed the day of the sale. We will especially need a couple pick up trucks to remove the leftovers. We should be totally completed by noon. Thanks in advance for your donations. Call Jill Neff with any questions, home 684-2251, cell 372-2433.

**Concierge Meeting**

There will be a very brief Concierge meeting after church on **June 14**.

**Nursery Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of several volunteers to tend the nursery during our worship service. If you are willing to help, please contact Doug Clark or the church office.

**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. The church will be open for prayer on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. for those who wish to avail themselves to this offering. 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.

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.

## **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.

## **Parish Register News**

*No activity this month.*

*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.*

## **Christian Formation**

By: Doug Clark



Welcome to Rome! This year, our vacation Bible school will give children and adults the opportunity to discover what it was like to be one of the first Christians. They will meet Paul and members of the underground Church. They will see slaves getting their freedom and become a member of a Roman family. They will hear the Bible read from scrolls and be taught what it was like to be a Roman Christian. They will even be given some denarii to spend on things like laurel wreathes and leather wrist bands. Just be careful not to bother the Roman soldiers. They are a little rough around the edges. Most importantly, everyone will learn about God's love as Paul and others teach them.

Rome will be intergenerational and involve crafts, drama, teaching, food and music. Our journey to Rome will begin **August 2-6 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** (Dinner will be served.) We need people with all sorts of talents. We need artists to help us plan for and produce murals and others attractive sets. We need decorators to help us make the setting as authentic as possible. We need donations of items. We need funds. We need storytellers. We need teachers. We need food. We need people good at crafts. We need actors.

VBS is a great opportunity for all in the church to serve God and humanity with their talents and treasure. In short,

it is an opportunity for everyone in this church to put their faith into practice and show the children and youth of this congregation and the community that they matter. I hope many will find a way to participate in this wonderful opportunity to be relevant to God and humanity.

In the coming weeks, I will be posting needed positions and items on a bulletin board. Further, anyone wishing to offer something not mentioned should tell me or email me. It is likely we can use your talent or treasure for this event. This program is open to creativity and allows for people to serve where they are gifted. The opportunities to serve are both during the week of VBS and in the months and weeks prior. For example, artists don't have to commit to specific times. They simply need to complete their project by the necessary deadline.

I hope many of you will step up and make this a wonderful event for our youth and children and for community outreach and church growth. Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to offer after looking at the list below. Also, please look for our Rome bulletin board and money pot in the coming weeks.

### **On event days we need:**

worship leaders, small group leaders, a drama director, actors, storytellers, craft leaders/teachers, food

*Except for food preparation, all of these positions require attendance at the event which will be about 15 hours of time commitment. 10 of these will be during VBS and the rest will be for rehearsal or meetings*

### **Before the event we need:**

artists to paint murals, etc., a decorator/designer to help plan the sets, people who can sew costumes, laborers who can build simple structures, people to provide large pieces of cardboard or paper or canvas for murals, people to lend pop-up canopies, people to lend Roman-looking decorations, such as columns, rugs, etc., people to lend Roman-looking costumes, such as togas and robes.

*These positions and items do not require attendance at the event. Instead, they require a more flexible commitment that may need to be scheduled with others joining in the given task.*

For further information, see Doug or visit the website: <http://www.group.com/vbs/rome/>

Please see our website ([www.goodshep.net](http://www.goodshep.net)) for a complete list of needed VBS supplies.

## Choir News

### Summer Choir Invitation

The summer months offer a time for those who cannot sing in the choir through the year to sing with us. During the months of June and July, the choir gathers on Sundays in the choir stalls in the church to rehearse at 9:30 a.m. sharp. (No Wednesday rehearsals) There will be someone you can sit with who knows your part well. This is an excellent opportunity to offer service and leadership in worship. Come Sing!

## ECW News

### Garden Tour Report

A successful Garden Tour was held May 9, 2009. Being the first of its kind, we knew not what to expect but were very happy to realize a profit of \$2,646.90! We think we served lunch to about 170 and probably had 225 plus in total participation.

Grateful thanks go to the garden owners: Andy and Bo Lowry, Libby and Jim Bradford, Diane and Paul Hanlon, Sue Ellen Lee, and Lisa and Ron Shultz. Another big thank you goes to Anne Fryar and to Barry Turner and Wendell Hunt for allowing us to use their courtyards as "Beauty Spots".

Many hands make light work and we were fortunate to have the following committees:

Cynthia Edson and Jayne Burton	Garden shop
Sudy Dressler and Carol Freeman	Art Show
Cheney Baltz	Plant Sale
Betty Jane Howie	Reservations
Diane Linkous	Tickets
Jill Neff	Lunch-Kitchen

Thanks to all who served on these committees AND as docents, furniture movers, servers, dishwashers clerks and go-fers. The yeoman's share of the work was done by the gardeners of course, and the kitchen. The luncheon received rave reviews for both presentation and tastiness and rightly so, especially Jill's cold Strawberry Soup! Thanks to all who brought the homemade desserts as well.

The brochures and tickets were designed and printed "in house" by Father Kirkland and Sherry Ramsey and could not have been nicer.

The balloons were donated by Michelle Dawson /Flowers Etc. and we thank her for those.

The following vendors participated: Don Lomax, Steven Aycock, Jim Barrett, Anna Templeton, Stacy's, Jen Mecca, Lanier Thomason, Mary Anna Richbourg, Susan Mason and Jill Neff. Some of these vendors generously donated articles to the shop and we are most appreciative for that.

I have gotten many calls and notes this week from those who attended and enjoyed it all.

Jeanne Ferguson

## Prayer Concerns

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

Billie Gabbitas, Emily House, Nadja Hudson, Sylvia Noble, Joanne Lentz, Patricia Rice, Vernon & Joan Sanders, Bettie Matthews, Linda Tiblier, Judy Tomes, Gara Brown, Parpi Von Chrismar, Jenkins Mikell, Helen Dearborn, Anne Fishburne, Jake Mathew, Anna Lee Loving, Keby Johnson, Gary Maynard, Raynor Moore, Nita & Jack Callaham, Jolonda Burton, Mary Durbin, Glenn London, Frank Shields, Elizabeth London, Donna Capell, Stan Burrous, Sarah Shields, Paul Killough, Fr. Steve Miller, Linda Worsham, Nell Geis

*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, Ray Dearborn, Grace Amer, Roy & Eileen Critcher, Jeff Burton, Jack Burton

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

Bobby Dearborn (Caroline Wheless' Brother). We pray for Bobby's family as they mourn his death.

Gray Lentz (Wayne Lentz's mother). We pray for the Lentz family as they mourn her death.

## 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](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.

## Stewardship Thought for the Month

### Why Pledge?

To further the ministry of the parish, the diocese, the world... To provide light and heat in order that we may worship in the church, to assure warm, well lighted places where children can get to know Jesus, and where community and church groups can meet to learn and be healed...so that the sick may be healed, the world may know Jesus – and that they may have a place in which to offer their prayers and receive the sacraments, especially the body and blood of Christ.

Through our teaching and preaching, we can excite our church members and others about how thankful we are to be invited to be a part of God's plan and work, and how we can return to God a part of what God has given each of us.

## Vestry News

The Vestry would like to thank Carolyn Amer for serving on the Vestry. Carolyn and her family are moving to Tennessee. Rick Norment will serve the remainder of Carolyn's Vestry term. We wish the Amers well on their move. You will be missed.

## 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

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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)

## Angel Food Ministries

### Two ordering dates:

Saturday, **May 30**, from 1-2 p.m.,  
Good Shepherd parish hall, 108 E. Liberty St., York

Saturday, **June 13**, 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](http://www.angelfoodministries.com/host.asp?id=6753) and clicking on "Order Online".

**Pickup date** is Saturday, **June 27** 2 p.m., Good Shepherd. Volunteers should arrive at 12:30 or 1:00 p.m. depending on your job.

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